



Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church

September 2019 Worship Schedule

September 1 Traditional 9:00 Contemporary 11:00

Beginning September 8:

Traditional 9:00, Contemporary 11:15

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SERVICE

COFFEE HOUR

Sept. 1 Kumar, Van Natta
Sept. 8 Brooks-Schmunk, Tweed
Sept. 15
Sept. 22 Ludwig
Sept. 29 Potluck

FLOWERS

Sept. 1 Brech
Sept. 8 Swanson
Sept. 15 Vargo
Sept. 22 Breitenbucher
Sept. 29 Olsen

LECTORS

9:00
Sept. 1 Mary Lynn Bartlett
Sept. 8 Karen Bartholoma
Sept. 15 Paul Dailey
Sept. 22 Ruth Ladage
10:00
Sept. 29 Doug Danielson
11:00/11:15
Sept. 1 Karen Rezabek
Sept. 8 Judy Bahl
Sept. 15 Kealey Sitler
Sept. 22

ALTAR GUILD

Karen Blair, Nadia Hagen, Vicki Stone-Milligan

GREETERS

9:00
Sept. 1
Sept. 8 Barbara Vahsholtz
Sept. 15 Barbara Breitenbucher
Sept. 22 Ursula Richards
10:00
Sept. 29
11:00/11:15
Sept. 1

Sept. 8
Sept. 15 Barbara Breitenbucher
Sept. 22

Noisy Offering Update

The Noisy Offering September 1st will support Friends of the Carpenter, a day facility that provides a safe, friendly place for people of all circumstances.



Attention seniors!

The September S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meeting will be on Monday, September 23 at 11:00 am at the Camas Police Department. *You and Your Medicines* 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

Steven Lee, Damon Schafte, Gary Schafte, Gary Joffer, Chris Gillas, Gene Hockenbery, Berta Hall; for **Ed Sudol** on the loss of **Cynthia** August 7; for **Ursula Richards** and family on the loss of **Frank** August 25.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who helped setting up the Social Hall after Cynthia's memorial. She would have approved.
Ed Sudol

On the road again

Pat Hagensen is on vacation September 9 -16. The office will be closed Mondays, Sept. 9 & 16, and hours Tuesday, Sept. 10 through Friday, Sept. 13 will be 9-1:00.



What's Brewing?

Tuesday, September 24
7:00 pm
Doomsday Brewing
421 C Street Ste. 3,
Washougal
360-335-9909

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. This series, presented by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen, begins with *The angst of anger*. 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 - No September meeting

- Esther - Wednesday, Sept. 11th, 10:00 am
- Hostess - Bernice Englund, 3147 NW 18th Ave, Camas, 834-2578
- Martha - Thursday, Sept. 12th, 7:00 pm
- Hostess - Hannelore Tweed, 1655 N 9th St, Washougal, 335-9982



Fall is almost upon us. Where did the summer go? I'm hoping you have had some time for travel, fun and recreation and watching your gardens grow. At the same time I love the approach of autumn and the changing of the season and of the increased action of community and church. Here's a little of what is going to be happening at Zion.

"God's Work. Our Hands." -- a dedicated day of service in our community on Saturday, September 7.

Zion Lutheran will be participating with a number of other groups, including Congregation Kol Ami, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Alcoholics Anonymous and others in the area who are gathering to help repair and paint St. Paul Outreach Center.

Our sister ELCA congregation in downtown Vancouver is undergoing some needed improvements and is getting help from the Affordable Housing Fund as they upgrade WHO, the Winter Hospitality Overflow Shelter. WHO which normally operates only in winter months is currently helping to house displaced residents from Share House after their recent fire.

Join us for **"God's Work. Our Hands."** We will be painting from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, September 7. Gather at Zion at 9:15 for car pool or just come on down to St. Paul Lutheran, 1309 Franklin St. Vancouver, WA.

Sign up at the Events Table. Lunch will be provided by the City of Vancouver Mayor, Anne McEnerny-Ogle.

The Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve – The Story That Created Us

The most influential story in Western cultural history is how it is described. The biblical account of Adam and Eve has had great impact on everything from art and literature, moral understanding, the role and typecasting of men and women, nature, religious doctrine and original sin, paradise, ecology, evolution, civilization, the human body, science, history, Jesus and so much more.

Based on a book by Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Stephen Greenblatt, Professor of Humanities at Harvard University, this study of Adam and Eve will be Pastor Tom's last selection for the Thursday morning Bible study. Classes will begin September 12 at 10 am in the Danielson Hall Conference Room and continue through November. You are not required to buy the book to participate in the study.

If you cannot attend the Thursday morning study you may be

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interested in reading Greenblatt's Book, ***The Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve***, published by W.W. Norton & Co., 2017. Two discussion group sessions will be scheduled, tentatively for Thursday evening, October 3 and November 7.

Sign up at the Events Table in Danielson Hall for the Thursday evening discussion group.

This fall we will start a GPS Group at Zion for congregational members and the community. This group will be for Gentlemen Partner-Survivors (GPS), another name for widowers. As a support and fellowship group providing some direction for those who may feel a little lost, GPS will be a real resource and tool for men who have something in common. Watch for details about this group starting in September.

Celebrating all God's gifts **10 am service only**

Plans are being made for a special observance for our Fifth Sunday 10:00 am worship on September 29 to recognize Native American culture and history. Following the service, the Stewardship Ministry Team will provide fried chicken and hot dogs. A signup sheet for salads and desserts will be available.

Exercise at Zion!

KeepFit is a group exercise program focused on improving functional ability, such as balance and physical fitness. The goal is to reduce fall frequency and fall-related risks.

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. The class meets three times weekly: Mondays at 12:30 and Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 in the Social Hall. Led by certified instructor Sinéad Hale (pronounced Shi-NAY), the groups 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 sustain the classes.





And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years.

Genesis 1:14

Fall is filled with new things. As the beautiful warm summer days pass, we shake out those sweaters which we miss and yet are hesitant to put on. We want to hold on to summer, but also want to embrace the changing of the season. We long for the pretty fall leaves but aren't ready to say goodbye to summer. We are excited to start the new year of school and yet really aren't ready to go. There are many examples.

New things are exciting and old things are comfortable, and we usually fall into the tension between the two.

We are coming around the corner into a new season. Exciting things are kicking off again here at Zion and in the community like bible studies, book clubs, and Green Bay Packer and WSU Cougar games. There is much to do ahead of us. The busyness can feel overwhelming.

I have been contemplating the idea of Sabbath, which summer offers in a way that the other seasons do not. Simply by having longer days, you have a chance to rest at the end of the day in quiet ways like sitting under the twinkling stars in a lawn chair or a tent. When is the last time you looked up at the stars and just paused? When was the last time you looked up at the stars and paused, giving God thanks for the wonders of creation?

Is it possible to take a little of the slowdown of summer and throw it into the busyness that fall brings? As we mark up our calendars for the new season, perhaps it is time to purposefully think about how we can build God into our schedules as well. Where can we find those moments where we can pause and give God thanks or pray in addition to our Sunday worship? Perhaps every time we drive to an appointment or seeing the leaves turn color could serve as reminders to pray or give God thanks for creation.

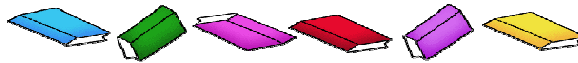
Yes, fall brings about many new things. God yearns for relationship with us. He yearns for us to pause and remember to put him into our daily routines. Let us start our new season by building time into our busy lives for our Creator.



Book Club meets

We will resume our monthly book group meetings the second Thursday of each month at 1 PM in the Conference Room on

September 12 to discuss our summer book choice, *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore. If you have this book checked out from the office, please return it before or at the September 12 meeting. Karen Gates will lead discussion and bring treats.



We already have a book choice for October! Georgia Parks will lead discussion on *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. You will need to obtain your own copy of this book. I just checked the Camas Library for available copies. There is one audio book available, but a long wait list for all the printed books. This book has been/maybe still available at Costco.

Karen Gates



Celebrating Children in Church

Some of my favorite moments this year have been when a child echoed "Amen" after the adults said the word during a prayer in church, and when a little baby runs up for a children's message. It is wonderful to see children. They bring joy and wonder to the service, and they

often have profound thoughts about God. Children learn to worship by watching and listening to adults. Zion welcomes and encourages children in the pews during worship services. We have activity bags on the shelves in the back to help with squirms and wiggles. Zion has an education hour between services for confirmation students and children and a nursery downstairs on those other days when they need more room. We know that parents and grandparents struggle with the fun and joys of raising kids, and sometimes bringing children can be difficult. Thank you for bringing your little ones -- you are celebrated and appreciated!

Godly Play is Zion's Sunday School program. Godly Play is a beautiful way to tell the biblical stories using simple objects like sand, wood, and felt. Godly Play is for ages 3 through 5th grade. Please contact Pastor Susan or Pam Ensley if you are interested in your child attending and/or register on Rally Day Sept. 8th. Godly Play could use more storytellers and doorkeepers. If you are interested in helping in this way, please let us know. Thank you.

Rally Day

Sept. 8th We are blessing backpacks, briefcases, portfolios, calendars, plane tickets and whatever that will get you through the fall as we head back to school and into

the busyness of fall. Bring what you need blessed as we enter into a new season of starting up again. We are building school kits during the education hour at 10:15. Please register your children for confirmation or Sunday School (Godly Play).



Zion Harvest Gathering Sunday, September 29 following the 10 AM Service

MARK your calendars for an all congregation potluck on Sunday, September 29, 2019, beginning after the ONE SERVICE at 10:00 AM. Fried chicken and hot dogs will be provided. Please sign up in Danielson Hall to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

In review



Zion's Holden Village Trip Aug 3-10

Dear Zion family,

We truly had an enchanted and blessed adventure to Holden Village. Our group of 15 was a mix of old and young, couples and singles, old friend and new friends. We met many from

neighboring congregations, different states and from all over the world. Some highlights include: wilderness hikes, lectures and discussions on current issues, Vespers Worship, youth running and playing all over the Village in freedom, NO cell coverage or internet, star gazing from our decks, long visits over coffee, naps in hammocks, bowling, ping pong, ice cream, espresso coffee, boat rides on Lake Chelan, singing and choirs, pottery, Capture the Flag and other games, hot tubing, plunge pool and sauna, building dams in the river, dips in the lake, a trip to Stehekin -- we could go on and on! There really was something for everyone. One of our group put it best when she was asked "Where did you see God on our trip?" She replied, "Where *didn't* I see God!"

Our church is already planning another trip to Holden Village next July 19-25, 2020. Please let Pam know if you are interested so we can reserve our Zion group as soon as possible -- the week will fill up quickly.

Vacation Bible School July 15-18

Our theme this year was *Transforming Community*. We had 61 kids including pre-school/kindergarten, 1st-6th grades, 13 middle/high school youth counselors and 3 Camp Lutherwood leaders. Our lessons focused on inclusiveness, compassion and forgiveness. Activities included the Bounce House, Camas/Washougal Fire Department demonstration, Smokey Bear presentation and kids' program with ice cream social to share songs and what they had learned.

Thank you to our Camp Lutherwood leaders, all our Jr. Counselors, host families, snack coordinator, Lutherwood leader lunches, Pre-K teachers, Pre-K helpers and all the kids who attended our VBS Day Camp this year. Each of you helped make it an amazing week of "Transforming Community". Remember: Generosity, Inclusiveness, Compassion, and Forgiveness.

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Hold these dates in September!

Sept 7th - God's Work. Our Hands. Workday at St. Paul Lutheran in Vancouver

Sept 8th - Rally Day for all youth! Kick off activities and School Kit preparation

Sept 15th - Sunday School/Godly Play and Confirmation Class
Confirmation is for students 6th through 8th grade and is a three-year process. (We are happy to accommodate someone who might be starting at a later age as well). During this time, confirmation students explore the Bible, the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Lutheran faith. Confirmation meets during the education hour at 10:15 on Sundays. **Parents, please join with your student on September 15th for a parent/student meeting to look over the coming year.**

Sept 21st - Youth and family trip to Timberline Bike Park. Family-friendly trails plus trails that are suited to bikers of all ages and abilities.

Sept 22nd - 6:00 pm Youth mission trip meeting with parents. We will discuss the year's activities for the youth and the youth mission trip. See you there!

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

AUGUST

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE	164,127.18
BUDGETARY EXPENSES	179,071.74

BUDGETARY OFFERING MONTH YEAR/DATE

2019	17,200.34	164,127.18
2018	24,294.87	165,677.04

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON			# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2019	509	4267	30	142
2018	553	4139	30	138

God's Work. Our Hands.

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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God's saving grace for all."***

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