

# ZIONEWS

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Well, it is February — the month for Valentine’s Day. What else could I talk about??

**I Corinthians 13.1-13.** If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

In one way it is too bad these verses are most commonly used as a text for weddings. The words of Paul are so much more than just a subtext for a wedding bulletin. His words about love are our guide for life, our compass for living. Paul says, “If we don’t have love, true love, our lives needs some major re-orienting.”

Love is not only romantic love. In I John we read, “God is love.” The embodiment of our belief is that God is that pure emotion we know as love. That is, God takes in all people, God rejoices in all the good things that happen to us and the good things we do and God loves us even when we trip and fall, when we turn away from God, when we refuse to love our neighbor. Like the patient and caring parent of a pouting, angry child, God waits for us to turn back to those loving arms. Love becomes the way we look at the world. God’s love for us bears all, believes all, hopes all, endures all and it never ends. Thanks be to God.

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**INSERTS:**

Zion's Church Calendar  
Worship Leaders Schedule

Ash Wednesday  
begins the Lenten Season.

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**



- Imposition of ashes at the United Methodist Church at 8 a.m. Pastor Carole Rahn leading worship.
- Imposition of ashes at Zion Lutheran Church at noon. Pastor Avis Anderson leading worship.
- Imposition of ashes at Congregational Church at 6 p.m. Brother Guy Pontoriero leading worship.

Lenten Worship each week  
at the Congregational Church  
Soup Supper at 6 p.m., worship at 6:45 p.m.



**Holy Week begins Sunday, April 14**

- 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 20th**

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

**Easter Sunday, April 21st**

- Worship with Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

**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:**

Interim Pastor: Avis Anderson  
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**2019 Zion Council Members:**

Bill Miller, President  
Kevin Miller, Vice President  
Janna McCormick, Treasurer  
Marie Meland, Secretary

Gail Ring	Leah Juneau
Tyler Gabbert	Danielle Wold
Paul Shearer	Larry Heimbuch
Kyle Voss	Izabell Siegle
Vern Deaton	



### Stewardship Corner

Last month we considered the many and varied motivations people have for giving. This month we will concentrate on one of those motivations –

support of the church with reasonable contributions proportionate to income and circumstances. Zion is not considered a club, and we don't charge memberships. Mark Allen Powell, in his book Giving to God, says, "Participation in the church is free, granted through the grace and mercy of God to the undeserving." (p.133) As Mark Allen Powell puts it, "People should give *from the heart rather than to a budget.*" (p.135) *Yet, we must deal with the mundane task of "meeting expenses". Each of us might consider what "our share" in supporting the church might be, keeping in mind that it will be proportionate to each person's income and circumstances. Some may not realize that our annual budget for 2019 is about \$226,000. Tithes and offerings of \$18,800 are needed each month to keep up with expenses. Presenting the scenario of around 200 people who attend church and give regularly, each person's monthly share would be \$94. We realize that some give more and some less, according to income, circumstances, and the dictates of their hearts.*

We invite you to be informed by reading the Council minutes and monthly financial statement in each Zionews. Then prayerfully consider what your part might be in supporting your church.

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

### Baptism



If you or someone in your family is planning a baptism any time soon I would like to suggest you consider the Easter Vigil Service the night before Easter. The Vigil Service is traditionally the time for baptisms in the Christian church and provides a unique way of seeing baptism as a part of the Christian journey. Easter Vigil service this year will be on Saturday, April 20th at 7 p.m. If you are interested in this time please contact Pastor Avis. 377-3369

January Statistics	Att'd	Com	Offering
Dec 27 Thurs		No Service	Holiday week
<b>Dec 30 Sun</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1,830.00</b>
Jan 3 Thurs	8	8	515.00**
<b>Jan 6 Sun</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>5,282.00</b>
Jan 10 Thurs	16	16	295.00**
<b>Jan 13 Sun</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>4,288.00</b>
Jan 17 Thurs	12	12	110.00
<b>Jan 20 Sun</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>2,383.00</b>
Jan 24 Thurs	8	8	155.00
<b>Jan 27 Sun</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>3,022.00</b>
Jan 31 Thurs			See next month's Zionews

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

### Pastoral Acts for January

- Funerals - 0
  - Baptisms - 0
  - Weddings - 0
  - Private Communions - 7
  - Communions - 14
- (includes - Grandview, GMC Nursing Home)

### FUNERAL PLANNING

Those interested in discussing funeral planning are invited to attend a two part workshop on Sunday afternoon, February 10th and 17th at 1:15 p.m. The book we will be using is "Remembering God's promises" by Melinda Quivik. Melinda's first parish was in the northeast cluster of the Montana Synod. She is now living in St. Paul Minnesota.

Please call the church office 377-3369 to get your name on the list so we can order enough books. We thank Tyler Silha for covering the costs of the books.

### ZLCW SOAP PROJECT

ZLCW Soap Project will be in January and February this year. To most of us a bar of soap is a commodity, but to a child/adult in a refugee camp or a poor village, it is a precious gift.

True, soap is important for personal hygiene, but more importantly to prevent disease. It has been proven that where soap was made available the incidence of disease has declined.

Soap is also sent with Baby Care and Personal Care kits through Lutheran World Relief. Each congregation member is encouraged to contribute any brand of soap in its original wrapping to Zion's Soap Project. Please leave your soap donations in the basket in the narthex. Everyone deserves the dignity of cleanliness.

Thank you,  
ZLCW



**January Memorials**

Radio broadcast January 13<sup>th</sup> in memory of **our mother, Violet J. Meland's 1-16 birthday and in memory of our brother, William W. Meland's 1-15 birthday**  
from Marie and Janet Meland

Radio broadcast January 20<sup>th</sup> in memory of **Ambert and Alice Oliver's 1-18 wedding anniversary**  
from the **"Oliver Radio Trust" created in 1988.**

In honor of **Evelyn James Jacobsen's** baptism December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
from the parents, Kali (Christianson) and Ryan Jacobson

Thanks to **Sheila Kennedy and Bonita Jenkins**  
from Anonymous to the Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Erna Aldinger**  
from family and friends for Radio Fund  
from family and friends for Undesignated  
from Rod and Varna Carpenter to the Quilters  
from Gert and Gordon Kolberg for Undesignated

In memory of **Dorothy McFadden, Carole Dick's and Darlene Henke's sister**  
from Karen Schock for Undesignated  
from Jim and Marilyn Knapp for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Andrea "Andy" Huschka**  
from Rod and Verna Carpenter to Loaves & Fishes

Thanks to **Sheila Kennedy and Bonita Jenkins**  
from Anonymous to the Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Elaine Mitchell Beeler, cousin**  
from Arlene Crisafulli for Youth & Sunday School

In memory of **Arnie Geitzen**  
from Esther Shearer for World Hunger  
from Neil and Cammy Sue Oakland for Loaves & Fishes

Thanks to **Sheila Kennedy and Bonita Jenkins**  
from Anonymous to the Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Erna Aldinger, Pat Moline, Arnie Geitzen**  
from Vance and Linda Vickers for Loaves & Fishes

Thanks to **Sheila Kennedy and Bonita Jenkins**  
from Anonymous to the Loaves & Fishes



**FOR THE RECORD:**

**December 2018 Treasurer's Report**

**Income**

Misc Income	-889.16
Mission Offerings	-50.00
Tithes/Offerings	<u>19,996.20</u>

**Total Income** **\$19,057.04**

**Expense**

Advertising and Promotion	81.17
Benevolence (ELCA)	1,425.71
Dues and Subscriptions	120.00
Freedom in Christ	1,000.00
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	908.53
Worker's Compensation	<u>626.84</u>
Total Insurance Expense	1,535.37

Janitorial Expense	121.42
MDU	1,262.83
Mileage Reimbursement	50.00
Ministry Expenses	354.58
Missionary Fund	1,000.00
Mortgage (window debt)	415.00
Office Supplies	311.77
Pastors Housing	450.00
Payroll Expenses	6,197.04
Pension	659.76
Postage and Delivery	548.70
Repairs and Maintenance	11,398.38
Snow Removal	610.00
Telephone/Internet Expense	132.59
Wage Tax	2,146.53
Water	<u>112.66</u>

**Total Expense** **\$29,933.51**

Net Ordinary Income -10,876.47

**Net Income** -10,876.47

Year to date Net Income -25,688.23

**12/31/18 Statement Balance** **\$46,649.74**

**12/31/18 Savings Balance** **\$90,104.85**

**12/31/18 Mortgage (Windows Balance)** **\$32,037.43**

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

**Devotions:** Pastor Avis offered devotions based on 1 Corinthians: 12, a very familiar passage. We should strive for greater gifts, and the greatest of these is love.

**Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2018:** Following review, the minutes were approved as read.

LaNette Simonton reported on the call committee to date. Members of the committee are to be installed at the worship service on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Members include: LaNette Simonton, Chair; Bill Miller, Media Contact; Cami White, Secretary; Kevin Miller, Vern Deaton, Emma Gabbert, and Bill and Rita Hanley. LaNette will let us know when a schedule of meetings has been determined. She also hopes to identify a vice- or co-chair. LaNette spoke with Bishop Crist, who told her there are fourteen congregations in need of pastors in this Synod. Currently, no prospective pastors are available, but Seminary classes will be coming to a close, and we will be apprised at that time about prospective candidates. There are also a few pastors who are hoping to relocate. Our call committee will be at work becoming familiar with the process outlined by the Synod, and will be ready when a call can be sent.

On a related note, LaNette brought a generous offer to the congregation. Keith Huschka and the Ames family are willing to purchase a home Zion can use as a parsonage. Two homes are possibilities: 1217 East Ames Wye, formerly Ann Friestone's residence, and 306 Hemlock in Forest Park, a home owned by the Huschka family. Should the congregation accept the offer, deed would be transferred directly to Zion with no codicils. Council members were invited to tour the homes. Information will be gathered about tax liabilities, and a list of necessary updates and other considerations will be developed. Cathy K will get relevant information about square footage, lot size, utility cost history, and such. The proposal will need to be accepted by the congregation. Bill M moved the Council recommend a vote to accept the donation and use some of the \$50,000 memorial given by Langdon and Pat Bell to pay any associated fees and complete updates as necessary. Larry H seconded, and the motion carried. LaNette has requested that no posts on social media be made at this time since the donation hasn't been accepted or finalized.

**Treasurer's Report:** Janna McCormick, presented a Profits and Loss sheet for December and a proposed budget for 2019. Budgets from 2016, 2017, and 2018 were included for reference. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Avis has begun a new confirmation class. She also continues to work with LPA candidates. Visits to shut-ins are being done. Pastor recommends Council members make arrangements to tour the proposed parsonages to gain information and determine any repairs or updates needed. She notes that having a parsonage for any future pastor will make a call more attractive to prospective candidates. Council members are reminded to encourage others to attend and participate in the annual meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Property and Management:** Bill Miller will bring discussion materials for a new phone system. This will be discussed at the February meeting. No new maintenance issues have been identified. Steve Merrill continues to assist Bill as needed.

**Youth and Education:** Cami W presented a printed report of activities for the month and planned projects.

**Social Ministry:** Plants were delivered to shut-ins and residents of Extended Care, Grandview, and the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home. Recipients were grateful for the plants and cards, and for the visits.

**Worship Committee:** No new report

**Unfinished Business:** Cathy Kirkpatrick and Beth Epley continue work on the grant to fund the sanctuary carpeting project. The grant will be submitted by the end of January.

**The Kool Kids grant** was submitted. No word is expected until the end of the first quarter of this year. All materials were submitted to the State Auditor, who will vet the applicants to determine their eligibility. Following that review, funds will be dispersed by Cool Kids administrators.

**African Children's Choir** will perform on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Cami W is assisting with planning. Marie M will contact her to see if Council assistance is needed, and she will e-mail her findings to the Council members.

**Let's Talk** was discussed. Bill Miller noted that she believes Zion has reached out to the community in many ways, and since other churches in the area will assist, the project is already being sponsored and supported. Pastor Avis agreed, as did the Council. Zion will not participate at this time.

**Yoking with Hope Lutheran** is on hold at this point. Their congregation visited with Bishop Crist, and is reconsidering their request. They will continue to review their needs and weigh their options, however current thinking is that they will not pursue yoking with Zion. Should they change their position, an ex officio member from their congregation will be added to the Call Committee. All information on this matter will be a part of the annual meeting.

**Committee Reports** are due to Cammy Sue by January 11<sup>th</sup>. She will compile the reports and include them with the 2019 Annual Report booklet.

**New Business:**

**Congratulations** to Don Idso and the group who rang Salvation Army bells prior to Christmas. Approximately \$12,000 was collected, and many noted they were glad to see the collection being done after an absence of a couple of years. Nice work, everyone!

**Council Membership Rotation** Tyler Gabbert, Paul Shearer, Tom Trangmoe, and Kyle Voss are completing their first 3-year term on the Council. No one is completing a second 3-year term. Youth member, Emma Gabbert, will serve until she leaves for college. Cami W and Emma are working together to identify a youth to be seated on the Council upon her departure.

**Zion's 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** will follow worship on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Tyler Gabbert and Paul Shearer will serve brunch. Cathy K is preparing an agenda and the Council President's report. Council members will attend to participate in conversations, discussions, decision, and input. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. Closing: Lord's Prayer and Mission Statement  
Annual Meeting: January 27<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. Next Council Meeting: February 13, 2019, 7 p.m.

Submitted by Marie Meland, Council Secretary

## Zion Youth and Family Ministry

### February 2

1 pm bake cookies and prep for subs

### February 3

8:30 am 5th - HS assemble Super Bowl Subs

9 am Movie fun for Preschool - 4th grade

### February 6

3:45 pm 2nd year Confirmation class

### February 10

9 am Sunday School GIFT

1:30 pm 5th/6th Youth Group

3 pm 7th/8th Youth Group

5 pm High School Youth Group

### February 13

3:45 pm 2nd year Confirmation class

### February 17

9 am Sunday School GIFT

11:30 am Unite

5 pm Roots

### February 20

3:45 pm 2nd year Confirmation class

### February 24

9 am Sunday School GIFT

No Youth Group

### February 27

3:45 pm 2nd year Confirmation class

Zion Youth would like to thank everyone that ordered Super Bowl Subs and cookies! Come see us in the kitchen to pick up your order and we have lots of extras available. Your support is a blessing and we hope you enjoy your subs and cookies.

**A BIG THANK YOU** for all the donations for our Sunday School GIFT Birthday-in-a-bag project. Once all bags are assembled, we will have about 30 bags to take to the Food Bank. We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9 am as generations join in faith together. There's something for everyone and all are welcome!

## Special News and Events



### Sweets for the Sweet VBS Bake Sale

Sunday, February 10th before & after Worship. Enjoy some yummy treats for a free will donation to benefit VBS 2019. *Contact Cami if you can donate goodies. The furniture room entrance is open from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday to drop off items in the kitchen.*

*Thank you for supporting  
Zion Youth Ministry!*

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**Zion Lutheran  
Church Women**

**Bible Study Circles and Groups:**

***Deborah: Thursday, February 7 at 2 p.m.***

***Hannah/Dorcas: Tuesday, February 12 at 1:30 p.m.***

***Sarah: Friday, February 15 at 1:30 p.m.***  
***Hostess: Carole at Zion***

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

***Chancel Guild meets: Wednesday, Feb 20 at 2 p.m.***  
***Hostess: Barb and Marla***

***Quilters meet Mondays at 9 am***

**HOLDEN VILLAGE BREAD**

- 2 cups warm water — up to half can be substituted with milk, beer or applesauce  
1 T yeast  
3 T sweeter — sugar, honey, brown sugar or molasses  
3 T oil — canola, olive, walnut oil or butter, shortening  
2 tsp salt  
4-5 cups flour — up to half whole wheat, oat, rye, semolina or bran flour. Try 1 cup hot cereal or cornmeal
1. Sprinkle yeast evenly over warm water to begin activating.
  2. Add 1 1/2 cups flour and 1 T sweeter. Whisk, let rest 10 minutes
  3. Fold in 1 cup flour, then salt, rest of the flour, oil and sweetener
  4. Knead dough on a floured surface for 3-7 minutes until elastic and smooth.
  5. Cover with a damp cloth and let it rise 1 hour. Place dough in oiled bowl.
  6. Split dough. Form into two balls. Cover and rest dough 10 minutes.
  7. Shape each dough ball into a log, Pinch seam closed.
  8. Place dough into greased pans. Cover with damp cloth. Let Doug rise 30 minutes.
  9. Bake 30-40 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool, slice, enjoy

**Wow! March Music Madness! Choirs! Children!**

Sometimes things happen quickly and maybe you make the right decision or maybe you don't always know?? But plans have been in the works for a long time for the appearance of the African Children's Choir at Zion on March 29th. The choir was here about eight years ago and they were a wonder — high energy and a delightful bunch of kids. We are blessed to be able to have them come again. The last time the church was full for this event!

Well, as happens I got a request last week from the Oak Grove Lutheran High School Choir (Fargo ND) to stop at Zion and present a concert. Coming from Idaho Falls, Zion would be their last stop before heading home to Fargo. The kids in this choir (38 in number) have to audition. Their music covers an African arrangement, in addition to arrangements by F. Melius Christiansen ("Lamb of God" and "Beautiful Savior") and Paul J. Christiansen ("The King of Love"), both choir directors and arrangers from our Church colleges, Concordia and St. Olaf. Other numbers will be traditional and much loved hymns.

The situation is, they will be here on Saturday, March 30th, which is the day after the African Children's choir performs. I told them about the ACC and that I couldn't guarantee them much of a crowd on Saturday evening. This is where you come in. You need to encourage people to attend both events and see the week-end as a wonderful blessing overflowing with music.

The Oak Grove choir will not need housing, but they will need a meal before they perform so we will have to think about that. Plans are already in the works to feed and house the ACC.

Hospitality is the name of the game. Can we make it happen? Without a doubt we can. Mark the 29th and 30th of March on your calendars right now and then get ready to be blessed. (P.S. Don Idso is an Oak Grove alumnus)



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#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Loren Voss**, son of **Kyle and Cara Voss**, is the Geography Bee Champion at Washington Middle School. Loren will test to qualify for the state competition.

Dean's List Carroll College: **Cheyenne Damron**, MSU: **Hannah Bogar**, University of Montana: **Zara Iwen**

TIP Kindness from Washington Middle School - **Wyatt Robinson, Sheldon Rod, Jaylene Silha, Mrs. Knudson, Mrs. BreAnn Miller**

**Kenna Gabbert** qualified for the State Forensics Meet

**Carson Oakland** was highlighted in the RANGER for his role as a student football, basketball and track coach at Dickinson State University where he is a student.

Congratulations to **Tommy Reske** for his positive showing during the wrestling meet with Hardin. Coach said it was an intense battle between the two competitors and even though Hardin won, Tommy did a great job.

**Stacey Nerison** sworn in as newly elected Justice of the Peace

**Tyler Silha** sworn in as new county coroner

*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).*