

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Call to Worship



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Pastor's Page

Does Jesus Command Governments to "Turn the Other Cheek"?

"But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39).

Just recently the Gospel lesson for the Sundays of February 12 and 19 covered portions of the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5:21-48. That section of Scripture highlights what are clearly the most difficult specific demands about discipleship in the entire Bible. In His sermon, Jesus said that for us to be angry with a "brother" or to lust after a "woman" is to commit murder or adultery respectively, in our heart. Jesus further commands that we yield our time, energy, and property to strangers who issue their demands for any reason, even if such persons are "evil" (5:39).

This past Sunday morning I conceded publicly that I, that very morning, received fresh insight about this passage to the effect that the things which Jesus demands in His Sermon were in fact the things He himself experienced in His public life, particularly with respect to the redemptive aspect of His ministry. For example, echoing 5:41, Jesus' incarnation entailed leaving the splendor of heaven in order to humbly dwell among us (John 1:1-3, 14, Philippians 2:5-11). Just prior to His crucifixion, Jesus yielded to His mocking foes even as He turned the other cheek before them. Furthermore, the purpose for His coming entailed giving sinners the gift of His own righteousness in a manner that Scripture often likens to an article of clothing (Isaiah 61:10), while at the same time taking away

our sinful "garments" (Isaiah 64:6, 2 Corinthians 5:21). Put another way, the character of the very Maker of Heaven and Earth is, in actual deed, like the principles behind the demands that Jesus issues in the Sermon on the Mount.

Nevertheless, there is significant misunderstanding as to how and where these words of Jesus apply to everyday living. For example, numerous movements in history right up to the present have sought to conform government to the standards of the Sermon on the Mount in-so-far as Christians have had either the means or authority (or both) to fashion the governing principles of society as a whole. The truth of the matter however, is that these words were never intended to specify how governments must address the threats which come from evil-doers with communities and enemies who seek to attack society from outside its boundaries. Indeed, as one scholar states it, "*Jesus did not pronounce the use of military force ("the sword") immoral or improper in the hands of the state authorities.... Nowhere did Jesus denounce the legitimate use of these powers by the state.*"¹ Specifically, the Sermon on the Mount is addressed not to society as a whole, but to followers of Jesus only. Neither is Jesus advocating that societal security be cast aside in order that evil-doers may do as they will to the remainder of society. To the

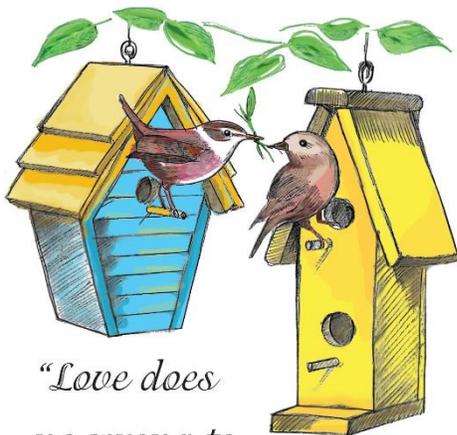
¹ Robert D. Culver. Civil Government: A Biblical View. (Wipf & Stock, 2008—Previously published by the Canadian

Institute of Law, Theology, and Public Policy Inc., 2000), p. 192.

contrary, Jesus assumed, as every Jew did, that it was the role of government to provide a climate of safety for all in order that all might conduct their affairs in a godly manner in relative peace.

As a Jewish believer in Jesus Christ, it was the Apostle Paul who specifically affirmed in Romans 13:1f. that it is the role of government to maintain order in a sinful world by, on the one hand, encouraging good-will between the inhabitants of society, while on the other hand punishing evil-doers with “the sword” (13:2-5). This is indeed Martin Luther’s position, identified by him as God’s “two kingdoms” (The Gospel on the right hand; the state on the left hand) position. While under the “kingdom of the right hand” forgiveness of sins and grace are proclaimed, by contrast the kingdom of the left hand (the state) has the purpose of preserving humanity “*from violent self-destruction...the state is [God’s] gracious intervention which puts a stop to self-destruction of the fallen (sinful) world*” until we are brought to the last day.²

Your servant Pastor,
Gary Jensen



“Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.” Romans 13:10, NRSV



Mid-week Lenten Worship

At 1 & 7 p.m.

March

- 1 *Ash Wednesday* Matthew 6:16-21
- 8 *Perpetua and Felicitas* Matthew 5:1-16
- 15 *Patrick*..... Philipians 1:12-18
- 22 *Polycarp*..... Philipians 1:19-30
- 29 *Joseph*..... Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23)

April

- 5 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer* Philipians 3:12-21



Join Us for Lenten Soup Suppers & Fellowship!

**Wednesdays – March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & Apr.5
at 5:30 p.m.**

The following boards and groups are in charge of the soup suppers:

- March 1 LWML
- March 8Parish Ministry
- March 15Elders and Trustees
- March 22Evangelism and Ladies Bible Study Groups
- March 29 & April 5 will both be **potluck meals**.

If you have any questions, please contact any Parish Ministry board member: Lynne Hereth (425-327-7839); Ann Jensen (425-212-9337); Pat Bjerkan (360-568-3683); or Kathy Sturlaugson (425-334-4604).

² Ibid, p.38.

Come for Soup and Fellowship!

Soup suppers are a good opportunity to invite people to come and have a bite to eat. We are experiencing a fair number of visitors coming to church during these cold winter months and this meal is another opportunity to invite them to. This last Sunday (2/19) there were maybe close to 10 that are not Zion church members attending. This is a blessing!

Thanks,

Rosemary Randall



Easter Breakfast!



Come join us in fellowship opportunities Easter morning!

- Easter morning there will be cinnamon rolls or pastries and coffee between the sunrise service and the 8 a.m. service (7:30 – 8 a.m.).
- There will be a potluck breakfast in the Parish Hall between the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services (9:15 – 10:15 a.m.).
- Everyone is invited to attend. Come share the joy of our risen Savior in fellowship together!

In case of pastoral emergency contact:

Pastor Gary Jensen at the church office (360-586-2700) or home (425-212-9337) or cell phone (206-914-3593) **or one of the elders:**

Wayne Franz..... 425-334-5184

John Hansen..... 425-397-7324

Richard Hellman (director) 425-232-7666

Thoughts from an Elder

In October, there was a congregational meeting to reflect on what we learned from the study of the “Autopsy of a Deceased Church” and a number of suggestions were made. Now we need to refine that list into an action plan for the future here at Zion. We can continue to do what we are doing now and the numbers will continue to decline till the church closes or we can change. I know some people disagree and even have gotten angry at me for saying that Zion might die. The numbers don't lie. Since I came to Zion the number of members has declined and soon there will not be enough people to support the church.

I have read God's judgment on the church at Laodicea in Revelation 3:15–16 (ESV) ¹⁵ “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth .” The *Lutheran Study Bible* commentary for those verses states “Though the church at Laodicea may have looked good enough outwardly, it had grown self-satisfied and thus indifferent to growing in faith and spreading the Word. Given this church's severe stagnation, it needed to be shaken up.”

I'm not saying that Zion is anywhere near to the Church at Laodicea, but if Zion does not change it will be. We are nearing Zion's 125th anniversary and I would like to see it be here another 125 years and beyond. To this end, I would like to have anyone that is interested in prioritizing the suggestions and formulating an action plan contact me or one of the other Elders. I would like to have a meeting this month so it can be taken to the voters in May.

In His Service,

Richard Hellman



Bible Studies

- * The **Sunday morning Bible class** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room, studying the major themes of the *Augsburg Confession* from the Book of Concord.
- * **Men’s Bible Breakfast** will not meet until Wednesday, April 19th.
- * The study of **2 Peter** (LCMS Lifelight series) on **Wednesdays** will not meet until April 19th.
- * The Thursday morning Bible study, “**Between the Testaments**” (LCMS Lifelight series) is led by Pastor Gary, at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.
- * The **women's Bible study** is Ruth/Esther. This study will be offered two different days/times:

Fridays, at 9:30 a.m. at Jana Ostlund's (425.397.9339) house: 7124 60th St SE, Snohomish and
Saturdays, at 7 p.m. at Ann Lepse's (360.568.2030) house: 16807 103rd St SE, Snohomish.

THURSDAY Youth Group

Y2 meets on **Thursday nights** at 6 p.m. in the youth room (Church – room 2) for dinner and a study. This youth group has a more in-depth Bible study program and is intended to be very challenging. Bring your Bible – even if it’s on your phone – and be ready to dig deep! First up is a study of James and Jude.



SATURDAY Night Youth Group: Movies and Studies

Youth meet at Michelle’s house (13020 Hwy. 2, Snohomish) at **7 p.m. on Saturdays** for a fun movie-based Bible study based on the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. Questions? Need directions? Call or text Michelle! 425-501-4925 or message Michelle Bartelheimer on Facebook. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Community Kitchen

The Snohomish Community Kitchen offers a FREE meal every Monday and Thursday from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 913 2nd Street in Snohomish. Everyone is welcome!



➔ Zion is providing the meal on Monday, **March 6th**. Your help is needed. We begin the meal preparations at 2 p.m. and begin clean-up at 5 p.m.

If you need more information or would like to help, please contact Carolyn Jensen (360-568-9384) or Janet Zwar (425-346-3565).

BUNKO [from Rosemary Randall]

Please join us for a fun evening of BUNKO on **Friday, March 10th**. Come for a potluck at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Bunko is from 6 – 8 p.m. This is an easy game to learn and fun. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors.





Daylight Saving Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time 2017 begins Sunday, **March 12!** Remember to set your clock ahead one hour.

ZIG (Zion's Intergenerational Group)

[from Lisa Tuengel]

Join us Sunday, **March 12th**, for ZIG!

ZIG stands for Zion's Intergenerational Group. This is an opportunity to gather with your church family at the group opening for our Christian education time. All ages from our adult Bible class and our Sunday school classes are invited to get together in the Parish Hall Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

**We'll look for you there!****Newsletter & Sunday Bulletin Deadlines**

The Newsletter Deadline is Monday, **March 20th**, for the MARCH Newsletter!

All items for the Sunday bulletin must be received in the church office by Noon on Thursdays. Thanks!

Retirees' Potluck & Program

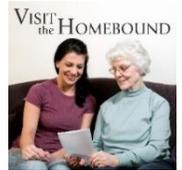
The retirees will meet for lunch on Thursday, **March 23rd**, in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Our potluck will begin at 12 p.m. (noon). Please bring your own table setting and a dish to share. Feel free to bring visitors (friends, casual acquaintances, family, and neighbors). We may be having some surprise guests who will perform for us in the Parish Hall. We will include more information in the bulletins that follow this publication. We plan to have a short meeting and some fellowship also. We always miss those who aren't there so please join us for some fun.



Everyone is welcome – you don't have to be retired to come! If you have any questions, call Kathy Gable at 425-760-4763.

Will You Make Time for A Visit?

Listed below are the names of our members who are homebound or hospitalized. Many of these people would really enjoy visits, cards, and letters. Also, keep them in your thoughts and prayers. If you're unsure of an address, or need encouragement or more information, contact the church office.



Homebound" list as of February 27, 2017: *Dale Bartelheimer, Jane Britton, Esther Carlson, Myrtle Chase, Joe & Georgia Chonzena, LaVerne Fitzthum, Carol Gessner, Annie Ginder, Arlene Hallanger, Salle Jackman, Mark & Arta Rose Lucas, Shirley Neel, Dean & Shelley Pratt, Paul Schaus, Rextetta Schoenfelder, Dave & Connie Schwarzmiller, Ed & Edith Stocker, George & Marion Stocker, Wayne Teel, Loren Troupe, and Darlene Wognild.*

LWML Bible Study & Meeting

The LWML group will meet on Tuesday, March the 14th, for a Bible study and meeting. Our study for the day will be led by Miriam Hansen. It is entitled *The Wondrous Cross* by Jim Brunette. The study uses the Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* with various Bible passages that emphasize Christ's remembrance of us and the joy that that promise brings to us. It then directs us to reflect that His loving, powerful purpose of love is really what held Him there. We hope that you will join us for fellowship and the mission-minded purposes that we set as our goal.

**Calling All Males!!**

A group of men from the Wednesday Bible Study decided to reignite our affiliation with LLL and Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). Whether you come to the Bible study or not, you are invited to become a part of this mission arm of the church. We would receive discounts on ordered items, plus we would be provided a variety of items to hand out. All that is asked from LHM is a \$5 donation. Contact Gary Gable to get your name on the list of members.



Volunteers Needed for Fellowship Hour



Light refreshments are provided during the Sunday school hour (between the services about 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.) in the Parish Hall.

Volunteers are needed to create a rotating schedule of snack hosts/hostesses. Duties include preparing coffee, providing juice, light treats, & clean-up. Please contact Judy in the church office (360-568-2700 or zionsecretary@frontier.com or on Facebook) to get your name on the list.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered!

Board of Trustees News

The Avenue A house has the walls taped, textured, and painted. In the interest of time, the paint was sprayed. Later this spring, the exterior will need to be cleaned and painted. We can use the help of any able-bodied people to help.

This year is the churches 125th birthday. The church grounds need to be spruced up with weeding, edging, and general clean up. The inside of the church needs wood work, floors, and seats cleaned extra special. By Easter would be great, but by May 7th for sure. We will have sign-up sheets available with items to be done. Please consider donating some of your time.

Thank you from the Board of Trustees

Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire.



Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31, 2017**, to direct any remaining 2016 Choice Dollars. Help support Zion Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Lutherans for Life

"You might think you've made mistakes that can't be forgiven, you've been broken beyond repair, you've been lost in the eyes of the world. But God has loved you so deeply that He created you, He redeemed you, and He called you to new life through that same Holy One of Israel. Live this new life of faith to the glory of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, today and forever, Amen."



Rev. Paul J. Frank, Hosanna Lutheran Church and School, Mesa, Arizona – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Gift Cards Support Zion Lutheran School

Going to the grocery store for bread or milk? Buy a grocery scrip/ gift it benefits Zion Lutheran School. Please see Ann Jensen or Lynne Hereth for more details. Ann has several cards available every week between services in the Parish Hall – come check out the selection!



Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education Keep on clipping those Box Tops! They will be used to help support Zion Lutheran School. There is a collection box in the church narthex. Thank you for your help!



**MY MOUTH
WILL DECLARE
YOUR PRAISE.**

Psalm 51:15

March 2017 LCMS Stewardship Article

Lent is a season of repentant joy. There is joy in repentance because in repentance, God, through His Word, turns us away from our sins — our failures of thought, word, and deed — to believe in the forgiveness and new life He has accomplished for us in the death and resurrection of His Son. For our God is our Father, and fathers discipline their children. He loves us enough to point out when and where we have erred, so that we are not weighed down by false belief, despair, and other great shame or vice.

Thus we do well to listen to God's Word, His own teaching, about giving. St. Paul exhorts: "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor" (Gal 6:6). This means that the local congregation is primary. In other words, everything else that we might give to during the year — laudable and worthy charities — are to be on top of what we give to our local congregation. For the local congregation is the place that serves us with the gifts of Christ's death and resurrection. The local congregation is where our spiritual needs are met when Christ's atonement is preached, when the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed, when we were baptized into the name of the Triune God, and when we partake of the body and blood of the risen and living Lamb of God.

But how much are we to give to this local congregation? His instructions are these: to give regularly (1 Cor 6:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor 16:1–2; 2 Cor 8:12), and generously (2 Cor 8:20) of our first fruits (Gen 4:4; Prov 3:9; Lev 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor 9:7), and love (2 Cor 8:23).

Thus, giving to the church is not to be an afterthought, given after everything else is spent. In this way, it is deliberate. We give it regularly, whenever we have income. We set it aside beforehand, before anything else is spent. From those first fruits, we set aside a proportionate and generous amount. Ten percent was the standard for the Israelites. Tithing was a command for them. St. Paul never mentions a tithe. Since a tithe was the bare minimum for the people of Israel in the Old Testament, perhaps St. Paul had more in mind. That aside, however, ten percent is an easy way to figure out an amount. You simply move your weekly, bi-weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, or yearly income one decimal point to the left. And that's it. That's what you put in the offering plate to support your local congregation so that you may continue to be a hearer of God's word by sharing all good things with those who teach it to you.

And how are we to give it? We give it with eagerness and earnestness. We give it cheerfully and with love, not out of compulsion. For through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, God has made us His children, forgiven us all our sins, given us grace upon grace, promised us life everlasting with Him in His kingdom, and filled us with His own Spirit, the Holy Spirit. This makes giving a joy. For it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

In repentant joy, then, do we hear God's Word on giving, and we let that Word dwell in us richly. We let that word wash over our ears and seep into our hearts, to turn us away from our own selfish desires and turned toward Him in faith and love. We love the Lord and His Word. And we desire to do it. And when we have failed, that Word reproves and corrects, forgives and consoles. It calls us back to Him who is our God, our Savior, our Father.

Source is LCMS Stewardship Resources lcms.org/stewardship



LWML Mission Grants 2015 - 2017

Mighty Mites at Work

Mites (coins, dollars, and checks) collected in LWML Mite Boxes fund mission grants.



At the Washington – Alaska District LWML Convention in June 2016, delegates selected mission grant recipients for the 2016 – 2018 biennium totaling \$90,000.

At the national level the 2015 – 2017 biennium mission goal is \$2,000,000.

With God, ALL things are possible! With God, we WILL reach and exceed our mite goals!

Lutherans for Life – Y4Life Campus Ministry

Washington – Alaska District LWML mission grant ~ \$4,000

The purpose of the Y4Life program at Lutherans for Life (Recognized Service Organization of LCMS) is to equip Lutheran youth and young adults to be Gospel-motivated voices for life. Through education, training, and service learning, these young people will be ready to not only provide guidance and information about life issues, but to be a credible witness to the Gospel to their peers. The grant will enable the expansion of Y4Life Campus Ministry to include Lutheran high schools.

Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank and praise you that Your Word works in the hearts of all young and old to give them life everlasting. We ask Your blessing and favor on the Lutherans for Life – Y4Life Campus Ministry. We pray that the mite gift of \$4,000 from LWML Washington-Alaska District will help with equipping youth and young adults to be Gospel-motivated voices for life through education, training and service learning. We ask for Your blessing as they do this work in Your kingdom. Amen.

LCMS Young Adult Corps (formerly LCMS Youth Corps) – Scholarships for Lutheran Mercy Young Adult Corps

LWML National Mission Grant Amount: \$25,000

- To provide scholarships for young Lutheran adults that have been selected as volunteers to serve in areas in which their talents and services are needed (poverty/inner city areas, and areas of disadvantage and/or long-term recovery). LCMS Young Adult Corps members are especially trained to live and work and be identified with the people in the community, using their skills and understanding to serve these people in relation to their needs and to the skills and resources available, always being Christ’s witness in acts of mercy for the church and the world.

Long-term service opportunities, suited for youth who after high school or college have not yet settled on a vocation, are offered by Lutheran Mercy Youth Corps. Host sites will provide opportunities to serve neighbor and community in a volunteer service. Living in a community with other youth, they will have daily devotions, connections to a nearby church for Word and Sacrament ministry, and theological training before the youth are sent out on a mercy project such as domestic work in the inner-city or other underserved areas. Each participant will provide a portion of the stipend dispersals with LWML grant money supplementing the funds as scholarships.



Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

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Reconciliation – Peacemaking Message



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Three Qualities that Improve Every Relationship

I've hired many people ... and fired only a few.

My best co-workers thrived because of three key character qualities. The disappointing ones struggled because they lacked the very same qualities.

I've noticed an identical dynamic in friendships, marriages and ministries, all of which either thrived or withered to the degree that people cultivated **humility**, **teachability** and **flexibility**.



Humility is the quality of having a modest view of one's own importance, rank or abilities. It includes a recognition that you don't have all the answers, that you may be wrong at times and that others may have better insights, wisdom and abilities in certain areas than you do (see [Prov. 15:33](#); [Prov. 18:12](#); [Prov. 22:4](#); [Phil. 2:3-4](#)).

Teachability is the quality of being able, willing and eager to learn from others. It includes an appreciation for the gifts, abilities and experiences of others and a recognition that you can benefit and grow by listening to and learning from them (see [Prov. 13:1](#); [Prov. 15:22](#); [Prov. 15:31](#); [Prov. 19:20](#)).

Flexibility is the quality of being able to easily modify your own opinions, goals and actions. It includes the ability to adapt to new information, change course, compromise on non-moral issues, and value other's interests as highly as your own (see [Prov. 22:3](#); [1 Sam. 25:32-35](#); [Phil. 2:3-4](#); [Matt. 21:32](#); [Luke 22:42](#)).

These three qualities are **mutually supporting**. The more you exercise any one of them, the easier and more natural it becomes to exercise the others.

Warning Signs

What does it look like when people are **not** humble, teachable and flexible?

- They are blind to their limitations and puffed up about their abilities.
- They love to draw attention to themselves.
- They don't take notes, ask questions, read books with differing views or enjoy learning from others.
- They resent and resist advice and correction.
- They quickly point out flaws or failures of others.
- They refuse to admit when they're wrong.
- They blame others rather than taking responsibility for problems.
- They resist moving out of their comfort zone, personally, relationally and vocationally.
- They stubbornly hold to questionable opinions, goals and practices.

As a result, their friendships are typically shallow and fragile, their marriages are unfulfilling and often fail, and they experience little growth or satisfaction in their careers.

Positive signs

What does it look like when you are steadily cultivating humility, teachability and flexibility?

- You are aware of and honest about both your strengths and limitations.
- You actually enjoy affirming and praising others.
- You take notes when others are speaking, ask questions that reveal your limitations, have a hunger for reading books that expose you to new perspectives, and truly enjoy learning from others.

- You are comfortable seeking advice and receive correction without becoming defensive.
- You charitably cover over others' mistakes and failures.
- You're quick to admit when you're wrong or mistaken.
- You take responsibility for your contribution to a problem before addressing what others have done.
- You are willing to stretch yourself by exploring new ideas, accepting new responsibilities and developing new skills.
- You are able to change opinions, goals and practices as you acquire new information and grow in wisdom.

As you continue to develop and practice these qualities, every relationship and activity in your life will benefit.

Your friends will love sharing the ups and downs of their lives with you. Your marriage can become the safest and most enjoyable and secure relationship you could imagine. And your career can follow a steady upward course as you constantly learn from your co-workers and find joy in advancing their goals as much as your own.

Humility ... teachability ... flexibility. Three qualities that can improve every relationship in your life.

– Ken Sande

Reflection Questions

1. How do the qualities of humility, teachability and flexibility mutually reinforce and support one another?
2. How do these three qualities contribute to better friendships?
3. Why are these three qualities essential to a fulfilling and durable marriage?
4. How do these three qualities contribute to better job performance and career advancement?

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Develop your leadership skills. Take an MTC online course. Sign up at www.MissionTrainingCenter.com.

These are excellent resources for any leader in a congregation.



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| MTC005 | Interpreting Scripture | Mar 4 – Apr 29 | Saturday 8 – 10 a.m. |
| MTC016 | Spiritual Leadership Formation | Mar 6 – Mar 27 | Monday 6 – 8 p.m. |
| MTC008 | Leading and Creating Christ Centered Lutheran Worship | Mar 7 – Mar 28 | Tuesday 6 – 8 p.m. |

Mission Training Center (MTC) “How To” Seminar Courses

Want to take a Christian missional leadership course? Don't have too much time? “How To” Seminar online courses are for any lay person who has less time to devote to a lengthy course, but anxious to improve his/her ministry engagement. Enroll in one of MTC's “How To” Seminar online courses. They meet for two (2) hours and then reconvene one month later for one (1) hour to debrief.

More than a workshop, each “How To” Seminar requires some reading and developing a plan to implement what is learned. Upon successful completion of the course, an MTC Certificate will be granted.

The next course is: **MTC101** “How to Help Church Councils Serve Effectively” led by Rev. Paul Linnemann, District President of the Northwest District is scheduled for Thursday, March 30th, 2017, 6 – 8 p.m. (PST). Cost is only \$35/course/person. Register with Renee Zollitsch, MTC Coordinator at MTC@MissionTrainingCenter.com or go online at www.MissionTrainingCenter.com to learn more.

Other “How To” courses both scheduled and being imagined include:

- MTC102 How to Prepare the Short-term Mission Team*
- *How to Use Media in the Worship Setting*
 - *How to Lead Ministry when Working with the Disabled*
 - *How to Lead Ministry when Working with Death & Dying*
 - *How to Be an Excellent Sunday School Teacher*
 - *How to Close a Congregation Faithfully*
 - *How to Develop a Topical Sermon Series*
 - *How to Plan Worship Music*

Parish News

My Birthday Gift to Christ

All members of Zion Lutheran Church who are attending, or plan to attend an institute of higher education of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod may apply for funds from the Birthday Gift to Christ scholarship fund. For more information, contact the church office or a Board of Stewardship member.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to these **March** birthday celebrants:

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| 1 Myrtle Chase (94) | 17 Gay Schwarzmiller |
| 2 Jerry Anderson | 17 Kishore Vemulapalli |
| 3 Christine Heike | 18 Eric Schoonover |
| 4 Darlene Leisten | 19 Vydellity Anderson |
| 6 Rexetta Schoenfelder | 19 James Kuhlman |
| 7 Matthew Heike | 22 Carolyn Jensen |
| 9 Lori Alsup | 23 Jane Britton |
| 9 Tanner Foust | 23 John Hansen |
| 12 Georgia Chonzena (91) | 24 Joshua Foust |
| 12 Mike Schoonover | 29 Alexandra Balser |
| 14 Aleyamma Thomas | 31 Terri Foust-Rogers |
| 16 Darlene Wognild | |

MARCH Wedding Anniversaries

- Mar. 1.. Scott & Pam Cox (25th Anniv.)
 26.. Gene & Karen Berner

Every effort is made to keep the birthday and anniversary lists up to date. If there is an error, or your name does not appear on these lists, please call the church office at 360-568-2700.

OFFICIAL ACTS for January/February 2017:

Baptism:

† Beau Hackmann (1-29-17)

Official Count:

208 Communicant Members
29 Baptized Only
 237 TOTAL

Bethany's 12th Annual
Taste OF THE Northwest

Featuring:

- ~ Sampling of Distinct Northwest Wineries, Breweries, Distilleries and Non-Alcoholic Beverages ~
- ~ Large Silent Auction & Live Music ~
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- ~ Raffle Trip for Two - 7 Day Caribbean Cruise! ~

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Save The Date

Friday, April 21, 2017

5:00 pm to 8:30 pm
 Xfinity Arena Grand Ballroom

Servants in God's House for March 2017

	March 5 <small>1st Sunday in Lent</small>	March 12 <small>2nd Sunday in Lent</small>	March 19 <small>3rd Sunday in Lent</small>	March 26 <small>4th Sunday in Lent</small>
Elders: 8 a.m.	Richard Hellman	John Hansen	Wayne Franz	Richard Hellman
10:30 a.m.	John Hansen	Wayne Franz	Richard Hellman	John Hansen
Ushers: 8 a.m.	Ken Heike, Larry Heike	Jerry Sturlaugson	Ken Heike, Marlin Heike	Herman Bosse
10:30 a.m.	Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Andrew Bartelheimer	Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Thad Zwar
Greeters: 8 a.m.	Herman & Judy Bosse	John & Miriam Hansen	Ken & Julie Heike	Marlin & Shirley Heike
10:30 a.m.	Rosemary Randall	Lepse family	Katie Larchick	Jerry & Kathy Sturlaugson
Acolytes: 8 a.m.	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
10:30 a.m.	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Claire Lepse	Sam Lepse	Declan Bartelheimer
Readers: 8 a.m.	Gary Gable	Lisa Tuengel	Wayne Franz	Richard Hellman
10:30 a.m.	Ann Jensen	Jana Ostlund	Olivia Zwar	Doris Brickman
Scriptures:	Genesis 3:1–21 Psalm 32:1–7 Romans 5:12–19 Matthew 4:1–11	Genesis 12:1–9 Psalm 121 Romans 4:1–8, 13–17 John 3:1–17	Exodus 17:1–7 Psalm 95:1–9 Romans 5:1–8 John 4:5–26	Isaiah 42:14–21 Psalm 142 Ephesians 5:8–14 John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39
Children's Message:	Pastor Gary Jensen	Lisa Tuengel	Lynne Hereth	Pastor Gary Jensen
Organist (8 am):	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner
Music Leader(s) (10:30 am):				
Altar Guild:	----- Kathy Gable, Miriam Hansen -----			
Fellowship Providers:	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Counters:	Joan Stocker Lillian Bartelheimer	Loreen Atkinson Dan Miller	Ken Heike Lynette Zwar	Kathy Sturlaugson Doris Brickman

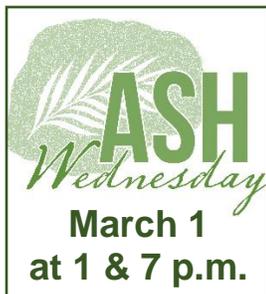
March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Zion Ev. Lutheran Church 331 Union Ave. Snohomish, WA 98290 Church office: 360-568-2700 zionsecretary@frontier.com			1 Ash Wednesday 8am–1pm LSVA (PH – Rms. 8 & 9) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper (PH) 1 & 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion	2 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9:15 a.m. "Between . . ." Bible Study (PHMR) 12:45-2 p.m. LSVA Chapel (PHMR) 6 p.m. Youth Bible Study (CH – Room 2) 7 p.m. Trustees (PHMR)	3 8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home)	4 7 p.m. Women's Bible Class (Ann Lepse's home) 7 p.m. Youth Group (Michelle Bartelheimer's home)
5 1st Sunday in Lent 8 am Traditional Worship/ Communion 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship/ Communion 1 – 3 p.m. Junior Holstein Meeting (CH – Rooms 2, 3 - 4)	6 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 4:30 p.m. Community Kitchen - at St. John's Episcopal, Snoh. (2 p.m. meal prep./5 p.m. clean up) 6:30 p.m. LSVA Open House (PH – Room 8) 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (PHMR)	7 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 7 p.m. Elders' Meeting (CO)	8 8am–1pm LSVA (PH – Rms. 8 & 9) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper (PH) 1 & 7 p.m. Lenten Worship 2	9 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9:15 a.m. "Between . . ." Bible Study (PHMR) 12:45-2 p.m. LSVA Chapel (PHMR) 6 p.m. Youth Bible Study (CH – Room 2)	10 8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home) 5 p.m. Potluck (PHMR) 6 – 8 p.m. Bunko (PHMR)	11 7 p.m. Women's Bible Class (Ann Lepse's home) 7 p.m. Youth Group (Michelle Bartelheimer's home)
12 2nd Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins 8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Combined Sunday School & Bible Class Opening (PH) 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	13 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 7 p.m. Bd. of Directors Meeting (PHMR)	14 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9 – 11:30 a.m. Braille Work (Immanuel Luth., Everett) 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Mtg. (Shepherd of the Hills Luth., Maltby) 2 p.m. LWML Mtg. (PHMR)	15 8am–1pm LSVA (PH – Rms. 8 & 9) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper (PH) 1 & 7 p.m. Lenten Worship 3	16 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9:15 a.m. "Between . . ." Bible Study (PHMR) 12:45-2 p.m. LSVA Chapel (PHMR) 6 p.m. Youth Bible Study (CH – Room 2)	17 St. Patrick's Day  8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home)	18 7 p.m. Women's Bible Class (Ann Lepse's home) 7 p.m. Youth Group (Michelle Bartelheimer's home)
19 3rd Sunday in Lent 8 am Traditional Worship/ Communion 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship/ Communion	20 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (CH) 7 p.m. 4 – H Meeting (CH – Rooms 2, 3 - 4)	21 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 7 p.m. Valley Spinners (PH)	22 8am–1pm LSVA (PH – Rms. 8 & 9) 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Project Linus Work Party (PH & PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper (PH) 1 & 7 p.m. Lenten Worship 4	23 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9:15 a.m. "Between . . ." Bible Study (PHMR) Noon – Retirees (PHMR) 12:45-2 p.m. LSVA Chapel (PH – Room 8) 6 p.m. Youth Bible Study (CH – Room 2) 6 p.m. Co-Op Dinner & Annual Meeting (PH)	24 8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home)	25 7 p.m. Women's Bible Class (Ann Lepse's home) 7 p.m. Youth Group (Michelle Bartelheimer's home)
26 4th Sunday in Lent 8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	27 Newsletter Deadline! 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (PHMR)	28 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Play Practice (PH, PHMR, & CH – Rm. 1, 2 – 3)	29 8am–1pm LSVA (PH – Rms. 8 & 9) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper (PH) 1 & 7 p.m. Lenten Worship 5	30 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9:15 a.m. "Between . . ." Bible Study (PHMR) 12:45-2 p.m. LSVA Chapel (PHMR) 6 p.m. Youth Bible Study (CH – Room 2)	31 8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home)	Notes:



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Mission Statement for Zion Lutheran Church:

*Reaching out with Christ's gift of grace and forgiveness
as we preach, teach, and serve so all may know Jesus
Christ as Savior.*

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**Join us for worship and Bible
class this Sunday.**

Sunday Worship Service Times

8 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

*Holy Communion is celebrated at both services
on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.*

