



Zion Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church
November 2022 Worship Schedule
Sunday Worship 10:00 am

All are welcome!

125th Anniversary Potluck

November 20, 11:30 am

Online worship on Sundays at 10:00 am on Facebook
Zion Lutheran camas elca
824 NE 4th Avenue Camas, Washington
Pastor Christopher Hogstad
360-834-4201 office
Email: info@zionluthcamas.org

SERVICE

COFFEE HOUR

Nov 6 Hogstad Family
Nov 13 Mel & Karen Blair
Nov 20 Esther Circle
Nov 27

FLOWERS

Nov 6 Van Natta
Nov 13 D McDonald
Nov 20 Bibler
Nov 27 Vincent

ALTAR GUILD

Jean Dossett, Megan Hogstad,
Jolene Myers, John & Judy
Straub

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Nov 6 Patti Gardner
Nov 13 Cheryl Sonju
Nov 20 Jean Dossett
Nov 27 Pat Hagensen

GREETERS

Nov 6 Sherry Johnsen
Nov 13 Carol Phillips
Nov 20 Barbara West
Nov 27 Pat Hagensen

Highlighting Julia Child

Check out the new cookbook selection which includes several titles by the famous cook Julia Child! 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, like Lisa, loved to read cookbooks and cook.

Please write your name after each title you pick up -- this is for Eric.

BASKET ASSISTANTS

Nov 6 Jean Dossett
Nov 13 Janet Brooks
Nov 20 Taylor Hogstad
Nov 27 Dave Hagensen





Prayer Chain

Madlin Baltzell, Scott Carroll; for **Janice Murray and family** on the loss of **Stanley**; for new members received October 2: **Jerry & Carolyn Haralson; Duane & Sherry Johnsen; Jolene, Bryce and Jane Merry;** and **Jolene Myers.**

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.

Fall into a new book!

The book group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 1PM in the Conference Room behind Pat's office. Upcoming book selections:

November 10: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See.

This was available as a book kit from the library. You may sign out a copy from Pat at the church

office. Please return it to the November meeting.



December: no meeting

January 12, 2023: *Fly Girls* by Keith O'Brien. This is also available as a book club kit from the library and will be available to sign out at our November meeting.

All are welcome!

Calling all men!

The Men's Breakfast on Thursdays at 8:00 AM in Zion's Social Hall is now the Men's Bible & Brown Bag Breakfast.

Bring your own morning favorite! Coffee will be ready. All men of all ages are welcome to share fellowship and the current study of Revelation. Get your day off to a great start!



MEN'S BREAKFAST



Grace and peace in the name of God made flesh,
Jesus the Christ!

First, thank you so much for all the effort made in Pastor Appreciation on October 16. In my time in ministry, this was the first occasion that time was taken during a worship service for a prayer and blessing; it means a great deal to me that leadership did that on your behalf. Thank you for the words, blessing, and cards!

We come to the end of the church year in November, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Some may see this as a disconcerting time that the church would be out of sync with society to end the year "early". In many ways the church is called to be out of sync with society. We are to view the world in a different way; through a God-filled lens. A lens that honors all creation, hears those voices that are not heard by society and sees worth in all things.

In turning toward Advent and the coming of Jesus, how can that God-filled lens continue in us? By viewing not only each other but all of creation as worthy. Worthy of our care and attention. Are we to be all things to all people or situations? No, that is totally unrealistic. Are we to dismiss everything out of hand because it would take effort and energy that we do not wish to spend? No. A key is our desire to be faithful to what God is doing in, with, and through us. The challenge is that God doesn't make a habit of being very clear to us of how...

Jesus came to Israel not in the way many (if not nearly all) expected. Messiah was to come fully formed and ready to cast out the unfaithful and sweep aside Roman rule to usher in the new age NOW! Messiah was certainly not to come born as we are, growing to reach adulthood, and preach in the hinterlands to sinners and others outside the usual suspects. Yet, that is what God in Christ did; yes, it was unexpected, but needed for the redemption of all.

***Faithfulness is also knowing
what we cannot do***

Some needed to hear Jesus' words, others needed to witness Jesus' healing, some needed Jesus to be present with them. Jesus could do all or many of those things at once -- we cannot. Being faithful does mean we go out and do; faithfulness is also knowing what we cannot do and to trust that God has another way for a situation to be resolved. The hard part is realizing when to go out and do or when

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to do not as much as is I am thankful to be with you as we go and do, as we stand with each other, as we sit and contemplate. I believe Zion Lutheran is a place of faithfulness, with people who genuinely care about our God who works in, with, and through all of creation that is called good.

Pastor Chris



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 3: *Creatures* offers us an opportunity to observe and learn about God from birds, foxes, sheep, dogs and other animals, while considering habitat protection, food justice and the model of trust.

Martha - Thursday, November 17th 7:00 pm

Hostess - Marilyn Anderson, 1538 NE 3rd Place, Camas, 360-844-6155

Esther - Wednesday, November 9th 1:00 pm

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

Knit & Crochet Group meets

Mark Wednesday, November 30 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.



Amos - An Invitation to the Good Life

Women of Zion, please join us for a Bible study on the book of Amos by Jennifer Rothschild on Thursdays November 3 and 17 at 1:00 in the Conference Room. The cost of the book is \$25 and financial assistance is available. (Contact Pat or Caren).

Please sign up on sheet in Danielson Hall. We look forward to sharing this Bible Study with you.

Caren Frank 360-901-7976 Pam Hankins 360-834-5335

All Saints slideshow remembrance

All Saints Sunday is celebrated this year on November 6th. As part of Zion's 125th Anniversary Celebration there will be a slideshow during the All Saints Sunday service of dearly departed members of Zion. Photographs through the years are requested – from Zion's founding in 1897 through the present. All members are urged to gather and submit photos for the slideshow. A digital format is preferred. Email digital photographs to Leslee Froehlich at leslee.froehlich@yahoo.com. If digital photos are not available, please place photos in an envelope that is clearly labeled with the name of the person submitting them. Deliver the envelope to the church office. All photos need to be received prior to Thursday, November 3rd to ensure they are included in the slideshow. Photographs will be returned to the person who submitted them after they are scanned for the slideshow.

With affection and love we remember on All Saints Sunday, November 6, those saints who have gone before us :

**Wayne Stencel, Carrie Golladay,
Vicki Stone-Milligan, Bernice Englund, Greg Olsen,
Stanley Murray, Gilbert Lawrence**

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."



Our Church's Anniversary

Giving thanks for 125 years at Zion!

November 20, 2022

All are welcome! Please join us after 10am worship on Sunday, November 20th for a potluck meal in the Social Hall. We will gather at 11:30am as a congregation to give thanks for 125 years of worship, service, and fellowship at Zion Lutheran Church. We are privileged to carry on the legacy of previous generations as we do God's Work. Our Hands. in the Camas community.

Volunteers are needed to help with potluck dishes. A SignUpGenius link will be included with the *Zion Weekly* for members to sign-up to bring a dish.

If you're not comfortable using SignUpGenius, please call the church office if you'd like to participate. As we collectively journey through our lives of faith together, we hope all the members of our congregation will attend this event. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect as a family in Christ and share a meal and fellowship with one another. God's Peace.
Adam Sitler



Quilt Raffle



In celebration of the 125th Anniversary and the thousands of unique creations made by generations of Zion quilters, a quilt is being donated for raffle. Displayed in Danielson Hall Nov 13 and 20, tickets may be purchased on the 13th as well as the 20th, but must be present to win. The winner will be announced at the potluck. Proceeds will benefit the quilters for supplies.

125 years of history

Zion Lutheran Church of Camas, Washington was founded on May 9, 1897 by fourteen courageous German men who put their trust in God, and with their abiding faith and the help of Rev. J. J. Kern of Portland established a mission congregation. The original building was Gothic-revival style located at what is now 12th and Division, and was purchased from the Oregon Evangelical Church at the end of 1897 for \$325.00. This served as Zion's place of worship until 1938. The first organ, a melodeon crafted by Prince & Co. in Buffalo, New York was purchased in 1898 for \$58.00 with a down payment of \$10.00 and the balance paid off at \$5.00 per month. Another purchase that year was a communion plate and chalice for \$5.75.

In November of 1898 Pastor Schoenberg came to Zion as the first called pastor and served the church a year. His salary was \$100.00, plus a house, wood and food as conditions permitted. With his teaching, the first class of three young people was confirmed in 1899. That fall, Pr. Schoenberg resigned and Pr. C. Miller was called the same day. He served until 1901, resigned, and supply pastors Emil Meyer

and A. Hull served until Pr. Charles Boehner accepted a call in 1903. His tenure of thirteen years provided stability in leadership. His beginning annual salary was \$50.00, and Zion provided the first parsonage, bought for \$425.00.

Pr. Boehner resigned in 1916. Services were held every three weeks by alternate supply pastors Fred Lucas and William Krazberger, who traveled by boat to Camas. In 1919 Pr. Fred Lucas was extended a call to Zion.

The Ladies' Aid society was formed in 1916 and Mrs. Roffler was elected first president. The women of Zion Lutheran Church were given the right to vote in church affairs in 1919, but had been active participants regardless, as procedures on financial matters were questioned by Mrs. Roffler in a congregational meeting in 1917.

The first congregational minutes were recorded in English by Gus Lorenz and English replaced German as the language used at church services in 1925.

The Synod President requested in 1920 that Pr. Lucas accept a call from Centralia, so Prs. Berthold and Deck supplied Zion until the summer vacation of the seminary in Seattle, when

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Philip Rusert came to supply. He served as a licentiate of the Pacific Synod of the United Lutheran Church, was ordained on his 30th birthday in 1923 and continued to serve Zion. During his tenure, the entire interior of the church was renovated. When Pr. Rusert resigned in 1926, Pr. Deck again supplied Zion along with Pr. Andrew Engeset, who accepted the call in 1930 and served until 1936.

In 1936 Pr. Weitzenkamp was called and in his first 18 months 121 adult members joined Zion. A Sunday crowd became a very good problem, and the process of building the new church at its present location in Camas began. The property at Division still carried a small debt which the church women paid off, and plans went forward. Pr. Weitzenkamp was instrumental during the construction. His signature appears on nearly every receipt for payment approval of materials and labor. Another name that appears very frequently is Luther Cramer.

In keeping with its prior architectural heritage, the building was designed as an adaptation of sixteenth century Gothic style. The total cost for the lot and building construction was \$15,000. Construction was completed within 1 year and a loan received from the United Lutheran Church in America was repaid within 6 years; the mortgage burning ceremony was held in 1944. The church was dedicated March 19, 1939. A slogan for the congregation in the first years of occupation was "Debt free in '43!"

Some interesting figures in regard to the building:

- The basement cost \$140 to dig (it extended only to the end of the current nursery)
- Unskilled labor was .70 per hour; skilled .90 - \$1.12/hour
- Much labor and materials were donated
- The cornerstone cost \$30 and was a gift
- The furnace was the most expensive gift at \$395.00
- The white Italian marble cross was a gift, ordered at Schanen Marble Works on Macadam Street in Portland on November 16, 1938 for \$12.00
- Lumber was a large expense of the new church at approximately \$2600.00

A year later a small brick parsonage was added to the church.

Pr. Werner Jessen was installed October 19, 1941 (seven weeks before Pearl Harbor), coming from Medford, Oregon. The presiding pastor, John Sawyer, President of the Pacific Synod, apologized to the Zion congregation "When I submitted the name of Pr. Jessen to you two

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months ago, I told you he had one child. Here he is with three! How did I know the stork was going to make a two-point landing in Medford!"

Pr. Jessen served as Zion's pastor from 1941 - 1955. During that time Zion became independent and was no longer a mission church. The Camas paper mill was at full employment and helped the church grow in membership and financial strength. Zion grew rapidly during the 1940s and Sunday School growth led to the next expansion in the block. In September of 1948 the congregation voted to purchase the house and lot behind the church (3rd & Garfield) for \$10,000 for classroom space. A tentative plan to put a basement beneath the "Parish House" (as it was called) was changed in January of 1950 to extend the basement under the church instead. "This would give more room, now, for Sunday School, and in the future would provide the foundation for another story on it which would allow us to lengthen our present church, if we would need to." This project was completed with labor from the congregation by November the same year. It lengthened the basement from the end of the current nursery to the breezeway. The current choir room contained the church kitchen which extended into the fellowship area. The original restrooms were in the same plumbing space as the sink and water heater, on a landing off the steps which led up to the sanctuary.

Growth in the boom years continued, and in 1953 the Sunday School teachers sent representatives to the church Council that again conditions were overcrowded. The educational buildings of other churches were visited and the Council decided to propose the addition of a Building Fund budget line in the 1954 budget. At the congregational meeting in January of 1954, it was voted that the Council would plan a building campaign with the help of the Wells Organization. The amount pledged/raised that year was announced at the 1955 Annual Meeting - \$70,709.

The next month Pr. Jessen announced his resignation. The new pastor and Council could begin the building phase.

Pr. Russell Luke came in 1955 and served through 1960. It was during his tenure that building plans for Zion became a reality. Joe Gaines was elected Chair of the Building Committee in 1956, another lot was purchased next to the Parish House on 3rd Avenue, the House was demolished, and construction began in the spring of 1958.

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FINANCIAL DIGEST

SEPTEMBER

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE	201,002.17
BUDGETARY EXPENSES	225,154.12

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2022	16,894.88	201,002.17
2021	13,233.19	175,561.89

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON			# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2022	277	2590	33	78
2021	134	769	26	30



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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