

The Zion Messenger

August, 2023

Using Our Gifts Together and Sharing God's Grace

Praying

I speak out to you but I have a hard time as words don't come easily.

I long for you as a child searching for his mommy yet I don't seem to find you near.

I lift my voice and find it comes back empty echoing off the barren walls of my heart.

I look around for some sense that you are close, and again am left wanting.

It is your turn to speak and you do, as promised but not in any way that I would expect.

You look like anyone and everyone that sits near me in worship and in coffee shops.

You speak to me in relationships with normal everyday folk in normal holy places.

I long for you to speak, as I pray that I will recognize the words that are spoken by you.

But more importantly I long that I will recognize through whom you speak.

For you are a God of surprise, wonder, and amazement, coming to us in normal, everyday things.

Bread, Wine, and Water; the person across from me with whom I share a cup of coffee.

- Pastor John W. Stevens, from his poetry prayer book, "Fall Into Life," 2014. **Worship:** We held a worship committee meeting, so you can find more information about that meeting in the council minutes. One conversation we had that was incredibly important is finding ways to help plug kids into worship who show an interest in helping.

Baptisms: July 23rd, we will be having two baptisms. The kids are connected to a family whose older child was baptized "privately" during covid and shut-down.

God's Work, Our Hands: Susan, Gudrun and I met to discuss God's Work, Our Hands. September 9th will be the day of service, and GWOHs worship will be on the 10th, with a Sunday School Rally Luncheon following worship.

Streaming Issues: We have been having issues with the streaming computer and its internet connection. I am slowly checking off what the problem isn't. The PowerPoint computer, which sits two feet away from it, has no issues at all.

10@10: We continue to hold 10@10, Monday through Thursday.

Church BBQ: Even though it was hot, I had a blast at the Church BBQ, hosted by the Youth and the Youth Committee.

Lutherwood: Confirmation camp was a blast.

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

Lunch with the Baptist: Pastor John Withum and I have a standing lunch engagement on Thursdays at 12:30. This has been a wonderful support and deepening friendship.

Portland Jewish Academy: For the fifth time over the years, I was asked to perform a magic show for a day camp at the PJA, which focuses on Harry Potter. What a blast!!

Bible Study: We have been holding Bible Study online, on Wednesdays. Starting in the fall, we will be having two bible studies. One online, and then an added Bible Study that will be held on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. at church.

Advent Devotional: I have finished the rough draft of the Advent Devotional.

Vacation: August 6th, I will be on vacation. Pastor Chris Nolte will be preaching and presiding for that Sunday. I am gone the 6th through the 10th.

Zion Lutheran Council Minutes July 18, 2023

(Draft to be approved at August Meeting)

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

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

Devotions: Pastor read a reading from the Bible from the verses of Luke. Reminding us to always be on alert.

Secretary Report: June minutes were approved as written.

Financial Report: Due to faithful giving we are still running in the black. The concern continues to be the high utility bills. NW Natural has had a 19% rate increase since November and PGE a 8.68% rate increase. Water and sewer had a rate increase of 3%. All three areas have also seen a large usage increase. The Service Committee is looking into where all the increases are coming from. This last month the utilities did go down for the first time. This will also will be checked into.

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

Old Business: Witness is working on God's Work, Our Hands and met with Pastor. Sunday the 16th of July at our 10:00 Service the service committee along with the help of Pastor handed out index cards. Each person was to recommend a service that they have helped with. This way the committee can contact these places and have a connection with them from the help of each individual that recommended them. The cards will be passed out again on Sunday the 23rd of July. God's Work, Our Hands will be Saturday Sept. 9 th and our service will be on Sept. 10th along with the celebration of Rally Day and the beginning of Sunday School.

The Emergency Preparedness committee consisting of Bill Heerdt, Lori Fawcett, and Deb Bartel met. They will do a presentation for the congregation of preparing a 3 day survival kit for homes in case of an emergency. A handout will be prepared to help members make their kits based on their personal needs.

Bill Heerdt will do a presentation on Climate Change Simulation on an upcoming Saturday, sometime in Sept. or Oct. Pastor will set up a date with Bill.

Pastor will follow up on our edited constitution that was sent to the synod.

The church directory needs to be updated and will be done in house. A committee needs to be formed to coordinate picture taking of members. We also are asking if anyone in the congregation has a camera and is willing to take quality photos. If you are willing to help with this project contact LaVonne in the office.

Christmas tree branch samples are in and Lorilee, Gudrun, and Susan will be meeting to make a choice.

New Business:

Oregon Paid Leave Employee Tax was discussed. It is a new Tax which began at the beginning of this year. All employees and employers were made aware of this at the beginning of the year. This will be budgeted in for this next year. This year the first two quarters will be paid by the church and then the last two quarters will be taken out of the employees checks. Voted on and passed.

Committee Reports:

Worship: The requirement for wearing masks was dropped by the State a few months ago. After some discussion Council decided that masks will be dropped as a requirement for communion servers. Please remember if you are feeling sick you should not be serving. Anyone that still wants to wear a mask should absolutely do so.

Maddie and Elyjah will be confirmed in October. The committee is trying to get more of the younger kids involved in our church services.

More people are needed for streaming and power point. Contact Eileen if you could help.

Service: An auditor from PGE will be coming to check out our utilities. A vacuum was purchased for the pews.

Learning Committee: July 15th the Youth had a BQ. They served about 20 meals. Many games were played but it was an awful hot day which kept many members away.

Meeting at the end of August to fill out and submit early registration for the Gathering in 2024.

That time of year again to get in your applications for scholarships. Due date is August 15th.

Witness: Susan and Gudrun will process the cards the were handed in for God's Work, Our Hands. A committee will be formed.

Other Discussion: Newsletter deadline is Thursday July 20th.

Good of the Order: Our quilters committee. They won a Blue Ribbon for one of their Blankets.

Next meeting: August 15th, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm and followed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted for Eileen,

Lis Horton Vice President







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, August 6, 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm: 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 13, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

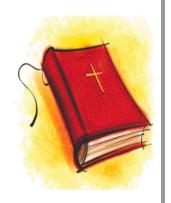
1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm: 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 20, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

Sunday, August 27, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm: 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20





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.

Grief Ministry "Journey Through Grief"

Our "Journey Through Grief" ministry is a part of Stephen Ministries and is very well written. It is a personal journey that each person reads in the privacy of their own home, at their own pace. You will receive four small books, one every three months. The books are written in a very caring, helpful, friendly manner and are very inspirational. They lead each person through their grief journey emphasizing that no two journeys are the same.

Duane and I, Bev Hirsch lost Duane's younger brother a year and a half ago. We both read and reread the books individually, at our own pace. It is a private, personal journey. We didn't talk much about the books, we just meditated on the thoughts and steps the book walked us through. We would encourage anyone who has lost a loved one in the past or more recent to read these books. They were very comforting and helpful. We have passed them on to be read by others.

Contact Pastor John or LaVonne if you would like to begin receiving these books.

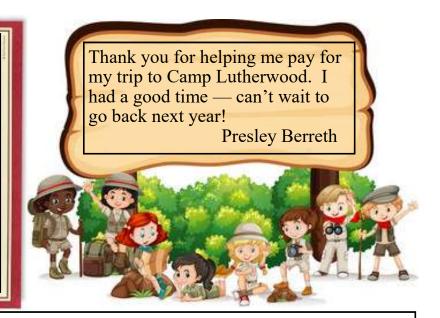
Oregon City High School



Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Oregon City High School and the Pioneer Pantry, please accept our appreciation for your donation. We will work diligently to see that your donation helps meet the academic and social needs of our students. Your dedication and commitment to children and public education is evident and heartwarming!

Thanks you for your support. Stacy Erickson, Interim Principal, OCHS



Zion Lutheran,

A long overdue Thank You once again for the use of your beautiful sanctuary space and piano for my recitals. Your piano is incredible and I am so grateful that my students get to experience what it is like to play on an instrument of this quality. Your piano has been such a gift to us so thank you for sharing! God's Blessings to you all!

With much appreciation, Holly Sorenson

New Church Directory

Our church directory needs to be updated and after discussion at the last couple of council meetings, we've decided to try doing it in-house to save costs. To make this happen, we have two volunteer opportunities:

- We need a couple of people with good digital camera's (not like my iPhone...) to volunteer and take high quality digital pictures for us.
- 2. A committee needs to be formed to coordinate picture dates and hours with our volunteer photographers, then schedule church members into time slots on the available dates.

If you are willing to help with either piece of this project, please contact LaVonne in the office Monday – Thursday between 9am and 1pm. You can also email her at: office@zionlutheranelca.org

ADOPT A SPACE: 3rd Quarter 2023 Workers

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

Questions: Contact Eileen Wiedrich—503-657-4055

Wiedrich/Dowen, Schnell Santuary & Balcony Vacuum, dust, clean (as needed) Horton, Hartfeil Vacuum, dust clean, garbage (weekly) Office & Office Narthex Main Floor Men's Bathrooms Stevenson, Steinhebel Clean toilets, mop, sink, garbage (weekly) Steinhebel, Stevenson Main Floor Women's Bathroom Clean toilets, mop, sink, garbage (weekly) Bill & Judy Heerdt Wuest Fellowship room Vacuum, garbage, straighten up (bi-monthly) Phyllis' Crew Main floor hallway & stairs Sweep, mop, vacuum mats (bi-monthly)

Hammonds Krayberger Hall Vacuum (as needed)

Hammonds Kraxberger Hall Vacuum (as needed)

McFarland's Downstairs bathrooms (3) Clean toilets, mop, sink, garbage (weekly)

Bill & Judy Heerdt Elevator Sweep and dust (as needed)
Vi Hyman Kraxberger kitchen Sweep & mop floor (monthly)

Bartelli Downstairs hallway & stairs 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 <u>barteldeb@yahoo.com</u> or 503-522-1601 if you have any questions or suggestions for fun ideas.



August 6th: Cindy Thrall, Brian Keil, Kristen Moore

September 3rd: Mickey Cate, Ginny Myers, Gudrun Hartfeil

October 1st: Patti Anderson,

Cheryl Steinhebel

November 5th: Bill & Judy Heerdt

December 3rd: Back Row Crew: Charlene, Lorna, Molly, Mary, Pam



Zíon Quilters

Thank you to Janet Oleson for submitting a lap robe to a Grange function. We took first place which consisted of a BLUE ribbon and \$15.00. Thanks Janet.

We just purchased 2 rolls of batting, so now we can rebuild our fund. Also, Thanks to all who have donated material, we have put to good use, getting several quilts ready for next LWR (Lutheran World Relief) shipping.

Prayer Requests: Family of Melanie Cronn, Family of Rick Myron, Richard Jennings, Ethel Miles, Dee Hanson, Paula Granville, Heidi Stevens, Carol Goodale, Sharon Little, Fern Haugh, Katie O'Donnell, Olivia McCallum (6yrs old diagnosed with Leukemia), Cheri Smith, Will & Lily, Carol Grombeck, Marie Jennings, Karen Littenberg, Cathy Dawson, Terijean Moles, Ryan Marian (premature infant of Terijean), Susi Holecz, George Myers.

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

"Raise the Roof" Opportunities:

Note: Currently our Roof Fund is about \$67,000.

Goal: \$100,000!

Thanks to all who have contributed already!

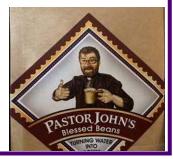
RAISE THE ROOF WEDDING CHALLENGE is still going!!

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







church secretary:

A note from the

Time has a wonderful way of showing us what really matters.



Sing like no ones watching!!

AND ABRAHAM WENT FORTH





"If I send my prayer as a text message, will I get a faster reply?"

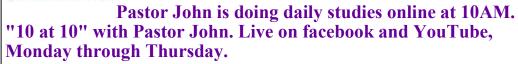
"If God wants me to be thankful for vegetables, why did He make them taste like vegetables?"

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





Bible Study: Pastor John is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom

meeting. Wednesday, 7pm

YouTube

Topic: following Sunday Gospel Lesson

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



Have you remembered Zion in your Will? 働

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 6/30/2023

| JUNE Offering received Other Income received | \$16,050 1,141 | |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| Total Income-June | <u> </u> | \$17,191 |
| JUNE Expenses (Admin of staff-(\$13,000) | | (20,103) |
| Expenses in (excess) of Income-June | | \$(2,912) |
| YEAR TO DATE (Jan-June) Offering Other Income received | \$114,498 5,575 | |
| Total Income Year to Date Expenses (Admin. Of Staff (75,837) | <u> </u> | \$120,073 (113,842) |
| NET Income - 1/1/23-6/30/23 | | \$ 6,231 |

Notes:

Community Giving: June = \$350 Year to Date = \$2,708

Comparison with prior year @6/30 Offering is up \$25,102 Expenses are up \$13,224 Administration of Staff is up \$6,537



Prepared by Terri Hammond; questions: markterrih@gmail.com or (503)349-9654

People of Zion Outreach Meeting Notes 7/22/23

Began with morning prayer.

Big thank you to Cheryl for providing the mission statement. A vote was taken to adopt the new mission statement and purpose. Unanimous pass.

Mission Statement: With the Grace and Guidance of God to plan and work together so all may know God's love.

Purpose: To exemplify within each church member the power and ability to reach out, by incorporating educational awareness, social aspects, and services to all those in need.

Janet gave the financial report.

Mickey asked for group ideas.

Deb Bartel (absent) would like to do more fund raising for the needed roof repairs/replacement. Goal is \$100,000 in 5 years, which began in 2021. \$10,000 was transferred from the Edward Jones fund for a total of \$67,000 to date.

LaVonne educated us on the giving process.

LaVonne recommended a weight loss support group to include recipe sharing, education and support.

Mickey brought up the Silent Auction on October 21st and stated there are still needs for: Donations, table monitors, & money collectors. This event coincides with the church chili feed (youth group). No used items, some antiques ok - check with Cheryl or Mickey. Gift cards also ok.

There was a request to increase outreach to the homebound more than 1-2 x per year. Someone will need to coordinate with Marie for that.

Bev brought up having a panel of speakers from many different religions so we can learn about others. Bev will discuss with Pastor John. Beth also told us about Jazz Vespers with artist work.

We then broke into small groups of Education, Service & Social.

Recap of group ideas:

Education - Fill-a-stocking, understanding homeless vets, different religions panel, understanding indigenous people, understanding LGBTQ+, People of Zion share their own testimonies.

Service - Pioneer Center outreach, compiling Aids for Daily Living for the homeless or LoveInc., donating items for foster kids and Our Father's Heart,

Social - Goal is to have 1 social event monthly. August Ice Cream Social, September begin book club and have a nature walk at the college, October movie night at the theater. Future plans for breakfast at a restaurant, Trivia or Bingo with youth group, bringing school concerts to the church.

Vote to change name to People of Zion Outreach passed unanimously.

Next meeting is Saturday 9/23 - Question - are we not meeting in August?

Minutes taken by Cindy Peterman





COMMUNITY GIVING — AUGUST 2023 "Pioneer Pantry"

Provides food to homeless and food insecure students who attend a School in the Oregon City School District

Your donations make a difference!

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

Community Giving for the remainder of 2023:

September—Bloomin' Boutique

October—NAMI

November—Guide Dogs for the Blind December—Lutheran Community Services

& Silent Aug

October 21, 2023

Auction Items Needed, New items only!

Questions? Contact Cheryl Steinhebel 503-422-7484

Ideas for Theme Baskets:

Ice Cream basket Coffee & Tea basket Spa basket

Chocolate Lover's basket I Love Books basket Italian basket

Breakfast basket Wine & Cheese basket Dog Lover's basket

Aromatherapy basket Mexican Fiesta basket Beer Sampler basket

Field of Dreams basket Weekend getaway Beach Getaway

Detailed description of each basket listed on bulletin board by upper entry to the sanctuary.

REMINDER TO OUR STUDENTS



The Educational Grant applications are due by August 15, 2023!





Zion Church Women

Next meeting: September 23, 2023, 9:30am



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



On **Sunday**, **Sept. 10**, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our 10th annual day of service. "God's work. Our hands." Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA's 25th anniversary and continues to be a day to celebrate who we are — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.



Zion Church Directory

Updated phone directories are available for you to take home. They are located in the entry areas to the sanctuary. Should you not get one already printed, let La Vonne in the office know and she will arrange for you to get one!

Currently the most needed items at out local food Pantry are:

Boxed Mac & Cheese, Prepared meals, Canned or boxed Main Dishes

Many clients do not have access to a kitchen, so prepackaged meals are always welcomed.

Zion has a bin in the upper Narthex to place any items donated.



Worship Helpers



| August | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Ushers | Ryan LaGrange Jana LaGrange | Elyjah McFarland Eileen Wiedrich Patti Anderson | Allen Fawcett Dick Keefer Richard Patterson | Chuck Krieger Cathy Krieger Roger Stevenson | |
| Readers | Lori Fawcett | Denise Wells | Peter Mora-Stevens | `Lorna Kautzy | |
| Acolytes | Daphne Schmit | * | * | Daphne Schmit | |
| Communion Assistants | Allen Fawcett | Jeweley McFarland | Mickey Cate | Pam Bloom | |
| Flowers | | | | Carston & Diane Berreth | |
| PowerPoint Operator | Lori Fawcett | Cheryl Steinhebel | Jeanette Kmetic | Eileen Wiedrich | |
| Computer Streaming | Lori Fawcett | Susan Arterberry | Ashley George | Lorilee Cronn | |
| Altar Guild | Phyllis Heagle LaVonne Priester | Phyllis Heagle LaVonne Priester | Phyllis Heagle LaVonne Priester | Phyllis Heagle LaVonne Priester | |
| 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.



Goldie Krieger

8/4 Barbara Beaird

8/5 Ron Rohde

8/8 Ellie Woodford

8/10 Scott Berreth

8/11 Richard Patterson

8/12 Dottie Krieger

8/15 Nancy Combs

Sims Cronen

8/1

8/17 Jeanette Kmetic 8/20 Phyllis Heagle

8/21 Richard Keefer
Susan Arterberry
Julianne Arterberry

8/23 Leo Hartfeil

8/28 Allen Fawcett

8/31 Delaney McFarland



8/4 Mark & Terri Hammond

8/14 Kiley & Keli Cronen

8/21 John & Sandra Wicklund

8/26 Carston & Diane Berreth

August 2023

Zion Lutheran

| Saturday | 5 | 12 | 19 | 76 | |
|-----------|----|---|--|--|--|
| Friday | 4, | | 81 | 25 | |
| Thursday | 8 | 10 | 17 "10@10" | 24 "10@10" Newsletter Deadline | 31 "10@10" |
| Wednesday | 2 | 6 | 16 "10@10" 7PM Bible Study | 23 "10@10" 7PM Bible Study | 30 "10@10" 7PM Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 1 | 8 | 15 "10 at 10" 6PM Council Meeting Scholarship App Deadline | 22 "10@10" | 29 "10@10" |
| Monday | | 4 | 14 10at 10" 10:30 Worship Meeting | 21 "10@10" | 28 "10@10" |
| Sunday | | 6 10:00AM Worship, in Sanctuary & Live Streamed Coffee hour following service | 13 10:00AM Worship, in Sanctuary & Live Streamed | 20 10:00AM Worship, in Sanctuary & Live Streamed | 27 10:00AM Worship, in Sanctuary & Live Streamed |

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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, August 17th

2023 Zion Church Staff

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2023 Zion Church Council

President: Susan Arterberry Vice President: Lis Horton Secretary: Eileen Wiedrich Worship: Diane Berreth Deb Bartel Lorilee Cronn Witness: Susan Lamb Lis Horton

Gudrun Hartfeil Cheryl Steinhebel Service: Eileen Wiedrich Eileen Wiedrich Support: Susan Arterberry Learning: Lis Horton Jane Arterberry

Diane Berreth