



Zion Lutheran Church
November 2020 Worship Schedule
Sunday live 10:00 am on Facebook
Links posted to website and emailed
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I want to thank everyone who sent me cards and well wishes. I'm doing fine and should be "cured" in January. You all remind me what makes Zion so special.

Blessings,
Barbara Breitenbucher

Thank you, Zion, for your wonderful support during my lay ministry program. I recently completed the Southwest Washington Synod's new Program for Strengthening Active Lay Ministry (PSALM), and could not have done it without you.

Thank you to Pastor Susan and

Pastor Tom for their mentoring. Thank you to the Endowment Team for their financial assistance with my tuition. Most importantly, thank you to all in the congregation who have been so encouraging. Since moving into COVID times, your emails, texts, and cards have meant so much to me along the way.

This program has strengthened my faith in Christ, and my understanding of what it means to be Lutheran. I highly recommend PSALM, and would be happy to speak with anyone who is considering it as a way of deepening their relationship with Christ and their service to the church.

Peace,
Leslee Froehlich



With affection and love we remember on All Saints Sunday, November 1, those saints who have gone before us:

**Archie Rodgers, Ron Frick, Brian Ellenz,
Jean Ellenz, Alan Anderson, Dick Bishman,
Will Edgerley**

"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."



Prayer Chain

Justin, Gene Hockenbery, Barbara Breitenbucher, Mary Solverson, Beth Farrington, Berta Hall, Alan Hansen, Darrell Roth, Carrie Golladay; for the family of **Dick Bishman** on his loss September 23; for **Gwen Edgerley and family** on the loss of **Will** October 19; for **Leslee Froehlich** on her completion of the PSALM program.

November Zoom Meetings

Staff Meeting	10:00
Wed 4, 18	
Bible Study	10:00
Thurs 5, 12, 19	
Book Club	1:00
Thurs 12	
Council	4:00
Tues 17	
What's Brewing?	5:30
Tues 24	
Men's Study Group	7:30
Thurs 5, 12, 19	

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.





After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:20-22

Thomas the disciple got a bad rap for needing to see the holes in Jesus' hands. The verse above reminds us that all the disciples were shown proof that Jesus was alive and well. Jesus pauses only for a minute and then sends out the disciples. He breathes on them, and they receive the Holy Spirit. But he starts by sharing peace. The disciples were in a divisive time too. The Roman Empire was in control, and the disciples were nervous and scared. They didn't know if the next knock on the door would be from authorities wanting to put them to the same death that Jesus suffered. Knowing their fears, Jesus says "Peace be with you."

Right now, as disciples of Christ, we stand in a divisive nation, where people are really wondering how we bring witness to Jesus. There are divisive and stern messages everywhere. How do we react to these messages? How do we react to all that is going on in the world? In the nation? In our community?

How do we be a peaceful presence in a world of unrest and unease? How are we peace in a world where everything seems so unfamiliar? People are acting out in many ways, including bringing guns to protests, stealing political signs, and trying to intimidate others through fear.

This week is the election. Prayerfully, all things will go smoothly and will be calm. People are struggling with thoughts about what will happen after the election is over. Will there be more protests or can we relax and just deal with the odd world we already live in?

I believe now is a time for prayer for our nation and world. It is a time to pray for our neighbors, especially the ones that fall on the opposite of your political divide, not to change their minds or hearts, but prayers for bringing unity and peace.

We might have to be more creative this year about being a peaceful presence and being the calm in somebody else's storm. Or if you are in the storm of worry and concern – is there someone who can be that person for you? There is truth in placing all things into the

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hands of Jesus. The holes in his hands were placed there for you, and for your neighbor. Let us pray. Peace be with you.

Book Club meets

Thank you to Caren Frank for leading the discussion of *On Mystic Lake* by Kristin Hannah.



Following are the dates and books for the upcoming fall meetings.

November 12:

The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean

Defector's Story by David John and Lee Hyeon-seo. Pam Hankins will lead discussion.

No December meeting!

January 14: *Us Against You* by Frederick Backman

February 11: *Alice Network* by



Kate Quinn

None of these are in book kits so if you need a copy ordered for you please email

sandrameeker@comcast.net

Blessings,
Karen Gates and Sandra Meeker

1 Samuel Bible study continues

We're reviewing the book of 1 Samuel from October through the beginning of December. 1 Samuel is a book about King David. It is packed full of adventure, leading to David's reign as king. David is a turning point in the Biblical narrative. Please let Pat know you are interested to get a Zoom link. Bible study will be on Thursdays at 10:00 AM.

Homework for November:

Nov. 5 - Chapter 18-21

Nov. 12 - Chapter 22-25

Nov. 19 - Chapter 26-31

Nov. 26 - Happy Thanksgiving!



Special

Service of

Thanks

Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 29) will be a recorded service filled with familiar faces and messages of gratitude and thanksgiving.

Godly Play

Nov. 1 - Exodus

Nov. 8 - The Ten Best Ways

Nov. 15 - The Church Year

Nov. 22 - Zoom at 11:30. During

our Zoom time we will look at

the crafts that we have made

and talk about the stories we

saw during the month.

Nov. 29 - No Godly Play

“In every thing give thanks...”

“I’m going to prison.”

I sank into a chair, staring out the window and remembering the tightly-held calmness of those words. My childhood friend and I had been so close all those years growing up, and when marriage had separated us we had not lost track of each other; at least, I didn’t think we had, but I was unprepared for this.

My youngest was five when her son was born. I was so happy for her, after her many tough years of emotional instability, a divorce, withdrawal from the world and therapy. From a toddler she had suffered verbal abuse, invisible and insidious, growing up in fear, an inferiority complex dominating. She had anticipated that in her second marriage motherhood might be a chance at normality.

But the baby was born with hydrocephalus (water on the brain) which meant an operation at one month to place a shunt in his head to drain the fluid to the chest area, and also meant a 50% chance of normal mental development. Charles soon displayed increasing problems, including a tactile sensitivity with food and surfaces. Standing, crawling, or a diet with variety in texture became insurmountable challenges for this child. My friend felt more and more inadequate to the situation and gradually withdrew from the mother-image she had hoped would become part of her; hostility in response to suggestions now became expected. I learned to be careful what I said although uncomfortable with her attitude around the child. When I saw her shouting angrily directly into his face, I remonstrated and was not welcomed in the future.

He was three when the Department of Child Services intervened, arrested my friend and took Charles away for placement in a foster home.

Twenty-five years later, I’m still uncertain how to be thankful for this. As a differently-abled child, Charles went to several homes, in which the last encouraged him to despise his biological parents although no contact was ever permitted. My friend seems almost normal, but I see the cruel beast of condemnation has turned inward. I grieve for the perpetuity of abuse.

Soon our national day of thanks will be here, and again I’ll try to lift this in gratitude to God by rejoicing in life after death where we will all be reunited in trust and happiness.

“In every thing give thanks” Thessalonians 5:18a

Patricia Hagensen

FINANCIAL DIGEST

SEPTEMBER

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE	208,344.18
BUDGETARY EXPENSES	165,885.70

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2020	17,800.55	208,344.18
2019	23,796.95	206,595.68

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON		# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2020	1417	10	142
2019	646 5412	39	139



Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Associate Pastor	Susan Dollinger
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