



***Messenger***  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**March 2019**

**Worship Schedule**

**Traditional 9:00**

**Contemporary 11:15**

**Ash Wednesday Services March 6 at 12:00 & 7:00 pm**

**Lent Services 7:00 pm March 13, 20, 27**

**Soup Supper 6:00 pm**

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## SERVICE

### COFFEE HOUR

Mar. 3 Kumar, Stanton  
Mar. 10 Hansen, Stone-Milligan  
Mar. 17 Gates, Tweed  
Mar. 24 Ludwig  
Mar. 31 Potluck

### FLOWERS

Mar. 3 McDonald  
Mar. 10 Kumar  
Mar. 17  
Mar. 24  
Mar. 31

### LECTORS

9:00  
Mar. 3 Barbara West  
7:00  
Mar. 6 Judy Straub  
Mar. 10  
Mar. 17 Paul Dailey  
Mar. 24  
10:00  
Mar. 31 Doug Danielson  
11:15  
Mar. 3 Karen Rezabek  
Mar. 10 Joe Keller  
Mar. 17 Alan Hansen  
Mar. 24 Judy Straub

### ALTAR GUILD

Amy McElhaney, Ursula Richards

### GREETERS

9:00  
Mar. 3 Wendy Olmstead  
Mar. 10 Barbara Vahsholtz  
Mar. 17 Ursula Richards  
Mar. 24 Bernice Englund  
10:00  
Mar. 31 Judy Straub

11:15

Mar. 3 Judy Straub  
Mar. 10  
Mar. 17 Lois Schroeder  
Mar. 24

The monthly  
**Ladies' Lunch** will  
be held on the  
third Tuesday  
this month at Shelby's  
Grille, 419 E Street,  
Washougal,  
360-835-1103 at 12:30. Please  
plan for **March 19**, bring a  
friend and join your Zion lady  
friends to enjoy good food and  
fellowship. All ladies are  
welcome!

**Ladies'  
Lunch**

Noisy Offering  
Update

March 3<sup>rd</sup>'s  
Noisy Offering  
will be combined  
with that of April 7 to reflect the  
Lenten theme of water: Laundry  
Love in Washougal and Lutheran  
World Relief water projects.

### This month:

**From the Pastor pages 4-5**  
**From the Intern page 8**  
**Council /Calendar - insert**  
**Worship Schedule**  
**Traditional 9:00**  
**Contemporary 11:15**  
**Ash Wednesday March 6**  
**Services 12 & 7:00 pm**



## Prayer Chain

Elizabeth, Perry, Elaine Busch,  
Lisa Bleak, Mike Spencer, the  
Balodis family



To my friends  
at Zion,

Thank you! The words don't really express how much your thoughts and prayers mean to me. All of your phone calls, cards, notes and visits kept me going. Your delicious cookies, beautiful flowers, amazing chocolates, inspirational books and the Sunday church bulletins were so appreciated. All of these became the glue and the fuel that helped me through my months of fighting cancer. They moved the initial test results from stage four to remission after the last scan. Your prayers worked. Thank you so very much!!! I feel truly blessed to be part of Zion's family.

Cynthia Sudol



## Knit & Crochet Group meets

Mark Wednesday, March 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 360-835-3704.

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 March S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meeting will be on Monday, March 25 at 11:00 am at the Camas Police Department. *Essential Documents Every Senior Should Have* 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.

## What's Brewing?

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 pm  
A Beer At A  
Time  
216 NE 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ave, Camas  
Bring a friend  
and join the discussion!





Ash Wednesday issues an invitation each year to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. We embark on a journey of the Cross through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

The Lenten season is a baptismal *reflection and preparation journey* and we will be studying ***WATER WASHED AND SPIRIT BORN, A Baptism Manual for Youth and Adults***, by Pastor Daniel W. Erlander. Purchase your books (\$5.00) and sign up for the study in Danielson Hall or in the church office. Each week during our Wednesday midweek services after the soup suppers we will be gathering in the sanctuary for devotions and discussion on the six chapters of Erlander’s book. Dan says: “This writing may be helpful to those who are preparing ‘to take the plunge’, those curious about baptism, and to the baptized who want to think about what their baptism means to them.”

Since the Lenten season also suggests alms-giving and works of service for the “water-washed and spirit born” our monthly Noisy Offerings in March and April will also have a water theme. We hope to generously support *Laundry Love*, a neighboring movement that partners with groups, churches and laundromats to help wash/dry the clothes and bedding of low/no income persons and a Lutheran World Relief Well and Water project abroad. This would be an excellent time to fast from overuse of water and particularly to refrain from purchase of bottled water in plastic containers.

In addition, in preparation for the Lenten season we will create a transept chapel on the west side of the sanctuary, near the Lion and Lamb window. This chapel will feature a couple of pews for sitting, a prayer bench (prie-dieu), places to light candles, a cross, a mural on the north wall of the chapel and of course the beautiful stained glass window. Several congregational members have agreed to help in preparations and creating this peaceful space.

This transept chapel can be used on Sunday mornings or other times during the week. It may provide extra time for prayer following communion during a regular worship service. It will be a place of beauty and refuge as well as an invitation to spend more time in reflection and personal prayer.

## **CONCORDIA CHOIR**

*of*

**Moorhead, Minnesota**

**in concert**

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

**7:30 pm**

**Trinity Episcopal Cathedral**

**147 NW 19th Ave, Portland**

**Dr. René Clausen, conductor**

Tickets at [ConcordiaTickets.com](http://ConcordiaTickets.com),  
1-800-838-3006, or at the door

## **SOUP SUPPER SCHEDULE**



Mar.	6	Council
Mar.	13	Circles
Mar.	20	Men
Mar.	27	Youth
Apr.	3	Choir/Praise
Apr.	10	Everyone

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm  
Ash Wednesday Services  
12:00 noon & 7:00 pm  
Lent Services  
7:00 pm

## **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.

## **Check it out!**

Plenty of new books are available in the church library on the new arrivals shelf --



come in and  
browse!



## Spring Tea

May 18, 1:00 pm at Zion

### *A Stitch in Time*

*Ladies -- would you like to host a table for 8 with your own china? -- all food and tea provided! Will you model or share a vintage dress?*

*More details and tickets next month*

*Questions call the church office 360-834-4201*

### **Work out and remember**

#### **Norm!**

Norman C. Danielson Day will be celebrated at the Firstenburg Center in Vancouver on 136th Avenue on the weekend of his birthday, March 23-24. Use of the facilities (Saturday 8-7:00 and Sunday 12:00 to 6:00) will be free on those days. This gift to the community will be hosted by the Norman C. Danielson Foundation. Talk to Bill or Doug Danielson if you have any questions.



### **Reflect, repent and resolve**

On Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> two services will be held at 12:00 and 7:00 pm. We will bear the mark on our foreheads of the sign of the cross with the imposition of ashes. We will also celebrate the body and blood of Christ with the Eucharist and begin our journey to the cross.

### **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  
Madlin Baltzell 513-3159  
Ron McKnight 834-4984

Bill Danielson 892-9492  
Phil Brech 834-5182



## Book Club meets

Our next meeting is Thursday,  
March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Conference  
Room to discuss *Winter Garden* by

Kristin Hannah. Pacific Northwest apple country provides a beautiful, chilly setting for this family drama ignited by the death of a loving father whose two daughters have grown apart from each other and from their acid-tongued, Russian-born mother. Comments on the book will be led by Ursula Richards and treats provided by Patti Gardner. 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 March discussion is *Friends for Life in Christ in Jesus*. In this session, we meet a woman caught in adultery, a man born blind, and Jesus' friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Through their stories, we come to see how Jesus meets us with mercy, healing and hope in the face of judgment, rejection and grief. We share in Jesus' final conversation with his disciples before his arrest, where he shows us his love and prays for us. 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, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
Hostess - Judy Bahl, 3012 SE 153rd Ave, Vancouver, 360-433-2661

Esther - Wednesday, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
Hostess - Barbara Breitenbucher, 5418 NW Jackson St, Camas,  
360-833-2165

Martha - Thursday, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm  
Hostess - Marilyn Anderson, 1538 NE 3rd Place, Camas, 360-844-6155



*Draw near to God and God will draw near to you. James 4:8*

For some, Lent is a time when you “have” to give something up. For others, it is a time when you “get” to give something up.

Whether or not that is even a practice of yours, the focus is not supposed to be on that thing that was given up but on God. What is it that we can do/give/give up/add in to help us focus on God this season? Sometimes Lent can be about adding in things too like service, or prayer or more quiet, or stillness. Perhaps it is the “too busy” that needs to go.

We are reminded of our humanness when we hear the words of Genesis 3:19 “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” We know that we can stretch and do more and be more and become more, and probably we also know that we can do all that until we break down or crash. Perhaps, Lent is simply about that. A time to remember that we are humans and not super-humans, but simply-humans.

Or maybe Lent is a time of walking the road with Jesus on his way to the cross. We walk with Jesus in the wilderness. When we give up something, how many times are you tempted to cheat? It is just that moment to understand how much willpower it can take just not to eat a bit of chocolate or drink coffee or do the exercise or whatever it is, and when you come to that moment, think about how Jesus entered Jerusalem knowing the end. It must have taken willpower. It must have taken strength.

We listen as Jesus weeps as he overlooks Jerusalem. What are things in our society that touch our hearts, and ask us to feel sorrowful? Can we pause during this season to pray for those things that move us or take time to look at it and not revert our eyes?

Lent is a season that starts with our mortality, but it is a season to remember our roots in our Christian identity. We take this time out of the year to follow Jesus to the cross, and then to the tomb, and then it continues by bursting forth Easter morning when we see the living Lord before us, and we stand in God’s presence and the promise and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



## ***Coming Home Sunday***

Our practice is to celebrate *Fifth Sundays* in our calendar with one worship service that unites us at Zion Lutheran Church. March 31 is just such an opportunity and we will be doing so under the banner ***“Coming Home Sunday.”*** Worship will be at 10:00 am followed by an old fashioned pot-luck.

March 31 happens to be the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent and the Gospel text appointed for the day is the parable from Luke 15 that tells a marvelous story of a son *coming home*, and the feast that was thrown for him by a welcoming and exultant father. You know the story well: ‘*A man had two sons...’*. One stayed home and the other wandered off to experience everything the world had to offer. There came the time to return and there was great uncertainty about the welcome the wayward son would receive. The loving father in our story does not ask questions, require contrition, or force new promises. Our Father embraces the returning son and throws a party to celebrate his homecoming.

In like manner, we have all, at times, strayed or found ourselves at a great distance from home or the church. Perhaps we have become estranged, uncertain of our place or welcome, shadowed

by injury or insult. Many feel a disconnect and time creates more distance as we hesitate to go back. It may seem easier to keep away than to venture back and to reconnect.

Consider the Luke 15 text as pretext for ***“Coming Home Sunday.”*** The Prayer of the Day states:

*God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

You can come home. Come home. You are home. March 31, ***“Coming Home Sunday”*** is an ideal time to do just that. Zion Lutheran Church celebrates a Feast each Sunday at which we declare God’s welcome to the communion table as open to all. There are no lost, no forgotten, no excluded, no unwelcome. Come to the party and celebrate with us on March 31 at 10 am.

Speak to a neighbor or a friend and invite them to come “home”. Join us in a celebration of the *Welcome Table* and stay for the fabulous old-fashioned pot-luck to follow at 11:15.

# YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

## *Youth & Family*

**Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>** @ 6:00pm- Zion Parent and Youth Meeting in Conference Room -- Options for our Mission Service trip this summer: Holden Village, Shoshone ID, San Francisco -- come and hear the details!

**Mar 8-9** Middle School Lock-In at Messiah

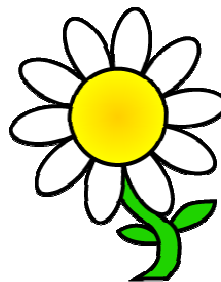
**Mar 22-23** High School Lock-In at Trinity

Both of these Lock-Ins are with Vancouver Lutheran Church Youth Groups - \$10 plus a favorite snack to share with 6 -- contact Pam Ensley for more details @ 503-781-7978 or email [pensley@outlook.com](mailto:pensley@outlook.com)

## *Tending children's faith*

A beautiful thing happened one Sunday. After hearing the Prayers of the Church, the congregation responded, "Hear our prayer." And like a budding flower, a small voice from a sweet three-year-old rang out, "Hear our prayer." When the congregation said, "Amen", again in echo the three-year-old shouted out, "Amen!" Amen indeed! How

wonderful to hear praise to God come from the mouths of all the people here especially the little ones. Children learn by watching the adults and here is a beautiful example of a child learning to worship. It is never easy to bring children to church -- it can be downright challenging -- but in doing so, we are teaching a whole new generation about God and what it is like to spend time with God in worship. Teaching children to love God and love church may be one of the most important things we do not just as adults but as a community of Christ. By bringing in a child into worship, we are giving them the Good Soil in which they can plant their little seeds of faith. We all are gardeners. Let us water and nurture each other's faith, even the smallest of flowers.



*"Some seed fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." Luke 8:8*

# FINANCIAL DIGEST

## JANUARY

<b>BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE</b>	26,466.40
<b>BUDGETARY EXPENSES</b>	25,957.13

### BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2019	26,466.40	26,466.40
2018	24,378.99	24,378.99

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON			# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2019	548	548	4	137
2018	537	537	4	134



#### 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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