

# ZIONEWS

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The whispered words of Advent

The Jewish Scriptures divide their holy writings into the Torah with the five books of Moses, then the Books of Wisdom: Eccles, Proverbs, Psalms; and then the prophets. There were many prophets but the twelve in the OT are the most familiar and they are called the minor and the major prophets — Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi. The prophet Malachi repeats the common message of the prophets which is God’s message that the one is coming who will prepare the way of the Lord. The listeners will be convicted of their sins. They will move away from the Temple sacrifices of former times and offer a sacrifice that is more pleasing to God. The sacrifice of a broken and sorrowful heart.

The prophets are a troubling group and I think we push them back so we don’t have to deal with them in this pre-Christmas season. We sometimes forget the work of the prophets in spreading the word of God. They assumed a more visible role in the earlier days as they sometimes advised or even accused the kings if God wanted to remind them of their place in God’s sight. But prophets are around us even today. We don’t see them as such but they are there calling us, warning us about caring for God’s Creation and their call is for us to obey. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a prophet — he dreamed dreams of racial equality for all the world. He didn’t just confine himself to his own race. He could see that if all people were not free, then no one was free. In this same vein was Gandhi who although he was a Hindu, practiced many of the peaceful ways of Jesus. Mother Teresa worked in the area of poverty. She was once asked, when she came to the United States, why she came here because we were not poor — ah, she said, you have a poverty of the soul. Again a prophet telling us to mind the state of our spiritual lives. When there are men and women who are hungry and thirsty, they are bound by the chains of poverty which is cruel and creates its own slavery. Another group of prophets I think about are those who speak to us of Creation — there are many, Jacques Cousteau was an early pioneer in the exploration and care of the oceans; but one of the first was Rachel Carson. Her book Silent Spring spoke to the uses of the pesticide DDT and how it was killing the birds when it was sprayed especially from the air. Then we have political prophets who speak out for refugees and the promises this country has always held for freedom and the opportunities to make a better life. I was listening to Ilhan Omar, a Somali Muslim refugee, who was just elected to Congress from Minnesota. She and one other woman will be the first Muslims in Congress, just as we have now the first Native American women elected to Congress. Omar spoke about the politics of “hope” we need to keep alive in this country, certainly a theme of Advent.

Each one of us in our own time and place are called by God to be prophets to our families and to our communities. Prophecy is not ranting on the street corner, but it is the whisper of Advent of the words of peace, joy, hope, and love. May these words of the prophets be our wishes for the world in which we live in this year of 2018. Merry Christmas and “may God bless us, everyone!”

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**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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- Cathy Kirkpatrick, President
- Kevin Miller, Vice President
- Janna McCormick, Treasurer
- Marie Meland, Secretary
- Bill Miller
- Gail Ring
- Tyler Gabbert
- Leah Juneau
- Paul Shearer
- Emma Gabbert
- Kyle Voss
- Danielle Wold
- Tom Trangmoe
- Larry Heimbuch



**ZION LUTHERAN'S ANNUAL  
LUTEFISK & MEATBALL  
DINNER**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**  
11:30AM - 2:00PM & 4:30PM - 7:00PM

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
401 RIVERVIEW AVE, GLENDIVE, MT

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EVERYONE**

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AT THE DOOR**



ADULTS	\$15.00
KIDS 6-12	\$6.00
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HANDICAP ENTRANCE ON BAKKEN DRIVE

**CHECK OUT THE ZION YOUTH GIFT TABLE**

**DECEMBER 1ST - 9TH**

**FAIR TRADE ITEMS**

**T-SHIRTS**

**BOOKS**

**CHOCOLATE**



### Stewardship Corner

During the upcoming month we continue looking into Stewardship Principles as outlined in Mark Allan Powell's book, Giving to God. Here are five more principles derived

from select verses in the Bible:

“1. Giving should be proportionate to one’s income and circumstances, as each is expected to contribute according to his or her means (2 Corinthians 8:3,11-13).

2. Giving can also be undertaken as a sacrifice, as some will feel inspired to give “beyond their means” (2 Corinthians 8:3).

3. Giving is a privilege, something we appreciate being able to do as a result of God’s grace (2 Corinthians 8:4)

4. Giving involves more than financial contributions – we first commit *ourselves to the Lord and to the church at large* (2 Corinthians 8:5, 24).

5. Giving is a witness to the gospel, demonstrating the genuineness of the church’s love (2 Corinthians 8:10-11).” Giving to God, pp.116-117

You will notice that all of this month’s references are from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of 2 Corinthians. Once you have read the references, I challenge you to read all of chapter 8 and “catch the flow” as Paul makes his appeal for the collection to be sent to Christians in Jerusalem.

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

### Lay Pastoral Associates’ Program

In 2019 the Montana Synod will again be looking for candidates to train in the Lay Pastoral Associates’ program. There are two places training takes place, one in Great Falls, the other has been in Glendive. The Eastern LPA program was hugely successful 2017-2019, with candidates coming from around the area. LPAs are God’s gift to churches. They are trained to assist in all areas of ministry and really are the cutting edge for churches. If you feel the Holy Spirit is working in you to take the training to be an LPA please bring your questions to Pastor Avis. We can pray together and do some discerning discussion before you make a final decision. It is good work, it is God’s work and there is no greater call. Currently Zion has two LPAs finishing up their second year.

If you make the decision to take the training we will connect you with the Synod for more information. It is God’s Work, our hands and it is necessary work we do.

### Pastoral Acts for November

**Funerals - 2** Dorothy Mae Mathison 11-03-18  
Andrea (Andy) Huschka 11-19-18

**Baptisms - 0**

**Weddings - 0**

**Private Communion - 8**

**Communion - 15**

(includes - Grandview, GMC Nursing Home)

<u>November Statistics</u>	<u>Att'd</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Nov 1 Thurs	8	8	120.00**
<b>Nov 4 Sun</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>5,398.00</b>
Nov 8 Thurs	11	11	155.00**
<b>Nov 11 Sun</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>3,169.00</b>
Nov 15 Thurs	9	9	40.00**
<b>Nov 18 Sun</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>2,167.06</b>
Nov 22 Thurs	No Service Holiday		
<b>Nov 25 Sun</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,623.00</b>
Nov 29 Thurs	See next Zionews issue		

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

The Wednesday Morning Prayer group would like to update their list of military personnel for whom they pray. If possible an APO address and deployment would be great. Eventually, when the list is somewhat set I would like to explore the possibility of sending the ELCA Prayer Book for U.S. Armed Forces. This book has been recently updated, the last update being 1945. It is available for chaplains, servicemen and women and is very reasonable in price.

Contact the church office with this information or e.mail Pastor Avis at [aabgsky@midrivers.com](mailto:aabgsky@midrivers.com).



### LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

The Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner is fast approaching! Saturday, December 1, we will be serving from 11:30 am to 2 pm; and from 4:30 to 7 pm. We urge all Zion members to support this traditional fundraiser. Funds are used for charitable purposes and to support Zion’s work for Lutheran World Relief.

Come to work, and to enjoy the good food and fellowship with your fellow members of Zion and the entire community. Thank you for your support.

Zion Lutheran Church Women

**November Memorials**

Radio broadcast November 4<sup>th</sup> **ALL SAINTS SINDAY** in memory of **Loved Ones**

from Karen Schock

Radio broadcast November 11<sup>th</sup> in memory of **W. Dohrmann's November 7<sup>th</sup> birthday**

from his son, Terry & Diane Dohrmann

Radio broadcast November 18<sup>th</sup> in memory of **Kent & John Nemitz**

from parents Kenny & Lillian Nemitz

In memory of **Martha Hilger**

from Mike & Connie Hilger, son for Zion Endowment Fund

In memory of **Dorothy Mathison, Lana Sanders' and Kip Mathison's mother,**

from family and friends for Sanctuary Remodeling  
from Cheryl Ann Jesse for Sanctuary Remodeling  
from Neil & Cammy Oakland for Lutefisk Dinner  
from Karen Schock for Undesignated  
from Sharon Allard for Undesignated  
from Marlene Lawson for Undesignated  
from Bill & Rosemary Bunting for Undesignated  
from Rod & Verna Carpenter for Undesignated  
from C.J. & Stacey Nerison for Undesignated  
from Greg & JoAnn Hunt for Undesignated  
from Jim & Gayle Mathison for Undesignated  
from Vance & Linda Vickers for Loaves & Fishes  
from Evelyn Gehmert for Loaves & Fishes  
from Pat & Patty Atwell for Loaves & Fishes  
from Dianna Waddell for Loaves & Fishes  
from Esther Shearer for Loaves & Fishes  
from Gary & Maureen Lundman for Loaves & Fishes  
from Georgia Norderud for Loaves & Fishes  
from Don & Adele Idso for Undesignated  
from Janet Meland for Undesignated  
from Bonnie Broeder for Undesignated  
from Norm & Jan Unterseher for Chancel Guild  
from Adam & Barb Gartner for the Window Fund  
from Carole Dick for the Window Fund  
from Richard & Doris Kruger for Undesignated  
from Peggy Handtmann for the Quilters  
from Marian Chouinard for Undesignated

In memory of **Michelle Lang, Lina Brenner's daughter**

from Adam & Barb Gartner for the Window Fund

In memory of **Dave Ryan and Dorothy Mathison**

from Dale & Sheryl Stansbury for Undesignated

In memory of **Muriel Lohman, Dorothy Mathison, and Shelly Lange**

from Sheila Kennedy for Undesignated

Radio broadcast of December 16<sup>th</sup> in memory of **Thelma Berntson and Ross Major**

from Correen Major

In memory of **Dave Ryan and Dorothy Mathison**

from Correen Major for Sanctuary Remodel

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

from Bill and Rita Hanley for Loaves & Fishes  
from Dale and Sheryl Stansbury for Undesignated  
from David and Edna Boyce for the Youth  
from Bonnie Broeder for Undesignated  
from Gladys Weigum for Loaves & Fishes  
from Marian Chouinard for Undesignated  
from Peggy Handtmann for Undesignated  
from Bill and Terrie Miller for Loaves & Fishes  
from Janet Meland for Loaves and Fishes  
from Georgia Norderud for Loaves & Fishes  
from Marie Meland for Undesignated  
from Karen Schock for Undesignated  
from Gary and Maureen Lundman for Loaves & Fishes  
from Vern & Karen Deaton for Undesignated  
from Sheila Kennedy for Loaves & Fishes  
from Neil and Cammy Oakland for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Esther Kalmbeck Anderson**

from Gladys Weigum for Loaves & Fishes  
from Neil and Cammy Oakland for Loaves & Fishes

Thanks to **Sheila Kennedy and Bonita Jenkins**

from Anonymous

In memory of **Dorothy Mathison, Lana Sanders' and Kip Mathison's mother,**

from Terry and Evelyn Ripley for Undesignated  
from Marie Meland for Undesignated  
from Miriam Haley for Undesignated  
from Bill and Rita Hanley for Loaves & Fishes  
from LaNette Simonton for Undesignated

In memory of **Muriel Nueman Lohman**

from Peggy Handtmann for Loaves & Fishes  
from Lee and Lois Bruss for Loaves & Fishes  
from Neil and Cammy Oakland for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Dorothy Mathison and Lee Gibbs**

from Carl and JoAnn Roe for Undesignated

In memory of **Doug and Karen Anderson, husband and daughter**

from Sandy Anderson for Windows

In memory of **Al Eidet**

from Sheila Kennedy for Loaves & Fishes

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

**Call to Order:** Council Vice President, Kevin Miller, called the meeting to order and welcomed Pastor Avis Anderson.

**Devotions:** Pastor Avis gave devotions.

**Approval of Minutes** Copies of the October minutes were distributed and reviewed. Kyle V moved, and Tom Trangmoe seconded the move to approve the minutes. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report** The Profit and Loss Statement was presented by Janna McCormick. She noted the congregation's giving brought the numbers into the positive for October. We are still in deficit for year to date. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

**Pastor's Report** Pastor Avis reported, "It is good to be back!" She will have regular office hours: She will be in her office from Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. She will be available other times as needed. She held Dorothy Mathison's funeral last week, will provide pastoral visits this week, and will hold Andy Huschka's funeral on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Cathy K was not in attendance, but had asked that Avis discuss Bishop Crist's letter related to calling a pastor. Bishop Jessica Crist addressed the shortage of qualified pastors available for call. There were only two available within the synod; one of those recently accepted a call and the other is in the process of interviewing. She noted the robust LPA program and its value to congregations within the synod.

Avis brought news that Miles City will be leaving this synod, and that the Fallon Lutheran group wishes to yoke with Zion and no longer be affiliated with the Presbyterian group in Terry. The Terry group will soon affiliate with the Presbyterian group in Miles City. Pastor Avis made suggestions to consider when the Executive Council meets with the Fallon group about future yoking. What are their expectations of Zion? And what are Zion's expectations from the Fallon group? She cautions that these things must be delineated fully, since any agreement will need to be included in the call we send out.

She questions, "What options are open to a congregation of Zion's size, which is up approximately thirty families since Pastor Avis retired previously? Is it feasible to consider two part-time pastors or a husband/wife team of pastors to serve our congregation(s)? What are the financial repercussions? Is the Fallon group self-sustaining? Will they expect a pastor to be in their church on a regular basis? Or will an agreement be made for them to pay for services and mileage, much like pulpit supply is currently handled within the synod?" She suggests a meeting be set in the near future to discuss all of the above.

**Communications:** Council received a thank you note from Esther Shearer. She appreciated the flowers and popcorn we sent to recognize her years of service with the work groups.

A bid was received from Gibson Advertising of Billings. The bid was for services needed to update and refresh the congregation's website. Since Bill M was not in attendance, it was decided the bid be tabled until such time as he can read and review it. We will have an opportunity to discuss it at the next meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Property and Management – No report was available.
2. Evangelism and Stewardship – Kevin M reported DCC has asked Zion to do an intervarsity dinner again this year. It will be a chili feed, and will be scheduled for late January or early February. A church work group will be needed for the event.
3. Social Ministry – No information to report.
4. Worship – No information to report.
5. Youth and Education – Cami White provided a written report.

**Unfinished Business:**

Amanda Barnick is working with Janna on the grant. It will be resubmitted in the near future. A Kool Kids mini-grant request was presented to Cindy Gabbert. She was to take it to the committee that is working on disbanding the non-profit. Whatever is approved will be considered for payment sometime during the first quarter of 2019 after any outstanding bills are paid and the State has determined which of the requests are from organizations that are in good standing with the State of Montana.

**New Business:**

The budget process will begin in December, and the Annual Meeting will be on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Prior to that, a conversation should be had with the Fallon group to discuss yoking.

Breakfast will be served at the Annual Meeting. A discussion continued about how to assure attendance by a good number of members of the congregation. A notice will be in the Zionews and also in the Sunday bulletins.

Deck the Sanctuary is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup>, and all are welcome to help with this activity.

**Adjourn:**

Paul moved for adjournment, and Tyler seconded. There being no other matters for discussion, the motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

**Closing:** Lord's Prayer and Mission Statement

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

Submitted by Marie Meland, Council Secretary



**December 1**  
 Serve at Church Dinner  
 and Gift table fundraiser

**December 2**  
 9 am Sunday School GIFT  
 1 pm Youth Group Christmas Giving Project

**December 5**  
 3:45 pm 1st year Confirmation class

**December 9**  
 9 am Sunday School GIFT  
 10 am Christmas Program

**December 16**  
 9 am Sunday School Birthday Party for Jesus  
 12-6 pm Youth Group Salvation Army  
 Bell Ringing

**December 21**  
 7 pm 5th/6th grade Christmas Party & Lock-in

**December 23**  
 No Sunday School GIFT or Youth Group

**December 27**  
 4 pm High School Christmas Party & Lock-in

**December 28**  
 7 pm 7th/8th grade Christmas Party & Lock-in

**December 30**  
 No Sunday School GIFT or Youth Group



**FOR THE RECORD:**

**October 2018 Treasurer's Report**

**Income**

Furniture Room	55.00
Misc Income	2,029.99
Tithes/Offerings	<u>20,667.00</u>

**Total Income** **\$22,751.99**

**Expense**

Benevolence (ELCA)	1,383.50
Dues and Subscriptions	81.90
Evangel, Stewardship, Spec Events	533.69
Furniture Room Expense	32.00
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	908.53
Worker's Compensation	<u>-34.16</u>
<b>Total Insurance Expense</b>	<b>874.37</b>

Janitorial Expense	14.69
Landscaping Expenses	80.00
MDU	551.24
Mileage Reimbursement	144.97
Miscellaneous Expense	931.62
Mortgage (window debt)	415.00
Office Supplies	168.27
Pastors Housing	150.00
Payroll Expenses	6,207.74
Postage	48.64
Repairs and Maintenance	947.60
Telephone/Internet Expense	191.81
Wage Tax	2,334.50
Water	<u>292.13</u>

**Total Expense** **\$15,383.67**

Net Ordinary Income 7,368.32

**Net Income** 7,368.32

Year to date Net Income -13,562.26

**10/31/18 Statement Balance** **\$53,318.05**

**10/31/18 Savings Balance** **\$90,081.90**

**10/31/18 Mortgage (Windows Balance)** **\$32,758.55**

**Reminder:**

**Annual Reports are due in the office by  
 January 13th. Please send to  
[churchlady@zionglendive.com](mailto:churchlady@zionglendive.com).**

**Annual meeting is  
 scheduled  
 for January 27th.**





Zion Lutheran  
Church Women

**Bible Study Circles and Groups:**

***Bible Study Circles will not meet for December***

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

***Chancel Guild meets: Wednesday, Dec 19 at 2 pm***

***Hostess: Marla Program: Carole***

***Quilters will not meet in December,  
and will resume January 7th***



Zion's Mitten Tree is up waiting for mittens, hats, scarves, gloves, face masks and even socks for kids of all ages. Check out the Fellowship Hall for the tree which will be up until Thursday, December 20th.



**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 January 14, 2019.***

**So much to be thankful for!**

**Special thanks to . . .**



- Those who brought blankets and food for our Thanksgiving offering. These items are always needed and your gifts are extremely welcome.
- Tom Trangmoe for continuing a 50+ year tradition of his family's decorating the front of the church. Thank s to Lilla Flesjer and Esther Shearer for helping.
- All who donated yummy treats and gave financially to our *Thanks for Giving Bake Sale*. Your generous donations totaled \$274 and continued support of Vacation Bible School is very much appreciated!
- Shelbi Kaul, one of our college students, for giving a children's sermon while she was home over Thanksgiving.
- Zion youth who are assisting with the Advent worship portion of the service before Christmas.
- All the volunteers who keep the church running smooth with repairs, maintenance and lawn work.
- The church staff, church council, Furniture Room volunteers, Loaves and Fishes/Salvation Army volunteers, Circle of Prayer, ZLCW, Bible Study groups and quilters for your good works and faithful service.
- Deacons, acolytes, ushers, worship assistants, musicians, choir and sound people for sharing your time and talents.
- The ladies of the Chancel Guild for changing paraments during the church year and taking care of communion ware after worship.



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

*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).*