



## ***Zion Messenger***

Zion Lutheran Church

May 2022 Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Online worship on Sundays at 10:00 am on Facebook

Zion Lutheran camas elca

824 NE 4th Avenue Camas, Washington

Bridge Pastor Michael Keys through May 15

Senior Pastor Christopher Hogstad beginning May 22

360-834-4201 office

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Ed Schaumann, Tim Stevens,  
Vicki Stone-Milligan

**SERVICE**

**LECTORS**

- May 1 LaDene Mattson
- May 8 Marilyn Anderson
- May 15 Jean Dossett
- May 22 Carol Van Natta
- May 29 Ron McKnight

**COFFEE HOUR**

- May 1
- May 8
- May 15 Martha Circle
- May 22 Installation Reception
- May 29

**FLOWERS**

- May 1 Anderson
- May 8
- May 15 Englund
- May 22
- May 29 Brooks

**ALTAR GUILD**

Karen Blair, Nadia Hagen, Tiffany  
Ladage, Vicki Stone-Milligan

**Check out the new  
cookbook selection** ready for  
viewing in Danielson Hall! These  
are gifts from the extensive  
collection of Lisa Bleak which her  
husband Eric wished to share  
with those who love cooking and  
those who, like Lisa, loved to  
read cookbooks.

First come, first served. For  
those  
reviewing  
the list  
online: If  
you wish to  
reserve a  
title, contact  
the church



office at 360-834-4201 ext 200.  
Please put your name beside a  
title when you take a book -- this  
is for Eric.

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

***Women and the New Testament  
Church:  
Why Are So Few Women  
Identified by Name?***

- May 4 Tabitha & Lydia
- 11 Romans 16



## Book Club news

Upcoming schedule and book choices:

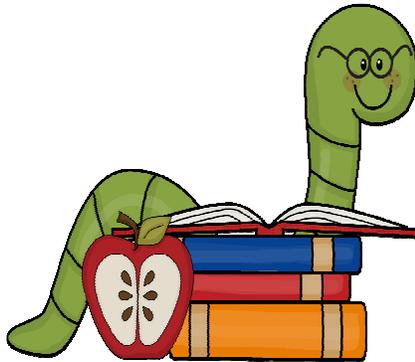
**May 12:** *The Mystery Of Mrs Christie* by Marie Benedict. Caren Frank will lead discussion. Pam Hankins will bring treats. We will meet at 1PM in the Conference Room behind Pat's office at church.

*The Mystery Of Mrs Christie* by Marie Benedict is a historical fiction book based around the famous author's eleven day disappearance in December of 1926. Mrs.

Christie herself even skips that period in her life in her autobiography.

Ms. Benedict has taken on the task of imagining what happened to Agatha at this time in her life.

**June 9:** *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson. Denise Brech will lead discussion. All are welcome!



## Camas- Washougal Garden Club Plant Sale

May 14, 2022

Zion's Social Hall 9-2:00

Plants locally grown and nurtured  
in members' gardens!

Perennials - Annuals - Vegetables  
Ground Covers - Shrubs - Grasses

## What's Brewing? small discussion group

is open to all. Martin Luther approved of beer, so come raise a glass with us (or just join the discussion). We discuss "Hop" Topics about



current events and living our faith at home and in the community.

New date and place: Third Thursdays of the month – next date is **May 19<sup>th</sup>** with discussion starting promptly at **5:30pm** at **54 °40' Brewing** at 3801 S Truman St #1, Washougal, between Steigerwald Refuge and Cottonwood Beach area, in the last warehouse building.

We will have a table reserved in the back where it is quieter, so we can hear each other better.

Come early (5p or 5:15) if you want to place a food order or grab a brew/wine/cider.

## ***A New Chapter in Zion's Ministry***

Congregations with long histories find themselves celebrating special anniversaries. Zion is no exception. 2022 is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding -- May 9, 1897. Many pastors, over a 100 confirmation classes, hundreds (maybe thousands) of quilts, lots of work projects and remodels, potlucks with way too many dishes, music that both honored the past and spoke to the future, hard times and some great ones, generations of generous families, charities and social ministries funded, support for denominational ministries and services, children singing and vacation bible schools, youth projects and conferences...and the list goes on. So many chapters of life and times of Zion Lutheran Church in Camas.

Zion Lutheran is entering a New Chapter in its long history of ministry and service. This history is seen in the vision and commitments the congregation and leaders have made possible through the decades. During these times there have been highs and lows, yet the enduring presence in the community and its ministries show that the congregation can succeed in what comes next. Society and our culture have changed since Pastor Tom Tweed first came to Zion. Zion faces most of the same challenges other communities are facing: significant declines in religious affiliation, fewer families desiring a connection to faith and religious institutions, less interest in joining any kind of institution, and many activities and distractions competing for our attention. The congregation has changed as well: we are older (and possibly wiser), the need for supporting families is higher than ever, civil and moral values changing (sometimes not for the better) require our action, and the Gospel needs to be communicated in new and powerful ways. This is the challenge for Zion's new pastor and family and challenge for members—long-timers and new. How Zion will meet these challenges is what will be lived into during this New Chapter.

With this New Chapter still to be written, this is not the time to sit back and wait for the new pastor to get things going. There will be a steep learning curve for the pastor and will require every member to step up to make ministry happen in new and traditional ways. It would be a mistake for any of us to think that *"We have done our share. It is time for me to back off."* Each person needs to consider how they will help write this New Chapter.

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Zion has some powerful “pray”ers and servant leaders around. It has generous individuals and families recognizing that together, giving will have to increase. Zion has benefited over the past 3 years with lower pastoral expenses, but that time is over. You have called a pastor with years of experience and a family to help support. The needs in the communities surrounding Zion require the congregation to expand its ministries. This requires rethinking how the Gospel will be shared and how you will witness to God's work in Christ and creation.

What will this New Chapter say to the future Zion Lutheran? Only you know.

In Christ's name.....  
Your Bridge Pastor,  
Rev. Michael Keys

## *Circle Meetings*

*Across the generations: One act of welcome can beget another.* This devotional study of welcome, comprised of several stories from women who remember special times of warmth, is an opportunity for inward reflection and outward sharing.

**Martha - Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 pm; Hostess - Barbara West  
921 56<sup>th</sup> St, Washougal, 360-430-12551

**Esther - Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** 1:00 pm; Hostess - Barb Breitenbucher  
5418 NW Jackson St, Camas, 360-833-2165

## *Knit & Crochet Group meets*

Mark Wednesday, May 25<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. 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.



## ***Moving toward the future***

Dear Zion Family,

It is an exciting time at Zion as we move forward in ministry with our newly called Senior Pastor Chris Hogstad, and as we prepare to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> year of Zion's worship and ministry together.

Sundays May 1, 8 and 15 we will be doing a study on the book of Acts and hearing Temple Talks as we look forward to A New Chapter in Zion's Ministry. The future is full of possibility as we transition to a new pastor and hopefully soon a new post-pandemic world. What is the Gospel calling us to today? What is important to us at Zion as a community of believers, what do we need from our ministry together, and what does our community need from us as faithful witnesses of Christ? Thoughtful and exciting times are ahead, and we need everyone's engagement.

On May 15, we will say goodbye to Pastor Mike, and thank him for his wonderful shepherding of us these past few months. Please plan to join us for a special coffee hour in Pastor Mike's honor.

On May 22, we anticipate welcoming Pastor Chris to his new call at Zion. Please plan to join us for his installation at Zion that day. There will also be a special reception for the Hogstad family after worship.

We thank God for the many blessings imparted upon this congregation over the past 125 years and into our future. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us as we serve out our call as the Body of Christ.

Peace of the risen Christ to you all,  
Leslee

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Installation Service  
for  
The Rev. Chris Hogstad

May 22, 2022  
10:00 am  
followed by a  
Welcoming Reception  
Please join us!



# FINANCIAL DIGEST

## MARCH

**BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE** 66,051.99  
**BUDGETARY EXPENSES** 63,190.22

### BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2022	16,062.64	66,051.99
2021	16,055.66	63,175.97

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON		# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date	
2022	252	400	7	57
2021				



#### 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](mailto:info@zionluthcamas.org). The website is [zionluthcamas.org](http://zionluthcamas.org).

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God's saving grace for all."***

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