



Messenger
Zion Lutheran Church
October 2018

Worship Schedule

Traditional 9:00 Contemporary 11:15
Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:15

824 NE 4th Avenue Camas, Washington

Pr. Thomas S. Tweed

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SERVICE

COFFEE HOUR

- Oct 7 Kumar, Stanton
- Oct 14 Martha Circle
- Oct 21
- Oct 28 D McDonald, Vahsholtz

FLOWERS

- Oct 7 Carol Phillips, C Erickson
- Oct 14 Ursula Richards
- Oct 21 Vicki Stone-Milligan
- Oct 28

ALTAR GUILD

Marilyn Anderson, Jean Dossett,
Judy Straub

GREETERS

- 9:00
- Oct 7 LaDene Mattson
- Oct 14 Nancy & Jim Bibler
- Oct 21
- Oct 28 Connie Alexander
- 11:15
- Oct 7 Judy Straub
- Oct 14
- Oct 21 Jean Dossett
- Oct 28



COLUMBUS DAY
October 8

Noisy Offering Update
October 7th's Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Community Services' Crime Victim Advocacy Program which supports and empowers individuals and families who have been impacted by crime, helping them restore their dignity and safety.

Attention seniors!

The S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meeting will be on Monday, October 22 at 11:00 am at the Camas Police Station. The topic will be included in the *Zion Weekly* when available. Call 360-397-2211 ext 3380 for more information. Please call Hannelore Tweed (335-9982) or Nancy Vargo (833-4597) if you need transportation.

Join us for **Ladies' Lunch** on *Ladies' Lunch Out!*
Tuesday, Oct. 16th
at 12:30 pm at
WildFlour Café,
3010 Evergreen
Way, Washougal, 835-9075.



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



Cynthia Sudol



Dear Zion Lutheran Church,
Gene & I would like to once again thank you for the inspirational service for my wonderful, faithful Aunt Ferne's Celebration of Life. Thank you, Pr. Tweed, for your great message. We understand why Aunt Ferne was so adamant about you leading the service. And again, thank you to all of you who had a hand in the wonderful luncheon. Many thanks with God's blessings,
Gene & Chris Neth

Godly Play starts Oct. 7th

"And God came so close..."

Godly Play is starting October 7th at 10:15 in the Godly Play room downstairs in the Social Hall. It is for all ages Pre-K and up.

Godly Play is based on a Montessori method of teaching.

We teach all stories on the floor in a circle. It is a beautiful way of telling the Bible stories which help them come to life in a different way. Before we enter the room, we will ask each child if they are ready for Godly Play. Being ready means they are ready to sit in the circle and listen to the story. After our story we allow the children to "work." This is the time they will choose to play with art, blocks or the story itself. After our work time there will be a "feast" and a prayer time. Feast is a simple cup of water and a cracker or two, which is to symbolize taking communion (please let Susan Dollinger or Pam Ensley know if there are any allergies to take into consideration). We are planning to dismiss around 11:00 -11:05. Please wait for the door to open before getting your child. We appreciate being a partner with you the parent to create a great program for your child. If you have any questions please talk with Intern Pastor Susan.

We are looking for people who like to tell stories or want to greet the children to help them get ready for Godly Play.



“All Politics Is Local”

A former Massachusetts congressman is perhaps most famous for saying “**ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL.**” The former U.S. Speaker of the House Tip O’Neill maybe didn’t coin the phrase but he “wrote the book on it” (published in 1995). The phrase encapsulates the principle that a politician’s success is directly tied to his or her ability to understand and influence the issues of the one’s local constituents. Politicians must appeal to the simple, mundane, and everyday concerns of those who elect them into office. “Those personal issues, rather than big and intangible ideas, are often what voters care most about, according to this principle” (Wikipedia).

Jesus may have one of the most unique stories concerning this “local” reaction and this maxim about what people care about. At the beginning of his ministry, fresh off the forty day trial period in the wilderness, and “filled with the power of the Spirit,” Jesus returned to Galilee and his home town of Nazareth. Rallies were held and he was “praised by everyone”. That is, until he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day and chose to read a particular passage from the prophet Isaiah.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18-19)

Later Jesus explained that this agenda was one that would bring repentance and reform to the people and not just show local favoritism. In adopting Isaiah’s platform of compassion and care for the poor, release and recovery for the disadvantaged and oppressed and signaling an economic agenda that would take all into account, Jesus was certainly challenging the notion that “all politics is local.” That proved very true, when townspeople “filled with rage, drove Jesus out of town” and attempted to end his campaign of a “new kingdom” with a push off a cliff.

As we approach an important election season in our country, many voices will be heard, campaign ads aired, debates held and endorsements made, some even by groups and individuals representing themselves as voices of the church or faith perspectives. I suggest we keep in mind Jesus’ message and agenda as he shared his intention to live this reality and ultimately die for this vision.

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When you listen to all the rhetoric in the coming weeks, think about the campaign that Jesus started that day in Nazareth. Where do we go from here?



The next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 11** at 1 pm in the Conference Room. Discussion will be on the book *The Japanese Lover* by Isabelle Allende. Pat Edwards will lead discussion and bring treats. Although all copies are currently checked out, someone might finish early -- ask at the church office.

November's book, *The Gentleman from Moscow* by Amor Towles, is not from a book kit therefore you will need to obtain your own copy.

What's Brewing?

Tuesday,
October 23 7:00
pm



A Beer At A Time
216 NE 3rd Ave, Camas
Bring a friend and join the
discussion!

Exercise at Zion!



A gentle exercise and balance class, SAIL, 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 SAIL 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. Suggested donation is \$2.50 - \$5.00/ session.

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Come join us for our Zion Boo Bash booth

The Downtown Camas Association's annual Boo Bash will be **Wednesday, October 24 from 3-5:00** -- wear a costume if you wish and join us to hand out candy and greetings from Zion Lutheran Church. Fun and treats for everyone! The Zion Youth Groups welcome you to take part -- any questions call Pam Ensley at 503-781-7978.

Details TBA for a visit to a corn maze and an October hike -- also, on October 27 the WHO fundraiser Flapjack Breakfast at Applebee's!



Women of the ELCA meet synod-wide

The Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization Convention will be held this year at Bethel Lutheran Church in Brush Prairie with the theme "Who is My Neighbor?" The keynote speaker for the October 12-13 event will be Pastor Jillian Ross from the Stella Lutheran Chapel in Longview. Registration for the two days is \$50 which includes Friday evening dinner and Saturday lunch; \$40 for Saturday only. The SWSWO includes women from Lutheran churches from Tacoma to Vancouver and Longview to Stevenson. This is an opportunity to meet and fellowship with other women of the synod.

JOY Group invites all to tour

Thursday, October 18 the JOY Group (**Just Older Youth**) will tour Open House Ministries in downtown Vancouver at 2:00. "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" (www.sheltered.org/mission/). Sign up at the Events Table in Danielson Hall.

Lunch will be earlier in the Vancouver area -- watch for details.

Looking ahead to Tuesday, November 6, the Group will hear a play reading of *Grand Junction*, a comedy drama, performed by the Civic Theater Guild in Portland. More details to come -- watch the *Weekly!*





O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Psalm 8:1

As we watch the slowness of summer days turn into the vivid and busy fall, I find myself grateful to be back in the Northwest. Fall is my favorite season. I remember our first autumn after living seven years in the Southwest, where you had to drive to the mountains to find falling leaves. When I saw the beautiful golden leaves, I was captivated by them. I walked in them, kicked them up, photographed them, and took my children out to play in them. The beauty of the earth filled my soul. I am thankful I get to live here again. I thank God the Creator every time I drive east and see Mt. Hood looming in the distance: it tells me that I am back home.

September was a crazy month around here: Rally Day; God's Work. Our Hands; Zion work day; and teaching Godly Play, all topped with a beautiful service of healing. In the background there was a long school strike, a hurricane on the East Coast, and everything that goes along with day-to-day life. We blinked and now it is October. We get busy with life quickly. We get caught up in the news. We get caught up in our schedules.

I hope you can take a moment to take a breath and just look around, allowing the beauty of the Pacific Northwest to fill your soul. I hope that you can find something that you can thank God for today. May your October be filled with beautiful sights, sounds, and smells. May you find a peace in the changes of the seasons, and a pleasure in the snuggling into blankets, sweaters, hot cocoa, warm fires, and all that fall brings.

Happy October!

Warmly,
Susan Dollinger





WHO Flapjack Fundraiser
October 27, 8-10:00 am
All three Vancouver
Applebee's Restaurants
\$10.00

Coffee, juice, flapjacks, eggs, & sausage links!
All proceeds will help support
Winter Hospitality Overflow

**Godly Play is starting Oct. 7 for Pre-K and up
Calling those who like to tell stories, whittlers, sewers, painters, and
anyone who wants to learn the Bible in new ways.**

I am so excited to tell you about a new Sunday School method coming to Zion Lutheran Church! It is called Godly Play, a Montessori method of Sunday School that uses simple materials built out of wood, yarn, felt and blocks. It is beautiful and allows children and adults to visualize the stories of the Bible in new ways.

We could use some help setting up the program. We also would appreciate a few materials to help get us started listed below.

Come find out about Godly Play!

Materials needed: Small to medium baskets without handles (not plastic)

Legos

Large pieces of felt (1 yard +) of white, brown, beige/tan.

A doll that looks like a baby (no hair)

Composition notebooks

Volunteers are needed to share God's love with our children. Looking for people who love seeing the Bible come to life.

Talk to Intern Pastor Susan for more information!

360-834-4201 x203

zionsusand@yahoo.com

Knit & Crochet



Knit and crochet will meet on October 31 at 1:30 pm. We invite all who wish to learn to knit or crochet. We knit and crochet hats (which go to the Children's Home Society in Washougal). We also will be knitting and crocheting prayer shawls that are given to anyone in need of one. Any questions, call Karen Blair 360-835-3704.

Directory printing soon

The new Church Directory will be printed soon! If you have any changes you'd like in your entry -- the addition of your email address, family members, new phone -- please call the church office at 834-4201.

Pat Hagensen is on vacation October 10-15. Office hours Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 10 -11 will be 9-1:00. The office will be closed Friday, October 12 and Monday, October 15.



Circle Meetings

This fall, the Bible Study from *Gather* is entitled *Repentance* by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. The October discussion is *If I could turn back time: Turning to others*. What does repentance look like in our relationships? 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, Oct. 9th, 10:00 am
Hostess - Janet Johnson, 14505 Douglas Fir Ct, Vancouver, 213-4746

Esther - Wednesday, Oct. 10th, 10:00 am
Hostess - Janet Brooks-Schmunk, 3901 Q St, Washougal, 835-2223

Martha - Thursday, Oct. 11th, 7:00 pm
Hostess - Jean Dossett, 26000 NE 12th St, Camas, 834-3481

Come play a hand!



Seniors -- want to get together to play cards or games? Meet at Zion's Junior Chapel on Wednesday, October 17th at 1:00 pm. Bring your favorite game. We'll also need some card tables. The coffee pot and tea pot will be on!

GODLY PLAY

Storytellers and Doorkeepers needed for Godly Play!

Godly Play is almost ready to start. We are looking for a few more people to fill spots with Storytelling and Door keeping. Commitment would be one to two Sundays a month.

Storytellers: Storytellers are responsible for learning and telling the story using the Godly Play materials. The commitment would be to learn the story before the Sunday you are teaching (about an hour to an hour and a half) and to run most of the Godly Play program including story, prayer time, and keeping track of the time, making sure each activity moves along smoothly.

Doorkeepers: Door keepers help children get ready for Godly Play outside the classroom. They will spend about ten minutes singing with the children, helping them finish with their snack, etc. They do this by greeting the children at the door and ask each child if they are ready for Godly Play. Once all the children are inside the door keeper is responsible to be a one-on-one for any child if needed, to get the snack ready, and for backup support. Sometimes the doorkeeper needs to work with the children who are "not ready" for Godly Play. Both roles are equally important and necessary for Godly Play to run smoothly. Thank you for your consideration!

Dates for all youth and family programs in October

Oct. 7th Godly Play Sunday School for Pre-k and up and Confirmation begin at 10:15.

Oct. 24th BooBash in Downtown Camas. Please join us at our Zion Boobash booth. All ages, costumes welcome. 3-5pm

Oct. 27th Zion Field trip to Sauvie Island Corn maze and haunted corn mazes. TBA

FINANCIAL DIGEST

AUGUST

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE	185,847.70
BUDGETARY EXPENSES	188,297.93

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2018	20,170.66	185,847.70
2017	21,283.77	188,044.53

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON			# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2018	512	4651	34	137
2017	456	5232	34	150



Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Senior Pastor	Thomas S. Tweed
Intern	Susan Dollinger
Youth Minister	Pam Ensley
Music Staff:	Barbara Ewart, 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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Administrative office hours are 8-12:00 Mondays and 8-5:00 Tuesday - Friday. Email can be sent to info@zionluthcamas.org. The website is zionluthcamas.org. For youth & family ministry, the email address is youthminister@zionluthcamas.org.

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