



**This month:**

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Worship Schedule

Traditional 9:00

Contemporary 11:15

***Messenger***

**Zion Lutheran Church**

**November 2016**

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# Service

## COFFEE HOUR

Nov 6 Martha Circle  
Nov 13 Cobb, Ellenz  
Nov 20 Alder, Storm  
Nov 27 Vincent

## FLOWERS

Nov 6 W Stencil  
Nov 13 D Ellenz  
Nov 20 Brooks-Schmunk  
Nov 27 Vincent

## LECTORS

9:00  
Nov 6 Denise Brech  
Nov 13 Marilyn Anderson  
Nov 20 Paul Dailey  
Nov 27 Ron McKnight  
11:15  
Nov 6 Karen Rezabek  
Nov 13 Cheryl Blair  
Nov 20 Jean Dossett  
Nov 27 Judy Straub

## ALTAR GUILD

Mary Lynn Bartlett, Janet Brooks-Schmunk, Patti Gardner

## GREETERS

9:00  
Nov 6 Liz Fredrickson  
Nov 13 Barbara West  
Nov 20 Nadia Hagen  
Nov 27 Marilyn Anderson  
11:15  
Nov 6 Carol Philips  
Nov 13 Pat Hagensen  
Nov 20 Jean Dossett  
Nov 27 Mary Lynn Bartlett

# Noisy Offering Update

November's Noisy Offering received on the 6<sup>th</sup> will be gifted to Council for the Homeless for use in the WHO program (Winter Hospitality Overflow, overnight shelter offered at St. Andrew and St. Paul Lutheran Churches in Vancouver).

Ladies of Zion:  
Join us for

**Ladies' Night Out** on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at Los

*Ladies' Night Out!*



Jalapenos  
(231 NE 3rd Avenue,  
Camas, 834-5856).  
Please join us for a  
wonderful evening of

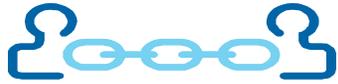
food and fun. All ladies are  
welcome!!!

**WHO time is quickly  
approaching .....**

Zion will again participate in the Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) Program at St. Paul Lutheran Church (1309 Franklin Street in Vancouver) from Sunday evening, November 27<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday morning, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

We will be asking for  
volunteers from Zion and

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## PRAYER CHAIN

**Brenda Craig, Mike Bolinsky, Duane Blair; for Emily Lynn Ladage** on her baptism October 30 and her parents, **Adam & Shana Ladage**, grandparents **Mike & Ruth Ladage**, and great-grandparents **Ralph & Ferne Laedtke**; for **David Weseman, Amy McElhaney** and family on the loss of **Beckie Weseman** in October.

*Like to knit or crochet?*

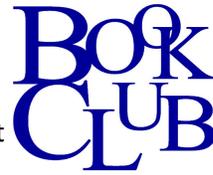


Mark Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the Conference Room on your calendar to make prayer shawls, stocking caps, hats or continue whatever current project you're working on. Bring any yarn you want to share. Call Karen Blair with any questions at 835-3704.

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

Whether you attend the knit and crochet group or not, stocking caps are needed for foster children. They can be turned in to Ruth Hansen, Karen Blair or at the church office. Lots of yarn is available!

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 10 at 1 pm in the Danielson Hall Conference Room. Beth Farrington will lead the discussion on November's book choice, *Tallgrass*, by Sandra Dallas.



Although a book kit was available, copies are limited so check in the office if one has been returned or plan to visit the library. All are welcome! If you have any questions contact discussion leader Beth Farrington at 775-544-7558.

### **Who time** *cont. fr page 2*

St. Anne's Episcopal in Washougal to staff the various volunteer shifts - which include 5:45 pm - 10 pm, 10 pm - 2 am, 2 am - 6 am, and 6 am - 9 am.

We will also be asking for donations of food, soap, paper goods, shaving cream, garbage bags, etc., prior to our start date on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The needed items will be posted on the window in front of Pat's office in November.

The WHO sign up card will be available in from November 6<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ron McKnight, WHO Coordinator



## ***Joyful Redemptive Feasting***

Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays. No surprise there, everyone knows I love to eat! At the same time, I am quite sure that it means so much more to us than turkey or sweet potatoes, cranberries or pumpkin pie (please don't forget the lefse). Thanksgiving involves family, tradition, history, community celebration, and respect for cultures and influences that help us to see we are beholden to many for the blessings and benefits we enjoy today. Most especially many of us see the joy in thanking God and praising our Creator for all good gifts.

We also may recognize the act of feasting as a primary way of understanding our relationship to God. We celebrate with a redemptive feast of victory as a sign of hope and love every Sunday in the Eucharist, which may be called the *Table of Thanksgiving*. "Do this in remembrance of me," Jesus reminds us. And so we eat, we commune, we come together as community and we celebrate God's promise, presence and peace.

Joyful redemptive feasting has always been a picture of hope and comfort as God's word to us. From "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies" in Psalm 23 to the final feast featured in Isaiah 25: "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines." In the seventh chapter of Revelation we hear the promise, "They will hunger no more, and thirst no more." Life with God is a joyful redemptive feast or as I like to think of it – an amazing church potluck.

This notion of joyful redemptive feasting has been one of the subjects in our *Spirituality of Wine* study this fall. We have noted that God's blessing has consistently been catered in the form of bread, oil, and wine. God loves food and embraces the concept of feasting to bring community together for transformation.

One of the best examples of this is an Oscar-winning film adapted from a short story by Isak Dinesen, called ***Babette's Feast***. This is a deeply moving tale of a French housekeeper with a mysterious past who brings a quiet revolution in the form of one exquisite meal to a circle of starkly pious uptight villagers in late nineteenth century Denmark.

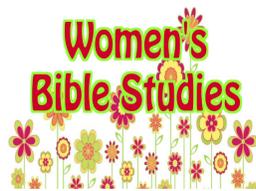
*"Babette's Feast* combines earthiness and reverence in an indescribably moving depiction of sensual pleasure that goes to your

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head like fine champagne.”

As we near the conclusion of the *Spirituality of Wine* study and get ready for the feast we call Thanksgiving we will have a movie night at Zion featuring ***Babette's Feast*** on Friday, November 18. Bring some finger food to share and we will begin gathering at 7:00 pm in the Junior Chapel, our Zion “theater”. Curtain raises at 7:30. Come view and discover together what joyful redemptive feasting looks and tastes like. You will love it!

**New Member Dinner/Orientation** for those interested in becoming members of Zion are invited to a supper and orientation session on Sunday, November 6 in the Social Hall at 5:00 pm. Families with children are invited. Child care will be provided. Call the church office (834-4201 ext 200) or speak with Pr. Tom if you are interested. New members will be received November 13 at both services.



### *Circle Meetings*

This fall, the Bible Study from *Gather* is entitled *When God's not fair* by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. Together we'll explore *When God blesses the undeserving* and how

God unfairly gives all of us the full measure of grace, love and life through Jesus Christ. 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 - 834-5081

Dorcas - Tuesday, November 1, 10:00 am

Tina Bair, 1080 B St, Washougal, 835-2348

Esther - Wednesday, November 9, 10:00 am

Hostess - Lois Schroeder, 19811 SE 8th Circle, Camas, 833-0898

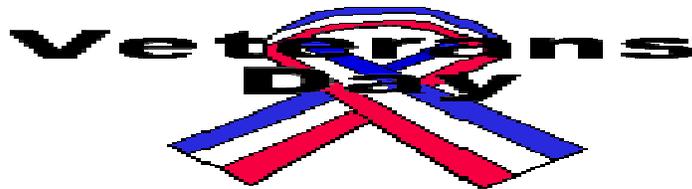
Martha - Thursday, November 10, 7:00 pm

Hostess - Hannelore Tweed, 1955 N 9th St, Washougal, 335-9982

With affection and love we remember on All Saints' Sunday, November 6, those saints who have gone before us :

**Shirley Carey, Marv Foster, Kermeth "Bud" Butts,  
Dorothy Piontek, Lloyd Englert, Alisa Vail, Bill Jessett,  
Marian Halvorson, Beckie Weseman**

*"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."*



**November 11**

## ***Advent Soup Suppers***



Preceding the Advent Services on Wednesdays 11/30, 12/7 and 12/14 Soup and Bread Suppers will be held in the Social Hall. Sign up sheets will be on the Events Table prior to each Supper. Please sign up to bring your favorite soup(s) and join us for some delicious soup tasting and warm fellowship. All are invited.

## ***Worshipping who we used to be***

A story is told about a young priest who was assigned to a cathedral in which there was a beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The young priest was assigned to preside at early Mass every day. There was an elderly woman who came every day. She ignored most of the service, spending her time staring at the statue of the virgin with a look of rapture and longing on her face. The young priest mentioned this woman to an old priest who had served in the cathedral for more than 50 years. He went on and on about her piety and her devotion and her regularity at worship. The wise, old priest looked at the enthusiastic young cleric with a twinkle in his eye and said, "Do not be deceived. Things are not always what they seem."

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Once upon a time there was an artist who hired a beautiful young woman to pose for that statute of the virgin. The old woman you see now is that same beautiful, young woman. She comes here each day, not to worship God, but to worship who she used to be.”

Worshiping who she used to be. Wow, there’s a lot of that going around—from politicians who want to return us to some fabled time when we were supposedly better than we are now, to aging ministers who talk about the decline of the church with both dismay and despair, longing for a time when everything was better (presumably when they, and not someone else, were in charge), to football fans whose teams have fallen on hard times and who look back with fondness to when their team was great.

Worshiping who we used to be. We Lutherans are occasionally guilty of this when we celebrate Reformation Sunday. This is the 499<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are beginning the 500<sup>th</sup> year of Lutheranism. We have a lot of “used to be” to worship. I do not pretend to think that Lutherans are the only ones guilty of this, nor do I think it a particularly heinous or disgusting sin. For the most part, a little appreciation of the past is a good thing. The problem comes when the worshiping who we used to be

gets in the way of worshipping God. The danger arises when an honest appreciation of the past turns into false pride in our faith tradition, when history turns into idolatry and respect for our forebears turns into ancestor worship, when it becomes more important to us to be Lutheran than it is to be Christian.

We must be careful that we do not replace faith in Christ with faith in “churchiness” for this, I think, is the danger Martin Luther confronted almost 500 years ago. People had pushed into the background what Christ had done for them in his life, death and resurrection. Taking up a cross had become more about attending Mass, doing penance, buying indulgences, going on pilgrimages, seeing the relics, and obeying the priest than it was about following Christ on the way of the cross in loving God and serving our neighbor. It was in the midst of this churchiness that an obscure Bible teacher at an insignificant little college in a tiny town in Podunk, Germany, stood up and shouted, “No!”

Reformation Sunday is a day to remember that we are loved for Christ’s sake and for Christ’s sake alone. And that is enough, praise be to God; that is enough. Amen and amen.

Delmer Chilton *Living Lutheran*, 10-24-16  
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2016/10/lectionary-blog-worshipping-used/>

# *Women's Advent Breakfast*

*December 17, 9:00 am  
Orchard Hills Country Club  
Washougal*

## *"A Tale of Two Cousins"*

*Speaker:*

*Pat Edwards*

*Devotions:*

*Mary Lynn Bartlett*

*CHS Select Concert Choir Ensemble*

*Ethan Chessin, Director*

*White Envelope Gift for local charity*

*Cost: \$18.00 (make checks payable to  
Zion Lutheran Church)*

*Served breakfast*

*Tickets available Sundays Nov. 13, 20, 27  
Dec. 4 & 11 in Danielson Hall from Hannelore  
Tweed and in the church office weekdays*



## *Youth and Family Ministries*

On November 5<sup>th</sup> an **Altar Guild workshop** will be held starting at 10 am. Come learn about the Altar Guild and caring for the Altar.

It's time for our **fall confirmation event**. Here is the plan:

When: Sunday, November 6, 2016 after the 11:15 service

Where: Meet in the Social Hall for some pizza and then we will head to Lazer Warz, 1417 NE 76th St #2c, Vancouver, WA 98665. We will play laser tag from 1:30-2:30 pm. Cost : \$15 each (scholarships are available - please contact Heidi). RSVP by November 3, 2016 to Caren Frank [carenfrank@comcast.net](mailto:carenfrank@comcast.net) or [youthminister@zionluthcamas.org](mailto:youthminister@zionluthcamas.org). Please let us know if you need a ride for the event or if a parent can drive for the event if needed.

**Calling all teens!** Come to a movie night November 20<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Chapel starting at 5 pm. There will be popcorn and other snacks. November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm is our first **Service Trip** meeting. Come and learn where we are going and when!

**"Giving Thanks"**, an intergenerational event, is scheduled November 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, our teens have been invited to **Teen Theology and Karaoke** at St. Andrew. We will meet at Zion and carpool -- sign up with Heidi.

## *Helping the homeless*

A Sock and Underwear Drive is now underway! The Confirmation Class is collecting socks and underwear now through Nov 20, 2016.



Donations of new socks and underwear (all sizes) should be placed in the bin in Danielson Hall. All donations will be given to the Share House. Please help us bless the homeless with new socks and underwear. Thank you for your help.



## 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		

## *Zion Transportation Team*

There have been several requests for help with transportation needs recently. With about a dozen volunteers, we are pleased to be able to help out when asked.

Call the church office or me directly and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. As a reminder, anyone requesting a ride will be asked to sign a transportation waiver which is an insurance requirement for Zion.

Nancy Vargo  
snvgo1@frontier.com  
360 833-4597



## *What's Brewing?*

Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 pm  
A Beer At A Time, 216 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Camas  
Hop topic: Plop, Plop, Fizz, Fizz - O What a Relief It Is - Moving Past our Political Anxiety

How do we deal with our political heartburn? What would we like to see changed about the election process? What needs to happen to clear the air? Can we talk to our neighbors again? What did we learn? These and any questions relating to the electoral process may be discussed at What's Brewing on Tuesday, Nov, 22 at 7:00 pm at *A Beer at a Time* in downtown Camas.

# FINANCIAL DIGEST

## SEPTEMBER

<b>BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE</b>	219,803.33
<b>BUDGETARY EXPENSES</b>	223,445.82

### BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2016	23,034.31	219,803.33
2015	22,524.53	222,507.16

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON			# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2016	627	5961	38	157
2015	552	6324	38	166



#### Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

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

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