

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Call to Worship



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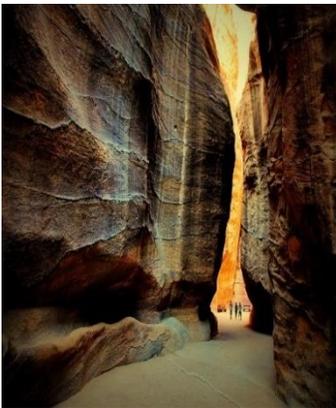
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Pastor's Page

Why Jesus Only?

"Strive to enter by the narrow way..." Jesus in Matthew 7:1-2



The above pictures are of the "siq" entrance passage into the ancient city of Petra in what is now modern Jordan. It is a slot canyon approximately a half a mile in length, between 5 and 10 feet wide, and surrounded by walls that rise vertically for over 400 feet. Petra began as a city about 300 BC, flourished for centuries, and then, as the trade routes shifted, became a ghost town around 500 AD. I encourage you to enjoy the beautiful photography of Petra from the internet. This "*City Half as Old as Time*," as it is nicknamed, had been created by wealthy Nabateans who taxed caravans travelling along the nearby highway, and was later overtaken by the more powerful Romans. It is important to note that the "siq" was the only possible entrance into Petra from the highway. Consequently, after the "siq" fell into disuse because of the demise of the city, all knowledge of Petra's location ended for the remainder of the world. It was only 1300 years later in 1812 that a European explorer begged the local

bedouins to lead him to the "secret" city, that the location of Petra came to be known to outsiders for the reason that the "siq" is simply too narrow and obscure to locate by outsiders on their own.

However, it would be an exercise in futility for treasure hunters to complain about the difficulty of finding entrance to such a treasured city. To the contrary, seekers of the glory of its beautiful ruins instead celebrate their discovery that a passage exists at all to that destination. I write from personal experience because it was my privilege to visit Petra decades ago. Among other things, the very variety of vivid colors in its rock formations defy adequate verbal description. And it would be even more silly to suggest the construction of a humanly-engineered tunnel through its rock in order to arrive with greater ease. The road to be taken must be the one that is provided.

It is clearly not popular for Christians to assert that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation. Indeed it is on these very grounds that we are charged with being excessively narrow-minded. To that charge it can first of all be answered that it is not only Christians who have their narrow ways. Every time that truth is an issue, whatever it is that contradicts an assertion must logically be rejected. Have you noticed, for example, that the so-called broad-

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minded secularist agenda of our present culture finds little room for Christians to express our own convictions? But to return to the main concern of this essay, why do Christians, following on the words of our very Lord (Matthew 7:1-2, John 14:6), teach Jesus Christ as the sole way to salvation? First of all, it should be stated that the theological context in which we express conviction of the necessity of the cross is that God did that very thing by sending His Son to die for our sins. We can therefore be certain that in the mind of a holy God it was absolutely vital that such a transaction take place at Calvary. Furthermore, the matter of the depth and gravity of sin is so weighty that it cannot be removed according to our fallen sinful human whims. This reality is consistent with the entire array of important aspects in our lives. For example, every significant disease we contract demands the kind of cure that is relevant to the cause of the condition itself. So when it is granted that the judge of the world is holy, we are faced with the reality that our sins are not trivial. Every sin brings with it a just penalty (Hebrews 2:2). Strict justice demands that sinners be judged.

On the other hand the character of the Maker of Heaven and Earth is not limited in aspect to His holiness. He is also deeply love. His love is such that He applied the penalty of our guilt to Himself (as understood in terms of the mystery of the Holy Trinity). *“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...”* (John 3:16). What an act of sacrifice on behalf of God for our sins! The mystery then behind God’s scheme of salvation becomes why He has Himself willingly paid that debt on our behalf. No, His way is not narrow. Its breadth is expressed by arms that are stretched wide on the cross even as they today are extended in order to receive all who will come to Him (Matt. 11: 28-29 and John 1:12).

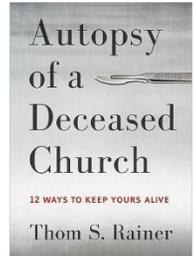
Your servant Pastor,

Gary Jensen

THOUGHTS FROM AN ELDER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On May 22nd we will start a new study during Bible class. The Elders would like to invite every confirmed member to the class including the youth and members who do not normally attend class on Sunday. We will be studying the book “Autopsy of a Deceased Church.” While it may sound like it might be a downer it examines things that causes a church to die. Zion is not there yet but some of the signs are there and after looking at those causes we can make changes. After the class the Elders will call a congregational meeting to brainstorm those changes we can make.



I believe that God lead me to this book to show us what could be Zion's fate but also to challenge us. I do not think God is done with Zion. I've been here at Zion for 20 years and in that time we have done many things right but the church has declined over time. Some of that is due to society in general but we are not doing something right. That is why we need everyone involved in finding a solution. So please come to the class and bring someone else who might not attend regularly.

In His Service,

Richard Hellman

Sunday Morning Bible Class

The Sunday morning Bible class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. The schedule of Romans Chapter 8 weekly discussions, Spring 2016, led by Pastor Gary Jensen:

- May 1 Romans 8:31-34
- May 18 Romans 8:35-40
- May 15 Confirmation Sunday – no class



Bible Classes

- * **Youth Confirmation** meets on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Office through May 9th.
- * **Men's Bible Breakfast** meets on Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at the Collector's Choice Restaurant in Snohomish.
- * The class on **1st & 2nd Peter** led by Pastor Gary meets on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room & at 7 p.m. at Thelma Tuengel's home (3929 195th Ave. SE, Snohomish)
- * The ***Time Between the Testaments*** Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.
- * **The Women's Bible Study** meets on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and Saturdays at 7 p.m. upstairs in Room 8 in the Parish Hall.

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, **May 2nd**. 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).

Worship Committee Ideas

If anyone has any ideas of what they would like to see from the Worship Committee, please contact John Hansen at mysweetapple@frontier.com or at 425-397-7324.



Jesus' ASCENSION

**Join us for worship
to celebrate
the Ascension of Our Lord
Thursday, May 5th
at 1 & 7 p.m.**

Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services.

2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Thank you to all the Thrivent members who directed their 2015 Choice Dollars to Zion Lutheran Church. There were 25 people who designated these funds to Zion for a total of \$2,195!

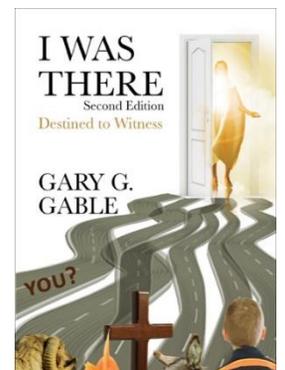


Bible Study Available

It's a matter of "Where 2 or 3 are gathered..." Gary Gable is extending an invitation to anyone wanting to start a small group Bible study. Gary's book and approach will prompt the group toward open-ended discussion and the desire to read the Bible for purpose, direction, or answers to life.

After the five one-hour sessions, the group is encouraged to choose topics to pursue on their own. Gary's book is only \$7.50 due at the first session.

Contact Gary at 425-407-3128.



Come for Fun! [from Rosemary Randall]

Our next BUNCO game night is scheduled for Friday, May 6th.

Please join us and bring a friend.

Potluck at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6 p.m.



These were the winners at bunco w/3 dice from our last game night (March 12th).



ZIG (Zion's Intergenerational Group)

[from Lisa Tuengel]

Join us Sunday, **May 8th**, 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!

LWML Meeting and Bible Study

[from Rosemary Randall]



We will be holding the next LWML meeting on Tuesday, **May 10th**, at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. All are welcome.



Save the Date — Youth Confirmation!

On Sunday, **May 15th**, our confirmation students, Declan Bartelheimer, Claire Lapse, and Wes Ostlund, will be confirmed during the 10:30 a.m. service. Light lunch/reception follows. Please join us for this special event!

An Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism states: *Confirmation is a public rite of the Church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community. . . The rite of confirmation provides an opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal public confession of the faith and a lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ.*

Cemetery Cleanup Day [from Shirley Heike]

A work party will be held on Saturday, **May 21st**, 9 a.m. – Noon, to spruce up Zion's cemetery at 2020 Ludwig Road, Snohomish, before the Memorial Day weekend. Bring your yard and garden tools.



Call Shirley Heike at 360-568-2539 for directions or more information.

Voters' Meeting - Elections ..[from Dean Randall]

The next Voters' Meeting will include annual election of board members, directors, and officers. The Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, **May 22nd**, about 12:15 p.m.

You are invited to come to a **potluck before the voters meeting** after the 2nd service (about 11:45 a.m.).

GRADUATES (and parents of graduates) - TAKE NOTICE!!!

If you or someone you know in Zion's congregation is graduating (from high school or college) this year, then please call, mail, e-mail, or bring the information to the church office by Monday, **May 23rd**.

We would like to know what school the person is graduating from and what their plans are for the future, if the person is a college grad., please include the name of the degree being received.

Newsletter & Sunday Bulletin Deadlines



The Newsletter Deadline is Monday, **May 23rd**, for the JUNE 2016 Newsletter!

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



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!

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!



A few of the quilters April 6th.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 14th, at 7 p.m.

at Zion Lutheran School Campus (3923
103rd Ave. SE, Lake Stevens)

Lamb of God Lutheran Church Presents

Haiti Fundraising Benefit Concert

Featuring:

Singer/Songwriter **Dave Horn**
with special guest
Olivia Hassebrock

Dave Horn

Pastor Dave Horn has toured the United States since 2000 sharing original music with fingerstyle guitar accompaniment. Dave's sheer love of the music and his clear message have touched and encouraged folks around the country. As a pastor/singer/songwriter with parish and chaplain experience, Dave uses musical themes along with biblical teaching and applies those skills to writing, as one pastor described, "dirt-level" songs about real life and the God who cares.

His music is born at the meeting ground of the traditional and the contemporary - original songwriting and performance at its best, drawing deeply from an eclectic well of traditional and timeless sounds. Dave's guitar and voice are loaded with delightful influences gained from a lifetime of listening. Dave is most often compared to Gordon Lightfoot and Dan Fogelberg in both guitar work and voice; and to Michael Card with regard to his lyrical unfolding of Scripture.

For more information about Dave and to listen to his music visit www.burningbushleague.com.

This is a family-friendly **FREE** concert. There will be a goodwill offering taken. All proceeds/donations will go to help operate and continue construction of the mission work at MADO.

In His Grip,

Jan Novak, Worship and Youth,
Lamb of God Lutheran Church
Haiti Mission Team Member 2003, 05, 07, 16

Retirees' Potluck & Program

[from Laraine Hunt]

Please join us for our next Retirees' gathering on Thursday, **May 26th**, at Noon in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Sally Shinstrom of Senior Services of Snohomish County will be our guest speaker on senior healthcare and general info on their program.

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.



MAY Wedding Anniversaries

- May 22.. Brad & Darlene Leisten
- 25.. Richard & Viola Hellman
- 26.. Ryan & Michelle Bartelheimer
- 29.. Bill & Sue Boblett (45th 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.

**OFFICIAL ACTS
for April 2016:**

Baptism:

† Ryder Conway (4-17-16)

Official Count:

- 205 Communicant Members
- 32 Baptized Only
- 237 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:**

- Wayne Franz 425-334-5184
- John Hansen 425-397-7324
- Richard Hellman (director) 425-232-7666
- Brent Tuengel 360-568-3472

My Birthday Gift to Christ

The fund called “My Birthday gift to Christ” was established in order that we, as members of Zion, can give scholarships to young people (and older ones too) who will attend LCMS colleges and seminaries and become pastors, teachers, or deaconesses in the Lutheran Church. We thank you for your prayers and contributions, and we wish a “Happy Birthday” to the following May celebrants:

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| 8 Zion Lutheran Church | 21 Carol Gessner (93) |
| 11 Bob Peyton | 22 Melissa Hackmann |
| 12 Peter Hereth | 23 Declan Bartelheimer |
| 12 Olivia Zwar | 23 Crystal Britton |
| 14 Skariah Thomas | 24 Jacob Mitchell |
| 15 Harold Britton | 27 Jamie Alleman |
| 16 Wilma Harrell | 28 Ken Lauterbach |
| 17 Jeannine Morris | 30 Wayne Franz |
| 17 Diane Ramberg | 31 David Kuhlman |
| 17 Kort Schwarzmiller | 31 Ryan Laskey |
| 20 Lee Goforth | |

Lutherans for Life

“If you keep thinking of your life—which is utterly unique in the entire universe!—as a true gift, you will draw nearer to the Giver of that gift.”

*James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James –
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
www.lutheransforlife.org*

Reconciliation – Peacemaking Message



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Gracious Eyes

Years ago I completed a particularly sad divorce mediation. The husband had tried for years to meet his wife's expectations, but she was adept at finding fault with everything he did.



Shortly after our final meeting, I read an article in *Country Magazine* in which M.G. Creight described her husband with wonderfully warm and admiring words. I couldn't help but imagine how differently my divorce client would have described Mr. Creight, had she been his wife instead.

To give you a glimpse of the difference between these two women, here are the actual words Mrs. Creight wrote about her husband, contrasted with the kind of words (indented italics) that my client would have probably used to describe the same man.

“He exudes the strength and perseverance of a man; other times he is a fun-loving boy. Usually he's a combination of the two, the best of both.”

I don't know how much longer I can stay married to this man. Sometimes he's so childish it embarrasses me!

“His habitat is the out-of-doors, with brief refueling stops at the kitchen table.”

He's always working, so we don't spend much time together—except when he plunks down at the dinner table and expects me to feed him.

“His britches in winter are shapeless cords, the kind that go whoop, whoop when he walks. In summer, his jeans are faded, the knees more so.”

I can't stand the way he dresses. He has no taste at all for proper fashion, and he's always walking around in worn-out clothes.

“He's more concerned with the contents of his pockets than the label on the back one. Those

pockets hold an amazing collection of useful things: tape, bolts, wire, a pocketknife and maybe a length of baling twine. With them, he can tame an unruly machine or critter, mend a broken fence, remove a stone from a sore hoof, graft a tree, even patiently coax a reluctant calf from its mother's womb.”

His pockets are always filled with junk that I just can't get him to throw away. It's embarrassing when we're shopping and he reaches into his pockets for change and has to pile all his junk on the counter.

“He concentrates on things that grow ... digging, planting and tending the earth ... and the earth responds to his husbandry.”

His hands are always dirty. I've told him a hundred times not to touch me until he's washed. Fortunately, he finally got the message and learned to keep his distance.

“He knows the woods, fields, and the bog where the deer hide on hot summer afternoons. Then there's the hidden stream where silver minnows flash. He'll take you with him and show you. There's no need to ask—just tag along when he leaves.”

Just when I need him, he's wandered off somewhere. He gets absorbed in his frivolous hobbies when he should be inside helping with household duties.

“This country cupid may not attend many opening nights with you. But he will wake you early and point to a magnificent sunrise.”

I can't ever get him to take me out, even for the opening night of a special movie or play. And when I go out myself and want to sleep in the next morning, he still gets up early and has the nerve to wake me to see the sun come up.

“He may not send you roses. But he will plant a bush of fragrant ones near the kitchen window without telling you.”

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I can't remember the last time he did anything romantic, like sending me roses. All he thinks about are the plants in his yard.

“Anniversary dates he may not remember. He lives by the season, not the calendar. In spring, the first dog-toothed violets will appear long before you noticed them ... all the better to surprise you with a bouquet of them lying nestled in his hat, carefully wrapped in a scrap of damp moss, on the bench by the back door when you go out to sweep the porch.”

He forgets our anniversary half the time, and rarely buys me a gift. Then he can't understand why I'm not excited about some wilted violets he picked from the yard and just left on the porch.

“He's a country valentine, and a country girl wouldn't have him any other way.”

He just doesn't understand what a woman needs. I've tried to be patient, but I deserve better than this. I can't help but dream of trading him in on a man who knows how to love a woman.

Exactly the same man, but seen through very different eyes.

What kind of eyes do you have for the people around you?

May they be eyes that see others through the gracious filter of [Philippians 4:8-9](#):

– Ken Sande

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

- How does the gospel change the way God looks at you? ([John 15:15](#); [2Cor. 5:17](#); [2Thess. 2:13](#))
- How is the gospel changing the way you look at others? ([Col. 3:12-15](#))

- Why does the apostle Paul say that the God of peace will be with people who view others graciously? ([Phil. 4:8-9](#))
- If people know you look at them with a critical eye, how will they feel when they are around you?
- How would your relationships be different if others sensed that you viewed them with gracious eyes?

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LCMS Global Seminary Initiative

\$100,000

The Global Seminary Initiative is a program that provides Lutheran theological education by bringing the best students worldwide to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) seminaries to study at the graduate level so that they can return to their home countries and provide advanced theological leadership. Also provided is support for local regional seminaries—both infra-structure and scholarships for students to attend regional seminaries. Another offering of the program is continuing education—seminars, conferences and visits by qualified LCMS pastors and professors to teach in the local region. LWML grant money will provide scholarships for the international students.

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Mission Grant Prayer

Dear Lord God, we thank You for the many blessings we have received, including the gift of confessional Lutheran theological education provided by our seminaries. Thank You for the opportunities we have in the LCMS to share these blessings with others around the world. Guide us by Your Holy Spirit to be generous in our prayers and giving of mites. Most especially, we thank You for the gift of redemption provided by Your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

LWML Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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**Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District
30th Biennial Convention
June 17-19, 2016
Holiday Inn – Everett, Washington**



Convention Theme
God's Gifts for God's Glory

The convention theme is based on the following Scripture passage:
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone
(1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

Convention Goal Statement

Knowing that God empowers everyone with different gifts, service, and activities,
I seek to use those gifts, service, and activities to minister to others,
so that others may know and experience the love of Jesus.

Convention Objectives

Convention attendees are given opportunities for and motivated to:

- Praise and worship God for His love and His gifts;
- Use their varieties of gifts and talents in service to Christ; and
- Share the love of Christ and the message of salvation in Christ alone to those near and far.

Elwha Ministry Hope House

The goal of this ministry is to share the Gospel with Native North American Peoples of the Olympic Peninsula.

This is through Word and Sacraments, works of mercy, and providing nourishing food. Deaconess Cathy and Deacon Tom Benzler have a growing ministry in the eight distinct tribes in the area. Funds would help toward transportation, food, and needed spiritual supplies.



Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank and praise you that Your Word works in the hearts of people to give them life everlasting. We ask Your blessing and favor on the Elwha Ministry-Hope House as they use the \$4,000 mite gift to bring Word and Sacrament and provide food and other supplies to the Native North American People of the Olympic Peninsula. We ask that You give Tom and Cathy Benzler Your blessing as they do this work in Your kingdom. Amen.

Mighty Mites at Work

Mites (coins, dollars, and checks) collected in LWML Mite Boxes fund mission grants. At the Washington – Alaska District LWML Convention in June 2014, delegates selected mission grant recipients for the 2014 – 2016 biennium totaling \$89,000. At the national level the 2015 – 2017 biennium mission goal is \$2,000,000.



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

Wanna Run for Ouanaminthe?

Eighth Annual Benefit Run

What: 5K run/walk/bike to raise money for mission in Haiti

When: Sunday, June 5th

Time: 2 p.m. rain or shine

Where: Centennial Trail, Lake Stevens 20th Street Trailhead
13205 20th St NE Lake Stevens, WA

Cost: \$35 (includes t-shirt)

****Meet at the Lake Stevens Access to the Centennial trail.
After the race, bottled water & snack will be provided.****



Registration Form:

****In order to preorder t-shirt, please return this form by May 15th.****

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ (Please designate Men/unisex or Women's or Youth)

Make checks payable to NEHLM

Please give or mail your registration form by May 15th to Susie Rahn

5201 175th Ave SE Snohomish WA, 98290

Email at rahnds3@comcast.net

Wanna Run for Ouanaminthe? T-shirt Sponsors Needed



Contact for more information:
Susie Rahn 425-350-2184
rahnds3@comcast.net

In order to help off set the costs of the production of the tshirts, sponsors are needed. If you can help, the costs are:
\$100 for business
\$50 for family or individual
Names listed on back of shirt

Sponsors get a free tshirt!
Please respond by May 15

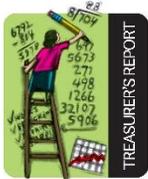
Eighth Annual Benefit Run

All profits to will benefit The House of the
Lambs of God Orphanage in
Ouanaminthe Haiti.

5K Walk/run/bike
Centennial trail/ Lake Stevens, WA
Sunday June 5th

March 2016 ~ Treasurer's Report

<u>Special Offerings</u>	<u>Mar.</u>
Social Ministries	\$ 125
Bible Class/ Sun. School	\$ 27
Birthday Gift for Christ	\$ 125
Building Mtnc.	\$ -
Lutheran Witness Sub.	\$ -
Youth Group	\$ -
Zion School	\$ 62
Total	\$ 339



"God offered His best for us; let us offer our best to him."

- * \$1,200 of Capital Income is composed of rent
- ** Excludes Cemetery Income
- *** Includes expenses that do not come out of the general fund.

March 31, 2016				
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
General Offerings	20,054	16,630	52,405	49,889
Special Offerings	339	25	287	75
Capital Income*	3,807	1,408	7,782	4,225
Thrivent Choice \$\$	-	333	493	1,000
Van Income	200	-	252	-
Other Income	100	-	100	-
Total Income**	21,828	18,396	61,319	55,189
Elders	13,994	13,213	41,481	39,638
Trustees***	3,654	4,315	13,560	12,944
Stewardship	-	17	-	50
Evangelism	40	125	1,263	375
Van Expense	40	-	962	-
Parish Ministry	-	117	636	350
Executive Board	1,491	717	2,991	2,150
Expenses	19,219	18,504	60,893	55,507
Net Income (Loss)	2,609	\$ (108)	\$ 426	\$ (318)

(Numbers have been rounded)

LCMS Stewardship Article May 2016

Do we Christians really have to tithe? Are we really under a compulsion to give? Aren't we free? Don't we have a freedom from the law that was purchased for us by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection?

The problem is that our sinful flesh uses our freedom for selfishness. Christ did not die and rise so that we could give less and do less good work in the world. He died and rose to free us from the compulsion of the Law, to free us from a burden we could not bear.

We are missing the point completely if we use the freedom from the Law that Christ won by His passion, crucifixion, and resurrection to give less, or to do less of any good work. Christ set us free to live in His image of faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. We are free from the Law's condemnation so that we can walk in the good works the Lord has prepared for us.

Our freedom is not given to indulge our sinful and selfish flesh. Our freedom was purchased and won by Christ so that we could serve our neighbors — our family, our society, our church.

As a result, much of your freedom is not a freedom from, but a freedom *to* and *for*. You are not free *from* serving

your neighbor. You are free *for* service toward your neighbor—willingly and without compulsion. You are not free *from* giving to your church; you are freed *to* give to your local congregation in joy, willingly, and without compulsion.

The reason you are free to serve, the reason you are free to give is because of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of sin He won for you on the cross, which He delivers to you in the Gospel and the sacraments. That is our motivation. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). And since God loves us in this way, by giving us His only-begotten Son so that we do not perish, we also love one another in this way, by giving what we have so that our neighbor does not perish.

If the God who has provided the sacrifice for your eternal salvation, the God who delivers that salvation to you in Holy Baptism, the God who continues to forgive you and show you His faithfulness, if that same God is the one who also promises to give you daily bread and take care of your earthly life, you can trust in Him, even in giving. After all, Jesus Christ is proof that God loves you and will take care of you.

Source is LCMS Stewardship Resources

Servants in God's House for May 2016

	May 1 6 th Sunday of Easter	May 8 7 th Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day	May 15 Pentecost / Youth Confirmation	May 22 Holy Trinity Sunday	May 29 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost
Elders: 8 a.m.	Brent Tuengel	John Hansen	Brent Tuengel	Richard Hellman	Brent Tuengel
10:30 a.m.	Wayne Franz	Richard Hellman	Wayne Franz	John Hansen	Wayne Franz
Ushers: 8 a.m.	Larry Heike, Ken Heike	John Hansen, Jerry Sturlaugson	Ken Heike, Marlin Heike	Herman Bosse	Ken Lauterbach
10:30 a.m.	Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Andrew Bartelheimer	Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Thad Zwar	Thad Zwar
Greeters: 8 a.m.	Herman & Judy Bosse	John & Miriam Hansen	Ken & Julie Heike	Marlin & Shirley Heike	Brent & Debbie Tuengel
10:30 a.m.	Mike & Carol Bauer	Joan Stocker	Jerry & Kathy Sturlaugson	Katie Larchick	Gary & Kathy Gable
Acolytes: 8 a.m.	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
10:30 a.m.	Claire Lepse	Olivia Zwar	Wes Ostlund	Declan Bartelheimer	Olivia Zwar
Readers: 8 a.m.	Ann Jensen	Helen Heck	Lynne Hereth	Ann Jensen	Gary Gable
10:30 a.m.	Jana Ostlund	Richard Hellman	Wayne Franz	Doris Brickman	Lisa Tuengel
Scriptures:	Acts 16:9–15 Psalm 67 Rev. 21:9–14, 21–27 John 16:23–33 or John 5:1–9	Acts 1:12–26 Psalm 133 Rev. 22:1–6 (7–11) 12–20 John 17:20–26	Gen. 11:1–9 Psalm 143 Acts 2:1–21 John 14:23–31	Prov. 8:1–4, 22–31 Psalm 8 Acts 2:14a, 22–36 John 8:48–59	1 Kings 8: 22–24, 27–29, 41–43 Psalm 96:1–9 Gal. 1:1–12 Luke 7:1–10
Children's Message:	Pastor Gary Jensen	Lisa Tuengel	Lynne Hereth	Pastor Gary Jensen	Pastor Gary Jensen
Organist (8 am):	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner
Music Leader(s) (10:30 am):					
Altar Guild:	Kathy Gable, Miriam Hansen				
Flowers:		Paula Lauterbach (memory of moms & sister)	Wilma Harrell	Katie Larchick (memory of mother, Lou Kinzel)	Bartelheimers (Ryan & Michelle anniv.; Declan & Andrew's birthdays)
Counters:	Joan Stocker Lynette Zwar	Lillian Bartelheimer Joan Stocker	Doris Brickman Kathy Sturlaugson	Loreen Atkinson Dan Miller	<i>Volunteer needed</i> Lynette Zwar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 6th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>8 am Traditional Worship/ Communion 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:30 pm Community Kitchen – at St. John’s Episcopal, Snoh. (2 pm meal prep. / 5 pm clean up) 5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (CO) 6:30 pm Choir (CH)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11 am – 4 pm L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (PH) 7 p.m. Elders’ Meeting (CO)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast (Collector’s Choice Restaurant) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study (PH—Room 9) 1 & 7 p.m. Bible Study (PHMR)</p>	<p>5 The Ascension of Our Lord</p> <p>9:15 am <i>Time Between the Testaments</i> Bible Study (PHMR) 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study (PH – Room 9) 1 & 7 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8 a.m. – 3 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities) 5 p.m. Potluck (PH) 6 p.m. BUNKO (PHMR)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7 pm Women’s Bible Study (PH – Room 9) 7 pm Youth Group – Club Z-U (Church – Room 2)</p>
<p>8 7th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Mother’s Day <i>May 8, 1892 – Zion’s “Birthday” (124 years)</i></p> <p>8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Combined Sunday School & Bible Class Opening (PH) 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Noon – 3 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (PH) 5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (CO) 7 p.m. Bd. of Directors Meeting (PHMR)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2 p.m. LWML Bible Study/ Meeting (PHMR)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast (Collector’s Choice Restaurant) 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Project Linus Quilting Work Party (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study (PH—Room 9) 1 & 7 p.m. Bible Study (PHMR)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:15 am <i>Time Between the Testaments</i> Bible Study (PHMR) 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study (PH – Room 9) 7 p.m. Trustees Mtg. (PH – Rm 9)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8 a.m. – 3 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4 – 8 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (PH) 7 pm Women’s Bible Study (PH – Room 9) 7 pm Youth Group – Club Z-U (Church – Room 2)</p>
<p>15 The Day of Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Traditional Worship/ Communion 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship/ Communion / Youth Confirmation 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Reception/Light Lunch (PH)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Noon – 3 pm L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (PH & Room 8) 6:30 pm 4-H Meeting (Parish Hall – Rooms 8 & 9)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Noon – 3 pm L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (PH & Room 8) 7 p.m. Valley Spinners (PH)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast (Collector’s Choice Restaurant) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study (PH—Room 9) Noon – 3 pm L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (PH & Room 8) 1 & 7 p.m. Bible Study (PHMR)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:15 am <i>Time Between the Testaments</i> Bible Study (PHMR) 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study (PH – Room 9) Noon – 3 pm L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (PH & Room 8)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Noon – 3 pm L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (PH & Room 8)</p>	<p>21 Armed Forces Day</p> <p>9 a.m. – Noon Cemetery Clean-up (2020 Ludwig Rd., Snohomish) 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (PH & Room 8) 7 pm Women’s Bible Study (PH – Room 9) 7 pm Youth Group – Club Z-U (Church – Room 2)</p>
<p>22 The Holy Trinity</p> <p>8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 11:45 a.m. Potluck (PH) 12:15 a.m. Voters’ Meeting – Elections (PHMR)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline!</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast (Collector’s Choice Restaurant) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study (PH—Room 9) 1 & 7 p.m. Bible Study (PHMR)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:15 am <i>Time Between the Testaments</i> Bible Study (PHMR) 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study (PH – Room 9) Noon – Retirees</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4 – 8 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (PH) 7 pm Women’s Bible Study (PH – Room 9) 7 pm Youth Group – Club Z-U (Church – Room 2)</p>
<p>29 2nd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day (observed) Church Office Closed</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 8, 1892 – Zion’s “Birthday” – NEXT YEAR WILL BE 125 YEARS! • May 13, 1942 – Zion’s LWML founded 			

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Mission Statement for Zion Lutheran Church:

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

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Join us for worship and Bible class this Sunday.

Sunday Worship Service Times

8 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

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

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

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

