Zion Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church

June 2021 Worship Schedule

Sunday live 10:00 am on Facebook
Sign up for in-person worship on Sundays at 10:00 am
Links posted to website and emailed

824 NE 4th Avenue Camas, Washington
Associate Pr. Susan A. Dollinger
360-834-4201 office
Email: info@zionluthcamas.org
Website: www.zionluthcamas.org

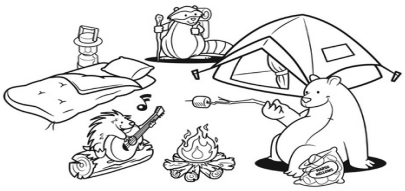
Community Yoga
For Zoom yoga, call Sinéad Hale at 503-927-8428
Bible Narration
June 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 3:30 pm
Godly Play
June 6 and 13

SAVE THE DATES!

July 12-15
Details to be Determined -- please contact Pam Ensley to reserve a spot

On the road again

Pat Hagensen will be on vacation June 4-14. The office will be closed June 4, 7, 11 and 14 and hours Tuesday June 8 through Thursday June 10 will be 9-1:00.



Thanks to all Zion people for sending good thoughts and well-wishes while I'm in rehab from an accident.
Bless you and thank you,
Helen Moore

Zion's 2021 graduates will be honored on June 6 at the 10:00 worship: **Max Malcom, Emily McElhaney** from Washougal High; **Paige Nelson** from Camas High; **Naomi Meeker** from Union High**;** and **Hayden Meeker,** from the St. Francis College Honors Program with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. We pray for God's blessings in their lives!

Dear Zion congregation,
Thank you for your cards, prayers, and comforting words at the loss of our beloved Richard. A special thank you to Pr. Susan for the beautiful graveside service.

The Ford Family

Thank you to everyone who participated in the rummage sale and to everyone who bought something. We are grateful. A special thanks to those who worked so hard to arrange everything and also those who helped clean up. You are much appreciated!

Prayer Chain

Darrell Gilmer, Helen Moore, Diane Fordney, Ruth Hansen, Doug Moore, Diane Anderson; for **DeEtte Ford** and family on the loss of **Richard Ford** April 27

Bible Study on John wraps up

Two more sessions on the Book of John will complete this study. The Thursday morning discussions on the Book of John begin at 10:00 am on Zoom.

Homework assignments -- read these chapters of John for:
June 3: 14-16
June 10: 17-21

What's Brewing? has resumed in-person gatherings and their next meeting will be 5:30 pm June 29 at John & Linda Hansen's home, 1878 N 14th Avenue, Washougal, 605-254-5016.

Worship in-person at Zion!

If you're ready to attend worship again at the church, look for the sign-up link emailed on Tuesday or Wednesday each week. You'll see fifteen "pods" (which are spaced as required in the sanctuary) that will seat up to four people.

Please call the church office if help is needed getting signed up.

June Zoom Meetings

Book Club	1:00
Thurs 10	
Bible Study	10:00
Thurs 3, 10	
Council	4:00
Tues 15	
Men's Study Group	7:30
Thurs 3, 10, 17, 24	
Narration	3:30
Thurs 3, 10, 17, 24	
Community Yoga	8:30
Tues 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and	
Thurs 3, 10, 17, 24	

June 14

Remember Zion's Endowment Fund

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 the Endowment Team:

Leslee Froehlich	512-925-0391
Bill Danielson	360-521-6745
Linda Hansen	605-254-5016
Phil Brech	360-834-5182
Ron McKnight	360-834-4984

Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

In Matthew 14:22-33 we find the story of Jesus walking on the water. This is a familiar story as it is heard in three of the four gospels. But it is only in Matthew where Peter gets out of the boat and tries his luck at walking on the water. He manages a few steps and then realizes the wind is out there, or that he is human and not God, and starts to sink. In this account, I wonder if the fact that Peter gets out of the boat actually distracts us from seeing Jesus walking on water. Most of the sermons I have heard or have given focus more on Peter than on Jesus. And we can identify with Peter, an impetuous young man who believes the rules don't apply enough and has the foolish confidence to think he can actually walk on water. Even if it is just for a moment, Peter did accomplish this feat -- that is also overlooked.

Sometimes, when we are looking for the big miracles, we fail to see the small ones that have occurred. We want Peter to succeed, but he sinks and Jesus reminds him to keep his faith. Our focus might be more on Peter's sinking than on the fact that he got out of the boat in the first place. We might focus on Peter's sinking rather than on Jesus keeping him afloat; or on the fact that he took a few steps, but rarely on Jesus who had already crossed the sea.

That is the thing, right? Jesus walks all the way to us across the sea, and reaches out and keeps us from sinking when we are doing something less than wise, but we were praying that Peter would walk on water, and even though a step or two was taken, Peter didn't reach as far as we wanted him to go. Do we recognize the other miracles that have occurred or just the one that didn't seem to happen the way we had desired? There are times when Peter did do great and powerful things, and he did defy gravity for a little bit before he remembered he was only human after all.

When death comes unexpectedly or happens to someone young, it is hard to figure out Jesus and miracles. But standing again after such a tragedy is where Jesus comes across the sea to you, to steady your feet; even on the water where you are sure you are sinking.

May you recognize the little miracles that have occurred in your

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life to bring you back to standing strong in the times of adversity. May you be able to see where Jesus held out his precious hand to keep you from sinking, and where he brought you back to shore. Amen.

In normal times, the 10 oxygen cylinders that serve the hospital where Dr. Subhash Pandey treats patients in Nepal used to last 10 days. Now — as India's dramatic spike in COVID-19 cases spills over the border — this amount barely lasts a day.

A dramatic surge in COVID-19 cases in India has nearly collapsed the country's health system as a result. Now Nepal, which shares a border with India, is headed in the same direction.

Dr. Pandey's hospital sits just 2 kilometers from the India border. Though officials have set up heavily controlled checkpoints, lifetimes of connection between the two countries mean shared cultures, relationships and now, risks.

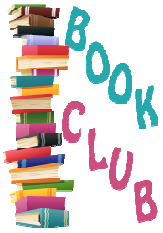
Those who do arrive are not guaranteed treatment. There is no intensive care unit, and isolation facilities are meager at best. In rural areas health centers have little to no capacity to even test for COVID-19, much less treat it.

While extra staff would be welcomed, Dr. Pandey said it's oxygen and personal protective equipment that are in most need. Zion's offering to India is gratefully received at this time. Thank you!

from Lutheran World Relief article by Matt Hackworth, 05-11-2021

Book Club meets

A big thank you to Linda Hansen for leading the good discussion on *The Murmur of Bees*. Kudos to everyone who was able to finish the 461 page book before the meeting!



Following are upcoming book choices:

June 10th: *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. No assigned discussion leader. Plan to come with a question/opinion/ favorite part/or why or why not you liked the book.

Summer Book: *Deep River* by Karl Marlantes.

As for now we will be meeting via Zoom in June. September we should be back to meeting in person!

Blessings,
Karen Gates and Sandra Meeker

I traveled with my sister one weekend recently in a tour group of nineteen on a luxury bus that took us to visits in Portland, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center at The Dalles and Maryhill Museum. The huge windows that looked black on the outside were perfect for viewing the areas we passed, both scenic and sad.

As if they felt protected by the one-way glass my fellow passengers discussed frankly the homes, landscaping and businesses as we traveled by. They did not omit the tent cities with their seas of garbage along the highway or near blackberry-overgrown places. The comments ranged from critical of the people living in such a way to disgust with the city government that allowed these settlements to exist. I'm sure somewhere in all that talk was sympathy, but I didn't hear it. I felt self-righteous at the attitude of these people who seemed to take for granted a place in the world which included hotels for the weekend, let alone their own homes.

And then I remembered a time perhaps eight years earlier when Dave and I spent a weekend in Kennewick with our 5th wheel travel trailer. Unable to get a camping reservation, we found a place inside the city limits which was really a permanent trailer park but included overnight spaces. Accustomed to state parks with grass and trees, not to mention more space, we made do since we only slept there.

Except for roadside glances, I had no experience of a trailer park and my first walk around was an eye-opener. No double wide mobile homes were visible. Built as small travel trailers but now used as permanent dwellings, tiny homes filled the perimeter. A few were well kept but aged, and most had missing windows covered with boards or tarps tied over leaking roofs. When I looked toward our parking area, the flock of overnighters looked like peacocks amidst small brown chickens. The contrast punched me hard with shame. I was part of that group – the carefree travelers who spent holidays in much the same style as our homes. This neighborhood lived year-round in shabby minute shelters. *Who was I to be so privileged?*

And then I rounded a corner and came upon another little trailer with a 10' front yard filled with squash or pumpkin plants in riotous bloom. Their golden delight in the sunny morning reproached me – did this not exhibit a hopeful spirit? Who was I to feel sorry?

Those flowers reminded me that divinity in God's children responds to God even though inequality exists and always will. Joy in God has no root in material wealth.

Patricia Hagensen

FINANCIAL DIGEST

APRIL

BUDGETARY INCOME YEAR/DATE	87,962.47
BUDGETARY EXPENSES	76,692.15

BUDGETARY OFFERING	**MONTH**	**YEAR/DATE**
2021	24,786.50	87,962.47
2020	25,439.05	111,313.59

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON			# of Sundays	Avg/YR to Date
2021	70	70	4	18
2020		1417	12	142

Zion Lutheran Church Staff:

Ministers	Entire Congregation
Associate Pastor	Susan Dollinger
Youth Minister	Pam Ensley
Office Assistant	Sandra Meeker
Music Staff:	Karen Rezabek, Gary Ritter
Nursery Attendants	Emily McElhaney, Alexa Gaudio, Brooke Gaudio, Christina McElhaney
Sound Techs:	Reid Frank, Max Malcom
Custodian	Tye Cobb
Council Officers:	Pres. Leslee Froehlich, Vice Pres. Adam Sitler Sec. Kelly Bruce
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Hagensen

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"As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God's saving grace for all."

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