



# ***Zion Messenger***

**Zion Lutheran Church**

## **May 2021 Worship Schedule**

**Sunday live 10:00 am on Facebook**

**Sign up for in-person worship on Sundays at 10:00 am**

**Links posted to website and emailed**

**824 NE 4th Avenue Camas, Washington**

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**Community Yoga**

For Zoom yoga, call Sinéad Hale at 503-927-8428

**Confirmation Schedule**

May 2, 16, 23 at 6:30 pm

**Bible Narration**

May 6, 13, 27 at 3:30 pm

**Godly Play**

May 2, 9, 16, 23



**SAVE THE DATES!**

July 12-15  
Details to be determined

**ZION YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE**

May 21-22  
May 21 12-4:00  
Zion & friends  
May 22 9-4:00  
Everyone!

**Youth service project coming!**

On Sunday, May 2, 5-6:30 pm high school kids and parents will meet at Zion to assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will work outside under the church overhang roof, maintain safe spacing, wear masks, and still have time to visit and catch up.



**Spring Outdoor Clean-up Day**  
**May 1, 9:00 am**

Let's care for our church gardens and put our best foot forward to the Camas-Washougal community! Bring your gloves and weeding tools!



## *Prayer Chain*

**Ruth Hansen, Doug Moore;** for the family of **Lisa Malcom** on her loss April 14; for **Barbara Breitenbucher** and sister **Ruth Hockenbery** on the loss of **Ruth's** husband, **Gene**, April 9; for the family of **Joanne Meyer** on her loss April 18

## ***New Bible Study on John***

The Thursday morning Bible Study on the Book of John will begin at 10:00 am on Zoom.

Homework assignments -- read these chapters of John for:  
May 6: 6-8  
May 13: 9-10  
May 20: 11-13  
May 27: 14-16  
June 1: 17-21

## ***Worship in-person at Zion!***

If you're ready to attend worship again at the church, look for the sign-up link emailed on Tuesday or Wednesday each week. You'll see fifteen "pods" (which are spaced as required in the sanctuary) that will seat up to four people.

Please call the church office if help is needed getting signed up.

## **May Zoom Meetings**

<b>Staff Meeting</b>	10:00
Wed 12	
<b>Confirmation</b>	6:30- 7:30
Sun 2, 16, 23	
<b>Book Club</b>	1:00
Thurs 13	
<b>Bible Study</b>	10:00
Thurs 6, 13, 20, 27	
<b>Council</b>	4:00
Tues 18	
<b>What's Brewing?</b>	5:30
Tues 25	
<b>Men's Study Group</b>	7:30
Thurs 6, 13, 20, 27	
<b>Narration</b>	3:30
Thurs 6, 13, 27	
<b>Community Yoga</b>	8:30
Tues 4, 11, 18, 25 and	
Thurs 6, 13, 20, 27	

## ***Remember Zion's Endowment Fund***

There are many options through lifetime giving arrangements that may benefit you, your family, and Zion. Lifetime giving complements your estate planning and often improves your current financial and tax situation. Consider a planned gift of kindness to Zion! For more information call a member of the Endowment Team:

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Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"<sup>31</sup> He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Acts 8:29-31

These verses come from the story of the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:26-40, and hold deep meaning for me personally. As a child, I was given a Bible. However, there was no guidance in reading it. As an avid reader, I often tried to pick it up and read through parts. I had a seed of faith, but it had no place to root. This seed was enough to give me a curiosity about God that I wanted to find out more.

Teenage years brought me into neighbors' churches, and college years got me to try churches on my own. It wasn't until I was a young mother and had long since joined a church that a person offered to help me read the Bible. The conversation still brings tears to my eyes. I don't even remember her name, yet I still cry when I think of what that offer did. It set a fire to my heart, and it unleashed a thirst and hunger for God.

I started in my first Bible study after that, and through some crazy twists and turns in faith, I learned the road didn't end after reading the Bible. It kept going and going.

I am grateful to tears that there was a person, a stranger really, who wanted to help me read the Word of God.

Zion offers a Bible study and a Bible narration (an overview of the Bible). However, if you desire time to talk about the scriptures or if you have questions about how to read the Bible, or any parts of it, or would like to go deeper, I would love to guide you in any way I can. The seed of faith can lie dormant for a long time, or it can grow roots through nourishment and encouragement. This offer to help read the Bible came from an unknown person, a stranger. I will name her "the good soil". Her offer gave space for a tiny seed of faith to root and grow.

Here are some ideas to encourage others in their faith. Offer to read a book of the Bible with someone. Gift a Bible to someone with a note of your favorite passages and why they mean something to you. Teach someone to pray the Lord's Prayer. Join a Bible study with someone. Offer to be a prayer partner.

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Our faith in Jesus is very important. When it isn't nourished, we can feel the emptiness inside. The seed of faith is there, but without attention it may not be as healthy as it could be; it may lie dormant. For me, all it took was one small offer of help to make that little seed of faith bloom.

Who can you encourage this month? What seed can you plant? Where can you be good soil?



May 31

## Book Club meets

A huge thank you to Pat Edwards for leading us in the discussion of *The Island of the Sea Women*. It was a wonderful book.

Below you will find a list of the books we have to finish the season. If anyone would like us to order one for you please let us know.



**May 13th:** *The Murmur of Bees* by Sofia Segovia discussion to be led by Linda Hansen.

**June 10th:** *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg; this month we will all come with thoughts we want to discuss about the book.

**Summer Book:** *Deep River* by Karl Marinates

As for now we will be meeting via Zoom in May, (Thursday the 13th at 1:00 pm) but can re-evaluate as the church opens up.

If you'd like to join the group just call the church office for the link.

Blessings,  
Sandra Meeker and Karen Gates



From the church office I can observe the homecoming of the two boys from school to the house across the street. The older parks his car along the church sidewalk. Their mom opens the front door and her arms to welcome them; their Labrador rushes out in an ecstatic frenzy and whirls around the yard, screaming his delight. Sometimes he tears back inside for a toy. Remarkably, he doesn't run into the street but circles the small patch of grass

like a Derby racer.

I love this ritual. Seeing that mom and her sons recalls for me a dear memory from my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Dave and I had planned a simple Saturday trip to Long Beach: a walk on the boardwalk, perhaps a bike ride, a visit to any little shop I fancied (including the Cottage Bakery as a necessity) and a special birthday lunch at Dooger's. The sun shone in a clear sky.

I was a little surprised at Dave's suggestion that we do our bike ride at Ft. Steven's State Park, because that meant a 20-30 minute drive to reach the Peter Iredale shipwreck beach access, but two trails are accessible from there and the parking is free. He also said we could have lunch at the Dooger's in Warrenton, close to the park. I was a trifle disappointed not to enjoy the large tropical fish tank at the Long Beach Dooger's, and peered closely at the long windows as we approached the restaurant door, hoping to see a similar tank. The sun made mirrors of the windows and I only saw myself.

I wish I could have seen all the little hands waving and joyful faces beaming, and their parents hiding behind menus and trying to appear nonchalant, but I didn't. I saw nothing to alert me entering the restaurant that this was a memorable birthday, and then in the dining room I saw three long tables placed together next to the windows, and all my children and grandchildren calling "Happy birthday!"

Surprise left me speechless for a moment. Dave was congratulated for keeping the secret. Shelley described how she had nearly been seen by us at the Cottage Bakery, where she had ordered birthday desserts. Sarah said the children had been warned to keep their heads down when we were seen approaching, but of course this had the opposite effect.

We had a wonderful lunch and playtime on the beach, seventeen people sharing a family bond, the sun and the ocean. Wandering between the sand bucket crowd and groups of adults, I thought how similar this might be to our first experience of eternity, and thanked God with a full heart.

Patricia Hagensen

# FINANCIAL DIGEST

## MARCH

<b>BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE</b>	63,175.97
<b>BUDGETARY EXPENSES</b>	59,719.10

### BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2021	16,055.66	63,175.97
2020	19,068.77	85,874.54

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON		# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2021		13	
2020	264 1417	12	142



#### 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
Nursery Attendants	Emily McElhaney, Alexa Gaudio, Brooke Gaudio, Christina McElhaney
Sound Techs:	Reid Frank, Max Malcom
Custodian	Tye Cobb
Council Officers:	Pres. Leslee Froehlich, Vice Pres. Adam Sitler Sec. Kelly Bruce
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Hagensen

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