



Zion Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church

September 2022 Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Online worship on Sundays at 10:00 am on Facebook

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824 NE 4th Avenue Camas, Washington

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SERVICE

LECTORS

Sept 4 Deanna Eichler
Sept 11 Nancy Vargo
Sept 18 Judy Bahl
Sept 25 Jim Bibler

COFFEE HOUR

Sept 4 Jennifer Rhodes
Sept 11 Council
Sept 18
Sept 25

FLOWERS

Sept 4 Bunch
Sept 11 Straub
Sept 18 Phillips
Sept 25 Breitenbucher

ALTAR GUILD

Sue Danielson, Patti Gardner,
Ruth Ladage

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Sept 4 Megan Hogstad
Sept 11 Jean Dossett
Sept 18 Marilyn Anderson
Sept 25 Cheryl Sonju

BASKET ASSISTANTS

Sept 4 Kathryn Sitler
Sept 11 Jorja Ladage
Sept 18 Pam Ensley
Sept 25 Karen Blair

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:
Fourth Thursdays of the month – next date is **September 22nd** 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.

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.

For those reviewing the list online: If you wish to reserve a title, contact the church office at 360-834-4201 ext 200.



Prayer Chain

Scott Carroll, Judy Marshall, Billie;
for the family of Bernice Englund
on her loss August 7



As part of the Zion family, I would like to thank all of you that have agreed to serve on Council this year. You are the new heart beat to keep Zion alive. Thank you for all that you are doing.
Barb Breitenbucher

Hello, Zion Lutheran Church!

As the head coach of the Vancouver-based youth running and events organization, *Whisper Running*, I cannot thank you enough for allowing us the use of your parking lot for our July event. It made our event so much smoother and safer because we didn't have to park along side roads. Thanks to the many kind gestures of members of the community like yourself, our event was a wonderful success!

Sincerely,
Dave Caldwell
www.whisperrunning.com

Book Club starts a new chapter

Hello friends,

I hope everyone has been enjoying some summer fun activities! We will resume our book group



monthly meetings on Thursday, September 8, at 1 PM in the Conference Room behind Pat's office. Ursula Richards will lead discussion on *Facing the Mountain* by Daniel James Brown. Karen Gates will bring treats.

We will also choose books for the next few months. If you have a book you have enjoyed and would like to lead discussion on it, please share!

I look forward to seeing everyone!

Blessings,
Karen Gates

Calling all men!

The Men's Breakfast group will begin a study written by Craig R. Koester titled *Enter the Bible: Revelation* on Thursday, Sept. 15



at Smitty's, 8:00 am. Dr. Koester is the Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. Men, invite a friend!



Grace and peace in the name of the one to whom all will bow, Jesus the Christ!

One does not need to look long or hard to find how divisive society has become, especially in an election cycle. So much is spoken of how bad life is and how X candidate will fix it so “they” won’t have power over you anymore. Or that we need to return to “that time” when all seemed right with the world, universe, and everything in it. How much is spoken of how people can be brought together? How can we choose to honor our differences rather than exploit them?

Jesus in the Gospel of Luke states very openly, “For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.” (19:10). Jesus came to bring all people together under the cross. To seek out those who are lost and give them a new way of thinking, of being, is very important to Jesus. We, as the people of God, are in a unique place to know we are lost, along with the knowledge of which path to follow.

These past weeks, the readings during worship give us the opportunity to see and choose which path to follow. At times, we are good at knowing the path that gives us the abundant life Jesus speaks of; we also are good (or not so good) at choosing the path of division and scarcity to deny ourselves and others the life offered in Jesus. The warnings and thankfulness Jesus shares with those gathered with Him are shared with us as well to guide and give hope as we find our path. Our own journey echoes why Jesus shares these moments to those who follow Him and for those searching to know what we have found.

We here at Zion are in the beginnings of knowing who we are. As we gather in worship, in service, in fellowship, and in study, we will find out who we are. Sometimes we find out by our own choosing, and sometimes we find out by the grace of God. As this journey continues, we are to know that we are loved and welcomed on the path. Jesus goes out of His way to find those who are lost and remind others to welcome those whom we journey with. We are to welcome others as we have been welcomed, hopefully with love and grace.

One of the best ways we can show love and grace is to remember there is always room on the path for others. We are not to knowingly place barriers in the way so others cannot move. We are to open our hands and hearts to all God is doing to seek and to save the lost. We are those who are lost; we are those whom God has found.

Pastor Chris

Exercise at Zion!

A gentle exercise and balance class, Senior Fitness, is now offered at Zion on Fridays, 10:30-11:30 in the Social Hall. Health benefits include: improved social and mental well-being, balance and physical functioning, confidence in conducting daily activities, and a reduced risk of falling and sustaining associated injuries. These add up to maintaining independence and an improved quality of life.

The class is led by certified instructor Sinéad Hale and is open to adult men and women. A donation of \$5 per session/per person is necessary to maintain the classes.

Circle Meetings

Jesus and nature: Teachers of Faith
by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

Jesus often turned to the natural world in teaching, opening our eyes to see creation not just as something to be cared for, but as our teacher and kindred. It is no mistake that Jesus, who lovingly spoke of soil and plants, was thought to be a gardener that first Easter morning.

Session 1: *Trees* will tap into Biblical images of trees and explore why planting and protecting trees is important, while rooting us in models of interdependence and mutuality.

Martha - Thursday, September 15th 7:00 pm

Hostess - Jean Dossett, 26000 NE 12th St, Camas, 360-834-3481

Esther - Wednesday, September 14th 1:00 pm

Hostess - Barb Breitenbucher 5418 NW Jackson St, Camas, 360-833-2165

Knit & Crochet Group meets

Mark Wednesday, September 28 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.





Sept. 11th is Youth Rally Day! At 11:00 am right after church service, we will be doing a service project together building school kits for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome to help! Two youth meetings will follow the service project: 1) Confirmation class,

parents and Pastor Chris will gather in the Conference Room to talk about the confirmation year schedule, curriculum and events, and 2) all other youth and Pam will meet in Danielson Hall to discuss other schedules and events. Bring your best ideas and a friend!



Ushoha Muungano Primary school has only six teachers for 316 students. Their challenges are many. There is no safe and clean water access, they can't afford new infrastructure, the classrooms are poorly kept and have no desks or electricity. But because of the kindness of donors, they do have school supplies distributed through LWR School Kits.

Milly DeLesDernier began losing her ability to see in one eye about 5 years ago. Today, she is approaching complete blindness. But Milly's lack of vision doesn't mean a lack of service. In fact, of the 428 school kits completed this summer by her home congregation, Epiphany Lutheran Church in Richmond, Virginia, Milly sewed 385 of them. "It's a blessing when you have good eyesight," Milly said. "But there are other blessings, too."

Seven years ago, Epiphany's quilting group, Sew Blessed, suggested they could sew school bags for the kits contributed by their church to Lutheran World Relief each year. They had made quilts for decades so they thought it would be a great extension of their service. "I have children and great-grandchildren and I know personally how exciting getting school supplies was," Milly said. "To get a new pencil and new tablets, it's always a fun thing. I can imagine children living in other countries without access to places we have like Walmart. When we hear stories of their excitement at receiving the kits, it's very satisfying."

On the road again

Pat Hagensen is on vacation September 12-16. The office will be closed Monday, Thursday and Friday that week and open 9-12:00 Sept 13 & 14.



FINANCIAL DIGEST

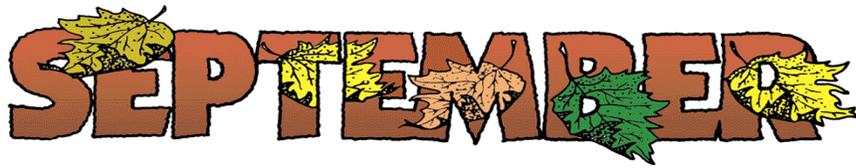
JULY

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE 157,862.33
BUDGETARY EXPENSES 168,033.59

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2022	20,817.74	157,862.33
2021	18,270.84	139,954.54

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON		# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date	
2022	406	1987	25	79
2021	148	441	17	26



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. Leslee Froehlich, Vice Pres. Adam Sitler Sec. Kelly Bruce
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Hagensen

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