



**Zion Lutheran Church  
September 2020 Worship Schedule**

**Sunday live 10:00 am on Facebook**

Links posted to website and emailed

**Sunday, Sept 6 8:45 Drive-in Service**

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## ***Living Stones Raffle opens this month!***

The Living Stones Prison Ministry raffle is back on the calendar! **Ticket sales will run from Sept. 20 through Nov. 1 and the drawing will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 17.**

You may get tickets (\$5 each or 6 for \$25) at the church office. Four prizes are available this year -- a grand prize of \$2020 cash, second prize of \$202 cash, and the third and fourth are handmade by the men themselves, a quilt and a piece of artwork. All proceeds benefit the Living Stones Prison Congregation.



## ***Luther book study: here's your homework!***

For September 3: read pages 35 -37 (for Kindle readers the beginning wording is: "These works, however, must not be done with any notion..." and it ends with "...and so fulfilling the law of Christ.")

September 10: read pages 38 to

the end (p. 38 begins with the words, "Here is the truly Christian life...")

The next Bible Study will begin October 1 with 1 Samuel.

## ***Lite Side***

Sentence composition can be tricky. The following bloopers were actually printed in church bulletins (not Zion!) or announced:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Rummage Sale next week -- a chance to get rid of things. Bring your husbands.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The pastor would appreciate the ladies of the congregation lending him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast.

The Church Ladies have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Use the large double doors at the side entrance please.

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The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new stewardship Slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge -- Up Yours".

When parking on the north side of the church, please remember to park at an angel.

The minister said the church widows were a disgrace to the parish and it was time somebody washed them.

Last hymn in tonight's service "Jesus, Remember Me" (if time permits).



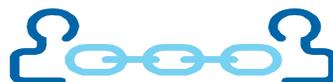
Thank you very much for the wonderful graduation display outside our home, and all the gear! I am really excited to start at UW in the fall, even if it is online. I really appreciate your kind gesture and thoughts. Go Dawgs!  
Jayden Murphy

Many thanks to all who helped make the food and school supply drive so successful. The drop off at Open House Ministries was enthusiastically received. We filled 3 of the big bins we've used for move-in. \$1670 in donations was

received.

Thanks to Doris McDonald for bringing this service opportunity to the congregation, and for organizing the volunteers.

Peace,  
Leslee Froehlich



### *Prayer Chain*

**Linda Sand, Beth Farrington, Alan Hansen, Carrie Golladay, Barbara Breitenbucher;** for the **Ellenz Family** on the loss of **Jean** August 9.

### **September Zoom Meetings**

<b>Staff Meeting</b>	10:00
Wed 2	
<b>Luther Book Study</b>	10:00
Thurs 3, 10	
<b>Book Club</b>	1:00
Thurs 10	
<b>Council</b>	4:00
Tues 15	
<b>What's Brewing?</b>	5:30
Tues 22	

If you'd like to visit with someone online (up to 25 people at once) we're happy to work with you -- just let us know.



*Be careful. Continue strong in the faith. Have courage, and be strong.<sup>14</sup>  
Do everything in love.*

International Children's Bible

Many blessings as we begin the month of September. Many things are happening in the world, and many things are not happening. Usually, September is the kickoff to many school type events, and yet we are not quite prepared. My son, instead of graduating in June, officially graduated in late August, and things feel off. Children will begin the year of school online, and parents and teachers are scrambling. Many have lost employment, and many have switched positions, many are worried. We have had a lot more time at home, which has been good and bad, and yet there are still ventures out. It's just...different.

We enjoyed a picture-perfect summer and now move into a hopefully lovely fall. Fall is the usual start of things, but everything is so crazy, I feel like we've been in outer space, (or in a weird nightmare/dream) where we have been living in some strange new world. While we are ready to return to earth, we keep landing in the same place: The planet of Coronavirus with its masked people and scary virus.

We know that we have a while to wait for an unmasked life to resume. With 37 cases of Covid at Avamere, a place where many of our people have stayed over time and also very recently, Coronavirus has hit mighty close to home.

Maybe we have to face reality, pull the bandage of denial off, and settle into a still temporary, but strange new life.

Earlier in August I sat down with my calendar out, saying "well, we can do this if we are in-person here, or do that if we are not in-person yet." Coming up with two scenarios for every date is exhausting and ineffective. I am planning to sit down again, braver this time and look ahead at how to continue to reach out to do life online with just one scenario for awhile. I will happily welcome the chaos of switching midstream to in-person as we did before to online. This is an attempt to have a new attitude, but it is hard. Even with a new attitude, the news with rules and regulations can change the course of our plans at any given moment. but it's time to readjust our thinking once again and embrace this prayerfully temporary new life (this is a long version of saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.")

So, everyone put on your thinking caps, and let's get clever. Fall is a time for a new start. What are some groups that haven't met yet

online that we could foster? What are some new groups? I would like to try a virtual coffee hour. I can meet on porches for pastoral care if you have need. What can we do? So far, things are unwritten and yet, they are full of potential and hope.

All I can offer these days is what is needed the most, encouragement to continue. To continue creatively, carefully, and courageously.

Keep going. We are in this together.  
Many blessings,

## ***Book Club meets***

Greetings Reading Friends!

Hope this finds you all well. The on-going pandemic restrictions have certainly given us more opportunity to read, and perhaps get some home and yard projects done too.



Unfortunately, it will also require that we continue to meet via Zoom for our book group discussions.

Our September Book Club meeting will be at 1 PM on

September 10 via ZOOM. The Zoom link will be sent out several days prior to this meeting. Pat Edwards will lead discussion on *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan. This is an engaging story of courage and resilience of a real-life teenager in Italy during World War II and follows his life, beginning in 1943 guiding Jews out of Nazi-controlled Italy over the mountain pass to Switzerland, on through the events where he ends up as a spy for the Allies.

It is likely we will meet virtually via Zoom for the October and November meetings also. Please let Sandra or Karen know if you need any assistance with Zoom. Following are the dates and books for the fall meetings:

**October 8:** *On Mystic Lake* by Kristin Hannah. Sandra Meeker will lead discussion.

**November 12:** *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story* by David John and Lee Hyeon-seo. Pam Hankins will lead discussion. Happy reading! Stay safe.

Blessings,  
Karen Gates and Sandra Meeker



## ***The wheel turns, and then . . .***

Remember those children's games with a spinner that told you how many spaces to move? You could end up with an extra turn or in a trap. The wait that vibrates while the spinner goes round is not unlike that around a roulette wheel that can change a fortune.

I'm six, and the wide pull off where our little dead-end road joins the highway is filled with an enormous yellow bus. My mother says nothing, and my little sister, who has protested the entire walk from our house about not being able to go also, falls silent. I have been waiting impatiently for school to begin (no pre-school or even kindergarten was available in our district then) and with the arrival of the bus comes a complete unknown. Full of eager anticipation I step up into the bus and take the first seat that has space, beside a middle school girl. Then I look out the window at my mother and sister as the bus moves away, taking me away from everything I have known, and my joy in this wonderful day turns to utter dismay. I burst into tears, and my seat partner cuddles and comforts me.

I had waited for something I

thought would be good and of course it did become very good, but like a newborn I cried my way into that new life.

Fast forward four years – I'm hurtling down a steep slope in the pasture, hanging on to the steering wheel of a tractor – there's no question now of my driving it – and waiting to crash, tip over, be crushed when it flips and my sister be thrown from the hay trailer where she clings like Velcro to a bale. The weight of the fully loaded trailer pushes relentlessly. My father runs behind in the field shouting. This was my first time ever to drive the tractor; confused by the pedals, I've killed the engine. Plus, earlier that afternoon I had stepped on a nail in a carelessly discarded board and my foot hurt pushing on the small metal brake.

Sometimes we wait with an accurate idea of what's ahead (Christmas, the dentist) but often the spinner stops on a situation that we just have to get through. That day in the hay field has me still wondering what happened. I don't know how, but the tractor turned in a gentle wide curve up the far side of the slope and slowed to a halt.

At age 6 or 10 I did not fully recognize our Lord's promise: "I will never leave you" (Deut. 31:6) but it's true. Life's spinner can point to anything and God is always there.

Patricia Hagensen

# FINANCIAL DIGEST

## JULY

<b>BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE</b>	170,359.28
<b>BUDGETARY EXPENSES</b>	132,370.66

## BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2020	13,870.53	170,359.28
2019	17,200.34	164,127.18

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON		# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2020	1417	10	142
2019	509 4267	30	142



### Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Associate Pastor	Susan Dollinger
Youth Minister	Pam Ensley
Office Assistant	Sandra Meeker
Music Staff:	Karen Rezabek, Gary Ritter
Nursery Attendants	Emily McElhaney, Alexa Gaudio, Brooke Gaudio, Christina McElhaney
Sound Techs:	Nolan Purkerson, Reid Frank, Max Malcom
Custodian	Tye Cobb
Council Officers:	Pres. Madlin Baltzell, Vice Pres. Leslee Froehlich Sec. Laura Greulich
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Hagensen

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