



Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church November 2019 Worship Schedule

Traditional 9:00

Contemporary 11:15

November 24 – one service at 10:00 am

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SERVICE

COFFEE HOUR

Nov. 3 Bartlett, Newton
Nov. 10 Kumar, Tweed
Nov. 17 Donna Ellenz
Nov. 24 Retirement Reception

FLOWERS

Nov. 3 Bang
Nov. 10 Blair
Nov. 17 Dave & Debbie Ellenz
Nov. 24 Mary Stencil

LECTORS

9:00
Nov. 3 Nancy Vargo
Nov. 10 Karen Blair
Nov. 17 Paul Dailey
10:00
Nov. 24 Hannelore Tweed
11:15
Nov. 3 Karen Rezabek
Nov. 10 Alan Hansen
Nov. 17 Judy Straub

ALTAR GUILD

Rae Gessford, Marian Koppang,
Carol Phillips

GREETERS

9:00
Nov. 3 Hannelore Tweed
Nov. 10 Pat Hagensen
Nov. 17 Barbara West
10:00
Nov. 24 Nadia Hagen
11:15
Nov. 3 Hannelore Tweed
Nov. 10 Carol Phillips
Nov. 17 Jean Dossett

Special Meeting

November 17

10:15 am

in the Social Hall

All active, confirmed
members please attend!
Your vote is important!

Noisy Offering Update

The Noisy Offering
November 3rd will support
Friends of the Carpenter, a day
facility that provides a safe,
friendly place for people of all
circumstances.



What's Brewing?

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 pm

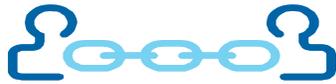
Doomsday Brewing

421 C Street Ste. 3, Washougal
360-335-9909

Bring a friend and join the
discussion!

Attention seniors!

The November S.A.L.T.
(Seniors and Law Enforcement
Together) meeting will be on
Monday the 18th at 11:00 am at
the Camas Police Department.
Brain Health will be the meeting
topic. Call 360-397-2211 ext.
3380 for more information.
Please call Hannelore Tweed
(335-9982) or Nancy Vargo (833-
4597) if you need transportation.



Prayer Chain

**Mary Lynn Bartlett, Chris Gillas,
Deb Blakewood & family,
Jewelle Harper, Linda Chidester;**
for the family of **Mike Spencer**
on his loss October 1.

WHO time is quickly approaching

Zion will again participate in the Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) Program at St. Paul Lutheran Church (1309 Franklin Street in Vancouver) from Sunday evening, December 1st through Sunday morning, December 8th.

We will be asking for volunteers from Zion and St. Anne's Episcopal in Washougal to staff the various volunteer shifts - which include 5:45 pm - 10 pm, 10 pm - 2 am, 2 am - 6 am, and 6 am - 9 am.

During our week of volunteering your help is needed in providing the following:

Breakfast cereal - 7 boxes
Hot cocoa mix - 40 envelopes
Coffee creamer - 2 lbs
Coffee, 3 lbs regular, 3 lbs decaf
Milk - 2 gallons, Juice - 2 gallons
Peanut butter - 2 lbs
Bread - 2 loaves, Snack bars
Jelly/jam - 1 large jar
Lunch meats/cheese
Butter, mustard, ketchup, mayo

Also, toiletry items such as:

toilet paper, hand sanitizer, soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, Febreze, garbage bags.

Sometimes the guests are wet and cold, so they would also need gently used jeans, gloves, hats, socks and underwear, coats, shoes and blankets.

Most of all, the WHO guests would like to share an evening with you. Please consider volunteering during the St. Paul week.

The needed items will be posted on the window in front of Pat's office in November, and the sign up sheet will be available in Danielson Hall.

Giving our love and thanks

On November 24 we will celebrate Pr. Tom and Hannelore's ministry the last twenty years among our Zion family. You are invited to share in contributing to a special gift for them. Ask a Council member or at the church office if you'd like to know the goal we're hoping to reach. Please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church – all monies will be pooled. Deadline for this gift is November 20. Thank you for helping honor these special people.



Moses is 120 years old when he prepares his people for his departure with an admission of his decline and the Lord's decision to not let him continue the journey. "I am no longer able to get about, and the Lord has told me, 'You shall not cross over this Jordan.' (Deuteronomy 31)

Then these words of comfort as Moses passes the torch to Joshua:

⁷Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel: "Be strong and bold, for you are the one who will go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their ancestors to give them; and you will put them in possession of it. ⁸It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." (31:7-8)

I may not be 120 years old but I can recognize when it is time to step aside and retirement beckons. The good news is that: "The Lord goes before you; God will be with you; our *Good Shepherd* will not fail or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

I ask you to "Be strong and bold." With Pastor Susan Dollinger's leadership in the interim and a ministry team composed of such talented people as we have on our staff and Church Council you will be well and your mission will continue. The Southwest Washington Synod with Bishop's Associate, Rebecca Shjerven, will be a guide during the interim and into the call process for a new Lead Pastor. Like Moses, I have confidence in the future of God's people.

The Lord gave Moses a look-see at the promised land from the mountain top but in showing him he called Moses to step back and know that he would not have a hand in his people's future journey. "I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." (Deut. 34:4)

Similarly, as Hannelore and I remain close to you in this wonderful Camas/Washougal community we are asked by the Synod and tradition to step back and not take part in your daily crossings. We are called to support the gospel and your future welfare by keeping respectful distance and time for new leaders to begin their ministry. While we may not keep an active presence in worship and fellowship at Zion please know that this does not preclude our friendship nor wish to always be with you in prayer and love.

I certainly am no Moses, but in his final words to the Israelites a song of Moses (Deut. 32) is recited that begins with these words that I would like to share with you:

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¹Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; let the earth hear the words of my mouth. ²May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth. ³For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!

Book Club meets

Book group will meet the second Thursday of November on the 14th at 1 PM in the Conference Room to discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover. Ursula Richards will lead the discussion and Pat Edwards will bring treats. You will need to obtain your own copy of this book.

In January, the book choice for the 9th is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Sandra Meeker will lead discussion. This book is not available in a kit.

See you on the 14th!

Karen Gates



Circle Meetings

The Bible Study from *Gather* this fall looks at selections of Old Testament poetry from Job, Psalms, Lamentations and Song of Solomon. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look for God for help in stewarding our deep emotions, finding hope and grace along the way. The series, presented by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen, continues with *Stewarding the gift of joy*. Please call the Circle leaders for more details and a warm welcome:

Dorcas -- Judy Bahl - 360-433-2661
Esther -- Bernice England - 360-834-2578
Martha -- Marilyn Anderson - 360-844-6155

Dorcas - Tuesday, Nov. 12th, 10:00 am
Hostess - Conference Room at Zion

Esther - Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 10:00 am
Hostess - Lois Schroeder, 19811 SE 8th Circle, Camas, 833-0898

Martha - Thursday, Nov. 14th, 7:00 pm
Hostess - Carol Phillips, 1660 N 18th St Unit 18, Washougal, 835-3603





"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20

I noticed, while walking, a crack in the sidewalk where blades of grass were popping out of it. As I looked around, I noticed many cracks had bits of green popping out of them. It is, of course, a familiar sight. God's love works just like this. Even we do our best to kill it through our sins and worldly desires, God's love breaks through. Even more so, it changes and morphs the thing that tried to kill it in the first place.

I typed into Google "how does a blade of grass crack through a sidewalk," and I got a website from a cement company that fixes such cracks. The following is a quote from their page:

"As you may suspect, tiny little plants don't actually have the power to cause concrete sidewalk cracking. Instead, the plant's roots take advantage of existing microscopic cracks.

New cell growth takes place at the tips of plant roots. As the root system grows and develops, these tips act as feelers, seeking out the path of least resistance for expansion. These pervasive little root tips can detect microscopic fissures in the concrete surface and, once they find one, the root pushes into the tiny crack.

Eventually, molecule by molecule, the plant's growth can force its way into the slab and create a surface crack. Talk about a mustard seed moving mountains!"

(I love their sneaky faith statement in their ad!)

The cement is poured over the earth, trying to kill it. The earth pushes back, causing cracks, which is the mighty miracle of God's creation. These little roots are so strong and clever that they look for the smallest fissure in the concrete until it gets what it wants most – light and space. And God's love is just like that. It keeps looking for the smallest of cracks to break through the darkness into the light. The ad goes on to say that yes, of course, this company can fix any sidewalk temporarily, but until all the roots are pulled out, the pavement will eventually crack open again. While you can try to pull out all of your roots and cover them up with dark worldly ways, it seems that as you look at any sidewalk that isn't brand new, you will surely see the blades of God's love win every time.



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 starting November 24

Camas High School Select Choir

Quiche, Fruit cup, Ham, Coffee/Tea

White Envelope Charity

Photos wanted

If you have any pictures (can be jpeg) of Pr. Tom, Hannelore or children of Zion to share, please email to Mike Ladage at mladage60@frontier.com or

bring a hard copy to the office that Mike can scan and return to you. Please include your name and address on the back. Photos must be submitted by November 10 -- thank you!



With affection and love we remember on All Saints Sunday, November 3, those saints who have gone before us :

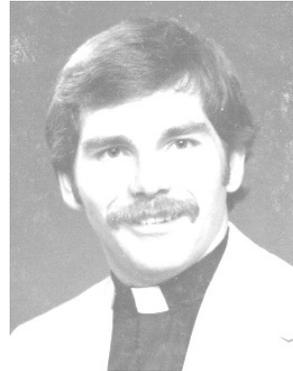
**John Ongtooguk, Ralph Laedtke, Katherine Wills,
Bill Macrae-Smith, Cynthia Sudol, Frank Richards,
Mike Spencer**

"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."



Please join us as
we celebrate
Pastor Tom and
Hannelore Tweed's
20 years at Zion

Pastor Tom's
Retirement
41 years of
Ordained
Ministry



Sunday, November 24, 2019
Zion Sanctuary and Social Hall
10 AM One service
11:00 AM "Roast of PT"

Anyone wishing to make short remarks at the
luncheon please let Madlin Baltzell know for addition to
the program

Dear Zion Members,

The Church Council and President Madlin Baltzell have called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 10:15 am in Zion's Social Hall. The meeting will be for the purpose of issuing a call to Susan Dollinger to serve as a part-time (3/4) Associate Pastor at Zion. Pastor Susan will then be appointed by the Southwest Washington Synod to serve as our interim pastor beginning January 1, 2020, following the retirement of Pastor Tom Tweed. This will be the only item on the agenda.

As Interim Pastor at Zion, Susan Dollinger will not be eligible for having her name submitted to the Call Committee for consideration as Lead Pastor but because of her call to Zion as Associate Pastor will be eligible for ordination.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry at Zion. See you at this very important meeting on November 17.

Peace,
Madlin Baltzell, President
Zion Church Council



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.



*Daylight-Saving
Time Ends*

**Turn your clocks
back November 2
at midnight!**



*Join us as we celebrate
the 90th birthday of
Jean Ellenz*

Saturday, November 9, 2019

1-3:00 pm

*Zion Lutheran Church
Social Hall*

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

FINANCIAL DIGEST

SEPTEMBER

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE	206,595.68
BUDGETARY EXPENSES	229,346.58

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2019	23,796.95	206,595.68
2018	27,940.47	213,788.17

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON			# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2019	646	5412	39	139
2018	684	5335	39	137



Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Senior Pastor	Thomas S. Tweed
Pastoral Assistant	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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