

JUNE

2026

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
of Deer Park
NEWSLETTER



June 7

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Setting 6, With One Voice

Pastor Arianna Arends

Assisting: Charlene Littrel

Pianist: Angela Rapp

Acolyte: Clayton Pintler

A/V: Mike Cowen

June 14

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Setting 6, WOV

Pastor Arianna Arends

Assisting: Beverly Schoen

Pianist: Angela Rapp

Acolyte: Charlie Schroeder

A/V: Deron Schroeder

June 21

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Setting 6, WOV

Pastor Arianna Arends

Assisting: Patty Cowen

Pianist: Deedee Schroeder

Acolyte: Ella Pintler

A/V: Mike Cowen

June 28

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Setting 6, WOV

Pastor Arianna Arends

Assisting: Solveig Pedersen

Musician: Deedee Schroeder

Acolyte: Elisa Watanabe

A/V: Bill Sebright

The work on Zion's NEW Photo Directory is finally nearing completion!

We will be asking for corrections and additions to our list of contact information through June 7th. Also that day, we are taking a congregational photo to be put in the directory. Please be there so we can include your lovely face! The plan is then to get a quote for the cost of printing and come back to the congregation to get orders for them. Stay tuned and see you on June 7th!



Worship committee has chosen the themes of welcome and hospitality for our summer worship. More than ever, it seems we draw lines between groups, those who are "in" or "out", those like or unlike us. In efforts to find ways to reflect the radical welcome of Christ we will focus on our calling to proclaim peace and reach out to strangers. We invite your prayers and input as we seek to create worship time that is a balance of new and familiar, comforting and challenging.

— Pastor Arianna



God of compassion, your Son Jesus Christ, the great physician, made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts and restore to us wholeness of life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Shawn Pintler and Family	Rex & Sharron Schimke	
Darcy	Debbie Austin	Delores Hutchinson
Cheryl Olson	Gloria Loeffler	Dianne Greene
Bill and Pat Coats	Marty Kennard	Barbara
Donna Zabel	Jenna-rae Welch	Elaina Henon
Nancy Torbett	Howard Cowen	Betty Mortenson
People traveling	Caregivers	Juli
The family and friends of Beverly Schierman at her passing		

PROTECTION FOR:

All those serving in the military. Especially we remember : Adam Holbein, Don Grant, A. Clark, Aaron Shroyer, Donovan Douglas, Conner Markham, and Emerson Schroeder. All those in detention and their families. All those fleeing and fighting wars around the world.



Big Happenings at Zion on June 7th

We have lots going on that you won't want to miss!

- During worship we will welcome two new members of the body of Christ through baptism, as well as welcoming others to membership in Zion. We will present a Bible to Ella Pintler at the end of her 3rd grade year as we acknowledge our promises at her baptism to put in her hands the Holy Scriptures.
- At the end of the worship service, we will be taking a photo of the congregation for our new photo directory. If you haven't yet, please make sure the office has your correct contact information for that directory.



- During fellowship time we will be grilling hot dogs and feasting in celebration of all of the above. Please bring a side or salad to share potluck style.

Looking forward to our time together at the beginning of summer!

QUILTING

2nd Monday in June,
July & August

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

All are welcome to join
this fun and friendly
group.



Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It recalls how the states of Louisiana and Texas heard the news that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slavery continued in those two states for more than two years after the proclamation was signed because the word had yet to travel there. Texas and Louisiana finally got the good news on June 19, 1865. Former slaves broke out in spontaneous celebration. These were dangerous times. Even in the face of resistance and threat, the formerly enslaved Africans found ways to give voice to the wide range of thoughts and emotions at the announcement of the end of legalized slavery in the USA.

Let us pray: Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Copyright © 2019 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

June Bible Readings

Sunday, June 7

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Hosea 5:15-6:6,
Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25,
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 14

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 19:2-8,
Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8,
Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

Sunday, June 21

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-13,
Psalm 69:7-18, Romans 6:1-11,
Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 28

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9,
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23,
Matthew 10:40-42



June 11

Annie and Bill Sebright

June 16

Jessica & Ryan Thompson

June 17

Jenna & Edmund Wittenberg



4-TJ Schroeder

4-Becky Kennard

9-Donovan Douglas

10-Ella Pintler

16-Joel Dull

25-Dick Borchers

29-Tom Hilsen

UNITED AT THE FONT; PARTNERING FOR THE FUTURE

Baptism, Eucharist, & Ministry in the
Rural Intermountain West

June 27 - First Lutheran in
Sandpoint, ID

9am—5pm - Lunch provided



A DAY OF
WORSHIP

CONVERSATIONS
ENGAGING SCRIPTURE
PRAYER

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE TO-
GETHER

Christians from the ELCA, PCUSA, UMC,
Episcopal, and UCC families are all invited:
lay leaders, pastors, deacons, and denomi-
national leaders.

**Let us deepen our partnerships for
the sake of the Gospel!**

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For more information, contact Bishop Meg-
gan Manlove

(bishopmeggan.manlove@nwimsynod.org)



Dear Zion;

Okay. Let's just admit it. We're all looking forward to the summer times of travel or stay-cations. The sun, the cabin, the RV, the relatives in that other state. Those mornings when the deck chair and your coffee cup are just too cozy to leave.

But what about worship? What about Sabbath? How can we stay in touch with God without that Sunday morning practice!?

Well, do I have good news for you!! The following is a list of ideas to keep your faith muscles engaged even when you're unable to be in worship, fellowship, and study in Deer Park.

Blessings on your God sightings this summer!

-Pastor Arianna

FLAT JESUS:

Just as [Flat Stanley](#) has helped children with literacy and geography, Flat Jesus helps us stay plugged into faith throughout the summer months—giving us a unique opportunity to continually engage in our faith development all summer long!

This summer let's send Flat Jesus to every corner of the world! Let Flat Jesus be a reminder of Jesus' real presence in every place we find ourselves and as a fun reminder to help others encounter God.

Instructions:

Cut out and decorate Flat Jesus

Take Flat Jesus with you wherever you go this summer to remember Christ is with you!

Take pictures of Flat Jesus by himself or with you.

Share them on our Facebook page

facebook.com/ZionLutheranDeerPark or email them to pastorarianna@gmail.com



OTHER FAITH BUILDING ACTIVITIES FOR YOU TO

DO 'ON THE GO' THIS SUMMER:

Church To Go:

buildfaith.org/church-to-go/#gref

Devotions:

luthersem.edu/godpause

'Christ in Our Home' Booklet (available at Zion!)

Bible Study:

enterthebible.org

bibleproject.com

"I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

Philippians 1:3-5

I'm not usually a fan of stealing from someone else's mail, but the Apostle Paul pretty eloquently summed up my feelings towards God's beloved people at Zion Lutheran Church. Y'all have been there for me, not just from the first day of my Master of Divinity program at Luther Seminary, but from my very first memories of attending church. It was at Zion that I learned who I am and whose I am. That I belong to a mighty God that loves me just the way I am and who loves me too much to leave me the way I am. It was at Zion that I was encouraged to be an acolyte, lector, musician, assisting minister, and where I first heard the words, "Have you considered going to seminary?" As a queer woman in ministry, believe me, I know how rare and special that kind of support is. From the incredibly generous financial support to the words of encouragement to the prayers for my continued growth and discernment, there is no way to overstate the impact your support has been on this journey. Wherever the Spirit may lead me next, Zion Lutheran Church will always be my home. Thanks be to God!

With all the love from your seminary grad,

Sydney Farrel, MDiv.



Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting/Retreat May 18, 2026

Present: Jim Rauch, Miriam Bennet, Jessica Schoeder, Charlene Littrel, Craig Coles, Debbie Spray, Pastor Arianna Arends, Becky Kennard. The Council meeting was hosted by Debbie Spray at her beautiful home with a potluck luncheon provided by council members. Pastor Arianna curated a discussion with guidance for our retreat topic of reviewing/creating our Church Mission Statement. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by Miriam. Devotions: Pastor Arianna

Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved by a motion by Jim, seconded by Charlene.

Treasurer's Report: Jessica: General Fund Balance: \$9,607.74. General Savings Balance: \$25,653.88 (+\$50 Basement Funds). Funds dedicated for the Basement: \$2,808.63. Income: (Checking Account) \$12,060.78. Expenses: (Checking Account): \$14,515.84. A final tally will be known soon on the proceeds of the Zion Rummage sale but should be a number close to \$4000.

Financial Secretary's Report: Charlene: Total Receipts: \$12,060.78. Weekly Average: \$2,977.70. Receipts include Website \$100; Basement \$50., Sister Song rent \$300.00. Gifts In Kind: creamer and Spotlights \$64.16; Primer-basement: \$32.98; Basement toilet \$103.08; Basement Floor Grinder \$217.80; Trash bags and wipes: \$45.92; Butterfly crafts: \$16.22; Worship music: \$305.00; Microphones \$116.74; Printer/toner: 1302.12; Paper towels: \$70.23. Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports Approved on a motion by Jim, seconded by Miriam. **Reports of Community Groups:** Jessica must report to the Department of Revenue that Sister Song will no longer be renting Zion space once a confirmation date is received from them.

Pastor Arianna: April was replete with Easter special services during Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter! Some feedback received that Good Friday should be an evening service as darkness lends an appropriate mood. Education/youth: Belfry Bunch interactive sermons. No Gift Sunday in April due to Easter. Bible Study on THURSDAYS!; Exploring the Book of Revelation. Pastoral Care: Conversations around healing, caring for relatives, political changes etc. Prayer requests online and in person. Pastor and Autumn attended the Synod Assembly April 24-26; this year it was facilitated at a church vs a hotel. Fellowship: Coffee fellowship, Rummage Sale volunteers, Quilting groups. Pastor Arianna will be gone May 31 (5th Sunday). Upcoming: May 24 Pentecost Sunday; Giving Baptism banners to families. June 7th GIFT Sunday Willow and Hunter's Baptism, with the possibility of other families who will be asked if they want to be included. New Member reception.

Office Administrator's Report: Was approved via email which included the mathematical correction pertaining to the total hours worked. 72 hours worked and paid.

Reports of Committees: Cemetery: At our annual pre-Memorial Day cleanup we were once again assisted by the youth groups of four LDS Wards; Riverside, Deer Lake, Clayton and Chewelah. Approximately 50 kids and parents enthusiastically picked up copious pinecones, with oversight from Cemetery Committee members and Zion volunteers. We did have a separate incident involving a community member who was attempting to visit the cemetery but was blocked by a dog owned by one of the neighbors on the east side of the cemetery. We will talk with the dog owners to avoid a repeat. Fellowship: Pentecost Breakfast May 24, June 7 Potluck and a Congregation Group Photo for the Directory (per Pastor Arianna's request). Cake will be served to celebrate children's Baptisms on June 7th following worship. Outreach: Rummage sale was very successful, almost \$4000 with lots of help from volunteers, particularly Jim and Rita Rauch, Jennifer Coles, Patty Cowen, Amy Helm, Charlene Littrel and Suzie Cooper. Items that didn't sell were donated to Clover Leaf Education for their rummage sale, and the Greenhouse Food Bank. Property: Basement walls were painted on parish workday, along with yard weed removal and mowing. The ceiling lights have been removed by Deron and the ceiling is ready for paint. Jim has already painted the ceiling trim. There is no asbestos in the ceiling tiles but is present in the kitchen floor tiles. The ceiling must be painted prior to rug installation on May 26-27. Kitchen remodel on hold for now while other work is completed. Miriam's asbestos abatement expert will be economical and supplied with a free lunch! Jessica mentioned that Deron thinks the next kitchen priority is to address are potential water leaks. Some electrical issues in the kitchen have been identified, and the Schroeder's might have someone who can address these issues. We may have enough money from the rummage sale to cover expenses related to updates to the basement kitchen area. Jessica said the L&I inspector insists we get our hot water heater licensed, which is less expensive through our insurance at \$33 vs. L&I itself. Youth and Education: A Bible is on the way to gift Ella who is completing her 3rd grade year! Middle School and High School confirmation will begin in the Fall. Motion to Approve All Committee Reports was made by Charlene and seconded Craig; motion passed.

Unfinished Business: Directory work continues; draft of parishioner information has been passed around for corrections/updates. Question about including photos of committee members and council.

New Business: Property: Jimmy who does lawn care is retiring and will no longer be mowing. Deron thinks Charlie could help. There will be a sign-up sheet for mowing volunteers. It was noted that there is a lawn mower at the church. There was discussion about Synod assembly representatives and making sure the expectations for participation is clear and that we should identify alternative representatives moving forward as well. **Next Meeting:** June 14, 2026 Motion to Adjourn by Jim, seconded by Charlene. Motion passed. Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. Our council gathering continued with Pastor Arianna's facilitation of an interactive video/worksheet discussion on our roles as council members and our church Purpose, Vision and Value statements, with a specific focus on our church's role within the congregation and the larger community.

Cemetery Pinecone Clean-up

We want to thank Reagan Henry, Carol Wood and Shawnee Palmer along with all the amazing children and their parents of the Riverside, Clayton, Chewelah and Deer Lake LDS Youth Groups!

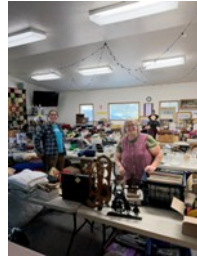
It didn't seem possible that Zion Lutheran Cemetery would have such incredible help with cemetery spring cleaning two years in a row! We were anticipating about a dozen sets of helping hands, which would have been very appreciated. But when everyone showed up again en-force it was stunning. What would have been time consuming and laborious for our Cemetery Committee the LDS youth groups made look easy and efficient.

The best part was how enjoyable it was to watch children and families tackle this messy job with good spirits and enthusiasm!



RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESS!

Big thanks to everyone who participated in this amazing fundraiser!



Drum Roll Please...
\$3,986.00
was raised at our annual



rummage sale. All of this was made possible only by all the help received by the village of Zion Lutheran Church and associates. Thank you for all the donations, hours of prep, actual time setting up, tearing down and all of your prayers.

Church Council Retreat
May 18, 2026

We discussed our purpose and what our mission statemen should be at this time. We used scripture passages as a reference and worked in groups. A lot of good discussions. We will continue to work on this at future council meetings. We also reevaluat-ed the structure of our governing body and how they interact with each other and if any changes needed to be made.

And the food was delicious!

-Charlene Littrel



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Deer Park
"Educational Gift" Award from the Estate of and in loving memory of Coline Davidson

Zion is blessed and excited to be able to award up to 3 \$1,000 "Educational Gift" awards in 2026. The "Educational Gift" is to be used to further the applicant's education: Running Start, Vocational school, college, etc.

Eligibility considerations:

1. Eligible applicants will be part of this community or have an affiliation with or be a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Deer Park. (Church members may be given preference)
2. All ages are eligible to apply.
3. Financial needs will be taken into consideration.

Applications:

1. Please submit your name, address, contact information and how you learned about this award. Be sure to provide information regarding your affiliation with Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Deer Park if applicable.
2. Also, submit an essay detailing why you deserve this award, including your education plans, financial need, and how you intend to use the money.
3. Proof of registration in the school of your choice.

OPEN DATE: MAY 1, 2026

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2026

Awards to be announced by August 15, 2026

Please send the application to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Deer Park, PO Box 1392, Deer Park, WA 99006 or bring it to the church office at 218 E. Crawford, Deer Park, WA. You may also email your application to: ZLCNewsletter@gmail.com

Any questions? Please call the church office at 509-276-2954.

**This money is a gift. Tax reporting, etc. is the responsibility of the recipient.

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Synod Website: <https://nwimsynod.org>

Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 am—Worship & Communion

In-person and Live on Facebook

FB— Zion Lutheran Deer Park

11:00 am—Fellowship

Our Church Council

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