



The Zion Messenger

June, 2023

Using Our Gifts Together and Sharing God's Grace

Greetings Saints of God,

I am writing this on the edge of a season. Writing it one side, and when the newsletter arrives in your mailboxes, we will be in another season. But this holds true, as Gospel truth.

“Alleluia, Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia.”

It was so much fun to say these words, this ancient creed, again and again on Easter Sunday, and throughout the Easter season. We said it again and again for a number of Sundays to come.

Why? Is it because we are rebels, and we are holding on to this promise with all our might?

Nah. Though, that would be cool. Rather, it was because we were still in the season of Easter.

We might have a hard time grasping that, especially when businesses around us moved on to Mother's Day, and all the things Mom needs this year. This is not a bad thing (to focus on our moms) but it also needed to be lifted up that we were still in the season of Easter.

So... Alleluia! Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia.

In the realm of celebrations, May 14th, the day we know as Mother's Day, also marked my 11th year anniversary as Zion's pastor! That is amazing, and it warms my heart to say that 11 years ago, I stood in the pulpit and said these three words: “You are loved.”

Over the last eleven years, you have heard these words a number of times uttered from my lips. And they are words that I hold true to this very day. You are loved. Period. No ifs, ands, or buts. You are loved.

These two “creeds” if you will, go hand in hand: “Christ is Risen!” And... “You are loved.”

The act of Christ's resurrection marks the next statement as true: You are loved. God loves you. And there isn't a darn thing you can do that will separate you from that love. (You might have heard that as well over the last couple of years.).

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel. Thank you for your love of the other people that make up the congregation we call, “Zion,” and thank you for the love you show the world around us. You do this by mirroring the love you have received from Christ.

Christ is Risen!
Pastor John

Rev. John W. Stevens, Pastor

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Worship: Karl's surgery went well, and he is at home resting/doing his exercises. Huge thanks to Peggy Patterson, Chris Nolte and Sandi Nolte for playing music for worship as Karl is away.

Baptisms: We had three baptisms this last month. Braxton Bennett; Sarah and Henley Schmidt.

Funerals: Tad Hyman and Marian Martenson's funerals were held this month. Tad's burial was today.

Lutherwood Sunday: April 23rd was LutherWood Sunday, and it was great to have Pastor Sara Gross-Samuelson preach and lead us in the prayers of the people.

Confirmation: We had our last Confirmation class for the year, and will be having an end of the year party at Oaks Park next Sunday evening, the 21st of May. We have one more youth going to Camp. The young adults that are going are Elyjah, Maddy, and Presley.

Visitations: Aunt Dee, Ethel Miles

Text Study: We continue to hold Text Study online, via Zoom.

Bible Study: We have started Bible Study again, on Zoom, and since choir has started their summer break, we moved it back to Wednesday nights.

Call Anniversary: May 14th marked my 11 years anniversary when I lead worship for the first time as a pastor called to Zion.

May 20th: Synod Assembly will be online this year, as we voted a few assemblies ago to alternate between online and in person to help keep costs down.

Youth Extravaganza: I was asked, so I submitted my application/video to lead a worship at the next Youth Extravaganza in New Orleans in January. It would be a great opportunity, and this Extravaganza is a precursor to the National Youth Gathering. If I present, I will use some of my continuing education funds to attend (though my conference fee will be covered). There are a lot of workshops, worship, and fellow pastors and youth workers that make this a great gathering.



Are you or someone you know experiencing grief?
Do you feel like Charlie Brown?
We are starting a grief ministry that you might find helpful.
Individually focused - Walk at your own pace.

Contact Pastor for more information. |

Zion Lutheran Council Minutes
May 16, 2023
(Draft to be approved at June Meeting)

Present: Pastor John, Susan Arterberry, Lis Horton, Eileen Wiedrich, Susan Lamb, Gudrun Hartfeil, Cheryl Steinhebel, Lorilee Cronn, Deb Bartel, Jane Arterberry, Deb Bartel, Jane Arterberry, Lorilee Cronn

Absent: Diane Berreth

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm

Devotions: Pastor read a reading called "Oklahoma" from Ted Lasso. Honesty is what is important in relating to others.

Minutes from April meeting were approved as written.

Financial Report: Our offerings have exceeded our expenses so far for the year. Thank you once again for the generosity of the congregation in supporting Zion's ministry. We continue to be over budget with all utilities. Eileen will research and compare usage from last year to this year.

Pastor's Report: The report is in the newsletter.

Old Business:

Lorilee is waiting to hear from Balsam Hills to receive samples of artificial tree branches.

We are still awaiting news from the synod about our updated constitution.

The Synod assembly is from 9:30- 4:30 on Saturday, May 20 via zoom. Lorilee Cronn and Eileen Wiedrich are this year's representatives.

There are two piano recitals this week; Friday May 19 from 6 - 9 pm, and the other on Saturday, May 20 from noon - 6 pm. Both groups have used the sanctuary for previous recitals. Eileen will open and close the church for them.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Worship: Karl had knee replacement surgery and is doing well. Substitute musicians are lined up. Creator Lutheran, who is in our cluster, has called a new Pastor .

Service: Sunday School windows in the courtyard will be caulked next week. The women's bathroom in Kraxberger is finished with new cabinets and flooring. Thanks to Pam Bloom for this gift.

A fireplace chimney cover is needed on the roof of the Sunday School building, and the screens to the steeple will be inspected and repaired if needed to keep critters out.

Luke from B & B has purchased and planted flowers in front of the church by the reader board.

Learning Committee: There will be a car wash June 4th. July 15th from 3 - 6 pm the youth will sponsor a barbecue for the congregation.

On October 21st there will be a chili feed and silent auction with proceeds going to the roof fund.

Youth are looking for ways to help LOVE INC. by doing volunteer work. Mark will talk with the LOVE INC. coordinator.

Game night was a big success and several more children have added their handprints on the wall.

Witness: There were two memorials and receptions during the last month. The committee will be making plans for *God's Work, Our Hands* Sunday.

Other Discussion: Newsletter deadline is Thursday, May 18.

Good of the Order: A special recognition of Gudrun Hartfeil and Susan Lamb's work putting on the receptions for memorials. They do a beautiful job!

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 20th at 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Wiedrich
Secretary



Congratulations to our Hi School Grads



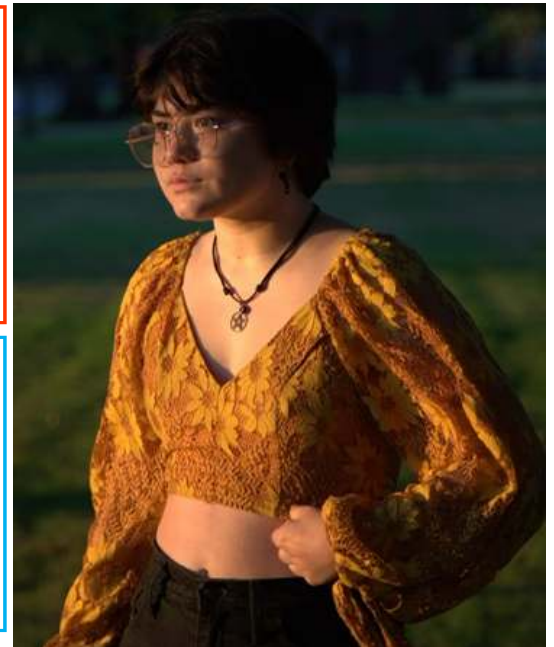
Jackson Arterberry

Graduating from:
Oregon City High



Oriah Mora-Stevens

Graduating from:
Beaverton
Academy of
Science &
Engineering



Sunday School

Sunday School will take a summer break—
Last Sunday, May 28th.

Classes will resume in September—
Have a great summer!!!!



Readings for the month

Sunday, June 4, Holy Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1--2:4a; Psalm: 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 11, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 5:15--6:6; Psalm: 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 18, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35--10:8 (9-23)

Sunday, June 25, 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm: 69:7-10, 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39



Marian J. Martenson
September 21, 1931 – April 21, 2023



Marian (Bluhm) Martenson, 91, passed away April 21, 2023, at home in Beavercreek, Oregon surrounded by her children.

Marian was born on September 21, 1931 to Harold and Martha Bluhm in Oregon City, Oregon. At the age of 12, Marian and her younger sister, Beverly tragically lost their mother to illness. Their father later married war widow Alta Kirk and the family expanded by her three sons, Larry, Gary, Denny and a daughter, Kareen.

Marian graduated from Milwaukie High School, then attended Pacific Lutheran College. On March 2, 1951, Marian married Donald Martenson in Milwaukie, Oregon.

In 1956 Don and Marian answered a missionary call to Madagascar where Don was a builder for the Lutheran Mission. They brought along their two children, Donnie and Blenda. By 1963, when they returned to Oregon, the family had grown to include Terry, David, and Cary. Five years later they settled on a 57-acre farm in Beavercreek, Oregon.

In 1975, Don and Marian founded and ran "Don's Fireplace Furnace" until they retired in 1984. She lived out her retirement years happily on the farm, entertaining family and friends and tending her flower gardens. Since childhood, Marian had been a beloved member of Zion Lutheran Church.

Marian is preceded in death by Donald, her husband of 68 years, in 2019. And is survived by five children, Donald, Blenda, Terry, David, and Cary, seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and five siblings, Beverly Stone, Larry Kirk, Gary Kirk, Denny Kirk and Kareen Kimsey.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Zion Lutheran Church.



Dinorah Bauer
June 8, 1930 — May 15,
2023



Pastor John and Zion's Congregation,

Thank you for the prayers of comfort and support given to our mom, Marian, and the family during a sad and difficult time. We want to also thank Susan, Gudrun and all the helpers who served the beautiful luncheon after the service. She would have been very pleased.

Marian Martenson Family



COMMUNITY GIVING — JUNE 2023 **ANGEL'S IN THE OUTFIELD**

Our mission is to promote children's healing, happiness and safety through the generosity of our contributors. The services provided to each child will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on each child's specific needs.

We serve children of all ages up to 18 years old. They usually reside in single parent homes, foster homes or with grandparents. Some are homeless. They are victims of crime or abuse (physical, sexual, emotional and neglect). They are from all socio-economic levels, although many are predominantly from modest means.

Your donations make a difference!

Donations can be given throughout the month of June.
Make checks payable to Zion, or donate through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly).

Celebrate Sunner BBQ

July 15th, 3:00PM to 6:00PM

Hosted by Zion Youth & Learning

Food, fellowship and games

Free will offering

April 28, 2023

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Dear Friends,

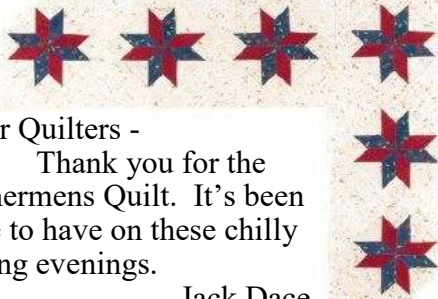
I wanted to sincerely thank you for your most recent donation of \$543.60 made to the KEX Kids Fund.

We realize there are many worthwhile charitable organizations in our community which seek financial assistance, so we're especially grateful that you've chosen once again to contribute to us. It means that many children in our own neighborhoods receive the eyeglasses or hearing aids they need to thrive and succeed. Without your financial support, as their parents often tell us, these kids would simply have to do without.

The \$543.60 donation translates to over \$2,000.00 in services for our children, so you can see what an impact your donation will make to many children! Together, we are making a difference in our community, and for that, we can't thank you enough.

Sincerely,

Vicki Linnman
Executive Director
KEX Kids Fund



Dear Quilters -

Thank you for the Fishermens Quilt. It's been nice to have on these chilly spring evenings.

Jack Dace

Pastor Stevens —

Thank you for such a loving and caring service for my sister Marian.

Karen Kimsey

A BIG thank you to Gudrun Hartfeil for filling in for me while I took a few days off!

Thanks Gudrun — you're the best!!!

LaVonne Priester



I am So Blessed to have you, My church Family.

I thank God for the great love that has been shown me.

Fred Bialas

Thank you, Quilters for the lap quilt given to me at Easter. It is very warm and cozy!!

Susi Holecz

Dear Friends,

It was so sweet of you to make a lap robe for me - I will use it, my legs are always cold. It's beautiful! Thank you so much.

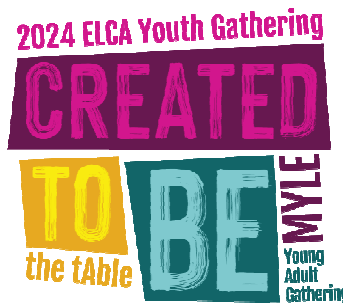
Marian Martenson

THANK YOU!



**Sunday June 4th during the church service
hosted by the Zion Youth
Zion Lutheran Church
720 Jefferson St
Oregon City, OR 97045**

**Free will donation with proceeds going towards the
ELCA Youth Gathering July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans
and future gatherings!**



Coffee Hour is Back!!

1st Sunday of Every Month!

**Please sign up. We are in need of coffee hour hosts for June,
August through December. You can offer to host, serve, and/
or bring treats.**

Call or Text Cathy Krieger if you have any questions.

Cathy: 971-221-5444

Sign-up sheet is in the upper Narthex.

Decorating the
Easter Cross



Easter Childrens Sermon

Youth Game Night



Easter Egg Hunt



Youth Finger-printing!!!



Game Night was a big success with 12 kids in attendance and 8 new handprints put on the wall!

ADOPT A SPACE: 2nd Quarter 2023 Workers

**Please consider signing up individually or as a family
for the 3rd quarter, July - September 2023.
The 2023 sign up sheet is located in the upper narthex.**

Wiedrich/Dowen, Schnell

NEEDED

Stevenson, Steinhebel

Steinhebel, Stevenson

Bill & Judy Heerdt

Phyllis' Crew

NEEDED

Jana LaGrange

Bill & Judy Heerdt

Elle Koepping

Bartelli

Sanctuary & Balcony

Office & Office Narthex

Main Floor Men's Bathrooms

Main Floor Women's Bathroom

Wuest Fellowship room

Main floor hallway & stairs

Kraxberger Hall

Downstairs bathrooms (3)

Elevator

Kraxberger kitchen

Downstairs hallway & stairs

Vacuum, dust, clean (**as needed**)

Vacuum, dust clean, garbage (**weekly**)

Clean toilets, mop, sink, garbage (**weekly**)

Clean toilets, mop, sink, garbage (**weekly**)

Vacuum, garbage, straighten up (**bi-monthly**)

Sweep, mop, vacuum mats (**bi-monthly**)

Vacuum (**as needed**)

Clean toilets, mop, sink, garbage (weekly)

Sweep and dust (**as needed**)

Sweep & mop floor (**weekly**)

Sweep/mop, vacuum mat (**bi-monthly**)

Roof Fund Progress Report

Our roof fund is steadily climbing towards our \$100,000.00 goal. We have raised over half! Thanks to everyone who's participated so far. We'll have more opportunities for folks to participate in fun ideas to help us raise the roof - stay tuned!

Thanks, Deb Bartel. You can reach me at barteldeb@yahoo.com or 503-522-1601 if you have any questions or suggestions for fun ideas.

A bit of Lutheran Humor



Prayer Requests: Family of Marian Martinson, Family of Tad Hyman, Family of Thea Bialas, Dee Hanson, Ellie Woodford, Jack Dace, Melanie Cronn, Paula Granville, Heidi Stevens, Carol Goodale, Katie O'Donnell, Sharon Little, Olivia McCallum (6yrs old diagnosed with Leukemia), Dennis Martin, Carol Grombeck, Caroline Ritter-Swartz, Cheri Smith, Fern Haugh, Marie Jennings, Will & Lily, Dorothy Krueger.

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

"Raise the Roof" Opportunities:

**Note: Currently our Roof Fund is about \$65,000.
Goal: \$100,000!
Thanks to all who have contributed already!**

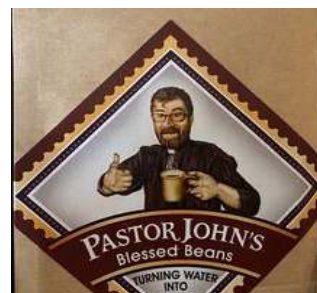
RAISE THE ROOF WEDDING CHALLENGE is still going!!

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.



I have created a coffee blend which I am calling, **Raise the Roof!"**

It is \$15 a bag, and \$5 of that will go toward the



June Fun Facts

1. June is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and conversely, June has the shortest daylight hours of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.
2. June's birthstone is the pearl, the Moonstone and the Alexandrite.
3. The June birth flower is the Rose and the Honeysuckle.
4. In 2009 June was the 662 most popular name for girls in the USA.
5. June is derived from Juno, the goddess of marriage.
6. In both common and leap years, no other month begins on the same day of the week as June. Weird, isn't it?
7. June is international men's month.
8. June is accordion awareness month, as well as candy, dairy and papaya month.



"Just for Fun" Days

Here are more fun things to celebrate this June:

June 1: Say Something Nice Day
June 3: Chimborazo Day
June 6: National Yo-Yo Day
June 8: Upsy Daisy Day
June 21: Go Skateboarding Day
June 30: Asteroid Day

A note from the church secretary:



People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full are missing the point.

The glass is refillable!



Zion's Quilter's made and sent 30 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. These quilts will travel from Portland to Seattle, Seattle to Baltimore, then distributed to throughout the world wherever there is the most need..

Thank you quilters for this wonderful mission!

Zion Lutheran Church Women

Did you know there is an email group for the Oregon City Zion Lutheran Church Women (OCZLCW)? It hasn't been very active lately but we plan to put it to work soon. We're planning to meet soon to talk about what the group would like to do next but we haven't established a specific date, time or location for it. We do know it will be breakfast on a Saturday, so stay tuned! If you'd like to be added to this group, just send an email to: Deb Bartel at barteldeb@yahoo.com She will add you to the group and you'll soon receive messages about activities in the works.



**Holy Baptism
Braxton Patrick Bennett
May 14, 2023**



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?



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 4/30/2023

April Offering received	\$ 25,236
Other Income received	<u>898</u>
Total Income	\$ 26,134

April Expenses	(\$ 21,287)
(Admin of staff—\$12,517)	
EXPENSES	\$ 4,847

YEAR TO DATE (Jan-April) Offering	\$80,357
Other Income received	<u>3,537</u>
Total Income	\$83,894
Year to Date Expenses	(77,407)
Total Year to Date Income 1/1-4/30/23	\$ 6,487



Notes:

April Community Giving = \$365

Year to Date = \$2,048

Terri Hammond markterrih@gmail.com
(503)349-9654 - Questions

Worship Helpers



June	4	11	18	25
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	Lori Fawcett	Pam Bloom	Eileen Wiedrich	Lorna Kautzky
Acolytes	*	Presley Berreth	Daphne Schmit	Presley Berreth
Communion Assistants	Allen Fawcett	Deb Bartell	Pam Bloom	Lorna Kautzky
Flowers				
PowerPoint Operator	Lori Fawcett	Cheryl Steinhebel	Jeanette Kmetec	Eileen Wiedrich
Computer Streaming	Lori Fawcett	Lis Horton	Ashley George	Lorilee Cronn
Altar Guild	Bob & Margaret Rierson	Bob & Margaret Rierson	Bob & Margaret Rierson	Bob & Margaret 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.



6/2 Loretta Davis
6/3 Molly Schnell
6/6 Ruby Koepping
6/8 Margaret Rierson
Dinorah Bauer
6/10 Gretchen Smith
6/12 Ami Frogner
6/17 Carston Berreth
6/18 Sandee Wicklund
6/22 Elyjah McFarland
6/23 Leslie Ford
Beverley Hirsch



6/7 Patrick & Ashley Bennett
6/10 Gary & Mary Dowen
Scott & Madison Berreth
6/19 Chuck & Brenda Smith
6/22 Bill & Judy Heerdt
6/27 Roy & Charleen Norton

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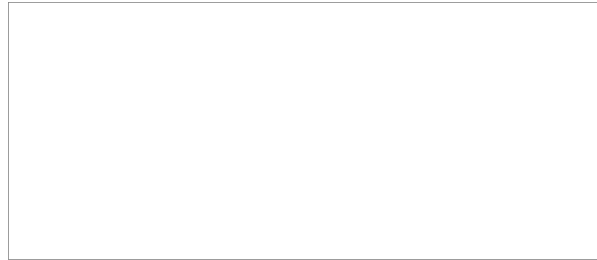
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 “10@10”	2 “10@10”	3	
4 10:00AM Worship, in Sanctuary & Live Streamed Coffee hour following service Car Wash by Youth during service Memorial for Dinorah Bauer	5 “10@10”	6 “10@10”	7 “10@10” 7PM Bible Study	8 “10@10”	9	10
11 10:00AM Worship, in Sanctuary & Live Streamed Coffee hour honoring graduates	12 10at 10”	13 "10 at 10"	14 “10@10” 7PM Bible Study	15 “10@10”	16	17 9AM ZLCW Breakfast @ Zion
18 10:00AM Worship, in Sanctuary & Live Streamed Father’s Day	19 “10@10”	20 “10@10” 6PM Council Meeting	21 “10@10” 7PM Bible Study	22 “10@10” Newsletter Deadline	23	24
25 10:00AM Worship, in Sanctuary & Live Streamed	26	27	28	29	30	
Confirmation Camp this week						

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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, June 22nd

2023 Zion Church Staff

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2023 Zion Church Council

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	Deb Bartel	Learning: Susan Arterberry
	Lorilee Cronn	Lis Horton
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	Lis Horton	
	Diane Berreth	