



**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**March 2021 Worship Schedule**  
**Sunday live 10:00 am on Facebook**  
Links posted to website and emailed  
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### **Community Yoga**

For Zoom yoga, call Sinéad Hale at 503-927-8428

### **Confirmation Schedule**

Confirmation class takes place on March 7 at 6:30 pm, and March 14 and 21 TBA; no class March 28

### **Bible Narration**

March 11, 18, 25 at 3:30 pm

### **Godly Play**

March 7, 14 and 21

April 4 and 11 - no class Spring Break

April 18, 25



Dear Zion Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, offers of help and cards. During the only bad moments, waiting alone in the prep room to be taken to surgery, I thought of you and all your love lifting me like angels' wings. After that, my hip replacement surgery went really well and recovery has been rapid. God bless you all,  
Pat Hagensen

We deeply appreciate the gift of music given the congregation on Transfiguration Sunday by Alexandra Martinez-Turano, who shared her beautiful voice with the piece "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee" from the Biblical oratorio "Ruth" by

French composer Charles Gounod.  
Thank you, Alexandra!

Thank you Zion!

I wish to thank all my support friends for their thoughts, phone calls, cards and prayers. I finished my treatment on February 23. I am always amazed at the caring of our Zion family in all situations. You are all a blessing.  
Barb Breitenbucher

### ***Looking at the Psalms***

During the Thursday 10:00 am Bible Study in March we will sit back and study the beautiful Psalms. This Bible study will not cover all the Psalms but will highlight the main categories. Join us for the last 3 weeks in March. (This study will start at the end of February – but you can easily catch up or start in March.)

**Feb. 25** Psalms of the Ascent (Ps. 120-134) and Psalm 46

**Mar. 4** No class

**Mar. 11** Psalms of Praise and Thanksgiving  
Ps. 8, 29, 33, 34, 111, 145-150

**Mar. 18** Psalms of Lament  
Ps. 4, 22, 51, 54-58, 90, 139

**Mar. 25** Psalms of Trust, Kingship, and Wisdom  
Ps. 1, 11, 16, 18, 19, 23, 27, 37, 91  
(Challenge Psalm: Read 119)



## Prayer Chain

Lynne Myrden, Beth Farrington, Darrel Gilmer, Cindy Chidester, Elaine Busch, Hans Mak, Carol Wills; for Mary Krieger on the loss of her brother, Joe, on January 11; for the family of Paul Dailey on his loss February 16



Mid-week Lent services on Wednesday at 7:00 pm will continue on Facebook. We will focus on the Bible stories that we don't hear in the lectionary.

### March Wednesdays in Lent

**March 3** *Samson and Delilah* (Judges ch. 16)

**March 10** Some very strange parts of the Bible: 1 Chronicles 4:8-11 *The Prayer of Jabez*; 1 Kings 17:1-7 *Elijah fed by ravens*; Jeremiah 13: 1-11 *the Loincloth*; Matthew 17:24-26 *The Temple Tax*; 1 Kings 6:1-7 *the Miracle of the Ax Head*

**March 17** Friendships: Exodus 17: 8-13 *Aaron, Hur and Moses*; 2 Samuel 9:1-9:13 *David and Jonathan*)

## March Zoom Meetings

<b>Staff Meeting</b>	10:00
Wed 3	
<b>Confirmation</b>	6:30- 7:30
Sun 7	time TBA for 14, 21
<b>Book Club</b>	1:00
Thurs 11	
<b>Bible Study</b>	10:00
Thurs 11, 18, 25	
<b>Council</b>	4:00
Tues 16	
<b>What's Brewing?</b>	5:30
Tues 23	
<b>Men's Study Group</b>	7:30
Thurs 4, 11, 18, 25	
<b>Narration</b>	3:30
Thurs 11, 18, 25	
<b>Community Yoga</b>	8:30
Tues 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	and
Thurs 4, 11, 18, 25	

## Remember 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:

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*As a hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God. Psalm 42:1 (Revised Standard Version).*

Just like a deer longs for water, we long for our God. This Lenten season is about sitting in that longing, spending time at the stream drinking in Jesus.

Our season of Lent started out with the Gospel story of Jesus being driven out by the same Spirit that alighted on him at his baptism. There in the wilderness Jesus was tested by the devil for forty days. I think we understand wilderness stories better now. We have spent far more than 40 days in the pandemic wilderness of Covid-19. We have had struggles, despair, anger, and hurt. Once in a while, we have even found an oasis of beauty and joy. We have also had desperate moments of clawing at the ground trying to find the safe places, and then some caverns of acceptance, and some still moments of calm and peace.

At some point we will come to the edge of this wilderness and a world more familiar to us will emerge. Then a new adventure of rediscovering a world that we left behind will begin. By the time we make it to the edge, this wilderness wandering will seem much more familiar. Even though it is filled with danger, it will be the old world that will feel like a jungle, one we will have to learn to re-navigate. Part of our time in the wilderness is to grow closer to God. In the more unfamiliar land, where our ways are not clear, we lean on Jesus to be our Good Shepherd. We lean on Jesus to create a path to lead us out. In the wilderness we long for God in a different way than we did before. We would like freedom from the danger, ability to travel, to see people, and this and that – we have too many wants to list. However, while we are still here in the midst of this time, God stands before us like a stream in the desert. Do you long for Christ?

Lent is a time to be hyper-vigilant in the wilderness. It is a time we set aside to search out Christ and to follow the path to the cross. It is a purposeful time to grow closer to God, to lean on God, to listen and communicate with God through prayer. It is a time to long for Jesus, and thirst for God's Spirit to fill you.

So, stand by the waters, and drink. The cool waters are filled with a hope and a promise of Jesus. Wade in the waters of grace and pause to experience being filled by love.  
In peace,

## **Book Club meets**

Dear Friends,

Good to “see” many of you at book group yesterday for discussion of *The Alice Network*. Following are the upcoming month's book selections. We will continue to meet the second Thursday of each month at 1 PM via Zoom, until the church is open for us to gather in person again.



**March 11:** *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. Lois Schroeder will lead discussion.

**April 8:** *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. Pat Edwards will lead discussion.

**May 13:** *The Murmur of Bees* by Sofia Segovia. Linda Hansen will lead discussion.

**June 10:** *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. We will try something different for this get together. Instead of an assigned discussion leader, let's have each attendee share a favorite character, quote or part of the book.

Blessings,  
Karen and Sandra

## **Adopt-A Room update**

A coordinator for the Adopt-A-Room program is needed to continue after this spring. We have gathered the contents of a room to be delivered the end of March. Doris McDonald and Vicki Stone-Milligan have inventoried the supplies on hand and found that there are thirty items lacking. Please contact Sandra Meeker at [sjmeeker@zionluthcamas.org](mailto:sjmeeker@zionluthcamas.org) or 360-901-2446 or the church office at 360-834-4201 to select an item if you'd like to help.

We will not be able to do the fall room without a new coordinator, so please give this service some prayerful thought.

Our grateful thanks to Doris McDonald for serving several years and to all those who have given time and goods to help people take a step upward from life on the streets to a cozy room furnished with love at Open House Ministries.





## ***Tuning in***

As I listened to Ruth Ladage read the Transfiguration gospel, a phrase that jumped out at me was “Listen to him!” Listen to Jesus speak to you. But sometimes interpreting the message is a challenge, especially when you’re in a situation that you didn’t ask for and have no control of, like one summer day in the 80s back when the office was a tiny part of the little parsonage next to the church.

A young mom I didn’t know came in with five children under five and immediately the small area became alive with their noisy exploration. The youngest howled without ceasing in the mother’s arms. She said she’d changed her mind about her boyfriend, who’d moved south to work in Salem, and she wanted to join him there to reconcile their relationship. I listened to her and meanwhile the children opened drawers and cupboards, sifted papers, yanked books and files to the floor and finally ransacked the metal wastebasket, where I had just placed stencils (long plastic film sheets covered with wet ink) off the mimeograph. I finally reacted – the mom never said a word of remonstrance – and leaped to warn the little ones away. When the wastebasket was put up high, the baby did his share by exploding his diaper which cascaded down his mom’s arms just missing the front of her T-shirt. She had no clean diapers with her, even in her car, and seemed to expect me to cope for her. We were between interns so I donated a somewhat frayed but clean hand towel from the kitchen drawer, handed her a scotch tape dispenser and pointed the way to the bathroom.

When they were finally gone, I paused in the cleanup and asked Jesus what on earth I might have done otherwise, but heard only laughing.

A distinct voice would have been helpful when the homeless man who always wore dark glasses displayed a 15” knife and sat on the floor idly turning it while he talked, or when a Good Samaritan brought in a teenage girl hitchhiker so spaced out she couldn’t speak coherently, or when a caller told me she had spent a \$3000 tax refund check on a two-week spree of elegant living and shopping but was now destitute and of course had no family to help her. These experiences have left me feeling dismayed and helpless, but looking back I realize my listening led me to live my faith. That’s all we can do; listen and live like we heard!

Patricia Hagensen

# FINANCIAL DIGEST

## JANUARY

<b>BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE</b>	20,880.43
<b>BUDGETARY EXPENSES</b>	19,371.78

## BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2021	20,880.43	20,880.43
2020	39,161.93	39,161.93

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON		# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2021		5	
2020	542	4	136



### Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Associate Pastor	Susan Dollinger
Youth Minister	Pam Ensley
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Music Staff:	Karen Rezabek, Gary Ritter
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