

# ZIONEWS

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Zion Lutheran Church

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Yet again, the first month of the year has flown by, and we have come again to February. Since Easter is early this year (March 27), we begin the season of Lent early as well (February 10).

Lent has generally been seen as a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal before the season of Easter when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Christians have observed some different practices during the Lenten season, one of which is not eating meat on Fridays – possibly because Friday was the day Jesus died, and because meat was seen as a celebratory food. Another tradition has been giving up an action, food, or material good for Lent, possibly in remembrance of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness without food (Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13), or Jesus' giving of his whole life for us on Good Friday.

Lent begins in the middle of the week with Ash Wednesday's solemn call to repentance and remembrance that we are mortal. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Or, "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust." We say these words while marking the sign of the cross on people's foreheads with ashes. While the cross and empty tomb ultimately have victory, we suspend our joy and sit in our own mortality for a few weeks. It's not supposed to be a sad time, but rather contemplative and thought-provoking.

This Lent at Zion, we will worship on Wednesdays at the Congregational Church in town (120 W. Power St). Soup Supper begins at 6pm, worship at 6:45pm. I will be preaching on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of February. Brother Guy from the Congregational Church and Pastor Ruth from the Methodist Church will be preaching the other weeks.

Our regular Saturday and Sunday services in Lent will focus on different spiritual practices.

The second Sunday in Lent, February 21<sup>st</sup>, will still focus on spiritual practices but will also be our Mission Sunday.

Before Lent starts, though, we still have one last day in the Time after Epiphany – Transfiguration Sunday (February 7). At this worship will we hear about how Jesus was transfigured – his appearance was changed – in a foreshadowing of Easter.

Peace,

Pastor Will



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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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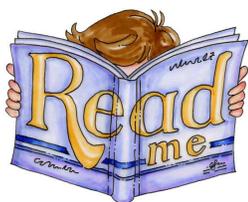
**Stewardship Corner**

How are the New Year's Resolutions coming? Sometimes we fall short of our good intentions. However, it is normal and admirable to plan for the future and to improve, whether it be

through better health practices, through better financial management, or something else. The TV advertising is promising all kinds of solutions for us. \$50 billion of advertising per year is spent on making us crave what we don't have. Exercise equipment and diet plans galore offer to help make us look young and beautiful. But, what place does contentment have in all of this? Isn't contentment important? While it is good to seek improvement in a number of ways, we must keep perspective. An attitude of gratitude (thankfulness) can give rise to a sense of contentment and happiness with the blessings we enjoy. We must not be so concerned with the future that we forget to appreciate the good that we can enjoy right now. If we stop to realize that 100% of what we have belongs to God and that we are stewards of all we claim to own, we can count our blessings. We can look to the future with trust and have faith that God will supply what we need. Perhaps we will even arrive at the point where our capacity to give and serve is much greater and more genuine, because we know that God is so generous with us. **Peter 4:10 "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."**

A bit of Zion's history to help us remember where we come from:

from the letters of C.S. Thorpe, first called pastor to serve Zion and surrounding area.



(1) a letter dated February 24, 1908 from Glendive to Thorpe's sister Edith

I'm sure that since last Tuesday I've made 15 or 20 calls. There are so many sick people now that it just keeps me busy calling on them between the times I don't have to keep house. . .Yesterday forenoon I held services here, but the hall was so cold that I had to shorten them a great deal. That hall has been so cold all winter that has gradually been freezing people out. We must find another place to meet until our church is built. (The hall is the old Opera House.) People probably sick from typhoid fever.

(2) a letter dated January 29, 1907 to Sister Jane

If I should read the papers I would think this was the coldest place this side of the North Pole. It has been 30 below zero for about two weeks but we don't feel it a bit worse than we used to at home with 110 below, as the air is much dryer out here. I am at present, however, bearing marks of the cold weather. I have frozen my nose twice, and the last time I got blisters on it after it thawed out and when those busted it made sort of open sores so now I am carrying a bandage on my nose so I shall not catch cold in the sores. . .I know one young Norwegian who was out in the halls all night on one of the worst nights, taking care of his sheep, keeping them moving a little, and killing those whose felt would freeze. I saw a big procession come into two one day to be shipped to greener pastures. There must have been about 6,000. Poor and emaciated, the brave, little animals struggled along. . .One by one they'd grow weary and exhausted and fall behind to be picked up by some men with a hay rack who drove behind just for this purpose. . .

(3) February 5, 1907

I have to try and make myself right at home at all the places I come to, but I must say that when I'm away from Glendive, I have to keep most of my clothes on both day and night, as spare rooms are notoriously cold and not least so in a cold winter like this. But everything goes nicely and I have been well all the time except yesterday, and that was from the alkali water. . .

Loaves and Fishes funds are very low and yet the need is great. If you feel moved to support this ministry please write a separate check to L & F. Please give to Cammy Sue for deposit to this special fund. Thank you!



An invitation to enjoy my new blog site "Prairie Punctuations" at [www.prairieneewdays.com](http://www.prairieneewdays.com). It is simply a place for my pictures and occasional thoughts. Read and enjoy. They will change from time to time.

Contact me at [aabgsky@midrivers.com](mailto:aabgsky@midrivers.com). If you click the small white box next to the words "Prairie Punctuation" you will find an index to the 4 pages in the blog. Feel free to share anything you find worthwhile.

Peace, Pastor Avis

**Thank you to Kevin & Susan Miller** for their generous donation to purchase a new Christmas tree for next years' Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary.



**THANK YOU for supporting the youth annual Super Bowl sub and cookie sales! Extras will be available to pick up February 7th if you forgot to order.**



# ZIONEWS February 2016

## Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes January 12, 2016

**Members present:** Michelle Sickler, Tami Conrad, Myrna Quale, Paul Shearer, Tyler Gabbert, Don Idso, Janna McCormick, Sheryl Stansbury, Pastor Will Johnson.

**Meeting called to order** by Don Idso.

**Devotions** given by Pastor Will.

**Minutes** were approved (Paul/Tyler).

**Treasurer's report** was approved (Michelle/Tyler).

**Pastor's report** given by Pastor Will.

### Committee Reports:

#### Evangelism/Stewardship:

**DCC students** were served another meal. Thirty-nine students and coaches attended.

**Mission Sunday** will be held during the church service with Pastor Will discussing his time in South Africa. A special offering will be taken for groups designated by Pastor Will.

#### Youth/Education:

**Establishing a \$500 scholarship** to a graduating senior from Zion Lutheran Church was approved (Michelle/ Paul). This scholarship would replace the Mathison scholarship and the funds would come from the Youth Mission Fund. Three council members will choose the recipient. Applications for the scholarship will be sent to current seniors with a deadline of February 28, 2016.

**Setting aside \$1500** from the Youth Mission Fund in preparation for a trip to the National Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018 was approved (Tami/Myrna). The council will review this each year.

**Changing the council meeting night from second Tuesday to second Wednesday each month** was approved (Tyler/Myrna). This will help accommodate students who will serve on the council. The new schedule will begin in April after Lent. **Committee members** are needed. Contact Cami White if interested.

### Old Business:

**Badlands Ministries Annual report** was given by Tyler Gabbert. He stressed that the facility is available year around to member congregations and there are scholarships available to campers who wish to attend but cannot afford the cost.

**NRIT webinar** was attended by Don and Pastor Will.

**Audit committee** met and treasurer's books are in good order.

**Lenten services will** begin February 10 with soup supper at 6 P.M. followed by services at 6:45 at the Congregational Church. Youth will serve supper on February 17 and council on February 24.

### New Business:

**Annual meeting** will be held Sunday, January 24 beginning with breakfast at 8:30.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Submitted by Sheryl Stansbury, Council Secretary

#### Pastoral Acts for January

**Funerals - 0**

<b>Baptisms - 1</b>	Dax Clark Hansen	1-24-2016
	Mariaha Jean Grace Haugen	1-24-2016

**Weddings - 0**

**Private Communion - 3**

**Other Communion - 23**

(includes - Grandview and GMC Nursing Home)

<u>January Statistics</u>	<u>Att'd</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>Offering</u>
<b>Dec 24 Christmas Eve</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>6,234.00</b>
<b>Dec 25 Christmas Day</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>528.00</b>
<b>Dec 27 Sun</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2,190.00</b>
Jan 2 Sat	20	20	700.00**
<b>Jan 3 Sun</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>5,388.00</b>
Jan 9 Sat	28	28	?
<b>Jan 10 Sun</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>2,988.00</b>
Jan 16 Sat	18	18	487.00**
<b>Jan 17 Sun</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>2,177.00</b>
Jan 23 Sat	18	18	85.00**
<b>Jan 24 Sun</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>3,617.00</b>

See next issue of Zionews for Jan 30 and 31 stats

(\*\*Saturday offering included in Sunday Total amount)

**January Memorials  
(12/29 through 1/26)**

**Corrected Memorial from ZLCW**

In memory of the nine **ZLCW** members who passed on to their eternal reward during 2015: **Hazel Rogers, Mary Lou Carrico, Luverna Prescott, Bea Kalloch, Karen Coker, Rev. Betty Mawbey, Charlene Haugen, Elsie Mutzenberger and Bernalda Selvig**

from the Zion Lutheran Church Women for Corrected to Window Project

Late Holiday greetings & gifts to **Zion Friends**

from Esther Shearer to Loaves & Fishes

Radio broadcast on January 17<sup>th</sup> in memory of **Ambert and Alice Oliver's 1-18 Anniversary from the "Oliver Radio Trust" created in 1988.**

In thanks to **Sheila Kennedy and Bonita Jenkins**

from Anonymous for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Katherine Copping Hardie**

from Marian Chouinard to Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Betty Erhart and Arden Sanderson**

from Esther Shearer to Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Violet J. Meland, mother**

from Janet Meland for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **William W. Meland, brother**

from Janet Meland for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Norman Anderson**

from Marian Chouinard to Loaves & Fishes

from Gladys Weigum to Loaves & Fishes

from Neil & Cammy Oakland for Loves & Fishes

Radio broadcast on February 14<sup>th</sup> in memory of **Ann & W. Dohrmann on her birthday** from son, Terry & Diane Dohrmann

In memory of **Florence Unterseher, Norm Unterseher's aunt**

from Neil and Cammy Oakland for the Youth Fund

**FOR THE RECORD:**

**December 2015 Treasurer's Report**

**Income**

Misc Income	-748.79
Mission Offerings	-175.00
Sunday School income	65.00
Tithes/Offerings	<u>26,192.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$25,333.21</b>

**Expense**

Benevolence (ELCA)	1,693.57
Dues and Subscriptions	141.60
Evangel, Steward, Spec Event	186.63
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	755.72
Health Insurance	<u>494.69</u>
<b>Total Insurance Expense</b>	<b>1,250.41</b>

Janitorial Expense	10.77
Landscaping Expenses	80.00
MDU	1,342.00
Mileage Reimbursement	16.85
Miscellaneous Expense	2,096.17
Mortgage (window debt)	415.00
Office Supplies	121.30
Pastors Housing	150.00
Payroll Expenses	6,006.98
Pension	517.98
Postage and Delivery	52.06
Sunday School	9.04
Telephone/Internet Expense	35.00
Wage Tax	2,219.04
Water	97.81
Window dept offerings expense	1,245.95
Youth Group Expense	52.35
Youth Mission Fund	<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$20,740.51</b>

Net Ordinary Income	<u>4,592.70</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$4,592.70</b>

<b>12/31/15 Statement Balance</b>	<b>\$62,778.04</b>
<b>12/31/15 Savings Balance</b>	<b>\$45,942.80</b>
<b>12/31/15 Mortgage (Windows Balance)</b>	<b>\$44,660.36</b>





- Feb 3 3:45 - 5:15 pm 8th grade confirmation
- Feb 6 5:30 - 7:30 pm Cookie & Sub prep
- Feb 7 8:30 am Make Subs
- Feb 12 5 - 9 pm "Love 'em and Leave 'em babysitting night"
- Feb 14 "Sweets for the Sweet" VBS bake sale
- Feb 21 1:30 - 3:00 pm 5th/6th youth group  
3:00 - 5:00 pm 7th/8th youth group  
5:00 - 7:00 pm High School youth group
- Feb 28 1:30 - 3:00 pm 5th/6th youth group  
3:00 - 5:00 pm 7th/8th youth group  
5:00 - 7:00 pm High School youth group

***"Love 'em and Leave 'em"***

***babysitting night***

*Friday, February 12, 5 pm to 9 pm at the church. The youth will be sponsoring, "Love 'em and Leave 'em" babysitting night as a fundraiser. Cost is \$10 for 1st child, each additional child from same family is \$5. Includes dinner and lots of fun for all ages. Contact Cami White to reserve a spot for your child.*



3 years - High School

The Sunday School program strives to give our young members opportunity to learn in a fun way. On January 31st our lessons are on Building Faith - the church is not a building, it's the people. The lessons are taught with, get this . . . LEGOS! We have many ways to share a story with games, videos, crafts, books, object lessons and more. Let us share a Bible story with you, join us soon!

Sunday School students will share God's love by singing during worship on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Offering given each Sunday helps with providing supplies, curriculum and snacks.

- Feb 7** Lent lesson
- Feb 14** John 3:16
- Feb 21** Moses and the Red Sea
- Feb 28** David defeats Goliath



***"Sweets for the Sweet" Bake Sale***

***February 14th***

***Pick up something for your own sweet tooth or your sweetie. Free will donation.***

*Baked good donations needed by Saturday, February 13th, 4:00 pm.*

*Contact Cami White*

*All proceeds benefit VBS 2016*





**Zion Lutheran  
Church Women**

**Bible Study Circles:**

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

***Hostess:***

***Deborah: Monday, February 15th, 7 pm***

***Hostess:***

***Sarah: Thursday, February 18th, 7 pm***

***Hostess: Maureen L***

***Quilting meets: Mondays at 9 am***

***Circle of Prayer meets: Wednesdays at 10 am***

***Chancel Guild meets: Wednesday, February 17th***

**110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**Zion Lutheran Church**

**Glendive, MT**

**Sunday, January 24, 2016**

Following breakfast prepared by Dave Senvold and Todd Schwartz, Don Idso, president, called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

Forty members signed the attendance sheet. An usher sign-up sheet was also available.

Devotions were given by Pastor Will Johnson.

The minutes for the 2015 annual meeting were approved (Bill Miller/Ralph Lenhart).

**Old Business**

A review of reports was given.

**New Business**

“Stories of Faith in Action” ELCA booklets were available on each table for anyone interested.

Budget discussion was held. Benevolence giving was increased to 9.75%. Freedom in Christ Ministries line item was added to support the ministry at the prison in Deer Lodge. Missionary Fund line item was added. Pastor Will was moved up one step on the salary scale and staff members received a 1.5% raise.

The 2016 proposed budget was approved (Michelle Sickler/Martha Hilger).

The Synod Giving Commitment certificate was passed around and signed.

Synod Assembly delegates are Steve, Debbi, and Shelbi Kaul (Cammy Sue Oakland/Wende Lewis). Synod Assembly will be held June 3-5 in Billings.

Anyone interested in attending the ELCA Church-wide Assembly August 10-13 in New Orleans, LA should contact the church office.

Election of new council members was held. Nominated were Paul Shearer, Tyler Gabbert, Kyle Voss, Tom Trangmoe, Danielle Wold, and Cheyenne Damron. Norm Unterseher/Debbi Kaul moved nominations cease and Richard Lewis/Verna Carpenter moved a unanimous ballot be cast; both motions were approved. New council members will join current council members Michelle Sickler, Tami Conrad, Sheryl Stansbury, Janna McCormick, Don Idso, Bill Miller, and Gary Kirkpatrick.

Lee Donnelly stated the older minutes held in the archives are fading. We will look into preserving them.

A motion to dispense with the Fair Booth assets and use the funds in the account for carpeting and lighting in the Fellowship area and lighting in the kitchen was approved (Norm Unterseher/Dorothy Mathison).

Five Deacons are needed. Please contact Debbi Kaul to volunteer.

Ushers are needed. Please contact the church office.

Thank you to the staff for all their hard work. It is greatly appreciated.

Following the Lord’s Prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Sheryl Stansbury, Council Secretary

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#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Nancy Korb** on receiving an employee GMC award. She has given out 100 awards to employees in her department, for the excellent service they have given. Nancy has over 40 years service at GMC and is Supervisor of Material Management.

**Staci Weidner** for making the Fall Semester Dean's List at the University of Montana. **Nathan Weidner** for making the Fall Semester Dean's List at Dawson Community College. Parents of both students are **Dave and Cheri Weidner**.

*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 [caml@zionlutheran.us](mailto:caml@zionlutheran.us).*