

ZIONEWS

AUGUST 2016

Zion Lutheran Church

1906 - 2016

An active congregation of the Montana Synod of the ELCA

Dear Friends in Christ,

Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (what an awesome name!) wrote one of the oldest hymns in our hymnal. In the late 300s or early 400s, Prudentius authored *Of the Father's Love Begotten*, #295 in our ELW hymnal. The current tune was probably added in the 1200s.

We traditionally sing this song at Christmas. The melody is flowing; the words are deep. It speaks of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the love of God, and many descriptive images for the Deity.

This song is old...and even today beloved. Throughout the centuries, poets, theologians, authors, musicians, and others have written thousands of songs. From Philippians 2:5-11, often called the *Christ-hymn* (probably written by 55-60 AD), to *Of the Father's Love Begotten*, to *A Mighty Fortress* (late 1520s), to *Amazing Grace* (1779), to *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* (1985), and even many after that, we have a huge wealth of songs and hymns. Our hymnal contains the 150 Psalms...and then over 700 other songs – and these are nowhere close to all the worship songs out there!

Coming this Rally Sunday, September 11, we will start a “Hymn Bracket” at Zion. This Bracket is adapted from the yearly March college basketball tournament.

This basketball tournament takes place over a few weeks, starting with 64 teams. If you lose, you're out. If you win, you go on to play the next winning team, until there is only one team left – the ultimate champion. The whole thing takes a couple of weeks.

Here at Zion this fall, we are going to embark upon our own tournament. Instead of basketball teams playing games, congregation members will submit ballots of their top ten favorite worship songs (they don't have to be in our current hymnal). The 64 with the most votes will go in the bracket. Over the next few months, a couple teams each week will battle in the ballot box. If a team wins, it survives and will face another opponent in a few weeks. By the end of the church year, on November 20 (Advent, which is the earliest it can be this year, starts the following Sunday, when the new church year begins), we will have our winner!

Voting will take place each weekend, starting at the Thursday night worship and continuing until noon on Sunday. Votes will be counted Sunday afternoon, and the next round of voting will begin on Thursday and go through the following Sunday. You can vote via Facebook, by emailing Pastor Will, or with a paper ballot at church...though coming to worship is the easiest way to make sure you don't forget to vote.

Nominations start in August, and can be submitted directly in paper form to Pastor Will, as an email, or via Facebook, until September 5.

Each week we will update information on Facebook, the website, and on the Bracket board at church. It's going to be awesome!

Pastor Will

Please note – I'm not at all advocating any of the songs mentioned here be in the hymn bracket. But if you like one of them, nominate it!

2016 Hymn Bracket Ballot

Zion Lutheran Church, Glendive, MT

Instructions: Please fill out 1 ballot online, via email, or by paper copy, and return to the church office or Pastor Will by September 5. You may list any worship songs/hymns, they do not need to be in our current hymnal. The first round of voting will be between September 8 and 11. More details at church, on Facebook, and in the newsletter.

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INSERTS:

Zion's Church Calendar
Worship Leaders Schedule

All Zionews items can be emailed to cami@zionlutheran.us, left in the yellow folder in the church office or in loyalty box for Zionews items, top far left corner.



Thursday, 6 pm Worship
Sunday, 8 am at Makoshika
Sunday, 10 am Worship

Fall schedule will begin in September

Shopper 7000

Remember to say **"Shopper 7000"** when you check out at **Reynolds Market**. A percentage of your purchase will support Zion Youth Programs.

Checks are received by our youth programs quarterly; one helps Sunday School, one to VBS and two for the Youth Group.

We appreciate your support!

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.*

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2016 Zion Council Members:

- Don Idso, President
- Gary Kirkpatrick, Vice President
- Sheryl Stansbury, Secretary
- Janna McCormick, Treasurer
- Bill Miller
- Michelle Sickler
- Tami Conrad
- Tyler Gabbert
- Paul Shearer
- Kyle Voss
- Tom Trangmoe
- Danielle Wold
- Cheyenne Damron



Stewardship Corner

In last month's article we made the point that giving to God's work can be duty and delight and that giving supports the community of faith.

In Paul's epistles, he discusses collections for the church in Jerusalem, which has apparently fallen on hard times. Stewardship principles have been derived from Romans 15:5-15, 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, and 2 Corinthians 8-9.

Mark Allan Powell, in his book Giving to God (pp. 116-117), lists some of these principles. (*This might be a good time for you to reach for your Bible.*) Each of the principles listed gives a Bible reference.

"1. Giving is both a duty and a delight, something we ought to do and something we are pleased to do (Romans 15:25-26).

2. Giving is to be regular and systematic, according to a plan (1Corinthians 16:2).

3. Giving is a demonstration of God's grace (2 Corinthians 8:1; 9:14).

4. Giving need not be hampered by difficult circumstances, for even those who suffer affliction and experience poverty may exhibit generosity (2 Corinthians 8:2)

5. Giving is to be voluntary, not under compulsion (2 Corinthians 8:3; 9:5,7)."

That's enough for this article. We will have more stewardship principles in our next issue.

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

Pastoral Acts for July

Funerals - 0

Baptisms - 0

Transfer out - Carrie Sue Dawes July 12, 2016

Weddings - 2 Bailey Gibbs July 16, 2016

Dylan Holmer

Rachel Ree July 23, 2016

Blake Stanhope

Private Communions - 2

Other Communions - 23

(includes - Grandview and GMC Nursing Home)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Two long-time members of our Loaves and Fishes Mission Response have decided to move to a substitute list rather than be on the committee fulltime. Sheryl Stansbury and Carole Dick have been with Loaves and Fishes since the beginning and we will miss their wisdom and their leadership. Of late we have added Heidi Siegle and Kim Stulc to the team and we welcome them. We do need more folks to help, however.

We meet with clients from 5-6 p.m. each Monday evening. There are always two people to work and everyone is very good about switching if you have a conflict. If you have any questions you can talk to Kari Robinson, Sharon Batterman, Vern Deaton, Don Idso, Bill Miller, Ralph Lenhart, Heidi Siegle, Kim Stulc, or Pastor Avis. We will have new schedules for September and October coming out around August 1st.

Loaves and Fishes has been a mission of Zion for nearly 20 years and is known throughout the community for the assistance we are able to give to those in need.

"God's work, our hands."



| <u>July Statistic</u> | <u>Att'd</u> | <u>Com</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| June 30 Thurs | 11 | 11 | 255.00** |
| July 3 Makoshika | 24 | 24 | ** |
| July 3 Sun | 82 | 79 | 5,273.00 |
| July 7 Thurs | 12 | 12 | 37.00** |
| July 10 Makoshika | 13 | 13 | ** |
| July 10 Sun | 93 | 87 | 3,080.00 |
| July 14 Thurs | 12 | 12 | 285.00** |
| July 17 Makoshika | 16 | 15 | 550.00** |
| July 17 Sun | 82 | 76 | 4,910.00 |
| July 21 Thurs | 8 | 8 | 5.00** |
| July 24 Makoshika | 19 | 19 | 745.00** |
| July 24 Sun | 86 | 76 | 2,949.00 |
| July 28 Thurs | 6 | 6 | 160.00** |
| July 31 Makoshika | 33 | 33 | 840.00** |
| July 31 Sun | 72 | 64 | 2,410.00 |
| Totals | 569 | 535 | \$18,622.00 |

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

**Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes
July 13, 2016**

Members present: Don Idso, Paul Shearer, Sheryl Stansbury, Gary Kirkpatrick, Tom Trangmoe, Kyle Voss, Tami Conrad, Michelle Sickler, Danielle Wold and Tyler Gabbert.

Meeting was called to order by President Don Idso, who also opened with devotions. Pastor Will is not in attendance due to supervising a youth field trip to Medora.

June meeting minutes were read. Kyle V. motioned to approve minutes, Sheryl S. second. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was read and discussed.

Gary K. moved and Paul S. second to approve a \$1500 donation to Badlands Ministry to assist with bible camp staff salaries. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Property & Management: Repairs have been made to planters on the north side of the church.

Evangelism & Stewardship: Ben Clapp from Intervarsity at Montana State University-Bozeman is willing to work with the congregation, possibly Rally Sunday. God's Work-Our Hands will be Sept. 11, which is also Rally Sunday. Council discussed continuing with providing meals to Dawson Community College students in the fall.

Social Ministry: Salvation Army is in need of volunteers due to having one board member currently. A church member will be in contact to offer assistance to the program and report back to the council.

Worship: No report

Youth & Education: There is a need for more Sunday school teachers and music leaders for the fall. Anyone who is interested please let Cami White know.

Old Business: Wedding policy was reviewed. Michelle S. moved, Sheryl S. second to modify the wedding coordinator fee to \$150. Motion passed.

New Business: New basement floor was discussed. Bid of \$18,361 for tile, base and installation. Funds currently available for project is \$14,104. Michelle S. moved, Paul S. second, to approve the remaining balance be paid out of the General Fund. Motion approved. Project should be completed in August.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

From www.elca.org/dayofservice

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The suggested date for the 2016 dedicated day of service is **Sunday, Sept. 11**. Mark your calendars today!

If your congregation cannot participate on this date, please consider another day.



A LIFE IN COMMON

In his first letter to the church at Corinth, the Apostle Paul says (in Eugene Peterson's translation The Message): "I have a serious concern to bring up with you, my friends, using the authority of Jesus, our Master. I'll put it as urgently as I can: You must get along with each other. You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common." (I Corinthians 1:10)...

We live in a time when there are too many conflicts, too little cooperation, and too few people who are willing to get along. Simple courtesy, the ability to compromise, and the willingness to think of the larger good -- those things seem to be in short supply. We are reaching the point where the very social fabric is coming unraveled...

I suggest the following steps for each of us and all of us to take:

1. Start by saying "I could be wrong" when expressing your opinions. That simple caveat allows room for the other person to have a different opinion. And it is also the truth – we may well be wrong, even when we have a strong opinion.
2. Practice stating opposing opinions without labeling or cynicism. The ability to explain positions with which we disagree means that we have truly listened and learned. It also makes it more likely that we will convince others to consider our opinions.
3. Agree to disagree without becoming disagreeable. There is nothing which says we must always agree, but our disagreeing can be civil and polite.
4. Don't go thermo-nuclear on every issue. Most issues are not ultimate, so don't ramp up the rhetoric on every little thing.
5. Allow God to speak for Himself and don't presume God agrees with you on every one of your opinions.

Will these five steps eliminate all of the divisions and violence in our society and all the divisions in our churches? Of course not. But we must start somewhere. As the Apostle Paul says, "We must get along with each other." We must.

-- U.M. Bishop Mike Coyner, from the Indiana Conference website

July Memorials

In memory for **Wallace “Wally” Broeder**

- from Bonnie Broeder, Family & Friends for Basement Flooring
- from Martha Hilger for Basement Flooring
- from Mike and Carole Wilondek for Basement Flooring
- from Gerald & Janine Huschka for Basement Flooring
- from Melvin & Ricki McDanold for Basement Flooring
- from Gordon & Gert Kolberg for Basement Flooring
- from Doug & Cathleen Mann for Basement Flooring
- from Bonnie Broeder, Family & Friends for Basement Flooring
- from Marie Meland for Basement Flooring

Memorials and Thanks given to **Loaves and Fishes**

- from Anonymous **Thanks to Sheila Kennedy & Bonita Jenkins**

In memory of **Keith Ebelt, Lillian’s Nemitz’ brother**

- from Marian Chouinard for Basement Flooring

In memory of **Bob Gilman, Rita Frank’s brother and Jack Downs, Georgia Norderud’s brother**

- from Anonymous for Basement Flooring

In memory of **Jack Downs, Georgia Norderud’s brother**

- from Neil & Cammy for the Quilters
- from Karen Schock for the Quilters
- from Gary & Maureen Lundman for Loaves & Fishes
- from Don & Adele Idso for Bathroom Renovation
- from Myrna Kintz for Basement Flooring
- from Jim & Marilyn Knapp for Basement Flooring
- from Esther Shearer for Loaves & Fishes
- from Janet Meland for Basement Flooring

In memory of **Roger Stansbury, Dale Stansbury’s brother**

- from Don & Adele Idso for Bathroom Renovation

In memory of **Carolyn Elaine Mozley, sister-in-law of Barbara Michael**

- from Karl & Madeline Overlie for the Dining Room Redecoration Fund

In memory of **Thelma Bernstson**

- from Georgia Norderud for the Basement Flooring

In memory of **Roger Stansbury, Dale Stansbury’s brother and Bob Gilman, Rita Frank’s brother**

- from Neil & Cammy Oakland for the Basement Flooring

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FOR THE RECORD:

June 2016 Treasurer’s Report

Income

| | |
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| Furniture Room | 85.00 |
| Misc Income | 1,185.00 |
| Tithes/Offerings | 16,650.00 |
| Youth Group | <u>75.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$17,995.00 |

Expense

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Advertising and Promotion | 164.00 |
| Benevolence (ELCA) | 1,449.53 |
| Dues and Subscriptions | 21.60 |
| Evangelism, Stewardship | 97.23 |
| Insurance Expense | |
| General Liability Insurance | 739.67 |
| Health Insurance | <u>523.86</u> |
| Total Insurance Expense | 1,263.53 |
| Janitorial Expense | 62.89 |
| Landscaping Expense | 152.00 |
| MDU | 285.86 |
| Mileage Reimbursement | 68.15 |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 1,165.00 |
| Mortgage (window debt) | 415.00 |
| Office Supplies | 1,523.53 |
| Pastors Housing | 150.00 |
| Payroll Expenses | 6,035.34 |
| Pension | 542.68 |
| Postage and Delivery | 50.68 |
| Pulpit Supply | 400.00 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 110.94 |
| Sunday School | 1,164.32 |
| Telephone/Internet Expense | 207.14 |
| Wage Tax | 2,018.43 |
| Water | 110.44 |
| Youth Group Expenses | <u>76.90</u> |
| Total Expense | \$17,535.19 |

Net Ordinary Income 459.81

Net Income **\$459.81**

6/30/16 Statement Balance **\$69,879.38**

6/30/16 Savings Balance **\$45,960.05**

6/30/16 Mortgage (Windows Balance) **\$42,607.23**





Dates to look forward to:

- Aug 21 Backpack Blessing Sunday
- Aug 28 SS Teacher Orientation
- Sept 7 Confirmation Kick-off
- Sept 11 Rally Sunday
Teacher Installation
- Sept 14 Confirmation begins
- Sept 18 Youth Groups meet
- Sept 25 Youth Sunday and Bible Sunday
Youth Groups meet

Teachers and music leaders needed!

Please let Cami know if you would like to be involved with our Sunday School ministry for the 2016-17 school year.



**Be imitators of God,
as beloved children and
live in love as Christ loved us.
Ephesians 5:1-2**



**The Glendive group with their
Badlands Ministries camp counselors.
These youth attended the Discovery camp, July 10-12.**

Backpack Blessing Sunday

Sunday, August 21st will be Backpack Blessing Sunday. Students of all ages and teachers of any school are invited to bring their backpacks and school bags for our traditional blessing.



Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday is set for September 11th.

Rally Sunday!



It soon will be time for Sunday School to begin. Parents are invited to attend with their children to meet the teaching staff. We look forward to a wonderful year of fun and growing in faith together.

Sunday, August 28th at 9 am is Sunday School teacher orientation. We are looking forward to a great year. Teachers and music leaders are needed for the upcoming Sunday School year. Please consider spending some time with the youth of our congregation. Classes are taught in a co-teacher format so you do not have to commit for every Sunday and lesson plans are prepared for you. Please let Cami White know if you would be interested in teaching this fall.



Zion Lutheran
Church Women

Bible Study Circles:

Will not meet during the summer months.

Quilting will resume on September 12

Circle of Prayer meets: Wednesdays at 10 am

*Chancel Guild will not meet
during the summer months.*

- **HELP!** Volunteers needed for Loaves and Fishes ministry. About 1 hour a month on Monday nights. Call Pastor Avis or the church office.



- Volunteers are needed to help fold newsletters the last Tuesday or Thursday morning of the month. It only takes about an hour and half and you will get to enjoy **great fellowship** too. Contact the office if you are available.
- **Readers and ushers for Worship** are also needed. Contact the office if you would like to be put on this volunteer list.

Ladies:

Please be sure to pick up your new ZLCW Handbook, located in your loyalty box in the fellowship hall. It contains much information about Zion's Women's group. Call the church office if you don't have a box and would like to receive a handbook.

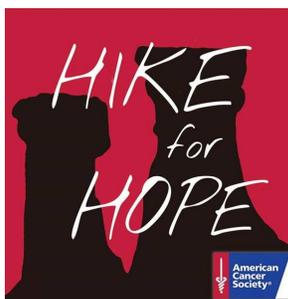


Spending time in prayer is like slipping on an old, comfortable jacket or sweater. As we are enfolded in warmth and comfort and familiarity our soul finds peace. In the practice of prayer there are many different kinds we experience -- petition, thanksgiving, forgiveness and others.

Richard Foster, in his book on Prayer talks about intercessory prayer as a loving prayer. At Zion Lutheran we have a group of people who meet weekly for intercessory prayer. There is shared friendship, laughter, and the quiet moments when we name before God those in need of our deep concern and thus our prayers. We meet from 10-10:45 a.m. on Wednesday mornings to offer our prayers and share our concerns. It is something the congregation needs to have present in our daily walk of faith. Join us. It is very loosely organized. People come and go as their schedules dictate but it is a gift of love to those who ask for our prayers.

This is shared with the permission from the adopted family: our former foster baby boy Malakai was adopted on 7/11/16, one day before his 2nd birthday. Tracy and I were blessed to be able to be in attendance. Our thanks to our family here at Zion for your continued prayers.

Tracy and Cindy Gabbert



When: September 17th, 2016

Where: Makoshika Park @ Diane Gabriel Trailhead

Why: With your help, we aren't just fighting one type of cancer—we're fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community

Come to our second annual Hike For Hope and help us create a world without Cancer.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

***Benjamin Clapp and Courtney Teaford** were married on June 4 in Bozeman, MT. The outdoor Wedding and Reception was held north of Bozeman at Roy's Barn. It was a beautiful wedding ceremony, with great weather, and a stunning background featuring the Bridger Mountains. **Alan, Elizabeth, and Ramona Clapp** were among the proud and happy attendees. The couple will reside in Bozeman.*

***Marie McCormick** as she celebrated her 97th birthday on July 17th.*

*Glendive swim team members: **Kiera Cantrell, Matthew Reske, Nico Reske, Tommy Reske, Mallory Robinson, Wyatt Robinson, Henri Schultz, Lilja Schultz, Hazel Simasko, Izabell Siegle, Jaden Silha, Jaylene Silha, Carsen Staiger, Colson Staiger, Drew White, Hope White and Thain White.** Congratulations on a great season and many of these athletes competed at the eastern division and state meets.*

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 20th of each month (377-3369) or email to cami@zionlutheran.us.