



**Zion Lutheran Church
June 2020 Worship Schedule**

**Sunday live 10:00 am on Facebook
Links posted to website and emailed**

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Where do you find the Holy Spirit?

Gusty winds today have caught my attention; although the skies are blue and full of warm sunlight, pieces of lilac blossoms scatter the grass, a patio chair is tipped over and the wind chimes are deafening. The Day of Pentecost, celebrated May 31 this year, may have wreaked such havoc in the house where the disciples waited. Can you imagine what those tongues of flame felt like on their heads? What a dramatic event empowering them to build the new church! When the flames were gone, excitement died down and plans made for their mission, I wonder if they felt honored or recognized as special. Well, they were – as we are all, Holy Spirit within, entrusted with the mission to live and share the Good News.

Fr. Mulcahey (William Christopher) says in what may be his best sermon in the TV MASH series: “God didn’t put us here for that pat on the back. He created us so He could be here himself, so that He could exist in the lives of those he created in His image”.

All around us we can see that existence of the Holy Spirit at work, growing a friendly “Good morning” to a mail carrier, for example, into a trusted relationship.

Many of us remember a moment when we became aware of the Presence. On a cloudy, gray

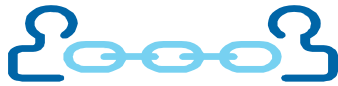
beach in April 2000, a week after my mother’s death, I walked in a turmoil of loss and fear for her. I believed the promises of everlasting life, but wanted to feel they applied personally to her, and feeling seemed to be cut off in numb acceptance. The grim reality that her earthly history was all I really knew of her life shouted louder at me than the crashing waves. I looked at the ocean’s expanse, the enormous, endless stretch of sky that I knew kept reaching over the water, and a sudden thought came to me (a whispered jest of the Holy Spirit?) that I had never seen the other side of that ocean, so how did I know its vast size? I believed the Creator had lovingly designed our world and set the ocean boundaries, but how did that relate to my mom’s loss?

I turned to face the wind and was slapped with the cold like a wake-up call: my mom was part of creation. All humans are specially treasured by God and not one single one is forgotten.

I can’t claim a tongue of fire but I left the beach assured that she was, and is, OK. How much more than OK I don’t know, but she’ll tell me some day.

May you too feel how special you are to God.

Pat Hagensen



Prayer Chain

Mel Blair, Ralph Quiring, Jean Ellenz, Beth Farrington, Laura Hamley, Lynne Myrden, Alan Hansen, Simeon; for Doris McDonald & family on the loss of her sister, Evelyn

June Zoom Meetings

Confirmation Class	4:30
Mon/Thurs	1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18
What's Brewing?	5:30
Tues	23
Book Club	1:00
Thurs	11
Council	4:00
Tues	16
Bible Study	10:00
Thurs	4, 11, 18, 25

If you'd like to visit with someone online (up to 25 people at once) we're happy to work with you -- just let us know.



Dear Zion Lutheran Church,
Thank you so very much for thinking of our littlest patients with your donation to Volunteer Services of 28 baby caps! We appreciate you very much!
Kristy Murray
PeaceHealth Services Volunteer Coordinator



Feeding the Community

Food Drive creates enormous response

Way to go, Zion! 959 lbs were collected and \$4500.02 donated for a grand total of over nine tons of food. The Inter-Faith Treasure House of Camas-Washougal is so grateful for this effort. Their shelves were nearly empty.

Many thanks!

2020 Census
Respond your way
Online
my2020census.gov

Phone
844-330-2020

Mail
sent to homes in March



Congratulations to **Bea Hull**, who celebrated 95 years young on May 26. This vibrant lady is well, strong, and lives at the lovely Springwood Landing. Her address and phone are listed in the Zion Directory.



*We know that all things
work together for good for those who
love God, who are called according to
his purpose. Romans 8:28 NRSV*

Romans 8:28 says that all things are working together for good. It doesn't always feel that way right now, but I hold on to this verse. I have seen the fruits of trials in the past and I hold on to knowing that God will also provide the fruit from such challenges as Coronavirus in the future.

On my way home out of Camas, right on the edge of the freeway is a little sign that catches my eye when I drive by it. "We are all in this together." That's it, that's all it says. But I see it. After many Coronavirus-filled weeks, I now find myself looking for it. Even though I consciously know others are in this, too, it sure is nice to be reminded. Whatever day I just had, whether good or bad, was experienced by someone else. Everybody starts with the base of Coronavirus lock down. Our emotions, experiences, and thought processes are all rooted in the same base of Coronavirus. Of course, at that point, we do vary in how we are holding up, activities we do, things we need.

I was talking with a person in her eighties who is very much still working full-time. She said, "Oh, this is how those retired people live. I actually could get used to this." That was definitely a different perspective than how I view Coronavirus time. Most people are itching to do anything different. Most people want a return to their old lives, the way it was before. Don't get me wrong -- this person is lonely and misses people but she is rethinking what her life will look like after this is all over. My friend is questioning if she will return to full time work, or if she will semi-retire. She can't imagine fully stopping the work that brings her so much passion and joy but she can imagine doing less of it. She is re-imagining her life.

The Coronavirus time is different for each person, but I think that for everyone there is some element of transitioning. It is a time to deem what is most important in our lives, time to decide what we can let go of and it is a time of deciding what can stay. It's a time to recreate yourself perhaps and work into your passion. Can you work on some artwork? Write that novel or just that devotional? Can you find a new exercise class or a Bible Study (hint hint)? Is there a big thick

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book that you have always wanted to read and just never had the time (the Bible is a big book...just saying)? A new recipe? This is the time to be what you wanted to be when you grew up – a chef, an artist, an author, a dancer, a singer, a landscape architect, a master gardener. There is a YouTube video for everyone right now to look into doing something different. Even if it is just to check in with yourself to figure out who you want to invent yourself to be



--even if it is just for one day. Just dreaming about it could take a bit of time out of your day and it might make that day at least a little more fun.

Around the eight-week mark I found myself feeling like I did during the first week: more sluggish and I had difficulty processing all that was needed. While there have been some great productive weeks, the first two weeks and week eight felt about the same. I felt the trauma of the time.

We are all experiencing

trauma. Several articles I have read have stated that trauma can make your brain operate at 50% to 75% normal capacity. We don't have full decision-making power, which might ring true for you if you are feeling more sluggish or down in the dumps. Again, not so for everyone. A friend of mine wrote a book in 38 days of Coronavirus and got it published. Now, that is someone who functions well in a crisis.

Romans 8:28 says that all things are working together for good. It doesn't always feel that way right now. The Message version of Romans 8:28 might feel more accurate for you right now:

Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.


The Message Romans 8:26-28

I have no idea what the future holds. Not a clue. But for

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today, I need to put some trust in something I know, that something good will come out of this. I don't know what that will be or when that will happen, but based on the past where I have seen God take the bad and work it into something good, I can keep that before me and trust that this situation is no different. So, just for today, I think I will switch to my artist hat and paint.

Bible Study **Romans Bible Study**
 **continues**

The following schedule is for the Bible study to take place on Thursdays through Zoom from 10-11:30 until we can meet again in person.

Homework Schedule

Jun 4	Ch. 9, 10
Jun 11	Ch. 11, 12
Jun 18	Ch. 13, 14
Jun 25	Ch. 15, 16

Book Club meets



Hello all,
We met yesterday via Zoom for our 2nd month having a virtual book discussion. It

was such a treat to see the faces and hear the voices of those attending! Thank you, Pat Edwards, for leading discussion. Thank you to Pat Hagensen, Pastor Susan, and Sandra Meeker for getting our Zoom Book group meetings set up and facilitating them.



The book choice for our June 11 meeting is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Ursula Richards will lead discussion. The plan is to have this meeting via Zoom also. We will choose a book to read over the summer at this meeting too.

I hope this finds everyone well and coping with the restrictions and social isolation of the past 2+ months. Stay safe! Virtual hugs to you!

Blessings,
Karen

FINANCIAL DIGEST

APRIL

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE	113,313.59
BUDGETARY EXPENSES	77,819.24

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2020	25,439.05	85,874.54
2019	23,798.48	103,870.66

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON		# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2020	1417	10	142
2019	801 2473	17	145



Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Associate Pastor	Susan Dollinger
Youth Minister	Pam Ensley
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