

ZIONEWS

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Zion Lutheran Church

SOUND BITES:

Something to chew on that is good for the soul™

SOLA FIDE

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God -- not the result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9 NRSV) The greatest minds in church history have identified this one biblical truth as the foundation of our faith. John Calvin declared it to be "the main hinge" on which the true Christianity swings. They are describing the doctrine of justification by faith alone -- or as the reformers called it, *Sola Fide*.

Of the importance of this foundational truth Martin Luther wrote: "This doctrine is the head and the cornerstone. It alone begets, nourishes, builds, preserves, and defends the church of God; and without it the church of God cannot last for one hour." It's no wonder that Luther called justification by faith alone "the article by which the church stands or falls." Because there are only two kinds of righteousness: a human righteousness based on human effort, and what he called "the passive righteousness" that comes from Christ. There is the righteousness of God and your own righteousness. There is no middle ground; you embrace one or the other.

-- Sola Conference 2009



Our presiding bishop, Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, has established a vision for the ELCA in the 21st century. One of those visions is to remember we are the Lutheran Church and that we have a doctrine that centers on the Word of God and our faith in that Word is central to who we are as God's people. Sola scriptura. Sola fide. Sola gratia are the Latin words for Word alone, faith alone and grace alone, phrases that Luther laid out as central to a believing Christian.



Paul's words and those of John Calvin and Martin Luther call faith the hinge of true Christianity. That we come to faith and are justified only as a gift of God's righteousness is in itself a blessing and a wonder. This is the gift that "sets the prisoner free, that cause the lame to leap for joy, the mute to speak and the deaf to hear."

The old hymn reads, "No merit of my own I claim, but solely lean on Jesus' Name." As freed people, living in God's grace, we cling to the cross and find there our hope.

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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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Song time! Kids enjoyed learning new songs during VBS like this one, *Brother/Friend*.

What is Interim Ministry

Interim ministry occurs in a church when a regularly called pastor leaves and before a new pastor is called to the congregation. Sometimes the in between period is referred to as transitional time. In the case of the Lutheran Church -namely the ELCA brand– the synodical bishop selects an interim pastor who along with the approval of the church council agrees to serve as the interim. Today many interim pastors have served at least three to five years in a congregation as a regular called pastor, plus received instruction and certification to be intentional interim pastors. Others like myself have served in the parish ministry for over 35 years and decided with the approval of synodical bishop to serve as an interim pastor.

Once the interim pastor has been assigned by the synodical bishop, approved by the congregational church council, a contract of services is agreed to and signed by the church council(s), the pastor and synod bishop, the interim serves like a regular pastor –leading worship services, preaching, administering the sacraments, visitations, providing pastoral care and other pastoral duties.

However, there is a difference as the interim's major tasks are to help the congregation understand its history, look at its current and future leadership style; encourage the congregation to reconnect with the local cluster, synod and national church body and develop a congregational commitment to openness to new pastoral and lay leadership ministry styles.

Another component of interim ministry is working with the congregational Call Committee to develop a Ministry Site Profile—information about the community, church's mission and ministry, what gifts and skills the congregation has, what skills and talents the new pastor has to lead the congregation. All this and more that will help church leaders and congregation call a pastor.

All this ministry takes a lot of prayer, patience, time, energy, a good sense of humor and a very understanding heart. If done right and in God's good time all works out for the benefit of the congregation, the pastor and the greater church.

I have had wonderful opportunities to work with nine other congregations in the Pacific Northwest prior to coming to Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive, Montana in the beautiful scenic Yellowstone River Valley basin. I look forward to serving you in this interim period.

In His Service,
Pastor Stan Hoobing



STEWARDSHIP CORNER –
JULY, 2014
STEWARDSHIP AND
EVANGELISM COMMITTEE
LAUNCHES “IN-REACH”
PROJECT

The Zion Stewardship and Evangelism Committee is interested in finding out what our congregation members think about a few topics. At a time when we are entering the call process for a new pastor, your thoughts and opinions on these topics will be very important. Volunteers will be visiting with congregation members before and after church services during July and August. Here are the questions we will be asking:

What brought you to Zion and what keeps you coming back?

What would you like to see happen in our congregation (changes)?

What contributions have pastors made over the years?

What is God asking of us today?

One-to-one visits will be conducted before (9:30) or after (11:00) church on the July 13th, 20th, 27th and August 3rd, 10th, and 17th. One-to-one visits will last fifteen to twenty minutes. If you are interested in speaking with one of our volunteers, you may sign up on a green “In-Reach” form which will be handed to congregation members at church on Sunday, June 29th and again on Sunday, June 6th. This green form allows you to select a date and a time to participate. However, if you will not be in attendance on June 29th or July 6th and would like to visit with a volunteer, feel free to give Don Idso a call (377-5007 or 939-5604) and he will get you signed up. Once you are signed up, a volunteer will call you and make arrangements to meet with you.

All information gathered from this project will be confidential (No names will be attached to information that is shared among volunteers or with the Call Committee).

Thank You

Many, thousand thanks (manga tusend tak!)!! Your celebration of my retirement was wonderful. To have a two-day event was quite a fete!! All the work put in by the planning committee, musicians and a host of other. To the Wednesday morning Circle of Prayer for their quilted signature throw and for the other gifts, good wishes and prayers from all of you, thank you!. I don't know anyone who has been so blessed for so many years as I have been. Our lives are lived in the light of God's glory and grace.

In the Name of the One whom we all serve,

Church Council

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes
June 10, 2014

Members present: Pastor Avis, Bill Miller, Janna McCormick, Sheryl Stansbury, Gary Lundman, Betty Mawbey, Megan Kubesh, Myrna Quale, Don Idso, Michelle Sickler, Sheila Kennedy

Meeting called to order by Bill Miller.

Ben Clapp met with the council and told about his plans to work for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship as an intern in Flagstaff, Arizona with college students.

Devotions were given by Pastor Avis.

Minutes were approved (Don Idso/Betty Mawbey).

Treasurer's report was discussed and approved (Megan Kubesh/Gary Lundman).

Committees:

Property/Management: Window loan paid off to Endowment thanks to gift from Ross and Tara Oakland. Barrier was placed around the sidewalk by the Furniture Room to keep people from falling off the ramp edge. Thank you to Gary and Maureen Lundman for painting the entry. Thank you to Fisher Sand and Gravel for gravel they donated.

Social Ministry: Add Betty Mawbey to committee membership. Food Bank could use volunteers.

Youth/Education: Betty Mawbey is also a member of the committee. Report from Cami White:

16 youth attended the all nighter on Friday, May 30th. It went really well and we'll do it again.

VBS 2014 is June 16 - 19 and everything seems to be coming together nicely.

Unable to get enough volunteers for Youth Sunday, June 29th, due to youth involvement in summer activities.

Cami has volunteered to head the following:

- Independence Day float for the July 4th parade, contact Cami ASAP if you would like to be involved.
- Team captain for Relay for Life team, event coming up September 5th.

Youth and Family Ministry upcoming events:

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September 7th

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"Dinner and a Show" Variety show with meal served. Ticket prices yet to be set.

Evangelism/Stewardship: Planning for One-to-One interviews continues. Volunteers have been obtained and will be trained by Don Idso and Norm Unterseher. Don will give temple talks on June 28 and July 6. Congregation members will have the opportunity to sign up for interviews in July and August. We hope many in the congregation will participate as we can use ideas for strategic planning, calling a new pastor, and meeting the needs of the congregants.

Old Business: review of the contract and discussion of duties of interim pastor. Pastor Hoobing will be here on Wednesday, June 11 and will meet with Janna and Bill.

New Business:

Youth and Family Ministry position was made permanent and Cami White was hired (Sheryl Stansbury/Don Idso)..

Fourth of July float done by the youth for the parade was approved (Janna McCormick/Michelle Sickler.

Zion Relay for Life team with Cami White as leader was approved (Janna McCormick/Michelle Sickler).

A Missionary Fund/Account funded in the amount of \$5000 to have monies available from the church for youth groups and individuals who are involving themselves in some kind of ministry was discussed. People can make an application for this money on a yearly basis. Anyone could make contributions to the fund. The goal would be to keep it at \$5000 available funds.

Establishment of Missionary Fund/account to be used by members serving in mission ministry was approved. (Gary Lundman/Janna McCormick)

Webmaster is needed for the Zion website. Many people have mentioned using the site and it is in need of updating. Contact Bill Miller if interested.

Thank you to Pastor Avis for her faithful service to Zion Lutheran Church and God bless you in retirement.

Following prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
Sheryl Stansbury, Secretary



Our local Food Bank is in need of volunteers. If you can help in any way, please call 941-0202 for more information. Thanks so much!

June Memorials
(5-28 thru 6-23)

Thanks for **Sheila Kennedy & Benita Jenkins**
from Anonymous for Loaves and Fishes

In Honor of **Pastor Avis Anderson's Retirement**
from Jerry & Susan Kelly for Loaves & Fishes

In Honor of **Pastor Avis Anderson's Retirement**
from Bland & Calda Lunde for World Hunger

In Memory of **Martha Kelly and Ervin Lovaas**
from Gordon and Gert Kolberg for
Undesignated
from Mona Brant for Undesignated
from Jim & Marilynn Knapp for Undesignated

In Memory of **Martha E. Kelly**
from Family and Friends for Undesignated

In Memory of **Ervin Lovaas** and all the **Zion members** who have passed away in the past year
from Florence Malmond Lightner with
Stitches by Flo including her Quilt tops,
baby sweaters and mittens for the Mitten Tree

<u>June Statistics</u>	<u>Att'd</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>Offering</u>
May 31 Sat	8	8	35.00**
June 1 Sun	81	76	3,984.00
June 7 Sat	8	8	\$330.00**
June 8 Mako	23	20	\$406.00**
June 8 Sun	110	105	4,184.00
June 14 Sat	23	21	\$90.00**
June 15 Mako	6	6	
June 15 Sun	198	186	4,570.50
June 21 Sat	8	8	35.00**
June 22 Mako	14	12	\$25.00**
June 22 Sun	68	63	1,373.00
Total	547	513	\$17,741.00

(**Evening offering included in Sunday Total amount)

5 pm, Saturday worship

8 am, Makoshika service

10 am, Sunday worship

Makoshika Park Service are planned to be held at the amphitheater through July 13 and August 24 -31. While the park road is being constructed the services will be held at the campground on July 20 through 27 and August 2 through 17.



FOR THE RECORD:

May 2014 Treasurer's Report

Income	
Furniture Room	89.00
Misc Income	2,688.21
Sunday School Income	66.22
Tithes/Offerings	18,290.00
Window debt offerings	5.00
Youth Group	75.00
Total Income	\$21,213.43
Expense	
Advertising and Promotions	324.31
Benevolence (ELCA)	3,857.71
Dues and Subscriptions	22.20
Evangelism and Special Events	294.45
Insurance Expense	
Health Insurance	367.18
Total Insurance Expense	367.18
Janitorial Expense	9.44
MDU	1,155.14
Mileage Reimbursement	50.00
Ministry Expenses	105.65
Miscellaneous Expense	27,244.98
Office Supplies	1,538.95
Pastors Housing	1,225.00
Payroll Expenses	5,574.42
Pension	506.81
Postage and Delivery	77.25
Pulpit Supply	150.00
Sunday School	117.60
Taxes—Property	311.37
Telephone/Internet Expense	119.62
Wage Tax	1,875.24
Water	75.62
Window dept offerings exp	75.00
Youth Group Expenses	95.13
Total Expense	\$45,173.07
Net Ordinary Income	-23,959.64
Net Income	\$-23,959.64

5/31/14 Statement Balance	\$70,145.51
5/31/14 Savings Balance	\$68,393.76
5/31/14 Mortgage (windows) Balance	\$0.00

Pastoral Acts for June

Funerals - 1 **Bob Devier** **6-28-14**
Baptisms - 1 **Brody DeVar Haugen** **6-14-14**
Weddings - 0
Private Communion - 3
Other Communion - 24
(includes - Grandview, Heritage, EMVH and GMC Nursing Home)



60 kids, 10 youth helpers and 8 staff from Badland's Ministries Camp enjoyed a week of fun

Independence Day Float

Zion is planning to enter a float in the annual 4th of July parade.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to help prepare the float and/or ride along. Please contact Cami White, 377-2151 or the church office, 377-3369 ASAP if you would like to be involved.

- Decorate July 4th, 8:30 am by Lloyd Square Park

- Parade lineup July 4th, 9:30 am

- Parade starts July 4th, 10 am

Contact Cami White with questions.



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*There is a time and season for everything under the heavens
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

VBS 2014 was a great success! 60 attended with 10 youth from our community helping Badlands Ministries staff with this week of outreach and fun. Much thanks to all who helped in any way and the financial support received. One-third of our attendance were first time attendees.

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS AND VIEWS

Nooks R nice,
Kindles R shiny,
but I'd rather find comfort with a book and its binding.

Totally revamped, cleaned-out, new titles for young and old – your church library is ready to go for you. No cards, no writing your name. Just come in, browse the shelves and help yourself and then go home and read, read, read. We have weeded out many of the old and worn books so material is up-to-date. There is good fiction, historical fiction, books for Bible Studies, devotionals, music, biographies. Books for young adults and children abound. It is up to you how successful the library is. Thanks to the women of the church who keep the library going. The library is open any time the church is open. The only rule of thumb – just return the books when you are through.



Book Reviews from the Zion Library

155.6 **The Water Giver: the story of a mother, a son and their second chance** by Joan Ryan

Both a medical drama and meditation on motherhood, THE WATER GIVER is Joan Ryan's gripping account of her son's near-fatal accident. Joan looks back on her early years with her son when she was so controlling judgmental, so focused on trying to fix him, that she became more his relentless reformer than his loving mother. She tells of her son's traumatic brain injury at 16 when she gets a second chance at motherhood.

FICTION **The Last Promise** by Richard Paul Evans

Evans spins a passionate, bittersweet tale about the fantastic joy and great sorrow life can throw our way. In the end, this story is an uplifting, all-too-human tale about the magnificent power of true love.

248.4 **Seasons of a family's life: cultivating the contemplative spirit at home** by Wendy M. Wright

Every chapter in this book is a thoughtful lesson in gaining an awareness of the joy in our experience as families and letting the sacred be more present in our frantically paced daily lives. Wright shows how to pay attention to the silence that underlies our lives and encourages us to be sensitive to the ordinary moments that connect us.



Zion Lutheran
Church Women

No Circle or ZLCW meetings during summer

June 18, 2014

Zion Congregation family,

On 6/1/14, 8 members of the ZLCW met and discussed the future organization of the unit. After much discussion, this is what was decided:

- An Executive Board will be created from the following:
 - o 2 individuals from Layette Kit committee
 - o 2 individuals representing the Work Groups
 - o 1 member from each Circle
 - o 2 members from Quilting committee

The Board will meet a minimum of 3 times annually: this year will be September, November, and February (if approved) but meeting times can be changed/ added as needed.

An amendment to the ZLCW Constitution stipulates that any changes must be reviewed by the members for at least 60 days. The proposed amendments and complete copies of the current and proposed Constitution are **available for review** in the narthex and the office. Your feedback is very much appreciated. Please leave written comments in the church office or email to zion@midrivers.com.

We will be voting on adoption of the amendments at the ZLCW meeting October 5th. *Bible Study Circles*: please discuss at your September meetings and review the changes.

Sincerely,

Debbi Kaul, Secretary

Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW)

Thank You



Thank you ZLCW and Ladies

The 2014 Vacation Bible School staff sack lunches were furnished by the ZLCW. Nine lunches were made each day for the teaching staff and for Cami White, the coordinator of the four day event. Making the lunches, each day, were Maureen Lundman, Georgia Norderud, Esther Shearer and Dorothy Mathison, who chaired the group.

Many thanks to the ZLCW and the Ladies.



It will soon be time to sign up for shifts to work the Zion food booth at the fair. Watch for sign up sheets in the church narthex soon!



Zion Lutheran Church will have a Relay for Life team this year. The event is set for September 5th. Everyone is welcome to get involved in this worthy cause. There will be an organizational meeting Sunday, June 13th, 5 pm at the church. Please let Cami White know if you would like to be involved in any way.



My dear ones! When Jesus said, "Let the children come to me" He meant each and everyone of you.

And you came to help us bless

Cami as your leader and you were in church to worship Jesus and you took Holy Communion and you sang in the choir and you gave me wonderful pictures with a heart and a cross. You've given me hugs and pictures you've drawn and you've told me you are going to miss me. Wow! I am so blessed to have all of you as "my kids." You are so important to me and to the church I love you and God loves you more! Thank you! God's blessings,

Pastor Avis

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Last month **Kaia Lenhart**, daughter of **Ralph and Shirley Lenhart**, was awarded the Barry F. Scher Award for Exceptional Contributions to Public Relations from the Treatment and Learning Centers in the Washington, DC metro area. As a board member of the Business Advisory Board for TTLC, Kaia provides advocacy and communications support and speaks to area businesses about hiring adults with disabilities.

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.