

# Call to Worship



Zion Lutheran Church, Snohomish, Washington

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## *Pastor's Page*

### ***What Glories the Heavens Declare!***

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork” (Psalm 19:1)

The teaching of the Holy Bible has stood apart from every other belief system in history with respect to the matter of creation. Its' opening statement, “*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*” (Genesis 1:1) teaches that the entire universe (“*the heavens and the earth*”) had a beginning out of absolutely nothing because it came into existence by the decree of God the Creator who stands utterly outside of (“transcends”) His creation (Hebrews 11:3). Virtually every other religion<sup>1</sup> has taught to the contrary that the cosmos exists eternally while it is the temporal gods who come and go. Even the *scientific* consensus up until the 1970s held that the universe had no beginning. Truly the Bible has stood all alone in the world of ideas by declaring that the universe had a beginning while its Creator by contrast exists from everlasting to everlasting. It is the Bible that has been correct all along.

Should we care about these matters? Does it concern Christians what scientists say about their field of study? Yes, absolutely! The Bible actually harmonizes its own revelation with the actualities of both science and history because it is fundamental to Christian belief that *all* truth is one (a unity). One renowned LCMS scientist, the late Dr. John Klotz, has correctly stated that our faith “*cannot go contrary to science and reason and observation...There must be a basic unity between*

[scientific] *facts and truth as it is given to us in revelation.*”<sup>2</sup> For example, notice that God’s revealed Word in Psalm 19:1 (above) identifies the subject that does the declaring of God’s glory as nature and not the Bible. In addition to Scripture, it is also the heavens (the realm of the stars) and the firmament (this world) that similarly declares the glory of God. As if this were not enough, St. Paul makes the even stronger declaration that the natural order (the “cosmos,” or “heavens and earth”) is a trustworthy revelation of the existence of God against which all people will be held accountable who ignore that testimony (Romans 1:18-20).

There are **two ways** that the testimony of nature points to the existence of the God of the Bible:

1. As I already began to describe, **the beginning of the universe out of nothing.** In the early 1900s Albert Einstein’s mathematical formulas in his *General Theory of Relativity* (having nothing to do with *moral* relativity) indicated that the universe must be expanding. Edwin Hubble later observed from Mt. Wilson Observatory that all the galaxies that he could observe were moving apart from each other. Many other scientific observations agreed that the universe is expanding from a beginning point. One recent LCMS document concedes

<sup>1</sup> Judaism and Islam are the exceptions because their insights on creation are founded on the Bible.

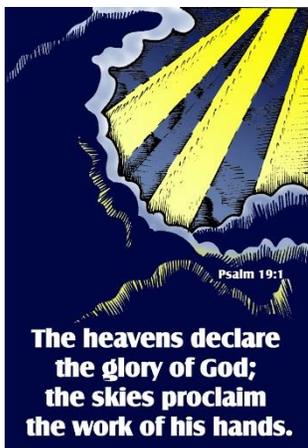
<sup>2</sup> *Modern Science and the Christian Life.* (Concordia, 1962), p79, note also.137f.

this: “*Advances in astronomy during the twentieth century...led to the discovery that the universe is not static [unchanging] but is expanding. [Such] discoveries thus suggest (by projecting backwards) the now generally accepted conclusion that the universe of space and time had a beginning in the finite past.*”<sup>3</sup> This beginning cannot be explained by science for the simple reason that before the cosmos existed there was nothing at all out of which science *can* operate. It is instead a miracle of God.

2. This beginning was not random, but very precisely fine-tuned from its very first moment.<sup>4</sup> Our universe would be utterly uninhabitable were this not so. These factors further confirm that our cosmos came to us from the hand of God (Isaiah 45:18). The word “cosmos” literally means “orderly arrangement.” The ancient people thought this about the heavens from the very beginning. In truth, the more we learn about the cosmos through the investigation of the details of nature, ever more clearly does the truth become evident that, together with the heavens “*the firmament [likewise] proclaims God’s handiwork*” (Psalm 19:1).

Your servant Pastor,

*Gary Jensen*



<sup>3</sup> A Report of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations. The Natural Knowledge of God in Christian Confession and Christian Witness. (LCMS, 2012), p.59.

## Bible Classes



- \* The **Sunday morning Bible class** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room, studying the book, *Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive*, through the month of September. Thereafter we will study the major themes of the *Augsburg Confession* from the Book of Concord.
- \* **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 will lead a study of **2 Peter** (LCMS Lifelight series) beginning Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Class times will be 1 and 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.
- \* The Thursday morning Bible study, “**Between the Testaments**” (LCMS Lifelight series) will be led by Pastor Gary and begin on Thursday, **September 15<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.
- \* The **Women’s Bible Study** meets on **Thursdays** [starting September 15<sup>th</sup>] at 9:30 a.m. *location to be decided* and also **Saturdays** [starting September 17<sup>th</sup>] at 7 p.m. upstairs in the Parish Hall – Room 9. The same Bible study on Ruth and Esther will be used by both groups.

## Thrivent Action Team Workshop

Thrivent is hosting a Thrivent Action Team Workshop on Tuesday, **August 30<sup>th</sup>**, from 7 – 9 p.m. (may end earlier). This event is geared to help us learn more about Thrivent Action Team Projects and to provide assistance and help. You do not have to be a Thrivent member to attend. The workshop will be held at the Charter Club at Point Edwards (85 Pine Street, Edmonds, WA 98020).

Refreshments and dessert items will be provided. You are asked to bring an item for Housing Hope. This can be a non-perishable food item or personal hygiene item (soap, shampoo, etc.). Please call (425-551-8149) or e-mail Mike Dean ([donald.dean@thrivent.com](mailto:donald.dean@thrivent.com)).



<sup>4</sup> <http://www.godandscience.org/apologetics/designun.html>

**Volunteer at the Fair** ..... [from Rosemary Randall]

We are invited to help serve in the Kiwanis Corn Booth at the Evergreen State Fair. They would like help on Wednesday, **August 31<sup>st</sup>**, from 6 – 11 p.m. (Last year we didn't stay all the way until 11 p.m.) There are other shifts available if this does not work for you.

They need help with corn husking, cooking, and serving to fair goers. Fair tickets are provided.

Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions. Thanks! Rosemary 360-568-8107.

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



→ Zion is providing the meal on Monday, **September 5<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day)**. 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).

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

[from Lisa Tuengel]

Join us Sunday, **September 11<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!**



**Sunday School Kick Off (Rally Day)!**

Please join us as we kick off the new Sunday school year on **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. The Sunday school kick-off will include Sunday school teacher installation at both the 8 & 10:30 a.m. services. Children who are beginning 1<sup>st</sup> grade will receive their own Bible and students who are entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade or Confirmation this year will receive a study Bible during the worship services.



Everyone is invited to a breakfast potluck and a Rally Day event for all children, youth, and adults in the Parish hall at 9:30 a.m.

Rally Day is an opportunity for each of us to renew our commitment to grow in Christ through the study of God's Word. Please plan to join us for this event.

**1<sup>st</sup> grade members** – no one this year; **7<sup>th</sup> grade member** – Riley Heike. **If there is a correction** to our student list, please contact the church office (360-568-2700). Thank you!

**Newsletter & Sunday Bulletin Deadlines**



The Newsletter Deadline is Monday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>**, for the OCTOBER 2016 Newsletter!

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

**LWML Meeting and Bible Study**

[from Kathy Gable, Christian Growth Chairman]

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) ladies of Zion would like to invite you to join us at our first meeting of the fall. This meeting will be held in the Parish Hall Meeting Room at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, **the 13<sup>th</sup> of September**. We meet for several hours beginning with our Bible Study. The study will be taken from the Summer *LWML Quarterly*. It begins on page 16 and goes through page 20. This is a two-part study and will be continued if the group wishes to extend it. If you need a *Quarterly*, please check with Rosemary Randall. Lorraine Hunt will lead this study. Please join us.



**Sing to the Lord!**

“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and teaching.” 2 Timothy 4:2

Zion’s Choir will begin its year on Monday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 p.m. We meet in the Parish Hall Meeting Room (where Bible Class is held). Choir is open to all ages of high school and above. Our prayers for the year are for additions of new voices and people from choir in previous years as well as those who are returning. Our mission is to choose songs that people love to hear and that will lend great praise to our Father in Heaven.

“I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I have said, “Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens,” Psalm 89:1-2

**Retirees’ Potluck & Program**

[from Laraine Hunt]

Please join us for our next Retirees’ gathering on Thursday, **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at Noon in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Our guest speaker will be Sally Shinstrom from the Snohomish County Senior Services.



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

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

**Meet for a Meal** ..... [from Pat Bjerkan]

Our next “Meet for a Meal” potluck gathering will be Sunday, **September 24<sup>th</sup>**, at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



Pat Bjerkan will be the hostess. Call her at 360-568-3683 and let her know what you’d like to bring.

**Will You Make Time for A Visit?**

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



Homebound” list as of August 24, 2016: *Theresa Barks, Dale Bartelheimer, Esther Carlson, Marie Duffner, LaVerne Fitzthum, Annie Ginder, Arlene Hallanger, Salle Jackman, Mark & Arta Rose Lucas, Shirley Neel, Dean & Shelley Pratt, Paul Schaus, Dave & Connie Schwarzmiller, Ed & Edith Stocker, George & Marion Stocker, Wayne Teel, Loren Troupe, and Darlene Wognild.*

**Special Announcement**

Neil and I are delighted to announce that we are expecting our second son in December. Jake will be a big brother! We are so thankful that God has blessed us with this precious gift.



In Christ,

*Melissa Hackmann*

**Help Sponsor Taproot Theatre Performance at Zion!**

Want to be a sponsor for the Taproot Theatre Christmas production in December? Here’s your chance! The window to be a sponsor is September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>. The goal is \$600 (almost \$100 has already been pledged). Contact Gary Gable (425-407-3128) for more details. Cash or checks accepted. Make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church and clearly marked “Sponsor for Taproot.”

\* **Mark your calendars!** The Taproot Theatre performance will be Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in Zion’s church sanctuary.

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### Zion Has A New Facebook Page

Check out Zion's new Facebook page [Zion Snohomish]. Please contact Judy Danner at the church office at 360-568-2700 or Ann Lepse at 360-568-2030 with any helpful comments or ideas.



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### Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilting

Our group making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other charities will meet on Wednesdays starting September 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – Noon, in the church building room 2 (or back on the stage in the Parish Hall if it is ready). Volunteers welcome!



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### Project Linus Quilting

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

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### Information from the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors decided to renew the Concordia Medical Plans for Pastor Gary and Judy for 2017. The rates increased by 3.5%. We received quotes for other medical plans but the Board of Directors (BOD) decided to stay with Concordia for 2017.

The BOD approved the rental agreements for the two schools that will be using Zion's facilities this next school year. All are welcome to come to the Board of Directors meetings.

*Dean Randall*

### Building Use Updates

Last year we were pleased to welcome the L.E.A.F. homeschool group to our facilities. This year the L.E.A.F. group will again use our facilities on Fridays and for two hours on the first Tuesday of each month.

This year we welcome the Lake Stevens Virtual Academy (LSVA). They will be using the upstairs Parish Hall classrooms Monday through Thursday each week.

We are helping to accommodate these groups as well as Zion's activities. Please respect the time and space of these groups while they are here and please do not interrupt their learning time.

Contact Judy in the church office to schedule activities. If there are any building concerns, please contact the Board of Trustees.

As a result of the addition of LSVA there is a new upgraded internet service available in the Parish Hall. Zion's members will be able to use it when they are in the Parish Hall. Ryan Bartelheimer will be providing further details to members about this new improved service in the next couple of weeks. There will also be some new planter boxes placed outside the double doors in the upper Parish Hall area. If there are any issues, concerns, or ideas feel free to call Dean Randall. Thank you for everyone's caring cooperation.

### LEAF Homeschool Association

**1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH** (October – April): 1 – 3 p.m. (*Parish Hall only – not church building*)

**FRIDAYS:** Sept. 16, 2016 – May 12, 2017 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (*Parish Hall & Church Building*)

### LSVA (Lake Stevens Virtual Academy)

**Aug. 29 – 31**, 8:30 a.m. – Noon – *Rooms 8 & 9*  
Thurs., **Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>**, 6:30–8 p.m. – *Room 9*  
Fri., **Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 6:30–8 p.m. – *Room 8*  
Tues., **Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**, 1–4 p.m. – *Room 9*  
Weds., **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**, school starts! – *Rms. 8 & 9*  
Mon. – Thurs, **8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.** – *Rooms 8 & 9* (Staff comes by around 8 a.m. and will probably will out no later than 1 p.m.).

They will have **chapel on Thursdays** starting Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 12:30 till 1:30 p.m. *in the meeting room* except when the Retirees meet.

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## Volunteers Needed for Fellowship Hour



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

**Volunteers are needed** (individuals, families, crews, or groups) and can sign up by the kitchen window in the Parish Hall.

Duties include preparing coffee, providing juice, light treats, & clean-up. Thank you to all those who have volunteered!



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## 2016 LCMS National Offering

Our sincerest thanks to the members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod for the outpouring of support toward the 2016 LCMS National Offering. You have given the same bold confession as Peter – “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16) – through your participation. By the end of the LCMS Convention in July more than \$315,000 had been raised. Each dollar will be put to work toward the one goal of building others up into living stones so that people here and around the world who do not yet know the love of Christ may find in Him the “solid rock” on which they may stand. Support for the National Offering will be collected through early 2019.

From article by Megan K. Mertz, staff writer and managing editor of Lutherans Engage the World with LCMS Communications. Posted July 28, 2016. Reporter Online is the Web version of Reporter, the official newspaper of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Content is prepared by LCMS Communications.

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## Lutherans for Life

“Your witness can speak for the speechless. Your words can give value to people considered disposable. Remember that in heaven these disabled folks will be your equal in every way. What will they say to you when you meet there? God’s stars see God’s handiwork in all people.”

*Rev. Mark Jeske, [www.timeofgrace.org](http://www.timeofgrace.org) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

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## Gift Cards Support Zion Lutheran School

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



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## Box Tops for Education

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



**Just a reminder: Zion Lutheran School is no longer collecting Campbell’s Labels for Education® as that program has ended.**



### CROP Hunger Walk

Join us on Sunday, **October 9<sup>th</sup>**, for Snohomish's annual CROP Hunger Walk, sponsored by Church World Service!

- LOCATION:** St. John's Episcopal Church (913 2nd Street, Snohomish)
- DATE:** Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>
- TIME:** 1 p.m. Registration starts  
1:30 p.m. Walk begins
- CONTACT:** mcimbach@gmail.com

Thanks so much for your support of Church World Service through the Snohomish CROP Hunger Walk! Each step you took last year has had exponential positive impact over the last 12 months...you walked alongside women in the South American Gran Chaco as they promoted sustainable water projects, you walked alongside neighbors in the Gran Chaco who visited these projects and are now using those techniques to build their own water systems, and you walked alongside CWS's staff in Haiti as they use the successes from the Gran Chaco to overcome similar local challenges. When you walked, a whole system of poverty changed. When you walked, we moved towards abundance!

This fall's walk will continue to change lives...and you can get a jump start on that right now! By visiting [www.crophungerwalk.org/snohomishwa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/snohomishwa), you can register yourself and your church, find the 2016 date and location of the walk, find information on the recruiter rally or open house, download resources, and share the link with others who want to join in your donation!

Thanks for all that you do to end hunger and poverty, locally and globally, one step at a time!

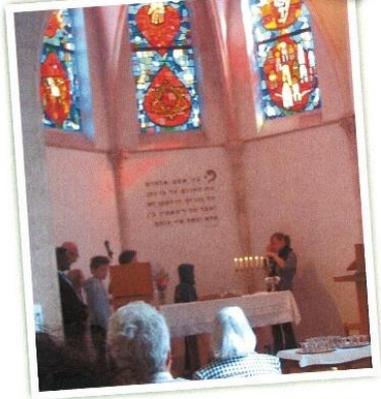
## LWML Mission Grants 2015 - 2017

### Mighty Mites at Work

Mites (coins, dollars, and checks) collected in LWML Mite Boxes fund mission grants. At the Washington – Alaska District LWML Convention in June 2016, delegates selected mission grant recipients for the 2016 – 2018 biennium totaling \$90,000. At the national level the 2015 – 2017 biennium mission goal is \$2,000,000.

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

## Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel

# \$100,000

This LWML Mission Grant will be used for mission work among the Lost Sheep of Israel IN Israel through Apple of His Eye Mission Society in Israel. Bold steps need to be taken to do the hard work of seed sowing so that God's spirit can draw people to himself by convicting them of sin and planting faith to follow Him. This is important because Jewish people are dying without faith in Christ. The funds will be used to help identify and train Israeli Jewish believers to develop systems and strategies for outreach and planting house fellowships, just as in the days of the early church.



Sow • Nourish • Reap

### Mission Grant Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for the Israeli Jewish believers that will be sowing the seeds of faith in your Son, Jesus. Give them the guidance and strength to persevere in this task. May the fruits of this ministry flourish throughout Israel. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Lutheran Women's  
Missionary League

[www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) • 1-800-252-5965





The Washington-Alaska District  
Lutheran Hour Ministries Presents

**Event Speakers**

**Rev. Nilo L. Figur** –  
Regional Director for  
Latin America and the  
Caribbean areas for the  
Lutheran Hour Ministries

**Mark Lori-Amini** – The  
Head of Hayate Abadi  
Ministries in Lynnwood,  
Washington

**Event Speakers**

**Dionne Lovstad-Jones** –  
Regional Lutheran Hour  
Ministries Resource Manager  
for the Washington-Alaska  
District

**Don Sudene** – Executive  
Director Lutheran Services  
Northwest

# A CELEBRATION EVENT

**September 24, 2016**

Concordia Lutheran School  
7040 36th N.E. Ave.  
Seattle, WA

**Banquet Speaker**

**Ms. Rebeca Franco** – Head of the  
Lutheran Hour Ministries Station in  
Guatemala

<b>Check-In at school: 8 a.m.</b>		<b>Program: 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>Program: 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.</b>		<b>Coffee service/Lunch &amp; Dinner included</b>	
<b>Advanced Registration (by September 6, 2106):</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>Send Registration &amp; Check or Money Order to:</b>	
<b>At the door:</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	WA-AK Dist. L.H.M. Debbie Armstrong 7610 W. Nob Hill Blvd. #238 Yakima, WA 98908	
<b>For Event Information Contact: Glenn Stocker at (509) 697-5022 or Gary Gable at (425) 407-3128</b>			

## SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday,  
October 29, 2017

Celebrate the **500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation** with Lutherans and fellow Christians from across the Puget Sound region and beyond.



**It's still all about Jesus!**

<http://nwreformation500.com>

# Parish News

## **OFFICIAL ACTS for August 2016:**

### **Wedding:**

† Randy Wood & Kelly Matteucci (8-6-16)

### **Released:**

† Jon & Jamie Alleman (8-8-16)

† Jessica Alleman (8-8-16)

† Jenna Alleman (8-8-16)

### **Official Count:**

203 Communicant Members

30 Baptized Only

233 TOTAL



### **SEPTEMBER Wedding Anniversaries**

- Sept. 2 John & Lori Alsup
- 4 Roger & Marcia Ohlde
- 5 David & Nancy Kuhlman (35<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
- 7 Ed & Edith Stocker
- 21 Duane & Pat Kuhlman
- 21 John & Sharla Spoelstra
- 22 Tom & Nancy Schultz
- 29 Chris & Anna Groeneveld (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
- 29 Brent & Debbie Tuengel

*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.*



### **My Birthday Gift to Christ**

“My Birthday Gift to Christ” is a scholarship fund used to assist those of our congregation who enter our Synod’s colleges and seminaries to prepare themselves for special ministries in the Church. The need for pastors, teachers, and other church workers is great. We thank all those who have responded with financial and prayer offerings for this ministry.

Happy Birthday to the following **September** birthday celebrants:

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 5 Wes Ostlund         | 17 Michelle Bartelheimer     |
| 6 Phil Amberson       | 19 Ann Lapse                 |
| 8 Adam Heike          | 19 George Stocker (94)       |
| 8 Marlin Heike        | 21 Ed Stocker (90)           |
| 8 Dwight Lapse        | 22 Haley Cox                 |
| 9 Becky Anderson      | 23 Kathy Johnson             |
| 11 Joan Stocker       | 28 Brad Leisten              |
| 11 Thad Zwar          | 28 Dale Ostlund              |
| 12 Beth Berner        | 29 Dylan Schultz             |
| 12 Paul Miller        | 29 Connie Schwarzmiller (90) |
| 13 Marcy Bartelheimer | 30 Kelee Peyton              |
| 15 Billy Leight       |                              |

### **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

## **Reconciliation – Peacemaking Message**



*Relational Wisdom 360* is a regular 3-mail that is published by Ken Sande. We hope you enjoy this month's excerpt. For more information on *Relational Wisdom 360* please visit their website or subscribe to the e-mail at [www.RW360.org](http://www.RW360.org).

### **Three Ways to Multiply Kindness**

This true story from an airline pilot about a fallen soldier's journey home illustrates a fundamental fact about human nature: *since we are all made in the image of God, we are designed to be kind to one another*. Here is what the pilot wrote.

*My lead flight attendant came to me and said, "We have a fallen soldier on this flight."*

*"Is there an escort?" I asked.*

*"Yes, I've already assigned him a seat".*

*"Please tell him to come to the Flight Deck." I responded. "You can board him early."*

*A short while later a young army sergeant entered the flight deck. The first officer and I got up to shake his hand and thank him for his service.*

*About 30 minutes into our flight, I received a call from the flight attendant.*

*"I just learned that the family of the soldier we are carrying is also on board," she said. His father, mother, wife and daughter were escorting their son, husband, and father home.*

*The flight attendant told me that the family was grieving because they had not been able to see the container that the soldier was in before we left. They had asked if there was any way they could be outside by the cargo door to watch the soldier being taken off the airplane.*

*I could hear the desperation in the flight attendant's voice when she asked me if there was anything I could do. "I'm on it," I responded.*

*I contacted my flight dispatcher on a secondary radio and explained the situation. He said he understood and he would get back to me. Shortly before we landed, he sent the following message via an onboard email system:*

*"Captain, sorry it has taken so long to get back to you. I had to confirm some details. Upon your arrival a dedicated escort team will meet the aircraft. The team will escort the family to the*

*ramp and plane side. A van will be used to load the remains with a secondary van for the family.*

*"The family will then be escorted into the terminal where the remains can be seen on the ramp. It is a private area for the family only. When the connecting aircraft arrives, they will be escorted onto the ramp to watch the remains being loaded for the final leg home.*

*Captain, most of us here in flight control are veterans. Please pass our condolences on to the family. Thanks."*

*I sent a message back, thanking flight control for a good job. I printed out the message and gave it to the flight attendant to pass on to the family. She was very thankful and told me, "You have no idea how much this will mean to them."*

*After landing, we cleared the runway and taxied to the ramp area. The ramp is always a busy area with aircraft maneuvering every which way to enter and exit, but the ramp controller told me that all traffic was being held for us.*

*It looked like it was all coming together, but then I realized that once we turned the seat belt sign off, everyone would stand up at once and delay the family from getting off the airplane. So I stopped the aircraft short of the gate and pushed the public address button.*

*"Ladies and gentleman, this is your Captain speaking. I have stopped short of our gate to make a special announcement. We have a*



*passenger on board who deserves our honor and respect. His name is Private xxxxx, a soldier who recently lost his life. Private xxxxx is under your feet in the cargo hold. Escorting him today is Army Sergeant yyyyy. Also on board are his father, mother, wife and daughter. Your entire flight crew is asking for all passengers to remain in their seats to allow the family to exit the aircraft first. Thank you."*

*We continued to the gate, came to a stop and started our shutdown procedures. A couple of minutes later I opened the cockpit door. I found the two forward flight attendants crying, something you just do not see. I was told that after we came to a stop, every passenger on the aircraft stayed in their seats, waiting for the family to exit the aircraft.*

*When the family got up, a passenger started to clap his hands. More passengers joined in and soon the entire aircraft was clapping. "God Bless you," "I'm so sorry," "Thank you" and other kind words were uttered to the family as they made their way down the aisle and out of the airplane. They were escorted down to the ramp to finally be reunited with their loved one.*

*Many of the disembarking passengers had tears as well and thanked me for the announcement I had made. "They were just words," I told them. "I could say them over and over again, but nothing I say will bring back that brave soldier."*

As this story illustrates, because all people are made in the image of God ([Gen. 1:27](#)), we are inherently designed to feel empathy and show kindness when we see others' suffering ... just as Jesus did when Mary and Martha lost their brother ([John 11:32-35](#)).

Sadly, we miss countless opportunities to fulfill this God-given calling.

Sometimes it's because we don't notice or understand what's going on right in front of our eyes. ***We can counter this weakness by improving our ability to "read" the words, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language of other people*** ... just as the pilot in this story "read" the desperation in the flight attendant's voice when she asked him to help this grieving family.

Another reason we fail to show kindness is that we don't understand how other people are feeling as they face difficult life experiences. ***We can counter this weakness by deliberately cultivating and practicing our God-given capacity for empathy and compassion***

... just as the flight attendant and pilot did when they felt the grief of this family and moved to console them.

A third reason we fail to show kindness is that we are simply not aware of hidden opportunities to do so because we don't have the information we need. ***We can help one another in this area by learning when and how to appropriately share information about other people's struggles*** ... just as this flight attendant and pilot did. They thoughtfully informed a widening circle of people of their opportunity to join together in showing kindness. That circle grew to include the team at flight control and all of the passengers on the aircraft, who rose to the occasion to do whatever they could to comfort and encourage this family.

God commands us to deliberately develop our capacity for kindness ([Col. 3:12](#)). Therefore, I pray that you will join me in cultivating these relational qualities that enhance kindness: other-awareness, empathy and compassion, and wisdom to know when and how to inform others of opportunities to join together to multiply the gift of comfort and kindness.

At the same time, please join me in praying for the thousands of people in our armed forces who serve us so sacrificially every day, and for the many families who have lost loved ones in service to our country.

– Ken Sande

### Reflection Questions

- How do you think the flight attendant, pilot, flight control and passengers felt later in the day because of this experience?
- Describe a time when you received kindness from a group of strangers or had the opportunity to show kindness to a stranger. How did that experience make you feel? What impact did it have on how you treat others today?
- Can you think of someone who is struggling with a personal challenge and would probably be encouraged if others knew of their situation and showed them kindness? Keeping this pilot's sensitivity in mind and being careful not to disclose confidential information, think of appropriate people to inform and invite them to join you in encouraging this person.

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By Ken Sande | August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016



## NORD EST HAITI LUTHERAN MISSION

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June 15, 2016

### **NEHLM Sends a Liaison to Haiti**

NEHLM is a Lutheran, non-profit organization of Faith Lutheran Church in La Grande, Oregon, co-sponsored with Lamb of God in Lake Stevens, Washington. NEHLM supports the ministry efforts of Reverend Daniel Paul, a Haitian born pastor in the Nord Est region of Haiti. The ministry is centered in Ouanaminthe, Haiti. Rev. Paul is responsible for all of the administrative duties of running two orphanages for about 70 children and a school of 250 students plus his church ministries. He certainly can use assistance with these duties.

As this mission continues to grow, NEHLM has a great need for additional helpers for Rev. Daniel Paul as well as improved and expanded communication between Rev. Paul and NEHLM. There is much work to be done, especially with providing appropriate reporting for projects and sponsorship communication.

In 2016, the Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) opened a position for a liaison to the House of Lambs of God Orphanage (MADO) in Ouanaminthe, Haiti. Ben Wiseman has applied for and been accepted for this position. He plans to be in Ouanaminthe in September of 2016 to stay for 6 months to a year.

The liaison position costs approximately \$7,000.00 per year for living expenses and travel. Part of the liaison agreement is that they will seek sponsorship for their expenses of living and travel while serving as a liaison for this ministry. This letter is to present an opportunity for you to help support Ben for this position in Haiti. Donations to NEHLM in support of Ben Wiseman are 100% tax deductible. Donations can be made at [www.nehlm.org/sponsorgive](http://www.nehlm.org/sponsorgive) as a general donation through Paypal, please note your donation is for the liaison position or mail checks to NEHLM, 104 S 12<sup>th</sup> St., La Grande, OR 97850. If you are interested in a monthly sponsorship of Ben Wiseman we have the options of autowithdraw from your account through Vanco Services and the ability for you to use Paypal sponsorship option. More details are available on NEHLM's website or by contacting NEHLM through [nehlmemail@gmail.com](mailto:nehlmemail@gmail.com).

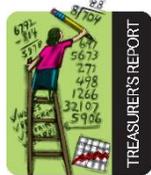
Watch our website for information and updates from Ben Wiseman on his journeys in Ouanaminthe, Haiti.

God's Blessings

Jennifer Yancey  
NEHLM Treasurer

## July 2016 ~ Treasurer's Report

Special Offerings	July
Social Ministries	\$ 125
Bible Class/ Sunday School	\$ 150
Birthday Gift for Christ	\$ 26
VBS Fund	\$ 129
Lutheran Witness Sub.	\$ -
Youth Group	\$ -
Zion Memorial Fund	\$ 80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 510</b>



*"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.

July 31, 2016				
	Actual	Budget	YTD	Budget
<b>General Offerings</b>	<b>13,254</b>	<b>16,630</b>	<b>114,972</b>	<b>116,408</b>
Special Offerings	510	25	2,998	175
Capital Income*	1,600	1,408	14,757	9,858
Thrivent Choice \$\$	50	333	2,445	2,333
Van Income	125	-	1,250	-
Other Income	100	106	4,029	741
<b>Total Income**</b>	<b>15,639</b>	<b>18,502</b>	<b>140,451</b>	<b>129,516</b>
Elders	9,401	13,213	85,516	92,488
Trustees***	3,722	4,315	39,982	30,203
Stewardship	-	17	-	117
Evangelism	87	125	770	875
Van Expense	83	-	1,123	-
Youth Ministry	-	-	290	-
Parish Ministry	129	117	974	817
Executive Board	559	717	6,671	5,017
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13,981</b>	<b>18,502</b>	<b>135,327</b>	<b>129,516</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 5,124</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>

(Numbers have been rounded)

## September 2016 LCMS Stewardship Article

The devil, though defeated by the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, remains a very capable and clever foe. He is smarter than we are. He's been watching us and taking notes for a very long time. He knows what we want, and he knows how to lure us away. And he does this by telling us what we want to hear. That's what makes it so difficult.

To us who are greedy, he says: "You are not greedy. You are prudent. You are frugal. You are a good steward with your money. God doesn't want you not to have all the things you want. He wants you to be happy. He wants you to have the latest and greatest toys for both young and old." So if you consider yourself to be wise in the way of money and finances, beware of who just might be telling you these things.

Satan is a liar. He tells us what we want to hear. He lures us away from repentance and confession and faith, so that we harden our consciences and place our souls in peril. We must not underestimate the enemy. We have all taken his bait. We have all failed in this. None of us can say that we have fought this temptation to hold back with everything we have and won.

And we must repent. Yes, God wants us to be happy. But this happiness is never at the expense of faithfulness. We have a calling. We are a member of His family, the church. That

relationship places a duty upon us: to give a generous proportion of the first fruits of the income He provides.

Only God is true to His Word. Only God is true to His promises. His promises never fail. His Word endures forever. His mercies are new every morning. He is faithful. He provides everything that we need. He provides food and clothes, house and home, everything that we pray for in the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer.

There are a whole host of things that we have that we do not need. The question that we need to ask ourselves is whether these have come at the expense of our faithful, generous proportion of the first fruits of our income. If they have, then we must repent, turning away from our selfishness to Him who is faithful by giving His Son into death so that we are reconciled to Him and justified in His sight.

The devil will always tell you what you want to hear. But God tells us and gives us what we need to hear. With law and gospel, he cuts us to the heart, so that we will repent and believe His Word and promises. He is faithful. He is good. He will not forsake you, or leave you destitute. So believe and trust in Him. And you will not only be happy. You will be blessed.

Source is LCMS Stewardship Resources [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

## Servants in God's House for September 2016

	<b>September 4</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>September 11</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>September 18</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>September 25</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Elders: 8 a.m.</b>	Brent Tuengel	Richard Hellman	John Hansen	Brent Tuengel
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Wayne Franz	John Hansen	Richard Hellman	Wayne Franz
<b>Ushers: 8 a.m.</b>	Larry Heike, Ken Heike	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Ken Heike, Marlin Heike	Herman Bosse
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Andrew Bartelheimer	Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Thad Zwar
<b>Greeters: 8 a.m.</b>	Herman & Judy Bosse	Larry Heike	John & Miriam Hansen	Gary & Kathy Gable
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Joan Stocker	Katie Larchick	Rosemary Randall	Katie Larchick
<b>Acolytes: 8 a.m.</b>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Claire Lapse	Sam Lapse	Declan Bartelheimer	Jessica Ostlund
<b>Readers: 8 a.m.</b>	Helen Heck	Ann Jensen	Lynne Hereth	Gary Gable
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Doris Brickman	Jana Ostlund	Richard Hellman	Olivia Zwar
<b>Scriptures:</b>	Deuteronomy 30:15–20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1–21 Luke 14:25–35	Ezekiel 34:11–24 Psalm 119:169–176 1 Timothy 1:(5–11) 12–17 Luke 15:1–10	Amos 8:4–7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1–15 Luke 16:1–15	Amos 6:1–7 Palm 146 1 Tim. 3:1–13 or 1 Tim. 6:6–19 Luke 16:19–31
<b>Children's Message:</b>	Pastor Gary Jensen	Lisa Tuengel	Lynne Hereth	Pastor Gary Jensen
<b>Organist (8 am):</b>	Karen Berner			
<b>Music Leader(s) (10:30 am):</b>	Young in Chung	Young in Chung	Young in Chung	Young in Chung
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Kathy Gable, Miriam Hansen			
<b>Flowers:</b>	John & Miriam Hansen (in memory of Miriam's mother, Phyllis Penserini)	Gil Schwarzmiller (in memory of his wife, Molly)	Brent & Debbie Tuengel (anniversary)	Paula Lauterbach (in memory of her husband, Marvin)
<b>Fellowship Providers:</b>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
<b>Counters:</b>	Lillian Bartelheimer Joan Stocker	Doris Brickman <i>Volunteer needed</i>	Loreen Atkinson Dan Miller	Ken Heike Lynette Zwar

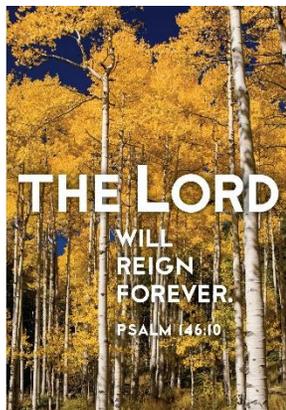
## ~ September 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Zion Ev. Lutheran Church</b> 331 Union Ave. Snohomish, WA 98290 Church office: 360-568-2700 zionsecretary@frontier.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> 6:30 – 8 p.m. LSVA (PH – Room 9) 7 p.m. Trustees Mtg. (PH – Room 9)	<b>2</b> 6:30 – 8 p.m. LSVA (PH – Room 8)	<b>3</b> 7 pm Youth Group – Club Z-U (Church – Room 2)
<b>4</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 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	<b>5</b> Labor Day Church Office Closed 4:30 p.m. Community Kitchen at St. John's Episcopal, Snoh. (2 p.m. meal prep./5 p.m. clean up)	<b>6</b> 1 – 4 p.m. LSVA (PH – Room 9) 7 p.m. Elders' Meeting (CO)	<b>7</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School (Zion Lutheran School) 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting Begins (Stage)	<b>8</b> 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7 pm Youth Group – Club Z-U (Church – Room 2)
<b>11</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day Installation of Bible Study & Sunday School Leaders 8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Breakfast Potluck & Rally Day Event (PH) 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	<b>12</b> 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 7 p.m. Bd. of Directors Meeting (PHMR)	<b>13</b> 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Pastor Jensen at Circuit Pastors' Meeting 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9)	<b>14</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 1 & 7 p.m. "2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter" Bible Study (PHMR)	<b>15</b> 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9:15 a.m. "Between the Testaments" Bible Study (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Location to be decided) 12:45-2 p.m. LSVA Chapel (PHMR)	<b>16</b> 8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities)	<b>17</b> 7 p.m. Women's Bible Class (Parish Hall – Room 9) 7 p.m. Youth Group – Club Z-U (Church – Room 2)
<b>18</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 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	<b>19</b> Newsletter Deadline! 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (PHMR)	<b>20</b> 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 7 p.m. Valley Spinners (PH)	<b>21</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Project Linus Quilting Work Party (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 1 & 7 p.m. "2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter" Bible Study (PHMR)	<b>22</b> 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9:15 a.m. "Between the Testaments" Bible Study (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Location to be decided) Noon – Retirees (PH & PHMR) 12:45-2 p.m. LSVA Chapel (PH – Room 8)	<b>23</b> 8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities)	<b>24</b> 5 pm "Meet for a Meal" Potluck (PHMR) 7 p.m. Women's Bible Class (Parish Hall – Room 9) 7 p.m. Youth Group – Club Z-U (Church – Room 2)
<b>25</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	<b>26</b> 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (PHMR)	<b>27</b> 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9)	<b>28</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting (Stage) 1 & 7 p.m. "2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter" Bible Study (PHMR)	<b>29</b> 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. LSVA (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9:15 a.m. "Between the Testaments" Bible Study (PHMR) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Location to be decided) 12:45-2 p.m. LSVA Chapel (PHMR)	<b>30</b> 8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities)	<b>Notes:</b>



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## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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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.*

