

ZIONEWS

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Zion Lutheran Church
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An active congregation of the Montana Synod of the ELCA

Dear Saints of the Lord,

Many of us do not like to read the paper or listen to the news, as it seems that there is little good news in the world these days. A well known newscaster is suspended for six months because of a couple of misquotes in several years past; a young girl who wanted to work with refugees and victims of war and emotional tragedy in the middle east is now dead—news the family did not want to hear; communities in the East Coast are buried in six feet of snow and wonder if it will ever end; my own daughter lives in the bay area of California and wondered if she was safe or drowning in the flood (I called and left messages and then called again and yes, she is alright, the newscaster she said made mountains out of mole hills); and people are being laid off work or forced to move else and look for food and shelter.

My point is that the news that we hear over the radio, television or in the papers seem to paint a picture of a world going to hell (excuse my language) in a hand basket. And yet there is much Good News that can lift our spirits and hopes for living today and in the next world. It is passages in holy scripture that lift up our spirits and "give us hope." The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,, who is at the Father's side, has made him known."

(John 1:18 NIV). Jesus in his powerful but short sermon proclaimed: "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15 NIV). And the Apostle Paul speaking on the importance of baptism reminds us: "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."..."The death he died, he died to sin once for all, the life he lives, he lives to God." (Romans 6:4,10 NIV).

So as we continue our journey in this crazy mixed up world of sin and death, we know that through our love and faith in Jesus Christ, there is more to life than what we hear and see in the news media.

Blessings on your journey this Lenten season.
In His Service,

Pastor Stan

The Annual Mid Week Lenten Services with United Methodist, United Church of Christ and Zion Lutheran Churches. All Soup & Bread Suppers and Worship Services are at Glendive United Methodist Church corner of Towne and Kendrick

February 18—March 25

Supper at 6:00 Worship 6:45
"What's It All About, Jesus?"

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| 3/4 | soup supper - ZLC Church Council
Pastor Stan Mark 8:31-38 |
| 3/11 | soup supper - UCC
Brother Guy John 2:13-22 |
| 3/18 | soup supper - UCC
Brother Guy John 3:14-21 |
| 3/25 | soup supper - Methodist
Pastor Ruth John 12:20-31 |

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INSERTS:

Zion's Church Calendar
& Worship Leaders Schedule

All Zionews items can be emailed to cami@zionlutheran.us, left in the yellow folder in the church office or in Cami's new loyalty box for Zionews items, located higher up so little fingers are not tempted to relocate items.



Stewardship Corner

The fourth question asked of our Project In-Reach participants last summer was, "What is God asking of us today?" Twenty of the thirty-nine respondents gave

answers relating to reaching out, developing relationships, inviting others, ministering to others and spreading the Word. Nine people responded with answers about living the life of faith and serving: growing in faith, putting God first in our daily lives, setting good examples, serving others, keeping Loaves and Fishes, and finding our mission. Three comments related to theology: return to orthodoxy, concern about recent decisions made by the ELCA, and about being open-minded.

There were good ideas worth considering in this section of our interviews. Thanks, again to all who participated on Project In-Reach.

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

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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Good News about ELCA Malaria Campaign. 13.5 million or 90% of 15 million dollar goal has been achieved. Many thanks to Montana synod which has given \$153,092.19 for the campaign.



Dear Saints of the Lord,
Last Sunday, the "Prayer For The Day"
was "Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You now have a chance to share your spirit and grace in the good news of our Lord, by helping our Loaves and Fishes program. We are having more and more people come for aid for gas to look for work, help with rent and other issues as people are being laid off the Bakken Oil Patch. We cannot help all the requests, so we try to get the best use out of the funds to as many as possible Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

Excerpts from letter by Pastor Brenda Satrum

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
Because the LORD has anointed me
To bring good new to the afflicted;
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives
And freedom to prisoners
Isaiah 61:1

Dear Supporters of Freedom in Christ,
We've accomplished nearly three years of full time ministry at Freedom in Christ Prison Ministry (FiC), our ELCA ministry in the Montana State Prison at Deer Lodge. As I write, however, FiC is three months from closing. To continue through 2015 will require individuals, congregations and community organizations to step in with gifts and pledges totaling a minimum of \$75,000.

Freedom in Christ Prison Ministry - giving to it, visiting the prison itself, or receiving its Pastor, Rob Nedbalek, as a guest in your congregation or organization - sets all of us free. Following Christ's command to visit those in prison is simply the right thing to do, so we invite you to help keep the doors open, obeying Christ's command.

If you feel so led, will you please . . .

- Give directly and soon to Freedom in Christ
- Share this urgent message with other possible donors
- Put FiC in your personal and congregational budget and tell us your pledge
- Talk about and pray for Montana's Prison Ministry with everyone you know
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However this goes, thank you for answering Christ's call as you feel led! God bless your life and work,

Pastor Brenda Satrum
Freedom in Christ Prison Ministry
Council Member

To learn more or make a donation, visit
<http://www.ficprisonministry.com>

Holy Week Services March 29 - April 3

- 3/29 Palm/Passion Sunday
Saturday at 5 pm
Sunday morning at 10 am
- 4/2 Maundy Thursday Communion
Thursday evening at 7 pm
- 4/3 Good Friday Service
Friday at noon - United Church of Christ - under sponsorship of Glendive Ministerial Association



Call Committee

Pastor Chris Nolte and his wife Sandi visited our church and community February 20th - 22nd. We enjoyed our time with them. The Call Committee continues to work through the call process and is deliberating on what will come next for our congregation.

Continued prayers are appreciated.

Church Council

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes

February 10, 2015

Members present: Don Idso, Bill Miller, Pastor Stan Hoobing, Michelle Sickler, Myrna Quale, Janna McCormick, Sheryl Stansbury **Meeting was called to order** by President Don Idso. Because there was not a quorum, only discussion could take place. **Devotions were given** by Pastor Stan. **Minutes and Treasurer's report** were accepted. **Pastor Stan gave his monthly report.**

Discussion:

Election of officers for Vice President and Secretary

will take place next month. Anyone interested in serving in these positions should contact Don. **Tyler Gabbert** has agreed to finish the term of Terri Clausen following her resignation from the council. **A new council term rotation** is being considered because several people will finish terms in the next two years. This occurred because several people were appointed to finish terms of members who resigned over the past few years.

Call Committee reports that two pastoral candidates will visit in February.

Policy adoption is being considered for weddings, baptism, funeral, harassment, hiring, applications for employment and fees for use of kitchen and dining rooms. If interested in looking at proposed policies, speak with Don Idso.

Committee selection will be done in March. Anyone interested is invited to join the committees which are Property and Management, Evangelism and Stewardship, Social Ministry, Worship, and Youth and Education. All the committees need members.

Use of church facilities was discussed with input from the Education committee.

Lenten Soup suppers will be served by Zion Youth on February 25 and on March 4 by the council.

Freedom in Christ Ministries video was watched concerning prison ministries. According to the video, only 15% of prisoners who attend worship service and 6% of prisoners who participate in the services return to prison. This important ministry is in need of financial support. There is an ELCA congregation at the prison in Deer Lodge.

Youth are collecting food for the Food Bank during February and March.

Youth director hours 100 hours per month were discussed.

Super Bowl sub sales and Sweets for the Sweet sales were successful with a profit of \$717. Thank you to all who participated.

A Youth Encounter group will be staying at Zion
March 8-10.

The Mathison Scholarship will no longer be offered at Zion. According to Don Matheson, the scholarship has been given to a senior each year since 2003. They have decided to offer the scholarship in their church. We thank them for their generosity.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Submitted by
Sheryl Stansbury

FOR THE RECORD:

January 2015 Treasurer's Report

Income	
Furniture Room	93.00
Misc Income	210.00
Mission Offerings	0.00
Sunday School Income	32.25
Tithes/Offerings	16,727.00
Youth Group Income	511.05
Total Income	\$17,573.40
Expense	
Advertising and Promotion	147.50
Bank Service Charges	30.00
Benevolence (ELCA)	1,931.16
Dues and Subscriptions	121.80
Evangelism and Special Events	276.71
Furniture Room Expense	100.00
Janitorial Expense	135.81
MDU	2,184.15
Mileage Reimbursement	51.63
Miscellaneous Expense	50.00
Mortgage (window debt)	0.00
Office Supplies	663.32
Pastors Housing	450.00
Payroll Expenses	7,338.70
Postage and Delivery	45.90
Pulpit Supply	150.00
Repairs and Maintenance	162.50
Snow Removal	260.00
Sunday School	70.86
Telephone/Internet Expense	138.01
Wage Tax	806.37
Water	86.01
Youth Group Expenses	358.18
Total Expense	\$15,558.61
Net Ordinary Income	2,014.79
Net Income	\$2,014.79
1/31/15 Statement Balance	\$44,199.14
1/31/15 Savings Balance	\$45,925.48



"Everything old is new again . . .!"
Every day is "I LOVE TO READ" day
and we have updated, cleaned up
and present the church library to you

to read books and enjoy!

- **New windows—open the windows when the room is too hot!**
- **A brightly painted wall, pictures, comfy chairs**
- **A children's book cabinet in red and white**
- **No check-out necessary - just take what you want - return when you are through!**
- **Handy library guide available**
- **AND OF COURSE - LOTS OF BOOKS FOR YOU TO READ FOR STUDY, FOR DEVOTIONS AND FOR FUN**



Nine Zion Youth and a few of our favorite younger helpers hosted the Lenten soup supper at United Methodist on March 25th. 75 people attended and donations of \$225 were made to support VBS 2015.



February Memorials

The radio broadcasts for February 8th and 22nd were in memory of **Violet Meland, her mother and William W. Meland, her brother** from Janet Meland.

The radio broadcast of February 15th was in memory of **Ann and W. Dohrmann for Ann's February 14th birthday**

from Terry and Diane Dohrmann.

In memory of **Hazel Rogers**

from Sylvia C. Elwood for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of his **beloved wife, Martha Kelly**

from Bill Kelly to Windows Fund

Thank you to **Sheila Kennedy and Bonita Jenks** for Loaves and Fishes

from Anonymous

In memory of **Delbert Riedlinger**

from Karl and Madeline Overlie for the Dining Room Fund.

In memory of **"Virgie" Hammer, Steve Hammer's mother**

from Avis Anderson for Undesignated Fund
 from Neil and Cammy Sue Oakland for the Quilters

Pastoral Acts for February

Funerals - 0

Baptisms - 1 Madison Leigh Duede 2/25/15

Weddings - 0

Private Communions - 3

Other Communions - 25

(includes - Grandview and GMC Nursing Home)

February Statistics	Att'd	Com	Offering
Jan 31 Sat	11	11	460.00*
Feb 1 Sun	91	74	2,835.00
Feb 7 Sat	15	15	255.00*
Feb 8 Sun	115	101	3,974.00
Feb 14 Sat	14	14	90.00**
Feb 15 Sun	95	90	1,972.00
Feb 21 Sat	19	19	70.00**
Feb 22 Sun	125	102	3,340.00

(**Saturday offering included in Sunday Total amount)

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Coming up for March . . .



Sunday, March 1st

- 9 am Sunday School
- 11 am Baked Potato and Cheesecake Bar to benefit Synod House
- 3:30 - 5 pm Youth Quake kick-off

Wednesday, March 4th

- 3:45 - 5:15 pm 8th grade Confirmation

Friday, March 8th—Sunday, March 8th

- Youth Quake in Billings

Sunday, March 8th

- 9 am Sunday School

Wednesday, March 11th

- 3:45 - 5:15 pm 8th grade Confirmation

Sunday, March 15th

- 9 am Sunday School
- 2 - 3:30 pm 5th/6th YG
- 3:30 - 5 pm 7th/8th YG
- 5 - 7 pm High School YG

Wednesday, March 18th

- 3:45 - 5:15 pm 8th grade Confirmation

Sunday, March 22nd

- 9 am Sunday School
- 10 am Youth Sunday
- 11 am Birthday Potluck



Wednesday, March 25th

- 3:45 - 5:15 pm 8th grade Confirmation
- Picture Day!

Sunday, March 29th

- 9 am Sunday School

Sunday, April 5th

- No Sunday School
- Easter breakfast proceeds will be divided by VBS 2015 and Sunday School window cover fund

Cami White, Youth and Family Ministry Director



Zion members are most generous in meeting the needs of our Youth Ministry. If there is a fundraiser, we are there. If there is an opportunity to witness their talents, we are there. If there is a need for children, we are there. Many members support the youth outside the church walls by attending sporting events, band and choir concerts and celebrating academic success. We invite families to attend worship. We take pride in our children and my hope is that we truly find JOY in having children worship with us.

Matthew 19:13-14

13 Then some children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Hearing children in worship is a sign of a thriving church. It is common to hear someone say, "The children are the future of the church." Could we be saying, "The children are the church today"? Why wait for them to "be the church"? We all should have a place, a desire and a need to worship, no matter our age. Let's support parents in our congregation working with their children as they grow in this community of faith. Let's remember how an encouraging word and a smile speaks volumes to a parent who is looking for support as they worship with a wiggly baby, a giggly toddler or a frustrated preschooler. Not just saying, "All are welcome in this place," but truly showing just that.

THANK
YOU

Thank you for your continued support of youth ministry in our church. 16 children attended our babysitting night on Feb 13th and 8 youth helped with the event. The VBS bake sale brought in \$236.00 in donations with additional donations added the following week. There will be a planning meeting for VBS on March 15th at 1 pm, anyone interested in helping plan this week of outreach is welcome to attend.



Zion Lutheran Church Women

Bible Study Circles:

Hannah/Dorcas: Tuesday, March 10th, 1:30 pm
Hostess: Martha McCloy - Fellowship Room

Deborah: Monday, March 16th, 7 pm
Hostess: Linda Vickers - Fellowship Room

Sarah: Thursday, March 19th, 7 pm
Hostess: Amy Davis - Fellowship Room

Chancel Guild - Cleaning March 18th at 9am

Quilters meet Monday mornings at 9 am

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. The Chancel Guild members will be in the Narthex to take orders for lilies on March 15th, March 22nd, and March 29th before and after worship service.



Sunday, March 1st
Following worship
Baked Potato and Cheesecake Bar
Free will donation to benefit
the Synod building project
If you are unable to attend, donation
information will be available in the
church office.



YOU ARE INVITED!
GLENDIVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FACILITY PLANNING MEETING
MARCH 4, 2015
7 PM - DCHS SCHOOL CAFETERIA



8th grade Confirmation Food Drive



Confirmation students will be participating in a food drive for our local food bank beginning in February and ending March 25th. Please help them in this service project.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to my church family for the many cards, visits, phone calls, flowers, gifts and most of all your prayers during my recent confinement. All your kindness was very much appreciated and helped me towards my recovery.

Although I had a "bump in the road", I am doing very well now and looking forward to being out and about very soon.

God Bless each and every one of you.
Karen Schock

Thank You

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

The Family of **Marvin Tweet** would like to wish him a very Blessed and Happy 80th Birthday on March 11th. Together we come to celebrate and be with our family. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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.