

ZIONEWS

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Zion Lutheran Church

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An active congregation of the Montana Synod of the ELCA

...all shall be well...

I love this phrase, and yet it annoys me.

I love it because it is a gentle reminder that ultimately, God has everything under control. It annoys me, because things in this world aren't "well" yet.

The month of February was tough. It remained snowy and cold. There have been multiple school shootings. We are divided as a country – from taxes to weapons to social programs – we stand apart from our brothers and sisters, often unable to be heard and unwilling to hear.

And that's just in this country. Still the Syrian people experience civil war. Still the Yemenis don't have enough food while dealing with unrest and cholera. Still Puerto Rico does not have full electricity five months after Hurricane Maria. There are good things, for sure, but things feel awfully dreary.

And yet this phrase, *all shall be well* – which comes out of a prayer by Julian of Norwich, included below – speaks powerfully into every day of our divided and hurting society.

Julian lived from 1342-1416 in Norwich, England. During her life, the people of Norwich experienced poverty and plague and famine, and looked to her for spiritual counsel. Her book, *The Revelations of Divine Love*, is thought to be the earliest surviving English book written by a woman. She fully believed in the presence of God, despite the dreadful nature of human life. Her prayer is a simple yet powerful trust in God.

This whole month we are still in Lent. Yet spring will come. The spring of warm weather (and wind) and green things coming back to life...and also the spring of renewed hope for the world. It will come.

All shall be well - maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but Julian was spot on in naming and claiming the promise of God. And while we wait, we continue Jesus' work – preaching the Gospel, worshipping together, praying for one another and the world, training leaders, and being engaged with our God.

In you, Father all-mighty, we have our preservation and our bliss. In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving. You are our mother, brother, and savior. In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvelous and plenteous grace. You are our clothing; for love you wrap us and embrace us. You are our maker, our lover, our keeper. Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. Amen.

-Pastor Will



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Zion's Church Calendar
Worship Leaders Schedule



We are continuing mid-week Lenten worship services with the Methodist and Congregational churches. All worship events will be held at the United Methodist church this year. The schedule is below – please join us on this Lenten journey as we prepare for Easter!

February 14	Pastor Ruth- Ash Wednesday
February 21	Brother Guy
February 28	Brother Guy
March 7	Pastor Will
March 14	Pastor Will
March 21	Pastor Ruth

Soup will be served at 6pm and worship will begin at 6:45. Worship generally lasts until 7:15 or 7:30.



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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2018 Zion Council Members:

Cathy Kirkpatrick, President
Kevin Miller, Vice President
Janna McCormick, Treasurer
Marie Meland, Secretary

Bill Miller	Gail Ring
Tyler Gabbert	Leah Juneau
Paul Shearer	Emma Gabbert
Kyle Voss	Danielle Wold
Tom Trangmoe	Larry Heimbuch

GLOBAL GIVING

Zion has always been a generous congregation. We support locally our Loaves and Fishes fund, the Used Furniture Room and the community Food Pantry among other needs. But there is a dimension we cannot forget and that is global missions. One of our former pastors said that when we think only of ourselves, we stop being the church. We need to reach out far beyond to those in need.

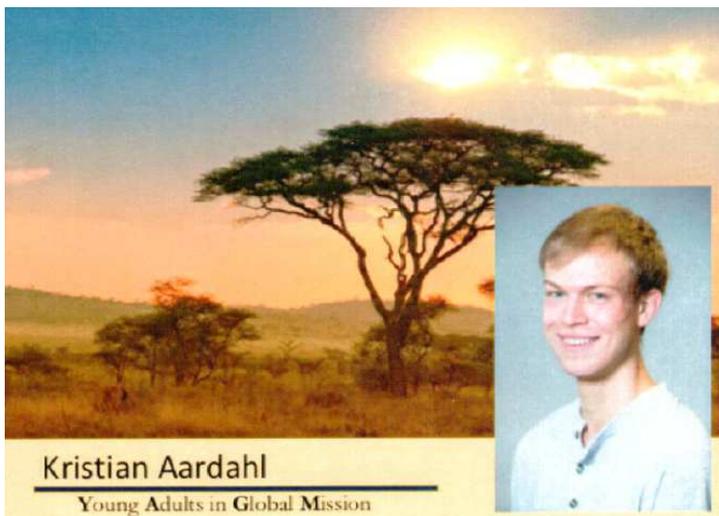
The Zion Church Council is providing an opportunity for us to be generous givers in the global mission work of the ELCA.

Many years ago Les and Othelia Aardahl were faithful members and supporters of Zion Lutheran Church. Their son Wes was baptized and confirmed here at Zion and later ordained into the Lutheran ministry. Wes served parishes in Medicine Lake Montana, Bismarck, North Dakota, and now in Cheyenne, Wyoming. In fact, he followed Pastor Paul Everett when Paul retired from Ascension Lutheran Church in Cheyenne. Rebecca Aardahl, his wife, is also a minister in Cheyenne.

Kristian Aardahl, Wes and Becky's son, is a graduate of Concordia College. Currently he is volunteering in Senegal, West Africa, through a program of the ELCA called Young Adults in Global Mission. During the month of March the council has agreed to highlight this young man and his work through this opportunity for giving. During the four Sundays in March, the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, a plate will be in the narthex. You may leave your donations in the plate and at the end of the month this will be sent to Kris for his needs. It is an opportunity to help a missionary in Africa do good work; it is an opportunity to encourage a young man in the work of spreading the gospel; and it is our opportunity to follow Jesus' command "to make disciples of all nations."

This is Lent. Involve your family in the giving. Make it part of your Lenten observance. You are encouraged to be generous in your giving.

If you write a check it should be made payable to ELCA GLOBAL CHURCH SPONSORSHIP. In the memo line write Kristian Aardahl GCS3375. Thank you. As we are blessed by God in so many ways, we are called to spread that blessing. Servants of Christ together, Pastor Avis



Stewardship Corner

In our last article, we keyed off the idea expressed in Matthew 6:19-21 that where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also.

What we do with our wealth and our time affects us spiritually. Giving of our wealth is not some task that we perform in an attempt to "manipulate" God, but the spiritual benefits of giving are real when we remember the basics. Those basics will draw us into a closer relationship with Christ. They are prayer, Bible reading, and attending church. Sacrifice could be considered a basic, also. Giving up something you value for God's work can be spiritually transforming. We are careful that sacrifice doesn't become "renunciation for its own sake", causing us to become proud or overly pleased with ourselves (like the Pharisees). However, we know that spiritual blessings abound for those who give, because they desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

Some may say that giving "feels good", but we may not always feel like giving of our time, talents or finances. Good stewardship means giving when you may not feel like it. In his book *Giving to God*, Mark Allan Powell says, "Give where you want your heart to be, and let your heart catch up. Don't just give to things you care about. Give to things you *want to care about.*" *The principle is to act like the person you want to be and your heart will follow.*

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



Palm Sunday, March 25th

10:00 a.m. Worship w/HC

Maundy Thursday, March 29th

7:00 p.m. Worship/HC

Good Friday, March 30th

**Noon Community Worship at
Congregational Church**

7:00 p.m. Worship

Easter Vigil Saturday, March 31st

7:00 p.m. Worship/HC

Easter Sunday, April 1st

7:00 a.m. Worship/HC

Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Worship/HC

February Memorials

(1/27 thru 2/19)

Radio broadcast on March 4th in **memory of loved ones**

from David and Marlene Welliever

In memory of Arnie Ames

from Steve Merrill for Undesignated

In memory of **Marie McCormick** and **Dick Simonton**

from Jim and Marilynn Knapp for Undesignated

In memory of **Marie McCormick, Dennie Basta, and**

Fred Lee, Tara Oakland's dad

from Jim and Patsy Olmstead for the 2018 National Youth Gathering and Quilt Drawing

In memory of **Mr. Jim Maxie, friend of the Lundman family**

from Gary & Maureen Lundman for ELCA World Hunger

In memory of **Marie McCormick**

from Marie McCormick's family for Undesignated
 from Don and Adele Idso for Quilters
 from Gary & Maureen Lundman for Quilting
 from Georgia Norderud for Window Fund
 from Rex and Marcia Doggett for Undesignated
 from Marie Meland for Radio Fund
 from Karen Schock for Quilters
 from John and Shareen Strandell for Undesignated
 from Deanna and Steven Wittak for Undesignated
 from Bob and Jackie Schlicht for Undesignated

In memory of **Geri Cullinan's Dad, Ted Sell**

from Gary & Maureen Lundman for LWR Kits

<u>February Statistics</u>	<u>Att'd</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Feb 1 Thurs	19	19	310.00**
Feb 4 Sun	114	110	6,972.00
Feb 8 Thurs	13	13	65.00**
Feb 11 Sun	139	112	3,817.00
Feb 15 Thurs	16	16	77.00**
Feb 18 Sun	115	97	2,431.00
Feb 22 Thurs	10	10	255.00**
Feb 25 Sun	122	111	2,425.00

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

Pastoral Acts for February

Funerals - 0

Baptisms - 0

Weddings - 0

Private Communion - 0

Communion - 13

(includes - Grandview, GMC Nursing Home)

FOR THE RECORD

January 2018 Treasurer's Report

Income

Misc Income	187.62
Tithes/Offerings	<u>22,216.00</u>
Total Income	\$22,403.62

Expense

Advertising and Promotion	112.00
Annual Meeting	-75.00
Benevolence (ELCA)	2,144.00
Dues and Subscriptions	100.00
Evangel, Stewardship, Spec Events	342.00
Insurance Expense	586.23
Janitorial Expense	11.77
MDU	1,623.69
Ministry Expenses	67.75
Mortgage (window debt)	415.00
Office Supplies	905.44
Pastors Housing	150.00
Payroll Expenses	6,370.46
Pension	659.76
Postage and Delivery	47.35
Snow Removal	640.00
Telephone/Internet Expense	110.14
Wage Tax	2,420.83
Water	<u>116.37</u>
Total Expense	\$16,747.79

Net Ordinary Income 5,655.83

Net Income \$5,655.83

Year to date Net Income \$5,655.83

1/31/18 Statement Balance \$72,629.19

1/31/18 Savings Balance \$90,048.21

1/31/18 Mortgage (Windows Balance) \$35,976.97

Your support is always appreciated. 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!



Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Members Present: *President Cathy Kirkpatrick, Vice President Kevin Miller, Treasurer Janna McCormick, Secretary Marie Meland, Pastor Will, Bill Miller, Gail Ring, Kyle Voss, Paul Shearer, Tom Trangmoe, Larry Heimbuch*

Call to Order: Council President, Cathy Kirkpatrick, called the meeting to order and welcomed newly elected members.

Devotions: Pastor Will took a moment to review the responsibilities of council members. He continued with devotions from Jesus Lives. In coming months, he will be calling upon various members to share their faith stories with the group. Leah Juneau will be first to do so.

Presentation: Pastor Avis spoke about Youth Adults in Global Mission (YAGM), and proposed that donations be accepted during the month of March to support missionaries and young adults in global mission. Their purpose is to reach out beyond the walls of the church. At the end of the month, donations could be given to help defray expenses for Kristian Aardahl. His family has a long association with Zion, and Kristian is currently serving in Senegal. Pastor Avis suggests that the donation will honor the Aardahl family.

Approval of Minutes from January 10th, 2017: Minutes were prepared by Gail Ring. Motion to approve made by Bill Miller was seconded by Paul Shearer. The motion carried and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Janna McCormick. Motion to approve made by Gail Ring was seconded by Kevin Miller. The motion carried and minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Will announced that the council will be responsible for the soup supper on March 7th at the Methodist Church. Youth will be responsible for the soup supper on March 14th. During discussion, council members agreed to provide soup, bread, bars, and paper products for approximately 70. Cathy Kirkpatrick will order supplies through Todd Schwartz. Cathy K., Janna Mc., and Marie M. volunteered to assist at the supper.

Committee Reports:

Property and Management – Bill Miller reported that according to Rick Schwartz, the ceiling tiles are still in transit. Installation will begin when they arrive. Discussion followed and involved the use of remaining insurance funds being used to re-carpet the sanctuary. Bill M. has been in communication with Koch Furniture about this possibility, and a bid will be forthcoming.

Evangelism and Stewardship – Pastor Will reported that this committee needs new volunteers. The committee will be exploring new avenues and projects.

Social Ministry – Tom Trangmoe reported no updates for this committee.

Worship – Pastor Will reported that this committee will be re-working their goals to include updating services for those who have vision and/or hearing impairments. Additionally, the committee would like to promote Thursday evening worship services to families with young children. The service is shorter and the time frame might be more convenient for them. Another priority will be involving the LPA candidates in worship leadership.

Youth and Education – Cami White sent a full report of youth activities to date and those planned for the coming months. Pastor Will brought Cami's question about council support for the National Youth Gathering. She inquired as to the availability of financial support. Discussion ensued, and Janna Mc. reported that \$4000.00 was available in a fund that could support both the trip and a \$500 scholarship to be awarded to a senior. It was suggested that council would wait to see what the youths' upcoming fundraisers will provide. No specific dollar amount was approved at this time. Trip will be during June and July.

Old Business: Strategic Goals and Objectives Review Quarterly January, April, July, and Oct - The review will be done in April.

Audit Committee Report – Janna Mc. says the audit was completed and came out well. No issues.

Review of Reports: All reports were reported earlier in the meeting and addressed the ceiling plan (Bill M.), and plans for the Lenten Soup Supper (Cathy K.)

Re: Synod Assembly in Great Falls; Fri – Sun, June 1-3, 2018 - Selecting of voting members to attend will be done at a later date. Two voting members, one female and one male, in addition to Pastor Will are needed and their expenses will be paid by Zion.

New Business:

Snow Removal: Don Idso has agreed to take over contacting Paul Torres about snow removal.

Bank Accounts: Don Idso volunteered to update the names and signatures on all the accounts. Janna has agreed to be a signatory on all accounts. Documents were presented and necessary signatures were collected.

Custodian update: Hope White is putting in about 11 hours per week at minimum wage (\$8.15). Discussion of current needs resulted in a motion to change the name of the custodial position to that of housekeeping to better reflect the responsibilities of the position, and also to increase the hourly pay to \$10.00 and the number of hours to up to 15 per week.

New Proposal: Bill M. brought a proposal from Sharon Batterman. She wishes to place an 8-foot granite cross in the Prayer Garden to honor the memory of her late husband, Al, who was also known as Swede. Bill M. moved to approve the placement, Kevin Miller seconded. The motion passed. Work will begin in early spring.

Reminders: By the end of the calendar year, volunteers will be needed to complete the Evaluation of Pastor Will and staff. Council members were told of committees that need volunteers, and were encouraged to serve.

General Discussion began regarding a possible change of health insurance providers. Bill M. has researched Liberty Health Share, a faith-based co-op that could possibly provide services at a significant cost saving. Specifics will be further researched and a comparison of current and proposed providers will continue before any decisions can be made.

Closing: Lord's Prayer and Mission Statement was led by Pastor Will. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 13th at 7 p.m. **Submitted by** Marie Meland, Council Secretary



March 1

7 pm TCE meeting

March 4

8:45 am Sunday School GIFT

11:15 am Spring Training
for First Communion and Acolytes

1 pm Youth Make Communion Bread

March 7

3:45 pm 8th grade Confirmation class

March 11

8:45 am Sunday School GIFT

March 14

5:30 pm Youth host Lenten Soup Supper
at United Methodist Church

**Helena MT Synod Youth Gathering paperwork due

March 18

8:45 am Sunday School GIFT

11:30 am All Youth Unite Event

5 pm All Youth Roots Event

March 21

3:45 pm 8th grade Confirmation class

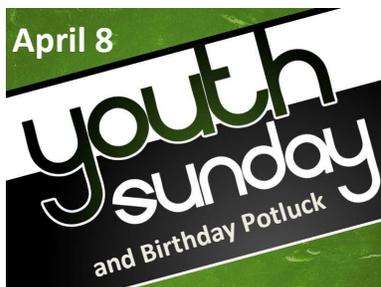
March 25

8:45 am Sunday School GIFT

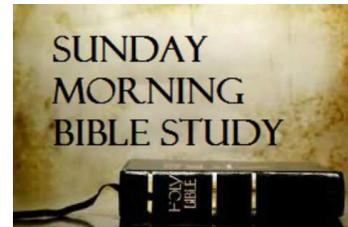
1 pm Youth Sunday Prep

March 28

No Confirmation class



Special News and Events



Bible Study meets at 9:15 am each Sunday morning in room 203 on the main floor. In March we will be looking at the differences between Christian denominations and the origin of some of our Christian traditions.

All are welcome!

2018 MONTANA YOUTH WEEKEND

2018 Montana Youth Weekend

When: April 13 -15

Where: St. John's Lutheran in Helena

Who: Jr. High and High School Youth

What: Fun, Learning, Community Service Projects, Worship, Music, Games and Bible Study with youth from around the state.

How: Contact Cami for registration information.



March 4, 11:15 am

Spring Training for Deacons, Acolytes and First Communion Class

Lunch Provided

1 pm Youth Make Communion Bread



Zion Lutheran
Church Women

Bible Study Circles and Groups:

Hannah/Dorcas - Tuesday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Sarah - Friday, March 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Deborah - Monday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

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

Chancel Guild meets: March 21 at 9 a.m.

Quilters: meet Mondays at 9 a.m.

ZLCW Board meets: Thursday, April 19 10 a.m.



The Chancel Guild will again sponsor the annual **Easter Lily Project**. Members of Zion are invited to support enhancing the beauty of the church for Easter by placing a lily in the Chancel in memory of family and friends. You are invited to designate a memorial to World Hunger instead of the purchase of a lily, if you so desire. Lily contribution is **\$15.00** again this year. The Chancel Guild members will be in the Narthex to take orders for **lilies on March 11th and 18th before and after worship service**. Lilies and memorials to World Hunger are **\$15.00 each**.

Annual Meeting Minutes are available to view in the church library or on the website, www.zionlutheran.us.



Cluster Gathering
Saturday, April 28, 2018
Medora, North Dakota

Theme for the Day:
Living Joyfully Where You Are!

Nationally recognized Christian speaker, Lois Olmstead, will present the message

Our S.E. Cluster is joining with the Badlands Cluster of North Dakota for music, worship, speaker, and service projects

Rev. Avis Anderson will lead us in worship

The day promises to be fun, exciting and inspiring

Details to follow - SAVE THE DATE!



Hanging out on our "new to us" couches donated by Karen Schock. Thanks Karen!!



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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

2nd Quarter 2017-18 WMS Honor Roll

8th grade: Kaitlyn Casini, Aspen Nelson, Paighton Nottestad, Tommy Reske, Carly Sickler, Bryn Snideman, Carsen Staiger

7th grade: Corbin Gabbert, Caton Percy, Mallory Robinson, Loren Voss

6th grade: Abby Barnick, Ayla Jones, Alexis Newton, Cayden Ryan, Taden Sokoloski, Thain White

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.