

# Messenger



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*Sharing God's care that all may know Jesus as their Lord, Savior and Friend.*

## LIVESTREAMING

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(SINCE WE CANNOT PHYSICALLY CONGREGATE WE ARE LIVESTREAMING VIA FACEBOOK AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES)

ALL SUNDAYS 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY VESPER SERVICES AT 7:00 PM

<https://www.facebook.com/ZionMillwood>

WELCOME TO THE JULY "MINI MESSENGER". AS WE ALL KNOW THERE ARE NOT A LOT OF ACTIVITIES SO THIS IS A LIMITED EDITION.

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## SEND ME YOUR TIRED.... ....YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE

I remember the initial story coming out of London. It is a scene that is all too familiar: a group of people are victims of another who decides to use a vehicle as a weapon. We have seen such scenes as far apart as London and Charlotte. The number of dead and injured are announced, almost in clinical fashion. Three things stood out about these types of stories (I had also read an account of it earlier in the day of the London incident). First, the attack took place at a mosque. The victims were Muslims who had just finished worship during Ramadan (which means: 'It (this month) was named Ramaḍān because it burns the sins of people with righteous deeds'); Second, in the radio interview, the one being interviewed spoke of a tradition in England. A minute of silence is observed after such tragedies. What was a once or twice a year observance is now happening weekly, or more often. It is difficult to keep up; and Third, an Imam, Mohammed Mahmoud shielded the driver from harm, telling the furious mob: "Do not touch him," undoubtedly saving the man's life and halting further injury or death.

As we enter into "high summer" all around are flags; fireworks are beginning to be heard, there is a renewed interest in the founding of this country and the principles that are its foundation. All this is laced with talk of tougher standards for the security of this nation; the need to ban travelers from certain countries because that is where terrorist/terrorism comes from (though no record of this exists. Now, if we would like to discuss the homegrown variety....); millions are displaced from their homes because of wars and terrorism, in search of safe havens, a new place to call home. As the saying goes: "Freedom ain't free."

The desire for freedom isn't new. It is laced throughout the stories of scripture: from the Exodus from Egypt to the return from Babylon. From the uprisings against the Assyrians to many revolts against the Romans. From the declaration at Jesus that we have never been slave to anyone to Paul's declaration that in Christ there is neither male or female, Greek or Jew, slave or free.

As we, as a nation, as congregations, as individuals, struggle with the meaning of freedom—for ourselves and for those who seek release from intolerable situations, it may serve us well to read and consider two passages of Scripture. The first being Luke 4. Jesus is home, he is at worship, he is given the scroll of Isaiah. He reads of the Spirit of God being upon him; by this Spirit he proclaims release from all sorts of maladies; by this Spirit he proclaims the Lord's Jubilee being fulfilled in their sight; to which all the people rejoice, until they realize that Jesus is speaking of this Jubilee being for all people, not just the covenant people.

The other passage would be from Matthew 25, the story of the king separating sheep from goats, one to blessedness the other to separation. The criteria of separation is whether one saw Jesus in the other—the sick, the hungry, the prisoner, the blind. When one served one of these, or any who have been disenfranchised, they have served Jesus. The only expression of surprise is not seeing Jesus where Jesus is, in the other.

As we celebrate our 244th birthday as a nation, as we wrestle with the ongoing struggle of "freedom," do we seek to be guided by the Spirit to proclaim, in word and deed, the freedom that comes through Christ? Do we see Jesus, a foreign born refugee, in the other?

# ZION COUNCIL

June Averages:

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
2019 <u>95</u>	2019 <u>\$16,910</u>	2019 <u>\$11,926</u>
2020 <u>84</u> (virtual)	2020 <u>\$15,262</u>	2020 <u>\$23,305 (-8,043)</u> does not include \$7369 PPP funds

YTD income \$100,578 YTD expenses \$115,315 (-\$14,737 does not include \$33,083 PPP funds)

PPP are funds from the government sponsored short term loan program for small business that can be forgiven

**Council Purpose:** The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Hello,

The council met Tuesday, June 16 and of course the big topic was when do we reopen for worship?

The bottom-line question we still need to ask would be, "is it safe". Currently Spokane county is in phase two. Even though phase two allows for some corporate worship, we do not feel it would be wise or prudent to open at this time. Considering the average age of our congregation, the majority fall into the high-risk category. It seems even more prudent as Spokane county is seeing an increase, not a decline in cases.

There are also many logistical pieces that need to be worked out, that would require a number of volunteers to assist. More detail on these as we get closer to reopening.

In the meantime, we will continue to Stream services over Facebook. For those of you who do not do Facebook or computers, if you have a DVD player for movies, contact the office and they can record services on a disc for you to watch.

One item of concern right now is the budget. Currently YTD are total income is \$100,578. And expenses have been \$115,315. This is a deficit of -\$14,737. We did apply for and receive a PPP loan May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will spend that last of that with the first of July payroll. As of today's, date (June 29) we have \$14,990 in checking (the PP loan has allowed us to build a cushion). We have \$32,587 in savings and another \$14,184 in a CD. The summer payroll does decrease so that will also provide some cushion as well.

We are examining expenses as well. We have not hired a lawn service for this summer, as savings of approximately \$1400. Through memorial funds we did purchase a mower and Dave Moore has graciously been taking care of this.

I also wish to extend thanks to Pastor Mary and Kenny Daniels, and again, Dave Moore for taking some time to trim the shrubs around the church and another extra shout out to Dave Moore for fixing the French drain in front of the office door!!

Peace be with you,

Terry Gross

Lutheran World Relief was founded 75 years ago to help neighbors around the globe who lost everything during World War II. From that initial ministry, LWR grew to serve millions of people worldwide in their time of need.

Today we face a new international crisis: the global coronavirus pandemic. Now it's our turn to rise to the historic



As part of our global response to COVID-19, **LWR is collecting cloth face masks to send to vulnerable communities.** If you've been looking for a way to make a difference, now is your chance!

The cloth masks you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to neighbors in need halfway around the world — reducing transmission and saving lives.



[Our website has everything you need to get started — a signup form to pledge your number of masks, sewing instructions, shipping information and more. https://lwr.org/masks](https://lwr.org/masks)

With your help, we can continue the legacy of love than began 75 years ago. Please pick up your needle and thread and join us!

Sincerely,

Janel Johnson-Momanyi  
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

PS – Have you noticed something different? To commemorate 75 years of helping those who have the very least, and to reflect our expanding work around the globe, Lutheran World Relief has a dynamic new logo. But don't worry: LWR is still the same strong, efficient, faith-based, international relief organization your family has always supported.



## THANK YOU JENNINE!

The council would like to express their appreciation to Jennine Harris for serving as our chancel choir director. She has decided to resign from that position. Jennine, thank you for years of dedication in providing our congregation with beautiful music.



1	TOM LAGERSTROM	19	DAVID MOORE
3	LYDIA RUMSEY	20	SHERI LOPEZ
4	GABE COLLINS	21	TOD ANDERSON
4	CAROLINE GANO (MOORE)	21	CURTIS SCHILLINGER
5	PAM REPP	21	BILL WARNER
8	ROBERT HIGGINSON	21	KAREN MORK
10	TOM CLARK	22	DAVID SUNDERLAND
12	JOAN BLIESNER	25	DONNA SCHILLINGER
13	DAN MORK	25	TOM CUTHBERTSON
15	MARGE WADE	26	COOPER CLARK
15	RITA HOLLOW	27	SANDY BALCH
15	KYLIE CLARK	28	HARVEY BURGHARD
17	GREG SCHUERMAN	29	MIKE BALCH
18	BETTY QUINN	30	JOAN RIDDLESBERGER
18	MATT MAURO		

14	BEV AND RICK KRUSE
15	RITA AND ED HOLLOW

*I cannot express how loved I felt from my church family after my sweet Mother's passing. I felt wrapped in a blanket of love. I felt your prayers.*

*Thank you for all you did.*

*Joye Gill and family*

**THANK YOU!!**

# ZION ZOO CREW

Registration for the 2020-21 Zoo Crew School year is now open. You can go our website, [zionlutheranspokane.org](http://zionlutheranspokane.org) and print of a registration form or call the office at 926-5407 and we can email or mail one out to you.

## DAILY DEVOTIONALS

If you would like either a “Christ in Our Home” or “Upper Room” devotional booklet, call the office at 926-5407 or email “[office@zionlutheranspokane.org](mailto:office@zionlutheranspokane.org)” to request one or both and we will send them out to you!

## RACISM!!

Racism has become the topic of discussion throughout our country and the world. Pastor Tom has started a virtual conversation on “Racism and Justice” Sunday’s at 5pm. There will not be a call this Sunday due to the fourth of July weekend, but will resume Sunday, July 12 at 5pm. If you wish to join, let Pastor Tom know so he can send you the link to join.

If you interested in learning more about this topic and have Netflix, you should watch a documentary film entitled “The 13th” (referring to the amendment that ended slavery).



It is very enlightening!! Terry Gross

Weeds were taking over,  
 grass was crawling through the fence,  
 tree branches touching the ground - UGH!  
 Along came two mighty men ...  
 They stepped in and made it kid-friendly  
 again!

**Thank You from the ZOO CREW to  
 Playground Cleaner-Uppers  
 Ed Lunneborg and Dave Moore  
 We appreciate YOU!**



Did you know that you and your family can sign up together for a day of Family Camp at Camp Lutherhaven this summer? Or that you can rent a cabin-- or even treehouse!-- to enjoy?

<https://www.lutherhaven.com/summer-2020->

## LESSONS FOR JULY 2020

DATE	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
JULY 5 PENTECOST 5	Zechariah 9:9-12	Psalm 145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25	Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
JULY 12 PENTECOST 6	Isaiah 55:10-13	Psalm 65:1-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
JULY 19 PENTECOST 7	Isaiah 44:6-8	Psalm 86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
JULY 26	1 Kings 3:5-12	Psalm 119:129-136	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52



## **FORMER ZOO CREW MEMBERS**

### **GRADUATE FROM WEST VALLEY!!!**

**Five youth who attended Zoo Crew have managed to stick together through twelve years of education together.**

**Zion sent wishes with a sign on our wall for last Sunday's drive by graduation festivities at the high school.**

**After the ceremony, Pam Clark, Zoo Crew director who was working in her office, noticed a group of graduates out front assembling for something. She went out to ask them if she could help. They were all excited to see their former pre-school teacher. They informed her that they planned to jump the backyard fence and take photos on the playground equipment. She said why don't I get the key and unlock it. Thus was born a great photo op and a chance to see the fruits of her labors some twelve years later. Congratulations graduates.**



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.



**We Are Church,  
We Are Called**

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## 50 Years of Ordained Women

*“The Church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead”*  
(Fred Pratt Green, 1969).

Dear church,

Words matter. Words matter in our Scripture, in our hymns, in our governing documents, and beyond. Fifty years ago, on June 29, 1970, the Lutheran Church in America voted to change the word “man” to “person” in its bylaws and opened the door for the ordination of women. The American Lutheran Church achieved the same thing by resolution a few months later. The church was led by the Spirit to change. At the time it was scary for some. Fifty years later, it is now part of our heritage.

Fifty years later we celebrate the anniversary as a whole church. The influence of those decisions 50 years ago is not merely the impact on women. This is a celebration for the whole church, because the whole church has been strengthened by the gifts of ordained women in its leadership. We celebrate how these pastors have shared the Word, including with words of compassion, conviction, and curiosity. We also give thanks for the moments when there are no words, but they have offered their presence.

We also know that women who are pastors have struggled in ways men who are pastors have not. They deal with sexual harassment, disrespect, and often lower pay due to gender-based discrimination. The first women of color in our predecessor bodies weren't ordained until 1979. And it wasn't until 2009 that barriers to ordination were removed for LGBTQIA+ individuals in committed relationships. We know that racism and heterosexism complexify and intensify these problems. This discrimination is also part of our heritage, and something that we need to continue to work to eliminate.

In recognition of this 50th anniversary on June 29th, I invite you to express gratitude to a pastor who is a woman for how she has influenced your life. It could be by letter or email, or by other means. If you post on social media, please use the hashtag **#thankyopastor**. If you would like more resources for celebrating this year, go to [elca.org/50yearsofordainedwomen](http://elca.org/50yearsofordainedwomen), which has an adult forum, Bible Study, video, and worship materials.

Fifty years after 1970, we also live in a world beset by change. I am grateful for the Spirit who continues to lead us and for the women God has called to minister to us.

I thank God for all of you who minister so faithfully.

In Christ,

Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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**Newsletter Deadline  
Deadline for June newsletter is JULY 24.**

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