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

JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JULY 7 –9 AM AND 11 AM WORSHIP

JULY 14– 9 AM AND 11 AM WORSHIP

JULY 21– 10 AM, GOSPEL SERVICE (ONE SERVICE THIS DAY) CHURCH PICNIC/POTLUCK FOLLOWING

JULY 28-9AM WORSHIP AND 11 AM WORSHIP

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ALL SUNDAYS IN AUGUST– 9AM AND 11 AM WORSHIP

MESSENGER NOTICE

The **NEXT** Messenger will not come out until Mid August and will include September as well. We will email and print a ministry schedule for August. Please have items for Sept. in by Aug 13.



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FREE? INDEED!

We had just come home from our adventure to Nojoqui Falls on the first 3-day weekend of the summer. I had noticed that very few flags were displayed outside homes on our street; there seemed to be very few flags anywhere. It was a strange sight, a somewhat disheartening sight.

As a child growing up in the Midwest, I looked forward to summers. It was more than school being out, or that soon we would head East to visit family; it was the parades, flags and fireworks. These were symbols and celebrations of our country and our freedom.

Beginning with Memorial Day, we would gather along Main Street to await the troops and flags that would march by. We would watch soldiers young and old – shoulders back, transported to a simpler, clearer time. We would cheer and stand when the flag came by. We would honor their crisp salutes with our own. The music would make our toes tap as one band followed another. We were proud of what we saw. We were proud of who we were.

The day finally came when three of us from the neighborhood got together and did our own version of the Spirit of 76, in the process winning a trophy for our efforts. It was a wonderful time for us to show our patriotism, to “remember” with the rest of the nation, to celebrate, to suggest that there was a linkage between the days of the Founding Fathers and our own.

To look back on those days is to look upon an elusive time, a time of innocence, a time of hope. With the buildup and collapse in Viet Nam, the aborted mission in Somalia, the conflict in Kosovo, two gulf wars, and the recent buildup of forces in the Mideast, the ideals that we cherish for ourselves and hoped for others have become illusory. As we talk of other nations and their record of human rights violations, questions arise about our own record – the wealthiest of countries cannot feed its own, clothe its own, house its own. We have taken to blaming the other, even as the other seeks refuge from such atrocities in their land. It appears that “hate” and “hate groups” have become the de rigueur of our culture and time. It seems that the very ideal of Freedom is under attack. It seems that we are unwilling to pay the price for freedom. Far from free, it requires sacrifice and discipline and responsibility. It is an ideal that is desired – not only here, but around the world. Witness again the aborted Peoples Revolution in China, and the recent remembrance of that revolution.

There is another freedom. To some it is just as illusory. To some it is just too good to be true. To some the cost is too high – for it requires sacrifice, and discipline and responsibility.

“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free...So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

John 8:31b, 32, 36

During the summer we often point to the flag as the symbol of who we are as a people, as a country. All that we are is contained in that symbol – be it hope or the high ideal.

In the Church we point to the Christ. In and through Jesus we receive freedom. In his dialogue with those who grounded their “freedom” in their heritage from Abraham, Jesus reminded them that freedom is not something to be inherited, but it was a gift, and to experience the richness of this gift requires constant vigilance. It means giving oneself completely to the freedom offered – freedom known in and through the word that is Jesus; and it means that we are constant in our living in and out of the Word.

A high price? Well, yes...and no. It is a gift that is freely given, there is no cost on our part. It is a gift that exacts a great cost – both from the giver and the recipient. For it cost Jesus his life and calls our life from us.

In these long months of remembering that lie before us, let these words echo, “If you continue in my word...the truth will make you free.”

UPDATES AND THOUGHTS FROM YOUR BOA

FOR JULY 2019

Hello from your BOA,

Now we move into summer when many of our Zion groups do not meet, but they do keep their ideas blooming. Many groups have made plans for the remaining six months of 2019. Thank you to those who were able to send those dates and times of activities to us for placement on the master calendar.

Average Attendance: June 2018 109 June 2019 95

Monthly Offering Comparison: June 2018 \$18,270 June 2019 \$19,968

We thank you for being part of our June forum here at Zion. Your input is appreciated. Ideas on enlarging the front raised area of the sanctuary are being discussed. More thoughts are welcome. No decision has been made.

Painting of the outside of the sanctuary's west end is scheduled to being July 22nd. This action was voted on by the Congregation at the last November Annual Meeting. Now the weather is in favor of completing the task. Thanks to Gary Burchill for staying on top of this.

The third party review of our financial records was presented to the Board. Our treasurer, Shawna Beese-Bjurstrom, discussed this review and will be studying it over the next few weeks. She will guide us in any changes needed. Terry Gross our office manager found the review and education he received valuable. Thank you to Shawna for seeing that this task was completed.

We are halfway through 2019, so it's time for your Board to think about budgeting. Ann Anderson, vice-president, will be chairing the budget committee over the next few months.

Our west parking lot now has posts and chains thanks to the efforts of some of the men after they attended Men's Breakfast. You are great!

The annual church picnic is set to be a true potluck! It's scheduled for July 21st. Hope to see you there for a good time to visit and eat.

Again let me thank you for attending our June Forum. Your BOA appreciates hearing from you.

How about giving Pastor Tom a few good words as he completes year one with us in July.

Peace,

Your BOA

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (CONFIRMATION)



CONGRATULATIONS TO VIOLET ANDERSON, NICOLE OSTLIE AND AVA OSTLIE AS THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR BAPTISM THROUGH CONFIRMATION. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU ON YOUR FAITH AND LIFE JOURNEY.



On Sunday, June 9th, our three confirmands affirmed their faith. As part of the process they wrote their own faith statements. On the following pages are those statements of faith. They are statements that capture a moment in time on their journey of faith. There are no right or wrong statements. Just a sincere writing of where they are at this time. Read and enjoy the honesty of their thoughts, doubts and questions.

Faith in Your World, My World, and His World

By: Nicole Ostlie

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A simple sentence. If I counted right, it's only a whopping 12 words long. An easy sentence to say, but to do- that is the real challenge. It is sometimes hard to believe in a God who starts wars, creates hunger, manifests diseases and sin. I asked my friend once, if God is so great why does he do so many bad things? He responded, God doesn't do what is good for one person, he does what is good for all. I rolled my eyes when my friend said that. Are you kidding? Mass murder, rape, school shootings, wars? How is that "the good for all people?" I didn't fully understand this concept until about a year ago. September 19, 2018, one of my closest friends passed away unexpectedly. I was angry with God. I never felt more hate. I drifted away from God for awhile because I couldn't understand why such a great guy, would take away a beautiful girl from me, her family, and her future. However, the next day after her passing was announced at school, everything changed. Since you all have been there before, you know middle school is basically a prison. A lot of angry, pubescent teenagers, yikes. But that week, there was just love. For the first time, the 800 kids at my middle school had to deal with something more important than themselves. An entire community was brought together. Khylee Rae Chaney was a part of my middle school choir, and last Thursday was my final choir concert at the middle school. That night wasn't about showcasing our talents for a parents, family and friends. It was for her. We continue to remember her every day. I still don't understand why He had to take her, but I know He would never do something without a purpose. I see stars, I see the moon, I see our galaxy. I see dogs, and chocolate, and Disney and I know He is the Creator, and He created a beautiful world.

believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

Everyone can believe. But not all do. The 10 Commandments are the outlines of our everyday lives. Jesus set that example for us. As we see in the Bible from Jesus's examples, a little bit of kindness goes a long way. We learn from him to love each other, and to love the minority. Just for fun, let's say every single person here today, or just everyone in general, lived to be 100 years old. That is a short time really, but to us, that is a lifetime. And to spend your life full of hate towards other people because of what they believe, where they are from, who they love, what they look like, and so on, that is a terrible way to spend your life. Jesus loved everyone. Jesus never saw the colors of skin, the amount of money in their bank accounts, or the religion they worshipped. He saw humans. I mean after all, aren't we all? One of my favorite bible verses is Romans 8:37-39, and it goes "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

In February, my favorite grandma in the whole wide world passed away. She was my biggest fan in anything and everything I did, and it is because of her that I am wildly passionate about music, and God. She also taught me a few lessons in public speaking, and I owe it to her for all the A's I have received in class from public speaking presentations, and for being able to speak her today in front of all of you. On Easter Sunday, shortly after her passing, I was invited to attend a Mormon church service with one of my best friends. I was nervous to go to a Mormon church, as one might expect, but after prayer and thought I decided I might as well try it. After the service ended, there was a brief children's worship. During the lesson, one of the Bishops asked the class if they had ever lost someone they were close with. I raised my hand shyly, and he asked me who, and I replied my Grandma. He asked, "So how does that make you feel?" At first I was a bit confused, like well, duh, sad. Then he added, "I mean, knowing that she believed in God." I thought about it for a while, and said, "Well it gives me a sense of reassurance and peace. I know that because Jesus died for our sins, she will have eternal life. She is with God now." And she is. She is probably rambling about politics, and she often did, and I know she is seated with God because of Jesus.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,

The Holy Spirit is a sort of odd concept to understand. When I was little, I kind of pictured a ghost just roaming around. Today, I can say with full confidence that the Holy Spirit does exist, and despite a common rumor, it is alive in my generation. I am a part of a theater organization called CYT, or Christian Youth Theatre. This organization is a theatre arts training program for ages 8-18. Every season we produce a show and my biggest joy is the amount of Christ-like kids sharing a passion for the arts and God. When we bow, we do one bow for us, then we clap for the lights, tech, and band, and the final bow is for God. Me, we, He; we call it. The Holy Spirit is alive in each and every single one of those kids, and I am blessed to be able to witness every single performance. "And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." Romans 5:5

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials."

1 Peter 1: 3-6

Faith statement-Ava Ostlie

I started confirmation because my mom told me. At first, I wanted nothing to do with it. Not that I didn't believe or anything I just didn't know what I wanted to believe

Before I get in depth about that, I want to talk about my relationship with God. God used to live, in my mind, in the deep, dark spot labelled unknown. Prompted through confirmation, I've slowly begun to allow God into my life more and more. I want to display my belief in Him through my actions.

To do so, I should follow Jesus as an example. He was kind, which I want to be. He challenged those who challenged his faith.

I'm not perfect, but through my actions I hope to show my faith. I've come to realize that confirmation has helped motivate me to do so.

Faith statement Violet Anderson

I believe in God because He does everything and whny my cousin was seven years old, she had a heart attack and God saved her and she is still here. So that's why I believe in God. I also believe in God because he does everything. Like he made people to be here on earth and he also made earth.

I believe the Bible is the living word of God. Every word is a statement that God has said in his life not only that, but what he has done in his life.

I believe that God dies for our sins because he believed in us and that we could do good if he died for our sins and forgave us for what we have done.

I believe that people who are in the bible that helped God with what God did in his life time and what he did to help people no matter what was happening.

GHAW- GOD'S HANDS AT WORK

Here is a list of planned activities coming up for the remainder of this year!

July- collect food for St. Peter's

August- collect food for SPEAR and school supplies for Orchard Center

September-Collect food for Newbygininngs veterans group and items for current military
(phone cards, hard candy, etc.)

October-Collect food for St. Peter's and GHAW day Sunday, October 6th (see below).

November- Collect food for SPEAR and put together cold care cups.

December-Collect food for Newbygininngs and gifts for families.

Sunday, October 6 will be God's Hands at Work. Focus will be helping those in the community and helping Orchard Center clean up the neighborhood, staying at the church in prayer, and delivering water. This will be a morning of activity in lieu of Sunday worship.

FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to all the Fathers who participated in the Golf Tournament. Closest to the pin winners were Carl Bold and Allison Moore!!

The Annual Church picnic will be July 21 after the Gospel service. This will be a potluck - so please bring a dish to share with everyone.



SPECIAL “GOSPEL” SERVICE

It's time once again for our yearly “Gospel” service. This is an opportunity to sing some of the good old hymns and songs!

So come and join in some song, raise your voice in praise!



**JOIN ANN AND TOD ANDERSON,
SUNDAY,, JULY 14TH, 10:15 AM IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AS THEY
CELEBRATE THEIR RETIREMENT!
LET'S START THEM OFF ON THE
NEW CHAPTER OF THEIR LIVES!!**




“The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off.” Abe Lemons

JULY 2019 - MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE/ TIME	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOSTS	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COMMUNION SET UP
7 9 AM	Violet Anderson Elizabeth Anderson	Bernie Fichtenberg Don McCammond	Diana Dodson Donna Jilbert	ZION MEMBERS	Sam Riddlesberger	Tracie Schillinger	Gail Teeter
11 AM	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	Linda McCorkle	Gary Zahller	Barb Schroeder
14 9 AM	Trent white Colt white	Renee and Harvey Burghard	Renee and Harvey Burghard	ZION MEMBERS	Liz Law	Sam Riddlesberger	Mary Gross
11 AM	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	Gary Zahller	Gary Zahller	Sally Pierson
21 9 AM	Danika Maclsaac Alex Buck	Debbie, Jim and Pam Repp	Bruce Langridge Jason Anderson	ZION MEMBERS	Matt Maclsaac	Bruce Langridge	Gerri Moore
11 AM	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	Larry Schroeder	Larry Schroeder	Barb Schroeder
28 9 AM	Violet Anderson Chelsea Anderson	Robert Anderson Bob Johnson	Don and Nancy McCam- mond	ZION MEMBERS	Tracie Schillinger	Liz Law	Trish Bauch
11 AM	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	Barb Schroeder	Barb Schroeder	Sally Pierson
AUG 4 9 AM	Elizabeth Anderson Chelsea Anderson	Sheri and Jeff Lopez	Bruce Langridge	ZION MEMBERS	Sam Riddlesberger	Tod Anderson	Gail Teeter
11 AM	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	ZION MEMBERS	Barb Schroeder	Barb Schroeder	Barb Schroeder

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 10am Bible study 2pm Divine drama 6pm Divine drama 7pm contemporary practice	4 OFFICE CLOSED  7pm Men's AA	5 OFFICE CLOSED 7pm Couples AA	6
7 9 am WORSHIP 11 AM WORSHIP	8	9 9AM PRAYER SHAWL	10 10am Bible study 2pm Divine drama 6pm Divine drama 7pm contemporary practice	11 7pm Men's AA	12 7pm Couples AA	13 8am Men's Breakfast
14 9 am WORSHIP 10:15 AM ANDERSON RETIREMENT PARTY 11 AM WORSHIP	15	16 7PM BOA	17 10am Bible study 2pm Divine drama 6pm Divine drama 7pm contemporary practice 6:30 pm Worship & Music	18 7pm Men's AA	19 7pm Couples AA	20
21 10 am WORSHIP ONE SERVICE GOSPEL SERVICE 11 AM CHURCH PICNIC/POTLUCK	24	23	24 10am Bible study 2pm Divine drama 6pm Divine drama 7pm contemporary practice	25 7pm Men's AA	26 7pm Couples AA	27
28 9 am WORSHIP 11 AM WORSHIP	29 10 am GHAW	30	31 10am Bible study 2pm Divine drama 6pm Divine drama 7pm contemporary practice			

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

1	TOM LAGERSTROM	19	DAVID MOORE
3	LYDIA RUMSEY	20	SHERI LOPEZ
4	GABE COLLINS	21	TOD ANDERSON
4	CAROLINE 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		

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come join the men for a great breakfast and fellowship at 8:00 am, Saturday, July 13



14	BEV AND RICK KRUSE
15	RITA AND ED HOLLOW



Gerri Moore would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during her recovery!

June 17, 2019

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Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for your continued support of the 8 Lakes Leg Aches bike ride of Lutheran Community Services Northwest. The human needs of our community continue to stretch our programs and their capacity to serve. It is therefore with gratefulness that I thank you for your recent donation of **several dozen cookies** for the 8 Lakes bike ride food stops. Your generosity saves on the overall cost of the event, increasing the net proceeds.

At Lutheran Community Services NW, we center our work on the belief that hope resides deep in all of us. Our programs are hope in action, and you make hope possible. You may never meet one of the hundreds of clients we serve through our varied human services programs, but our clients are grateful for the way you are making a difference in their lives. Be assured that your gift will help us build a lasting impact in our community - throughout the year, and into the future.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding your gift. Thanks again!

With gratitude,

Christie McKee
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Thank you very much!

Upcoming Events

Civic Theatre – “It’s a Wonderful Life” – Wednesday, December 11, 2019

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**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH VBS!!
IT WAS A GREAT WEEK!!**



Shelley Bryan Wee elected bishop of the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod

5/21/2019 4:05:00 PM

CHICAGO – The Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee was elected May 19 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the synod assembly, held May 17-19 in Lynnwood, Wash.

Bryan Wee was elected on the fourth ballot, with 167 votes. The Rev. Deanna Wildermuth, pastor of Holy Trinity, Mercer Island, Wash., received 158 votes.

Bryan Wee has served as assistant to the bishop in the Northwest Washington Synod since 2017. She was pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cheney, Wash., from 2016 to 2017 and campus pastor at Eastern Washington University in Cheney from 2009 to 2017. She served as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Spokane from 1999 to 2009.

The bishop-elect received a Bachelor of Arts from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma in 1988 and a Master of Divinity from Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary (now Luther Seminary) in 1993. Pacific Lutheran University is one of 27 ELCA colleges and universities, and Luther is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

Bryan Wee will be installed Nov. 2 at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle.

The Rev. Brian Kirby Unti has served as bishop since 2013 and will retire July 31.

Information about the Northwest Washington Synod is available at www.lutheransnw.org.



SAVE THE DATE!!



Come help the family of Wayne Struck celebrate his 90th Birthday!

The celebration will be held Saturday, August 10th, 1-3 PM in the social hall at Zion Lutheran!

“ROAR” VBS FUN!!



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