

# ***Zion Messenger***

Zion Lutheran Church  
May 2023 Worship Schedule  
Sunday Worship 10:00 am

***All are welcome!***

Online worship on Sundays at 10:00 am on Facebook

Zion Lutheran Camas ELCA  
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## SERVICE

### COFFEE HOUR

May 7 Men's Breakfast  
May 14  
May 21  
May 28

### ALTAR GUILD

Jean Dossett, Megan Hogstad,  
Jolene Myers, John & Judy Straub

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May 7 Jean Dossett  
May 14 Cheryl Sonju  
May 21 Patti Gardner  
May 28 Jolene Myers

### BASKET ASSISTANTS

May 7 Jorja Ladage  
May 14 Taylor Hogstad  
May 21 Leslie Munson  
May 28

### FLOWERS

May 7 Marilyn Anderson  
May 14 John & Judy Straub  
May 21  
May 28 Janet Brooks

### GREETERS

May 7 Florence Faraone  
May 14 Marilyn Anderson  
May 21 Barbara West  
May 28 Carol Phillips

### LECTORS

May 7 Pat Hagensen  
May 14 Karen Blair  
May 21 Barbara West  
May 28 Laura Greulich

Dear Zion  
Quilters,  
Thanks to all of  
you for your



generous and beautiful gift of the  
colorful quilts for the beds in  
Room 303. With your help, a  
family has a new start and their  
lives will be changed forever. You  
are each appreciated so very  
much!

The residents and staff of  
Open House Ministries

Dear Zion Lutheran,

It seems an era has ended with  
the passing of our mom, Shirley  
Gilmer, and we want to thank you  
for so many decades of  
community and spiritual support  
that you have given her and our  
family. Our mom found so much  
joy in being part of the church  
community and especially the  
friends she met while volunteering  
who have remained with her  
lifelong.

Sincerely,

Kim Gilmer, Karen Welinski, and  
Todd Gilmer





## *Prayer Chain*

### **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

#### **PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

**Al Thompson, Mary Christensen, Linda Lloyd, Doug Danielson, Madlin Baltzell;** for the family of **Shirley Gilmer** on her loss March 24; for **Brenda Tabler and family** on the loss of **Jim** April 10

### ***What's Brewing?***



Thursday, May 25  
Watch for updates on time and location in the *Zion Weekly!*

### ***Don't toss the tabs!***

Save your aluminum pull tabs from soda cans! We collect them in the Ronald McDonald house in the Social Hall near the windows. Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon & SW Washington provides access to medical care, a home away from home, and a community of support for seriously ill or injured children and their families.

### ***Book Club meets***

Our next meeting is May 11 at 1PM in the Conference Room behind Pat's office. We will be discussing *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. You will need to obtain your own book. This is historical fiction set in the 1930s about women who traveled the mountains of Appalachia by horseback, facing harsh weather and



hostility, to deliver books and magazines to children and adults. It is based on true stories of the Horseback Librarians of Kentucky.

Upcoming book choices and meeting dates:

**June 8:** *The Quilter's Apprentice* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

**Summer book for September discussion:** *The Last Green Valley* by Mark Sullivan.

All are welcome!

### ***Men's Bible Study Breakfast***



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

now meets on Tuesdays, 9:30 am at Smitty's. All men of all ages are

welcome to share fellowship and the current study!



Greetings in the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus the Christ!

One notion about God that has stuck with me throughout the past three years or so is the depth that God has revealed to us of Emmanuel. We as church speak often that Christmas and Easter are not simply singular days on the calendar but are seasons that give us so much depth to how much God cares for us, and all God has made and called good. These seasons give us a chance to explore and sit with the stories from of old and our current experiences in knowing God with us.

The stories that give hope in a most impactful way are those that come into our everyday experiences, those that nothing unique or otherwise noteworthy takes place that God enters and makes them special. We know of the woman at the well, the two travelers to Emmaus, and the women at the tomb not simply because what they did was so special, but how Jesus interacted with them became so. We are met by the holy and the relationship fostered therein of God working in, with, and through us gives reminders of the new life found in Christ.

The amazement comes in how we come to know Jesus. For the three examples I gave earlier, the woman at the well comes to know Jesus through his questions of her and her life. The men journeying to Emmaus come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The women at the tomb know Jesus through the spoken word of Jesus' greeting to them. All of them are everyday duties or tasks that we experience in our own journey to which God enters and makes them holy.

This is our story of resurrection and new life. This is what gives Easter the impact it does: God comes into our lives in the everyday and gives us a holy experience. That is how much God cares for you, for me, and for all creation. God comes into our lives each and every day to make them holy. We are invited to recognize the holy in our midst and share it with those who are having a hard time seeing it or have lost the ability to see it.

Continue in the new life that God enters. It happens each day in ways we cannot predict or sometimes explain.

Pastor Chris

## Noisy Offering

May 7<sup>th</sup>'s Noisy Offering will go to Family Promise. Bring your noisy coins or silent bills to make a difference in the world!



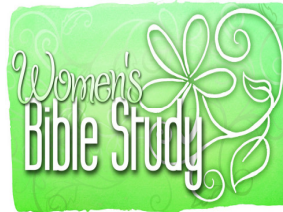
## Emergency Contact Information

We are starting a voluntary program to keep emergency contact information at Zion. If anyone should experience a medical emergency at Zion, the emergency contact form will hold the name, phone number, and address of the person(s) you want to be notified. All members are encouraged to email, call, or stop by the church office to provide Pat with their emergency contact information.



## Circle Meetings

In writing to the Romans, Paul advised this early Christian community: "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." In this one-session devotional, Sarah Carson, a self-described hospitality-challenged member of the body of Christ, explores what creativity can teach us about hospitality. While studying passages from Romans, 1 Kings, Matthew and Luke, participants will see how we all have the capacity to help others feel welcome and to accept this welcome for ourselves.



**Esther - Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm**

Hostess - Janet Brooks, 3901 Q St, Washougal, 360-835-2223

**Martha - Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm**

Hostess - Sherry Johnsen, 2917 SE Spyglass Drive, Vancouver  
503-706-1288

## ***Notice of proposed changes to Endowment Bylaws***

The Endowment Committee has requested some changes to the bylaws as shown:

### **PLAN OF OPERATION**

#### **1. THE COMMITTEE**

The COMMITTEE shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom shall be voting members of Zion Lutheran Church. Except as herein limited, the term of each member shall be three (3) years. Upon adoption of this resolution by the congregation, it shall elect five (5) members to the COMMITTEE: two (2) for a term of three (3) years; two (2) for a term of two (2) years and one (1) for a term of one (1) year. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. After lapse of one (1) year, former COMMITTEE members may be re-elected. A pastor of the congregation and the president of the Church Council shall be advisory members of the COMMITTEE. The congregation shall nominate and elect the COMMITTEE. In the event of a vacancy on the COMMITTEE, the Church Council shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the term is completed.

**Proposed change:** to strike the underlined and replace it with the following:

The congregation shall elect members on a staggered rotation over three consecutive years, 3 in one year, 2 members in a second year, and 0 members in the third year.

The COMMITTEE shall elect from its membership a chairperson, financial secretary and recording secretary, HEREIN KNOWN AS THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE. The chairperson, or member designated by the chairperson, shall preside at all COMMITTEE meetings.

**Proposed change:** inserts the capitalized words HEREIN KNOWN AS THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE to the existing paragraph.

The financial secretary shall maintain complete and accurate books of accounts for the FUND and shall sign checks and all necessary documents of behalf of the congregation in furtherance of the purposes of the FUND. The books shall be audited annually by an appropriate person(s) who is not a member of the COMMITTEE.

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**Proposed change:** to strike the underlined and replace it with the following new paragraph:

The Officers will be responsible for all necessary documents on behalf of the congregation in furtherance of the purposes of the FUND. Checks that disburse funds to successful applicants shall be signed by two of the Officers.

### ***Notice of proposed change to Constitution***

This has been suggested by the Synod to allow Zoom meetings of the congregation. It would form a new and final article in Chapter 10, followed by Chapter 11.

C10.08. This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication or its equivalent. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

The above changes have been approved by the Council and will be presented to the congregation for a vote at the Annual Meeting to be held June 11, 2023.

Changes to the constitution must:

C17.02.b. . . .be ratified without change at the next annual meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting; and have the effective date included in the resolution and noted in the constitution.

C17.03. Any amendments to this constitution shall be sent by the secretary of this congregation to the synod. The amendment shall become effective within 120 days from the date of the receipt of the notice by the synod unless the synod informs this congregation that the amendment is in conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or the constitution of the SW Washington Synod.

C16.02. Bylaws may be adopted or amended at any legally called meeting of this congregation with a quorum present by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting.

## ***Seeking God's Shalom***

We are seeking a male member of Zion to join Pastor Chris, Tiff Ladage, and Leslee Froehlich at this year's Southwestern Washington Synod Assembly. The theme of the Synod Assembly is "Seeking God's Shalom". This year's Synod Assembly is Friday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Messiah Lutheran Church in Auburn, WA. Zion will fund one night's accommodation for attendees. Please contact Pastor Chris if you are interested in attending, or if you want to learn more about this opportunity.



**"This saving a seat at church is really getting out of hand!"**



## ***Wake up your kitchen!***

Check out the new cookbook selection ready for viewing in Danielson Hall! These are gifts from the extensive collection of Lisa Bleak which her husband Eric wished to share with those who, like Lisa, loved to read cookbooks and cook. Please write your name after each title you pick up -- for Eric.



### ***Zion's Endowment Fund***

There are many options through lifetime giving arrangements that may benefit you, your family, and Zion. Lifetime giving complements your estate planning and often improves your current financial and tax situation. Consider a planned gift of kindness to Zion! For more information call a

member of the Endowment Team:  
Cheryl Sonju 360-835-7670  
Ken Mattson 360-834-3301  
Linda Hansen 605-254-5016  
Joe Keller 503-313-6646  
Deanna Eichler 512-925-9105



### ***Camas-Washougal Garden Club Plant Sale***

*May 20, 2023*

*Zion's Social Hall 9-2:00*

Plants locally grown and nurtured in members' gardens!  
Perennials - Annuals - Vegetables  
Ground Covers - Shrubs - Grasses  
Cash or checks accepted

## *Brunch*

*Here I Am, Lord*

*Zion Time & Talent Fair*

*May 7, 11:00 am Social Hall*

Please join us after worship in the Social Hall on Sunday, May 7th, for the Zion Time & Talent Fair! Wear your yellow "God's work. Our hands." T-shirt! The Men's Breakfast Study will be providing a meal for us as well! We are blessed to inherit a wonderful legacy of 125 years of faithful service by our forebears in Zion Lutheran Church. The Zion Time & Talent Fair is an opportunity to learn more about the varied ministries and fellowship opportunities occurring within our church. If the Lord is calling you to get involved in a committee or other group, this fair is your opportunity to learn more, and to join a new group.



### **Sr. Fitness class!**

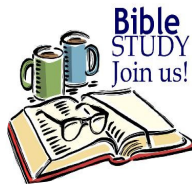
Tell your friends and encourage them to try it out! Classes are twice weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30. Fifteen+ people will support the continuation of this twice-weekly, low-impact exercise group led by Sinéad Hale, certified instructor. An extra option of chair yoga at 9:30 before the Friday Fitness class is offered.

A donation of \$5 per session is needed to sustain the group. Wear close-toed shoes and comfortable clothes.



### **Thursday Bible Study**

The Thursday morning group has started a new study, *Timeline of the Old Testament*, which begins 10:00 am in the



Conference Room. By requesting the link participants may also join via Zoom. Pr. Chris is leading discussion and invites all to attend.



### **Knit & Crochet Group meets**

Mark Wednesday, May 31 at 1:30



in the Conference Room on your calendar to make prayer shawls, stocking caps, hats or continue whatever current project you're working on. Call Karen Blair with any questions at 360-835-3704.

Prayer shawls are created with prayers for healing, comfort and peace as well as yarn. If you know someone who needs one, please feel free to select one from the table in Danielson Hall.

### **Women's Thursday group meets**

The women's study group are currently discussing a study running through June 15 titled *When You Pray: A study of Six Prayers in the Bible*. Sessions take place at 1:00 in the Conference Room.

Do you have trouble thinking of words when you pray? Do you reach the end of the day and realize you haven't prayed at all? This study looks at Biblical prayers that can inspire your own.

All are welcome! We look forward to sharing this study with you.  
Caren Frank 360-901-7976 Pam Hankins 360-834-5335

# FINANCIAL DIGEST

## MARCH

**BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE** 66,684.46  
**BUDGETARY EXPENSES** 77,160.79

### BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

|      |           |           |
|------|-----------|-----------|
| 2023 | 18,199.29 | 66,684.46 |
| 2022 | 18,062.64 | 66,051.99 |

| ATTENDANCE COMPARISON |     | # of Sundays | Avg/YR to Date |    |
|-----------------------|-----|--------------|----------------|----|
| 2023                  | 343 | 1038         | 13             | 80 |
| 2022                  | 252 | 400          | 7              | 57 |



#### Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Ministers                 | Entire Congregation  |
| Senior Pastor             | Christopher Hogstad  |
| Youth Minister            | Pam Ensley   |
| Music Staff:              | Karen Rezabek, Gary Ritter   |
| Digital Media Coordinator | Angelyka Cava  |
| Nursery Attendant         | Jorja Ladage   |
| Sound Techs:              | Max Malcom, Matt Sitler, Jorja Ladage                              |
| Custodian                 | Tye Cobb   |
| Council Officers:         | Pres. Adam Sitler, Vice Pres. Kelly Bruce<br>Sec. Florence Faraone |
| Administrative Assistant  | Patricia Hagensen  |

The **Zion Messenger** is the monthly newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, located at 824 NE 4th Avenue, Camas, Washington. Worship service is at 10:00 am. Pr. Chris Hogstad can be reached at 360-834-4201 ext 202 or 360-835-2925. Administrative office hours are 8-12:00 Mondays and 8-5:00 Tuesday - Friday. Email can be sent to [info@zionluthcamas.org](mailto:info@zionluthcamas.org). The website is [zionluthcamas.org](http://zionluthcamas.org). Worship live on Facebook at Zion Lutheran Church Camas ELCA

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God's saving grace for all."***

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