



**Zion Lutheran Church  
January 2019 Worship Schedule**

**Traditional 9:00**

**Contemporary 11:15**

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

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## **SERVICE**

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Jan. 5

Jan. 12

Jan. 19

Jan. 26

### **FLOWERS**

Jan. 5 Danielson

Jan. 12

Jan. 19

Jan. 26 Moore

### **LECTORS**

9:00

Jan. 5 Ron McKnight

Jan. 12 LaDene Mattson

Jan. 19 Paul Dailey

Jan. 26 Pat Hagensen

11:15

Jan. 5 Karen Rezabek

Jan. 12 Judy Bahl

Jan. 19 Judy Straub

Jan. 26

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Jean Dossett, John Straub, Judy Straub

### **GREETERS**

9:00

Jan. 5 Connie Alexander

Jan. 12 LaDene Mattson

Jan. 19 Ursula Richards

Jan. 26 Pat Hagensen

11:15

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## Noisy Offering Update

The Noisy Offering January 5<sup>th</sup> will support Lutheran World Relief work in the fire disaster areas of California. Your noisy coins (and silent bills) make a difference in life for others!

## **CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL MEETING**

January 26

10:15 am

in the Social Hall

All active, confirmed members

please attend! Your vote is

important!



## **Attention seniors!**

The January S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meeting will be on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Camas Police Department. The topic is *Brain Health/Dementia*. Call 360-397-2211 ext. 3380 for more information. Please call Nancy Vargo (833-4597) if you need transportation.

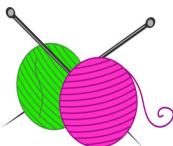


## Prayer Chain

Lisa Bleak; for the family of Archie Rodgers on his loss December 24.

## Knit & Crochet

Knit and crochet will meet on January 29 at 1:30 pm. We invite all who wish to learn to knit or crochet. We knit and crochet hats (which go to the Children's Home Society in Washougal). We also will be knitting and crocheting prayer shawls that are given to anyone in need of one. Any questions, call Karen Blair 360-835-3704.



## What's Brewing?

Tuesday, January 28  
7:00 pm  
Doomsday Brewing  
421 C Street Ste. 3,  
Washougal 360-335-9909



Altar Guild Members:  
Zion Council gives  
thanks and praise to each of you --



Marilyn Anderson, Mary Lynn Bartlett, Karen Blair, Denise Brech, Phil Brech, Sue Danielson, Jean Dossett, Patti Gardner, Rae Gessford, Nadia Hagen, Marian Koppang, Ruth Ladage, Jennifer Ludwig, Amy McElhaney, Carol Phillips, Ursula Richards, Vicki Stone-Milligan, John Straub, Judy Straub, Barbara West for your tremendous care in keeping our worship services supplied with all the needs of the Zion. Communion, baptisms and other special events run smoothly because of you! Thank you so much for the time you give to Zion.  
Blessings,  
Zion Council

## This month:

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Council /Calendar - insert  
Worship Schedule  
Traditional 9:00  
Contemporary 11:15





*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth,  
do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the  
wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

*Isaiah 43:19*

Happy New Year! Happy New Decade! Happy 2020!

It's been a month of new things here at Zion as we transition pastors. It has also been a month of old and wonderful things. There was a wonderful Christmas program with 31 children and youth, many with musical talents to share. How wonderful to hear them share the message of the Christmas story. The sanctuary,

Danielson Hall, and the Social Hall were decorated beautifully with special trees from Denise and Phil Brech (thank you!). And now we are moving into a new year, a new decade. Many people make goals at the beginning of the year. I wonder, does facing a new decade change the way you will make goals? Should it? I hope that any goals that you make will also bring purpose, as well as joy and happiness to your life. During this interim year, the community of Zion will also be making goals and envisioning our future as the next era of Zion begins.

I hope that your holidays were filled with joy, warmth and family. Yet, I know that some of you have had a very tough Christmas season with deaths of loved ones or memories of those missed. The holidays can be very trying and tough. And as the grey rain pounds our windowpanes this year, know that spring is just around the corner. So very soon the hints of our first flowers will come forth and grace our vision. The daffodils will poke out their green leaves to say hello. Not yet, but soon. It happens every year. Hang in there. Spring is around the corner.

I pray that this new year resets you and refreshes you. I pray that your goals are accomplished and that in this year, you find the new things that come from old like the love, joy and the peace of Jesus which surpasses all understanding. As we turn the pages of our calendars, we question how we live into this new year, as individuals, and also as a community in Christ. Who do we hope to see? Where would we like to visit? What goals will lead us to the future? May God bless you this new year. May you feel peace and know God will wrap you and all your plans in love.

**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.

**How to reach Pastor Susan:**

Church: 360-834-4201 x203

or text/call 503-548-7997

[zionsusand@yahoo.com](mailto:zionsusand@yahoo.com)

**Thank you to WHO volunteers!**

Our sincere appreciation to the many who brought food, supplies and clothing, gave financial assistance, or worked a shift or shifts at the Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) Shelter:

Adam & Kealey Sitler, Frank Farrington, Ron McKnight, John Straub, Ken & LaDene Mattson, Fred McDonald, Vicki Stone-Milligan, Sarah Stone, Phil & Denise Brech, Bob Hagen, Dave Hagensen, Joe Keller, Brian Stanton, Robert & Pam Ensley, John & Linda Hansen, Mike Butler, Pr. Susan Dollinger, Patrick Murphy, John Butler, Leslee Froehlich, Deanna Eichler.



**Circle Meetings**

This winter, the Bible Study from *Gather* will explore stories from both the Old and New Testament. As we reflect on how our biblical forebears heard and responded to God's call, we will gain insight into how God is calling us—and how God may be calling others through us. The first session, *Hearing God's Call*, focuses on men and women in the Old Testament. Please call the Circle leaders for more details and a warm welcome:

Dorcas -- Judy Bahl - 360-433-2661

Esther -- Bernice Englund - 360-834-2578

Martha -- Marilyn Anderson - 360-844-6155

Dorcas - Tuesday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am in the church library

Esther - Wednesday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

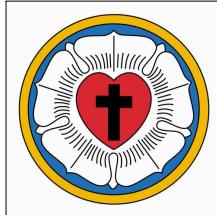
Hostess - Ursula Richards, 737 NE 277<sup>th</sup> Ave, Camas, 360-834-3532

Martha - Thursday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

Hostess - Vicki Stone-Milligan, 908 5<sup>th</sup> St, Washougal, 360-835-2973

## ***Confirmation begins January 12, 2020***

Welcome back Confirmation and Godly Play children and youth. We are all looking forward to sharing Jesus through our Sunday education programs. Confirmation will be adding in sermon notes and service projects this year. We will be training the confirmation students to be acolytes and will have other familiar service projects like helping with the health kits and serving a

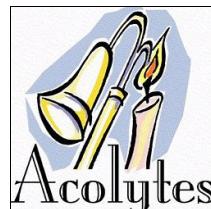


food shelter. This year we will engage in the Small Catechism, which is an essential part of the Lutheran faith. Parents: we hope that you will also read the Small Catechism with your students to learn with them and encourage their growth in faith. There is a free app for your phone available as well. Booklets will be passed out on the first day of confirmation on January 12. Please bring yours with you each time along with your Bible.



### ***Junior Communion and worship assistants wanted***

Calling those in 3rd grade through adult who want to help during communion by holding the basket and collecting the communion cups -- please let Pastor Susan or Pam Ensley know! We have many children who have expressed interest, so we will be starting to schedule the children for fairness. We also need junior instrument hander-outers and collectors in the 11:15 service.



### ***Calling youth and adults!***

The confirmation class will be learning to serve as acolytes in January as part of their confirmation service to the church. If others would like to join in on that (6th grade through adults) training, please let Pastor Susan or Pam Ensley know so that we can include you in the training and scheduling. Remember, we need people for both the 9:00 and 11:15 services.

## Bible Study starts up

### January 9

We are in Year A, which is the Gospel of Matthew and our theme for the first Bible Study this year.

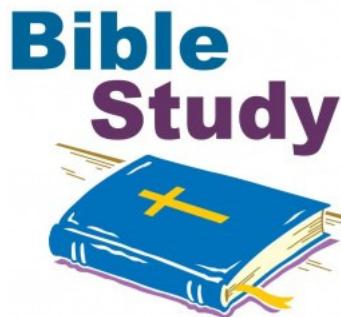
This will be a layered Bible Study:

**Layer one** – Show up. Come as you are. There will be materials available to participate in the study each Thursday.

**Layer Two** – Go deeper by reading the book of Matthew. The study will provide a schedule of chapters to read each week. Matthew is 28 chapters long. This study will take twelve weeks. Mostly that means about two chapters of reading a week and a few weeks of reading three chapters.

**Layer Three** – Do light homework (guided questions) and journaling to go deeper into the Gospel of Matthew. Add to the discussions by sharing your discoveries.

All are welcome Thursdays at 10:00 am! Invite a friend. I look forward to learning with you and reading the book of Matthew together.



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Western States Youth Gathering - June 25-29<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Zion high school parents, youth and friends -- please continue to consider this trip to California Lutheran University for the youth of our Western ELCA congregations.

Preliminary commitments for this year's **Holden Village** trip July 19-25, 2020 are due! We are teaming up with Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Vancouver. Contact Pam Ensley for more information at 503-781-7978.





## **Women's Retreat!**

Canby Grove

Riverfront Lodge at the Canby Grove  
Retreat Center

February 28<sup>th</sup>- March 1<sup>st</sup>

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 January 3<sup>rd</sup> -- balance due  
before February 10<sup>th</sup>

Any questions contact Sandra Meeker or Caren Frank  
360-901-2446 Sandra or email [sjmeeker@zionluthcamas.org](mailto:sjmeeker@zionluthcamas.org)  
Caren- 360-901-7976 or email [carenfrank@comcast.net](mailto:carenfrank@comcast.net)

### **GODLY PLAY JANUARY SCHEDULE**

January 12 Storyteller: Denise Brech                          Doorkeeper: Pam Ensley  
January 19 Storyteller: Pam Ensley                          Doorkeeper: Kay Schaal  
January 26 Storyteller: Sinéad Hale                          Doorkeepers: Emily and Christiana McElhaney

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

Think about making a planned gift of kindness during your lifetime. 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 Zion's Endowment Fund team:

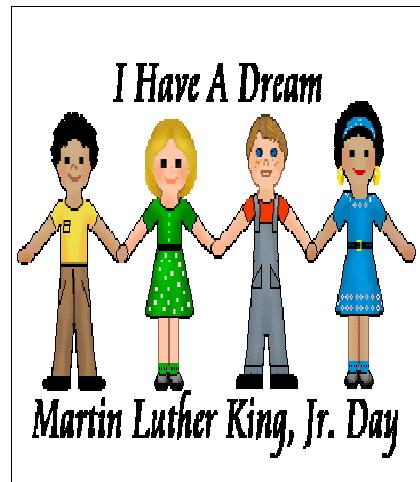
Leslee Froehlich 512-925-0391                          Bill Danielson 892-9492

Madlin Baltzell 513-3159                          Phil Brech 834-5182

Ron McKnight 834-4984

## **Book Club meets**

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room to discuss *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Eleanor Oliphant is an office worker with a solitary life in present-day Glasgow, Scotland. She spends her free time doing crosswords, listening to the radio, drinking vodka, and reading classic literature. She does not socialize with anyone, and her only family is a spiteful mother who calls from prison once a week. One night, while attending a concert, a singer named Johnnie Lomond catches Eleanor's eye. Comments on the book will be led by Sandra Meeker and treats provided by Caren Frank.



**January 20, 2020**

## **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.



### Season of Epiphany

During January, we celebrate two important dates. The first is Epiphany, which is always January 6<sup>th</sup> (Zion will celebrate it on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>).

Epiphany is a festival that celebrates the coming of the Magi, or the wise men, to baby Jesus and brings him presents of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. According to Merriam-Webster.com, “Epiphany is a sudden manifestation, and *illuminating* discovery, realization, or disclosure”. It is also the “twelfth day” of Christmas, which ends the season of Christmas and begins the season of Epiphany. The season of Epiphany ends with the Transfiguration of Jesus. Magi were astrologers and also astronomers. In other words, they understood the stars in the sky and their meanings. They were educated and probably very wealthy. The Magi would have also known all about the prophecies of a Jewish Savior, the Messiah.

King Herod was afraid of a new king born in the region as he believed that this baby king was there to take his power away. He was fearful and took immediate action. King Herod at this point had already murdered most of his family, so it was not out of character for Herod to respond with anger when he found that the Magi tricked him and did not disclose the location of the baby king. Thus, Herod gave orders to murder every child (girls and boys) that were two years old and under in the region.

The season of Epiphany is bookended by light. The light of a new star shining brings forth curious astronomers who “get it”. They make the “illuminating” discovery of Jesus’ location AND have full understanding that God is doing something amazing. They also become heroes as they do not return to Herod. The Season of Epiphany ends with the Transfiguration of Jesus, where *Jesus’ face shone like the sun, and his clothes became a dazzling white* (Matthew 17:2). Jesus reveals his Godself only to a select three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John.

Epiphany, the season of lights, is a festive time in the church year, one full of light and discoveries. May it be the same for you. May God’s light shine forth, creating and stirring in you deeper yearnings to know the Christ-child who has come to live among us, who is the king of the world today, tomorrow, and always.

# **FINANCIAL DIGEST**

## **NOVEMBER**

<b>BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE</b>	258,648.74
<b>BUDGETARY EXPENSES</b>	285,610.57

## **BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE**

2019	24,582.62	258,648.74
2018	19,322.08	256,732.29

<b>ATTENDANCE COMPARISON</b>			# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2019	746	6705	47	143
2018	559	6451	47	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, Christina McElhaney
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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***"As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share  
God's saving grace for all."***

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