



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH of Deer Park NEWSLETTER



July 5

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Setting 6, With One Voice

Pastor Arianna Arends

Assisting: Charlene Littrel

Pianist: Angela Rapp

A/V: Deron Schroeder

July 12

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Setting 6, WOV

Pastor Arianna Arends

Assisting: Jennifer Coles

Pianist: Deedee Schroeder

A/V: Mike Cowen

**CAMP SING-ALONG AND
SENDOFF FOLLOWING
WORSHIP**

July 19

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Setting 6, WOV

Pastor Arianna Arends

Assisting: Solveig Pedersen

Pianist: Deedee Schroeder

A/V: Bill Sebright

July 26

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Setting 6, WOV

Pastor Tom Inch

Assisting: Stephanie Quackenbush

Musician: Angela Rapp

A/V: Craig Coles

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows.

For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

Galatians 5:13-15 The Message

Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The 2026 semi-quincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence arrives at a fraught time in the nation's history. While most ELCA worshiping communities in general refrain from commemorating Independence Day as a liturgical occasion outside of intercessory prayer, this milestone anniversary and its broader national context present a unique situation. In witness to the church's ardent stand against Christian nationalism in its various and insidious forms, and in response to accepting the social statement "Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All" at the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the worship committee will be curating pieces of liturgy for worship on July 5, 2026. This aims to both celebrate and lament our nation's history, affirm the reality of the current moment, and seek to unite the diverse body of Christ for the life of the world.

What a Happy Family! Zion Lutheran Church 2026



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
Walter Littrel Elaina Henon Danny Hutchinson
Nancy Torbett Howard Cowen Betty Mortenson
The Simmons Family Bob Schroeder
The family and friends of Susan Boone at her passing
The family and friends of Jeannette Johnson at her passing in Sioux City, IA at age 96, mother of Rev. Lynnette (Rev. Dana) Schroeder of Whitehall, PA.

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.

July Bible Readings

Sunday, July 5

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12,
Psalm 145:8-14,
Romans 7:15-25,
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 12

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-13,
Psalm 65:1-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 19

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 26

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



July 1
Heidi and Dan Gile
July 27
Pat and Bill Coats
July 29
Kay and Tony Masters



5-Beverly Schoen
7-Bill Thompson
9-James Rapp
19-Tyler Helm
22-Gra'inne Hauer
26-Stephanie Littrel
30-Sawyer Gibson

Is it your turn to host Coffee Hour?

It's easy! Grab a package of your favorite cookies and learn how to work the coffee maker! Prefer chips and



salsa? No problem! Or maybe veggies and dip? Fruit and cheese? Ice cream? The options are endless...
SIGN UP TODAY

QUILTING

2nd Monday in June,
July & August
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

All are welcome to join
this fun and friendly
group.

GOSPEL HELP THE PASTOR IS IN

Dear Zion,

One spiritual gift I admire most, probably because I don't feel it strongly in myself, is that of personal prayer. Those people who spend intentional time daily in prayer requesting God's power and presence for those who most have need. Zion has a prayer request email list of people who have committed to pray for people and situations

which are brought to us by the community.

For those of you who have this gift, and those like me who would like to be more intentional around prayer, here are some petitions and prayer suggestions for the month ahead.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Arianna

- For vacation Bible school and day camp ministries, that they will inspire faith, nurture caring relationships, provide safe spaces for learning and play with others, and touch the lives of children with the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.
- ♦ For summer camp staff at our ELCA outdoor ministries across the country, that the Spirit will renew and sustain their faith, energy and enthusiasm at the midpoint of their summer season. May they bless the lives and faith of campers of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.
- * For the women gathering for worship, advocacy, inspiration, learning, service and relationship-building at the Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa. May God bless and advance the organization's mission to mobilize women of all ages to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.
- ⇒ For the congregations and hunger ministries as they apply for ELCA World Hunger's Domestic Hunger Grants. May God strengthen their work of addressing food insecurity, housing, employment and human rights in their communities, and of advocating for policies that attend to neighbors in need.
- ◇ For those who serve in the military and for those who are currently deployed overseas to areas of conflict and war. Pray for their safety, for the Spirit to strengthen their faith and hope, and for the support of their families and faith communities to comfort and renew them.
- For ELCA Racial Justice Ministries. God bless and further its ministries, which equip leaders, provide anti-racism education, build relationships across differences, and develop resources to help congregations address racism and move toward reconciliation and healing.

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



Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June 14, 2026

Present: Pastor Arianna, Miriam Bennet, Craig Coles, Deron Schoeder, Jessica Schoeder, Debbie Spray, Becky Kennard
Call to Order: 11:25am
Devotions: Jim
Last Meeting Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report: *General Fund Balance:* \$8,856.43 *General Savings Balance:* \$25,653.88. *Youth Fund Balance:* \$2,808.63. *Designated Basement Fund:* \$3,817.70. *Savings:* \$2,607.00. *Checking:* \$1,210.70 (+\$3936.00 Rummage Sale, -\$2725.30 Flooring.) *Income (Checking Account):* \$12,238.11. *Expenses (Checking Account):* \$12,989.42. (*Real Income* for May was \$8,131.11. *Real Expenses:* -\$13,357.) *Pastor Arianna had three paychecks in May. Avista's Annual Comfort Level billing is decreasing for the office from \$156.00 to \$123.00; Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary bill is staying the same. Funds from the Roxy Lumberg memorial were used for music license renewals. Roxy expressed appreciation of the remote service live streaming.

Financial Secretary Report: *Total Receipts:* \$12,238.11. *Weekly Average:* \$2032.78 (Required \$2771.00). *Designated* -4107.00. *General Fund:* \$8131.11. * *Included Designated Receipts:* Rummage Sale-Basement: \$3936.00. Roxy Lundberg Memorial: \$150.00. Aluminum Cans-Youth: \$21.00. Other: Sister Song \$300. Weds/Sat AA \$310. Fat Quarters Facility use: \$25.00. Gifts in Kind: Lawn Services \$61.27. Worship Music \$265.00.

Motion to Approve Financial Secretary and Treasurer's report made by Jim, seconded by Becky and approved by all.

Pastor Arianna's Report: *Worship:* Special Services for Pentecost; Worship Committee meeting on May 24. *Education/Youth:* Belfry Bunch; GIFT Sunday; All Ages Sunday School; Holy Communion 5/3/26; Bible Study on Revelation, weekly study and discussion. *Pastoral Care:* Conversations around healing, caring for relatives, political changes etc. Prayer requests online and in person. *Fellowship:* Pentecost Breakfast, Coffee Fellowship, Quilting Groups. Pastor Arianna will be taking vacation time Monday July 20-Sunday August 2, 2026. August is a month with five Sundays. *Upcoming:* June 27, United at the Front; July 4/5 Independence Day Weekend; July 19, Dianne Shimizu Memorial; Considering a Family Centered Outdoor Worship?

Office Administrator's Report: Days worked: 19. Total hours: 73. Hectic Holy Week with lots of meaningful worship services, events and kids! Debbie states its a blessing to be part of this supportive and vibrant community. This month again prepared worship binders and service bulletins, updated bulletin boards in two locations, met office visitors with hospitality. Managed the ordering and picking up of alter flowers, updated outside signs to reflect church happenings, and produced a colorful and informative monthly newsletter! Extra activities in May included supporting the yearly rummage sale, the crafting of birds/flames for Pentecost and hosting the church council retreat at home!

Community Groups: Sister Song will be moving by September. Debbie was approached by two groups who may be interested in renting Fellowship Hall space; an afterschool computer tutoring program "Cloverleaf" and a Pre-School Coop through Spokane Community College. We will continue to gather more information on these inquiries.

Committee Reports: *Fellowship:* Pentecost Potluck *Outreach:* Memorial for Dianne Shimizu is on July 19th, Sunday afternoon. *Property:* Basement carpet installed with enough carpet leftover to cover pastor room; kitchen flooring is in; light features purchased. Deron met with plumber to address kitchen update and move water heater to the bathroom. Daren shared an itemized plumbing quote to re-pipe the kitchen (\$2,763.27) and hot water for bathrooms (\$793.02), which does not include electrical work. There is laundry hook-up potential; electrician set up dryer vent. Jim stated we need 4-5 fire extinguishers as old ones have expired. *Motion* to purchase fire extinguishers by Jim, seconded by Deron an unanimously passed. Craig suggested we purchase kids sized picnic tables; we'll buy 2. Deron said we need to either fix the current grill or purchase a new one. The Shimizu family donated pavers will not be installed at this time. A thank you to Jennifer Coles has been volunteering as property custodian; we will look into cleaning company options.

Unfinished Business: *Church Directory* is ready for print quotes. Once we know the cost we will create a member purchase sign up list. Members will be able to designate their collection money to buy the directory. *Mission Statement:* New wording has been run past some members for feedback which so far includes "no red flags" and approval of inclusive language, and "want more specifics". New Mission Statement should be included in the church directory. *Website:* Pastor Arianna will start putting it together.

Current Mission Statement: We are a community of love, using our gifts and talents for the sake of others. *Drafts as of May 18:* (Values) Recognizing each person's individual gifts as we come together in one body. (Purpose) We share God's unconditional love for all. (Vision) By serving, welcoming, nurturing, being curious, learning and growing.

New Business: Began discussion on whether our council and current committee structures fit our mission. Consideration of becoming a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, a Lutheran organization that is open and affirming of LGBTQ persons; more research on option in the future. Pastor Arianna presented a detailed offer to decrease her ¾'s time hours to half time to save the congregation money. Council did not accept her generous offer; we are so pleased to have her as pastor! Pastor Arianna is also due for an annual raise in July/November. *Motion to approve* Committee Reports made by Miriam, seconded by Jim and passed. **Meeting Adjourned.** *Next Meeting:* 8/9/26

July 20-August 2 Pastor Arianna will be on vacation.

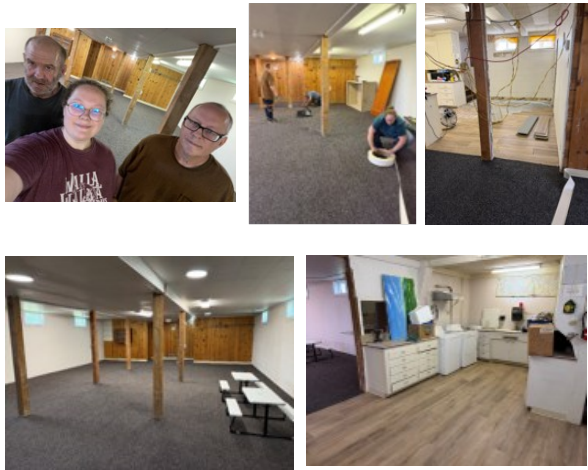
In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Tom Inch at: (509) 398-0258

BASEMENT RENEWAL

A MASSIVE thank you to all who have financially supported, or donated materials, or helped physically– the Basement renovation is almost complete!

An ENORMOUS thank you to those who worked hard on the rummage sale to finance materials, tore down unusable items or dangerous fixtures, sorted for reuse or trash, and loaded trucks for thrift stores or landfill, cleaned with vacuum, mop, broom and cloth, researched for quotes and priced materials, laid carpet and flooring, painted ceiling and walls, installed lighting and fixtures, fed workers and volunteers, AND all the other quiet moments that helped make this huge project successful. Thank you for serving faithfully even in unseen moments.

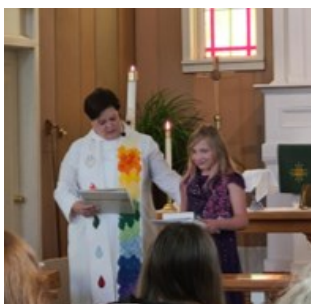
Your willingness to help wherever needed reflects a true servant's heart.



Before (top) and After (bottom)

"Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."

-Deuteronomy 6:6-7



Ella Pintler
Receiving her
Bible from the
congregation at
the completion
of her 3rd grade
year.

BAPTIZED CHILDREN OF GOD



(left to right)
Willow Reign Lindy
Hunter Carson Lindy
Evelyn Margaret Schulz

Let your light so shine
before others that they
may see your good works
and glorify your Father in
heaven.



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

Jim Rausch, Deron Schroeder, Charlene Littrel,
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