

ZIONEWS

JULY 2015

Zion Lutheran Church

1906 - 2015

An active congregation of the Montana Synod of the ELCA

Dear Saints of the Lord,

Waiting for good news is never easy. Even though someone whom we know and trust tells us that the news is good, we just are not sure. My son, Matt, usually calls his father to update him on some sporting event or give a highlight about the cats activities or how things are around the house with my wife and his job. It is usually good news. But twice since I have been here, he has called with some sad news. The first time was in mid May when he called to asked for prayers for a first grader who suffered a stroke. The child was a student at my son's school where he is a teacher's aid. I asked the Circle of Prayer group to pray for the little boy. A week or so before school was out, the first grader who everyone thought they would never see again that school year, was back in school and doing fine. Prayer works!

The second sad news call came last Saturday as I sat in a parking lot in downtown Glendive. A 59 year old WSU President had died of cancer. My son, who had already graduated from Washington State, and was working, had had a couple of meaningful conversations with him in the last two years of this man's life. My son was devastated. He felt really close to the man, who sat in the student section of sporting events, talked with students, and alumni. A man who got the state legislature to help fund a medical school at WSU to provide doctors for rural communities. (The University of Washington --that other school --has a medical school which serves the states of Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho and Montana and was satisfied with the services and number of students.) We talked for about 40 minutes on the phone—had a prayer and when we were done, we laughed about some things and I thanked him for his willingness to call his father and share his concerns.

I share these personal news stories, because just maybe in this crazy mixed up world of ours we need to stop and speak with God and read his Word - the holy scriptures—and listen to hear his still small voice speak volumes of Good News to us.

May you be blessed in hearing the good word from God.



In His Service,

Pastor Stan

ZIONEWS July 2015

In this issue:

1. A Word from Pastor Stan
2. Table of Contents
Church Staff Listing
3. Information to share
4. Church Council Minutes
5. Financial Report
Pastoral Acts & Attendance Statistics
6. Youth and Family Ministry
7. ZLCW
Opportunities
Announcements & Thank you notes
8. Congratulations-Please help by submitting

INSERTS:

Zion's Church Calendar
Worship Leaders Schedule
Memorials

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.*

ZIONEWS is published monthly by Zion Lutheran Church
401 Riverview Avenue, Glendive MT 59330
Submit your news to: Cami White, 377-2151
cam@zionlutheran.us

phone: 406-377-3369

fax: 406-377-3360

web site: www.zionlutheran.us

Interim Pastor, Pastor Stan Hoobing

Office: [406-377-3369](tel:406-377-3369)

Residence: 406-377-6398

E-mail: stanhoobing@hotmail.com

Office hours are Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 11:45 am
and other times by appointment

Cami White, Youth/Education Director ~ 377-2151

Prayer Chain Contacts

Church Office ~ 377-3369

Marilynn Knapp ~ 365-8110

Carmen Miller ~ 377-2841

Cammy Sue Oakland, Secretary

churchlady@zionglendive.com

Georgina Hansen, Assistant

2015 Zion Council Members:

Don Idso, President

Gary Kirkpatrick, Vice President

Sheryl Stansbury, Secretary

Janna McCormick, Treasurer

Bill Miller

Sheila Kennedy

Megan Kubesh

Gary Lundman

Betty Mawbey

Myrna Quale

Michelle Sickler

Tami Conrad

Tyler Gabbert

Paul Shearer

All Zionews items can be emailed to
cam@zionlutheran.us, left in the yellow folder in
the church office or in loyalty box for Zionews
items, top far left corner.



Saturday, 5 pm Worship with HC

Sunday, 8 am at Makoshika with HC

Sunday, 10 am Worship with HC





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

A message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton in response to the tragedy in Charleston, SC

"I urge all of us to spend a day in repentance and mourning. And then we need to get to work. Each of us and all of us need to examine ourselves, our church and our communities. We need to be honest about the reality of racism within us and around us. We need to talk and we need to listen, but we also need to act. No stereotype or racial slur is justified. Speak out against inequity. Look with newly opened eyes at the many subtle and overt ways that we and our communities see people of color as being of less worth. Above all pray - for insight, for forgiveness, for courage."

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton



September book study:

Challenges -- New pastor, new beginnings, always renewing our faith

Remember to talk to Avis if you have questions or need her to order books for you!

Tuesdays in September - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Riess book
6:00 p.m. - 7 p.m. Bianchi book

Contact me 377-2617, or aabgsky@midrivers.com, or text 939-1421 or my loyalty box at church.

Peace, Pastor Avis



Order both books on Amazon.com but be careful when ordering the Riess book because there is another with the same title that is a year long devotion book.

Flunking Sainthood by Jana Riess

(September book group for Tuesdays 11:45-12:45)

*I've already been enjoying Jana Riess's method of approaching her Christian faith. She goes at it with eyes wide open to her own failings. Like all of us she is **determined** to be faithful and to live a Christ-filled life. But how to do that when you are raising children, holding down a full-time job and just dealing with all the world throws at us. We don't. We try, but we are always in the process of "flunking sainthood." What Jana Riess does is give us hope. When we can't find God in the dirty dishes, or the constant routine of cooking and cleaning we are able to smile, sometimes even laugh at our failings and then start all over again by the grace of God.*

God, where are you? Practical answers to Spiritual questions by Enzo Bianchi

(September book group for Tuesdays 6 - 7 pm)

This is a good book for a couples' study. You have to dig a little deeper into this book. It is 150 pages of Bible stories - Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Elijah and Isaiah. Enzo takes the stories and out of them draws references and guidelines for each reader. The question the author pursues is "God, where are you?" and then through each Bible story shows us how God is throwing the question back at us "Where are YOU?" This is a very readable book for living in this day and age. "God dwells where He is allowed to enter."

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Don Idso, Myrna Quale, Gary Lundman, Tyler Gabbert

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Pastor Stan Hoobing

There were not enough members in attendance to achieve a quorum, so President Don indicated he would send an e-mail to all council members in order to obtain a decision on four different issues. Following is the message I sent to our council members. Nine members of the council indicated that they received the e-mail. Betty Mawbey was unable to reply, because she was hospitalized. Three other council members did not reply. Responses to each proposal are found in bold, capital letters at the beginning of each proposal.

Greetings, council members. I'd like to thank Myrna, Gary L., and Tyler for showing up for the meeting on Tuesday. Since there were not enough people for a quorum, I have decided to e-mail you and present you with four issues.

Proposal #1: Freedom in Christ Ministries.

TEN COUNCIL MEMBERS APPROVED SENDING \$1000 TO FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRIES WITH THE INTENTION OF APPROVING ON-GOING CONTRIBUTIONS AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY, 2016 (INCLUDES PRESIDENT VOTE)

We have been considering this for some time. I propose that se send \$1000 right away. This would come out of the evangelism budget line item which is set at \$3000. Then, at the time of the Congregational meeting in January, we can talk about the prospects of on-going or sustained giving.

Proposal #2: Wall-mounted air conditioner for organ area in the sanctuary.

TEN COUNCIL MEMBERS APPROVED (INCLUDES PRESIDENT DON'S VOTE).

SINCE THIS VOTE WAS TAKEN, WE DISCOVERED A PORTABLE, FREE-STANDING AIR CONDITIONER THAT WAS, AT ONE TIME, INTENDED FOR USE IN THE KITCHEN. HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN USED THERE AND IS AVAILABLE FOR USE IN THER ORGAN AREA OF THE SANCTUARY.

This would be for Marla, our organist. Knowing that we value her as a person and because of her musical skills, I propose that the Property and Management Committee be authorized to purchase, and have installed, a wall-mount air conditioner in the area of the organ in the sanctuary. There are currently funds in the Fair Booth account (about \$6000), so a portion of this could be used for the air conditioner. This would be helpful to Marla particularly at times when the air conditioning for the sanctuary is not running.

Proposal #3 Badlands Ministries

TEN COUNCIL MEMBERS APPROVED OF THE \$1500 CONTRIBUTION TO HELP WITH BRIAN FULTON'S SALARY AT BADLANDS MINISTRIES.

NINE CONCIL MEMBERS APPROVED OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF \$1000 TOWARD THE UPGRAD OF THE TENT PLATFORMS AT THE BADLANDS MINISTRY CAMP. ONE COUNCIL MEMBRER VOTED "NO" ON THIS

We received two letters from Badlands Ministries. The first is from Christina Jorgensen, program director. She indicated the Brian Fulton, a son of our congregation, has been hired as part of their ministry team. They are asking if we would partner with them by sending letters of support (we can do that later), by praying for Brian (we can start that right now), and by helping with the cost of his salary, which would be \$3000 for the summer. We have a budget line item (Youth Mission Fund of \$5000) set up for this purpose -- you will recall that we helped Ben Clapp with a \$3000 donation last year. I propose that we send \$1500 to help defray the expense of Brian's salary. To date, we have not spent any of the funds in that line item of our budget.

The second letter was from Brent Seaks, Executive Director of Badlands Ministries. This is an important ministry for our youth, and it is the core of our Vacation Bible School Ministry. In this letter, Brent explains their plan to convert eight tent platforms into permanent camper housing. The canvases are worn out, and there is a need to replace the tent platforms with comfortable, useful, and long-lasting units. I propose that we send an additional \$1000 to Badlands Ministries for the purpose of helping to upgrade their tent platforms. This would also be taken out of our Youth Mission Fund. This would bring the total for Bad Lands Ministries to \$2500, leaving \$2500 in the Youth Mission Fund. Efforts will be made to seek additional funds from the Congregational and Methodist Churches.

Proposal #4 Contribution for InterVarsity for Ben Clapp

NINE COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED TO APPROVE A \$500 CONTRIBUTION TO INTERVARSITY AS REQUESTED BY BEN CLAPP.

We received a nice letter from Ben Clapp, expressing appreciation for financial assistance during his InterVarsity training in Arizona. Since then he has moved back to Bozeman and is on staff with the InterVarsity program at Montana State University. He is passionate in is his work for this missions training organization in their effort to equip college youth for becoming influential leaders in their employment, churches, and families. He is asking if we wish to support this ministry in the same way during this current fiscal year. I propose that we send \$500 to InterVarsity, since there are still funds available in the Youth Mission Fund.

Also, this is not the preferred way to conduct business of the Council. Please remember to put Tuesday, July 14 on your calendar for our July Council meeting. Thanks. Don

God is the best listener.
You don't need to shout
nor cry out loud
because He hears even
the silent prayer
of a sincere heart!



Pastoral Acts for June

Funerals - 3 LuVerna V. Prescott 06-06-2015
Beatrice Elise Kalloch 06-13-2015
Charlene Grace Babcock Haugen
06-18-2015

Baptisms - 0
Weddings - 0

Private Communion - 5

Other Communion - 20

(includes - Grandview and GMC Nursing Home)

<u>June Statistics</u>	<u>Att'd</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>Offering</u>
May 30 Sat	9	9	40.00**
May 31 Sun	93	87	3,545.00
June 6 Sat	12	12	103.00**
June 7 Mako	15	14	449.00**
June 7 Sun	75	67	4,700.00
June 13 Sat	9	9	267.00**
June 14 Mako	23	20	175.00**
June 14 Sun	89	82	2,784.00
June 20 Sat	13	13	165.00**
June 21 Mako	29	26	405.00**
June 21 Sun	73	60	3,576.00
June 27 Sat	16	16	305.00**
June 28 Mako	25	23	500.00**
June 28 Sun	61	56	2,872.00
Totals	542	494	\$17,477.00

(**Saturday offering included in Sunday Total amount)

FOR THE RECORD:

May 2015 Treasurer 's Report

Income	
Misc Income	181.00
Mission Offerings	70.00
Rent Income	345.00
Tithes/Offerings	18,776.00
Total Income	\$19,372.00
Expense	
Benevolence (ELCA)	1,831.79
Dues and Subscriptions	82.17
Janitorial Expense	56.50
MDU	494.21
Mileage Reimbursement	189.47
Miscellaneous Expense	250.58
Office Supplies	403.98
Pastors Housing	450.00
Payroll Expenses	7,306.08
Sunday School	209.36
Taxes - Property	311.37
Telephone/Internet Expense	126.59
Wage Tax	847.03
Water	86.35
Window Dept Expenses	415.00
Total Expense	\$13,110.48
Net Ordinary Income	6,261.52
Net Income	\$6,261.52
5/31/15 Statement Balance	\$55,611.71
5/31/15 Savings Balance	\$45,931.28
5/31/15 Mortgage (windows) Balance	\$50,687.66

Garden of Daily Living

By Leona Carpenter, Princeton, Idaho
For the garden of your daily living

Plant three rows of peas:

1. *Peace of mind*
2. *Peace of heart*
3. *Peace of soul*

Plant four rows of squash:

1. *Squash gossip*
2. *Squash indifference*
3. *Squash grumbling*
4. *Squash selfishness*

Plant four rows of lettuce:

1. *Lettuce be faithful*
2. *Lettuce be kind*
3. *Lettuce be patient*
4. *Lettuce really love one another*

To finish our garden, we must have thyme!

1. *Thyme for each other*
2. *Thyme for family*
3. *Thyme for friends*

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There will be much fruit in your garden because you will reap what you sow!



Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."
-Deuteronomy 6:5

VBS 2015 was a great success! 69 attended with 9 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.

This year, due to a busy tournament week, families were invited to have lunch with their children on Wednesday followed by family worship. Worship time was live streamed and is also available to view on the VBS page on the church website, zionlutheran.us. Also check out the picture page.



69 kids, 9 youth helpers and 9 staff from Badland's Ministries Camp enjoyed a week of fun for VBS 2015

Photo from family worship on Wednesday.
Some preschoolers are not pictured



Splash time fun on Tuesday at VBS

Kids enjoyed Bible stories, games, crafts, worship and music. Tuesday and Thursday they spent time at the park enjoying the playground or splash park.

Servant Project

Each summer, Badlands Ministries partners with an organization to live out our Christian faith through service. This year we are partnering with Lutheran World Relief and sending tie-blankets around the world. We are collecting fleece (58' wide x 80" long) and monetary donations.

Caring for all of God's people is central to our faith - the Spirit equips us for this important task! Let's respond in faith to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our VBS week collected \$60 in donations for this service project! **THANK YOU!** If you would still like to donate to this project, please contact Cami White.





Zion Lutheran
Church Women

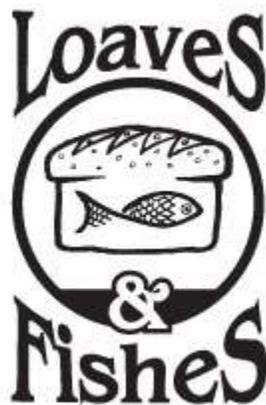
*Chancel Guild, ZLCW, Bible Study Circles and
Quilters will take a break during the summer.*



CHURCH BAZAAR

Ladies of Zion,
Please prepare your crafts
and canned items for the
Zion Lutheran Autumn Bazaar
on **Saturday, September 19th.**
Pie and coffee, bake sale, crafts
Lunch will be served also!

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!



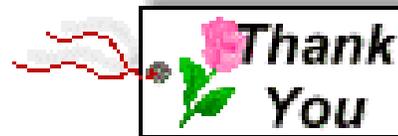
THANK YOU

Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for allowing us to stay here this week!
Thank you for providing a space where we could
teach GOD's message. Jesus loves you and so do we!

Badland's Ministries Camp Staff

Mackenzie, Paige, Amy, Krista, Abigail,
Danielle, Presley, Brian and Anthony



*Thank you ZLCW and Ladies
The 2015 Vacation Bible School staff sack
lunches were furnished by the ZLCW. Ten lunches
were made each day for the teaching staff and for
Cami White, the director of the four day event.
Dorothy Mathison coordinates this for us and it is
very much appreciated.*



BIG THANK YOU to
our staff in training
for Vacation Bible
School.

Paige, Hope, Emma,
Kenna, Amber,
Blayne, Kjersten,
Karly, Aubrey and
Dalton

**We are so proud
of our youth!**

JULY 2015

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
401 RIVERVIEW
GLEN DIVE, MONTANA 59330

U.S. POSTAGE
NON-PROFIT ORG.
PERMIT #9 PAID
GLEN DIVE, MT

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

ZIONEWS

JULY 2015

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jake & Carol Popp on 63 years of marriage!

Pastor Stan & Carol Hoobing on their 43rd Wedding Anniversary!

Happy Birthday to ***Freda Haidle*** on July 4th!!

Ross & Tara Oakland, grandparents of ***Oakleigh Susann***, born July 16th to ***Chad & Paige (Roeslien) Oakland!***

Tim & Laurie Gibbs, grandparents, ***Zach & Megan (Gibbs) Kubesh*** on the birth ***Konnor John!***

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.