



Zion Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church

April 2022 Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

April 6 Lent Service 7:00 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

April 14, 1 & 7:00 pm

Good Friday

April 15, 7:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

April 17, 10:00 am

Festival Communion

Breakfast 8:30 - 9:30

Egg Hunt 11:15

Online worship on Sundays at 10:00 am on Facebook

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Prayer Chain

Barb Keys, Brenda Tabler, Ralph Quiring, Vicki Stone-Milligan; for the family of **Carrie Golladay** on her loss March 1.

SERVICE

LECTORS

- Apr 3 Barbara West
- Apr 10 Laura Greulich
- Apr 14 1:00
7:00 Marilyn Anderson
- Apr 15 7:00
- Apr 17 Nancy Vargo
- Apr 24 Steve Vargo

COFFEE HOUR

- Apr 3
- Apr 10
- Apr 17 Easter Breakfast
- Apr 24 Stevens

FLOWERS

- Apr 3 Dave & Pat Hagensen
- Apr 10 Lynne Myrden
- Apr 17
- Apr 24

ALTAR GUILD

Rae Gessford, Marian Koppang, Carol Phillips

SOUP SUPPER



Sign up sheet for soup & bread in Danielson Hall!

April 6

Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Lent Service

7:00 pm



New members received on March 20 were: **Kirk & Terri Adams, Cheryl Bunch, Ken & Mary Ann Eichler, and Lynne Myrden.** We welcome them into the Zion family!

Directory Update:

On the Zion Lutheran Church Council page, Barbara West's phone number should be listed as 360-430-1255



Dear Zion Family,

Thank you so very much for the prayers, calls, cards and flowers you have shared with me following the loss of my sister. Thank you, Pastor Mike, for all your support! This all has meant so much to me!

With gratitude and blessings,
Madlin Baltzell

To Zion,

You are wonderful supporters of (the WHO shelter) for the poor and struggling. Your meals of spaghetti, meatloaf, ham and scalloped potatoes were spot on, providing great diversity on the menu. Thanks for including us in your Outreach programs.

Sincerely,
Laurene and Outsiders Inn Team

Note:

For all the donations to the meals provided at the St. Paul Winter Hospitality Overflow -- rolls, bread, salads, cookies, sheet cakes and cash gifts -- many thanks! A special thank you to Nora Cobb for preparing the entrees. A gift of \$577 after expenses was sent to the WHO for their meal program.

I want to personally thank you for helping me with my rent. Your church is greatly appreciated.

Davidrae (last name withheld)

Note: Her brother, who lived with her and shared the rent, was murdered in December. She herself had Covid resulting in a hospital stay, and the combination resulted in her job loss. When she called Zion, she was trying to regain self-sufficiency. Thank you to Esther Circle and everyone else for your gifts to the Discretionary Fund which made helping her possible.



Spring Cleanup Day

April 9, 9:00 am

Wheelbarrows, weeding tools and shovels will all be needed to get Zion ready for Easter!



Book Club news

Please note, we will resume meeting in the Conference Room behind Pat's office. **The April 14 meeting will be at 2:00 pm.**

Upcoming schedule and book choices:



April 14: *The Girl with the Louding Voice*

by Abi Dare'.

Pam Hankins will lead discussion.

The protagonist of this book is Adunni, a fourteen year old Nigerian girl in her native village, who is forced to marry for her family's financial situation. She dreams of becoming a teacher but faces incredibly challenging circumstances.

May 12: *The Mystery Of Mrs Christie* by Marie Benedict. Caren Frank will lead discussion.

June 9: *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson. Denise Brech will lead discussion.

We look forward to seeing you!
Blessings,
Karen Gates and Caren Frank



Help would be welcome assembling the floral cross on April 16th at 10:00 am. Fresh flowers transform the plain cross of Lent into a glorious symbol of Easter triumph. Expert direction is provided and no experience is necessary. Bring floral clippers or shears if possible.

Bible Study with Pr. Mike ***Wednesdays 10:00 am*** ***Zoom & in person***

Book of Isaiah

April 6 Hebrew Prophecy about the One
13 Holy Week Passion Narrative

Women and the New Testament Church:

Why Are So Few Women Identified by Name?

Apr 20 Burial & Resurrection Witnesses
27 Upper Room and Acts 2 Conversions
May 4 Tabitha & Lydia
11 Romans 16

Spirituality of Connectedness to God's Workings

We are in the midst of Lent...we are getting closer to the Passion of Christ and Easter. Personally, I am also getting closer to final visits with the knee clinic.

As I have mentioned, I have had several surgeries on my knees and each time I pick a book to help me through the recovery process. Over these times, I have journeyed with Thomas Merton, Thich Naht Hanh, the Dali Lama and this time with indigenous native author, botanist, poet (and mystic) Robin Wall Kimmerer in her book *Braiding Sweetgrass*. Each of these writers and mystics address central understanding of how the world is connected on a deep physical and spiritual plane.

In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, the author combines indigenous Native American wisdom with scientific knowledge of plants and their environment; that lived experience and traditions of native peoples had understood the scientific truth of plant structures, growth patterns of forests and individual species of trees. It is all connected. Most of us have grown up in a world view organized through a Greek system of siloed thinking that botany and physics are separate disciplines, religion and politics should not mix. We have the misconception that Western Christianity and Buddhism or Native American stories/traditions have little common ground religiously or spiritually. We who hold such beliefs are wrong.

As a Christian believer, I can view God's workings through creation and history with a certain bias, yet I cannot ignore how connected things--stories, science, medicine, ecology, rituals, prayer, practices—have common roots. My/our Christian beliefs and practices are not compromised or challenged by other beliefs and practices that also speak a truth about human existence. The God that I trust and believe in is not diminished by other beliefs. Jesus' message and truth is not compromised by the truth of Mohammad, Gandhi, Black Elk, Zoroaster, Lao Tzu, or other teachers.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, I can hold the Passion traditions as sacred and true. I can see in Jesus' death and resurrection a truth that resonates through all creation and lived experience. I can read and pray the Jewish Haggadah (Passover ritual)

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and still hold on to the additional words of Jesus "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sins." Believing that Jesus came for all people and resurrection as a sign of God's redeeming work for all creation is easy for me to accept and hold as true.

I choose to believe the connectedness of all things, all the workings of God.

Blessings,

Pastor Michael Keys



*We're
Getting
a New
Pastor*

Dear Zion Family,

Thank you to everyone who attended the special congregational meeting March 27 to vote on extending a call to Reverend Chris Hogstad. I verbally extended the call later that day, and Pastor Chris enthusiastically accepted.

The exact timing of Pastor Chris's start with Zion will be based on finding housing here, and also selling their house in California. They are working with a local realtor and were able to see some houses on their visit March 22-24. The family is committed to making the move quickly. We will keep you updated on a start date as things progress.

I want to thank Pastor Mike for his outstanding leadership with our congregation during this interim time. We continue to make progress in several areas which will help the transition for Pastor Chris. Pastor Mike should be able to continue with us until Pastor Chris's arrival.

I ask for your continued prayers for our congregation, Pastor Mike and his family, and Pastor Chris and his family, as we move forward in Zion's ministry together.

God's peace to you all,

Leslee Froehlich

Knit & Crochet Group meets

Mark Wednesday, April 27th 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
Shawl
Ministry

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.

Circle Meetings

Looking to the future: Life forever with God – Most of the time that Jesus talks about the kingdom of God or eternal life, he is referring to something we experience here and now—not later in heaven. But sometimes, he *does* talk about that future life and in this final session we will learn as much as we can about “the glory that awaits us.” What will it be like to be perfect people in a perfect world, living forever with God and one another?

Martha - Thursday, Apr. 21st 7:00 pm; Hostess - Florence Faraone
1504 SE 186th Ct, Vancouver, 505-980-7603

Esther - Wednesday, Apr. 13th 1:00 pm; Hostess - Ursula Richards
737 NE 277th Ave, Camas 360-834-3532

Dear Zion Family,

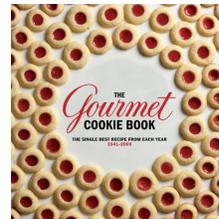
Many of you knew my wife Lisa and what a special person she was; especially her love of cooking and her joy in sharing good food. She had a passion for cookbooks, reading them like novels. You touched her life in some way, and I choose to touch you today with a memory of her by giving away her very extensive collection of cookbooks; and this will honor those memories you shared with her, and her love for you all.

The collection is very wide and deep, covering a world of different cuisines and situations, from home cooking to gatherings. A selection will be displayed in Danielson Hall, a list published in the *Weekly*, and a new rotation will be arranged as time goes on.

“I thank my God every time I remember you” (Philippians 1:3).

*Lord God, may
the precious
memories of
my spouse
bring joy to
those around
me. Amen.*

Eric Bleak



NOTE: First come, first served. If you wish to reserve a title, contact the church office. Please put your name beside a title when you take a book -- this is for Eric.





Do you remember a place you cherished but which no longer exists as you knew it? Maybe a place taken for granted at the time, but now its irrevocable absence paints every inch with a precious light in your mind.

Such is the farm of my childhood, 43 acres bordering the Ridgefield city limits which my father bought when he arrived from Iowa in 1948. I have the bill of sale for \$3200.00, black and white photos and many memories, but the land itself is now a neighborhood of houses. The forests surrounding the hilly meadows are cut down, the only access road I knew is now a footpath, and I'm sure the changes would make it unrecognizable to me. I'd rather not try.

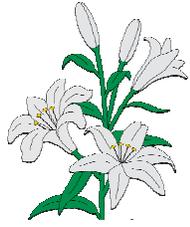
The single-lane private road climbed steeply to reach it, a sharp bank on one side that dropped to Reiman Road below and the other side a forest whose underbrush reached out to bar the way. After winding up this dark thread the end of the road was a surprise – the land was flat nowhere, suddenly open, rolling away to the distant trees. Quiet always, too far from any road to hear traffic.

An actual farm it was not -- the only animals for a few years were chickens, pigs and guinea fowl that I feared as a little girl because (I thought) the flock followed me. I think my father tried to raise strawberries at one time but the only crop I remember was grass hay. For him it was a refuge, hobby farm and eventually home. The buildings were grouped on a half acre or so, in such terrible condition it's a wonder they still stood – an open garage, tiny house, chicken sheds, a shop. They did not characterize the beautiful land but occupied it as alien creations, fast decaying into the earth.

And what became of this spacious grassland and forest? My father, looking into the future from his mid-sixties, sold it to my older sister's husband. The one condition my father made was that he would have a life estate, which my brother-in-law agreed to. A risky business venture failed and the mortgage fell into unprincipled hands, who adjusted the document to rid this valuable acreage of an unwanted life tenant. Alcohol had wiped out my father's ability to fight for himself and he would not hire a lawyer, so another piece of Clark County was paved under.

Will our special places be part of the new heaven and new earth? I like to think so, that once again I can go back and walk the sunny fields, stand under the old firs and look up to the clouds.

Patricia Hagensen



Easter Garden of Memories

Bring or order a lily as a memorial for a loved one and beautify our services on Easter Day (price TBD - check the *Weekly*). To order a lily, please fill out a form from the April 3 or 10 Sunday bulletins and enclose a check/cash (please make checks payable to Zion) with it in an envelope and place it in the offering, mail it to the church office or drop it off there by Tuesday, April 12th. In order that your dedication appears in the *Garden of Memories* insert which is part of the Easter Sunday bulletins, the dedication form must be turned in by April 12th, or call the church office with the information *no later* than that day. NOTE: You may still purchase your own plant -- please bring it by 10:00 am on Saturday, April 16. If you wish to keep your plant, please put your name on it. If you purchase your lily through the church and wish to keep it, please take one after the service on Easter Sunday that does not have a name on it.

Time to collect soap and towels for Personal Care Kits

Because of supplies on hand, only soap and towels are needed for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The Ingathering will continue through April 24. Many kits are currently being distributed to Ukrainian war refugees.

Two or three bars of soap
weight 8 or 9 oz in original
packaging (no mini or hotel size)
**Lightweight bath towel, dark
color**

Items may be left on the green counter in Danielson Hall.

If a financial donation is your option, make check payable to Zion Lutheran Church with "Personal Care Kit" in the memo line.

Thank you!





The Evangelical Church
of the Augsburg Confession in Poland

*Appeal for prayers and support for Ukraine from
Bishop Samiec*

For God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken. *Psalm 62: 2*

With sadness and fear I think about this morning's aggression of Russia against Ukraine. I am concerned that, despite the experience of war more than 80 years ago, gunfire and bombing are again being heard just across our eastern border. My thoughts are with the people of Ukraine, whose lives are now in serious danger.

First of all, I want to ask you today to pray, because in God is the quietness of our souls. Let us pray together to our Lord and God of peace to act, to calm our fear and stop the war. Let us ask through Jesus Christ for sobriety for the aggressors, for an end to invasion and for peace between people. Let us also ask for protection of all those who suffer from military action. We can turn to God with the words of the prayer included below, but all our silent and loud prayers are also needed.

Many people in Poland, as well as our church, are in close contact with the people of Ukraine, some of whom have family, friends and people of faith there. We hear that many of them are seeking protection locally, but there are also those who are fleeing into places where they can be safe. Therefore, I turn to you with an appeal and a request to open your parishes to the sisters and brothers of Ukraine. Please let me know of any parishes that would be willing to welcome people from Ukraine and offer them support during this difficult time. We want to stand together now and provide help to those who need assistance and shelter from war.

In our savior Jesus Christ is our hope. We entrust all our worries and fears to Him. Have mercy, Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Jerzy Samiec

FINANCIAL DIGEST

FEBRUARY

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE 49,989.35
BUDGETARY EXPENSES 42,073.19

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2022	19,552.23	49,989.35
2021	26,239.88	47,120.31

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON		# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2022	45	148	3
2021			49



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
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