

# ZIONEWS

APRIL 2019

Zion Lutheran Church

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An active congregation of the Montana Synod of the ELCA

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Alleluia! Jesus has risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia! (ELW)



The day has come! Christians wait more for this day than Christmas! Easter is the true "miracle" as the hymn resounds. God's Easter message is that God's work and promise and love go on. Easter is not an end, Easter is the end of the beginning. There is so much more to come as we walk in the power and glory of the Name of our Risen Savior. A blessed Easter to us all!

What a month April will be! The sober message of the Lenten season with the promise of Easter to come. The Three Days of Holy Week. Palm Sunday and recognizing the first communion class. Easter and then Confirmation. We have five eighth graders who are ready. The joy of seeing an affirmation of baptism and prayers for these kids as they become adult members of this congregation with all the responsibilities, is great. It is up to us to encourage, challenge and uplift these, our kids, in the years to come.

After a great week-end of music in March with the African Children's Choir and the Oak Grove Lutheran High School here we welcome the Lay Pastoral Assistants as they meet for their final class before their recognition at the Synod Assembly (April 5th and 6th). Leah Juneau and Kelley Miller are ready to be involved and called to serve this congregation. Caryn Rein and Carleen Gaub are finishing their work at Fallon. Next year's Eastern LPA program is open for people to join. We continue to need folks throughout the Synod to assist with worship. Talk to Pastor Avis if you have an interest. It is a wonderful journey as we grow in faith to serve.

Saturday, April 27th greet Patrick Atkinson as the guest speaker for the South east Women of the ELCA cluster gathering in Glendive. We are working hard to get out the word about his coming. What a gift! A native of Bismarck, Patrick has spent his adult life creating The God's Child Project which works in Guatemala and other Central American nations with lost, starving and orphaned children. He also works in the field of human trafficking — the sex trade and this is the central theme of the gathering. Women from Montana continue to disappear into this business. As parents, as people who love our children, we need to know how to combat this great evil. Several copies of his biography, *The Dream Maker* are available for sale in the church office (\$16.).

We have a lot to celebrate at Zion Lutheran Church. God's Work, our Hands, each day, every day. Amen, amen and amen.

We continue our prayers for the Call Committee and their search for a pastor for Zion. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move among us and in the lives of pastoral candidates.

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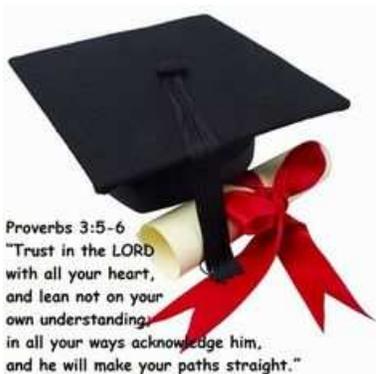
**INSERTS:**

Zion's Church Calendar  
Worship Leaders Schedule

**Graduate Reception**

Sunday, May 12th at 9:15 am  
in the Fellowship room and  
presentation of quilts and scholarships  
at 10 am Worship.

- Brooke Buxbaum  
Coy Emerson  
Emma Gabbert  
Madison Juneau  
Kane Knudson  
Caden Nerison  
Bailey Pearcy  
Kjersten Rieger  
Amber Sickler  
Andrew Senvold  
Dalton Vickers



**Zion's Mission Statement:**

As a body of believers, created by God,  
redeemed by Christ, empowered by the Spirit,  
we are called to bear witness  
to God's love.

**Church staff:**

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**2019 Zion Council Members:**

- Bill Miller, President  
Kevin Miller, Vice President  
Janna McCormick, Treasurer  
Marie Meland, Secretary
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|---------------|----------------|
| Gail Ring     | Leah Juneau    |
| Tyler Gabbert | Danielle Wold  |
| Paul Shearer  | Larry Heimbuch |
| Kyle Voss     | Izabell Siegle |
| Vern Deaton   |                |



### Stewardship Corner

The Loaves and Fishes program shares responsibility for Zion becoming "A Church Without Walls." We are grateful to the many people who have given

sacrificially so that we might "give a hand up" to the poor and needy in our community. The need is ever present and funds are getting low, so we are again asking for assistance from Zion members who are willing to make an offering over and above their regular offering to the church. If you are able and would like to give, please designate your gift to "Zion Loaves and Fishes" either on an envelope or on a check and place it in an offering plate. The funds will be deposited in the L & F account.

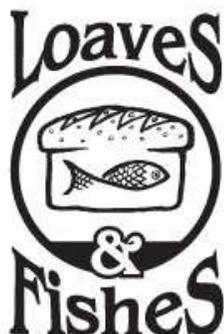
We have established protocol and guidelines to ensure that funds are used appropriately. There is a limit to what we will allow for any one family for a calendar year, and we make referrals to the Food Bank or Salvation Army whenever possible. Of course, people who benefit from our assistance are universally appreciative, because they come from difficult or desperate circumstances.

Since the inception of the Loaves and Fishes Committee in 2011, we have had 18 different people working with the committee. We currently have 9 people, so we are in need of more volunteers. Some have had to withdraw because of conflicts with work or because of a shift in their personal priorities. So, we are asking for more volunteers to join our group. Serving on the committee is a commitment of about one hour per month (5:00 to 6:00 PM on a Monday) and another hour for quarterly committee meetings. We schedule volunteers in pairs, generally a man and a woman. This enables us to be more perceptive when meeting with recipients and more wise in our dispensations. We hope you will prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. If you are interested or would like to know more, you may contact Cammy Sue or Don Idso.

**1 Peter 4:10 "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."**

### Loaves and Fishes Fund is in need of funds

Although it was shared that Salvation Army fundraising was successful, those funds are not immediate and require time and paperwork for only certain needs. Loaves and Fishes is used for emergency and immediate needs for our walk-in clients.



## Holy Week Worship Schedule

### Weekly Lenten Services

April 3, 10 at Congregational Church, Glendive  
6 p.m. soup supper followed by worship

### Holy Week begins Sunday, April 14

- 10 a.m. Palm Sunday and First Communion for 5th graders

### Thursday, April 18

- Maundy Thursday worship at 7 p.m. at Zion with Holy Communion

### Friday, April 19

- Good Friday, Community worship at United Methodist Church at noon
- Tenebrae worship at Zion at 7 p.m.

### Saturday, April 20

- Easter Vigil with Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

### Easter Sunday, April 21

- Worship with Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. ~ Easter breakfast served between services

*~ You're Invited ~*

Open to everyone:

You are invited and encouraged to attend a free, public presentation about **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** at Zion Lutheran Church (401 Riverview Avenue, Glendive) on Saturday April 27th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

The tragedy of exploitation will be discussed by anti-human trafficking activist, Patrick Atkinson, who has nearly 40 years of experience in this field. Atkinson is the founder of the Institute for Trafficked, Exploited and Missing Persons (ITEMP) and his expertise has been requested by domestic and international governments, schools, corporations, law enforcement agencies, and military forces.

This event has been organized to raise awareness about trafficking abuse in the United States and throughout the world by local members of *Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* (WELCA) and various ELCA congregations.

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

**Call to Order:** Council President, Bill Miller, called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** Led by Pastor Avis

**Approval of Minutes** from the February meeting. Kevin Miller presented a note from Don Idso, identifying an omission from the Evangelism and Stewardship report. Adele Idso assisted in serving the meal at DCC, and Sharon Towberman assisted with cooking. Marie regrets the omission, and agreed to correct the minutes accordingly. Gail R. moved we approved the corrected minutes, Kevin M. seconded, and the minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Janna McCormick. A discussion followed about the month's budget ending in the negative. The monthly power bill was also noted, although it was not an unexpected amount, given the cold weather. Sunday offerings were also down, again likely owing to the inclement weather and reduced attendance. Janna suggested we reduce the percentage we tithe to the Synod. Currently it is at 10%, and if we reduce it to 8% or 9%, she will send a letter to the Synod office explaining the contributing circumstances. Pastor Avis said that would be acceptable, and also wondered if a notice should be included in the bulletin to remind those traveling or missing worship to arrange to make up their offerings. Since ending another budget month in the negative, it was agreed that the congregation should be made aware of it. Although our savings balances are positive, some of the money is encumbered for future projects which will begin soon. Janna also reminded us there are five Sundays this month so an uptick in donations is likely. We will reduce the tithe for the time being, and make the congregation aware of the negative balance at month's end. Tyler G. moved we accept the financial report, Vern D. seconded, and the motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Avis announced she has been busy with home visits and communion for shut-ins. Confirmation classes continue, and the LPAs will have completed their training in a few weeks. She will officiate a memorial service for Agnes Kinney. She will be in Fallon on Thursday to assist Bruce Smith's family in planning for their future needs.

**Property and Management** – Bill M reported the new phone system is up and running. Reports from its users have been positive, although a few tweaks remain. Bill notified the previous provider that our services have been switched over as of February 28<sup>th</sup>. The church was left unlocked last Sunday. After some discussion about how to prevent this in the future, the Council agreed to have a door key available in the sound booth so whoever is taking care of the sound system can also lock the double doors following services.

**Evangelism and Stewardship** – Kevin Miller reports corrections to this committee's membership list. Kourtney S. has left the committee, and Ayana Jones and Kenna Gabbert have been added. The committee also met prior to tonight's meeting and noted some housing is still needed for the African Children's Choir. The committee also discussed speaking to Cammy Sue about taking over responsibility for arranging readers for weekly worship. Sheila will speak to Cammy Sue on Wednesday about this. Kevin passed a list of readers to those who wish to be included. Tyler G. and Marie M. added their names. The rest of the list will be reviewed for accuracy.

**Social Ministry** – Leah J. reported this committee has not met, but will do so in the near future to plan an Easter project for the shut-ins.

**Worship** – This committee will meet on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, following worship. Has summer worship been arranged for? The group will need to find pulpit supply for the dates Pastor Avis will be out of town. Leah and Kelley will be completing their LPA training, and might be available to serve as Zion's delegates to the Great Falls Synod meeting. Schedules are still being reviewed.

Soup supper will be the responsibility of the Council on April 10<sup>th</sup>. We will need the assistance of all Council members on that night, so serving and clean up can be done in a timely fashion.

**Youth and Education** – Cami White provided an extensive written report. Acolyte training has been done. Youth will be busy with projects throughout March and April, and will serve the Lenten Soup Supper on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Congregational Church. Janna M., Marie M., and Vern D. will review applications for a \$500.00 scholarship as soon as the meeting date is set. Scholarship(s) will be awarded on Senior Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Meals are being arranged by church work groups. A meal will also be provided on March 30<sup>th</sup> for the Oak Grove Lutheran Choir members. The youth will also be serving Easter breakfast. Our youth are very ambitious and always busy.

**Call Committee** – Cami White has been compiling surveys the congregation members filled out. The data will be used to develop a list of priorities for our future pastor. The committee will meet on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. LaNette Simonton is the chair, and she will be scheduling meetings for the call committee.

**Sanctuary Refresh Committee** – Vern D. answered questions about the various costs involved. He reported the cost of pews varies depending on the end caps that are chosen. Grant monies are not guaranteed, but we should be notified as soon as possible about the success of our applications. In addition, any funds remaining after window repairs and other projects will be used toward the refresh. Work will be done in the summer.

#### **New Business:**

A list of upcoming events was provided by Bill M. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, Quilters will be honored with coffee and muffins in the fellowship room prior to Worship. March 16<sup>th</sup> is National Quilting Day. Corsages will be presented to each quilter as we thank them for the diligent work throughout the year. The African Children's Choir will perform on March 29, and the Oak Grove Lutheran Choir will perform on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Looking farther ahead, The Women's Cluster Gathering will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, with Patrick Atkinson, founder of God's Child, as the featured speaker. This presentation will be opened to the public due to the timeliness of his message related to human trafficking.

Mr. Atkinson is a national and international presenter on this topic. Copies of his biography, *The Dream Maker*, are available for \$16.00. Contact the church office, 406-377-3369, to purchase a copy.

Bill asked if Easter breakfast will be served. Council agreed it should be done. Youth will again be doing this, as discussed in the Youth and Education report.

**Adjourn and Closing:** Lord's Prayer and Mission Statement was led by Bill M.

**Next Meeting:** **Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.**

Submitted by Marie Meland, Council Secretary

**March Memorials**

Radio broadcast March 10<sup>th</sup> in memory of **Bob & Lu Prescott**

**new Purple Lenten Banners** from their family

In memory of **Maggie Thompson**

from Karen Schock for Undesignated

In memory of **Andrea "Andy" Huschka**

from Carole Dick for the Window Fund

In honor of the baptism of **Jadis Denton Joyce**

from Carole Dick for the Window Fund

In memory of **Patty Houck**

from Donna Houck for Undesignated

*Peace be with you*  
*John 14:27*

| <u>March Statistics</u> | <u>Att'd</u>             | <u>Com</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Feb 28 Thurs            | 12                       | 12         | 155.00**        |
| <b>Mar 3 Sun</b>        | <b>104</b>               | <b>99</b>  | <b>4,242.00</b> |
| Mar 7 Thurs             | 12                       | 12         | 230.00**        |
| <b>Mar 10 Sun</b>       | <b>96</b>                | <b>86</b>  | <b>3,392.00</b> |
| Mar 14 Thurs            | 14                       | 14         | 615.00          |
| <b>Mar 17 Sun</b>       | <b>105</b>               | <b>95</b>  | <b>4,448.00</b> |
| Mar 21 Thurs            | 8                        | 8          | 135.00          |
| <b>Mar 24 Sun</b>       | <b>109</b>               | <b>106</b> | <b>2,245.00</b> |
| Mar 28 Thurs            | See next month's Zionews |            |                 |
| Mar 31 Sun              | See next month's Zionews |            |                 |

(\*\*This service offering included in Sunday Total amount)

**Pastoral Acts for March**

- Funerals** - 0
  - Baptisms** - 0
  - Weddings** - 0
  - Private Communion**s - 8
  - Communion**s - 15
- (includes - Grandview, GMC Nursing Home)

**FOR THE RECORD:**

**February 2019 Treasurer's Report**

**Income**

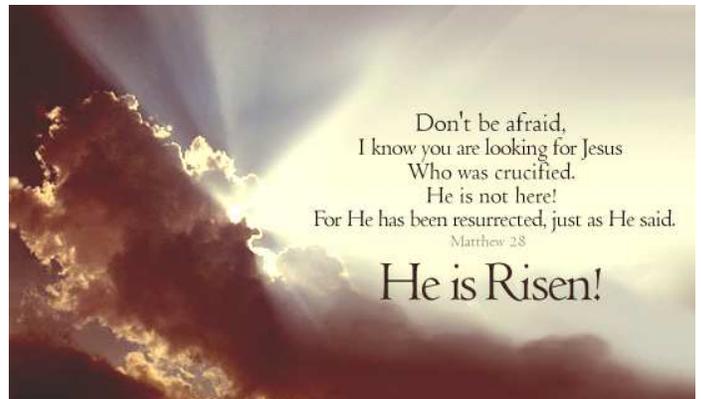
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| Furniture Room   | 196.00           |
| Tithes/Offerings | <u>13,080.00</u> |

**Total Income** **\$13,276.00**

**Expense**

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Annual Meeting             | 71.24              |
| Benevolence (ELCA)         | 1,482.50           |
| Insurance Expense          |                    |
| Worker's Compensation      | <u>431.38</u>      |
| Total Insurance Expense    | 431.38             |
| Janitorial Expense         | 29.74              |
| MDU                        | 1,464.76           |
| Mileage Reimbursement      | 50.00              |
| Ministry Expense           | 555.29             |
| Mortgage (window debt)     | 415.00             |
| Office Supplies            | 1,092.74           |
| Pastors Housing            | 450.00             |
| Payroll Expenses           | 6,416.36           |
| Postage and Delivery       | 46.01              |
| Repairs and Maintenance    | 82.54              |
| Telephone/Internet Expense | 123.53             |
| Wage Tax                   | 2,179.20           |
| Water                      | <u>107.24</u>      |
| <b>Total Expense</b>       | <b>\$14,997.53</b> |
| Net Ordinary Income        | <u>-1,721.53</u>   |
| <b>Net Income</b>          | <b>-1,721.53</b>   |
| Year to date Net Income    | -2,562.99          |

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>2/28/19 Statement Balance</b>          | <b>\$38,722.14</b>  |
| <b>2/28/19 Savings Balance</b>            | <b>\$112,754.85</b> |
| <b>2/28/19 Mortgage (Windows Balance)</b> | <b>\$31,310.45</b>  |



## Zion Youth and Family Ministry

**\*\* Check the youth table and bulletin board in the Narthex for resources for all ages and stages, schedules for the month and *Taking Faith Home* resources.\*\***

### April 3

3:45 pm 2nd year Confirmation class and pictures  
7:30 pm YG Core

### April 7

9 am Sunday School GIFT  
11:30 am YG Unite  
1 pm First Communion Class for 5th graders  
5 pm YG Roots

### April 10

3:45 pm 2nd year Confirmation class

### April 14

9 am Sunday School GIFT  
1:30 pm 5th/6th Youth Group  
3 pm 7th/8th Youth Group  
5 pm High School Youth Group

### April 17

No Confirmation class

### April 21

Happy Easter!  
No Sunday School GIFT or Youth Group  
Easter breakfast will be served between 7 am and 10 am Worship

### April 24

3:45 pm last 2nd year Confirmation class and rehearsal for Sunday  
6:30 pm YG Core

### April 28

9 am Sunday School GIFT - Last day  
9 am Confirmation reception  
12:30 pm Youth attend Hike for Hope



## Special News and Events

**Easter Breakfast will be served Sunday, April 21 in the Fellowship room between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. services.**

**Free will donation for VBS 2019  
Thank you for your support!**



### Confirmation Reception

Sunday, April 28 at 9:15 am

in the Fellowship room

Corbin Gabbert

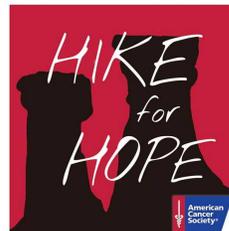
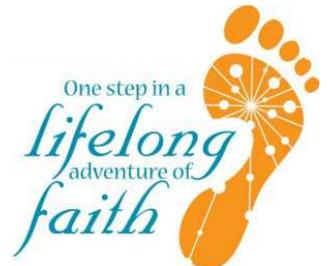
Caton Percy

Mallory Robinson

Sheldon Rod

Loren Voss

We look forward to witnessing your continued growth in a lifelong adventure of faith.



**Youth activity for April 28th will be attending Hike for Hope, supporting the local Glendive Cancer Fund.**

**Pre-registration by April 7th is requested. Please contact Cami for details and questions.**



Zion Lutheran  
Church Women

**Bible Study Circles and Groups:**

*Deborah: Thursday, April 4 at 2 p.m.*

*Hannah/Dorcas: Tuesday, April 9 at 10 a.m.*

*Sarah: Friday, April 15 at 1:30 p.m.*

*Hostess: Verna at 301 Lyndale*

*Circle of Prayer meets: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.*

***Chancel Guild meets:***

*Wednesday, April 17 at 2 pm*

***Quilters meet Mondays at 9 a.m.***

**ZLCW Scholarship**

**ZLCW is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$500 for members of Zion who are presently enrolled in college or who are planning to attend a college for the 2019-20 school year.**

**Applications can be picked up at the church office or printed online at [zionlutheran.us](http://zionlutheran.us) and sent to the office. Deadline for the applications is May 5, 2019.**



Many thanks to all for the prayers and messages of encouragement during my son Brian's medical emergency. He is recovering well thanks to all the prayers. Thank you and may God bless you all.

Gladys Weigum and family

The Chancel Guild will again sponsor the annual **Easter Lily Project**. Members of Zion are invited to support enhancing the beauty of the church for Easter by placing a lily in the Chancel in memory of family and friends. You are invited to designate a memorial to World Hunger instead of the purchase of a lily, if you so desire. Lily contribution is **\$15.00** again this year. The Chancel Guild members will be in the Narthex to take orders for **lilies on March 31st - April 14th before and after worship service**. Lilies and memorials to World Hunger are **\$15.00** each.



Thank you to all the volunteers that made our weekend full of choir concerts a great success. It takes many hands to pull together events like these. Work groups, host families, committees and many individuals helped bring smiles and joy to the community. Thank you!

THANK YOU from ZLCW for all the soap donated during January & February for Lutheran World Relief.

While it may seem like a simple item to us, in a refugee camp, a bar of soap can prevent disease. Lives are changed by this gift.

Thank you to Izzy, Kenna, Emma, Hope and Ayana for giving the children's messages during this season of Lent. You are a blessing to this congregation and are actively involved in the community of faith through worship, serving on committees, leading Sunday School, serving as deacons and faithful involvement in Youth Group.

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#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Val Damron** was recently honored with the *2019 Distinguished Service Award* by the Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education. She is the PreK Special Education teacher at Washington Middle School.

#### **Academic All-State Honors, Montana High School Association:**

Bailey Percy in Girls Basketball; Thomas Reske in Wrestling; Makenna Gabbert in Forensics

#### **DCHS 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Honor Roll**

Kaitlyn Casini, Paighton Nottestad, Thomas Reske, Carly Sickler, Carsen Staiger, Ayana Jones, Izabell Siegle, Brock Nelson, Austyn Nottestad, Hope White, Emma Gabbert, Bailey Percy, Kjersten Rieger, Amber Sickler, Dalton Vickers

"A" flush: Bryn Snideman, Makenna Gabbert, Kane Knudson

*We want to celebrate with you. Please share your joys with us. Let us know if your children or grandchildren are graduating, new babies, weddings, and other accomplishments and we will celebrate together. Please call the office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month (377-3369) or email to [cami@zionlutheran.us](mailto:cami@zionlutheran.us).*