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An active congregation of the Montana Synod of the ELCA

I really enjoy opportunities to study scripture with a group of people. It is too easy to back slide in my Bible reading if I don't have some encouragement and that is what Bible Studies are all about. We can all make excuses about not having time to read the Bible or when we do read we don't understand it anyway, but when we work within a group new insights are common and the Holy Spirit works within that encouragement to help us grow in faith.

As more and more children and young adults fail in their knowledge of basic Bible stories, we all need to motivate each other. Read Bible stories as a family and talk about the stories. Do you know Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph and their stories in Genesis? How about the exciting novelette which is the story of Joseph and his brothers finding their way back to forgiveness. In Exodus we learn about Moses, the baby in the basket, raised by an Egyptian princess. The spiritual journey of Moses' search for God is truly remarkable. Then there is Hannah, the mother of the great prophet Samuel; the inspiring story of David not only killing Goliath, but his friendship with Jonathan and how he eventually became King of Israel. Jesus earthly father, Joseph, traced his lineage to David. Naomi and Ruth, Queen Esther who saved her people. The judges including the strong man, Samson.

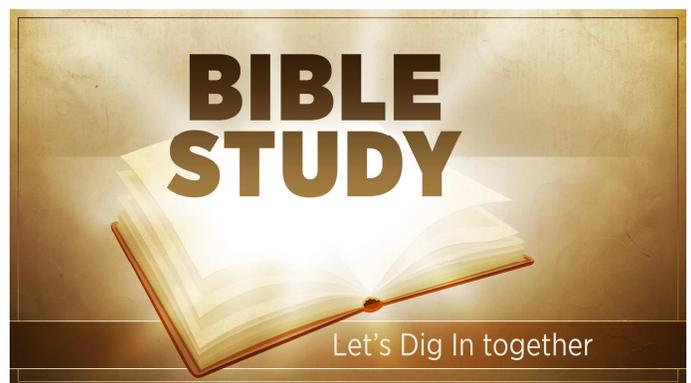
When we get to the New Testament the stories of Jesus are miracle stories and stories of the love of God made human in Jesus. The book of Acts is a treasure of stories about the beginning of the Christian church, the work of the disciples of Jesus as they went out into the world to bring God's love to a world in darkness. We meet St. Paul, the greatest missionary, and other Christian men and women who worked with him.

These stories are taught in Sunday school classes and confirmation, but they belong in the home. The first stories children learn should come from Dad and Mom, grandparents and other adults. Children need to grow up with these stories and then they will become a part of who they are, heroes they can model their lives after.

There are many good Bible story books available. The wonder is that as you read to children you will renew the old, old story for yourself. There are no better stories for us to read — better than Wolf-man, Captain America, Superman, Batman, Thor.

Make a promise to yourself and to each other in your family. Let this be the year you meet the men and women of the Holy Bible. There will be lots of interruptions and excuses, but pray for the Holy Spirit to guide and direct. It will be a wonderful journey full of rich rewards. I promise and much more importantly, God promises and God always keeps God's promises.

~ Pastor Avis



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Message from Bishop-Elect Laurie Jungling

from MT Synod News of the Week: June 19, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

"I dream of a Church bubbling with people who are excited about their trust and commitment in the new life already given to us in Jesus Christ. I dream of a Church that lives a responsibly risky faith, trusting in the promised gift of God's amazing grace, following Christ's journey into the changing future. I dream of a Church that says to Jesus again and again, "Yes, we can!" rather than, "No, we won't."



These are just a few of the words I shared with the Montana Synod Assembly during my speech on Saturday, June 1st during the election of the new bishop. Later that day, the Holy Spirit through the amazing work of the assembly changed my life in ways I never expected. I am honored and humbled by the vote of confidence your delegates showed in me as they elected me to be the synod's bishop.

In one congratulatory note, someone told me that as bishop, I would never be bored. While that is a little scary, I am comforted by the knowledge that I won't be alone in this role. Some of you have wondered about upcoming changes to the synod staff. I am so grateful that most of the staff have agreed to stay in their current positions for at least a year after I start my call as your bishop. This will make the transition much smoother for me and for you. Susan Hedahl, who is ready to retire, has agreed to stay through September and is willing to help train her successor as needed. Her presence and work in the office will be deeply missed. I also want to thank Bishop Crist who, over the last twelve years, has exemplified for me what a really good bishop is and does, and who is offering her much needed guidance through this transition process.

As we move forward together, I ask for your prayers. I ask for your participation in the life of the synod. I ask for your support in whatever ways you are able to provide it. I cannot be bishop alone and none of us can be followers of Christ alone. We need each other for we really are "Church Together." Thank you for this opportunity to serve Christ with you as a sheep and a shepherd, as coach and teammate, as pastor, leader and prophet. May God bless us with the new life of Christ as we journey forward into the Spirit's future.

Your Bishop-Elect, Pastor Laurie Jungling

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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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

Have you ever heard of the expression “Stewardship of the Word”? In these monthly articles, I have discussed various aspects of Stewardship, many of them having

to do with how we manage our time and resources. One of the most valuable resources we have is the Bible. God’s word is available to us all. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 says, *“Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.”* This tells me that spending time in God’s word is important. It is transforming. So, shouldn’t we put this high on our priority list? Reading and sharing the Word can help one grow and to negotiate the challenges of life. Spending time with others (younger and older) in the Word can be a rich experience. Reading and discussing the Word with others can help one grow in confidence and faith. What other resources can help us grow as much? Can our i-phones, TV, internet? Yes, these devices may have their place, but can they bring us into closer relationships with each other and with Jesus Christ? I heard an anonymous quote recently, *“God loves you the way you are, but he loves you too much to keep you that way.”* So, read, share, and make time for God’s Word.

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

Don Idso, Stewardship Committee Member



Notice of Congregational Meeting to Call a Pastor

The Council accepted the recommendation of the Call Committee to issue a call for a new pastor. This needs to be announced two times before a Congregational meeting can vote on the call.

The meeting is to be held on July 14 following the 10 a.m. worship service. Members must be present at that time to vote.

A short introduction of the candidate is available to read in the Sunday bulletins.

2019 MT Synod Assembly Report

Going to the 2019 Mt Synod Assembly was an awesome responsibility and honor. Something to take very seriously, yet I felt at peace, not burdened. It has been 12 years since the last Bishop was elected. And this year, my first year attending, I am entrusted with a vote! I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to attend a variety of workshops to hopefully expand my LPA experience. I was able to attend a worship led by Bishop Manong from South Africa, which was very moving. As I am newly entering my LPA journey, I am very excited to see what the new Bishop has in store for us. The changes in our Synod that have happened in the last 12 years are amazing. Just imagine what we have yet to accomplish.

Leah Juneau

Pastoral Acts for June

Funerals - 1	Dora McDonough	06/22/2019
	Memorial at Silha Funeral Home	
Baptisms - 1	Harrison James Barr	06/09/2019
Weddings - 1	Ashley Schwartz	
	Cody Varner	06/29/2019
Member Transfer - 0		
Private Communions - 4		
Communions - 16		
(includes - Grandview, GMC Nursing Home)		

<u>June Statistics</u>	<u>Att'd</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>Offering</u>
May 30 Thurs	9	9	165.00**
June 2 Mako	4	4	-
June 2 Sun	74	67	5,729.00
June 6 Thurs	14	14	235.00**
June 9 Mako	6	6	90.00**
June 9 Sun	98	81	2,859.00
June 13 Thurs	9	9	175.00**
June 16 Mako	16	16	220.00**
June 16 Sun	74	69	2,682.00
June 20 Thurs	7	7	25.00**
June 23 Mako	16	14	411.00**
June 23 Sun	81	72	1,949.00
June 27 Thurs	7	7	85.00**
June 30 services	check next Zionews issue		
(**This service offering included in Sunday Total amount)			

June 12, 2019

Call to Order: Council President, Bill Miller, called the meeting to order.

Devotions: In Pastor Avis's absence, Izzy Siegle gave devotions. She focused on Luke 9:26-27 and Hebrews 2: 16-18. She ended devotions with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes Marie M presented minutes from the May 8 meeting. Vern D moved that the minutes be approved as read. Gail R seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report The May Profit and Loss statement was presented by Janna McCormick. Bill M explained Sunday School and Youth funds had been transferred as discussed at last meeting. Council will review the budget at the July meeting to determine if revisions are necessary at that time. Marie M moved we accept the financial report, Leah J seconded, and the motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Avis presented an update via e-mail. Congratulations to Leah Juneau and Kelley Miller, who have completed LPA training and will be available to preach. Kelley will be preaching on August 25 and September 22nd; Leah will preach on July 21st and on one other date to be announced. Their work will involve three services through the summer months and two in the fall. They will be paid the going rate for LPAs. Cami W is willing to do 7th grade confirmation in the fall if the Council agrees. If we do not have a pastor when 8th grade confirmation starts after Christmas, there will need to be a call out for someone to assist with that. Pastor Avis continues to be busy with home communions to nursing home folks and shut ins. She also keeps in touch with those going through treatments. She will do a funeral service at the mortuary for Dora Jean McDonough on June 22nd, and another for a neighbor in July. No weddings are currently scheduled, but one baptism is being planned for August. Avis has taken over sending JOURNEYS to those in grief. She will take on this work, a grief ministry that has gone on for many years. Carole Dick has been doing it, but is unable to continue. An added note: Susan Miller took on the Splash baptism program when Carmen Miller died. Splash is a three year program for the newly baptized until they reach Sunday School. This is for members only, and maintains contact with young families after baptism. Pastor Avis held a weekly Bible Study through the Summer months for all who are interested. She met with the pastoral candidate when she visited Glendive. Thanks to all who assisted with settling Shirley and Ralph Lenhart after the fire at their home. Their son Ned was very grateful for the assistance of Bill Miller, Steve Merrill, Steve and Debbi Kaul, and many others. Pastor Avis reminded the Council that we will need to plan a recognition coffee for Leah and Kelley soon. We will be depending on them a great deal in the months ahead. A new class of LPAs will begin in the fall, and their classes will be held in Sidney for the 2019-2021 term. Nancy Korb will be beginning the class at that time. If others are interested, they can speak to Pastor Avis about the program.

Communications: No communications other than the pastor's report were received.

Committee Reports:

Property and Management – Bill M reported the church now owns a pull-behind spreader for lawn care. The TruGreen contract was not renewed, and our volunteers will be fertilizing and treating the lawn as needed. Council approved ordering of carpet for the church on May 23, 2019. Motion was made by Marie M and seconded by Paul S to confirm approval. Cammy Sue reported the office air conditioner is failing. Bill checked and reported replacement with a similar unit would cost \$3,210. Other alternatives will be explored so this can be done in a more cost-effective manner. Yellowstone Plumbing is replacing another large plug in boiler #2. They will also disassemble a flange in the sanctuary heat exchanger room and install a new and correct gasket.

Evangelism and Stewardship –No report was available.

Social Ministry – Leah J reported this committee is still in need of volunteers for Loaves and Fishes and Salvation Army. A couple of sound board people are also needed.

Worship – Summer worship at Makoshika is underway. Services began on June 8th, and the road work has been completed. Leah J reported on the Synod Meeting in Great Falls. She, Kelley Miller, and Pastor Avis attended as voting members from Zion. The agenda included business items, election of a new Bishop, recognition of LPAs who completed their programs (including Leah, Kelley, Carli, and ?), worship, and a lot of singing. The vote for Bishop was very close; Pastor Laurie Jungling was elected, and will be installed September 21st in Lewistown. Leah especially remembered an address by the Bishop of the Cape Orange diocese in Africa, and said his message was very inspiring. Also, he did not need a microphone.

Youth and Education – Cami White was unable to provide a report due to ongoing illness and house damage. We are all praying for her and her family as they deal with many serious issues.

Call Committee – Committee Chair, LaNette Simonton spoke with Bill M. She reported one pastoral candidate has been interviewed, and the committee received a recommendation to interview an additional one. Bill M also spoke with Keith Huschka about progress with the parsonage availability. Keith reports the June 30th proposed availability date might need to be extended to mid-July as clearing personal possessions continues.

Sanctuary Refresh Committee – Vern D reported the walls have been washed and windows are being taped in preparation for painting. All are invited to bring a bucket and a paint brush to help. Painting will begin Thursday morning. Pew removal and carpeting is scheduled to begin on June 24th barring supply issues.

New Business: No new business was presented.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Adjourn: There being no other agenda items, Vern D moved to adjourn, Leah J seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Closing: Lord's Prayer and Mission Statement was led by Bill M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Marie Meland, Council Secretary

June Memorials

Radio broadcast June 9th in memory of **Steve Carlson and Jack Carlson, brothers**

from Cammy Sue & Neil Oakland

Thanks to **Sheila Kennedy & Bonita Jenkins**

from Anonymous to Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Barbie Belt, sister of Brian Vetter**

from Gary & Maureen Lundman to Loaves & Fishes

Thanks to **Sheila Kennedy & Bonita Jenkins**

from Anonymous to Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Eric Halstead, son of our friend, Karen Jordahl**

from Gary & Maureen Lundman to Loaves & Fishes

Thanks to **Sheila Kennedy & Bonita Jenkins**

from Anonymous to Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Brady Smith**

from Vance & Linda Vickers to Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Tim Shearer, husband and father**

from Esther and Paul Shearer to Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Merl Aus**

from Marv & Marcia Holas for the Radio Fund

In memory of **Eleanora Emter, Deb Schwartz' mother**

from Cammy Sue & Neil Oakland for the Radio Fund

God...
 knows us,
 is with us,
 made us,
 hears us,
 leads us.

Psalm 139

FOR THE RECORD:

May 2019 Treasurer's Report

Income

Furniture Room	41.00
Loaves and Fishes offering	-100.00
Misc Income	410.00
Tithes/Offerings	16,980.00
VBS	<u>775.00</u>

Total Income \$18,106.00

Expense

Advertising and Promotion	192.67
Benevolence (ELCA)	2,224.30
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	<u>716.84</u>
Total Insurance Expense	716.84
Janitorial Expense	6.99
MDU	661.55
Mileage Reimbursement	50.00
Miscellaneous Expense	360.00
Mortgage (window debt)	415.00
Office Supplies	687.09
Pastors Housing	450.00
Payroll Expenses	6,072.34
Postage and Delivery	46.87
Pulpit Supply	200.00
Repairs and Maintenance	1,150.00
Sunday School	4,000.00
Taxes - Property	336.43
Telephone/Internet Expense	56.19
Wage Tax	2,104.74
Water	114.67
Youth Group Expenses	<u>500.00</u>

Total Expense \$20,345.68

Net Ordinary Income -2,239.68

Net Income -2,239.68

Year to date Net Income 2,585.20

5/31/19 Statement Balance \$43,870.33

5/31/19 Savings Balance \$112,808.23

5/31/19 Mortgage (Windows Balance) \$30,221.45

Zion Youth and Family Ministry

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:2



VBS Day Camp 2019

51 children and youth helpers from our community attended VBS Day Camp this year. We enjoyed music, devotions, bible stories, crafts, games and fellowship. This year's theme was based on Romans 12:2. Lessons focused on transforming community through generosity, inclusion, compassion and forgiveness.

A big THANK YOU to our SIT helpers, the ZLCW for preparing staff lunches and the generosity of donations given throughout the year for this outreach ministry.



Attendees enjoy our special time on Tuesday cooling off at the Splash Park for Splash Day. Thursday, students shared songs and led worship for our Family Worship, marking the end of the VBS Day Camp week.

Please help us review our Sunday morning faith formation opportunities by taking a quick survey via this web link or by filling out a paper version found on the Zion Youth and Family Ministry table in the Narthex.
<https://s.surveyplanet.com/YJkLdjzY4>

Our Sunday School GIFT ministry this year

- shared in Bible stories and discussion
 - prayed for and blessed one another
 - made crafts and played games
 - enjoyed music and videos
 - studied scripture and learned more about what it means to be a Christian and Lutheran
 - joined in food and fellowship together
 - encouraged living out our baptismal promises together
 - served our brothers and sisters in Christ
- September - LWR school kits
October - gifts for GMC Extended Care
November - collected food for the Food Bank
December - made thank you gifts for volunteers
January - Birthday-in-a-bag for the Food Bank
February - Lent Sunshine-in-a-box for Zion college students
March - Quilter Appreciation gifts
April - Easter cards for shut-ins

Sunday School GIFT is for all ages and stages, helping each member grow in their faith together.

“Connecting the wisdom of the elder and the wonder of the child, Cross+Gen isn't a different way to do Sunday school. It's a different way to do life.”

~ Rich Melheim, Founder/CEO, RICH Learning Global, the RICH Learning International Foundation, the Preschool Incubators Project, Faith Inkubators, the Faith Inkubators Foundation, and curator of Cross+Gen Life.



Zion Lutheran
Church Women

Bible Study Circles and Groups:

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

Quilters: meet: will resume meeting in September

Bible Study Circles: will resume in September

Hannah/Dorcas Circle is looking for more ladies for bible study and fellowship. They meet at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship room. Please call Nancy Korb, 939-3796, if you have questions or are interested.

SURPRISED BY GOD!

It is very easy to get stuck in a rut in our Christian life. To see God in ways that are dull and uninspired. How about meeting together for a time to be surprised by God — to be startled by God’s message to us and to be filled with a new joy as to this Christian message.

One day a week this summer, we will meet to look at some different pieces of Scripture in the Old Testament and New Testament. God may take us places we have not been before. Come when you can — studies will be of short pieces in the Bible. We will plan for meetings in June, July, August. How about Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. ? We will meet with rolls and coffee for about an hour.

Are any of us ready to be surprised by God? Who knows where God will take us.

Pastor Avis

If you would like to be on the daily mailing list of Pastor Avis’ “Zionbytes”, please let her know.
aabgsky@midrivers.com



Thank you for cleaning, taping, painting and removing the tape for the trim of the Sanctuary windows - Vern & Karen Deaton, Gary & Maureen Lundman, Verna Carpenter, Janna McCormick and Marie Meland.

Work in the Sanctuary will continue in July!

Thank you to our church family for your kind words, thoughts and prayers for us, and especially Drew, as we worked through a very eventful June.

The White family

ATTENTION KIDS:

The church needs bulletin covers every Sunday. Would you like to draw a picture of a Bible story or a picture of Jesus or some picture of God’s creation, like flowers, animals, rivers, people and share it with the church? In August we will need 4 bulletin covers and we would like to have the picture you draw on the cover.

Draw your picture on an 8 1/2 x 11” paper, put your name and age on it and leave it in the church office.

Please help us out.

Thank you.
Pastor Avis



Remember when shopping at Reynolds Market to say “Shopper 7000” and a portion of your purchase will benefit Zion Youth Ministry.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Carroll College Dean's list: **Cheyenne Damron**

Mitchell Technical Institute President's List: **Tai Sokoloski** (wind turbine technology)

Breann Lytle Miller received her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Montana State University, Bozeman

Olivia Vester will be moving to Ellensburg, WA. She will be the new recruiting and events coordinator for Central Washington University's College of Business.

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.