

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Call to Worship



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Pastor's Page

***"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart
and a good conscience and a sincere faith."***

1 Timothy 1:5

Pictured with me at the chapel of Zion Lutheran School are the daughters of NEHLM pastor Daniel Paul. Sarai and Whitney are currently living in Oregon and going to college. Zion Lutheran School has been supporting NEHLM with financial gifts that are collected in chapel. Sarai and Whitney were able to come to Zion and spend some time with us to tell about how much God has been doing in Ouanaminthe, Haiti. It is too dangerous for the girls to travel home for the summer, so they are staying here. It was helpful and inspiring to see that the stories we have been hearing involve real people who really want to share the love of Jesus.



At the Northwest District Convention June 19-21, 1 Timothy 1:5 was used as the theme verse. I found it helpful to keep this verse in mind for more than the Convention - to remember that the aim of what we are doing is not ultimately how much money we collect, or how many students we enroll, or how quickly we can pay our debts. **The aim of our charge is love.** And "love" is not just a flowery word, but the love of God which issues from a pure heart, supported by a good conscience, and brought to fruition by a sincere faith. All these fruits of the Holy Spirit are works that God does in truly miraculous ways.



What are your goals for the summer? Do you have plans that will help you hit those goals? Is love one of them? The Bible encourages us to set our sights on loving like Jesus. Yes, we love because He first loved us. So it is entirely worthwhile to encourage you to keep church attendance in your scope this summer. In the Divine Service, God comes to each of us with His love, so that we might know grace and be equipped to love others.

One of the things preventing us from taking aim on a better goal is when distractions and worry take our eyes off the prize. If our aim is to be true, we must keep our eyes on Jesus. He has promised to be with us where the baptized gather in His name. Yes, gathering with fellow sinners is a way to keep our eyes on the prize - and the prize of God's love for us is Christ. Jesus came among us and gave us gifts with the purest of hearts. He has faith sincere enough to defeat death and forgive sins, and His conscience is so good he can share His righteousness with all who believe.

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If you want the world to be a better place, if you want love to increase, then look to Jesus! Look to His cross. Look to the love of God that was enthroned on the cross, because that is the place where He came to redeem you and call you by faith to God **who is love**. The convention theme graphic at first looks a bit like a medallion, and an icon of Christian purpose. But if you look at it as an aiming device, or a scope, you will see at the center the cross with God's heart of love hanging right in the middle.

May the aim of your summer be love.

Pastor Don Stults



Thank You for Your Offerings!

Thank you all for your ongoing faithfulness to God in worship attendance and financial support of God's work here at Zion. When you are on vacation or out of town, remember the church's financial needs. Offerings can be mailed to or dropped off at the church office during the week, or you may choose to use our online giving option on our website. Again, thanks to all of you for supporting the Lord's work with your contributions.



Thank You's!

Thank you to Gene Berner for planting and tending flowers on the corners by the church, parish hall, and church office. You are appreciated!



Thank you to Craig Heike, Brad Tuengel, and Marvin Lauterbach for faithfully mowing the church, parish hall, church office, and

Avenue A house lawns. And to Kathy Lauterbach for weeding around the church office. Also to Mark and Tam Anderson for tending the flower beds around the church. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness to His church.

Zion Bible Camp – July 14th-18th

Registration is now open for Zion Bible Camp! If you have children or grandchildren going into 1st through 6th grade in Fall 2025, join us for the Epic Australian Adventure, July 14th-18th from 9:30am to noon!

During Zion Bible Camp kids will learn more about how Jesus calls, leads, teaches, saves, and sends us through music, Bible study, games, snacks, and more!

Register by visiting Zion Bible Camp's website at <https://vbsmate.com/ZionBibleCamp!> Please register by July 7th. If you have any questions, call the church office at 360-568-2700.

Zion Lutheran Church Garage Sale

in Zion's Parish Hall

Friday & Saturday, July 25 & 26

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Clean out your closets!

Come buy really neat stuff!

Come & help! This is a great way to meet our community!

Contact Rosemary Randall at 360-568-8107 or Paula Lauterbach at 425-238-6304 for more information if needed.



Zion's Garage Sale – HELP NEEDED!!!!

Alright everybody, it's time to clean out those closets, rooms, garages, etc.! The garage sale proceeds will be used to help buy supplies to make quilts which are then donated to other non-profit organizations and needed supplies for making hats for chemotherapy patients and non-profit organizations.

Donations for Zion's garage sale may be dropped off at the Parish Hall:

- During office hours 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday beginning July 21st through July 24th.
- During the evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21st, Tuesday, July 22nd, and Wednesday, July 23rd.

Help with setting up tables, sorting and organizing, and labeling tables is very much needed and appreciated anytime during drop off hours.

We also need a lot of help on the days of the garage sale, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. All help is greatly appreciated. It is also a great way to meet people in our community. Please volunteer by calling or contacting Rosemary Randall, Paula Lauterbach, or the church office.

And finally, help with clean-up starting on Saturday afternoon is also welcome and needed!

Lutherans for Life

“As you walk the path of life with your neighbor, learn and celebrate the depth and breadth of the infinite worth of their life—whether they are preborn, homeless, destitute, dying, friend, or foe. Learn, through the trials set before you and the sacrifices you make to improve the life of your neighbor, the awesome worth of life. Life is sacred. Every life matters.”



Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church—Canada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Your Trustees at Work in May

Repaired gym door hinge

Newsletter & Sunday Bulletin Deadlines



The Newsletter Deadline is Monday, **July 21st**, for the AUGUST Newsletter!

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



Little Doves

Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten

Preschool Teacher Position

Little Doves Preschool and Kindergarten in Monroe at Peace Lutheran Church is seeking an enthusiastic, dedicated, Christian Preschool/Pre-K teacher for the 2025/26 school year starting in September. This position is a part-time position, Monday through Friday, 8:45 am - 12:30 pm. If you are interested in sharing your talents and love of Christ with young children, please contact the Director, Linda Herman, at little dovespreschool@gmail.com for more details and information.

July 2025 ~ LCMS Stewardship Ministry

“Faithfulness: The Stewardship Standard”

“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful” (1 Cor. 4:2).

What is the standard to which a steward is held? Ask the average person, and they might talk about percentages, tithes, and commitments. Too often, the default mode of measuring stewards is by how much and how frequently they give. This is not helpful. Measuring activity without any connection to baptismal identity is a recipe for disaster. It can either breed a sense of superiority and self-righteousness or create a culture of scarcity and despair. Neither outcome is godly or helpful.

This is not to say that stewardship should be regarded as “no big deal.” St. Paul, within his discussion of the ministry to which he has been called, sets the standard of accountability for the steward: faithfulness. This removes any sense of superiority or self-righteousness and dispels scarcity and despair. When a steward manages what the Lord has entrusted to them — resources and all aspects of life — for God’s purposes, the focus is not on how much or how frequently they give.

This standard reflects the stewardship portrayed in the Gospels where Jesus entrusts varying amounts, each according to ability. The commended stewards were recognized for their faithfulness in their vocation, not the amounts they managed. Conversely, the condemned stewards were not castigated for their lack of performance but for their lack of faithfulness.

What does this mean for the steward in the pew? The Lord has entrusted you with various things. Luther captures them in his explanation of the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed and the Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer. The familiar couplets of food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals and all possessions are the Lord’s, and He has entrusted them to you for His purpose. This trust brings an active realization of thanksgiving.

This active thanksgiving is our stewardship. It can be distilled into two questions that the steward regularly needs to answer:

1. How has God blessed me?
2. How is He calling me to respond?

The first question is quite simple to answer: if the Lord has entrusted something to you, it is a blessing. This blessing is for God’s glory and the benefit of your neighbor. The second question is more challenging to measure; it is not about percentages and charts. Instead, it is about a life of thanksgiving that flows from the mercies of God revealed in Jesus Christ. This thanksgiving starts at and flows from the cross and the empty tomb. Our stewardship of the Gospel drives our stewardship of everything else.

The standard, then, is faithfulness. Faithfulness flows from eyes focused on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. It does not come from our efforts but through the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives, through Word and Sacrament. It begins at the altar in the Divine Service but extends into the world — from hearth and home to workplace and classroom, from commerce to leisure. The mercy of God, freely given in Jesus, leads us to demonstrate a faithfulness that reveals to others the same mercy we have received in Jesus.

This faithfulness cannot be measured empirically. It is simply allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through us for the glory of God and the benefit of our neighbor. Weekly. Daily. Faithfully.

— LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



Parish News

OFFICIAL ACTS for June 2025:

Received into Membership by Profession of Faith

† Steve and Maureen Sahlinger (6/22/2025)

Official Count:

141 Communicant Members

14 Baptized Only

155 TOTAL

In case of emergency contact:

Pastor Don Stults 425-243-9582

or

One of the Elders:

Richard Hellman (director) 425-232-7666

John Hansen 425-397-7324

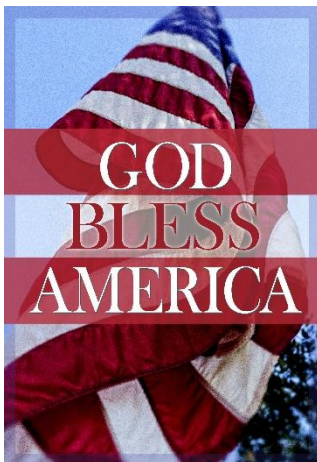
Jerry Sturlaugson 425-334-4604

or

Marvin Lauterbach (**President**)... 425-478-0458

or

the church office and leave a message at 360-568-2700.



JULY Wedding Anniversaries

July 3 Pastor Don & Tyleen Stults
14 Peter & Camille Hereth
20 Craig & Christine Heike
23 Kort & Gay Schwarzmiller
31 Dan & Judy Bartelheimer

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.



Birthday Gift to Christ

All members of Zion Lutheran Church who are attending or plan to attend Zion Lutheran School or 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 **JULY** birthday celebrants:

2 Kathy Lauterbach	17 Linda Peyton
6 Shirley Heike	19 Barbara Franz
8 Pam Cox	20 Ron Wampler
10 Claire Lapse	24 Arta Rose Lucas
12 Danna Gilpin	26 Lisa Tuengel
12 Donna Goforth	29 Paula Lauterbach
12 Sam Lapse	29 Jason Rogers
15 Dan Miller	30 Dakota Cox
16 Bud Adams (102)	31 Grayson Vangeloff
17 Julia Heike	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Zion Ev. Lutheran Church 331 Union Ave. Snohomish, WA 98290 Church Office: 360-568-2700 snohomishsecretary@gmail.com		1 5:30pm Elders Meeting (CO)	2 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study (PHMR) 10:00am Zion Bible Camp Planning Meeting (CO)	3 10:00am Trustees' Meeting (CO)	4 <i>Independence Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5
6 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion Bible Class following Worship (PHMR)	7 1:00pm Community Kitchen (St. John's Episcopal Church)	8	9 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study (PHMR)	10	11	12
13 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion Bible Class following Worship (PHMR) 2:00pm Decorate for Zion Bible Camp (PH)	14 9:30am-noon Zion Bible Camp (PH, CH) 6:00pm Board of Directors Meeting (PHMR)	15 9:30am-noon Zion Bible Camp (PH, CH) 7 p.m. Valley Spinners (PH)	16 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study (PHMR) 9:30am-noon Zion Bible Camp (PH, CH)	17 9:30am-noon Zion Bible Camp (PH, CH)	18 9:30am-noon Zion Bible Camp (PH, CH)	19
20 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion Bible Class following Worship (PHMR)	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline!</i> 8:30am-2:30pm Drop off items for Zion Garage Sale (PH) 6:00-7:30pm Drop off items for Zion Garage Sale (PH)	22 8:30am-2:30pm Drop off items for Zion Garage Sale (PH) 6:00-7:30pm Drop off items for Zion Garage Sale (PH)	23 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study (PHMR) 8:30am-2:30pm Drop off items for Zion Garage Sale (PH) 6:00-7:30pm Drop off items for Zion Garage Sale (PH)	24 8:30am-2:30pm Drop off items for Zion Garage Sale (PH)	25 9am-4pm Zion Garage Sale	26 9am-4pm Zion Garage Sale
27 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion Bible Class following Worship (PHMR)	28	29	30 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study (PHMR)	31	CH = Church CO = Church Office PH = Parish Hall PHMR = Parish Hall Meeting Room	

Servants in God's House for July 2025

If you would like to volunteer at any time, please contact Laurie at the church office (360-568-2700 or snohomishsecretary@gmail.com). Thank you.

	July 6 4th Sunday after Pentecost	July 13 5th Sunday after Pentecost	July 20 6th Sunday after Pentecost	July 27 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Elders:	John Hansen	Richard Hellman	Jerry Sturlaugson	John Hansen
Ushers:	Jim Turner Dale Amberson	Marvin Lauterbach Brandon Lauterbach	Larry Kimsey Dale Amberson	Marvin Lauterbach Brandon Lauterbach
Greeters:	Miriam Hansen	Larry Heike	Jerry and Kathy Sturlaugson	Miriam Hansen
Reader:	Owen Stults	Richard Hellman	Miriam Hansen	Marvin Lauterbach
Scriptures:	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-7 Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18 Luke 10:1-20	Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:9-18 Psalm 41 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Genesis 18:1-14 Psalm 27 Colossians 1:21-29 Luke 10:38-42	Genesis 18: 20-33 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-19 Luke 11:1-13
Organist:	Tyleen Stults	Tyleen Stults	Young in Chung	Young in Chung
Fellowship:	Kathy Sturlaugson Dee Turner	Laraine Hunt	Ragene Kimsey	Laraine Hunt
Flowers:				Lisa Tuengel's Birthday
Counters:	Ragene Kimsey Bunny Richardson	Kathy Sturlaugson Lisa Gable	Marlene Wilson Bunny Richardson	Ragene Kimsey Lisa Gable
Altar Guild:	Elders	Elders	John and Miriam Hansen	John and Miriam Hansen





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The Mission of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is to *preach and teach* Jesus Christ as the Savior of all mankind so that *each* member can *reach* out with gifts of grace and forgiveness. (1 Cor 1:23-24, John 3:16, Acts 5:42, Mat 28:18-20)

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Join us for worship and Bible class this Sunday:

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service
with Holy Communion**

Bible class follows the
worship service



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