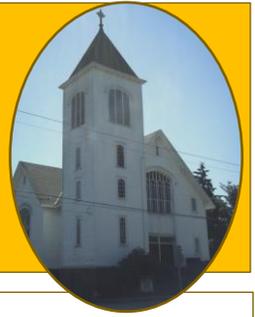


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Pastor's Page

Let the Light Shine

John 8:12, 1 John 1:7, Matthew 5:16

About a month ago I experienced Mt. Pilchuck in two distinctly different ways. Viewed directly from the west, that landmark mountain appears as a massive, nearly perfect pyramid with an especially sharp summit. However the morning Mark Anderson and I began our ascent of the peak, which was shrouded in clouds, we first stepped out of our car into the midst (pun?) of a rain shower. Frankly we had little expectation then that we would see any farther than a hundred feet when we arrived on the summit. Because the summer skies had for weeks been a gloomy reddish-brown on account of the multitude of forest fires, it seemed that either smoke or clouds would deprive us of any view across the surrounding countryside below. Yet we set out on the trail anyway because we were looking forward to the conversations that we would surely have together.

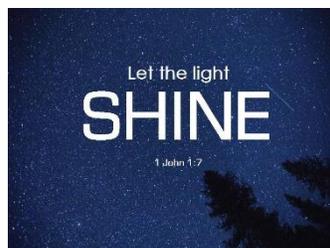
Surprisingly, however, about a third of the way up, the clouds began dissipating overhead and, with the passage of time, continued opening so extensively that it was clear we would actually climb out of them. Not only had the rain ceased, the clearing skies turned a bright beautiful blue. From the summit the distant views in nearly every direction (except, of course, toward Puget Sound) consisted of many other peaks poking above the clouds here and there. We rejoiced then, not only because of our conversations, but also because of our uncommon vantage point gazing downward onto a sea of clouds.

The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians, *"If then you have been*

raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (3:1-2). As Christians we can experience our life from **two** vantage points: the rough and tumble of life in the flesh in the midst of our juggling an array of cares, AND 2) by faith, drawing on the comfort of the presence of Christ who lords over every aspect of reality! This renewal of our thinking can transform our perspective even from within the valleys of life.

How amazing it was that as we then climbed down the lookout tower ladder and began our descent to the car, the very clouds that had blocked our views of the valleys earlier, further parted so that for the rest of that day the entire Puget Sound was basking in blue skies and bright sunshine.

After returning to our wives, Ann and I then celebrated our 38th wedding anniversary that evening at a restaurant overlooking the Everett waterfront. On our return home after dinner, while we were driving eastward toward Lake Stevens, Mt. Pilchuck again took prominence, this time for us as a couple, because it dominated the view directly ahead of us. What initially had been simply a beautiful sight, however, suddenly grabbed our attention because of a blinding light that suddenly shone from the mountain's tip. *"What could its source be?"* we wondered together. I pondered over whether one of the groups of people we had met on our descent, who were carrying their sleeping bags upward in



order to spend the night in the lookout tower, also included a floodlight in their pack. Or, could the light be from a perching spaceship? Only after we could view the source through our binoculars did it become apparent that it wasn't the result of people at all. It instead came from the setting sun as it shone onto the windows of the lookout tower which in turn reflected the blazing glare back toward us. It was less than a minute later that the peak went dark just as the sun dropped below the horizon.

Taking both events together, this day yielded an amazing reminder firstly that the source of the light of the Gospel is from above, Jesus Christ who, having left heaven, came to earth in His incarnation and, following His death on the cross for our sins and His resurrection from the dead, is now seated at the right hand of the Father. For these reasons we may find comfort and encouragement in the fact that Jesus Christ is Lord over the entirety of existence (Ephesians 1:21-22). Yet this new perspective can only transform us for the better insofar as we abide in Him by faith. In addition, He also graciously chooses to use each of us to be lights for shining as beacons of hope before the lives of everyone around us. However, we are lights in a different way than Jesus is. He is light in and of His own being. In this sense the Son (of God) is just like the Sun (in the sky), while we, by contrast, are reflectors of the light of the Son of God, just like the moon can only reflect the light of the sun (in the sky). For this reason, it is vital that we walk in the light of Christ. My title (above) is deliberate. Before the light of Christ can shine through our lives, the light of Christ, through God's Word, must first shine onto us (1 John 1:7).

Your servant Pastor,

Gary Jensen

Your Help Is Needed for A Taproot Production at Zion

It's coming soon. Yes, once again in the month of October, you can become a sponsor for the annual Taproot Christmas production at Zion. Whether it's \$5 or \$50, it makes a difference! Gary Gable will be available all month to receive your support. Contact him if questions (425-407-3128).



Milepost #16

Taking A Walk with Your Servant Leader

Glad we could get together today between rain showers. It's been dry for so long.

The rain is a welcome relief.

Remember when the phrase "Who let the dogs out?" came out? That seems to conjure up a variety of responses from people depending on which team they support.

Could that statement be applied to congregations as well? When Kathy and I rejoined Zion back in '06, we soon were drawn into some tensions of members against members. We resisted taking any sides because we didn't come to Zion with a "dog" to throw into a fight. We came to rekindle old friendships, and find a "niche" to become a part of the bigger picture of the mission and ministry in worship to God.

I believe that is possibly what any new person crossing our threshold is looking for. It was God's guidance that brought them to Zion. Now it becomes the perfect opportunity to build relationships (friendships) and be of service to help the newcomer find their "niche" to contribute and be a part of a Christian community. There is no "dog," rather finding what they may offer under God's blessing and direction.

I pray that the members of Zion take time to open their hearts to the newcomer(s) and take the time to help them grow in Christ together, putting aside all selfish desires whatever they may be.

I guess that makes all believers evangelists, wouldn't you say? Keep the dogs on a leash.

A Part of the Fishnet,

Gary Gable

Thoughts from an Elder

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

Last month I wrote about the first of the “Five Markers of a Flourishing Church” which was *people*. These markers were present in every Gospel Movement throughout the history of the LCMS.

Those five markers include:

People

Multiplication

Truth

Adaptability

Self-sacrifice

This month we will continue with the second marker, *Multiplication*. Rev. Newman started the chapter with an illustration from his own life. When they were expecting their second child he became concerned that he would not have enough love to go around. I've had a similar experience. When Vi and I got married she had two children and I had one from previous marriages. Would I have to divide my love for each of them? To my surprise it didn't divide it multiplied, later we adopted Chelsea and it multiplied again. At the same time, we started to have grandchildren and now great-grandchildren, the circle of love continues to multiply. Since we've become more involved here at Zion that circle has multiplied again and again.

The LCMS grew at a faster pace than the population as a whole from the 1800s to 1917 when the gospel movement in this country hit a lull till the later 1930s. Then starting in the late 1940s through the 1980s again grew at a faster pace than the population as a whole, but now more churches are closing than new churches are opening.

The first thirty-plus years of the synod was marked by rapid growth as dedicated pastors served multiple churches and preaching stations traveling long distance on horseback and planting new churches. It was not just the pastors but also the lay people that were reaching out. This outreach

continued till the start of World War I when anti-German sentiment became popular. The synod lost its identity, it changed its name from German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The '20s and '30s moved toward self-centered materialism and away from religion. Toward the end of the '30s the LCMS started to use new technology by starting “The Lutheran Hour” on radio that brought the gospel to the corners of the world and later “This is the Life” was seen on television. With that and other gospel outreaches the LCMS grew until the late '80s when society began to turn away from religion. At that time many church bodies changed their doctrine to remain popular and lost their way. Other churches turned inward to take care of their members and maintain the status quo. Evangelism became someone else's responsibility.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the passing of a dear friend, Ralph Hintze. I first met Ralph when I came on the Board of Elders and he was on the board. Even after he was no longer on the board Ralph would arrive at 7 a.m. on Sunday mornings to open the church and make sure that everything was ready when people showed up to worship. One time Vi ask me why I had to be at church so early? I told her if it was important to Ralph it should be important to me. Rest-In-Peace dear friend!

In His Service,

Richard Hellman





Fall Fishin' & Pastor's Button

For those who like to push buttons, there is an opportunity for you!

A team of individuals has been working this summer on upgrading Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (ZELC) website 'www.zionsnohomish.360unite.com' so to better meet the people searching for a church, and connecting to more visitors coming to ZELC. The team recognized the need for improved content and organized information to meet and greet strangers searching for the Word.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Heb 13:2)

The "Pastor's Button" is going to be a gift to present the Word to our ZELC members and strangers!

The website team, with Pastor Gary's input, has somewhat organized possible content with his writings, readings, Sermon excerpts, and even future videos to share with you. This is a growth step for all involved to bring the Word of Jesus to those seeking and wanting to be fed! May the Lord bless this effort to our members, future visitors, and the Lutheran community!

To summarize this endeavor by the ZELC website team: Fall Fishin' is going to have Pastor's Button and other topics to be viewed for our members and future visitors to bring the Word into daily living in this Snohomish community and region.

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" (Ps 118:6)

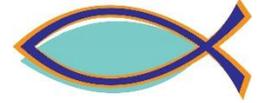
The content is in motion to be added and upgraded. ZELC membership may also submit content to be posted to the website team and ZELC office for review at 'snohomishsecretary@gmail.com'.

The Fall season is when congregations have the increase of visitors going into the Christmas celebration. Let us all help the celebration of Jesus' birth in these coming days and months by talking to, and helping a stranger in our midst.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Heb 13:8, Jn 8:58)

Blessings on your day!

Norm Anderson
Evangelism Elder



FALL Bible Studies!

- * The **Sunday morning** Bible class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room, studying **First Corinthians**. This study is led by Pastor Gary Jensen.
- * The Women's Bible Study at Jana Ostlund's house (7124 60th St. SE, Snohomish) will meet every **Monday in October**, 9:30-10:30 a.m. The Bible study book is: *Jesus Among Secular Gods: The Questions of Culture and the Invitation of Christ* by Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale.
- * Study the **book of James** on **Tuesday evenings** at 6:30 in the Parish Hall – room 11 (by the kitchen). Everyone is welcome to join us. Please call Rosemary Randall at 360-568-8107 if you have any questions or need a book.
- * **Men's Bible Breakfast** meets on **Wednesdays** at 7 a.m. at the Collector's Choice Restaurant, 215 Cypress Avenue in Snohomish. Men of any age are invited.
- * Pastor Gary's **Wednesday** study will be on the book, "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made," by Dr. Paul Brand and Philip Yancey. It will be held weekly at **1 p.m.** in the Church Office and at **7 p.m.** in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.
- * Pastor Gary's **Thursday** morning study, "Between the Testaments," will be held weekly, from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.
- * The Home Group Bible Study on *Proverbs* will continue at the Gable's home (707 Ave. B, Snohomish) beginning **October 4th**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The study will continue on **Thursdays** until the week before Thanksgiving, except for 10/11.

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!

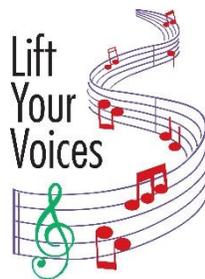


Zion is providing the meal on Monday, **October 1st**. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.** We begin the meal preparations at 2 p.m. and begin clean-up at 5 p.m.

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

Choir Begins – Come Join Us!

Our choir will begin practicing in October. Our first practice is in the Parish Hall on Monday, **October 1st**, at 6:30 p.m. We would love to have you be a part of this special gift of song that is shared with our congregation each month.



Coming Soon! (It’s Closer than You Think!)

The revised and updated Lutheran Hour Ministries Celebration Event is set for Saturday, **October 6th**, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Spokane Valley. Registration is \$85 which includes lunch and dinner. There will be a number of great speakers on a variety of topics including, “Is Polygamy Biblical?” and “While Serving as a Muslim Imam, Jesus Called Me to Follow Him.” So mark your calendars for this special and engaging event. If you need them, hotel reservations may be made at Mirabeau Park Hotel for only \$95 per night, plus tax.

Scrip/Gift Cards Support Zion Lutheran School



Did you know you can buy cash cards for many stores during coffee time Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall?

When you purchase a cash card, funds between 2-15% of the value of the card are generated for Zion Lutheran School. Zion Lutheran Church is donating its share (also 2-15% of value of card) back to the school.

The cards are worth the value you pay for them. This is a great way to purchase your groceries, gas, or buy gift cards and raise funds at the same time.

Box Tops for Education



Keep on clipping those *Box Tops for Education!* They will be used to help support Zion Lutheran School. Each Box Tops Clip is worth 10 cents for your school. There is a collection box in the church narthex. Thank you for your help!



LWML Meeting

Our Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 9th**, at 2 p.m. The Bible study led by Laraine Hunt is entitled, “Hold on to His Promises when Overloaded: Veterans of the Cross – God Leads Us!” by Chaplain Steven C. Hokana. It is found in the **summer** edition of the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly*. We have Bibles available if needed.

We want to invite all ladies from the congregation to attend as well as any visitors that would love to be a part of a service group in the church.

Mount Baker Zone Fall Rally

"for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10

Saturday, October 13th

Shepherd of the Hills 9225 212th St. SE,
Snohomish

Registration 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Bring a purple five (**\$5.00**) for your registration fee. This covers the cost of lunch and speakers. Lunch will be soup (a couple from Africa) and salad plus dessert!

We have two guest speakers:

Carol Hendricks, from Days for Girls.

This is a service program that provides reusable feminine supplies for women in countries where disposable supplies are not available. These are handmade and then sent to these needy women. Carol group sends theirs to Swaziland on the African Continent. Check their web page at daysforgirls.org

Deaconess Ruth Ann Shimoi, from Lutheran Ministry Services

Lutheran Ministries NW provides materials, music books with large print and lessons that we can take to the people living in these Care facilities. Music is a wonderful way to bring the joy of Christ to those currently living in a care facility.

Our **ingathering** will be going to the Snohomish County Women's Shelter in Everett. Please bring any type of feminine product. We all know that everyone has their favorite so just pick up a box and bring it for our ingathering.

80th Anniversary / Oktoberfest Fundraising Event for Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Lutheran Ministry Services is celebrating its 80th anniversary on Saturday, **October 13**. The celebration service is at 5 p.m. at Pilgrim Lutheran, 10420 SE 11th Street, Bellevue. Following the service, we are holding an Oktoberfest at 6 p.m.

THEY NEED YOUR HELP: This also a fundraising event to sustain the life blood of this outreach ministry, serving in hospitals, care centers, prisons and jails.

ZIG (Zion's Intergenerational Group)

[from Lisa Tuengel]

Join us Sunday, **October 14th**, 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!

Cap Making Workshop... [from Rosemary Randall]

LWML is sponsoring a cap making workshop on Friday, **October 19**, at 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Please join us. Everything will be provided.

Caps are made and delivered to local hospitals for patients and also to Christmas House for kids. The caps are needed for both children and adults.

This will be a training workshop. If you would like to learn or would like to participate in making caps, please join us.

**3 – 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.
Refreshments and snacks will be provided.**

CPR Training

FIRST AID CLASS, Adult & Infant CPR, AED with Dettmer Safety will be offered on Sunday, **October 21st**, at Noon, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (5511 64th St. SE, Snohomish).



This class is available for anyone wanting or needing to obtain a current first aid card for work or personal interest, including parents, grandparents, and older children (usually 10 years old but they have had a 6-year-old stay focused and learn the essentials). The cost is still to be determined, but we try to keep it under \$30. Please let Elizabeth Thoreson know if you are interested (leave a message at 425-335-1711).

Retirees' Potluck & Program

[from Laraine Hunt]

Please join us for our next Retirees' gathering on Thursday, **October 25th**, at Noon in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



Feel free to bring guests (friends, casual acquaintances, family, and neighbors) and remember to bring your own place settings and plenty of potluck food to share (home cooked or store bought is all welcome)!

Everyone is welcome—you don't have to be retired to come! If you have any questions, call Laraine Hunt at 360-568-6219.

"Meet for a Meal" Potluck

[from Parish Fellowship]

Craving some good conversation and great food? We'll have a "Meet for a Meal" potluck on Sunday, **October 21st**, from 5 – 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Hope you can come!



Newsletter & Sunday Bulletin Deadlines



The Newsletter Deadline is Monday, **October 22nd**, for the NOVEMBER Newsletter!

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

BUNKO..... [from Rosemary Randall]

Please join us for BUNKO on Friday, **October 26th**, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Anyone can play! Please bring a snack to share.



Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be held Wednesday, **October 31st**, from 6 till 8 p.m. The Parish Hall will be set up with games, snacks, activities and music. It is a great opportunity to meet neighborhood families and kids.

We will need lots of help with the games, in the kitchen, and serving coffee, tea, cocoa, and snacks.

This is a great outreach opportunity. The doors will be open at 5:30 and we will be needing help with clean up from 8:15-8:45.

Please let your Evangelism Board know if you would like to help in any way.

Katie Larchick, Amy Russell, Carolyn Jensen, or Rosemary Randall.



Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilting

Our group making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other charities will meet on Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – Noon, on the stage in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are welcomed and encouraged!

Project Linus Quilting

Project Linus quilting is meeting Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to come. They meet in the Parish Hall (330 Union Ave.). If you have a desire to learn or help please join us!



For Your Information[from Board of Trustees]

- The scaffolding for the new roof was put up on Monday (Sept. 17) morning. Please use caution in the area. The church roof should be starting very soon. We are waiting for the company to finish a job.
- The old fire alarm system is in the process of being removed. It has not worked for years.
- If you have a knowledge of wood work, the podium in the parish hall has a lower shelf that needs repaired.
- The Snohomish Academy is now going full swing. The students will be using the Parish Hall for recess in inclement weather. The old office now called room 11 is being used by the school as an office. They painted the wall to match room 8. Looks nice.
- The elevator room still needs to have the window surround completed.
- If you notice the classrooms have a mirror appearance, it is due to a film put on to keep people from looking in and for temperature control. We will be doing the same to room 11 and the elevator room.
- Any questions, please feel free to contact Ken Lauterbach at 360-568-3653.



Scaffolding being put up.



← The dump tube for the old roof.

What the roof is now and what it will be (steeple) →.



SAVE THE DATE for the 2018 CROP Hunger Walk

The 2018 CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for **Sunday, October 14, at Christ the King Lutheran Church** (1305 Pine Ave, Snohomish): **12:45 Registration, 1:30pm Walk/Run.**

25% of all proceeds raised go toward Snohomish Community Kitchen.

It's a Seahawk Sunday, but the game is over at 1 p.m. Time to burn off those game snack calories and walk to ensure that all have sufficient food for life!

If any of you are members of organizations such as the Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary, also fitness groups (why not spend a Sunday afternoon walking/running for an important cause like CROP!), please inform and invite them to participate/donate to our CROP Hunger Walk. For 21 years, our Snohomish community and churches have walked and raised \$177,030, of which \$44,258 has remained in Snohomish to support Community Kitchen. Ask their members to join in with us!



DINE OUT Event for CROP Hunger Walk **Thursday, October 11th, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Make dining out a selfless act! Don't cook! Instead, dine out at one of these Snohomish restaurants: Andy's Fish House or El Paraiso, on **Thursday, October 11th**, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. Mention CROP Hunger Walk to your server while ordering dinner and a percentage of the value of your meal will be donated to the CROP Hunger WALK. Proceeds are donated to end hunger in Snohomish and world-wide. Your DINE OUT dinner means that the Snohomish Community Kitchen will receive 25% of this and every CROP Hunger Walk donation. To view possible last-minute additions, check us out at crophungerwalk.org/snohomishwa



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October 2018 LCMS Stewardship Article

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the instruction and Word of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the Law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents, but there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything.

And children try to copy it, which can be quite humorous when parents wish they wouldn't. It can be uncomfortable and embarrassing if a child copies or repeats something less than polite that they learned from a parent. Sitcoms thrive on these situations. It only happens because children emulate their parents because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God, by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan: "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs – heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and

mercy, His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the Church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread." *What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, God gives us everything we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week to set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the Church.

We don't do this simply because He has commanded us so to do; it is because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

Source is LCMS Stewardship Resources at <https://blogs.lcms.org/2018/lcms-stewardship-ministry-bulletin-sentences-and-newsletter-article-october-2018>

Reconciliation – Peacemaking Message



Relational Wisdom 360 is a regular e-mail that is published by Ken Sande. We hope you enjoy this month's excerpt. For more information on *Relational Wisdom 360* please visit their website or subscribe to the e-mail at www.RW360.org.

Reputation vs Character

Jeff's reputation was being trashed by people in his own church.

He was respected throughout the city for his outstanding Sunday school classes, which had drawn hundreds of people to his church. But then he got caught in the middle of a congregational battle over the senior pastor.

A group of members had become increasingly dissatisfied with the senior pastor's preaching and thought it was time for him to retire. Others in the church felt a strong loyalty to him because of his many years of faithful pastoral care, and they argued that it would be unkind to force him out when he still wanted to serve.

As each group grew in size, so did the intensity of their arguments, as well as their efforts to recruit others to their side. Because of Jeff's respected reputation, both groups pressured him to support their positions. Believing that the church council had the responsibility to address the issue, he refused to take sides.

Before long people in both groups turned their attacks on Jeff. The gossip grapevine soon fueled all sorts of personal accusations, most of it subtle but some of it downright slanderous. Attendance in his Sunday school class declined sharply. Some people glared at him or turned away in the foyer, while others spoke sarcastically to him.

When Jeff sought my advice over lunch, I could tell that he was deeply hurt. "I've spent twenty years building an effective teaching ministry," he said, "and it's being destroyed in a matter of months." His words made me think of the man in [Psalm 37](#), who had also suffered unjust attacks. Jeff and I read the entire Psalm together, but the first six verses were enough to give him the reassurance he needed:



Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

After a few moments of reflection, Jeff sighed and smiled. "Well, you can't get a better promise than that," he said. "If God says he'll go to bat for me at the right time, I guess I can stop worrying."

And then Jeff said something I'll never forget: ***"I guess God is more interested in refining my character than he is in polishing my reputation."***

That humble and trusting insight has come back to me countless times in the years since that conversation. I've shared it with many other people in similar situations ... and meditated on it myself when I felt that my reputation was being trashed.

Although some of those situations are still unresolved years later, I've noticed that it really doesn't matter to people who sincerely trust in the God who inspired [Psalm 37](#). Their reputations may have been bruised by false accusations, but their character continued to grow as they followed the example of Christ:

"If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly" (1 Pet. 2:20-23).

Call to Worship

As Jeff entrusted himself to God's judgment, the Lord graciously strengthened his faith, humility and patience, while also increasing his capacity to show mercy and forgiveness to those who wronged him. The attacks continued for a while, but as months turned into years, the Lord steadily revealed the righteousness of Jeff's conduct and eventually restored him to a more fruitful teaching ministry than he had ever known before.

Once again, God proved himself faithful.

– Ken Sande

PSS – Far too many churches get entangled in conflicts involving pastoral deficiencies and transitions. If you'd like to avoid this kind of agonizing problem in your church or ministry, I urge you to read [Leadership Transitions: The Good, the Bad and the Clumsy](#).

Reflection Questions (Most effective when shared with a friend; [James 1:22-25](#))

- The Bible teaches that it's sometime right to confront sin and injustice and to actively defend our reputations (see [Matt. 18:15-20](#); [Acts 16:35-39](#); [Acts 22:25-29](#); [Acts 25:11](#)). Other Scriptures teach that we should sometimes overlook offenses, endure mistreatment, and wait for God to deliver us (see [Prov. 19:11](#); [Col. 3:13](#); [1Pet. 2:20-23](#); [Psalm 37](#)). How do you know when it's a time to be quiet or a time to speak up? (See [The Peacemaker](#), pp. 90-98)
- Think of a time when God allowed your reputation to be challenged or damaged. What character qualities do you think he might have been working to develop in your life? What did you learn from the situation? How did you grow?
- What are some of the ineffective or counterproductive ways that we are tempted to respond when our reputations are threatened? Have you ever used one of those methods? What was the result?
- Can you think of any current events where these principles might be relevant?

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Cold Weather Shelter [from Rosemary Randall]

The Snohomish Cold Weather Shelter is planning for this season. The Cold Weather Shelter is located at Snohomish Evangelical Free Church at 210 Avenue B and is open when it freezes November through February. They will be needing 6 volunteers to stay for 4 hour shifts each night when the weather is forecast to be 34° or below.



If you can help, and would like to train as a medical reserve corp. member, please contact Therese Quinn, email tquinn@snohd.org. Training dates (attend one) are Saturday, 10/20/18, Monday 10/22/18, Saturday 11/17/18, Monday 11/19/18 Saturday, 12/15/18, Monday, 12/18/18.

Please contact Rosemary Randall at drandall1@frontier.com if you can help with services to support the cold weather shelter Nov. 12 thru Nov. 25. It will be open if the temperature is 34° or below. Duties include providing needed breakfast items, picking up of soiled blankets and laundering them, and the pick-up/delivery of cots.

Lutherans for Life

“It is our faith that compels us to venerate life from its moment of conception. It is by faith that we treat life not as an entitlement or possession but as a steward for the Creator who gives life. Only by faith do we accept that life at its earliest possible moment has culpability for sin before the Divine Judge and benefits from the sacrifice of our Savior.”



Rev. Robert Fleischmann, national director of Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Parish News

OFFICIAL ACTS for August/September 2018:

BAPTISM:

† Charlie Ross (9-1-18)

DEATHS:

† Brad Leisten (8-22-18)

† Ralph Hintze (9-8-18)

† Joe Chonzena (9-26-18)

DORMANT FILE/RELEASED:

† Jacob Goforth (9-5-18)

† Janet Armstrong (9-25-18)

Official Count:

199 Communicant Members

27 Baptized Only

226 TOTAL

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:**

Norm Anderson425-948-7575

Gene Berner.....360-568-5970

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

John Hansen425-397-7324

Richard Hellman (director)425-232-7666



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 **October** birthday celebrants:

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| 5 Debbie Tuengel | 16 Adrian Lowe |
| 6 Cody Johnson | 17 Sade Palmer |
| 9 Doris Brickman | 17 Dean Randall |
| 10 Annie Spoelstra | 20 Larry Heike |
| 11 Marilyn Haack | 25 Gary Gable |
| 12 Randy Wood | 27 Brad Tuengel |
| 13 Jeff Gilpin | 30 Ryder Conway |



OCTOBER Wedding Anniversaries

- Oct. 6 Bill & Sheila Leight
- 10 Dean & Rosemary Randall
- 16 Al & Karen Heerensperger (25th Anniv.)
- 17 John & Miriam Hansen
- 20 Larry & Sue Bartelheimer (65th Anniv.)
- 25 Dean & Shelley Pratt
- 27 Larry & Betty Heike
- 31 Loren & Margie Troupe

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.

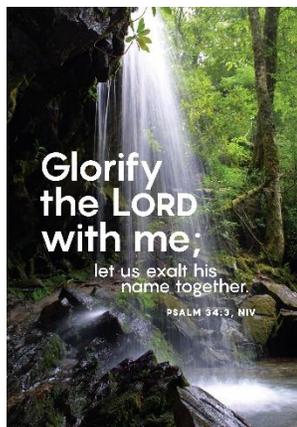
Servants in God's House for October 2018				If you would like to volunteer at any time, please contact Judy at the church office (360-568-2700 or snohomishsecretary@gmail.com)
	October 7 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	October 14 21 st Sunday after Pentecost/LWML Sun.	October 21 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	October 28 Reformation Day (Observed)
Elders: 8am 10:30am	Wayne Franz Norm Anderson	Gene Berner Wayne Franz	Richard Hellman Norm Anderson	Gene Berner Richard Hellman
Ushers: 8am 10:30am	Ken Heike, Larry Heike Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Miriam Hansen, Ragene Kimsey Rosemary Randall	Ken Heike, Marlin Heike Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Herman Bosse Jerry Sturlaugson
Greeters: 8am 10:30am	Larry Heike Katie Larchick	Judy Bosse LWML	Ken & Julie Heike Lepse family	Miriam Hansen Jerry & Kathy Sturlaugson
Acolytes: 8am 10:30am	<i>Volunteer needed</i> <i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i> <i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i> <i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i> <i>Volunteer needed</i>
Readers: 8am 10:30am	Wayne Franz Ann Jensen	Kathy Gable Lillian Bartelheimer	Lynne Hereth Doris Brickman	Gene Berner Richard Hellman
Scriptures:	Genesis 2:18–25 Psalm 128 Hebrews 2:1–13 (14–18) Mark 10:2–16	Amos 5:6–7, 10–15 Psalm 90: 12–17 Hebrews 3:12–19 Mark 10:17–22	Ecclesiastes 5:10–20 Psalm 119:9–16 Hebrews 4:1–13 (14–16) Mark 10:23–31	Revelation 14:6–7 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19–28 John 8:31–36 or Matt. 11:12–19
Children's Message:	Lisa Tuengel	Pastor Gary Jensen	Pastor Gary Jensen	Pastor Gary Jensen
Organist: 8am	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner
Music Leader: 10:30am				
Special Music:				Choir: <i>The Potter's Hand</i>
Fellowship:	Lepse family	LWML	Wayne Franz	Jana Ostlund
Counters:	Loreen Atkinson Dan Miller	Lillian Bartelheimer Joan Stocker	Doris Brickman Kathy Sturlaugson	Helen Heck Ken Heike Vi Hellman
Flowers:	Gil Schwarzmiller (in memory of Molly)	John & Miriam Hansen (wedding anniversary)		
Altar Guild:	----- Kathy Gable, Miriam Hansen -----			

October 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Community Kitchen - at St. John's Episcopal, Snoh. (2 p.m. meal prep./5 p.m. clean up)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (PH)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. <i>James Bible Study</i> (PH – room 11)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant)</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh.</p> <p>9am–1pm Project Linus Quilting (PHMR)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Acad. CPR class (PH – Rm. 8)</p> <p>1 & 7 p.m. <i>Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Bible Study</i> (1pm Church Office; 7pm Parish Hall Mtg. Room)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>9:15 – 10:30 a.m. <i>Between the Testaments Bible Study</i> (PHMR)</p> <p>12:30-1:30 p.m. Acad. of Snoh. Chapel (PHMR)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. <i>Proverbs Bible Study</i> (Gables' home)</p> <p>7 p.m. Trustees (PHMR)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 20th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Traditional Worship/ Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class</p> <p>10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH)</p> <p>10:30 am Contemporary Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Jana Ostlund's home)</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (PH)</p> <p>7 p.m. Bd. of Directors Meeting (PHMR)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>9 – 11:30 a.m. Braille Work (Immanuel Luth., Everett)</p> <p>2 p.m. LWML Bible Study / Meeting (PHMR)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. <i>James Bible Study</i> (PH – room 11)</p> <p align="center">Oct. 9 – 11 Pastor Gary attending the Puget Sound Pastors' Conference</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant)</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh.</p> <p>9am–1pm Project Linus Quilting (PHMR)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage)</p> <p>NO <i>Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Bible Study</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>NO <i>Between the Testaments Bible Study</i></p> <p>12:30-1:30 p.m. Acad. of Snoh. Chapel (PHMR)</p> <p>NO <i>Proverbs Bible Study</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 a.m. – 2 p.m. LWML Fall Rally (Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Maltby-Snohomish)</p>
<p>14 21st Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>LWML Sunday / Pastor Vereb, Bethany</p> <p>8 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:30 am ZIG! Combined Sunday School/Bible Class Opening (PH)</p> <p>10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH)</p> <p>10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p> <p>12:45 p.m. CROP Hunger Walk Registration (Christ the King Lutheran Church, Snohomish)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Jana Ostlund's home)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (PH)</p> <p>7 p.m. 4 – H Meeting (CH – rooms 2 – 4)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. <i>James Bible Study</i> (PH – room 11)</p> <p>7 p.m. Valley Spinners (PH)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant)</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh.</p> <p>9am–1pm Project Linus Quilting (PHMR)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage)</p> <p>1 & 7 p.m. <i>Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Bible Study</i> (1pm Church Office; 7pm Parish Hall Mtg. Room)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>9:15 – 10:30 a.m. <i>Between the Testaments Bible Study</i> (PHMR)</p> <p>12:30-1:30 p.m. Acad. of Snoh. Chapel (PHMR)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. <i>Proverbs Bible Study</i> (Gables' home)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>3 – 5 p.m. Cap Making Workshop (PHMR)</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 22nd Sun. after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Traditional Worship/ Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class</p> <p>10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH)</p> <p>10:30 am Contemporary Worship/ Communion</p> <p>5 p.m. "Meet for a Meal" (PHMR)</p>	<p>22 <i>Newsletter Deadline!</i></p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Jana Ostlund's home)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (PH)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. <i>James Bible Study</i> (PH – room 11)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant)</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh.</p> <p>9am–1pm Project Linus Quilting (PHMR)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage)</p> <p>1 & 7 p.m. <i>Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Bible Study</i> (1pm Church Office; 7pm Parish Hall Mtg. Room)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>9:15 – 10:30 a.m. <i>Between the Testaments Bible Study</i> (PHMR)</p> <p>Noon – Retirees (PHMR)</p> <p>12:30-1:30 p.m. Acad. of Snoh. Chapel (PH – Rm. 8)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. <i>Proverbs</i> (Gables' home)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6 p.m. BUNKO (PH)</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Reformation Day (Observed)</p> <p>8 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class</p> <p>10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH)</p> <p>10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Jana Ostlund's home)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (PH)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9, & 11)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. <i>James Bible Study</i> (PH – room 11)</p>	<p>31 Reformation Day</p> <p>7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant)</p> <p>8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh.</p> <p>9am–1pm Project Linus Quilting (PHMR)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage)</p> <p>NO <i>Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Class</i></p> <p>5:30 – 8 p.m. Fall Festival (PH)</p>	<p>CH = Church PHMR = Parish Hall Meeting Room CO = Church Office ZLS = Zion Lutheran School PH = Parish Hall</p> <p align="center">Zion Ev. Lutheran Church 331 Union Ave., Snohomish, WA 98290 Church office: 360-568-2700 snohomishsecretary@gmail.com</p>		



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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.

Zion Lutheran Church is a member of the Lutheran School Association (LCMS) of Snohomish County.

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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.

