



Zion Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church

June 2023

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

All are welcome!

Online worship on Sundays at 10:00 am on Facebook

Zion Lutheran Camas ELCA

824 NE 4th Avenue Camas, Washington

Pastor Christopher Hogstad

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SERVICE

COFFEE HOUR

Jun 4 Confirmation
Jun 11 Council
Jun 18
Jun 25 Hot Dog BBQ

ALTAR GUILD

Phil & Denise Brech
John & Linda Hansen

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Jun 4 Pam Ensley
Jun 11 Leslee Froehlich
Jun 18 Marilyn Anderson
Jun 25 Megan Hogstad

BASKET ASSISTANTS

Jun 4 Patti Gardner
Jun 11 Deanna Eichler
Jun 18 Janet Brooks
Jun 25 Taylor Hogstad

FLOWERS

Jun 4 Porter
Jun 11 Breitenbucher
Jun 18 Hogstad
Jun 25 Olsen

GREETERS

Jun 4 Karen Blair
Jun 11 Jerry & Carolyn Haralson
Jun 18 Jolene Myers
Jun 25 Adam Sitler

LECTORS

Jun 4 Lee Ellen Gilronan
Jun 11 Marilyn Anderson
Jun 18 Ursula Richards
Jun 25 Carol Van Natta



New members received

On May 21, Zion welcomed into fellowship these new members:

John & Karin Dietrich
3030 NW Lake Road
Camas WA 98607
412-334-4588 Karin
360-989-0047 John

Tom & Sandy Houseman
100 W Empress St
Washougal WA 98671
510-918-0362 Tom
925-826-7282 Sandy

Alan & Gwen Stoller
1130 NE 4th Ave
Camas WA 98607
360-833-3306

John & Julie West
4818 NW Highpoint Drive
Camas WA 98607
203-858-2103 Julie
203-249-4479 John



Prayer Chain

JOYS & CONCERNS:

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Jason Breitenbucher, Doug Danielson, Madlin Baltzell

What's Brewing?

Thursday, June 29

5:00 pm

Ashwood Taps & Trucks
1535 E St, Washougal
360-210-5421



Lite side

"If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into heaven?" I asked the children in my Sunday school class.

"NO!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into heaven?"

Again, the answer was "NO!"

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my wife, would that get me into heaven?"

Again, they all answered

Book Club meets

Our last meeting before our summer break will be on June 8 at 1PM in the Conference Room behind Pat's office. Denise Brech



will lead discussion on *The Quilter's Apprentice* by Jennifer Chiaverini. You will need to obtain your own copy of this book. All are welcome!

Summer book for September discussion: *The Last Green Valley* by Mark Sullivan.

Men's First Tuesday Breakfast

will meet on Tuesday, June 6 at 9:00 am at Smitty's.



All men of all ages are welcome to share fellowship and the current study!

"NO!"

"Well" I continued "then how can I get into heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!"



FLAG DAY JUNE 14



Grace and peace in the name of the one who will return as promised, Jesus the Christ!

Pentecost and Confirmation are simultaneously an ending and a beginning.

We end the Easter season of the resurrected Jesus among us. The formal instruction of faith that was publicly shared for a group of young people ended with confirmation. A beginning for all is going out into this world, finding how faith and life intersect in the everyday journey we share together. Many over the ages have taken the scene at Pentecost of the tongues of fire and speaking in various languages as the end all be all of faith; thinking if you cannot do those things, then what good are you to God and each other.

The focus of Pentecost is the speaking of God's deeds of power in a way that ALL could understand! What God has done is proclaimed in all the known languages present on that day. No one is left out or is separated from hearing what God has done. Today, as people of the Lutheran tradition, there is not usually the speaking in tongues to share God's deeds of power and majesty. We do so in and with our everyday lives, speaking in languages of word and deed to show what God does in, with, and through us.

No one is without gifts to show what God can do. We all are touched by the Holy Spirit to give life and breath to the powerful acts of God. Make no mistake, God has mighty acts to share in our midst. I see it in our young people and their questions and yearning to know God is still at work. I see those acts in the faithfulness to be present and serve in our elderly saints who have experienced so much and desire to share. I see mighty acts in all those who claim Jesus as Lord, going about lives that may seem unremarkable, until one takes a step back to realize how much God has acted in it.

There is also the realization that not all people and their gifts are recognized or honored within community. The human failing to see all as created in God's image is still held onto by many. Even those on that first Pentecost were thought to be drunk on new wine to explain away these gifts. Doing a loving thing always brings resistance to it. It is challenging to experience an act done out of love with no expectation behind it. We struggle with that; to be honest, I still do as well. This is what we are invited into: how best to use our gifts to show God's deeds of power amid those who dismiss or belittle the experience.

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God will show deeds of power and grace in this world. We are called to recognize and point them out when we see them. Continue to do so in your journey of faith.

Pastor Chris

Noisy Offering

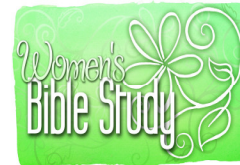
June 4th's Noisy Offering will go to the Interfaith Treasure House to help replace their stolen van. Bring your noisy coins or silent bills to make a difference in the world!

Circle Meeting

Promised Salvation Now—Jesus Brings Wellness

Of all the gospel writers, John is uniquely concerned about the effectiveness of Jesus' immediate presence. One clue is his regular use of the word "now," a tiny but powerful word which appears more here than the other gospels combined. Together, we'll note a few instances of the "Now," and delve into John's observations about the way John focuses not so much on the "hereafter," but more on sharing the difference that Jesus makes in people's lives, straight away.

Esther - Wednesday, June 14th 1:00 pm
Hostess - Ursula Richards 737 NE 277th Ave, Camas
360-834-3532



Emergency Contact Information

We are starting a voluntary program to keep emergency contact information at Zion. If anyone should experience a medical emergency at Zion, the emergency contact form will hold the name, phone number, and address of the person(s) you want to be notified. All members are encouraged to email, call, or stop by the church office to provide Pat with their emergency contact information.



Notice of proposed changes to Endowment Bylaws

The Endowment Committee has requested some changes to the bylaws as shown:

PLAN OF OPERATION

1. THE COMMITTEE

The COMMITTEE shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom shall be voting members of Zion Lutheran Church. Except as herein limited, the term of each member shall be three (3) years. Upon adoption of this resolution by the congregation, it shall elect five (5) members to the COMMITTEE: two (2) for a term of three (3) years; two (2) for a term of two (2) years and one (1) for a term of one (1) year. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. After lapse of one (1) year, former COMMITTEE members may be re-elected. A pastor of the congregation and the president of the Church Council shall be advisory members of the COMMITTEE. The congregation shall nominate and elect the COMMITTEE. In the event of a vacancy on the COMMITTEE, the Church Council shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the term is completed.

Proposed change: to strike the underlined and replace it with the following:

The congregation shall elect members on a staggered rotation over three consecutive years, 3 in one year, 2 members in a second year, and 0 members in the third year.

The COMMITTEE shall elect from its membership a chairperson, financial secretary and recording secretary, HEREIN KNOWN AS THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE. The chairperson, or member designated by the chairperson, shall preside at all COMMITTEE meetings.

Proposed change: inserts the capitalized words HEREIN KNOWN AS THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE to the existing paragraph.

The financial secretary shall maintain complete and accurate books of accounts for the FUND and shall sign checks and all necessary documents of behalf of the congregation in furtherance of the purposes of the FUND. The books shall be audited annually by an appropriate person(s) who is not a member of the COMMITTEE.

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Proposed change: to strike the underlined and replace it with the following new paragraph:

The Officers will be responsible for all necessary documents on behalf of the congregation in furtherance of the purposes of the FUND. Checks that disburse funds to successful applicants shall be signed by two of the Officers.

Notice of proposed change to Constitution

This has been suggested by the Synod to allow Zoom meetings of the congregation. It would form a new and final article in Chapter 10, followed by Chapter 11.

C10.08. This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication or its equivalent. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

The above changes have been approved by the Council and will be presented to the congregation for a vote at the Annual Meeting to be held June 11, 2023.

Changes to the constitution must:

C17.02.b. . . .be ratified without change at the next annual meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting; and have the effective date included in the resolution and noted in the constitution.

C17.03. Any amendments to this constitution shall be sent by the secretary of this congregation to the synod. The amendment shall become effective within 120 days from the date of the receipt of the notice by the synod unless the synod informs this congregation that the amendment is in conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or the constitution of the SW Washington Synod.

C16.02. Bylaws may be adopted or amended at any legally called meeting of this congregation with a quorum present by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting.



We headed home from the county fair that 1976 August evening tired but content, our 1970 Ford pickup with its little box camper moving steadily south on I-5. Sharla was snuggled on my lap asleep, as car seats were not readily available for infants then. Our voices, peacefully talking over the weekend which started with a day's camping at Mt. Hood and finishing with our fair visit, did not disturb her. When a sports car pulled up even with us in the lane to our left we thought nothing of it. Traffic on the freeway is so fluid with moment to moment changes. But this car did not zip ahead when a space cleared in front. Keeping pace with our right-lane steady speed, it moved alongside and held its position. We could see a man driving and a woman in the front passenger seat who kept her head down as if intent on something on her lap. Then she held up a paper bag sign to her window, glaring at us.

"Pull over" the sign read.

We were mystified. Neither of us could suggest a reason for this that made any sense. The people and the car were unknown to us. Then it occurred to me that the door on the box camper might have opened. That didn't account for the woman's expression or her word choice, but it was the only thing we could think of. So we eased onto the shoulder and parked. They pulled off in front of us, and now a dented fender was visible.

As the two slammed doors and stormed toward us, their anger billowed before them like a black fog. Both approached hurling accusations at us which were incomprehensible. I rolled down the window and looked blankly at the woman.

Maybe my expression triggered a doubt, because when I asked her what they wanted she had cooled down enough to state her case clearly. According to them, a witness had seen a red truck with camper pull out of a parking spot at a MinitMart along the freeway just past the fairgrounds, hit the fender of their car and drive off. Apparently a friend of theirs, he claimed he had memorized the plate number and would call them later.

The man was an off-duty Portland police officer and brushed off our protestations of innocence. He only became angrier at my calm explanations of our evening -- that we had pulled over when requested only because I thought the camper door might be unlatched. I said we had not stopped anywhere since leaving the fair and wanted to get

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the baby home to bed. When I asked to see his badge, he went to his car and brought it back, along with a pistol which he shoved in his belt.

Of course I was afraid. Why was this happening to us? I assured him that the plate number his friend would share would not match ours and he asserted it would, that he would get satisfaction for his precious car. He was convinced we were guilty beyond a shadow of a doubt, but I told him quietly that he would never see us again and we left. No shots rang out and we did not hear anything more about it. Possibly he had invented the whole story of friend and license plate, hoping to frighten us into confession.

Consequences fall on innocent people, sickness and pain attack the unsuspecting, weather hits everyone. Who knows why?

Still, through all our trials and troubles, I know God walks with us. Not to fix family problems, drop money in our pocket, cure illness, erase bitter memories -- but simply to be with us, sharing the lives of beloved children. We all belong in the kingdom that spans eternity -- we are all safe with God.

Patricia Hagensen



***Hot dog! It's a
Zion summer!
June 25, after
worship
Potluck BBQ
Signup Genius
coming soon
for sides, beverages
and helpers
Mark your calendar!***



June 11
11:15 am
in the Social Hall and on
Zoom
All active, confirmed
members please attend!
Your vote is important!

Sr. Fitness class!

Tell your friends and encourage them to try it out! Classes are twice weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30. Fifteen+ people will support the continuation of this twice-weekly, low-impact exercise group led by Sinéad Hale, certified instructor. An extra option of chair yoga at 9:30 before the Friday Fitness class is offered.

A donation of \$5 per session is needed to sustain the group. Wear close-toed shoes and comfortable clothes.



On June 4, four of Zion's youth will affirm their baptism in the Rite of Confirmation. You are invited to pray for them:

Andy Dominge
Austin Hogstad
Kennedy Nelson
Jake Rog

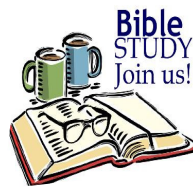
Congratulations and blessings!

Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning group will continue through June 22 with *Timeline of the Old*

Testament,

which begins at 10:00 am in the Conference Room. By requesting the link participants



may also join via Zoom. Pr. Chris is leading discussion and invites all to attend.



Women's Thursday group meets

The women's study group are currently discussing a study running through June 15 titled *When You Pray: A study of Six Prayers in the Bible*. The June 1 session takes place at 1:00 in the Conference Room, but the closing meeting will begin at 12:00 in the Social Hall.

Do you have trouble thinking of words when you pray? Do you reach the end of the day and realize you haven't prayed at all? This study looks at Biblical prayers that can inspire your own.

All are welcome! We look forward to sharing this study with you.
Caren Frank 360-901-7976 Pam Hankins 360-834-5335

FINANCIAL DIGEST

APRIL

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE	98,018.92
BUDGETARY EXPENSES	105,146.51

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2023	31,334.46	98,018.92
2022	31,789.10	97,841.09

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON		# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2023	560	1598	18
2022	440	840	11



Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Senior Pastor	Christopher Hogstad
Youth Minister	Pam Ensley
Music Staff:	Karen Rezabek, Gary Ritter
Digital Media Coordinator	Angelyka Cava
Nursery Attendant	Jorja Ladage
Sound Techs:	Max Malcom, Matt Sitler, Jorja Ladage
Custodian	Tye Cobb
Council Officers:	Pres. Adam Sitler, Vice Pres. Kelly Bruce Sec. Florence Faraone
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Hagensen

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