SEPTEMBER 2026

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH of Deer Park NEWSLETTER

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September 6
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Setting 6, With One Voice (WOV)
Pastor Arianna Arends
Assisting: Charlene LIttrel
Musician: Deedee Schroeder
Acolyte: Pintler
A/V: Bill Sebright

September 13
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Now The Feast
Pastor Arianna Arends
Assisting: Rapp Family
Musician: Deedee Schroeder
Acolyte: Lizzie Rapp
A/V: Mike Cowen

September 20
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Setting 6, ELW
Pastor Arianna Arends
Assisting: Beverly Schoen
Pianist: Deedee Schroeder
Acolyte: Schroeder
A/V: Deron Schroeder

September 27
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Setting 6, ELW
Pastor Arianna Arends
Assisting: Jennifer Coles
Musician: Angela Rapp
Acolyte: Rapp
A/V: Craig Coles



RALLY SUNDAY
September 13



In worship on Sunday, September 13 we will bless the many ways we live our Christian vocation. A vocation is the things you are called by God to do, with gifts and talents God has given you, to which you commit your passion and excitement and energy for the sake of God's creation. This is lived out in many parts of your life, your relationships and communities, your work and your rest.

Students – please bring your backpacks
Commuters – please bring your car keys
Workers – please bring your work keys, ID badges, laptops, or other small items you use daily
Retired folks – please bring your creative, knowledgeable, experienced selves plus anything you'd like blessed

This kick off for our program year is a celebration of Faith Formation and a peak into how we will be learning and living together this next year. And please plan to stay after worship for an ICE CREAM SOCIAL!





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
Debbie Austin
Gloria Loeffler
Bill and Pat Coats
Marty Kennard
Elaina Henon
Molly
Andrea
Mary Anne
Nancy Torbett
Howard Cowen
Colleen Baasch
Tony Francis
Marlene Lundberg
The family and friends of Cheryl Olson 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 and fires around the world.

QUILTING

September 14th & 28th
10:00am – 12:00pm
All are welcome to join this fun and friendly group.

CHURCH CLEANING



Would you be willing to come do some cleaning once or twice a month?

If we could get 3 or 4 folks to commit to one day a month (once a week, as it were) to do some of the more intentional cleaning, it would save the church almost $500 a month and help keep our community happy and healthy!

Cleaning supplies are provided by the church! Thanks so much for your help



September Bible Readings

Sunday, September 6
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Ezekiel33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 13
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:1-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-28

Sunday, September 20
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 27
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

FAITH FORMATION

Mark your calendars!
Zion Lutheran is starting a new program year with lots of offerings for all ages.



All Ages: GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) will again offer interactive exploration of the Bible reading for the day. We'll do songs, prayers, discussion, and group activities. Join us the first Sunday of the month after worship.

Confirmation: Students from 6th – 12th grades are invited to learn more about the Bible on the Third Sunday of the month after worship with Pastor.

Younger Children: We are inviting children under 3rd grade to experience the lectionary readings tailored to their needs and interests during worship. The children will be invited to hear Bible stories and do hands on activities in the basement or outside. Watch for more information and requests for volunteers!

Adult Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10am in the office conference room, join others in exploration of scripture and faith themes. Come as you are for coffee and conversation!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

At last our new church directory is ready for pre-order for the low low price of just **$10 each** to help offset the cost of printing. Look for the lovely and talented volunteers (thank you Amy and Charlene!) in the Fellowship Hall after worship, or mail your check designated for the directory to the church. Thank you!



September 19
Kari and Shaun Pintler



1-Don Kelly
2-Jean Borchers
4-Charlene Littrel
5-Shaun Pintler
12-Jeryl Phillips-Kelly
14-Angela Rapp
18-Clayton Pintler
18-Edmund Wittenberg
26-Derek Littrel
29-Kay Masters

Acolyte Training

We are inviting those in 3rd through 8th grades to join in one of two Acolyte Training events. They will be after worship **August 30** or **September 27**, with Debbie Spray and Pastor Arianna. Acolytes must attend one or the other training. Please talk to Pastor if you are unable to attend for a one-on-one lesson.

We'll walk through the service pointing out the acolyte's responsibilities, show you the robes, candle lighter tool, offering plates and where to stand.

Being an acolyte is a wonderful way to serve God and help the people of Zion in worship.

Hope to see you soon!





Dear Zion,

My life this time of year, the end of August, seems to go from the lazier days of recreation in summer to sudden a fast forward feeling of "HOW many weeks until Christmas!?" With my children starting back to school, with the program year of Faith Formation and planning more church year seasons, time seems to speed up and the calendar seems to fill up quickly.

If your planner is getting swamped with meetings and more chores are lining up on the "honey do" list, remember that God is with you in all the seasons of life. When we transition from the pace of summer contemplating creation in wide vistas of stars and mountain sunset views to the busy work of "Back to School" and … God is with us. God is with us in the carpool, the endless permission slips, in the planning events and publishing notices.

I encourage you to find the five seconds between activities (or even in the middle of them!) to remember God's presence. The simplest prayer can be "Help", "Thanks", or "Wow". God knows what is on our hearts and is as close as our very breath.

God has shown how deeply he wants to know us and be with us by sending his son to become human. To go to school, to suffer headaches and stubbed toes. To grow up a carpenter's son, a friend to fishermen and tax collectors, a brother and most likely an uncle. All these ways of being in the world, serving God and neighbor, God understands deeply and in the flesh.

So don't be afraid to reach out in conversation to the God who understands work deadlines and school drop offs. God is with you.

"Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good." Romans 8:26-28 The Message

Yours in Christ, Pastor Arianna

Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee welcomes anyone interested in joining us in our service to maintaining the Zion Hill Cemetery property and assisting bereaved families with their plot arrangements.

Our plus 100 year old cemetery is a sacred space as well as an historical treasure. For more information please reach out to Larry Kiewert, Bill Sebright, Bev Schoen or Becky Kennard.



SUMMER PICNIC BBQ FUN!







Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting

August 9, 2026

Member's Present: Miriam Bennett, Pastor Arianna Arends, Debbie Spray, Craig Coles, Deron Schroeder, Jessica Schroeder, Becky Kennard **Call to Order:** 11:30 am **Devotions:** Miriam **Last Meeting Minutes:** Approved as in Newsletter

Treasurer's Report: June 2026: *General Fund Balance*: $4,387.86. *General Savings Balance*: $25,679.46 (+25.58 Q2 Bank Interest). *Youth Fund Balance*: $3,128.48 (+$21 Aluminum Can Recycling, +$295.98 Mission Investment Interest, +$2.87 Q2 Bank Interest). *Mission Investment Fund Balance* 6/30/26: $28,056.56. Q2 *Interest Paid*: $295.98, *YTD Interest Paid*: $585.50. *Educational Gifts Fund*: Thrivent Mutual Fund Balance 6/30/26: $26,641.82. Q2 Reinvested Dividends: $223.11, YTD: $442.28. *Funds Designated for Basement*: $3,817.70 (Savings: $2,607/Checking: $1,210.70) *Income* (Checking Account): $10,546.77. *Expenses* (Checking Account): $15,015.34. **July 2026:** *General Fund Balance*: $8,464.93 *General Savings Balance*: $25,679.46 *Youth Fund Balance:* $3,128.48. *Funds Designated for Basement*: $3,817.70 (Savings: $2,607.00/Checking: $1,210.70) *Income* (Checking Account): $14,834.09. *Expenses* (Checking Account) $10,757.02.

Financial Secretary Report: June 2026: *Total Receipts*: $9980.79. *Designated* $545.98. Weekly Average $2,562.70 (Required=$2771.00). *Designated Receipts Included*: Roxy Lundberg Memorial $250., Youth Fund $295.98., Wed/Sat AA $233., Avista Refund $130.87. *Gifts in Kind:* Wine and Flowers $73.23., Worship Music $265.00 **July 2026:** T*otal Receipts*: $14834.09. Designated $90.00. Weekly Average: $3,686,02 (Required=$2771.00) *Designated Receipts Included*: Quilt Sale $60, $30.00, Directories $130.00., Weds/Sat AA, Sister Song $600.00. *Gifts in Kind*: Basement Foor Glue: $74.86., Worship Music: $200.00.

Motion to Approve edited Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary Report made by Pastor Arianna, 2nd by Miriam and approved by all.

Pastor's Report for June and July: Worship: Special services July 5-Faith in Society, 250th USA Anniversary. Worship Committee Meeting on May 24. *Education/Youth*: Belfry Bunch-learning and proclaiming the benediction to and with the congregation. *Pastoral Care:* Conversations around healing, caring for relatives, political changes, etc. Funeral for Dianna Shimizu. *Outreach:* United at the Font: Attended with Deedee Schroeder-met with other churches from various denominations in the region, shared ministry challenges; Deer Park paired with Chewelah. *Fellowship*: Coffee fellowship; Quilting Groups.

Upcoming: August 23 Church Picnic; September 13 Rally Sunday-Blessing of Vocations (Backpacks and Devices). To be determined: September dates for start of Sunday School and First Communion. Saturday October 3, Blessing of the Animals-St. Francis of Assisi Day. October 12-15, Monday-Thursday, Pastor will be gone at NWIM Synod Bishop's Convocation in Lewiston, ID and again on October 25 as Pastor with be a "Marching Band Mom" at competition in Everett!

***Office Administrators Report*:** Debbie worked 17 days in July with a total of 64 hours. On a personal level she took time off to attend the funeral celebrating the life of her husband's dear aunt who passed suddenly. At Zion Debbie facilitated the memorial and reception for Dianna Shimizu; coordinating with the Fire Department and Performance fire extinguishers and check our overall fire safety, with items noted to be changed in the access to the electrical panel, and current tags on extinguishers. She fielded questions about the Cemetery and connected the inquires to the Cemetery Committee. Debbie spoke with Church mutual regarding the property inspection (which needs completion by November), and continues to schedule with that entity.

Community Groups: AA has volunteered to assist with facility clean up. Sisters' Song Studios' last day is August 31, 2026.

Reports of Committees

Cemetery: Larry Kiewert brought a contract to be signed by Council President Miriam Bennett for the sale of seven gravesites for $4900.00. Larry facilitated the cutting down of a damaged pine tree on July 31. Discussion about reviewing our contracting process and the pricing of grave plots for members and non-members. A suggestion was made to reach out to Scout groups who might help with cemetery clean up or fund raising. The Cemetery Committee will meet to address these issues further.

***Fellowship*:** Church BBQ Picnic on Sunday August 23. Zion will provide burgers and buns and members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

***Property*:** Three fire extinguishers have been installed. A few fixes remain. Craig will replace an outlet in the Sanctuary, and the basement bathrooms doors need an adjustment to close properly. AA has volunteered to help with facility clean up and volunteered to mop bathroom floors twice monthly, and vacuum weekly after their Saturday meetings. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall!

Youth and Education: Discussed the need to purchase Youth Bibles and backpack tags/stickers ($46) for the Rally on Sunday 9/13. May be able to find less expensive Bibles. Pastor is meeting with some folks to discuss Sunday School details on curriculum, with potential adult option in addition to the weekday Bible study. Decisions to be made on Confirmation times and frequency with a curriculum of From Ancestors (Old and New Testaments). Materials for leaders and students is a yearly total of $180 plus shipping. Lutherhaven retreat is probably in January again. *Deron made a motion, seconded by Miriam and approved by all to move funds as needed to accommodate youth curriculum from the Youth Fund to the General Fund.*

Unfinished Business

Church Directory is complete and orders must be placed before September 13th! The price is $10.00. Volunteers will accept money for an order after worship in the fellowship hall. *Website is live at* Ziondeerpark.org The site can receive a live feed from Zion's Facebook page. Donation access will be available from our site in the future.

Becoming a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation is still under consideration. A more studied discussion will be initiated in January 2027. Miriam and Debbie volunteered to be on an outreach committee.

Next Council Meeting: September 20, 2026 A motion was made to close the meeting by Pastor Arianna, seconded by Miriam, and passed unanimously.

COMING SOON— BLESSING THE ANIMALS Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Staff mtg 10am	2 AA mtg. noon	3 AA mtg. 7pm	4	5 AA mtg. 8am
6 Worship 10am Fellowship 11am	7 **LABOR DAY** OFFICE CLOSED	8 Staff mtg 10am	9 AA mtg. noon	10 AA mtg. 7pm	11	12 AA mtg. 8am
13 **RALLY SUNDAY** Worship 10am Fellowship 11am	14 QUILTING 10-NOON 	15 Staff mtg 10am	16 AA mtg. noon	17 AA mtg. 7pm	18	19 AA mtg. 8am
20 Worship 10am Fellowship 11am Council mtg. 11:30am	21 Backyard Beekeepers 5:30-8:30pm	22 Staff mtg 10am	23 AA mtg. noon	24 AA mtg. 7pm	25	26 AA breakfast 7am AA mtg. 8am
27 Worship 10am ACOLYTE TRAINING Fellowship 11am	28 QUILTING 10-NOON 	29 Staff mtg 10am	30 AA mtg. noon			

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Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 am—Worship & Communion
In-person and Live on Facebook
11:00 am—Fellowship, All-Ages Sunday School, Confirmation Classes
(check out our website for more information)

Our Church Council

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