

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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Whose Health Do I Care For?

Of the many things that have disappeared since February/March (does anyone remember life before 2020?), I was not expecting this to be on the hit list. Especially amid a pandemic. It just seems so counter-productive. Ok, mean spirited. I know that in its 10+ years the call for “Repeal and Replace” has been the mantra for many in Congress, but I am still holding my breath waiting to see what the “Replace” looks like. The current attempt to overthrow the ACA through the Supreme Court would force another 26 million people to live without health coverage (<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/what-happens-if-the-affordable-care-act-is-eliminated-during-a-pandemic>), add that to the roughly 5.4 million who have lost coverages between Feb-May due to loss of employment (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/13/us/politics/coronavirus-health-insurance-trump.html>).

Added to the roughly 27.5 million people without coverage before the pandemic (<https://www.politico.com/story/2019/09/10/health-insurance-rate-1719381>) and you get a really huge number – 34+/- million people without coverage with a possible 26 million more if the ACA is overturned. And for what?

To watch this debacle unfold one must eventually ask the question(s), Why? How did we get here? Is it truly out of a sense of bettering the country that these plans are offered, and if so, how is the country made better? Or, at the other extreme, is the insistence to pursue this course done so out of hatred (yes, this is a strong word, but is there another?) of the former president? And we follow this course because he was “of the other party”? And then there all the variations of a theme that lie in between.

How are we to approach such issues? How might the eyes, ears, and heart of faith change the focus of such an issue (of all issues) and the constant reduction to economic implications? Is the bottom line to (always) be – how much will it cost? Or the obverse, how much will we save over “x” years? As if any of that will bear out. And why isn’t such a metric applied to other such economic issues like – education, the military, infrastructure? Maybe they question in part should be, what will it cost if we do not do these things?

How do the eyes of faith change our view of the other? This is not a Conservative-Liberal polemic I am suggesting but one of equality, community, our responsibility to and for the other. Maybe we should ask, how do we see Jesus in the one who is being threatened with the safety net of health care? If we do not enter the struggle for the least of these, can we enter a place of worship and justly plead our own cause? Is there a connection between our care and advocacy for the powerless and our worship of God who emptied God’s own self for us? Are we not to mirror this same self-sacrifice?

As you can see, this is not a simple issue to deal with, even if we limit it to fiscal questions. What does seem clear is a question that is not being asked, how do I see Jesus in the other?

ZION COUNCIL

July Averages:

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
2019 <u>73</u>	2019 <u>\$22,007</u>	2019 <u>\$19476</u>
2020 <u>74</u> (virtual)	2020 <u>\$13,901</u>	2020 <u>\$24,157 (-10,255) does not include \$7920 PPP funds</u>

YTD income \$114,480 YTD expenses \$139,639 (-25,169) does not include \$41,000 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.

Greetings,

The two major concerns currently are, when can we reopen and budget.

First, even though other churches have made the decision to open, we feel at this time the prudent thing to do is remain closed for physical worship. Aside from logistical issues, part of this is that even in phase 2, all high-risk populations are still encouraged to remain at home. Our congregation consists of a large population over the age of 65 and greater, the most at risk pool. Currently everyone's health and well being are of primary concern. Rest assured that when we feel the threat is low enough, we will once again gather.

Next, as expected is the budget. We have been looking at expense reductions, which will include changes to staffing hours and pay.

Frankly, if we were to maintain current staffing, we will likely burn through our resources by the end of the year.

We have many things to consider. What if Zoo Crew is unable to reopen this fall? That means we will have lost the revenue that covered the staff expenses for those jobs, putting that in jeopardy.

What if giving does not keep up with expenses? YTD our expenses exceeded our income by \$25,169.00. That deficit does not consider the proceeds from the PPP loan which has covered our payroll expenses for May, June, and most of July. Without those funds our deficit would have been even greater.

Suffice it to say, there are concerns. What I must tell myself, is that no matter what happens, is that God's church will continue and that we must keep reaching out and be the Good News to each other and our community.

God's Peace and Grace be with you,

Terry Gross

ZION ZOO CREW

Registration for the 2020-21 Zoo Crew School year is now open. You can go our website, 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” to request one or both and we will send them out to you!

LESSONS FOR AUGUST 2020

DATE	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
August 2, 9th Pentecost	Isaiah 55:1-5	Psalm 145:8-9,14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
August 9, 10th Pentecost	1 Kings 19:9-18	Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
August 16, 11th Pentecost	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2, 29-32	Matthew 15:10-28
August 23, 12th Pentecost	Isaiah 51:1-6	Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
August 30, 13th Pentecost	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28



So let us begin anew -- remembering on both sides that civility is not a sign of weakness, and sincerity is always subject to proof. Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate. Let both sides explore what problems unite us instead of belaboring those problems which divide us.

— *John F. Kennedy* —

AZ QUOTES



WE REMEMBER

Marjorie Rankentine who went to rest on July 14.



1	MARISSA LOPEZ	16	KIRSTEN WHITHAM
3	SHARON YOUNG	24	ROBERT ANDERSON
4	PAM CLARK	24	ERIN JOHNSON
5	WAYNE STRUCK	27	ED LUNNEBORG
9	SHERRY ESTEY	28	JEAN FIELDS
12	LOIS ROBINSON	29	DONITA MASON
14	KATEE LUNNEBORG	30	VIOLET ANDERSON
15	LONDYN BROUSSARD	31	KIERA KOELLER
16	MARK JOHNSON		

1	JANE & GENE LORENSON	18	SANDI & MIKE BALCH
2	SANDI & MIKE MOORE	19	SHARON & DENNY YOUNG
5	CONNIE & GARY BURCHILL	20	JENNI & ROBERT COLLINS
6	LINDA & MIKE ROTH	22	HELEN & JIM SKINDLOV
9	CARLENE & DAVID SATHER	26	ROSIE & KARL BOLD
14	SHERRY & BOB ESTEY	26	EMILY & BRANDON BLIZE
15	VICKI & BRUCE LANGRIDGE	27	AMY & JOSH KOELLER
15	ALICIA & MATT MACISAAC	29	GERRI & DAVE MOORE
17	BARB & LARRY SCHROEDER		

PERSPECTIVE

I don't know who authored this, but it was posted on Facebook and I thought it did put our current situation in perspective.

Imagine if you were born in 1900.

When you're 14, World War I begins and ends when you're 18 with 22 million dead.



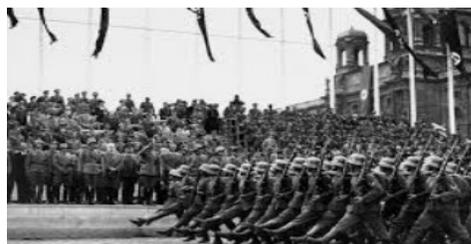
Soon after a global pandemic, the Spanish Flu, appears, killing 50 million people and you're alive and 20 years old.



When you're 29 you survive the global economic crisis that started with the collapse of the New York Stock Exchange, causing inflation, unemployment and famine.



When you're 39, World War II begins and ends when you're 45 years old with 60 million dead. In the Holocaust, 6 million Jews die.



When you're 52, the Korean War begins. When you're 64, the Vietnam War begins and ends when you are 75.



A child born in 1985 thinks his grandparents have no idea how difficult life is, but they have survived several wars and catastrophes.

Today we have all the comforts in a new world, amid a new pandemic. But we complain because we need to wear masks. We complain because we must stay confined to our homes where we have food, electricity, running water, Wi-Fi, even Netflix! None of that existed back in the day. But humanity survived those circumstances and never lost the joy of living.

A small change in our perspective can generate miracles. We should be thankful that we are alive. We should do everything we need to protect and help each other.

A small green plant with several thin leaves is growing out of a crack in dark, cracked earth. The background is a blurred landscape of dry, brown earth under a bright sky.

IF YOU
CHANGE
THE WAY YOU
LOOK AT THINGS,
THE THINGS YOU
LOOK AT *CHANGE*.

- DR WAYNE DYER

A scenic view of a winding road through a forest. The road is paved and curves through a lush green landscape. In the background, there are tall evergreen trees. A white text box is overlaid on the image.

LIFE IS ALL

ABOUT PERSPECTIVE

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Dated Material AUGUST 2020 Newsletter

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Newsletter Deadline
Deadline for September newsletter is AUGUST 24.

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