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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Keith and Andrea Huschka are the proud grandparents of Ethan Poon. His parents are Damion and Shelly Poon of Bakersfield CA. Great-grandparents are Alida Ames and the late Leroy Ames.

DCHS Seniors 2013

Cole Bilbrey, Riann Harpster, Alexa Hubbard, Zebeck Iwen, Brighton Malarchick, Emily Quale, Blake Stanhope, Brette Senvold, Nathaniel Weidner

Nathan Sickler and Carly Senvold being selected for Boys' and Girls' State held this coming summer.

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.

Centennial Memories

In 2006, Zion Lutheran Church celebrated 100 years as a congregation. To praise God and rejoice over what we have been given as God's people we celebrated in a BIG way. The first service was actually June 8, 2003 when Pastor Avis Anderson was ordained. It was a pre-celebration. All the sons and daughters of the congregation who had entered the ministry were invited and many of those still living attended.

The year of celebration was two years in the planning so the congregation was ready when the time actually came –

First: we celebrated on Sunday, May 7th, 2006. That date is closest to the actual organization of the congregation in 1906. Visiting pastors were Henrik Engebretson who had served Zion the longest of any pastor, from 1974 - 1994; and Ken Gjerde who served as interim pastor from 1994-1995. Pastor Engebretson preached at both services on Sunday morning, Pastor Gjerde assisted. In the afternoon the Senior Choir under the direction of Adele Idso gave a concert to a large audience. The first celebration ended with an afternoon coffee of Scandinavian treats served by the Chancel Guild.

Second: our big week-end was Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 2006. Friday evening we enjoyed coffee and fellowship as people drifted into the church to register, look at confirmation pictures and get re-acquainted with neighbors and friends. Pastors Larry Jorstad, a former intern; Arnie Bergland, associate; Sondra Krogstad, daughter of the congregation, now a pastor in Arizona; Paul Everett, Jim Hanson, and Fritz Lokensgard senior pastors were all in attendance. Saturday morning the ladies served a brunch and the Prayer Garden, a centennial project, was dedicated. In the afternoon people pooled rides and headed to the Makoshika Park amphitheater where a "Cowboy Gospel Service" was held courtesy of the Jim Hanson family. All five Hanson children were in attendance. The four boys, three of whom are pastors, led the worship – Nathan, Paul, John and Timothy. Kathryn and her family were present as well. Jim Hanson preached. He and Sondra Krogstad distributed communion to the large crowd present at the service. That evening a buffet dinner was catered for a crowd of 200. On Sunday morning, Paul Everett (1996-2005) preached at the Makoshika Park service and at 11 a.m. Pastor Larry Jorstad was liturgist and Fritz Lokensgard (1953-1957) read the lessons. In the afternoon, Pastor Arnie Bergland (1985-1988) led worship at Deer Creek Lutheran Church at Lindsay which was associated with Zion for many years until its closure in 2007. A potluck lunch closed out the week-end.

Third, our closing day of celebration was All Saints' Sunday, November 5th, 2006. For this day of thanksgiving Montana Synod Bishop Rich Omland was present to preach. Also in attendance were Luther and Jim Magelssen, sons of Nels Magelssen (1941-1953), and Terry Oliver, a son of the congregation who has been a pastor in the Pacific Northwest. Jim Magelssen has served in Iowa. A potluck dinner was followed by a time of remembrance – sharing memories.

2006 was a year of excitement and a time of remembering, but it was also a time of preparing ourselves for the future for the church of Jesus Christ must always be moving forward and we must spread the gospel in our own time and place. Thanks be to God for all we have been given.

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Zion's Church Calendar
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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

Confirmation Day has come and gone, and we offer prayers of support and encouragement to all our confirmands – Cheyenne Damron, Shelby Pare, Derek Allison, Hannah Bogar, Jacob Rieger, and Ceera Staiger. We

would also like to express our thanks to Pastor Avis for planning and carrying out this Important Confirmation instruction. A number of other people assisted Pastor in a variety of ways. We give them our thanks for adding to the depth and breadth of Confirmation instruction. **1 Peter 4:11** 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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- Bill Bunting, Vice President
- Sheryl Stansbury, Secretary
- Janna McCormick, Treasurer
- Terri Clausen
- Don Idso
- Sheila Kennedy
- Gary Kirkpatrick
- Megan Kubesh
- Janna McCormick
- Gary Lundman
- Betty Mawbey
- Myrna Quale
- Michelle Sickler
- Jerry Trangmoe



**Zion Lutheran
Church Women**

Bible Study Circles:

Hannah/Dorcas: : Tuesday, May 14th, 1:30 pm
Hostess: **Freda Haidle, 401 Maple Ave**

Deborah: Monday, May 20th at 7:00 pm
Dine out

Sarah: Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 pm
Hostess: **Maureen Lundman, 319 Linden Ave**

**ZLCW meeting
May 5th at 11:00 am**



The newly elected officers of the SE Cluster of the Montana Synod are installed at the Miles City gathering on April 20th. From Zion in Glendive, Cammy Oakland, Mission; Esther Shearer, Treasurer; Rita Frank, President.



**Congratulations Army National
Guard Captain Zane J. Curtiss**

Army National Guard Capt. Zane J. Curtiss has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal. He is the son of Ed and Deanna Curtiss. Curtiss is an engineer officer assigned to the 260th Engineer Support Company at Miles City. The captain has served in the military for 13 years.

**A Thank You from
Glendive Girl Scouts**



At the end of this school year Michelle and myself will no longer be in leader positions for Girl Scouts. At this time no one has stepped up to take the lead with this program. Words can not express how grateful we are for the support of the church for Girl Scouts and allowing us to hold our meetings at the church for the past 5 years. Four members of the Junior troop completed a project this year in which 35 personal care packages were donated to the Zion Loaves and Fishes mission. We will be donating funds to the church as a small token of our appreciation. We also will have some craft supplies and paper products that will be donated to the Zion youth programs.

Thank you again for your support!

Cami White, Glendive Service Unit Manager



Remember and Pray for . . .

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| <u>GMC Extended Care</u> | <u>Grandview Retirement</u> |
| Bernelda Selvig | Marie McCormick |
| Martha Holzworth | Bea Kalloch |
| Nedra Stott | |
| Elsie Mutzenberger | <u>The Heritage</u> |
| Wilma Dowson | Maxine Svenvold |

In Billings

- Hazel Rogers
- Eddie Loughney

Eastern Montana Vets' Home

- Les Aardahl
- At Home
- Martha McCloy

Others . . .

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| <u>GMC Extended Care</u> | <u>Eastern Montana Vets' Home</u> |
| Mary Trefitz | Lu Prescott |
| Carol Peterson | Mary Lou Carrico |
| Adeline Ost | Don Erickson |
| Charlotte Korb | <u>At Home</u> |
| Jenny Stumborg | Virginia Tennant |
| | Flossie Leaf |



A **BIG thank you** to all our dedicated staff that share their time and talents each week for the children of this congregation. Teachers, music leaders and substitutes for this year:

Nicole Newton	Sarah Barnick	Janna McCormick
Tiffany Robinson	Jen Rieger	Darcell Unterscher
Joetta Pearcy	Laurie Gibbs	Kyle and Cara Voss
Janette Bogar	Angie Silha	Tammi Czehura
Megan Kubesh	Sheryl Stansbury	Betty Mawbey
Gary Kirkpatrick	Cindy Gabbert	Brette Svenvold
Carly Svenvold	Debbi Kaul	Michelle Sickler
Paula Marx	Heidi Nelson	Cami White



Vacation Bible School 2013
June 17th - 20th
 Registration begins **May 15th**
 and ends **June 10th**
 Registration fee is **\$10**
 includes t-shirt.



Adult Class / Join us
The Holy Spirit
Women in the New Testament

Fall 2013 We will be reading a book entitled "Fresh Air" by Jack Levison. The subtitle is "The Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life." One critic wrote: "Jack Levison tells a great story; he sets little-known biblical passages on fire and drills down to unimagined depths in well-known ones. His account of the holy spirit - and what the spirit can do for whole churches, not just individuals - is mature, seasoned, challenging, and wise."

"The Holy Spirit is not just about speaking in tongues, spiritual gifts, or "fruits" - but about our deepest breath and our highest human aspirations."

Winter 2014 The book is called the "Magdalen Gospels". Through Biblical study, some fictional interpretation, and thoughtful commentary the role of women in the life of Jesus and the life of the church will be examined.

Let the office know if you are interested and we will order additional copies if you would like to read them over the summer months.



Youth News

***Youth Group will meet**
May 12th *

See you there!

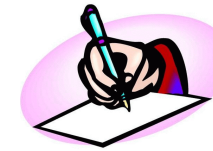
Contact Tammi at Tammi@buffalochip.us or 939-3295 for questions.



Centered in the beauty of the North Dakota badlands, our mission is to witness to the love and power of our Savior Jesus Christ, inspiring faith, hope, vitality, and renewal for all.

Badlands Ministries

Kids of all ages are reminded of Bible Camp at Badlands Outdoor Ministries at Medora this summer. Our congregation provides scholarships for those who would like to attend. There are day camps and week-long camps with special interest groups. The ELCA has other Bible camps as well - Upper Missouri near Williston; Flathead and Cristikon in the mountains of Montana; Outlaw Ranch in the Black Hills and others.



~ Across the pastor's desk ~

Some thoughts on STEWARDSHIP from April sermons

Seriously, what is Stewardship? Somebody said that stewardship is everything that happens after you say, "I believe." Stewardship is about a way of living, of caring for others. The Christian life means being a good steward (caretaker) of the gifts God has given us. It is also called mission. One of our former pastors said, "When we stop giving to mission or making mission central to what we do, we stop being the church." So giving to the work of the church takes commitment to a way of living and some understanding as to what that really means. Stewardship has more to do with the heart than just dealing with the bottom line. (April 14)

Remember Jesus asking the question of his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Who am I to you? How do you answer that if a spouse asks you that question - you are my legal husband or wife; you are the father or mother of our children; you are my lover; you are my companion, my friend. Well, that is the first question in any discussion of what stewardship is. We are God's creation and God takes care of us in an abundant way. As we recognize just who God is and who we are, God's people, we are better prepared to carry that message of God's love out to the world. (April 21)

The last couple Sundays we have considered the word Stewardship and a definition that helps us understand what the deeper meaning of this word is. Money, of course, but so much more than that - stewardship is everything that happens after we say the words, "I believe". We are considering here that God will help us find a way of living that is pleasing to God. All my relationships at home, among my friends, out in the world, here in church. Each word that comes out of my mouth, each thought that whisks through my brain is to be pleasing to God.

The fact that is not often the case only illustrates, of course, we are sinners and in need of God's saving grace. But stewardship is about life - living - doing God's work. The mission statement of the ELCA is God's work, our hands. And we are good doers - funeral lunches, quilts, mowing the lawn, serving on church council, being a deacon, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, working with youth, leading worship, and on and on it goes. And we work and we plan and we organize and we raise money. . .

And then Jesus comes with a bucket of cold water and drenches us as he throws it over us and we stop in the middle of our busyness stunned. He shakes his head at us and repeats: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." The silence in our minds and hearts is deafening. "What did he say?" "Love?" "But I have things to do - committees to work with, church suppers to plan. What does "love" have to do with all this and least of all what does love have to do with stewardship? . . .

The kind of love Jesus is talking about is from the Greek word agape which means "long-suffering, self-giving love". One author says that, "Every person we meet each day gives us a God-given opportunity to die to self."

I don't want to hear that. I don't think that I am a selfish person and I don't think you are, I know you aren't. And yet the barrier to fulfilling Jesus' command to us to love, is selfishness. Think back to the text, Jesus says we are to love as He loved us. This is still Easter and the empty cross stands there reminding us of the suffering, death, resurrection of Jesus. The most unselfish kind of love there is. Another place in Scripture says, "Greater love has no one than this, that they lay down their lives for their friends." It means, the giving up of myself to another person's pain and suffering, drowning myself, if you will, in the needs of that other. (April 28)

Check this out!

Word has come from the Montana Synod that a youth trip to our companion synod in Bolivia is being planned for next summer. If you are interested let's explore this together.
 ~Pastor Avis~

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Meeting Tuesday, April 9th, 2013 7 p.m.

Attending: Pastor Avis, Bill Miller, Bill Bunting, Gary Lundman, Myrna Quale, Betty Mawbey, Janna McCormick, Jerry Trangmoe, Michelle Sickler, Don Idso, Sheila Kennedy, Terri Clausen

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Miller March's minutes were approved by Don Idso, seconded by Betty Mawbey

Janna McCormick made the March treasurer's report. We were in the negative \$6,687.80 because the \$11,143 check from the Mission Investment Fund came too late for the statement. April's report will look better. The MIF check was deposited to meet the needs for the negative statement. The Treasurer's report was approved by Terri Clausen, seconded by Betty Mawbey.

Discussion continued on church finances. Janna asked the church council to consider hiring an accounting business to do payroll and taxes. She offered to forego the \$100 paid her for being church treasurer. She is doing some investigating to see what this would cost. Zion has 14 full and part-time employees. She said the position is more complicated than she thought and she believes some extra expertise is needed to keep everything straight. (See Janna's report forwarded to council via e.mail on Wednesday April 10th. Copy included in the book of council minutes.)

The new format for the treasurer's report was discussed. This month there was a payment to workmen's compensation for \$4705 which was a large payment and affected the monthly balance as well.

Following this discussion Pastor Avis led devotions with a prayer.

Committee reports followed: Terri Clausen reported for **Property and Management** on refurbishing the doors through Bob's Body Shop. There are 7 doors that need work. Bob can put a baked enamel on the outside at about \$180 a door. There was also some discussion that more chairs are needed in the basement for dinners and funerals and a number need to be replaced. The question was whether it was up to the council to purchase more or the women to do so. No decision was made.

Stewardship and Evangelism: Don Idso said they did not have a meeting this month, but he hopes to attend the People of Faith and the Bakken Oil Boom gathering at Pella Lutheran in Sidney on Saturday, April 20th. Pastor Avis, Betty Mawbey and Pastor Ruth McKenzie from the Methodist Church are planning to attend as well.

Youth/Education: May 5th will be the last Sunday for Sunday School. Awards will be given. Michelle Sickler also announced the Girl Scout and Brownie troops using the church basement will be disbanding unless new leaders are found. Bill Miller also mentioned a request he had received from the Boy Scouts of America about Zion having a troop again at our church. We would provide the space for meetings and a representative from the church council to serve on the board. The consensus at this time was that if a leader is found we would certainly be open to the possibility.

Old Business: Discussion about summer services in Makoshika Park centered around the Park Manager Ryan Sokoloski's leaving Glendive. Pastor Avis had talked to Ryan and tentatively agreed to a contract with the Park for \$75 per month during the summer, that contract to be in effect for 10 years. The council approved – Michelle Sickler moved, Terri Clausen second.

Pastor Avis spent a little time talking about stewardship – its definition as a way of life rather than just about money and passed out some material for the council to look at until the next meeting. She had statistics about our congregation from the ELCA statistical website and a brochure about a stewardship program called the Macedonia Project. She strongly urged the council to go on the direct deposit plan for financial giving. It is attractive to younger folks and for people who are gone a great deal and helpful for the summer giving slump.

Some member of the council will give a temple talk on stewardship the last Sunday of April. There being no New Business the meeting was adjourned, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Acting Secretary, Pastor Avis Anderson

FOR THE RECORD:

March 2013 Treasurer's Report

General Fund 3/1/13 Beginning Balance	\$14,225.18
Income	
Loaves and Fishes offerings	65.00
Misc Income	70.00
Rent Income	50.00
Tithes/Offerings	15,119.00
VBS	45.00
Window debt offerings	10.00
Total Income	\$15,359.00

Expense

Advertising and Promotion	175.00
Bank Service Charges	90.00
Dues and Subscriptions	1,188.72
Evangelism and Special Events	542.25
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	1,046.67
Health Insurance	403.40
Workers Compensation	4,705.44
Total Insurance Expense	6,155.51

Janitorial Expense	33.67
Loaves and Fishes expense	100.00
MDU	1,461.44
Mileage Reimbursement	50.00
Miscellaneous Expense	-241.70
Mortgage (window debt)	828.18
Office Supplies	1,047.65
Pastors Housing	500.00
Payroll Expenses	5,499.31
Pension	2,275.39
Postage and Delivery	47.17
Repairs and Maintenance	192.50
Telephone/Internet Expense	124.51
Wage Tax	1,840.22
Water	121.97
Window debt offerings expense	15.00
Total Expense	\$22,046.80

Net Ordinary Income	-6,687.80
Net Income	-6,687.80

General Fund Ending Balance	\$7,522.99
3/31/13 Savings Balance	\$6,256.31
3/31/13 Mortgage (windows) Balance	\$36,048.05

Pastoral Acts

- Baptisms-1** Griffin Thomas Schiele 04/20/2013
Funerals -2 Thelma Berntson 04/06/2013
 Patty Houck 04/13/2013

Weddings -0

Private communions - 4

Other Communions - 23

(includes - Grandview, Heritage, GMC Nursing Hm, EMVH)

<u>April Statistics</u>	<u>Att'd</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>Offering</u>
March 31 7am	33	32	\$887
March 31 10am	217	198	\$6320
	(including Easter offering)		
April 7	129	108	\$4086
April 10	8	7	\$105**
April 14	93	80	\$2042
April 17	10	9	-0-
April 21	138	122	\$3875

Zion Lutheran Council Special Meeting
March 25, 2013

Members present: Pastor Avis Anderson, Janna McCormick, Bill Miller, Gary Lundman, Sheryl Stansbury, Gary Kirkpatrick, Myrna Quale, Betty Mawbey, Jerry Trangmoe.

Audit committee: An audit committee will be formed to review the general church funds. This has been requested for several years by the treasurers. Several church members were mention as possible members of the committee.

Stewardship: Discussion was held about the drop in giving since January. It was suggested to make people aware of the cost of church expenses and possibly looking at some type of Stewardship program.

Fund transfer: Gary Lundman/Gary Kirkpatrick to transfer \$11,143 from Mission Investment fund into savings account. Approved.

Submitted by
Sheryl Stansbury, Secretary



Pastor Ruth McKenzie, Methodist Church, Don Idso, Norm Unterseher, Pastor Betty Mawbey and Pastor Avis all attended the "People of Faith and the Oil Boom" workshop in Sidney at Pella Lutheran on Saturday, April 20th. We especially enjoyed touring the new addition to Pella. It includes meeting rooms, fellowship room, new kitchen, Sunday School rooms and offices. This is all on the ground level and includes a new elevator into the sanctuary.