OCTOBER 2026

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH of Deer Park NEWSLETTER

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



The simplest prayer can be "Help", "Thanks", or "Wow". God knows what is on our hearts and is as close as our very breath.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Debbie Austin	Gloria Loeffler
Bill and Pat Coats	Claire Kennard
Elaina Henon	Molly
Maryanne	Nancy Torbett
Howard Cowen	Ari
Colleen Baasch	Cat
Tony Francis	Chris
Koltyn Jasper	Kaidon
Cindy Carpenter	Tom Oswald
Christina Gile	Joe and Jason
Marlene Lundberg	Lincoln
Shawn Pintler and Family	Becca
Rex & Sharron Schimke	Becca



The family and friends of Bob Schroeder at his 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.

WE PRAY FOR:

The people of the world suffering the devastation of natural disasters and war. All those in detention and their families. All those fleeing and fighting wars and fires around the world.

FAITH FORMATION

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



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

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 **THIRD SUNDAY** of the month after worship.

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!



We are participating in Pumpkin Lane this year!

October 31st
1pm-4pm

If you would like to help, we need: candy, decorations, money for candy and decorations, volunteers to hand out candy and decorate (see how easy it is?)

The more people to help, the better! Come enjoy the kids, the costumes, the laughter and the fun!



Contact Patty Cowen for more information

QUILTING

October 12 & 26

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

October Bible Readings

Sunday, October 4
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 11
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 18
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-13
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Reformation Sunday
October 25
Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Fiber Arts & Crafts

October 19

10am-noon

There has been some interest in starting up our Fiber Arts Group again, so lets get together!



Come learn how to crochet a Pumpkin!

Beginner friendly, materials provided.



October 10
Karen & Doug Watson

October 12
Abigail Spray & Joel Dull

October 22
Rita & Jim Rausch

October 25
Bob & Roberta Schroeder



3-Jeffrey Thompson
4-Maxine Holden
6-Olive Arends
10-Sharron Schimke
10-Verlie Thompson
11-Lois Payne
12-Kari Pintler
12-Bill Coats
20-Arianna Arends

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 3, 2026

10am Prayers and Bible Readings
10:30-Noon Individual Blessings

Bring your leashed or caged pet, or a photo of any animal, for a blessing!

Zion Lutheran
218 E Crawford
Deer Park

Across from Perrins Field & The Deer Park Market



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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.



Bishop's Convocation
October 12-15

While Pastor Arianna is at the Bishop's Convocation, please contact Pastor Beth Jarrett with any pastoral emergencies. She can be reached at: (509) 279-5878

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The new Church Directory has been ordered and will be available for pick up or delivery soon!

Dear Zion,

I pray you all enjoyed the warmth and rest that our summer season can bring. Though this year brought tragedy to the area in the form of wildfires and toxic smoke, we rallied to help those in need. I hope the relaxation and re-creation you have found has been healing and centering.

Because now we have a new program year and, sooner than seems possible, a new church year with the beginning of Advent! And we need your help. Our service groups, fellowship team and educational opportunities need volunteers. As we spend time learning, and serving, and growing together we have the chance to use our gifts and our talents.

Have you thought before that volunteering is a form of stewardship? The church is very grateful for any financial gifts you share. Another important gift is the gifts of your time and talents – the ways God has blessed you with able hands and mind, a love of children, or the best recipe for three bean salad!

In 2024, each volunteer hour was valued at $34.79, according to Independent Sector and the Do Good Institute at the University of Maryland. Few churches would make it through a budget year if they had to purchase all the services provided by volunteers.

Maybe instead of using the word volunteer we could think of being servant leaders. Afterall, volunteering is connected directly to our faith in Jesus, the one who came not to be served, but to serve.

So, keep an eye out for clipboards with sign-up sheets, the time-honored way we volunteer at Zion. Your gifts of flowers, hosting coffee hour fellowship, leading children's learning, shoveling snow, tying quilts, not to mention the various committees and teams, all enable Zion to thrive.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Arianna



Vanessa Behan keeps kids safe, strengthens families and creates a healthier community in an environment of inclusion, authenticity and adaptability

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:
Unopened & unexpired name brand formula, preferably Similac varieties, Diapers in sizes 5 & 6, Baby wipes...

We are so very grateful for your interest in supporting our community's kids by giving supplies. As a privately funded organization, donations can really make a difference for our children and families. We ask that you limit your donations to our immediate needs, urgent requests listed on our Facebook page, or on our Amazon Wish List. If there is any doubt about the need for your items, please contact us so we can help ensure your items can support our community's children and families to its fullest capacity.

Supply donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday from 8:30 am 4:30 pm (excluding holidays). Questions? Contact our Community Support Coordinator: 509.598.7490 or shannon.seiler@vanessabehan.org.If you are interested in ordering off our Amazon Wish List, please have those purchases sent to 2230 E. Sprague Ave, Spokane WA 99202.

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting, September 20, 2026

Present: James Rausch, Charlene Littrel, Miriam Bennet, Craig Cole, Jessica Schroeder, Deron Schroeder, Debbie Spray, Pastor Arianna Arends, Becky Kennard **Call to Order**:11:32 am **Devotions**: Charlene **Last Meeting Minutes:** *Approved*

Treasurer's Report: August 2026: *General Fund Balance*: $12,656.42. *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): $18,527.85. *Expenses* (Checking Account): $14,336.36. The month ended on a positive cash flow of $3210.74.

Financial Secretary's Report: August 2026 *Total Deposits*: $15,527.85 split between General Fund $15,317.85 and Directories $210.00. Weekly Average: $3063.57 (Required=$2771.00). *Designated*: $300.00 Sister Song; $4,980 seven grave sites sold; $350.00 Thursday AA. *Gifts-in-Kind*: $255.16 Website; $355.00 Worship Music.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary's Reports: Approved

Pastor Arianna's Report: *Worship*: Acolyte training took place on August 30, with Charlie and Josie Schroeder assisting Pastor Arianna in demonstrating the process to Lizzy Rapp! *Education/Youth*: Belfry Bunch is learning and proclaiming the benediction to and with the congregation. Rally Day on September 13 was an engaging Celebration of Vocation. Confirmation: planning schedule, using Form Ancestors curriculum (1st Sunday). GIFT Sundays-Mini revolutions based on lectionary readings (3rd Sunday). *Adult Bible Study:* Tuesdays at 10:00am, starting with book of Romans. *Basement Bunch:* **Volunteer coordinators needed** to supervise children in the basement during service. Everything else will be pre-arranged regarding crafts and supplies, by JennaRae and Donna. *Pastoral Care*: Conversations around healing, caring for relatives, political changes etc. Prayer requests online and in person. *Outreach*: Meeting with Fat Quarters re: using fellowship space. *Fellowship:* Coffee fellowship; Quilting groups. *Upcoming*: September 27, Acolyte Training, October 3, Saturday, Blessing of the Animals-St. Francis of Assisi Day, October 4, first day of Confirmation, October 12-15, Monday-Thursday Pastor gone-NWIM Synod Bishop's Convocation in Lewiston, ID, October 25-Pastor gone being "Marching Band Mom" at competition in Everette. Yay! Began discussion on possible Fundraiser Dinner or Lunch for Youth Fund. Ideas include pasta feed, auction, have kid groups do activities for other community events. **Office Administrator Report**: Days worked: 21. Total Hours 73. Debbie reports the extraordinary things done this month included communication with folks from Sister's Song Studio regarding their upcoming move out of the church building at the end of September; Performance fire extinguisher inspection company installed 3 new extinguishers to replace the old, and updating the other tags to bring our status into compliance with the Fire Department and pass inspection; met with women from the Fat Quarter's quilting group who may be interested in moving their meetings to Fellowship Hall this winter. Fat Quarters group will let us know after a vote next month if they choose our facility. They would start in January and meet every Tuesday morning and pay $200/mo. As always, Debbie prepared worship binders and bulletins boards in the sanctuary and fellowship halls. She met visitors in the office with hospitality, managed the ordering and picking up of flowers and updated the signs outside to reflect current church happenings, and once again produced a lovely colorful and informative monthly newsletter!

Community Groups: *Sister Song* has moved to another location. Council approved motion via email is allowing PEO to use Fellowship Hall on Saturday October 17th from 4:00pm-9:00pm for a special Bunco event. PEO will continue to use our space through May on the second Saturday of each month.

Reports of Committees: Cemetery Committee: Funds to cover the cost of full tree removal on a damaged tree that was topped in a storm was not pre-approved by the Council. A Zion member has donated the money to cover the cost. The Cemetery Committee met on August 17, with Bev Schoen taking committee notes. The committee is gathering information on local cemeteries to compare charges, services and organizational process to improve and update our cemetery procedures and record keeping. **Fellowship/Outreach**: please see Pastor's Report **Property**: *Downstairs*: Sound: Deron got a speaker but believes it has poor quality. Deron obtained a quote for a plumber ($3556.30) but we also need to obtain a quote from an electrician to complete the site improvements and a quote for a hot water heaters. The existing 10-gallon kitchen water heater can be moved to the bathroom and purchase a larger tank for the kitchen. We need to find out if a construction permit is required with these updates. Council discussed the merits of plumbing for the donated washer/dryer units and our desire to be ***good stewards*** of our space. Council also discussed the need to make adaptive changes to the basement so its accessible for people with ambulatory challenges, such as a wheelchair ramp or chair lift for stairs. Leftover basement rug should be large enough to use as an update in the office area "Green Room". *A motion* to move forward on our basement plumbing/electrical approved with one abstention. **Worship:** Committee will meet on Sunday the 27th. **Youth and Education:** Three people were selected to be awarded Zion educational scholarships: Jenna Wittenberg, Meagan Cooper and Angela Rapp. Congratulations! ***Motion* to approve all committee reports** were approved.

Unfinished Business: The Directory is close to distribution. An additional 10 copies will be ordered as a backup for members who may have missed out on ordering. **New Business:** Roberta Schroeder has requested that gifts in honor of husband Bob be made as donations to the church. Portico Open Enrollment will be Oct. 1-14. Jessica will provide information on costs but an ask was made to Pastor to let us know the package that works best for her family and the council will need to make a decision at the October meeting. Increased cost of Pastor's benefit's by 15% in 2027. Jessica will provide a proposed 2027 budget for review at the next council meeting in October that will then need to be approved in November to prepare for the Annual Meeting. Music license renewal will be $309.00. Roxy Lundberg funds can be used for music printing in bulletins and online streaming of services. Zion has the option to participate in Deer Park Pumpkin Lane again this year. Candy donations are appreciated!

Next Meeting Date: October 11, 2026 **Meeting Adjourned:** 1:00pm

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 AA mtg. 7pm	2	3 AA mtg. 8am  10am-Noon
4 Worship 10am Fellowship 11am Confirmation 11:30-12:30	5	6 Bible Study 10am	7 AA mtg. noon	8 AA mtg. 7pm	9	10 AA mtg. 8am PEO 10-2pm
11 Worship 10am Fellowship 11am Council mtg. 11:30am	12 QUILTING 10-NOON 	13 Bible Study 10am	14 AA mtg. noon	15 AA mtg. 7pm	16	17 AA mtg. 8am PEO Bunco 4pm-9pm
18 Worship 10am Fellowship 11am G.I.F.T. Worship Committee Meeting 11:30am	19 Fiber Arts & Crafts  10-noon Backyard Bee-keepers 5:30-8:30pm	20 Bible Study 10am	21 AA mtg. noon	22 AA mtg. 7pm	23	24 AA mtg. 8am
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Pastor Arianna at the Bishop's Convocation————————
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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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