



Messenger
Zion Lutheran Church
March 2017

Worship Schedule

Sundays: Traditional 9:00 Contemporary 11:15
Wednesdays: Ash Wednesday Service 12 & 7 pm
Lent Services 7:00 pm

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Service

COFFEE HOUR

Mar 5 McDonald
Mar 12 Esther Circle
Mar 19
Mar 26 Ludwig

FLOWERS

Mar 5 McDonald
Mar 12
Mar 19
Mar 26 Porter

LECTORS

9:00
Mar 5 Hannelore Tweed
Mar 12 Steve Vargo
Mar 19 Paul Dailey
Mar 26 Nancy Bibler

11:15
Mar 5 Karen Rezabek
Mar 12 Jean Dossett
Mar 19 Judy Straub
Mar 26 Mary Lynn Bartlett

GREETERS

Mar 5 Kirsti Kumar
Mar 12 Barbara Vahsholtz
Mar 19 Janet Brooks-Schmunk
Mar 26 Nancy Bibler

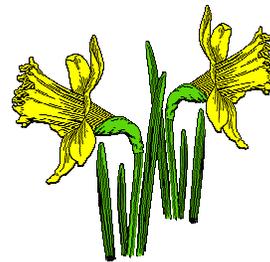
11:15
Mar 5 Barbara Breitenbucher
Mar 12 Lois Schroeder
Mar 19 Lois Schroeder
Mar 26 Julie Della Valle

ACOLYTES

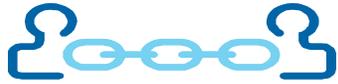
9:00
Mar 5 Stacey Alder
Mar 12 Jaycob Alder
Mar 19
Mar 26
11:15
Mar 5 Reid Frank
Mar 12
Mar 19 Naomi Meeker
Mar 26 Tanner Nelson

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Lynn Bartlett, Cheryl Blair,
Edee McKnight



This month:
Council /Calendar - insert
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Youth & Family Ministry pg.
Worship Schedule
Traditional 9:00
Contemporary 11:15
Ash Wednesday, March 1
Services 12:00 and 7:00
Soup Supper at 6:00
Lent Services 7:00 pm
March 8, 15, 22, 29



PRAYER CHAIN

Julie Heaton, Bev Webster, Carrie Golladay, David Mitchell, Steve Jessett, Mildred Piontek, Glenn Clark, Lauri Koehler, Jim Tabler, Darleen Head; for the family of **Charleen Tackett** on her loss February 14; for the family of **Esther Friberg** on her loss February 9.



Zion Quilters wish to say 'thank you' to Dave Hagensen for the construction and painting of new quilt stands for quilt tie-ers.

The height of the new stands makes the job easier and more comfortable.

The quilters also say a big 'Thank you' to volunteers for the recent (and up-coming) packing of school kits and personal care kits. Keep watching for announcements of the many ways you may help.

Zion Quilters

Dear Sunday School children,
I would like to thank you for the beautiful hand-made Valentine card. It is the best card I have ever seen.
Thank you so much,
George Willis



Remember Zion's Endowment Fund

Think about making a planned gift of kindness during your lifetime. Giving a gift now helps the church you love. 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 now! For more information about making a planned gift, call a member of Zion's Endowment Fund team:

Leslee Froehlich	512-925-0391
Bill Danielson	892-9492
Madlin Baltzell	513-3159
Phil Brech	834-5182
Ron McKnight	834-4984



Remember the Catechism

We are celebrating **REFORMATION 500** in 2017 marking 500 years since the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation, spurred by Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-Five Theses. This is an important anniversary and an inspired opportunity to be renewed in our faith, lift up our Lutheran identity and celebrate our unique legacy.

REFORMATION 500 will begin with ***Remember the Catechism***, a Lenten study of Luther's Small Catechism which was Martin Luther's contribution to the church then and now to help us hear and understand the Christian faith. In an exchange with his wife, Katherine, these words were shared: "The point of the Small Catechism is to give us comfort and support when we face problems in our Christian life."

Each family will receive the Anniversary Study Edition which Dr. Luther dubbed the "Handbook for the Household." Luther wrote this resource for the home, so that parents could explain to their children in simple terms the most important things in the Christian faith. This gift to you has been made possible by the Men's Breakfast Study ministry group as they seek to continue this Reformation tradition. Along with the traditional elements of study there are sections for morning and evening prayers, prayers before and after mealtimes, and an entire section entitled "A Chart of Some Bible Passages for the Household." There are numerous other resources including Luther's introduction, worship rites, hymns by Luther, a letter from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and featured new illustrations by artist Gertrude Mueller Nelson.

The Anniversary Study Edition will be made available on Ash Wednesday, March 1, at church and our first subject, appropriate for that observance, is Luther's explanation of individual confession. This appears in the Small Catechism between sections on the two sacraments of our church, Baptism and Holy Communion. Then we'll follow the order Luther insisted on that focused the reader's attention on God's gifts to us. "Begin with the Ten Commandments, which show God's demands and our inability to fulfill them, and then move to the Apostle's Creed, which declares what God does for us, and then to the Lord's Prayer, which teaches us where we may go for help." Martin Luther reminds us that Christianity is not just about memorizing rules or doctrines or prayers, but that it focuses on what God does for us in

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Jesus Christ and that is especially evident in the last two pieces of the study on the sacraments.

Each Wednesday evening following the Soup Supper in the Social Hall we will spend 45 minutes in the sanctuary singing, praying, discussing and modeling the study of the six primary pieces of Luther's Small Catechism. Come and receive your Anniversary Study Edition on Ash Wednesday and bring it with you for each of the six weeks as we ***Remember the Catechism.***

Freed & RENEWED in Christ 500 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION

Circle Meetings

In March, the Bible Study from *Gather* is entitled *Heirs of the Promise*, based on Galatians 3:24-4:31. Please call the Circle leaders for more details and a warm welcome:



Dorcas -- Tina Bair, 835-2348
Esther -- Bernice Englund - 834-2578
Martha -- Marilyn Anderson - 844-6155

Dorcas - Tuesday, March 7th, 10:00 am
Hostess - Ann Harris, 17401 SE 39th St #25, Vancouver, 518-9277

Esther - Wednesday, March 8th, 10:00 am
Hostess - Barbara Breitenbucher, 5418 NW Jackson, Camas, 833-2165

Martha - Thursday, March 9th, 7:00 pm
Hostess - Carol Phillips, 1660 N 18th St, Unit 18, Washougal, 835-3603

Dear Zion Council ,

I am writing to announce my resignation from Zion Lutheran Church effective Sunday, February 26, 2017.

Upon conversation with the leadership at Zion and re-examining my calling, I have discerned that I cannot give both seminary and Zion the attention that they need.

Thank you for this opportunity to grow. I found working at Zion an encouraging place. I enjoyed learning and growing with you. There are many wonderful people here.

I wish you and Zion all the best in this time of transition. Sincerely,

Heidi Anderson



March 5
Danielson Hall
Support the
2017 Youth Mission
Team trip to
New Orleans!



**Like to
knit or
crochet?**

Mark Wednesday, March 29th 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. Bring any yarn you want to share. Call Karen Blair with any questions at 835-3704.

Prayer shawls are created with prayers for healing, comfort and peace as well as yarn. If you know someone who needs one, contact Karen.

Ladies of Zion:

Join us for
Ladies' Lunch
Out on Tuesday,
March 14th at
12:30 pm at Los
Jalapenos, 231 NE
3rd Ave, Camas,

Ladies'
Lunch
Out!

834-5856. Please join us for a wonderful mid-day break with food and fun. All ladies are welcome!!!



Meet the Parish Staff Team

The Parish Staff Team reviews and makes recommendations concerning church personnel matters on behalf of the congregation, the church Council and the personnel of the church. Members of the team are appointed jointly by the Council President and the pastor, each selecting one member from the Council and one from the congregation. The term of office is one year. These are the current members:

Pastor Tom;

Madlin Baltzell is a semi-retired beautician. She is currently serving on the Council and has dedicated her time to this role several terms in the past. She serves as the Endowment Ministry Team Chair.

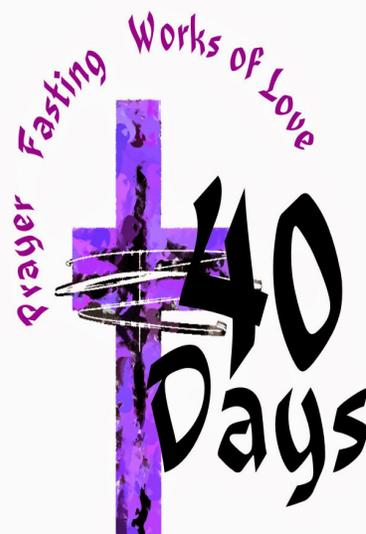
Karen Blair has been active in the Senior Ministry programs, most notably as co-chair of the JOY Group, head of the Knit & Crochet Group and is Zion's coordinator for the thrice-yearly American Red Cross blood drives.

Joe Keller currently is Residential Market Manager at Portland General Electric. He serves on the council as Vice-President, has been a chaperone volunteer

for the Mission trips as well as liaison to Parish Staff.

Ron McKnight, a retired executive from Franz Family Bakeries, is actively involved with the Salvation Army and serves on the Portland Advisory Board, chairs the Salvation Army ARC (Adult Rehabilitation Center) board, and is on the Nominating Committee. He is the President of the Zion council, is liaison to the Social Concerns Ministry and helps coordinate the volunteers from Zion for the annual Zion week at the Winter Hospitality Overflow shelter.

Nancy Vargo is a retired registered nurse from Oregon Health & Science University. She co-chairs the JOY Group, the Care Group and serves on the Fellowship Team.



JOY Group hosts presentation by Robert D. Calkins

Come and meet "Bob" Calkins, Wilderness Search & Rescue Handler, on Saturday, March 4th, 2:00 pm in the Social Hall. He will share his experience as a search and rescue dog handler with over a dozen years experience. He currently searches with his K9, Ruger, a four year old Golden Retriever. He and the three search dogs he's had as partners have responded to everything from routine missing person cases, to homicides and to the horrific landslide in 2014 in Oso, Washington.



Meet Ruger, a certified "Wilderness Air Scent" dog since 2015. Ruger searches for live subjects in the woods or wilderness and is authorized to respond anywhere in Washington State. Next to searching, Ruger's favorite activity is playing in the water. Any water. From mud puddle to mountain stream, if it's water, you'll find Ruger hip deep in it. Be amazed as he demonstrates his skill as part of this presentation.

Bob is an author of books for all ages from preschoolers to teens and adults. He will have his newest book, "Digger" as well as his children's books available for purchase.

A free will offering is requested to cover the cost of transportation from Bremerton to Camas. To help us plan and set up the Social Hall, a sign up sheet is on the Event Table in Danielson Hall. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

What's Brewing?

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 pm

A Beer At A Time, 216 NE 3rd Ave, Camas

Hop topic: What's Brewing with Martin Luther?

"Whoever drinks beer, he is quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer!" (Martin Luther) Under the possible heading: Reasons for not giving up beer for Lent! discussion this month will center around Lenten fasting, matters of moderation, freedom, common sense and humor! *"We old folks have to find our cushions and pillows in our tankards. Strong beer is the milk of the old."*



On Ash
 Wednesday,
 March 1st
 two services
 will be held at
 12:00 and
 7:00 pm. We
 will bear the
 mark on our foreheads of the
 sign of the cross with the
 imposition of ashes. We will
 also celebrate the body and
 blood of Christ with the
 Eucharist and begin our
 journey to the cross.



LENT

Another Lent
 your passion spent
 you suffered so
 for us to know
 how much you care.

It wasn't fair
 someone so good
 would bear the shame
 for thankless souls
 who never knew
 you loved them so.

Now years have passed
 and some at last
 have followed you
 but they are few.
 For many others close their eyes
 they cannot see
 you died for them
 you died for me.

Lois Schroeder

SOUP SUPPER SCHEDULE



Mar. 1	Council
Mar. 8	Mission Team
Mar. 15	Choir/Praise
Mar. 22	Confirmation
Mar. 29	Men
Apr. 5	Circles

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm!
 Ash Wednesday Services
 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm
 Lent Services
 7:00 pm



Care Team Update

Zion's Care Group Team is ready to serve in 2017! Our devoted team members visit our homebound and elderly each month, help find appropriate help via community services and if needed, provide rides to doctor appointments. Would you like a visit? Let us know!

S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meets on Monday, March 20, at the Camas Police Department on 3rd Avenue from 11-12 pm. The topic is "Care for the Caregiver". The Zion Care Group/Task Force is committed to informing Zion members of this opportunity monthly. Let us know if you're interested in attending. Please call Nancy Vargo (833-4597) or Hannelore Tweed (335- 9982), co-chairs, if you need transportation.



Working out on Wednesdays

The S.A.I.L. exercise class (Stay Active & Independent for Life) meets at Zion on Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 in the Social Hall. The goal is to decrease the risk of falls through greater strength and balance. Led by certified instructor Sinéad Farrell (pronounced Shi-NAY), the class is open to adult men and women. Exercises can be done sitting or standing. Wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing. A donation of \$2.50 - \$5.00/session is suggested.

For more information about S.A.I.L. please contact NW Orthopaedic Institute at 253-627-5144.

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 9 at 1 pm in the Danielson Hall Conference Room. Pr. Tom will lead the discussion on March's book choice, *Jimmy Bluefeather* by Kim Heacox.



All are welcome! If you have any questions contact discussion leader Pr. Tom at 834-4201 ext 202.

April's book choice must be purchased or borrowed on an individual basis. *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin is the story of Anne Morrow Lindbergh and her marriage to Charles Lindbergh.



FINANCIAL DIGEST

JANUARY

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE	23,447.64
BUDGETARY EXPENSES	34,988.89

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2017	23,447.64	23,447.64
2016	24,301.33	24,301.33

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON			# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2017	528	528	4	132
2016	650	650	4	163



Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Senior Pastor	Thomas S. Tweed
Music Director	Angeline Case-Stott
Organists/Pianists	Elaine Knutson, Joan Vincent
Nursery Attendants	Olivia Larson, Lydia Keller
Custodian	Tye Cobb
Council Officers:	Pres. Ron McKnight
	Vice Pres. Joe Keller, Sec. Barbara West
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Hagensen

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"God's Work. Our Hands."

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