

The HERALD Newsletter

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Worship Schedule:

Adult and Nichigo Bible Study
9:30 a.m. (beginning 9/17)

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Message

September 2017

I recently returned from a Pastor's conference focusing on the subject of worship, which in its most basic form means ascribing worth to God, and "treasuring Him above all things" (John Piper). This was a nice opportunity to really reflect upon how we as Christians should relate to our Lord. The Bible uses three distinct Greek words to properly convey the appropriate meaning of this important concept. The word *Latreuo* speaks to the act of worship as service to God. I find that particularly interesting because we normally think of worship as taking place exclusively during Sunday mornings service, where *Latreuo* seems to find a slightly different emphasis. Romans 12:1 is helpful here: "*Therefore I urge you brethren by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of **worship.***"

The apostle Paul encourages believers in Jesus to see worship as a lifetime privilege that extends well beyond the wall of the church building to include the entire life experience. Now, this doesn't mean we do nothing but bow and pray through the day. Rather, our hearts are becoming more and more oriented toward thinking about God's greatness; and how we can become more like the people He has created us to be. God becomes the priority in my life rather than Brad Kramer being the all-consuming focus. There is a sense in which I learn to incorporate Jesus into all aspects of my day. I love that idea because it places our Savior in His rightful place. If my worship of God takes place only on Sunday mornings, then I really won't have a close relationship with Him and I certainly won't be treasuring Him above all things. In next month's Herald, I will suggest some concrete ways in which we can better worship the Lord in our daily lives.

May God bless you richly,
Pastor Brad

The JCC Mission Statement

To proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and seek spiritual growth for the entire congregation through:

- Worship, prayer, and Bible study
- Outreach and evangelism
- Loving service to the Church and community
- Fellowship
- Cultural activities unique to our ethnic congregation

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Newsletter articles are due on the last Sunday of each month at **noon**. Send your articles to klokawa@msn.com

Website: www.jccslc.net

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Mori family upon the passing of Keiko Mori, 88; who passed away peacefully at home on August 17, 2017. A private service for family and relatives was held at the JCC and a Celebration of Life to be held later. Keiko became well known in recent years, as she and her sister Yeiko Homma were known as the devoted "Pink Grandmas" of the Utah Jazz. A faithful member of the JCC, Keiko will be remembered for her sweet disposition, generosity and smile. Keep Stephanie, Jerry, Tom and Theresa and families and Yeiko in your prayers.

Sunday School Rally Day

After a summer break, Rally Day will be held on **Sunday, September 17, 2017**. Nichigo and Adult Bible Study will resume at 9:30 a.m. and join regular worship at 10:30 a.m.

Elementary children will be excused after the scripture reading for Sunday School class.

Dig Through Your Boxes

The JCC Centennial Committee is gearing up for a celebration to be held next year. But we are looking for photos – old and new – of JCC services, members, and activities. So do some fall cleaning and go through your photo boxes and albums. (We are particularly interested in photos from the 1970s through 1990s.) The photos will be scanned and returned to you. Contact Karen Okawa or Lorraine Crouse if you have some JCC photos to share.



Flu Shots – Tentative Date

Flu shots are tentatively scheduled to be offered at the JCC on Sunday, September 10, 2017 after worship service. However, at press time, the date was still to be confirmed based on availability of the flu serum. Announcements will be made at church with status updates if the date is postponed because of availability.

Whatever the date becomes, please bring proof of insurance or Medicare card and also wear a short sleeved shirt or top. For those with no eligible coverage, the cost is \$30. Thanks to Stephanie Mori-Nakao for making the arrangements.

Remember in Your Prayers

Condolences to the family of Harold Tominaga who passed away on July 17, 2017. He is the uncle of Jean Kobayashi.

Also, our prayers go out to Dan and Lorraine Crouse upon the passing of Dan's father, Lloyd, who passed away on June 28, 2017 in North Carolina; and to Paul and Yoko DeRose upon the untimely passing of Paul's nephew.

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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| Jana Hansen | Utako Aramaki | Frank Yoshimura |
| Wat Misaka | Chris Miya | Mr. "C" |
| Sarah and Malachi | Cristal Aoki | Mori Family |
| Kai Ronning | Grace Matsumura | Katie Misaka |
| Keiko Mori Family | Tominaga Family | DeRose Family |

Herald Thank You

Thanks to all for your support of the Herald Fund Drive. Your generous donations help to defray the costs of paper, printing and postage for this monthly newsletter. If you prefer to receive an online version or a hardcopy in the mail, send a request to jccherald@gmail.com.

Topaz Day Trip

The Salt Lake Buddhist Temple is sponsoring a bus trip to Topaz, UT on **Saturday, September 23, 2017**. The bus will depart the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, 211 West 100 South, at 9:00 a.m. Estimated return time is 5:30 p.m. Cost of the trip is \$25, which includes round trip transportation, lunch, program, tour of the Topaz museum and camp site. Topaz is located near Delta, UT and a former relocation camp for Japanese and Japanese Americans during World War II. A new museum was recently opened in July.

To reserve a seat on the bus, contact Sherrie Koga at (801) 628-8015 or sherriekoga@gmail.com.

Daily Bread

Copies of The Daily Bread are available in the foyer of the chapel and the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to take a copy.

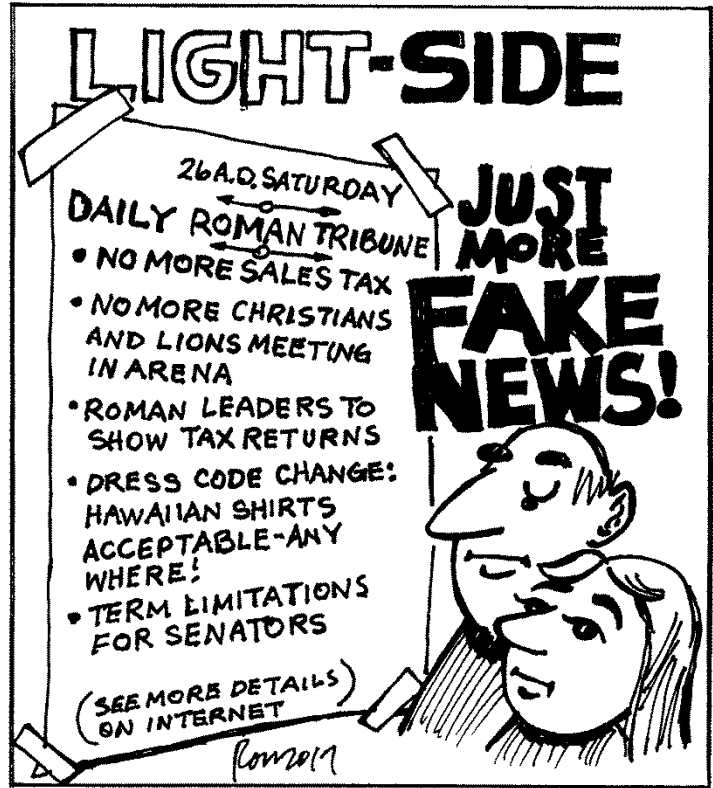
Ogden 90th Anniversary

Don't forget the Ogden Christian Church will be celebrating their 90th anniversary during the weekend of **September 23/24, 2017**. The theme of the celebration is "Lord, through all generations you have been our home." Psalms 90:1.

A special gala dinner celebrating the history of Ogden Christian Church will be held on Saturday, September 23 at Comfort Suites Hotel, 2250 South 1200 West, Ogden, UT. On Sunday, September 24, at 10:00 a.m. there will be a special worship service and luncheon. 580 23rd Street, Ogden, UT.

Congratulations Ted!

Ted Nagata was named "Alumni of the Year" in the August 2017 "Panther Prints" newsletter of West High School in Salt Lake City. Ted graduated from West in 1953 and the article covered his career as a graphic artist and his many years of service to the community including serving as President of the Salt Lake JAACL, teaching design at the U of U, and serving at St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen. Ted's family was interned at the Topaz relocation camp and Ted is a founding member of the Topaz Museum Board. Congratulations!



Sushi/Manju Fundraiser Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to all who supported the sushi/manju fundraiser held on Saturday, August 26. We sold out of everything! The preliminary accounting shows total net sales of over \$5,000; to go towards a kitchen renovation project!

We appreciate everyone who gave their time to help with this sale and for the hours of preparation involved. It was a great community effort as we received help from friends and family not affiliated with the JCC as well as our members. There are too many names to mention and we don't want to inadvertently omit anyone, so individual names won't be listed here. But thank you so much and know that your generosity and support are very much appreciated.

Also thank you to those who supported the youth group bake sale, especially to the bakers who made goodies to sell! A portion of the proceeds will go towards the kitchen fund and a portion to Mount Hermon transportation next summer.

See the photos on page 6 of this newsletter of all the happy volunteers!

September 2017 - Worship Service Participants

	September 3	September 10	Rally Day September 17	Music Worship September 24
Liturgist	Hiro Iwasaki	Laura Olson	Ron Nishijima	Lynne Crabb
Scripture Readers	E) Carson Kawabata J) Misako Bowker	E) Zach Paige J) Yoko DeRose	E) Nichole Kramer J) Yeiko Homma	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Keiko Ikeda
Greeter	Pauline Vosburgh	Karla Paige	Dorthie Conway	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Lorraine Crouse Christine Lund	Mary Tabata Pauline Vosburgh	Jan Aramaki Matt Miya
Songs of Praise	---	---	Brian Itliong	JCC Worship Band
Organist/Pianist	Allyn Nakashima	Allyn Nakashima	Greg Paige	Yoko DeRose
Offeratory Music	---	JCC Choir	---	Nichigo Choir
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
CommunionServers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	*	*	*	*

*Make sure there is someone in the Fellowship Hall during service or that the door is locked.

JCC September 2017 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 -Taiko practice, 6pm	2
3 Communion, 10:30 am	4 LABOR DAY	5	6	7	8 -Taiko practice, 6pm	9
10 -Flu Shots (tentative), 11:30am	11 -Taiko practice, 6pm	12	13	14	15 -Taiko practice, 6pm	16
17 Rally Day, Bible Study resumes, 9:30 a.m.	18 -Taiko practice, 6pm	19 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am -Session Meeting, 6pm	20	21 -Centennial Planning Meeting, 6pm	22 -Taiko practice, 6pm	23 -Ogden Christian Church 90 th Anniversary, 6pm
24 Music Worship, 10:30 am	25 -Taiko practice, 6pm	26	27	28	29	30

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 8/28/17.

For up to date building use information, go to www.jccslc.net, Events/Activities tab, JCC Building Usage Schedule link

September Community Events

Saturday, September 9, 2017 – Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon sponsored by Dai Ichi Ward, noon.

Saturday, September 23, 2017 – Bus trip to Topaz Museum. Sponsored by the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. Day trip boards at SLBT at 9:00 a.m. Bento lunch, tour of museum and camp site. Return

JCC Softball Team Wins!

Submitted by Doug Murakami

Saving our best for last, the JCC softball team took 1st place in their end-of-season tournament bracket! "It was a 'nail biter' until the final out," according to Mark Ward. The score after 5 innings was 12 to 11, when Zach Paige hit an inside the park home-run to deep right field, giving us a three-run cushion. We avoided extra innings and a game tying run by executing a "sweet" defensive relay play involving Thomas Mori (left field) to Keith Garcia (cut-off) to Briar Doi (at home plate) for the out. The final score was 14 to 13. What a great ending to a fun season!

A big thank you to the JCC Church for supporting the team and to our "best in the league" fans!



JCC Softball Team 2017 – Front Row: Doug Murakami, Mike Erlacher, Dan Crouse, Frank Ujifusa, Ernie Garcia, Lauren Erlacher, Keith Garcia, Luke Murakami. Second Row: Zach Paige, Thomas Mori, Wally Doi, Mark Ward, Briar Doi, Midori Murakami. Top Row: Mitch Imamura, Alix Oike, Chris Sundwall. Photo courtesy – Lorraine Crouse



Frank Ujifusa keeps his eye on the ball!



Luke Murakami, Janice Oike, Lauren Erlacher and Alix Oike. Thanks to Janice for always providing goodies for the team! Homemade manju; yum!

Sushi/Manju Fundraiser Photos

Photos courtesy Lorraine Crouse and Karen Okawa

