



Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church

December 2019 Worship Schedule

Traditional 9:00

Contemporary 11:15

December 15, 22, 29 one service at 10:00 am

December 24 Christmas Eve 4:30, 7:00 & 11:00

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SERVICE

COFFEE HOUR

- Dec. 1 Hamley, Hesse
- Dec. 8 Ludwig
- Dec. 15 Program Party
- Dec. 22 Stanton
- Dec. 29 Recycled Christmas cookies

FLOWERS

- Dec. 1 Janet Brooks-Schmunk
- Dec. 8 Schaeffer
- Dec. 15 Ludwig
- Dec. 22 Sudol
- Dec. 24 Van Natta
- Dec. 29

LECTORS

- 9:00
- Dec. 1 Ursula Richards
- Dec. 8 Marilyn Anderson
- 10:00
- Dec. 15 Paul Dailey
- Dec. 22 Jennifer Ludwig
- Dec. 24 4:30 Mary Lynn Bartlett
- 7:00 Doug Danielson
- 11:00 Judy Straub
- 10:00
- Dec. 29 Jean Dossett
- 11:15
- Dec. 1 Norm Bembenek
- Dec. 8 Karen Rezabek

ALTAR GUILD

Marilyn Anderson, Amy McElhaney,
Ursula Richards

GREETERS

- 9:00
- Dec. 1 Ursula Richards
- Dec. 8 Barbara Vahsholtz
- 10:00
- Dec. 15 Barbara Breitenbucher

Dec. 22 Barbara Vahsholtz

Dec. 29 Bernice Englund
11:15

Dec. 1

Dec. 8 Janet Brooks-Schmunk

Noisy Offering Update

The Noisy Offering December 1st will support WHO (Winter Hospitality Overflow) the overnight shelters at St. Paul and St. Andrew.

Advent Wednesdays

Dec 4, 11, 18

6:00-7:00 PM Advent Soup

Suppers

7:00-7:30 PM Holden Evening

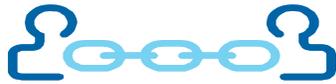
Prayer

7:30-8:00 Choir Rehearsal



Attention seniors!

The December S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meeting will be on Monday the 9th at 11:00 am at the 40 et 8 Community Room, 7607 NE 26th Ave, Vancouver. This is a joint east/west Holiday Senior Social! Call 360-397-2211 ext. 3380 for more information. Please call Nancy Vargo (833-4597) if you need transportation.



Prayer Chain

Janette Brandonburger, Dorothy & Tyler Schafte & family, Dean Eneboe, Carrie Russell, Derek Schafte, Dave & Joanne Valentine, Casey Steffens, Bev Chidester, Mary Lynn Bartlett; for **Peighton Julia LeeAnn Provinsal** on her baptism November 3 and her parents, **Megan Provinsal** and **Jordan Provinsal**, grandparents **Nicole & Marvin Newton**, and great-grandmother **Mary Lynn Bartlett;** for **Alaura Rose Williams** on her baptism November 17 and her parents **Todd & Tammi Williams;** for new members received November 17:



Jill Homme and children **Jasmine, Logan, Emily** and **Colin, Fred & Carol McDonald, Tim Stone, William & Judith Weiss,** and **Todd Williams.**



Preceding the Advent Services on Wednesdays 12/4, 12/11 and 12/18, Soup and Bread Suppers will be held in the Social Hall. Sign up sheets are on the Events Table for each Supper. Please sign up to bring your favorite soup(s) and join us for some delicious soup tasting and warm fellowship. All are invited.



Dear Friends of Zion,

Thank you for generously supporting our WHO Applebee pancake breakfast. Your \$330 in funds and donated tickets will go a long way to bringing hope to homeless individuals and families.

Sincerely,
The WHO Task Force Teams



Christmas with Jim Fischer & Friends

Benefit Concert for
Friends of the Carpenter
Saturday, December 1, 2019
3:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church
43000 Main Street, Vancouver
Freewill offering



Dear Zion Friends,

“We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road; We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.”

The Servant Song text: Richard Gillard

May we always be travelers together and servants together. Thank you for sharing this ministry and encouraging me during these twenty wonderful years. While this phase of active service as your pastor is concluding, I promise to be in prayer with you and as a member of this community to continue walking with you as the family of grace.

Thank you for the incredible retirement celebration. The Christ the King Sunday worship was a memorable festival with extraordinary music and participation by a host of the gathered Zion community and more. It was an exhilarating day to see so many who have been a part of this journey together.

The “Roast” was actually very gentle and affirming – Thank You! Hannelore and I were so blessed by the presence of Pastors Susan, Bree, Joe, and Rebecca. The program and buffet were a festive celebration of our ministry together and I want to thank Madlin and the entire planning committee. Thank you all for the kind words, cards, pictures and remembrances, and, of course, the gifts. You must think I like to read and drink coffee! Other gifts will keep me active from shooting hoops to chasing a golf ball. To top it all off, the very generous cash gift from the congregation will be a wonderful way to begin the new journey of retirement.

Special thanks need to go to the Zion staff for all they did and shared for us. Patricia for coordinating so many of the details, Sandra for the Memory Book, Pam for the decorating of the Social Hall, Pastor Susan for all the worship support, Gary for the special music and retirement songs, Nora and Tye for the reception, and so much more... We are also indebted to Mike and Ruth, and Matt and Tiffany Ladage for all the work on pictures and video.

It has been a blessing and a privilege to be your pastor and I will ever be thankful to you and to God!

Peace,

From Hannelore

Dear, dear Zion Family,

I am a blessed woman for having been part of your lives for 20 years. Thank you for embracing and supporting Tom and me, and our family! I am humbled by your send-off party, cards, words, hugs and generous gifts. It has been a privilege to be your pastor's wife. Thank you for including and inviting us into your lives. God keep you safe.

Love in Christ,
Hannelore

A note from Pastor Susan about care

I know that this time of transition will be difficult for many of you. I am available to talk to you or to just listen. Please call the church office phone 360-834-4201 x203 or text me at 503-548-7997 and we can set up a time to meet. I am holding you all in prayer as we transition forward.



***Time to plant
the
poinsettia
garden!***

A beautiful Christmas tradition at Zion is the Poinsettia Garden. The congregation has the opportunity to provide the plants in memory or honor of someone, or just to add to the garden. A flyer printed with the names is inserted in the Christmas Eve service bulletins. After the December 24 services, the plants may be taken home or left to be taken to shut-ins.

If you wish to order a poinsettia, please put your name and check/cash (\$12 -- checks made out to Zion Lutheran Church) in an envelope labeled

"Poinsettia" and place it in the offering, mail it to the church office, or

drop it off there by Tuesday, December 17. Please note, you may still purchase your own poinsettia and bring it to the church by 10:00 am December 23. You will still complete the poinsettia form from a December 8 or 15 bulletin. If you intend to take it home after Christmas, please mark it with your name. If you purchase your plant through the Altar Guild and wish to keep it, please take one that does not have a name on it.





***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday
and today and forever.***

Hebrews 13:8

Today I write a grateful thank you for your vote of confidence to serve as your Associate Pastor. One of the things that I have witnessed over the past year and a half is that this is a congregation that cares; you care for each other and you care about Zion. It's an honor to serve at such a special parish.

I know that this is a trying time for all of you. We will all miss Pastor Tom and Hannelore very much. Yet we also celebrate with them and give God thanks and praise for their time here and for the amazing ministry that has occurred over the last twenty years. Please keep them in your prayers as they transition to a new and exciting phase in their lives. Please also keep the entire congregation of Zion in your prayers as we move into a new era.

Pastor Tom has preached about being in the meantime, and also about the day after a loss or retirement. There is always a day after. Sometimes we spend that day after in shock and sometimes in sadness and sometimes in denial. In whatever way you spend these days after, I am offering a listening ear and a shoulder to lean on. I am here for you.

Some things will look familiar, and some might feel different, but the community of Zion will be okay.

The reality is that we all have work to do, so we need to stand with each other, motivating one another, and to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we continue our good work in the world.

We start December off with serving at the WHO, just like last year, and continue with Wednesday nights of Advent that will be filled with the warmth of the seasonal soup suppers and the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer. And just like every year, the blessed birth of the Messiah enters into our season, reminding us that the joy of Christmas is here and the day after, just like the day before, is filled with knowing Jesus Christ. While the now-time might hurt or feel confusing, the Christ-baby still is born.

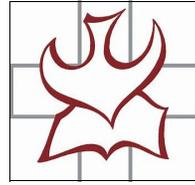
So let us journey together into the new era of Zion. Be comforted by knowing that it is about Jesus, just like it was yesterday and just like it will be today. And tomorrow's work is the same as

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yesterday's work: to share the
Good News about Jesus with the
world, and to serve our
neighbors with grace.

You will be okay.

With prayers and kindness,
Pastor Susan



Rite of Ordination

Susan Ann Dollinger

Sunday, December 15th
3:00 pm

Messiah Lutheran Church
905 NW 94th St
Vancouver, WA

All are welcome!

Red is the color of the day.



Women's Advent Breakfast

Saturday, December 14, 2019

9:00 AM

Orchard Hills Country Club,
Washougal

Called by God

Susan Dollinger, Guest Speaker

Amy McElhaney, Devotions

\$20.00 Tickets on sale through December 10

Camas High School Select Choir

Quiche, Fruit cup, Ham, Coffee/Tea

White Envelope Charity Gift



Women's Retreat!

Canby Grove

Riverfront Lodge at the Canby Grove
Retreat Center

February 28th - March 1st

Room rates from \$170-\$196

Our guest speaker will be Assistant Pastor Susan Dollinger

She will lead us on Saturday as we

Grow through our season of change

Pick up a registration form in Danielson Hall

\$40 deposit due by December 29th -- balance due
before February 10th

Any questions contact Sandra Meeker or Caren Frank

360-901-2446 Sandra or email simeeker@zionluthcamas.org

Caren- 360-901-7976 or email carenfrank@comcast.net

Advent & Christmas Schedule

Sundays December 1 & 8 - Services 9 & 11:15
Sunday December 15 - Service 9:00 only
Youth Program

Sundays December 22 & 29 - Service at 10:00
Advent Soup Supper

Wednesdays December 4, 11, 18
6:00 Soup followed by 7:00 Service

Christmas Eve
4:30 & 7:00 - Carols & Candles
11:00 - Carols, Candles & Communion

Zion celebrates children in church

We are so fortunate to have people of all ages grace our sanctuary. Each person brings a gift to the Zion community making up a small representation of the body of Christ. Children are a part of that body and a part of our community. Children bring God closer by seeing the Lord through eyes of awe and wonder. Sometimes that love of life comes forth during times when we think there should be silence, or when we think it should be serious. That is a great time to remember that Jesus wanted the children near. Children also learn from adults. When they see adults worship in church they will learn also how to worship in church. As they grow up in church the sights and sounds and eventually how to act in church will be familiar to them and we hope will become precious to them in the future. Welcome the little children as Jesus welcomed them, enjoy their smiles and giggles and joy, and love them through their tears and trials. Please show your support by encouraging the parents and caregivers as well the children with words of welcome and kindness.

Exercise at Zion!

A gentle exercise and balance class, Keep Fit, is offered three times weekly at Zion on Mondays 1-2pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30-11:30 in the Social Hall.

Friday classes include exercises



from Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance. 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.

Yoga is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Social Hall. Low impact stretching and breathing techniques are emphasized. Bring a mat.

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

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Dec. 1 High school youth and parents meet to discuss the **Western States Youth Gathering (WSYG)** trip. 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Trip date is June 25-29, 2020.

Dec 6 Zion Christmas Caroling for Downtown Camas 1st Friday Christmas Tree Lighting. Meet at Zion at 6:00 pm. **ALL ARE INVITED!**



Joy to the World!



Dec 8 Hanging of the Greens - join us at 12:30 pm to help decorate the trees in sanctuary, Social Hall and Danielson Hall

Youth Christmas Program Dec 15
Calling all children and youth!

Please see Pam Ensley or Pastor Susan about participating. We are looking for musical talents (let us know what instrument you play and what Christmas piece you would like to play in the program), narrators, and younger children who would like to wear a costume.



Program practice Dec 14 at 10:30 -12:30 Bring your instruments!

Dec 15, 10:00 am ONE SERVICE ONLY - Youth and family will provide the Christmas coffee hour following with special treats for the kids.



December 15 - Giving Tree Christmas gifts due back to Zion! They will be delivered to the Treasure House Dec. 16th. Tags for the children's gift requests are posted on the office window.

Preliminary commitments to Pam for this year's **Holden Village** trip July 19-25, 2020 are due! We are teaming up with Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Vancouver.

FINANCIAL DIGEST

OCTOBER

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE	234,066.12
BUDGETARY EXPENSES	259,915.11

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2019	27,470.44	234,066.12
2018	23,622.04	237,410.21

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON			# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2019	547	5959	43	139
2018	557	5892	43	137



Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Associate Pastor	Susan Dollinger
Youth Minister	Pam Ensley
Office Assistant	Sandra Meeker
Music Staff:	Karen Rezabek, Gary Ritter, Joan Vincent
Nursery Attendants	Emily McElhaney, Naomi Meeker, Alexa Gaudio, Brooke Gaudio
Sound Techs:	Andrew McElhaney, Nolan Purkerson, Reid Frank, Max Malcom
Custodian	Tye Cobb
Council Officers:	Pres. Madlin Baltzell
	Vice Pres. Leslee Froehlich, Sec. Laura Greulich
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Hagensen

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