

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

# Call to Worship



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## *Pastor's Page*

### The Counterfeit "gods" in Our Lives?

*"I am the Lord your God...You shall have no other gods"—Exodus 20*

Although the title of a book our LCMS Pastor's Circuit is studying together, Timothy Keller's, *Counterfeit Gods*: (Penguin, 2009), may sound rather cold and clinical, it is instead one of the most delightful reads I have experienced in years. Ann and I are now using it for daily devotions by reading it together a few paragraphs each morning. The term "counterfeit gods" doesn't stand for the array of world religions (Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, etc.) or cults (Latter Day Saints, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc.) that surround us, but instead the kind of idols that Martin Luther describes in his introduction to the First Commandment in his *Large Catechism*, where he writes, "A god means that from which we are to expect all good and to which we take refuge in all distress... That now, I say, upon which you set your heart and put your trust is properly your god." When I describe this book as "delightful," I do not mean that it is trite and innocent. To the contrary it is deeply convicting, yet in a manner in which the open-minded reader will encounter the transforming power of the God who graciously invites us to repent (turn around) for our own well-being!

Tim Keller shares the rare combination of pastoral care and theological astuteness. Thirty years ago he and his wife and three children planted (that is, began from nothing) Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, New York City (NYC). Over 5,000 people regularly attend his church today. Keller's ministry has joined biblical preaching with an astute sense of the culture in which their growing church is geographically placed. Everyone reading his book will have little difficulty understanding why



the church has so consistently grown within a deeply-secularized community such as downtown NYC. He goes to the heart of the human problem in a manner that lovingly confronts us to the core.

I am convinced that no reader will escape his convicting message. At the same time, I hasten to say, he writes in a humble yet optimistically-passionate spirit. The subtitle of the book is, "The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and "The Only Hope that Matters." A random glance of his larger roster of chapter titles include, "All You've Ever Wanted: The Worst Thing that Can Happen" and "Love is Not All You Need: The Search for Love." Yet this text doesn't merely *abstractly* address the host of ruling "false-god" concepts, it also engages in an in-depth study of imperfect biblical characters in a realistic yet sympathetic manner. I highly recommend this book for both every *individual* hungry and thirsty adult, and Bible study groups. Since I have not completed this book, I confidently *expect* that this work will be transformative for me personally, as it has already begun to do. I invite you too to join me in this journey of sifting out the idols in our lives that they may be filled instead with the fullness of the living God of the Holy Bible!

Your servant Pastor,

*Gary Jensen*



## On the Water with Your Servant Leader

### Milepost #20

Let's go on a boat trip, the size of a ship, today. Join me as we walk from the engine room to the bow up front. I'm going to try to paint a word picture for you to look at in your mind. You and I are members on this same ship. We go down where the engine runs with enormous power. Let's say that engine is God's Word. Its power never stops producing energy to drive the ship's propellers. Let's also say that the ship itself is a gift from God for us to "sail on" over the "waters of life." Let's now go up these steps past the decks to the main deck. As we proceed forward to the bow, you'll see stations with names and a sign over the name that reads, "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow." 1 Corinthians 3:7

We might be able to view the Pastor as being called aboard by the passengers' invitation to be Chief Steward who goes to all decks and stations. He makes sure all passengers have a reliable connection to the power supply that comes from the main engine - God's Word. The Executive Board members may be likened to a captain with select crew whose jobs are to oversee the condition of the ship and tries to steer accordingly to the passengers' needs, all the while trusting the rudder for clear direction to the "home port." The Elders are looked at as the rudder that works to keep the ship going in that right direction.

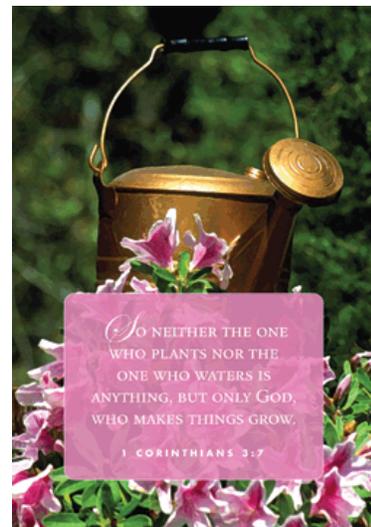
All the passengers on board were given a ticket in the shape of a cross "both on the forehead and upon the chest" to signify their unique identity and room to dwell. Every passenger was given a gift from the Holy Spirit to use with talents in making the voyage a service to all others on board. For example, the Trustees, and other like-minded passengers use their abilities to maintain, repair, and improve the ship so it won't take on water and either list to one side or even sink. The Stewardship-gifted passengers serve by helping those aboard to use their time, talents and treasures in a meaningful way of service. Fellowship passengers see to it that their abilities prepare places to eat and socialize together in

getting to know each other in various areas of the ship. Education-minded people equip young and old about the power and promise that comes from the ship's engine - God's Word. Last, but not the least, are those who like to fish over the side of the ship. These Evangelists are the "fishermen" for God who cast into the water outside the ship with lines and nets. They love to "reel in" someone and get them connected to the same power that all passengers enjoy. They help a new person make sure they have received their proper "identity" in the Christian community. (Matthew 20:1-16) Zion is our ship with a unique "life" of its own powered by God's Word, thus, trusting that the power will sustain all passengers safely over both calm and stormy seas. (Matthew 8:23-27) In time there will be changes as to who is on deck with responsibilities, rudder, or other stations of accountability. But, know this, God will increase His passenger list in the space we call the good ship, Zion. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Stay tuned for the next episode and the big question all people are asking, "Who is at the wheel?"

A part of the Fishnet,

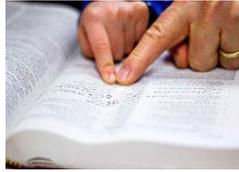
*Gary Gable*



**BUNKO** ..... [from Rosemary Randall]



All are welcome to join us for a fun evening of BUNKO on Friday, **February 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Please bring snacks to share. It is a fun, easy game to learn!

**Winter 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. On the last Sunday of each month the Bible class will have special Bible studies on *The Gospel DNA: Five Markers of a Flourishing Church* (**Feb. 24**, Mar. 31, Apr. 28, & May 26).
- \* **The Ladies' Bible study** meets Mondays at 9:30 a.m. The Bible study is *All Things New: A Study of 2 Corinthians* by Kelly Minter. There will be no study February 18th because there is no school. We meet at Jana Ostlund's house. Anyone who wants to join should contact Jana at [djswostlund@juno.com](mailto:djswostlund@juno.com).
- \* **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 is on the book, "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made," by Dr. Paul Brand and Philip Yancey. It is 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," is being held weekly, from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

**ZIG (Zion's Intergenerational Group)**

[from Lisa Tuengel]

Join us Sunday, **February 10<sup>th</sup>**, 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!****Community Kitchen**

Zion is providing the Snohomish Community Kitchen meal on Monday, **February 4<sup>th</sup>**. **We can always use more help when we serve!** We begin the meal preparations at 2 p.m. and begin clean-up at 5 p.m.



Thank you so much to those who helped last month. If you need more information or would like to help, please contact Carolyn Jensen (360-568-9384) or Janet Zwar (425-346-3565).

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Snohomish. Everyone is welcome!

**REGULAR (Annual) VOTERS MEETING**

We have scheduled the annual voters' meeting for **SUNDAY**, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at **NOON** in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. (There will be a potluck right after the 10:30 service first). Annual Reports will be available in the narthex and church office.

**AGENDA**

- I. Scripture Reading and/or Prayer
- II. Roll Call of Voting Members and Reception of New Voting Members
- III. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):
- IV. Member Moment
- V. Reports from Standing/Appointed Committees
- VI. Annual Report
  - I. Adjournment

**Newsletter & Sunday Bulletin Deadlines**

The Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday, **February 19<sup>th</sup>**, for the MARCH 2019 Newsletter!

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



## PROJECT LINUS NATIONAL MAKE-A-BLANKET DAY

Saturday, February 16th

12 noon - 5 pm

Zion Lutheran Parish Hall  
330 Union Ave, Snohomish

Come join us - we need your help in making our goal of 100 blankets to be donated to kids who have experienced traumatic life events in Snohomish County. Materials and equipment will be provided. No experience required, but sewers are encouraged to bring their own sewing machine. Bring a friend &/or relatives and come have fun while helping us meet our goal! Come for an hour or the day. Volunteers are needed to help sew, iron, inspect, pin, and tie, anytime between 12-5 pm. Snacks & door prizes are provided. Can't come? Make a blanket & drop it off at one of our drop off locations.

If you have questions, contact Diane,  
425-252-4524.

## Retirees' Potluck & Program

[from Laraine Hunt]

Please join us for our next Retirees' potluck on Thursday, **February 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

## Lutherans for Life



“And what about those mothers who acted on their fears and aborted their child? We need to be there for them as well, assuring them of a loving, merciful, forgiving God—reminding them that there is no sin that Jesus did not pay for on the cross!”

*Duane Matz, former lay pastor with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) and Christian radio announcer. (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a Word of Hope, Lutherans For Life's post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email [info@word-of-hope.org](mailto:info@word-of-hope.org).) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*



## February 2019 ~ LCMS Stewardship Ministry

The season of Epiphany focuses on how God was made manifest in the flesh of Jesus. The church spends time hearing of the miracles, the signs and wonders, of Jesus in the world.

And this made plain to all that Jesus was who He said He was: He was the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the only-begotten Son of the Father, in the flesh. For “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).

It is revealed for all the world to see that Jesus is God in the flesh. It is made manifest by His words and His work, by what He said and by what He did. And these belong together, for “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”

Jesus is the Word and will of God in the flesh, that is, He is the walking, talking, enactment of God’s Word.

It is no different for us. We are called not just to believe in God in hearts, but also to trust in God in word and deed.

As James wrote: “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22), and again, “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? ... So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ... Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ... For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead” (James 2:14, 17–18, 26).

Our faith is lived out in works for our neighbor. Our trust in the Word and will of God is lived out not in word only, but also in deed and in truth.

In other words, the Epiphany of the Lord creates in us an epiphany of our faith in our works of obedience to God who commanded them. By this, our faith is made manifest to the world. It is, as Luther wrote of faith:

“Faith is a divine work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God (John 1). It kills the old Adam and makes altogether different people, in heart and spirit and mind and powers, and it brings with it the Holy Spirit.

“Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly. It does not ask whether there are good works to do, but before the question rises, it has already done them, and is always at the doing of them.

“He who does not these works is a faithless man. He gropes and looks about after faith and good works and knows neither what faith is nor what good works are, though he talks and talks, with many words about faith and good works.

“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times. This confidence in God’s grace and knowledge of it makes men glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and all His creatures.

“And this is the work of the Holy Spirit in faith. Hence a man is ready and glad, without compulsion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, in love and praise to God, who has shown him this grace.

“And thus it is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate burning and shining from fire. Beware, therefore, of your own false notions and of the idle talkers, who would be wise enough to make decisions about faith and good works, and yet are the greatest fools.” (*Preface to the Book of Romans*)

So, then, let our faith be active by God’s power in the Word through the Holy Spirit. And let then our faith be made manifest to the world by what this faith does: serving our neighbor — in church, in the family, and society — with the works of faith in time, talents, and treasures.

Source is LCMS Stewardship Resources at <https://blogs.lcms.org/2019/lcms-stewardship-ministry-bulletin-sentences-and-newsletter-article-February-2019>



## Lutheran Ministry Services

N O R T H W E S T  
 7040 – 36th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115-5998  
 (206) 450-7128 email: lms@lmsnw.org website: www.lmsnw.org

*Save the Date:*  
**February 24, 2019 - 1:30pm**

**Location: Pilgrim Lutheran Church**  
 10420 SE 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Bellevue, WA 98004  
 (North Lot Entrance)  
 1:30-3:30pm

**We will gather at 1:30pm to hear updates on our outreach ministry. Cake and refreshments will be served. If you have a favorite dessert to share, please do!**

Also, we will reach out in service to the homeless by assembling "care packs." The packs will include:

- Scarves, mittens (or gloves), socks, hand warmers, caps (warm hats), energy bars (granola, protein, snack packs), bottled water, Chapstick®, and Kleenex®, "A Simple Explanation of Christianity" (supplied by LMSN).



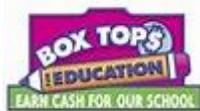
The "care packs" are tried and tested outreach items. Don Sundene reports, "I gave a care pack to a homeless person the other day. She received it with tears in her eyes and said "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

We hope that we can assemble 100+ care packs. We will have some material pre-purchased, but we also hope that you can help by bringing the items noted above which can be purchased through Good Will, Costco, or the discount store of your choice.

Once the kits are assembled, keep one or more in your car with you. When you meet someone at the corner with a cardboard sign, you can give them a care pack to let them know of Jesus' love.

### 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!



### Cleaning the Kitchen

Knives, forks and spoons, etc. are set out on a table in the parish hall. Please go through and take what is yours or anything else you would like. Anything left will be given to the Goodwill.



### Gift Cards Support Zion Lutheran School

Planning to go shopping? Need a gift? Purchase gift cards through the scrip program. Cards can be used just like cash! Participating merchants (and examples of each category) include restaurants (Baskin Robbins, Applebees), grocery (Safeway, Top Foods, Fred Meyer), car rental (Avis, Budget), gasoline (Shell, Chevron) and retail (Best Buy, Cabela's, Kohl's, Lowe's, Quality Inn). Ann Jensen has a list of all the merchants participating in the program. Orders are placed every two weeks. A percentage of all purchases goes to Zion Lutheran School – yet the full purchase price is available on every card bought. Ann has Safeway, Fred Meyer, Top Foods and Starbucks cards available for purchase each Sunday between services in the Parish Hall. Stop by and check out the selections!



### Notes of Thanks

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, meals and thoughtfulness during my injury. It is very much appreciated.

*Sandy Walker*

Thank you for the cards and prayers at Dad's passing in December.

*Janet Zwar*



## 2017 – 2019 National Mission Grants

### Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians - Lutheran Indian Ministries \$75,000

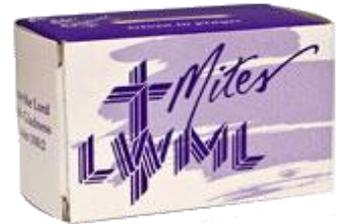
Most people think of Hawaii as paradise, but to Native Hawaiians, Kanaka, it is quite a different place. In recent years, the number of homeless people in Hawaii has grown, with poverty rising, leaving few people in the middle class. Most of the ministry work is done in urban areas by non-Kanaka men and women to non-Kanaka people. To successfully engage the Kanaka people in the Christian faith and to provide the support and assistance that Kanaka people need to begin to overcome the serious social issues that plague them, missionaries must embrace the Kanaka culture. Clarence DeLude III (Kanaka), who is on staff with Lutheran Indian Ministries, is enrolled in the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center Program at Concordia University, Irvine, California, which leads to ordination. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, Clarence, a Native Hawaiian will be used as God's instrument in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to his fellow Kanaka people. Grant funds would be used for scholarships for Clarence, VBS/Teen Camp, on-going Bible study, and Sexual Abuse and Leadership Training (SALT) seminars.



## 2018 – 2020 Washington/Alaska District Mission Grants

### Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God's Love – Lutheran Braille Workers \$6,000

(Recognized Service Organization of LCMS) Funds will be used to help with the cost of opening a work center to produce the ESV Bible in 14 point APhont to be distributed to visually impaired people who are incarcerated throughout the United States.



### February 2019 Evangelism

#### **Fishin' & February**

While the darkness is becoming less each day and the light is increasing, remember to feed yourself with the Word! Increase your light within and be a point of brightness for others to see!

“You know the one story that brings hope to those who are hopeless, freedom to those captive in sin, life to those who are spiritually dead, peace to those who have troubled hearts, light to those in darkness, and joy to those who are mired in the brokenness of our fallen world. Tell His story.” (LW p.12 Jan.19) Be watchful and helpful to our visitors and sojourners!

“But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, ‘Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’ (Eph 5:13,14)”

So let the ZELC (Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church) Congregation wake up and share the Love of Jesus Christ this February. May this Valentine's Day have the Love of Jesus Christ in it as everyone needs it!

Blessings,  
Norm Anderson,  
Evangelism Elder



# Parish News

**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 Anderson..... 425-948-7575
- Gene Berner ..... 360-568-5970
- Wayne Franz..... 425-334-5184
- John Hansen..... 425-397-7324
- Richard Hellman (director) ..... 425-232-7666



**OFFICIAL ACTS  
for January 2019:**

**Official Count:**

- 195 Communicant Members
- 29 Baptized Only
- 224 TOTAL

**My Birthday Gift to Christ**

The fund called "My Birthday Gift to Christ" is used for scholarship grants to those who wish to accept a call to become a pastor, teacher, or other church worker in the Lutheran Church. It is open to young people (and older ones too) who wish to attend our colleges and seminaries for this purpose. Thank you to those who have so faithfully contributed to this fund on their birthdays. The following Zion members are celebrating birthdays in **February**.

May you have a happy birthday!

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 ....Mark Lucas         | 19 ....Nancy Kuhlman     |
| 8 ....Al Heerensperger   | 20 ....Devee Hintze (90) |
| 13 ....Katarina Balsler  | 21 ....Orlin Heck (91)   |
| 16 ....Markus Krajsek    | 25 ....George Conway     |
| 18 ....Lois Friedrich    | 26 ....Lynne Hereth      |
| 19 ....Ryan Bartelheimer | 27 ....Shelley Pratt     |
| 19 ....Pat Bjerkan       | 28 ....Norm Anderson     |



**FEBRUARY Wedding Anniversaries**

- Feb. 4 ..Jeff & Jeannine Morris
- 14 ..Dave & Connie Schwarzmiller (70<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

*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.*



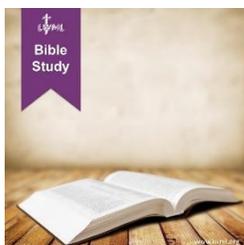


### **LWML Bible Study / Meeting**

The LWML Quarterly for winter begins with an article about praying the Psalms. The prayer that follows is based on Psalm 65. It speaks of the author's feelings of abandonment and sorrow and her struggle to keep others out. The walls that she used and the strength in Christ that finally returned to her. She realized that Christ alone was her Fortress, Strength and Peace. Peace mended her broken life and she has used her brokenness to serve Christ.

Our Bible study this month is called "Shh! Peace. Be Still" By Shari Miller. Please join us this month for our meeting on February 12th (Lincoln's Birthday). The Bible study should prove to be interesting and will be led by Kathy Gable. We meet at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. All are welcome.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is a service based organization. We work on quilts and serve at Zion's funerals and weddings, as well as send money for work around the world mission fields. At present we are working with our own church body to replace 2 of the altar paraments before the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church building. The mission goal for the U.S. LWML grants is \$2,075,000. The *Quarterly* lists all of the recipients of Mission Grants. If you don't receive a *Quarterly* for Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Winter issue, check in the church office to receive this inspiring publication.



### **Thoughts from an Elder**

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

Last month I finished highlighting the book *Gospel DNA, Five Markers of a Flourishing Church*. The Northwest District has prepared a video series based on the author's presentation to the District Convention last year along with comments from the District President that we will watch during Bible class over the next few weeks till we catch up with where the District is in the series and then we can switch to the last Sunday of each month. I want to encourage everyone, both young and old, to attend. I think you will find the information in this class both interesting and uplifting. It will give us an exciting vision of change from "maintaining the status-quo" to one of planned outreach into Snohomish.

In His Service, Richard Hellman



### **Invite Others to Church ...from Rosemary Randall**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found.  
Was blind, but now I see.  
"Amazing Grace" by John Newton (1725-1807).

It is amazing what God has done for us through Jesus, our Savior. There are opportunities to share this grace in all that we do and say. Take a moment and invite your friends and neighbors to Bible study, worship, meet for a meal, game night, coffee or any other event. People like to be invited and included.

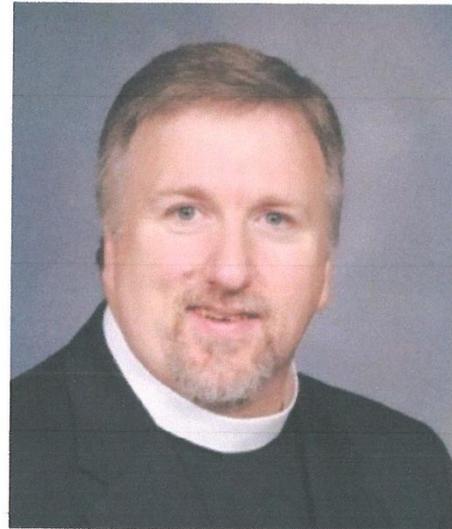
*And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32*

# SAVE THE DATE - February 16, 2019

## St James Lutheran Church

### Missouri Synod Theological Seminar

**Presenter:** *Rev. Dr. Robert Bennett*  
Executive Director of Luther Academy  
<http://lutheracademy.com/executive-director/>



**Place:** St. James Lutheran Church  
Meeting at North Creek Grange:  
19510 Bothell Everett Highway  
Bothell, WA  
Phone: 425-745-9859

**Topic:** "I Am Not Afraid -  
Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare"

**Date:** Saturday, February 16, 2019

**Time:** 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
Registration 8:00 Am  
Lunch Provided by St. James

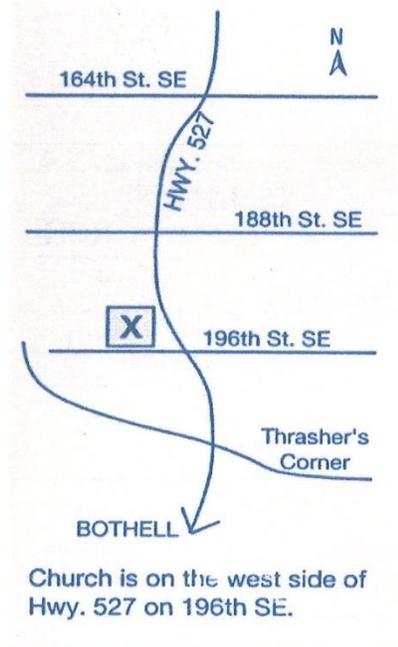


**Cost** Free will offering  
Suggested: \$20.00 Individual, \$30.00 Family  
Registration Includes Lunch at St. James

**RSVP:** Through your congregation  
Email: [stjamesrsvp2019@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesrsvp2019@gmail.com)  
Cheryl L. Beyer - 425-359-9897  
Sean Poe - 425-346-2537

Directions

From N 405 take exit 26, turn left and  
Go over the top of the freeway  
From S 405 take exit 26, turn right.  
From both North & South  
you are now traveling on the  
Bothell Everett Hwy  
Go past Thrashers Corner and  
After the stoplight on 196<sup>th</sup>,  
Turn left into the  
North Creek Grange driveway  
Hwy 527=Bothell Everett Hwy  
For more information Contact our web cite at <http://stjames-lcms.com/>



**ALL ARE WELCOME – PLEASE JOIN US!**

# "My Birthday Gift to Christ"

from the 2/20/07 Voters' Meeting

- Whereas, God in His grace and mercy has called us into His kingdom to be workers together with Him;
- Whereas, there is a great shortage of men and women who devote their whole time in the service of the Lord;
- Whereas, the love of Christ should constrain us; and it is also our duty, as members of God's kingdom, to do our part in helping men and women to prepare themselves for professional church work; and,
- Whereas, there are, no doubt, many men and women who would gladly offer themselves to become pastors, teachers, or some other professional church workers, if they had the funds to prepare themselves for this service; therefore,
- Be it resolved that

1. a scholarship fund be established to be known as "MY BIRTHDAY GIFT TO CHRIST";
2. every member of Zion Lutheran Church, Snohomish, Washington, be encouraged to make a donation each year on his or her birthday toward this scholarship fund in any amount he or she chooses.

Purpose: The purpose of this scholarship program is to promote Christian leadership by encouraging and helping individuals embark on or advance in a career of professional church work. Annual financial grants will be made to qualified applicants who have been motivated by the Holy Spirit to enroll in a program of higher education which leads to doing God's work.

Eligibility: To be eligible for an award, the applicant must be a present member of Zion Lutheran Church, Snohomish, Washington or a former member confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, Snohomish, Washington. The applicant must have made application, be enrolled, or accepted for enrollment in one of the institutions of higher education of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and in pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate degree. The applicant should exhibit a desire to enter professional church work within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (the ministry, teaching, or other pursuits whose acceptability will be judged by the Selection Committee) upon completion of his or her education.

Selection Committee: The Selection Committee will be the Board of Stewardship of the congregation. This committee will review all applications, interview applicants, solicit additional information if needed, and make the awards. The Selection Committee will call on the Pastor(s) and others for guidance in making the awards. The information in the applications will be considered confidential and disclosure will be limited to those individuals considered essential to reach a fair decision.

Application Procedure: The Selection Committee/Board of Stewardship will publish notice to congregation members during the month of January each year that applications are being received for awards for the following school year from the "MY BIRTHDAY GIFT TO CHRIST" Scholarship Fund. Applications must be received by the Selection Committee by April 1. The applications will be reviewed during the month of April with awards being announced no later than May 15. Note: scholarship fund awards are normally made on an annual basis and can only be renewed by filing a new application each year.

The Selection Committee may consider applications submitted at other times than those specified when extraordinary circumstances justify such action.

The applicant should address the Selection Committee/Stewardship Board by letter with the following information:

1. Education status.
2. Educational plans for the next school year, including acceptance status.
3. Congregational status.
4. A brief statement of career plans and goals including the professional church work area the applicant desires to enter.
5. An indication of financial need (the Selection Committee is not requesting a financial statement of the family — rather, it would like an indication of the applicant's need relative to other applicants. Information such as anticipated costs, sources of income, part-time employment, etc, should be included.)
6. Any other information which the applicant believes would be useful to the Selection Committee. (Note: special situations where full compliance with the eligibility statement above is not met may be considered and should be justified here.)

Award Procedure: The total amount of the awards made in any one year shall not exceed the amount in the "MY BIRTHDAY GIFT TO CHRIST" Scholarship Fund.

Individual awards will be decided by the Selection Committee on the basis of the total amount available, number of applicants, and the needs of the applicants. Awards will not necessarily be of equal amounts, nor will all eligible applicants necessarily receive an award. The maximum amount of award per individual applicant per year is \$2,500.00. (Not to exceed 50% of the annual amount of tuition, fees, and books.)

Awards will be announced by letter to the applicant and will be paid directly to the applicant's seminary or college before the school term starts, but only after the applicant's acceptance to or continuation in the seminary or college has been confirmed in writing.

Revised: April 3, 1989, Revised: 5-12-98, Revised: 2-20-07

## February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Zion Ev. Lutheran Church</b> 331 Union Ave. Snohomish, WA 98290 Church office: 360-568-2700 snohomishsecretary@gmail.com			CH = Church (360-568-2855) CO = Church Office (360-568-2700) PH = Parish Hall (360-568-6420) PHMR = Parish Hall Meeting Room ZLS = Zion Lutheran School (425-334-5064)		<b>1</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11)  3 – 5 p.m. Chemo Hat Training Session (PHMR)	<b>2</b>
<b>3 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>8 am Traditional Worship/ Communion</b> 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) <b>10:30 am Contemporary Worship/ Communion</b>	<b>4</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Jana Ostlund's home) 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. Choir Rehearsal (PH)	<b>5</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11)  2 p.m. LWML Bible Study / Meeting (PHMR)  6:30 p.m. James Bible Study (PHMR)	<b>6</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11) 9 am – 1 pm Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 1 & 7 p.m. <i>Fearfully &amp; Wonderfully Made</i> Bible Study (1pm Church Office; 7pm PHMR)	<b>7</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11)  9:15 – 10:30 a.m. <i>Between the Testaments</i> Bible Study (PHMR) 12:30-1:30 p.m. Acad. of Snoh. Chapel (PHMR)  7 p.m. Trustees (PHMR)	<b>8</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11)  6 p.m. – Bunko (PHMR)	<b>9</b>
<b>10 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>8 am Traditional Worship</b> 9:30 am ZIG! Combined Sunday School/Bible Class Opening (PH) 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) <b>10:30 am Contemporary Worship</b> 11:45 a.m. Potluck (PHMR) Noon - Annual Voters' Meeting (PHMR)	<b>11</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Jana Ostlund's home) 6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (PH) 7 p.m. Bd. of Directors Meeting (PHMR)	<b>12</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11) 9 – 11:30 a.m. Braille Work (Immanuel, Everett) 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Meeting 6:30 p.m. James Bible Study (PHMR)	<b>13</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11) 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 1 & 7 p.m. <i>Fearfully &amp; Wonderfully Made</i> Bible Study (1pm Church Office; 7pm PHMR)	<b>14</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11)  9:15 – 10:30 a.m. <i>Between the Testaments</i> Bible Study (PHMR)  12:30-1:30 p.m. Acad. of Snoh. Chapel (PHMR)	<b>15</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11)  Set up for Project Linus Blanket Day	<b>16</b> 10 am – Noon Set up  Noon - Project Linus Make a Blanket Day  5 – 6 p.m. Clean up
<b>17 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>8 am Traditional Worship/ Communion</b> 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) <b>10:30 am Contemporary Worship/ Communion</b>	<b>18 Presidents' Day</b> (observed) Church Office Closed  NO Acad. of Snoh. NO Women's Bible Study NO Choir Rehearsal  6:30 4 – H Meeting (CH – rooms 2 – 4)	<b>19 Newsletter Deadline!</b>  8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11) 6:30 p.m. James Bible Study (PHMR) 7 p.m. Valley Spinners (PH)	<b>20</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11) 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 1 & 7 p.m. <i>Fearfully &amp; Wonderfully Made</i> Bible Study (1pm Church Office; 7pm PHMR)	<b>21</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11)  9:15 – 10:30 a.m. <i>Between the Testaments</i> Bible Study (PHMR)  12:30-1:30 p.m. Acad. of Snoh. Chapel (PHMR)	<b>22</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11)	<b>23</b>
<b>24 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>8 am Traditional Worship</b> 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) <b>10:30 am Contemporary Worship</b>	<b>25</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Jana Ostlund's home)  NO Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11)  6:30 p.m. James Bible Study (PHMR)	<b>27</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11) 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 1 & 7 p.m. <i>Fearfully &amp; Wonderfully Made</i> Bible Study (1pm Church Office; 7pm PHMR)	<b>28</b> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8, 9 & 11)  9:15 – 10:30 a.m. <i>Between the Testaments</i> Bible Study (PHMR) Noon – Retirees (PHMR or Collectors' Choice) 12:30-1:30 p.m. Acad. of Snoh. Chapel (PH – Room 8) 5 – 8 p.m. Co - Op Meeting & Dinner (PH)		

## Servants in God's House for February 2019

	<b>February 3</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	<b>February 10</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	<b>February 17</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	<b>February 24</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany
<b>Elders:</b> 8am 10:30am	Wayne Franz Norm Anderson	Gene Berner Richard Hellman	Richard Hellman Norm Anderson	Gene Berner Wayne Franz
<b>Ushers:</b> 8am 10:30am	Ken Heike, Larry Heike Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Jerry Sturlaugson Andrew Bartelheimer	Ken Heike, Marlin Heike Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Herman Bosse Jerry Sturlaugson
<b>Greeters:</b> 8am 10:30am	Larry Heike Joan Stocker	Brent & Debbie Tuengel Katie Larchick	Marlin & Shirley Heike Jerry & Kathy Sturlaugson	Miriam Hansen Rosemary Randall
<b>Acolytes:</b> 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>
<b>Readers:</b> 8am 10:30am	Lisa Tuengel Ann Jensen	Gene Berner Doris Brickman	Lynne Hereth Jana Ostlund	Gary Gable Wayne Franz
<b>Scriptures:</b>	Jer. 1:4–10 (17–19) Psalm 71: 1-6 (7-11) 1 Cor. 12:31b-13:13 Luke 4:31–44	Is. 6:1–8 (9–13) Psalm 138 1 Cor. 14:12b–20 Luke 5:1-11	Jer. 17:5–8 Psalm 1 1 Cor. 15:(1–11) 12–20 Luke 6:17-26	Gen. 45:3–15 Psalm 103:1-13 1 Cor. 15:21-26, 30-42 Luke 6:27-38
<b>Children's Message:</b>	Pastor Gary Jensen	Pastor Gary Jensen	Pastor Gary Jensen	Pastor Gary Jensen
<b>Organist:</b> 8am	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner
<b>Musician:</b> 10:30am				
<b>Special Music:</b>				
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	----- Miriam Hansen, Kathy Gable -----			
<b>Flowers:</b>	Martin Family			
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Laraine Hunt	Rosemary Randall	Jana Ostlund	Wayne Franz
<b>Counters:</b>	Lillian Bartelheimer Joan Stocker	Helen Heck Vi Hellman	Loreen Atkinson Ken Heike	Doris Brickman Kathy Sturlaugson



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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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.*

