



The Zion Messenger

February, 2023

Using Our Gifts Together and Sharing God's Grace

Greetings Saints of God,

If you haven't heard the news in a while, let me be the one to tell you, again: You are loved!

I know!! It's amazing. Radical. And it is something that we can hear again and again.

If you are like me, you need to hear it again and again, because our brains, and our hearts, are forgetful. The world can remind you of all the ways that you have stumbled, and messed up. While we do mess up, that doesn't make us unlovable.

You might have heard this as well, but let me remind you again: There is not one thing that can separate us from the love of God found in Christ Jesus. Not ONE single thing.

Love is what comes to mind when I think of February. You can't go into a store and not have it come to mind. Heart shaped everything is found everywhere. Chocolate. Stickers. Cards. We are told that if we love someone, we need to respond in this way.

Every day for us as Christians is about love. We are called to love one another, love the neighbor, love the enemy and love ourselves. God gives us the example. Jesus Christ shows us what love looks like.

Thank God for God's love.

This month look for our communion class that will be held on the 4th of February, 9 a.m. to Noon. The Eucharist, at its core, is about the love of God found in this meal. This gift of Grace that sends us into the world, fed and forgiven. Which, ironically, is the name of the class.

Thank you for the love you show each other. I feel your love, and give thanks to God for all of you!



Living in the Amazing Grace of God,

Pastor John

Rev. John W. Stevens, Pastor

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Readings for the month

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9 (9b-12); Psalm: 112: 1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm: 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday, February 19, Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, February 26, First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm: 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11



RAISE THE ROOF CHALLENGE



I have a challenge for anyone who was married at Zion. I was married on December 21, 1956 in this beautiful church. In recognition of that special day in my life, I am donating \$25 to Zion's roof fund and challenge the many of you who also were married at Zion to do the same or more.

If you accept my challenge, send the tax deductible donation to the church office along with **your names** and **wedding date**. It will be interesting to find out who was married at Zion throughout the years.

Thanks you for considering my challenge. Your donation will help "raise the roof".

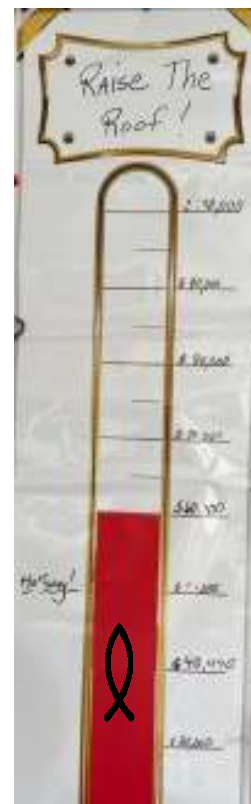
Nancy (Tom) Combs

Roof Fund Progress Report

I'd like to update everyone on our fund raising project for Zion's new roof. **As of 1/22/23 we've collected \$59,948.70** toward our goal of \$100,000. Thank you to those who have given to this fund.

All donations can be made online by clicking the links on our website or Facebook page. They can also be mailed directly to the office at: 720 Jefferson St, Oregon City OR 97045. Be sure to label these as roof fund donations!

Questions? Feel free to contact Deb Bartel or Jane Arterberry.



Prayer Requests: Family of Gary Green, Family of Shirley Newhouse, Family of Catherine Davidson, Family of Scott Reider, Leslie Ford, Don Nissly, Nancy Combs, Dee Hanson, Tad Hyman, Ron Cole, Heidi Stevens, Lisha Keeble, Krista & Rich, Baby George, Carol Goodale, Katie O'Donnell, Cooper Davis (4yrs old diagnosed with Leukemia), Lydia, Bob Dalmeny, Mark Eide, Julia Doughty, Sharon Little, Olivia McCallum (6yrs old diagnosed with Leukemia).

Prayers for Zion's Homebound Members: Esther Betts, Lavon Edwards, Ethel Miles, Donna Ronning, Verna Fuson, Dorothy Krueger, Ellie Woodford, Ron & Dorothy Cole.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING
January 15, 2023

President Susan Arterberry called the meeting to order at 11:25 am.

Pastor led the congregation in an opening prayer.

The minutes from the February 13, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

Pastor's Report: Pastor's full yearly report is printed in the Annual Report. He mentioned that it was last year in February that we shut down for the second time due to another outbreak of Covid. We continued streaming during that time and continue today to stream all services.

Several congregations in our cluster are currently going through transitions. Prince of Life has an interim, West Linn has 2 interim pastors, Macksburg has an interim once a month and lay ministry the remaining Sundays, St. Stephens is in transition as well.

Zion is strong and not in transition of which we are all grateful.

Committee Reports: (Complete reports are published in the Annual Report)

Worship: Meetings will resume once a month starting in February.

Service: An extensive report outlining all maintenance completed for 2022 and projects needed in the future are listed in the Annual Report. Thank you to all who have helped maintain the cleanliness of our facility. Members are encouraged to sign up for future quarters on the cleaning chart posted on the bulletin board in the parking lot narthex.

Donations to *The Roof Fund* are \$54,528 toward the \$100,000 goal as of 12/31/22.

Learning: Highlights from the printed report are: the car wash raised \$1310 to donate to Ukraine relief through the ELCA; a couple students and Pastor attended confirmation camp in June at Camp Lutherwood; the national youth conference which has been postponed due to covid, has been rescheduled to 2024.

Witness: Pastor expressed a big thank you to this committee for hosting several memorial luncheons during this difficult time of Covid.

Support: Our revenues have slightly exceeded our expenses for the year. The giving of this congregation is greatly appreciated keeping us currently running in the black. Eileen expressed an enormous thanks to Terri Hammond and Linda Myers for giving of their time and skills keeping our financial books in order. This is an enormous savings to our church not having to pay for an accountant or firm.

Scholarship: A correction was made to change the amount of funds paid out from \$33,000 to \$31,500 for 2022.

Audit: The audit for the year 2021 was completed successfully in April by Mary Downen, Mike McFarland, Judy Heerd, Ginny Myers with help by Eileen Wiedrich pulling files.

ZLCW: Report in Annual report.

Election Of Council Members: The nominating committee nominated Lorilee Cronn and Cheryl Steinhebel. No nominations were successful from the floor. Vote was unanimous for the two new members.

2023 council members are: Susan Arterberry, Lis Horton, Eileen Wiedrich, Deb Bartel, Diane Berreth, Gudrun Hartfeil, Susan Lamb, Jane Arterberry, Cheryl Steinhebel, Lorilee Cronn. Thanks to Jewelry McFarland for her service this last year.

Good of the Order: Pam Bloom expressed a special thank you to LaVonne's dedication and work as our church administrative assistant.

Lis Horton gave a special thanks to Pastor for all of his electronic expertise and keeping us afloat with his knowledge of computers and streaming. The congregation is extremely blessed and grateful for all of his diligent work and faithfulness.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 pm followed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Wiedrich
Council Secretary

ZION LUTHERAN COUNCIL
January 15, 2023
Draft
(Approval at February Meeting)

Present: Pastor John, Susan Arterberry, Lis Horton, Eileen Wiedrich, Deb Bartel, Diane Berreth, Gudrun Hartfeil, Susan Lamb, Lorilee Cronn.

Absent: Jane Arterberry, Cheryl Steinhebel

Meeting was called to order by President Susan at 12:02 pm and Pastor led us in prayer.

Election of officers for 2023 were as follows: President - Susan Arterberry,
Vice President - Lis Horton, Secretary - Eileen Wiedrich

Committee assignments are as follows:

Worship - Deb Bartel, Diane Berreth, Lorilee Cronn

Witness - Gudrun Hartfeil, Susan Lamb, Lis Horton, Diane Berreth, Cheryl Steinhebel.

Service - Eileen Wiedrich

Support - Eileen Wiedrich

Learning - Susan Arterberry, Lis Horton, Jane Arterberry

The minutes from the December meeting were approved as written.

Financial Report: No new report - refer to the report and discussion from Annual Meeting.

Pastor's Report: Refer to Pastor's report in the Annual Report. Pastor did highlight a couple events coming up: A communion class for all ages will be on February 4 followed by the making of communion bread; and new members will be installed on Sunday, February 5 during the Sunday service. Pastor's birthday is Sunday, January 22. He will be attending a "preaching" workshop in Seaside on January 23 - 25 as part of his continuing education.

Old Business: The name of the *Education Scholarship fund* will be renamed to reflect the term "endowment" to better represent the use of the monies. Eileen will bring this up at the next Servant meeting and report back to council for a final decision.

Zion continues to investigate what should be done before and after should a major earthquake occur that would severely damage our structure. Eileen will call our insurance company for more specifics of our coverage. It was suggested a earthquake preparedness document be written to better prepare. Also it was suggested the natural gas company be called about an automatic gas shut off valve in case of an earthquake. More discussion will continue at next council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship - Committee will meet in February.

It was suggested we purchase an artificial Christmas tree for future use for fire safety reasons. Lorilee Cronn will research tree possibilities.

Service - Report is in the Annual Report.

Learning - The youth are selling pies and having a Valentines dinner to raise money for the national youth conference in 2024 in Minnesota.

Confirmation classes continue with youth from Zion, Prince of Life, and West Linn.

A group of youth attended a bowling activity on January 7. It was well attended!

The youth and advisors will have a planning session on January 22 at Corner 14 Restaurant.

Roof Fund - We continue to think of ways to fundraise for our roof. We are thinking about ways of celebrating our half way accomplishment.

Good of the Order: Pastor would like to express his appreciation of Susan's leadership during this last year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Wiedrich



COMMUNITY GIVING — FEBRUARY 2023 **"MEALS ON WHEELS"**

Meals on Wheels is the leading privately funded organization promoting dignity and independent living for the homebound, through volunteer delivery of nutritious meals in the greater Clackamas County area.

Your donations make a difference!

Donations can be given throughout the month of February.
Make checks payable to Zion, or donate through Tithe.ly.



Love, INC's Non-Food Pantry is very, very low in supplies. Should you be able to help, suggested donations are: toilet tissue, paper towels, diapers, cleaning products, laundry soap (not from the Dollar Store as they are mostly water), bleach, Clorox wipes, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, etc.

I have created a coffee blend which I am calling,
"Raise the Roof!" It is 15.00 a bag, and 5 dollars of
that will go toward the Roof Fund.





Susan Arterberry
President, Learning



Lis Horton, Vice Pres,
Witness, Learning



Eileen Wiedrich
Secretary, Service,
Support



Gudrun Hartfeil
Witness



Deb Bartel
Worship

Zion's 2023 Council Members



Susan Lamb
Witness



Diane Berreth
Worship, Witness



Lorilee Cronn
Worship



Jane Arterberry
Learning



Cheryl Steinhebel
Witness

A bit of Lutheran Humor



When the choir director cuts it off but
you hit one more note by yourself cuz
you wasn't watchin'



A note from the
church secretary:

Your beliefs don't
make you a better
person;
Your behavior does . .



Valentine's Day around the World

- ◇ Argentina celebrates a "week of sweetness" in February.
- ◇ South Korea celebrates on the 14th of each month.
- ◇ In Ghana, February 14th is "National Chocolate Day".
- ◇ In Bulgaria, February 14th celebrates "day of winemakers".
- ◇ In Denmark friends and lovers exchange handmade cards with pressed white flowers that are called snowdrops.
- ◇ In Slovenia, on February 14th patron saints believe that birds "propose" to each other. In order to witness this occasion, one must walk barefoot through fields that are often still frozen.





Once again we need to thank Ron Rohde from Holman~Hankins~Bowker & Waud, and a long time member of Zion, for the new flag that waves on the west side of Zion's educational building. Thanks to the Fire Department for hanging new rope and flag.



Clackamas County



On behalf of Love, INC, we are so grateful for your thoughtful donations of Care Pantry items. It is in partnership with churches and individuals in our community that we can impact lives for transformation. Your gift is an encouragement to us and allows us to help others in the Name of Christ.

Thanks you very much!

Gratefully, Julie
for Love, INC

A special Thank You to the person who left the black plastic bag of material in the Quilters room. We will be able to put every piece to good use.

Thank You again.
Quilters

I just want to thank Pastor and everyone else for their well wishes and prayers after my awful fall that I had Christmas Eve. It was a scare to me and my whole family. Everyone was there for me and I know that my guardian angel was watching over me. I am so thankful and grateful for my church family.

Once again I know how blessed I am to have you all in my life.

Love from me to all of you,
Lis Horton :)

To the lovely members of Zion Lutheran church and the Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the generous gift of an educational grant!

I greatly appreciate the kindness and support from my new church family. My heart is so full. I hope this investment in my education will lead me to a future where I can return the love and encouragement a hundredfold back to our beautiful community. God bless you all for nurturing bright futures!



Warmly,
Rachel Hample

Dear Friends,



You are amazing! Once again, you stepped forward at a critical time to make a profound difference in the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired and the guide dogs we partner with them - thank you! We are so appreciative of your donation of \$285.00 received on Thursday, December 22, 2022.

Your support to Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB) will immediately help our clients receive the enhanced mobility, companionship, and independence that their canine partner provides.

Your gift today helps provide the best personalized training, support, and education for human and canine

teams - all free of charge.

I deeply appreciate your donation to GDB. Your support is life-changing for so many people who are blind or visually impaired. Together, we are unstoppable!

With gratitude,

Christine Benninger
President and CEO



**Shrove Tuesday
Talent Show, Feb 22nd**
Sign up with Pastor or LaVonne
to share your talent!!!!



Winter 2023 Scholarship Recipients

Rachel Hample ~ in 3rd year of her 4yr doctorate program at Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland, Or., to become a dentist.

Emilyann Gunnarson ~ Majoring in Elementary Education at Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande, Or.

Coleen Kyne ~ Attending Portland Fashion Institute, Portland, Or.

Peter Mora-Stevens ~ Majoring in Computer Science Focus in AI at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Or.

Hadley Myers ~ Majoring in Business Information Systems at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Or.

Jessica Dowling ~ Bachelor's of Science in Nursing at Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland, Or. And Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande, Or.

Jane Arterberry ~ Majoring in Biology at Portland State University Honors College in Portland, Or.

Ruby Koepping ~ Majoring in Zoology/Biology at Oregon State University, Corvallis Or.

Ashley George ~ Master of Education in School Counseling at Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Or.

ADOPT A SPACE: 1st Quarter 2023 Workers Needed

Please consider signing up individually or as a family
for the 1st quarter, January - March 2023.

The 2023 sign up sheet is located in the upper narthex.

Wiedrich/Dowen, Schnell	Sanctuary & Balcony	Vacuum, dust, clean (as needed)
Hartfeil, Horton	Office & Office Narthex	Vacuum, dust clean, garbage (weekly)
Stevenson	Main Floor Men's Bathrooms	Clean toilets, mop, sink, garbage (weekly)
Cheryl Steinhebel	Main Floor Women's Bathroom	Clean toilets, mop, sink, garbage (weekly)
Bill & Judy Heerdt	Wuest Fellowship room	Vacuum, garbage, straighten up (bi-monthly)
Crew Phyllis	Main floor hallway & stairs	Sweep, mop, vacuum mats (bi-monthly)
Pastor John & Coleen Kyne	Kraxberger Hall	Vacuum (as needed)
Jessica Dowling	Downstairs bathrooms (3)	Clean toilets, mop, sink, garbage (weekly)
Bill & Judy Heerdt	Elevator	Sweep and dust (as needed)
Mark & Terri Hammond	Kraxberger kitchen	Sweep & mop floor (weekly)
Bartelli Family	Downstairs hallway & stairs	Sweep/mop, vacuum mat (bi-monthly)

Reminder: Join us for our weekly gatherings:
Sunday worship service is held in the Sanctuary and being
live streamed on **Facebook and Youtube.**



Topic: Church Service
Time: 9:50 AM Pacific Time
or Dial by your location 1 253 215 8782 US
Meeting ID: 811 2851 1393 Password: 97045



**REMEMBER: WE DON'T WORSHIP
THE LORD ON SUNDAYS ONLY!**



WE WORSHIP HIM EVERYDAY!

Pastor John is doing daily studies online at 10AM.
"10 at 10" with Pastor John. Live on facebook and YouTube,
Monday through Thursday.

Bible Study : Pastor John is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom
meeting. Wednesday, 7pm

Topic: following Sunday Gospel Lesson

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 817 7889 8995 Passcode: bible

Have you remembered
Zion in your Will?



New Address:



Patrick & Ashley Bennett
Wellington & Branson
1730 Christy Court
West Linn, Or 97068

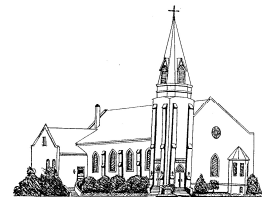
Can you find the hidden Fish?

Somewhere in this newsletter is the fish
symbol. It could be large or small, a
picture or article. See who in your family
can locate it first!!



Zion Lutheran Church Financial Report at 12/31/2022

December Offering received	\$ 19,508
Other Income received	913
Total Income	<u>\$ 20,421</u>
December Expenses	\$ 16,257
(Admin of staff—\$11,425)	
Income	\$ 4,164



Full year 2022 Offering @ 12/31/2022	\$190,835
Other income received	12,078
Total 2022 Income	<u>\$202,913</u>
Expenses - January - December	<u>\$193,531</u>
(Admin of staff-year-to-date - (\$138,211))	
Income	\$ 9,382

Notes:

January-December 2022 **Community Giving** = \$4,250

We had a good year. Thank you!!

Terri Hammond markterrih@gmail.com (503)349-9654 - Questions
For additional information see the 2022 Annual Report

Worship Helpers



February	5	12	19	26
Ushers	Ryan LaGrange Jana LaGrange	Ashley George Elyjah McFarland Eileen Wiedrich Patti Anderson	Allen Fawcett Dick Keefer Richard Patterson	Chuck Krieger Cathy Krieger Roger Stevenson
Readers	Denise Wells	Ashley George	Rachel Hample	Nancy Combs
Acolytes	-	-	-	-
Communion Assistants	Patti Anderson Allen Fawcett	Mary Dowen Delaney McFarland	Pam Bloom Molly Schnell	Mickey Cate Bill Fox
Flowers				
PowerPoint Operator	Lori Fawcett	Cheryl Steinhebel	Jeanette Kmetc	Eileen Wiedrich
Computer Streaming	Lori Fawcett	Lis Horton	Ashley George	Eileen Wiedrich
Altar Guild	Bob & Margret Rierson	Bob & Margret Rierson	Bob & Margret Rierson	Bob & Margret Rierson
Yard Care/ Mowing	Mike McFarland Elyjah McFarland	Logan Schmit	Ron Rohde	Carston Berreth John Wicklund

God's blessings to our members celebrating birthdays! If your birthday is not listed or is incorrect, please call the office at 503-656-4437. Thanks.



2/2 Donna Ronning
 2/6 Fred Bialas
 Hadley Myers
 2/9 Bob Torres
 2/10 Edie Krieger
 2/15 Jana LaGrange
 2/16 Beverly Robinson
 2/17 Kiley Cronen
 Don Nissly
 2/19 Susi Holecz
 Katelyn Werner
 2/20 Jessica Dowling
 2/21 Mary Dowen
 Blake Coomes
 2/28 Lavon Edwards



2/11 Steve & Audrey Keller
 2/17 Kelly & Susan Arterberry

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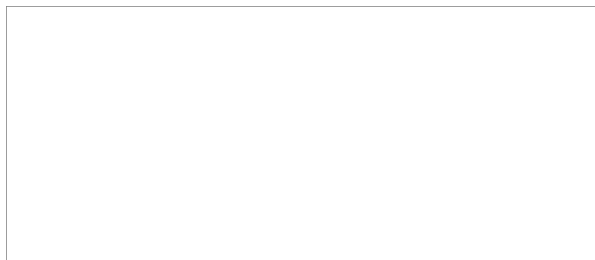
Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 "10@10" 4:30 Worship Committee meeting 6:30 Choir Practice	2 "10@10" 7PM Bible Study	3	4 9am—Noon Communion Class
5 10:00AM Worship, New Members received, Sunday School in Sanctuary & Live Streamed Coffee Hour following service	6 "10@10"	7 "10@10"	8 "10@10" 6:30 Choir practice	9 "10@10" 7PM Bible Study	10	11
12 10:00AM Worship, Sunday School in Sanctuary & Live Streamed 11:30 Confirmation @ WL	13 "10 at 10"	14 "10 at 10"	15 "10@10" 6:30 Choir practice	16 "10@10" 7PM Bible Study Newsletter deadline	17	18
19 10:00AM Worship, Sunday School in Sanctuary & Live Streamed	20 "10@10" 6PM Council Meeting	21 "10@10" Shrove Tuesday 5:45-6:30 Pancake Supper 6:30PM Talent Show	22 "10@10" Noon & 7PM Ash Wednesday Service Choir practice following service	23 "10@10" 7PM Bible Study	24	26
26 10:00AM Worship, Sunday School in Sanctuary & Live Streamed 11:30 Confirmation @ WL	27 "10@10" 4PM Maintenance Meeting	28 "10@10"				

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Zion Lutheran Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 8:00AM - 1:00PM

Pastor John available via text, email or leave a message with LaVonne at the church office.
503-656-4437

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, February 16th

2023 Zion Church Staff

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Minister of Music Karl Gustafson
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2023 Zion Church Council

President:	Susan Arterberry	Gudrun Hartfeil
Vice President:	Lis Horton	Cheryl Steinhebel
Secretary:	Eileen Wiedrich	Service: Eileen Wiedrich
Worship:	Diane Berreth	Support: Eileen Wiedrich
	Deb Bartel	Learning: Susan Arterberry
	Lorilee Cronn	Lis Horton
Witness:	Susan Lamb	Jane Arterberry
	Lis Horton	
	Diane Berreth	