

May

2026

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH of Deer Park NEWSLETTER

May 3

5th Sunday of Easter

Setting 3, ELW

Pastor Arianna Arends

Assisting: Patty Cowen

Pianist: Deedee Schroeder

Acolyte: Clayton Pintler

A/V: Mike Cowen

May 10

6th Sunday of Easter

Setting 3, ELW

Pastor Arianna Arends

Assisting: Beverly Schoen

Pianist: Angela Rapp

Acolyte: Charlie Schroeder

A/V: Deron Schroeder

May 17

7th Sunday of Easter

Setting 3, ELW

Pastor Arianna Arends

Assisting: Jennifer Coles

Pianist: Angela Rapp

Acolyte:

A/V: Craig Coles

May 24

PENTECOST

Setting 6, With One Voice

Pastor Arianna Arends

Assisting: Jenna Wittenberg

Musician: Deedee Schroeder

Acolyte: Josie Schroeder

A/V: Deron Schroeder

May 31

Trinity Sunday

Setting 6, With One Voice

Presiding: Jennifer Coles

Assisting: Miriam Bennett

Pianist: Deedee Schroeder

Acolyte: Elisa Watanabe

A/V: Bill Sebright

PENTECOST BREAKFAST at 9:00

MAY 24



Happy 90th Birthday!

Bob Schroeder &



(slightly fewer...)

Bill Sebright



THURSDAY'S at 10am

Through the beginning of June we are exploring the Book of Revelation 10am on Thursdays

Hope is the focus of the vision given to John of Patmos. The seven churches addressed in the book each have different challenges which are very similar to modern church situations! Despite the challenges, despite persecution, terror and adversity Jesus is the beginning and the end, the ruler to whom every knee will bow. But the power of the Lamb of God is that of non-violence, the power of love and mercy. The visions of Revelation have been twisted to create fear of the imminent end of the world, and the audacity to think humans can tell who will be saved or damned. Join us to make sense of the symbolism and find hope in these times of uncertainty.



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

Karen

Rex and Sharron Schimke

Darcy

Debbie Austin

Delores Hutchinson

Cheryl Olson

Gloria Loeffler

Dianne Greene

Bill and Pat Coats

Marty Kennard

Torsten and Family

Donna Zabel

Jenna-rae Welch

Elaina Henon

Darcy

Nancy Torbett

Beverly Schierman

Howard Cowen

Tony Francil

Acts

Peggy

Jan

Betty Mortenson

People traveling

Caregivers

Torsten and Family

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.



QUILTING

2nd and 4th Monday's in May
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

All are welcome to join this fun and friendly group.

No experience necessary!

Won't you join us?

Where do the Quilts go from here?

On April 19th, you may have had the honor of seeing our current quilts being blessed. Every year at this same time our quilters work hard to create these beautiful pieces to be sent around the world to people in need through Lutheran World Relief.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilt distribution started in 1945 and has continued shipping quilts to people in need throughout the world as well as in the United States. Wherever there is the need, due to conflicts, poverty or disasters, quilts are set. Some of the quilts have been sent to refugees, hospitals and orphanages in countries such as Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, Angola, Honduras and Turkey. The quilts are not only used for warmth, but are sometimes used as wall dividers, ceilings, floor mats and any other use that is needed.

On May 1st, Amy Helm will deliver the 20 quilts we made and blessed to St. Luke Lutheran Church in Spokane where they will join quilts that were created throughout the area for LWR. After they are loaded and shipping costs from each congregation has been paid, they will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief quilt warehouses located in St. Paul, MN, and from there sent around the world!

For 80+years, we have joined quilters around the country to share God's love through our handiwork. Together we have stitched over 28 million quilts, and embraced countless families in 136 countries. This is how our quilters and congregations who support them put our faith into action every single day.



4-Karen Watson
5-Rita Rausch
5-Rex Schimke
6-Alyssa Allen
16-Stephanie Quackenbush
17-Trenton Helm
18-Deedee Schroeder
21-Patty Cowen
24-Jessica Schroeder
25-Jeff Spray
26-Hunter Markley
30-Craig Coles



May 1st
Maxine Holden
&
Jason Taylor

May 25
Autumn & Matt Hauer

FIBER ARTS AND CRAFTS

Meeting every 1st
Monday morning at 10:00am
to share stories,
projects and maybe a few
shenanigans.



Come and join us!

May Bible Readings

Sunday, May 3

5th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 7:55-60,
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 10

6th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 17:22-31,
Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 17

7th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1:6-14,
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Sunday, May 24

PENTECOST

Readings: Acts 2:1-21,
Psalm 104:24-35, 1 Corinthians 12:3-13, John 20:19-23

Sunday, May 31

THE HOLY TRINITY

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:4, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-21



Dear Zion,

I had the privilege of representing our congregation at the Northwest Intermountain Synod Assembly April 24-26. Here is a summary of the events, workshops and voting that took place.

Vote to approve Budget – There was not much discussion around the budget, no major increases for fiscal year 2027-2028. The synod is gradually increasing its giving to churchwide by ½% a year. They are also cutting funding to the synod's three campus ministries by \$40,000 in step downs over the next two years. This was agreed upon at a past assembly. The step down is to allow the campus ministries to increase their own fundraising to make up the difference.

Elect New Synod Council VP After the death of the former VP, Lisa Therrell, Jeff Campbell was elected and installed as the highest power elected lay person in the synod structure.

Resolution 1: The resolution to promote and support the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action passed after discussion.

Memorial 1: The memorial to Reject Christian Nationalism passed and will be shared with churchwide council.

Update from Holden Village: In mid-December 2025, an atmospheric river brought unusually warm temperatures and heavy rain to the North Cascades, triggering at least 11 mudslides and severe washouts that heavily damaged Forest Service Road 8301—the Village's only access route. Holden Village will remain closed to guests and all but a skeleton staff until the road is repaired – which may not start until November 2026. Holden staff is inviting folks to pray, financially support this ministry and to sign up to be one of the first 5,000 guests to return when the village opens again.

Tanzania Trip: The Assembly commissioned a delegation from the synod to visit our companion synod in Tanzania in June 2026. There is also a fundraising effort on-going to enable the purchase of a *Solar Electric Cooking System* to replace a hazardous wood and charcoal system. In addition to producing on-site electricity for stove-top and oven cooking, the SECS would power a water pumping system and water purification system.

Workshops:

Lamb Power, Not Armageddon: How to Critique Christian Nationalism with Revelation's Vision of Hope – Dr Barbara Rossing from Lutheran School of Theology Chicago who lives in Leavenworth WA began the workshop noting that she is distantly related to Pete Hegseth. She noted that he follows the teachings of Doug Wilson, pastor of Christ Church in Moscow ID, who holds a lot of media attention but certainly not all the power in the area, as locals at the workshop attested. Dr Rossing argued eloquently that Revelation, instead of presenting a violent, conquering, distant God who requires human intervention to bring about the end of days, proclaimed the power of the Lamb who through non-violence has, in and will continue to affect change for good. The message of Revelation is that of Hope and not of Judgement.

Learning to Speak Lutheran about Gender Justice: When everyone else uses the Book of Genesis – Dr Mary Struefert from churchwide spoke about how Genesis 2 has been used narrowly and with incorrect translations to limit women to secondary and subservient roles, and to cover God's blessing for diversity in creation including those of various genders, sexes and sexual orientations. Dr Struefert emphasized Luther started the Reformation at a university and ever since Lutherans have emphasized reason and scientific knowledge.

Is Your Congregation's Constitution in Jeopardy™? – Members of the synod's constitution review committee created a Jeopardy-style quiz to teach the process to review and update congregation's constitution, including bylaws and continuing resolutions. I left still somewhat confused but knowing who to reach out to get answers.

Finding Christ in Complicity with the Marginalized: Building Rural Interfaith Coalition for Brave Actions – Leaders of Cultivating Justice & The Sunnyslope Church shared how they have created an interfaith coalition of people of conscious who stand up with and for the marginalized in the Wenatchee area.

(Autumn attended workshops on "Monarch Butterflies and Migration" and the "EcoFaith Action Network" – please ask her about what she's learned!)

Small Groups: During the plenary sessions we split into groups of three or four and took time to study scripture, pray and ask intense questions about each other experiences. This allowed folks from all over the synod to get to know each other and deepen our understanding.

Once again our interconnectedness between congregations, synods and churchwide expressions was made clear. Zion Deer Park is part of the regional and national and even global church through the connections made at these gatherings.

Please reach out to myself or Autumn Hauer if you'd like to learn more or have questions about our time at the assembly.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Arianna



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES April 12, 2026

Present: Miriam Bennett, Debbie Spray, Deron Schroeder, Jim Rausch, Craig Coles, Charlene Littrel, Jessica Schroeder, Pastor Arianna Arends, Becky Kennard **Call to Order:** Miriam at 11:20 AM **Devotion:** Charlene; Next meeting Jim. **Last Meeting Minutes:** Approved on motion by Jim and seconded by Charlene.

Visitors: Larry Kiewert reporting for Cemetery Committee; last year three trees were identified as problematic due to likelihood they would fall. Larry had a variety of quotes on culling them. No decision made to hire a contractor. Insurance does not cover tree removal. The top of one tree blew down in a recent wind storm, no grave markers were damaged; Bill Sebright cut it up and removed the debris. Bill is also looking into another offer from LDS parishioners who volunteered to assist with cemetery clean up prior to Memorial Day on the 25 of May. Discussion on who can initiate insurance claims. Motion by Jim that the Council President will initiate all insurance claims, Seconded by Miriam; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jessica: Amended report* from General Fund Balance: \$12,062.80. General Savings Balance: \$25,603.88 (+\$200 Basement Funds, \$20.82 Q1 Bank Interest) Funds Designated for Basement \$2,557.00. Youth Fund Balance 3/31/26: \$2,808.63 (+\$125 Lutherhaven Refund, \$289.52 Mission Investment Fund Q1 Interest, \$2.89 Bank Interest.) Mission Investment Fund Balance 3/31/26: \$28,056.56. Q1 Interest Paid: \$289.52, YTD Interest Paid: \$289.52. Educational Gifts Fund: Thrivent Mutual Fund Balance 3/31/26: \$26,418.71. Q1 Reinvested Dividends: \$219.17, YTD: \$219.17. Income (Checking Account: \$11,763.51. Expenses (Checking Account): \$10,193.32 Misc: Century Link is still deducting \$150 from auto pay when Jessica thought they were supposed to start charging less; she will contact them. The DOE buys energy credits and applies those to our account on autopay. On March 18, our insurance sent an inspector to look at our water heater. The inspection was free but it cost \$33.80 to purchase the certificate. *Amended date 04/15/26. Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report made by Jim, seconded by Miriam and passed.

Financial Secretary's Report: Charlene: March 2026 Total Receipts: \$2284.00 (weekly average required for 2026 is \$2771.00). Receipts include Weds AA: \$39.00; Sat. AA \$111.25; Schimke's for basement fund \$50.00. Gifts in Kind: Black Toner \$260.14; Worship Music \$480.00. Motion to approve Financial Secretary's Report made by Jim, seconded by Craig, and passed.

Paster Arianna's Report: March Worship: Special services Palm Sunday, Lenten Midweek Soup and Service; recruiting volunteers for Narrative Dramas; choosing liturgy from The Work of Imagination, current events, and scripture to craft sermons. Education/Youth: Belfry Bunch - tangible scripture application that isn't simply a moral lesson. Bible Study on Thursdays, wrapped up March 26. Pastoral Care: conversations with family of Dianne Shimitzu about her death. Conversations around healing, caring for relatives, political changes etc. Prayer requests both in person and on-line. Outreach: Coffee Fellowship, soup/supper time, Fiber Arts and Quilting groups. Upcoming: April 19 Blessing of Quilts, Synod Assembly info, and Q&A after worship. April 24-26 Synod Assembly, Pastor Arianna, Bev Schoen, Autumn Hauer attending. May 3 GIFT Sunday-Communion, May 24, Pentecost Sunday; June 7 GIFT Sunday-Sending Benediction, All Peoples Sunday School.

Office Administrator's Report: Debbie worked 20 days with a total of 78.5 hours; prepared worship binders and bulletins; facilitated meetings with Egg Hunt volunteers and Fellowship Committee, leading to Easter Sunday breakfast, worship. The egg hunt went smoothly and was loved by the children! Updated bulletin boards, met visitors in the office with hospitality, picked up altar flowers, updated outside signs to reflect church happenings, and produced a colorful and informative monthly newsletter.

Community Groups: Sisters' Song will be moving to a new location in two months. Miriam is considering starting a 4-H group for children interested in small animal husbandry, particularly rabbits.

Reports of Committees:

Fellowship: Providing lunch for Work Day volunteers on April 20. **Property:** Craig replaced a toilet in the basement; wall paint has been acquired for basement walls; patio pavers donated by the Dianna Shimizu estate for a memorial space between the buildings, Deedee and Debbie did the labor to dig them up and move onto the church property. Miriam is doing taxes for the people doing seam repair on the carpet that's being donated. Next up will be what we will do with the kitchen, with consideration to laundry as a hygiene support to those that need it. Thank you note to Lori Markham for her years of volunteer service in building maintenance and a plea to find a replacement custodian. Work includes cleaning every other weekend, vacuuming and toilets. **Stewardship:** Rummage Sale on May 1 & 2.. Lots of help needed, sign-up sheets have been passed around. Rita and Jim have started collecting donation items and can be contacted if help is needed to pick up an item. **Worship:** Miriam will lead worship April 26 during Synod Assembly weekend. **Youth and Education:** No high school graduates this year, but Ella will receive a Bible June 3. Some of the older children, Josie and Marjorie have expressed interest in assisting in monitoring the younger ones, with the help of Heidi and Jenna (or other adult volunteers)

Unfinished Business:

Directory: The church directory needs to be proofed and will be passed around. Amy has comb binding. Need to decide which printing service to use. **Synod Assembly:** Pastor Arianna, Autumn Hauer and Bev Schoen attending. **Exploratory Committee:** Will discuss at Council Retreat on May 18. **Synod donation:** Council decided to donate the \$2000 designated in the 2026 budget to the Synod. (If we tithed our church income at 10% it would be \$12,000.)

New Business:

May Council retreat at Debbie Spray's house on May 18. Next Meeting Date: May 18

Motion to close meeting made by Charlene and seconded by Craig; motion passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Annual Easter Egg Hunt a HUGE SUCCESS!



Getting ready for the annual Church Rummage Sale is NO JOKE! Jim and Rita Rausch have been gathering items like crazy and storing them in their garage (among other places) for months in preparation for our big sale.

WE ARE SO BLESSED! Thank you to everyone who donated, sorted, hauled, fed and prayed for this year's sale.



Thank you for the Bunnies!



Once again we were blessed with tiny bunny snuggles and photo ops thanks to Miriam Bennett and her generosity of

Easter Bunny Time!



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

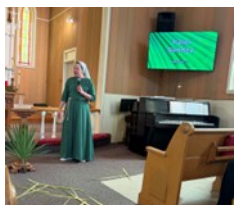
Awards to be announced by August 15, 2026

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.**

Holy Week Character Narrations



by Heidi Gile,
Deron Schroeder, and
Debbie Spray



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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

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