

# ZIONEWS

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An active congregation of the Montana Synod of the ELCA

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*What do I want for Christmas?*

*My family makes lists of things they want for Christmas like clothes, books, tapes, money for car repairs or improvements. This year I decided to make my list and share it with family and friends and neighbors.*

*\*I want peace in my world not just my neighborhood, or community, but in other parts of the world,*

*\*I want people who are homeless to have a home or a place of residence;*

*\*I want people who are hungry to have good wholesome food;*

*\*I want people who are out of work, unemployed to have a job, a liveable income;*

*\*I want the leadership of my city, state and national government to find means to make reasonable and meaningful decisions for the betterment of all people and not a select few;*

*\*I want people who even though they do not agree politically or religiously with others to be able to disagree and still be friends;*

*\*I want people to see the value, worth, and dignity of others regardless of color, race, religious beliefs, and culture;*

*\*I want to treat other people the way God has treated me with grace, patience and love;*

*\*I want you to know the meaning of joy, peace and goodwill this Advent/ Christmas and throughout the year;*

*\*I want to be loved for who I am with all my shortcomings and hangups.*

*May these wants be not just my wants, but yours as well.*



*Blessings to you all,  
Pastor Stan Hoobing*

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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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### **Stewardship Corner**

Our Project In-Reach included the question, "What would you like to see happen in our congregation?" Sixteen comments dealt with service schedules and procedures and included the desired for more contemporary practices, outdoor services, children's sermons, diversity and technology, choir singing during offering and an additional service at 9:00 to accommodate parents of Sunday School children. Ten comments expressed the need to encourage more young family and youth involvement. Six people commented on continuing Zion's open, friendly atmosphere as well as a buddy system to help orient new members to the church. There were many ideas worth consideration and many ideas that affirmed what we are doing at Zion. If you would like to see the full report in detail, don't hesitate to give Don Idso a call at 377-5007.

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

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*The Gifts of Advent* by Anaconda Hope

**First Week of Advent**

**Read Psalm 100.** Growing up, we spent our Christmas Eves at my grandmother's house. There never was a standard meal, though Nanny always claimed there was. Some years we would have oyster stew, other times sandwiches would be served, and occasionally a Christmas goose would find its way to the table. But one thing always took place on our Christmas Eve. After the presents were opened, Nanny would insist that we sing Christmas carols. We would join in as many verses as we could remember – not just the hymns of the church but also the songs about “Santy Claus” as she called him – until our vocal cords could hardly make another peep.

From the time the angels lifted their voices in the heavens, lifting up a resounding “Glory to God in the highest,” our voices have sung the wonders of the Savior born in Bethlehem. Without the familiar melodies that announce that God has come among us, our Christmas would be empty. Our carols sweep us into that midnight clear, silent night when angels harked to shepherds keeping their flocks and cattle lowed over the One who slept away in a manger. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**We sing your praise, O God, for Emmanuel who has come. Amen**

**Second Week of Advent**

**Read Isaiah 9:2-7.** Advent is always a time of anticipation, though what we might anticipate isn't always consistent with the spirit of the season. As so many other children did in those days, we would spend hours poring over the Christmas wishbooks. We would generate fantastic visions of what we would receive on Christmas Day.

But when that great and glorious day arrived and we ripped open our gifts with gusto, we were usually disappointed. Socks and underwear. A hand-made shirt. While our cousins exulted in all the latest toys and gadgets they received, we sulked in a pile of socks and underwear and usually endured a mini-lecture: “It's not what you wants, it's what you gets that makes you healthy” (a favorite saying of my dad).

Nowadays I rejoice in the gifts of necessary items like socks and underwear. And since my mom is no longer here to make any more, I cherish every one of the shirts I have from her and will wear them until they fall off my back. I have learned that all gifts are tied with a ribbon of love.

Still the greatest gift of all comes in the fulfillment of a promise. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us. God breaks through the disappointment and heartache and despair of a world far too focused on things and possession and gives us God's own Son as a gift, a Son who will live among us, die for us, and rise again so that we can live forever. Joy and peace become ours forever in a wrapping of swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

**Gracious God, we rejoice in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

**Third Week of Advent**

**Read John 14:25-27.** Among the joys of Christmas is the excitement of watching others open their gifts, particularly the ones they have received from you. I take a special interest in this, perhaps in part because I was such an ungrateful child, but also because I am a notoriously reluctant shopper. While I love giving, I despise the process of buying. Until I have a definitive list of exactly what I need to get, I cannot force myself to go and I try to do so as quickly and painlessly as possible.

So I watch with eagerness at how my gifts are received. Most of the time my giving has been rewarded. My wife would tell me that I had good taste when I would buy her clothing, though I must admit I would usually bring the girls along to help. And the kids were always delighted when among the candy canes in their otherwise flat stockings they would find a picture of President Grant. The bank is a good place to shop.

The God who gives blesses us with the abundance of creation and with the Son. The Son who gives offers us the Holy Spirit and the peace that surpasses all understanding, gifts that the world cannot give. The Spirit who gives bestows the gift of faith and empowers us to know that it is in giving that we receive the most.

**O Giver of all good things, fill our hearts with the joy of receiving and giving. Amen**

**Fourth Week of Advent**

**Read Matthew 2:1-12.** If you were the fourth wise man (or woman or person or magi or whatever), what gift would you bring to the baby Jesus? If I was a wise man? Now that's a stretch. I've been called many things in my life, but I don't believe that “wise” was ever among them.

If I was a wise man, perhaps I would realize that there is nothing really that I could bring to this child, nothing at least in comparison to what Jesus has brought to me. If I was a wise man, perhaps I would recognize that in the innocent face of one so young I was seeing more than just the king of the Jews, but the King of all creation. If I was a wise man, perhaps I would understand that merely kneeling down and offering worship could never be enough of a gift for one who has given so much.

If I was a wise man, I would know that what Jesus asks of me is my whole self. If I was a wise man, I would seek to do as he had bidden – that I love others just as he has loved me. If I was a wise man, I would humbly acknowledge that it is only by the gifts that he gives me – forgiveness and life and salvation, the fullness of God's love in the flesh – that I could ever hope to be wise at all. And if I was a wise man, I would see in the face of all those around me God's own image, and share with them the gifts he has given me.

**We give thee but thine own, Lord Jesus. You have called us by name, we are yours. Amen**





**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 11, 2014**

**New Business**

**Budget** planning will be done in early December for the annual meeting. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. adjourned with prayer.

Submitted by  
Sheryl Stansbury  
Secretary

**Members present:** Gary Kirkpatrick, Megan Kubesh, Don Idso, Bill Miller, Sheryl Stansbury, Tami Conrad, Pastor Hoobing  
Guest: Norm Unterseher

**Council member terms:** Bill Miller-Term 1, 2017; Janna McCormick-Term 1-2017; Tami Conrad-Term 1, 2017; Gary Kirkpatrick-Term 1, 2015; Gary Lundman-Term 1, 2015; Terri Clausen-Term 1, 2015; Betty Mawbey-Term 1, 2015; Megan Kubesh-Term 1, 2015; Myrna Quale-Term 1, 2015; Don Idso-Term 2, 2017; Michelle Sickler-Term 2, 2017; Sheryl Stansbury-Term 2, 2017; Sheila Kennedy-Term 2, 2016.

**Meeting called to order** by Bill Miller.

**Minutes approved** (Don Idso/Gary Kirkpatrick)

**Treasurer's report** approved (Gary Kirkpatrick/Megan Kubesh) Devotions given by Pastor Hoobing.

**Call committee report** was given by Norm Unterseher. The congregational site profile has been filled out and was reviewed by the council. Motion to approve congregational site profile was approved (Gary Kirkpatrick/Tami Conrad). The profile will now go to the Bishop who will review it. Pastoral candidates should be sent to the call committee and interviews will proceed from there, probably after Christmas.

**Committees**

**Property/Management** Window replacement is progressing. Les Frank is doing drywall around the windows. New siding is pending samples from Rick Schwartz. The Endowment fund has remaining funds available for loan to the church when the project is finished.

**Social Ministry** Furniture donations are needed for the Furniture room, especially beds, dressers, chairs and couches. Loaves and Fishes is also in need of donations.

**Evangelism/Stewardship** GATE will be held February 13 and 14. Ideas were discussed for doing something different at the table, perhaps including information about church outreach programs and setting up a cart to take coffee and rolls to vendors before the event begins each day. Ideas are welcome.

**Youth/Education** The chili cook-off was a hit.

**Old Business**

Rental requests discussed including liability issues, custodial cost incurred, supply costs and policies in place for renting space to outside groups. DEAP has requested another room for their program. Bill Miller will be in contact with them concerning donations for rental.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

**October 2014 Treasurer 's Report**

**Income**

Furniture Room	177.00
Misc Income	185.00
Relay for Life	-189.21
Sunday School Income	389.73
Tithes/Offerings	16,611.00
Youth Group Income	724.00

**Total Income** \$17,897.52

**Expense**

Bank Service Charges	40.00
Benevolence (ELCA)	1,723.34
Dues and Subscriptions	21.80
Evangelism and Special Events	890.72
Furniture Room Expense	481.08
GATE	250.00
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	765.92
<b>Total Insurance Expense</b>	<u>765.92</u>

Janitorial Expenses	69.40
Landscaping Expenses	75.00
MDU	422.08
Mileage Reimbursement	619.25
Miscellaneous Expense	625.52
Office Supplies	862.77
Pastors Housing	450.00
Payroll Expenses	7,496.30
Postage and Delivery	500.00
Repairs and Maintenance	55,000.00
Stockman Savings Account	-55,000.00
Sunday School	472.63
Telephone/Internet Expense	130.95
Wage Tax	919.48
Water	200.54
Youth Group Expenses	222.52

**Total Expense** \$17,239.30

Net Ordinary Income 658.22

**Net Income** \$658.22

**10/31/14 Statement Balance** \$32,366.36

**10/31/14 Savings Balance** \$53,416.71

**2014 November Memorials**  
(10/23 thru 11/24)

Radio broadcast **All Saints Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup> in memory of Loved Ones**  
from Karen Schock

Radio broadcast **November 9<sup>th</sup> in memory of Wilbur Dohrmann's November 7<sup>th</sup> birthday**  
from Terry & Diane Dohrmann.

Radio broadcast **November 23<sup>rd</sup> in memory of Willie Wiegum for his November 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday**  
from his Family.

In memory of **Jim Golik, Maureen Lundman's brother**  
from Karen Schock for Undesignated  
from Dale & Sheryl Stansbury for Loaves & Fishes  
from Sharon Allard for Undesignated

In memory of **Ervin Lovaas and Jerry Trangmoe**  
from Tim and Laurie Gibbs for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Larry Wanner, Jim Golik, Maureen Lundman's brother, Chloe Fay Scott, Sheldon Kalberg, JoAnn Roe's brother, Dave Zimmerman and Bob Stortz**

from Neil and Cammy Sue Oakland for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Sheldon Kalberg, JoAnn Roe's brother**  
from Marian Chouinard for Loaves & Fishes  
from Vance and Linda Vickers for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Chloe Fay Scott**  
from Gladys Weigum for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Larry Wanner**  
from Karen Schock for Undesignated  
from Bob and Dixie Justice for Undesignated  
from Peggy Handtmann for Loaves & Fishes  
from Adam & Barb Gartner for Window Fund  
from Vance & Linda Vickers for Loaves & Fishes  
from Don & Adele Idso for Window Fund

In memory of **Harriet Free, Gert Kolberg's sister, Duane Ebel, Marilynn Knapp's brother, and June Novakovich, Evelyn Gehmert's sister**  
from Carl and JoAnn Roe for Undesignated

In memory of **Duane Ebel, Lorin Flesjer, Larry Wanner, Wilma Dowson, and Margaret Chrest**  
from Carole Dick for Loaves & Fishes

In appreciation to **Barb Jessen** for her garden produce  
from Anonymous to Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Jim Golik and Sheldon Kalberg**  
from Carole Dick for Undesignated

In memory of **Larry Wanner**  
from Lilla Flesjer for Loaves & Fishes  
from Dale & Sheryl Stansbury for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Duane Ebel, Marilynn Knapp's brother**  
from Lilla Flesjer and Ron & Linda Grimsrud for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Martha & Henry Trangmoe, parents, Deon Trangmoe, wife, Brad Trangmoe, nephew, D'Lane Trangmoe, sister-in-law, and Jerry Trangmoe, cousin**  
from John Trangmoe for Undesignated

In memory of **Larry Wanner and Sheldon Kalberg**  
from Gary & Maureen Lundman for Loaves & Fishes  
from Karl & Madeline Overlie for Dining Room Redecoration

In memory of **Judy Green, Larry Wanner, Gert Kolberg's sister, Gail, JoAnn Roe's brother, Sheldon Kalberg, Ida Weiss, Ervin Lovaas, Wilma Dowson**  
from Rod and Verna Carpenter for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Bob Stortz and Kirk Overby**  
from Dale and Sheryl Stansbury for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Larry Wanner and All who passed this last year**  
from Ken and Myrna Quale

**Pastoral Acts for October**

**Funerals - 1** Larry Wanner 11/7/14  
**Baptisms - 0**  
**Weddings - 0**  
**Private Communion - 6**  
**Other Communion - 18**  
(includes - Grandview, Heritage, EMVH and GMC Nursing Home)

<b><u>November Statistics</u></b>	<b><u>Att'd</u></b>	<b><u>Com</u></b>	<b><u>Offering</u></b>
Nov 1 Sat	13	13	120.00**
<b>Nov 2 Sun</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2,721.00</b>
Nov 8 Sat	17	17	192.00**
<b>Nov 9 Sun</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2,997.00</b>
Nov 15 Sat	9	9	?**
<b>Nov 16 Sun</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>4,794.00</b>
Nov 22 Sat	11	11	140.00**
<b>Nov 23 Sun</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2,862.00</b>
Sat Evening offering is (**) and is included in Sunday total			

# Chili Cook-Off!



The chili was hot, cinnamon rolls were sweet and the fellowship was fantastic. Thank you for enjoying the chili cook-off with us.

Results:

1st place Nelson family

2nd place White family

3rd place Sickler family

Movie rental certificates were given as prizes.



We have started our Christmas planning with Advent activities. Students received an early Christmas present of Advent devotional books, if your child didn't make it home with one there are still some available. We have also started making decorations for the Sunday School Christmas tree in the narthex. Congregation members are invited to add to our prayer chain by writing prayer requests on a link and adding it to the chain. Program practice will start December 7th during the Sunday School hour. See you there!

Nov 30: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 Dec 7: Christmas program practice  
 Dec 14: Christmas program practice  
 Dec 21: Christmas program practice  
 SS Christmas Program 10:00 am  
 Dec 28: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 Jan 4: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Coming up for December . . .



Friday, Dec 5th 5th and 6th grade YG Christmas party, overnight at the church starting at 6 pm  
 Sunday, Dec 7th 9 am Christmas program practice  
 3 pm Youth Group Christmas Wishes, meet at the church  
 Sunday, Dec 14th 9 am Christmas program practice  
 3 pm Jr High/High School YG Christmas party, bowling and possibly a movie, meet at Glen Bowl lanes  
 Sunday, Dec 21st 9 am Christmas program practice  
 10 am Christmas program  
 Sunday, Dec 28th **No Sunday School**  
 Sunday, Jan 4th **No Sunday School**

**Merry Christmas**  
**from Youth and Family Ministry**  
 Cami White 939-3595



Thank you to everyone for your generous donations for the "Thanks for Giving" bake sale and a big thanks to those that brought wonderful goodies for the sale. \$259 raised towards VBS 2015!



**BIG THANK YOU** for supporting the youth during their Fall Fundraiser (130 tickets sold) and candy bar sales (35+ cases sold so far). **We still have candy bars available!**

Fall quilt: Wende Lewis  
 Fall silk arrangement: Dennis Zander  
 Hand stamped cuff: Dawn Mittelstaed



Confirmation Retreat at Badlands Ministries Camp in Medora, ND. Bailey Percy, Amber Sickler, Hope White, Emma Gabbert, Kjersten Rieger and Blayne Rieger attended with Pastor Hobbing and Wende Lewis.



Zion Lutheran  
Church Women

**Bible Study Circles:**

**Hannah/Dorcas:** Tuesday, December 9th, 1:30 pm

**Deborah:** Will not meet in December

**Sarah:** Will not meet in December

**Chancel Guild** December 17th at 2 pm

**Quilters** will not meet in December

**ZLCW**

The Zion Lutheran Church Women held a meeting following services on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> to vote on the proposed Amendments to the Constitution. 24 Members attended and 1 absentee ballot voted unanimously to accept the proposed amendments as written. Copies of the amended Constitution will be available in the Church Library for review in the near future.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

**Prayer Chain**

The phoning prayer chain has been changed and updated. 1st prayer requests may be made to:

Church office 377-3369  
Marilynn Knapp 365-8110  
Carmen Miller 377-2841



Those on the phoning chain will receive a new list in the mail. Thank you.

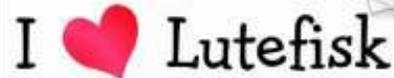
**Mommy and Me Open Play Time**



When: Monday - Friday, 1 - 3 pm  
Where: Glendive Recreation Center  
314 N River Ave  
Who: 4 months - 4 year old children  
and their caregivers  
Cost: \$1.50 per child  
Membership pricing available



Remember to attend the annual  
**Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner**  
December 3rd and 4th  
4:30 to 7:00 pm



The Dawson County Food Bank is in need of assistance for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for families in our community. We would appreciate anything food related that you might need for your holiday dinner.

We appreciate Zion's assistance, and so do the people who will receive the dinner makings!  
Thank you so much!



**Advent Services Planned**

Advent services will be held at Noon and 7:15 pm on Wednesdays during Advent. A time for reflection and prayer during this season of preparation. All are welcome!

**The Mitten Tree is in need of mittens, hats, scarves and socks. Donations taken through Dec 14th.**



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

*Trevor Conrad, son of **Ryan and Tami Conrad**, was part of Homecoming Royalty for Dickinson State University this year. He is majoring in elementary education, coaching and leadership.*

*Martha Hilger is proud to announce the arrival of twin great granddaughters, Regan and Kennedy, born Wednesday, October 15, 2014 to grandson **Ward and Heather Hilger** in Aberdeen SD.*

*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).*