

The HERALD Newsletter

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Worship Schedule:

Nichigo Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study on summer
break.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Message

August 2019

I just started reading a fascinating book that I would like to recommend to you. It's called, *The Gospel Of The Kingdom* by Eng Hoe. Briefly, this book is a challenge to the Western church of Jesus Christ to consider a radical "paradigm shift in the understanding of God's mission for us in this world".

I first heard of Ang was through a friend of mine who had heard the author speak at a church in Park City. Later on at a meeting with the church staff, the Senior Pastor asked what he as a minister could do to bring about the type of change advocated by Mr. Hoe. Without skipping a beat, he replied, "You can start by switching salaries with the church janitor." To which the pastor came back; "Can I just give him a raise?" The pastor in this story was nervously relying on humor to ease some of the discomfort. My guess is that Eng was not so amused.

The reason being, he is deeply serious about the misunderstanding of the gospel mission of the church today. More to the point: many of us are failing in the biblical command to "go and love those in need". In fact Eng would argue that our refusal to truly love others is an indication that we don't love God as much as we may think. Those are strong words, and like the aforementioned pastor, they may even make us a little uncomfortable. But that's ok, because it's good to squirm a little when considering God's call on our lives. We don't have to agree with everything in this book, but I believe it's important to wrestle with the words of Eng Hoe and consider how each of us might better respond to the command to love others as we love ourselves.

If you are interested in this book, please contact me at jazzbro1@msn.com and I will do my best to get a copy in your hands.

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

New JCC Members

On Sunday, July 21, 2019, the JCC welcomed five new members into the congregation with open arms. Narumi Kanabuchi, Akiko Oki and Daniel and Alison Yeh Cheung professed their faith in Jesus Christ accepting their roles as Christ’s disciples. Michael Kraus and Danielle Gallegos professed their intention to provide for the Christian nurture of their child, Dylan Michael Kraus.

Narumi was born in Aomori, Japan and came to Utah in January 2016. She just returned from attending the Zephyr Point conference in Lake Tahoe.

Akiko Oki, originally from Reno, NV, moved to Salt Lake City in the fall of 2016 to be closer to family. One of her hobbies is Japanese cooking.

Daniel and Alison Cheung are natives of Los Angeles and moved to Salt Lake in 2017. Daniel is an attorney for the Utah State legislature and Alison is a graduate assistant completing her PhD in Communication studies at the University of Utah.

Dylan Michael Kraus is a great grandson of Nichigo member Katsuko Gose.

Thank you to the Tongan choir for providing beautiful music during this special worship service. See photos on Page 3.

Herald Fund Drive

Enclosed with this newsletter is an envelope for the Herald Fund. Contributions to this fund assist in covering the cost of paper, printing, labels and postage for this monthly communications. If you would like to receive the Herald electronically as well, email jccherald@gmail.com.

Condolences

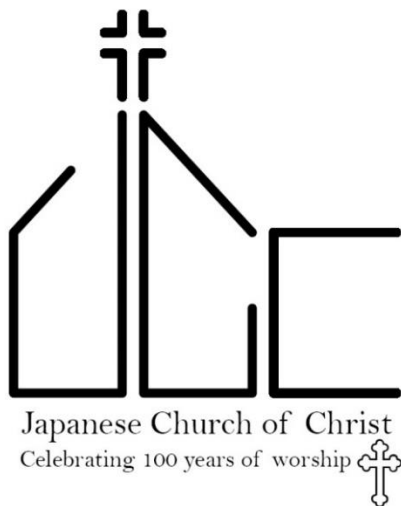
It is with sadness, we note that Kay Nakashima peacefully left to be with the Lord on July 6, 2019 at the age of 99. Kay was a dutiful member of the JCC, serving the church in so many capacities over the years. Kay hand made many of the original drums for Kenshin Taiko and co-founded the Salt Lake Rescue Mission.

A Celebration of Life memorial service was held at the JCC on July 26. Kay would have been honored to see so many in attendance. We will miss his gentle manner and warm smile. Please keep Saeko, Allyn, Halley, David and Pam in your prayers.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Larry Harada	Mas Horiuchi	Miki Harada
Toshiko Marse	Chris Miya	Wat Misaka
Yolie LaFontaine	Susan Fukushima	Kai Ronning
Kenta Naraoka	Steve Fukushima	Marie Matsukawa
Toy Shimizu	Susan Rosvall	Saeko Nakashima
Nakashima Family	Tracy Barnes	Sumiko Rosvall



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- Julee Mori, Finance
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- Pauline Vosburgh, Worship
- Keiko Ikeda, Nichigo
- Patricia Arakaki Price, Membership
- Steve Fukumitsu, Building
- Yoko DeRose
- Allyn Nakashima
- Lorraine Crouse

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- Jan Aramaki, Wilma Kimura, Misako Bowker, Jean Kobayashi, Karen Okawa, Akiko Oki

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Website: www.jccslc.net

Special Service Photos

On Sunday, July 21, the JCC welcomed new members into the congregation.



Akiko Oki will also serve as a Deacon.



Dylan Michael Kraus and parents Danielle Gallegos and Michael Kraus.



Pastor Brad welcomes Alison and Daniel Cheung to the JCC family.

Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse



Narumi Kanabuchi speaks to the congregation.

Mount Hermon Testimonies

Also on Sunday, July 21, 2019, Yeiko Homma and Elise Mori gave testimonies of their experiences at the JEMS Mount Hermon camp that they attended last month in Santa Cruz, CA. Yeiko and her daughter Donna attended the family camp while Elise served as a counselor for the youth camp.



Yeiko Homma and Elise Mori share their memories of Mount Hermon with the congregation.

Coffee Fellowship Revamp

We are still waiting for building permits to begin the kitchen remodeling project; but in the meantime, without a functional kitchen, it was suggested that beginning in August, let us attempt to simplify Coffee Fellowship. "Coffee Fellowship" is just that – coffee and fellowship (and maybe a cookie or slice of cake). There are many talented cooks among us who love preparing a bountiful spread that we all enjoy and we are thankful for these generous donations; but it is not an obligation for teams to provide each week.

The Coffee Fellowship tasks involve making the coffee, providing a sweet/snack and juice, set up and clean up afterwards once a month. The Coffee Fellowship weekly "teams" also need to be reorganized. Some current teams are larger than others, some people have dropped out, etc., so we need to review the names and update the list. If you would like to be involved in Coffee Fellowship and volunteer to help or bring a goodie, let us know!

August 2019 - Worship Service Participants

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25 Music Worship
Liturgist	Patty Price	Ron Nishijima	Laura Olson	Steve Fukumitsu
Scripture Readers	E) Jan Aramaki J) Yoko DeRose	E) Chris Lund J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Zach Paige J) Narumi Kanabuchi	E) Elise Mori J) Toshiko Marse
Greeter	TBD	Sadie Yoshimura	Dorthie Conway	Karla Paige
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Lorraine Crouse Mary Tabata	Pauline Vosburgh Betty Kubota	Julee Mori Al Kubota
Organist/Pianist	Keiko Ikeda	Yoko DeRose	Allyn Nakashima	Greg Paige
Songs of Praise	---	---	---	---
Offeratory Music	---	---	---	Nichigo Choir
CommunionServers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---

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

JCC August 2019 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 -Communion, 10:30am	5 -Taiko practice, 6pm	6	7 -Parking, Backstreet Boys, 8pm	8	9 -Taiko practice, 6pm	10
11	12 -Taiko practice, 6pm	13 -Fellowship Hall Remodel, 5pm -Session, 6pm	14	15	16 -Taiko practice, 6pm	17
18	19 -Taiko practice, 6pm	20 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kit, 11:15 am	21	22	23 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Chris Brown, 6:30pm	24 -Herald deadline, noon
25	26 -Taiko practice, 6pm	27	28	29	30	

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 7/28/19.

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

Softball Tournament Schedule

The JCC softball team will play in the Middle Bracket for the league tournament. Game 1 is **Friday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m.** on the Purple field. Opponent – Men of Vision team. If the team wins the first round, they will progress to the second round, also Friday night at 7:30 p.m. The third round will be played on August 9, 8:30 p.m. on the Purple field with the finals on August 23 at 8:30 p.m. Come cheer the team on!

August Community Events Calendar

- Sunday, August 11: Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Golf Outing, Stonebridge Golf Course.
- Saturday, August 18: Mount Olympus JACL August Outing, Evergreen Park, 6:00 p.m.