



# *Zion Messenger*

Zion Lutheran Church

## **April 2021 Worship Schedule**

Sunday live 10:00 am on Facebook

Maundy Thursday Drive in 12:00 noon

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday 7:00 pm Live on Facebook

Easter Sunday 10:00 am Live 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

Spring Break - no class April 4 and 11; April 18 and 25 at 6:30 pm

### Bible Narration

April 15, 22, 29 at 3:30 pm

### Godly Play

Spring Break - no class April 4 and 11; look for it April 18 and 25



Dear Zion family,

We're so grateful to be able to have had a service for Wendell. It was such a blessing to have Pr. Susan bring us communion and preside over last rites for our dad and family. We appreciate your flexibility, your kindness and compassion. Everyone who made such a perfect service happen will always be a cherished memory for us.

Sincerely,  
The Heim Family

Thanks to all of you energetic and devoted members, for continuing to provide such wonderful opportunities for worship. You are getting me through the pandemic! Many blessings on your work!

Gail Sieckman

### ***For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has positive answers.***

You say: "It's impossible."

God says: "All things are possible." *Luke 18:27*

You say: "I'm too tired."

God says: "I will give you rest." *Matthew 11: 28-30*

You say: "Nobody really loves me."

God says: "I love you." *John 3:16 & John 13:34*

You say: "I can't go on."

God says: "My grace is sufficient." *2 Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15*

You say: "I can't figure things out."

God says: "I will direct your steps." *Proverbs 3:5-6*

You say: "I can't do it."

God says: "You can do all things." *Philippians 4:13*

You say: "I'm not able."

God says: "I am able." *2 Corinthians 9:8*

You say: "It's not worth it."

God says: "It will be worth it." *Romans 8:28*

You say: "I can't forgive myself."

God says: "I FORGIVE YOU." *1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1*

You say: "I can't manage."

God says: "I will supply all your needs." *Philippians 4:19*

You say: "I'm afraid."

God says: "I have not given you a spirit of fear." *2 Timothy 1:7*



## Prayer Chain

**Beth Farrington, Don Schmunk,  
Dianne & Lawrence Tapia, Darrel  
Gilmer, Elaine Busch, Carol Wills**

### ***New Bible Study on John***

A new Thursday morning Bible Study on the Book of John will begin April 22 at 10:00.

Homework assignments:

For April 22: read Genesis 1:1- 2:4 and chapters 1 and 2 of John  
Read these chapters of John for:

April 29: 3-5

May 6: 6-8

May 13: 9-10

May 20: 11-13

May 27: 14-16

June 1: 17-21

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You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated."

God says: "Cast all your cares on ME." *1 Peter 5:7*

You say: "I don't have enough faith."

God says: "I've given everyone a measure of faith." *Romans 12:3*

You say: "I'm not smart enough."

God says: "I give you wisdom." *1 Corinthians 1:30*

You say: "I feel all alone."

God says: "I will never leave you or forsake you." *Hebrews 13:5*

### **April Zoom Meetings**

<b>Staff Meeting</b>	10:00
Wed 14	
<b>Confirmation</b>	6:30- 7:30
Sun 18, 25	
<b>Book Club</b>	1:00
Thurs 8	
<b>Bible Study</b>	10:00
Thurs 15, 22, 29	
<b>Council</b>	4:00
Tues 20	
<b>What's Brewing?</b>	5:30
Tues 27	
<b>Men's Study Group</b>	7:30
Thurs 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	
<b>Narration</b>	3:30
Thurs 15, 22, 29	
<b>Community Yoga</b>	8:30
Tues 6, 13, 20, 37 and	
Thurs 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	

### ***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:

Leslee Froehlich	512-925-0391
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*For thou hast been my help, and in the shadow of thy wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to thee; thy right hand upholds me. Psalm 63:8-9 RSV*

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! This Easter feels far better than last year. Last year was under a cover of chaos and confusion, and this Easter is a start of emerging as the daffodils do every spring. I hope that is how it feels to you too. The danger is not over, but we can go outside again easier with the weather changing and some of these days, with the snow-capped mountains in view, have just been stunning. How nice it is to see more sunlight and know there are new things coming. How those things come, and the speed in which they come is yet to be determined. We have been hidden into the shadow of God's wings; let us peek out with new eyes, taking in the vibrancy of the world at large.

I am reading a book called the *Hope Quotient* by Ray Johnston. The author's thesis statement is that if you can raise your hope quotient by 10% you can change your relationships, work situation, or life situation. One of the ways is to not "go at it alone." I think there is truth in that. Sometimes we need Jesus in the flesh – we need those special people who can lift us up, spiritually, energetically, or even physically.

The above verse reminds us that Jesus is there. We stand in the shadow of thy wings and we sing for joy. We cling to Christ and God holds us up. As we look back on the bumps and valleys in the road I hope you can see God's hand in lifting you back to your feet. We might have some dusty spots that we have to shake off, and those might take a while, but we are getting through to the other side. I truly hope that you can see how Jesus has been there holding you up through this time whether it was through another person that you connected to (or re-connected to) or through the peace that surpasses all understanding.

I pray that as you emerge from this winter time, you come out with more friends from reconnecting than you started with, and you have been strengthened to help those still struggling while Jesus continues holding you.

## **Book Club meets**

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.

**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. Next month we will meet via Zoom again at 1 PM. It's possible we may be able to meet in person in a couple months. Stay tuned! Also, be thinking about a book choice to read over the summer. Wishing you all well. Enjoy the lovely sunshine. Spring is definitely in the air!

Blessings,  
Karen Gates and Sandra Meeker

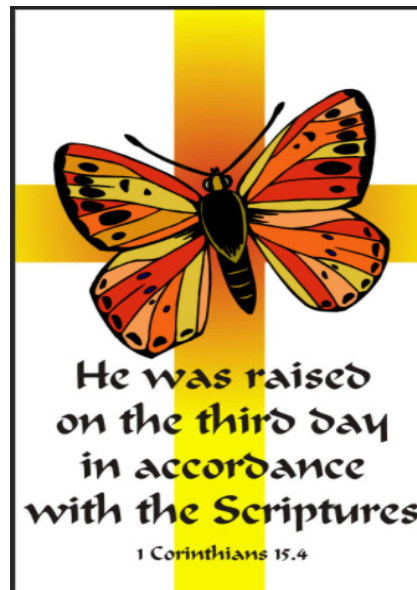
## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

April 11

Zoom 1:00 pm

This meeting has been called to discuss two issues: 1) Zion's future online ministry with the purchase of new video equipment and 2) debriefing of the CAT survey results. The constitution states "The call for each special meeting shall specify the purpose for which it is to be held and no other business shall be transacted".

All active, confirmed members please attend! Your vote is important!





From small fry to Major Leaguers, softball and baseball come to the front of attention this time of year. Some children seem to have a

natural gift for the skills involved, and others are usually last to be chosen for a side. That was me; I enjoyed the girls' softball games at recess in grade school but had no aptitude. Just the same, the spring I was ten my original heroine, Lassie, had to

start sharing my admiration with Sandy Koufax and I saved up enough to buy a bat. I seldom hit the ball at a game but to be fair, wasn't often at the plate. So I practiced at home in the late afternoon, tossing up a ball and attempting to clock it into the next county.

One episode of this practice is burned into my memory forever. My mother was doing a little gardening nearby and had moved behind me. I was glowing with success at my last toss and actual hit, and said, "This one will go way out!" As I prepared to throw the ball into the air it occurred to me that I should tell her to step further away; she had no inclination for sports and probably didn't realize she was too close. I didn't say it, because *I believed I would hit the ball*. Dear Lord, in your mercy, look down on that child and forgive her mistaken vanity.

But I didn't. The swing crashed across her cheek and eye.

Unbelievably, she said nothing but went into the house. I stood paralyzed for half an hour, the sun dipping lower, ball and bat on the grass, terrified at what I had done and the unknown ahead of me. Once from the corner of my eye I saw her glance out the kitchen window at me, but she made no sign and I was unable to move my feet. Fear wrapped me close.

Finally I had to go inside to whatever awaited me. Compress on her cheek, she told me to cook supper at her direction and wash the dishes afterward – nothing else. And nothing more was ever said, which left me in a state of nightmare tension for days. I eventually found out she had taken a bus to see a doctor the following day, and had her reassurance. I had none.

As an adult I have these thoughts: how strange not to comfort a child for what after all was not an intentional act; the chill emotional atmosphere in our home prevented any mention of the incident, thereby investing it with macabre horror; and how different is our heavenly Parent, who has compassion for everyone no matter how far they wander.

Patricia Hagensen

# FINANCIAL DIGEST

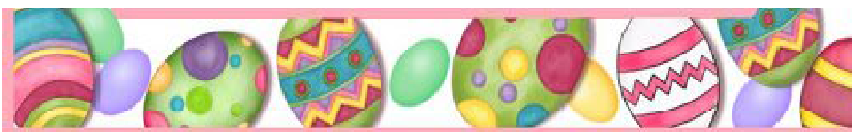
## FEBRUARY

**BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE** 47,120.31  
**BUDGETARY EXPENSES** 38,457.36

## BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2021	26,239.88	47,120.31
2020	30,606.15	66,805.77

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON		# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2021		9	
2020	611 1153	8	144



### Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Associate Pastor	Susan Dollinger
Youth Minister	Pam Ensley
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