



Zion Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church

February 2022 Worship Schedule

Sunday live 10:00 am on Facebook

Online worship on Sundays at 10:00 am

824 NE 4th Avenue Camas, Washington

Bridge Pastor Michael Keys

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SERVICE

ALTAR GUILD

Marilyn Anderson, Florence
Faraone, Barbara West

BLESSED ARE
THE
PURE IN HEART
FOR THEY SHALL
SEE GOD

February Zoom Meetings

Council	4:00
Tues 15	
Bible Study	10:00
Wednesdays	Book of Isaiah
Men's Study Group	7:30
Thurs 3, 10, 17, 24	
Community Yoga	8:30
Tues 1, 8, 15, 22 and	
Thurs 3, 10, 17, 24	
For Zoom yoga, call Sinéad Hale	



Prayer Chain

Vicki Stone-Milligan, Frances
Duncan

Thank
You

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful service of leaving. Thank you for all the cards with such kind words and the many gifts. I appreciated all the musical gifts from both groups so much. I am very thankful for the service and a special thank you to Leslee and Pat for the organizing of it. Thank you also to Ursula for the amazing bouquet of flowers that are in full bloom in my home reminding me of all of you.

I am grateful to have been so fortunate to serve as pastor at Zion Lutheran Church for these last two years. Thank you all for making this experience one of care, joy, and kindness.

You are loved and appreciated. May God keep you all safe. With deep gratitude to all,

Pastor Susan

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL MEETING

February 6

Zoom 1:00 pm

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

Knit & Crochet Group meets

Mark Wednesday, February 23 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. Call Karen Blair with any questions at 360-835-3704.

Prayer shawls are created with prayers for healing, comfort and peace as well as yarn. If you know someone who needs one, please feel free to select one from the table in Danielson Hall.

Mark the calendar

Confirmation Class

Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 11:15
(In-person at Zion or on Zoom)

Godly Play

Every Sunday following
Communion (approx. 11:00 am)

Martha Circle Feb. 17 7:00 pm
Hostess: Pat Hagensen
3813 NE 261st Ave, Camas
360-903-6240

Esther Circle Feb. 9 1:00 pm
Hostess: Kristi Kumar
16701 SE 34th Way, Vancouver
360-260-4914

Book Club news

Since most were unable to attend in January, we decided to move the discussion for *Fifty Words for Rain* by Asha Lemmie to February 10. *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict will be in May. In addition, the March 10 meeting will now be on March 17. Our gracious host Pat Edwards has a scheduling conflict so we need to move out one week.

The revised schedule is below. I hope you all are well and look forward to seeing everyone in February.

Happy Reading!

Caren



Revised upcoming months:

February 10: *Fifty Words for Rain* by Asha Lemmie. Pat

Edwards will lead discussion and Karen Gates will bring treats.

March 17: *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. Karen Gates will lead discussion and Caren Frank will bring treats.

April 14: *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare'. Pam Hankins will lead discussion.

May 12: *The Mystery Of Mrs Christie* by Marie Benedict.

Caren Frank will lead discussion.

June 9: TBD

I enjoy contrasts -- walking in a winter wind blast with sleet slashing my cheeks and then curling up under a heated plushy throw to drink hot tea. Reading *Exodus* and then *Wind in the Willows*. Savoring crushed red pepper flakes on Spanish rice, followed by cherry ice cream and chocolate sauce.

The game is fun when I'm in charge, but having a great plan that becomes another reality can be much less entertaining. For example, in 1991 we decided that I would use my vacation days in September to help harvest the corn silage. I wasn't raised on a farm and had no idea that it would involve something called "opening the field". I thought I would be driving the tractor which towed the corn harvester, eating Brach's and singing with the radio. So after feeding the calves and getting the kids on the bus, I went back to the farm ready to start my vacation.

Dave stopped milking long enough to hand me a machete about 3 feet long, told me to keep my sleeves rolled down because the leaves were sharp, and sent me out to cut the stalks low to the ground on the outside row. The field ahead looked enormous. It was light enough to see but the sun wasn't warming yet, the stalks with their suddenly awakened bugs fell on me instead of the empty space in front, and that machete began to weigh a ton.

I had to admit that I had lost control of my life even in this little way and that I'd better let go of all my vacation notions and let God show me the way down the corn row.

Patricia Hagensen

Dinner at the WHO Feb. 27-Mar 5

Zion's outreach to WHO (Winter Hospitality Overflow) has been generous! The response to donations needed instead of sign-ups to work at St. Paul was \$2563.75 in 2021. Now, a week to provide meals presents a new opportunity to serve as Jesus' hands and feet among the thirty men spending nights off the street.

February 27-March 5 Zion has been asked to provide an evening meal to be delivered at 6:00 pm at St. Paul. Nora Cobb, Zion's kitchen coordinator, has graciously agreed to prepare the entree. Zion family, your help is needed for seven nights to provide, *per night*, three family size salads (no dressing for green salad), three dozen rolls and assorted desserts, as well as donations to purchase groceries and people to deliver each night's food to the shelter. Call Pat for more information (360-834-4201). Updates on needs will be posted in the weekly letter.



From the Pasture...This is no way to start a ministry?

I write the newsletter article a couple of days before my first opportunity to preside with the Zion community. We will be under serious COVID restrictions...no singing, N95 masks, no participants. The infection rate in Clark County has doubled in the past week. This is no way to start this new pastoral ministry.

Recognizing all the challenges we face as a church and community, it is easy to understand people's frustrations and deep sadness at not being together in person. COVID fatigue is a real thing and most of us are experiencing it. I am not telling you anything new. And we have an obligation to make sure that the most vulnerable are safe, that unvaccinated children are protected, and our elders have all their concerns dealt with. Zion needs to appreciate what the COVID Taskforce deals with in this ever changing environment.

With all the hassles, this may also be a time to step up as followers of Christ and think about what Jesus asks of us. I always find this question a little dangerous because I often won't like what Jesus will say.

In times like these, Jesus would want compassion for the "other" to take the place of fear. Putting the other person's wellness and safety over my personal choices or discomfort seems like something Jesus would say. Kindness and care to the other would be a priority; meaning we need to be in communication (and when possible connection) with that person. As you think of friends you are not able to be with, give them a call, drop a note, send a text or email that you have been thinking about them and miss them. Drop off a meal or flowers or a balloon. Jesus would remind us to be generous...give to Treasure House, provide a meal to someone who lives alone (*e.g. give them a call and place it on the doorstep*). Get vaccinated for others if not for yourself.

Being a Christian is about believing in God and Christ's church. It is also about being the Body of Christ the world. Compassion, care for the other, staying connected, kindness, reaching out, generosity

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and healing are all things that Jesus did. Maybe this is the way for us together to start our ministry.

Pastor Mike

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P.S. Someone asked about my email name pasture.mike. When serving in Alaska, I got to know and work with many neighborhood Alaska Native children. They did not have much connection to church so when they heard the word “pastor” they did not know what that was. So they called me “*pasture*” Mike or “*passenger*” Mike. Thus my email name.

Zion Call Committee Update

At the time of this writing (mid-January) the Zion Call Committee is actively considering one candidate for our next pastor. We have interviewed this candidate twice, via Zoom, and we are currently coordinating for an in-person visit at Zion. Due to conflicting schedules, the in-person visit will occur no earlier than the second week of February.

As I’ve mentioned before, this is the part of the call process where the Zion Call Committee will carefully control information to avoid releasing any details about our prospective candidate. This is done to ensure that the candidate’s current congregation, as well as the members of Zion, are protected from unnecessary concerns until appropriate decisions are complete.

We are hopeful that the members of Zion will continue to hold your elected Call Committee members in prayer. Please pray that God will bless Marilyn Anderson, Florence Farone, Dave Hagensen, John Hansen, Cheryl Sonju, and Adam Sitler so that their hearts and minds may be opened to following the lead of the Holy Spirit and discerning God’s will for Zion Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Sitler
Call Committee Chair

FINANCIAL DIGEST

DECEMBER

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE 261,898.66
BUDGETARY EXPENSES 234,214.52

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2021	45,896.69	261,898.66
2020	66,093.78	310,744.91

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON		# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2021	180	1324	39
2020		1417	10



Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Bridge Pastor	Michael Keys
Youth Minister	Pam Ensley
Music Staff:	Karen Rezabek, Gary Ritter
Digital Media Coordinator	Angelyka Cava
Nursery Attendant	Jorja Ladage
Sound Techs:	Reid Frank, Max Malcom, Matt Sitler, Jorja Ladage
Custodian	Tye Cobb
Council Officers:	Pres. Leslee Froehlich, Vice Pres. Adam Sitler Sec. Kelly Bruce
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Hagensen

The ***Zion Messenger*** is the monthly newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, located at NE 4th & Garfield, Camas, Washington. Worship services are at 9:00 am (traditional) and 11:15 am (contemporary). Pr. Michael Keys can be reached at 360-834-4201 ext 202 or 971-219-2820 (cell). 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.

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