

***Messenger***  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**February 2019**

**Worship Schedule**

**Traditional 9:00**

**Contemporary 11:15**

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## SERVICE

### COFFEE HOUR

- Feb. 3 Brooks-Schmunk, Tweed
- Feb. 10 McElhaney
- Feb. 17 Martha Circle
- Feb. 24 Farrington

### FLOWERS

- Feb. 3 Richards
- Feb. 10
- Feb. 17 Ladage
- Feb. 24 Englund

### LECTORS

- 9:00
- Feb. 3 Nancy Vargo
- Feb. 10 Steve Vargo
- Feb. 17 Paul Dailey
- Feb. 24 Madlin Baltzell
- 11:15
- Feb. 3 Karen Rezabek
- Feb. 10 Doug Danielson
- Feb. 17 Judy Bahl
- Feb. 24 Alan Hansen

### ALTAR GUILD

Denise Brech, Phil Brech,  
Jen Ludwig, Barbara West

### GREETERS

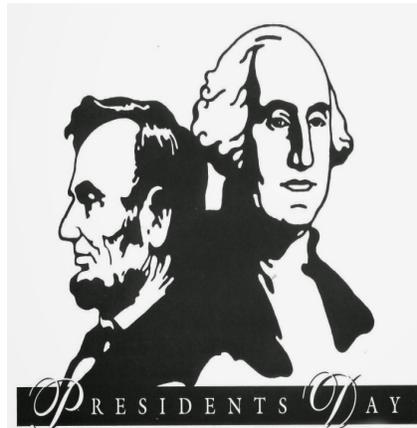
- 9:00
- Feb. 3 Nadia Hagen
- Feb. 10 Marilyn Anderson
- Feb. 17 Vicki Stone-Milligan
- Feb. 24 Barbara West
- 11:15
- Feb. 3 Pat Hagensen
- Feb. 10 Carol Phillips
- Feb. 17 Judy Straub
- Feb. 24 Judy Straub

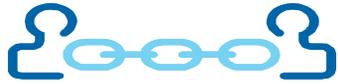
**Ladies' Lunch** The monthly Ladies' Lunch will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Lakeside Chalet restaurant (3533 NE Everett Street, Camas, 834-3430) at 12:00 noon. Please plan for **February 19**, bring a friend and join your Zion lady friends to enjoy good food and fellowship. All ladies are welcome!



February 3<sup>rd</sup>'s Noisy Offering will be the Souper Bowl, which will be divided between ELCA World Hunger and the Interfaith

Noisy Offering Update  
Treasure House.





## Prayer Chain

**Lisa Bleak, Mike Spencer, Erik Dold, Donna & Ron Brandon, Janette Brandenburger, Bob Travis, Dave & Joanne Valentine, Carrie Russell, Dorothy and Tyler Schafte and family, Derek Schafte, Dean Eneboe, Ruth Hockenbery;** for **Molly Anne Rutten** on her baptism January 13 and her parents **Matthew & Kelly (Gates) Rutten** and grandparents **Barry & Karen Gates**.

## Knit & Crochet Group meets

Mark Wednesday, February 27 at 1:30 in the Conference Room on your calendar to make prayer shawls, stocking caps, hats or continue whatever current project you're working



on. Bring any

yarn you want to share. Call Karen Blair with any questions at

835-3704.  
Prayer shawls are created with prayers for healing, comfort and peace as well as yarn. If you know someone who needs one, please feel free to select one from the table in Danielson Hall.

## Attention seniors!

The February S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meeting will be on Monday, February 18 at 11:00 am at Liberty Middle School in Camas. A spaghetti luncheon will be provided. Call 360-397-2211 ext 3380 for more information. Please call Hannelore Tweed (335-9982) or Nancy Vargo (833-4597) if you need transportation.

## What's Brewing?

Tuesday, February 26

7:00 pm

A Beer

At A

Time

216 NE

3<sup>rd</sup> Ave,

Camas

Bring a friend and join the discussion!



### This month:

**From the Pastor pages 4-5**

**From the Intern pages 8-9**

**Council /Calendar - insert**

**Worship Schedule**

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## ***Water Washed and Spirit Born***

No, it's not starting yet, but it is certainly advisable to get ready. I'm talking about the season of Lent which will begin Ash Wednesday, March 6. I'm certainly enjoying the longer Epiphany season this year, but Lent is looming.

What is the purpose of Lent? The tradition says that the six week season before Easter is both baptismal and penitential. It is designed to help those preparing for baptism to complete their preparation by strengthening their conversion. At the same time, it calls all the faithful to deepen their own conversion and recommit themselves to living out their baptismal promises. By the way those baptismal promises are:

*to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

Is Lent individual or communal? Since Lent is observed liturgically, it clearly has a communal dimension. This is a church-wide observance seeking deeper conversion. That certainly includes examination of our personal lives and seeking to improve our efforts to live according to the Gospel. But there is more to consider than individual sin and virtue. Lent is like an annual parish retreat, designed to affect the behavior of the whole congregation and what we say and do and learn together.

With that in mind we will be taking up a study of Baptism together using a *Baptism Manual For Youth and Adults* called ***Water Washed And Spirit Born*** by Daniel Erlander. This appealing, illustrated book provides a great foundation for our Lenten study and includes biblical background, a special section on baptism in the context of the Roman Empire, baptisms during the Reformation, and contemporary baptismal practice.

Getting ready for our annual Lenten parish retreat then we hope you will plan to join us in the study. ***Water Washed And Spirit Born*** will be available in a couple of weeks and you can purchase your copy for \$5.00. Each week we will look at one of the six chapters in Erlander's *Baptism Manual* and have a discussion together during our

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mid-week Wednesday night gathering following the soup supper. A sign-up sheet will be available in Danielson Hall for a copy of the book.

This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend for this Baptismal refresher course and invite them as Erlander says to “take the plunge.”

## **Lite Side**

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Some days you're the bug;  
some days you're the windshield.

If at first you don't succeed,  
skydiving is probably not for you.

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### **Truths about Aging**

- At my age, I don't want to eat health foods. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them anyway.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.

## **Exercise at Zion!**

A gentle exercise and balance class, Keep Fit, is offered twice weekly at Zion on Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30-11:30 in the Social Hall. The goal is to decrease the risk of falls through greater strength and balance.

Yoga promotes a healthy body, peaceful



mind and compassionate heart. Offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Social Hall, low impact stretching and breathing techniques are emphasized.

Both Keep Fit and yoga classes are led by certified instructor Sinéad Hale (pronounced Shi-NAY) and are open to adult men and women. Exercises can be done sitting or standing. Wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing. A donation of \$5 per session/per person is necessary to maintain the classes.



**Zion's Valentine  
BUDDY DANCE**  
Saturday  
February 9, 2019  
5:30 pm  
Zion's Social Hall  
Sponsored by  
Fellowship Committee



Catered Spaghetti Dinner by Lakeside Chalet  
(vegan too)

**Dance Instructor: Zion's own dancer,  
BARBARA WEST**



**WANTED: Buddy couples (spouses,  
friends, sweethearts, any age)**  
Tickets on sale from Pat (office) or  
Hannelore (Sunday, February 3)  
\$20.00 per couple  
Prizes - Buddy Games

**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, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room to discuss *The Curious Charms of*

*Arthur Pepper*, by Phaedra Patrick. Arthur Pepper grieves for his dead wife but knows his mourning needs to end at some time or other. When he cleans out his late wife's belongings, he finds a bracelet that takes him on a journey across the globe to find healing.

Comments on the book will be led by Pat Edwards and treats provided by Pam Hankins. This is a book kit; call Karen Gates (360-834-7858) to check on copy availability.

## Circle Meetings

This winter, the Bible Study from *Gather* is entitled *The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus* by the Rev. Julie Kanarr from Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, Washington. The February discussion is *Coming to faith in Jesus*. In this session, we meet Nicodemus, who comes to Jesus at night with questions of faith; the Samaritan woman who talks with Jesus in the middle of the day about religious practice; a royal official who seeks healing for his dying son and a paralyzed man who has waited 38 years for healing. We sit with the crowd that is fed by Jesus and struggles to understand his teaching, chewing on Jesus' words, "I am the bread of life."



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, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
Hostess - Janet Johnson, 14505 Douglas Fir Ct, Vancouver, 213-4746

Esther - Wednesday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
Hostess - Kirsti Kumar, 16701 SE 34th Way, Vancouver, 360-260-4914

Martha - Thursday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm  
Hostess - Pat Hagensen, 3813 NE 261st Ave, Camas, 360-834-3945



*"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Matthew 10:40*

Not long ago, I was late to a meeting. When I got to the meeting, there were only two seats left. Both required going around the table and creating some amount of disturbance. One of my friends pulled out the chair next to her and patted it as a gesture for me to sit there. It was such a simple gesture, but it affected me deeply. It was a sweet motion of kindness.

I recently read this article about how we sit in the pews. The author of the article pointed out that this happens everywhere; it is just some type of human phenomenon. However, if you are pushing time, you find that we end up having to crawl over people because there is simply no room to just sit down easily. It becomes an awkward dance of legs, purses, and movement over several people, which just may be the consequences of late arrival. But what if it is a new person who is coming into church for the first time? They don't know anyone and there is no room to sit down. It becomes an even more awkward event to take a seat. And in fairness, any one who is new would also want to sit near the pew aisle just in case an escape felt necessary.

One thing that I have noticed that is unique at Zion is that you attract many visitors every week. It is hard to see them, as they come in shyly not sure of where to sit or how communion works. They mostly sit towards the back, or they may desire a different seat...one, perhaps, close to you.

During the month of February, take just a moment to look for these new people. Just glance around. Is there anyone that you could scoot over for? Is there anyone you could explain anything to that might be uniquely Zion (the way communion works, the Noisy Offering, or how Fellowship Hour happens in the Social Hall.) Is there a way to invite someone to sit near you, or someone you can sit with during fellowship? Who knows? Maybe they will appreciate the kindness you showed them and come back; or maybe they will extend a kindness to someone else in the world.

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I think we all know that blessings of kindness always have ripple effects and it truly can be the smallest gesture that can make a big difference. The power of a genuine invitation can go a long way.

*"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Matthew 10:40.*

Let us be welcoming to those around us.

In kindness,



Altar Guild  
meets February 10, 10:15

Jr. Chapel

We'll review duties, talk about banners, etc. and how we can improve the Guild.

See you there!



## **JOY GROUP OUTING** *Oregon Culinary Institute* **Three course luncheon**

*served and prepared by culinary students*

**Monday, February 11**

*Meet at church at 10:30 am*

*Limited to sixteen*

*\$15.00 per person (bring cash)*

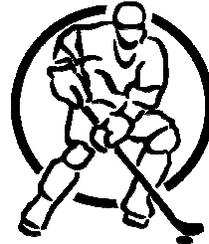
*Gratuuity not expected, but appreciated which goes into the scholarship fund*



# YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Save these dates!

February 1 - Winterhawks hockey game  
-- \$13.50 -- with Messiah and Trinity  
youth groups!



**Feb 8-10 - CONFIRMATION CLASS**



**RETREAT and HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT** at  
Camp Arnold in Eatonville, WA. (at the base  
of Mt. Rainier). This is the SW WA Synod  
Youth Gathering and offers speaker  
Savanna Sullivan from last year's



National ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. She  
is currently the Director for Young Adult Programs for  
the ELCA. Other activities include: night games, zip-line,  
sling-shot swing, basketball, service projects, ropes and  
balance course and other camp activities.

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm- Zion Parent and Youth Meeting in  
Conference Room. Due to safety concerns, we are needing  
to cancel Tecate Mexico for 2019 and TALK ABOUT  
OTHER OPTIONS FOR OUR YOUTH TRIP THIS  
SUMMER. We have a couple good options to talk about!

-Please contact Pam Ensley for more information @ 503-  
781-7978 or email [pensley@outlook.com](mailto:pensley@outlook.com)

-Looking Ahead: Dates to Save

-Mar. 8-9<sup>th</sup> Middle School Lock-In with Vancouver  
Lutheran Church Youth Groups

-Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> High School Lock-In with Vancouver  
Lutheran Church Youth Groups.

# FINANCIAL DIGEST

## DECEMBER

<b>BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE</b>	316,311.04
<b>BUDGETARY EXPENSES</b>	291,435.59

## BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2018	59,578.75	316,311.04
2017	53,178.67	324,583.15

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON			# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2018	714	7165	52	138
2017	684	7764	52	149



### Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Senior Pastor	Thomas S. Tweed
Intern Pastor	Susan Dollinger
Youth Minister	Pam Ensley
Office Assistant	Sandra Meeker
Music Staff:	Karen Rezabek, Gary Ritter, Joan Vincent
Nursery Attendants	Emily McElhane, Naomi Meeker
Sound Techs:	Andrew McElhane, Nolan Purkerson, Reid Frank
Custodian	Tye Cobb
Council Officers:	Pres. Madlin Baltzell
	Vice Pres. Mike Spencer, Sec. Laura Greulich
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Hagensen

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