



Messenger
Zion Lutheran Church
January 2019

Worship Schedule

Traditional 9:00

Contemporary 11:15

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SERVICE

COFFEE HOUR

- Jan. 7 Choir
- Jan. 14 J Hansen, McDonald
- Jan. 21 Vargo, Tweed
- Jan. 28 Council

FLOWERS

- Jan. 6 Rasmussen
- Jan. 13 Moore
- Jan. 20 Straub
- Jan. 27



LECTORS

- 9:00
- Jan. 6 Marilyn Anderson
- Jan. 13 Pat Hagensen
- Jan. 20 Paul Dailey
- Jan. 27 Mary Lynn Bartlett
- 11:15
- Jan. 6 Karen Rezabek
- Jan. 13 Jean Dossett
- Jan. 20 Doug Danielson
- Jan. 27 Judy Straub

ALTAR GUILD

Nadia Hagen, Vicki Stone-Milligan

GREETERS

- 9:00
- Jan. 6 Connie Alexander
- Jan. 13 LaDene Mattson
- Jan. 20 Nancy Bibler
- Jan. 27
- 11:15
- Jan. 6 Judy Straub
- Jan. 13
- Jan. 20
- Jan. 27 Lois Schroeder

Ladies' Lunch

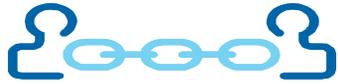
Starting January 15th, 2019 the monthly Ladies' Lunch will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Lakeside Chalet restaurant (3533 NE Everett Street, Camas, 834-3430) at 12:00 noon. Please come, bring a friend and join your Zion lady friends to enjoy good food and fellowship. All ladies are welcome!

January 6th's Noisy Offering will go to Living Stones Prison Congregation which provides a ministry for incarcerated men in Shelton, WA.

Noisy Offering Update

This month:
Council /Calendar - insert
Worship Schedule
Traditional 9:00
Contemporary 11:15





Prayer Chain

Brenda Tabler, Cindy Chidester, Jim Boe, Kurt Gunderson, Janette Brandenburger, Carrie Russell, Dorothy and Tyler Schafte and family, Derek Schafte, Dean Eneboe



Greetings!

The 2018-19 Winter Hospitality Overflow season is underway. None of us can do this alone. We need each other to make this ministry possible.

In 2002 we took a leap of faith together as we began the first season of our WHO ministry together. Our 16th year is no exception.

St. Paul is serving 20-30 men each night and St. Andrew is serving 40-50 women and families. This means WHO serves close to 80 people seven days a week for five months each year. Our guests need lights, heat, water, food and bedding in a safe environment.

With our annual budget of \$46,500 we can provide 10,000

Attention seniors!

The January S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meeting will be on Monday, January 28 at 11:00 am at Camas Police. Topic is "Fall Prevention/Home Safety". Call 360-397-2211 ext 3380 for more information. Please call Hannelore Tweed (335-9982) or Nancy Vargo (833-4597) if you need transportation.

safe bed nights and food for the day. We need your financial support to help make this ministry happen.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and essential partnership in this ministry.

Winter Hospitality Overflow

NOTE: If you wish to donate, write the check to Zion and put "WHO" on the memo line, or if cash mark the envelope.










HEADING TO MINNESOTA



 I am off to Minnesota
 


 (3-18) to take seminary
 


 classes at Luther
 


 Seminary in St. Paul.
 


 Many blessings for the
 


 New Year.
 


 Susan
 











The Genesis of Sibling Rivalry

“Sibling rivalry exists in nature because food is in short supply. It exists in human society because material goods – wealth and power – are, at any given moment, zero-sum games. It exists within the family because we are human, and sometimes parents have favorites. (‘Mom always liked you best.’) But can the same possibly be said about God’s love or forgiveness or grace? Are these in short supply, such that if God gives them to you God must take them from me? There is something odd, discordant, about such an idea.” ***(Not In God’s Name, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, p. 102)***

This conundrum is part of a discussion on religious violence, and the “drama of choice” that is so much a part of the narratives of the book of Genesis – Isaac but not Ishmael, Jacob but not Esau. It must be noted that sibling rivalry is the dominant theme of the book of Genesis. The first religious act, Cain and Abel’s offerings to God, leads directly to the first murder. Thereafter God seems to have favorites.

Much of the violence of our world stems from what is called *mimetic desire*, which is wanting what someone else has because they have it. This is behavior we often see in children, but is capitalized on by the folks who create advertising – “they may never have wanted it before, but they do now because someone else has it.” Ultimately it also includes wanting to *be* what someone else *is*. Desiring this person’s art, and that person’s scope, we wish we were them. This is mimetic desire.

In a Bible study starting Thursday, January 10, we will take a look at these famous siblings from the first book of the Bible: Cain and Abel, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers, and let us not forget Rachel and Leah. Genesis is full of such interesting relationships and dynamics that continue to play themselves out in our world and challenge us.

Rabbi Sacks invites us into a different reading of these narratives, seeing in them “signposts to a world in which *brothers*, with all their differences and dissonances, can at least dwell together in peace.”

This seems like a good study to begin the New Year. Join us in the conference room on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am.

Exercise at Zion!

A gentle exercise and balance class, Keep Fit, is offered twice weekly at Zion on Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30-11:30 in the Social Hall. The goal is to decrease the risk of falls through greater strength and balance.



Yoga promotes a healthy body, peaceful mind and compassionate heart. Offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Social Hall, low impact stretching and breathing techniques are emphasized.

Both Keep Fit and yoga classes are led by certified instructor Sinéad Hale (pronounced Shi-NAY) and are open to adult men and women. Exercises can be done sitting or standing. Wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing. A donation of \$5 per session/per person is necessary to maintain the classes.

Zion's Film and Faith

The Good Lie

Friday, January 11, 7 pm

Zion's Little Theatre

PG-13 – 2014 with Sudanese actors + Reese Witherspoon.

This film focuses on the plight of

the lost boys and girls of the Sudan after the government's brutal militia attacks beginning in 1983. This is a true story of 3 siblings who are left orphaned, starving, and wandering when they meet 2 other brothers in the same situation. With the help of the UN and the United States, 4 of them are brought to the USA and admitted as refugees. The one sister is sent to Boston. The other 3 boys are sent to Kansas City where they are aided by an employment counselor played by Reese Witherspoon.



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It is their story of assimilation, decency, and the compassion of local USA churches and employment services that bring hope to these teenagers. What is the "good lie"? Come and find out. The actors are Sudanese; the film is honest with no pretense. It honors the subject of refugees and the kind response of the USA. Graphic violence is held at bay.

Open House Ministries

Last October, the JOY group visited Open House Ministries in Vancouver. This charity is entirely funded by donations from churches and interested individuals who are concerned about getting families off the street and into permanent affordable housing.

Mission Statement

Open House Ministries is a faith-based community organization helping homeless families by providing shelter and intervention through Christ-centered, life changing programs.

Vision

“We envision a community where God’s love and grace has restored lives and ended homelessness.

Guiding Principles

“Open House Ministries is committed to equipping homeless families with the tools necessary for resolving issues that lead to poverty and homelessness. We dedicate ourselves to helping homeless families restore healthy relationships with each other, with their community and with Christ.”

Adopt a Room Program

Open House Ministries serves 107 people per night and anywhere from 52-63 can be

children on any given night, 365 days a year. The average family stays at the shelter for 4-6 months. Depending on the circumstances, some families need more time to transition back to a normal life.

The shelter provides family suites, an outdoor play area, a classroom/meeting room, a central lounge on each floor and laundry facilities. Donations of clothing, house wares and furniture are accepted (will pick up) 8-8 pm seven days a week.

As an adopt-a-room sponsor, Zion will be assigned one of the 31 self-contained apartment units in the facility and will be given a list of essentials to serve as a guideline for sponsorship.

When a family moves out of the shelter, Zion will be notified by the volunteer coordinator to come to the shelter and prepare the room for the arriving family. As a sponsor, Zion will enjoy the experience of helping meet the basic requirements of a family in need, and are encouraged to put a personal touch on the room to make it feel like a home.

Look for more information in the blue *Zion Weekly* in January on how to contribute to the list of items needed for a vacated unit in anticipation of a family in need.

Meeting

January 27

10:15 am

in the Social Hall

All active, confirmed members
please attend! Your vote is
important!



Book Club meets

Our next meeting is
Thursday, January 10th at 1:00 pm
in the Conference Room to

Discuss *You
Changed My
Life*, by Abdel
Sellou. It's a



touching story about an unlikely
friendship between Abdel and a
man he was hired to care for.
Comments on the book will be
led by Sandra Meeker and treats
provided by Karen Gates.

Circle Meetings

This winter, the Bible Study from *Gather* is entitled *The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus* by the Rev. Julie Kanarr from Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, Washington. The January discussion is *Come and see: Seeking and finding faith*. In this session, we meet John the Baptist, who bears witness to Jesus. As the circle of Jesus' disciples grows, we share in the invitation to "come and see." At the wedding in Cana and during the cleansing of the temple, we reflect on how the character of God is revealed in Jesus.



Please call the Circle leaders for more details and a warm welcome:

Dorcas -- Judy Bahl

Esther -- Bernice Englund - 834-2578

Martha -- Marilyn Anderson - 844-6155

Dorcas - Tuesday, Jan. 8th, 10:00 am

Hostess - Janet Johnson, 14505 Douglas Fir Ct, Vancouver, 213-4746

Esther - Wednesday, Jan 9th, 10:00 am

Hostess - Bernice Englund, 3147 NW 18th Ave, Camas, 834-2578

Martha - Thursday, Jan. 10th, 7:00 pm

Hostess - Carol Phillips, 1660 N 18th St Unit 18, Washougal, 835-3603



*The steadfast love of
the LORD never ceases, his
mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23

Welcome to 2019! I truly hope that 2019 is full of the steadfast love of the Lord, peace, joy, and grace.

A few years ago, I learned the concept of developing “One Word”. The concept comes from a book cleverly called “*My One Word*” by Mike Ashcroft and Rachel Olsen. Instead of creating New Year’s resolutions, you find one word to live by or live into for the entire year. The concept sounds simple but the process is actually intended to be a very spiritual practice. It requires prayerful consideration and a prayerful explanation. I find that it takes about two weeks to fully decide on what that one word will be. It is suggested that once you have this word, you should write it someplace where you see it often along with a written prayer. It is not necessarily about doing stuff like losing weight or earning a higher profit. It is more about becoming, incorporating, and blooming (all good words to use).

I have found that, for me, the “One Word” becomes a seed that is planted. I find it appears in the oddest places, someone will say something, or your word jumps off the page at you, or you notice the word through other means. It becomes an arrow that jars your spirit, or stretches you into a conscious awareness.

The exercise requires that you start in prayer asking God what you need for the next year (need to be, need to change, need to do, need in your life, etc). From there you allow the words to surface in an honest way (meaning let them happen and don’t argue with them). After that, start narrowing the list down in the same prayerful way. Eventually, you will find the word that feels right. From there you pray around this word and its meaning for your life. This is a fun exercise with friends or in a group as well. (For more information: www.myoneword.org).

*Give us this day our daily
bread...Matthew 6:11*

Picking a word, or doing resolutions, or whatever practice you use to start a new year is not the point, by the way. It really is about starting a new year in a prayerful way. Whatever exercise you do to bring in the new year, I encourage you to add thanking God for all that you have, and

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Zion celebrates children in church

Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

We are so fortunate to have people of all ages grace our sanctuary. Each person brings a gift to the Zion community making up a small representation of the body of Christ. Children are a part of that body and a part of our community.

Children bring God closer by seeing the Lord through eyes of awe and wonder. Some times that love of life comes forth during times when we think there should be silence, or when we think it should be serious. That is a great time to remember that Jesus wanted the children near. Children also learn from adults. When they see adults worship in church they will learn also how to worship in church. As they grow up in church the sights and sounds and eventually how to act in church will be familiar to them and we hope will become precious to them in the future. Welcome the little children as Jesus welcomed them, enjoy their smiles and giggles and joy, and love them through their tears and trials. Please show your support by encouraging the parents and caregivers as well the children with words of welcome and kindness.

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surrounding yourself and your loved ones with prayers for their lives for the coming year. Pray for anything that makes up our "daily bread." Martin Luther defines daily bread as "everything needed for this life, such as food and clothing, home and property, work and income, a devoted family, an orderly community, good government, favorable weather, peace and health, a good name, and true friends and neighbors" (Martin Luther, *The Small Catechism*, 1978, pg. 2).

What a wonderful way to



start the new year.

Happy New Year. May God bless all your days, your relationships with others, your homes, schools, and your families.

Love and Peace,

Susan

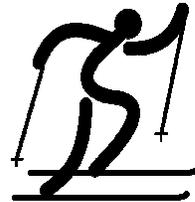
YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Save these dates!

January 13 Sunday, 6-7:00 pm, Conference Room
Important Zion Mission and Retreat Trip meeting to share information and discuss fundraisers for upcoming trip. Parents welcome!

January 26 Saturday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Cross country ski trip Trillium Lake,
Mt. Hood OR

We will meet in Zion's parking lot and return about 5:00. Cost for ski/boot/pole rentals is \$20. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle and thermos of hot chocolate or apple cider if desired. Signup in Danielson Hall.



February 8-10 SW WA ELCA Synod Youth Retreat
6-12th grades at Camp Arnold,
Eatonville WA
Sign up and more information
to come!



January 16 - Youth Service Project at the Treasure
House - time TBA



FINANCIAL DIGEST

NOVEMBER

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE 256,732.29
BUDGETARY EXPENSES 263,721.97

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2018	19,322.08	256,732.29
2017	27,934.85	271,404.48

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON			# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2018	559	6451	47	137
2017	570	7080	47	151



Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Senior Pastor	Thomas S. Tweed
Intern Pastor	Susan Dollinger
Youth Minister	Pam Ensley
Office Assistant	Sandra Meeker
Music Staff:	Karen Rezabek, Gary Ritter, Joan Vincent
Nursery Attendants	Emily McElhaney, Naomi Meeker
Sound Techs:	Andrew McElhaney, Nolan Purkerson, Reid Frank
Custodian	Tye Cobb
Council Officers:	Pres. Madlin Baltzell
	Vice Pres. Mike Spencer, Sec. Laura Greulich
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Hagensen

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