

ZIONEWS

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Zion Lutheran Church

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An active congregation of the Montana Synod of the ELCA

You as a congregation are getting ready to CALL a Pastor-- a person who believes in his/her heart and soul that God has called him to holy ministry. Who has been a student at a Lutheran seminary, examined not only by professors and leaders of the church and approved for holy ministry. And a person who is willing to come to Glendive—sight unseen and believes that God is leading him to a place of service.

You are not Hiring him. As our text reminds us "

He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd...sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep and flees....The Hired hand flees because he is a hired hand, and does not care for the sheep."

The Pastor is not hired, but Called both by God and by the congregation.

I was deeply impressed with ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson when the Oregon Synod was voting to call a Bishop David Brauer-Rieke. We took three votes before we actually called him. and before each vote—he read scripture and prayed. It is a biblical practice. As an interim pastor, I encourage congregations getting ready to call a pastor to set time aside maybe the day before for a Prayer Vigil to read scripture, hymns, think and pray about calling a pastor.

The text goes on "I am a good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." A pastor is some one called by God that you trust can visit with. I have told people that you want a person called by God that you can trust to come to your house at 3:00 in the morning. Someone who knows and cares about you. I am sure you do not expect your pastor to come, knock on your door and visit you at 3 am. Yet if you need the pastor he will come. I have spent some hours at a hospital in the middle of the night waiting with family and friends as medical personal cared for an individual after an accident or in their last moments of life. You want someone who will be there for you.

So let us rejoice that we have the Good Shepherd, Jesus the Christ, our Lord and our Savior. The one who truly knows and cares for us. Thank you God giving and caring for us. Amen.

Praise the Lord! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Amen. Praise the Lord! He is Risen!

In His Service,
Pastor Stan



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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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items, top far left corner.

Stewardship Corner

Last month we thought about
generosity and response to what
God does for us. This is the
basis for the reasons that people
give their offerings at church.
Giving is an act of worship.

Don't we get excited about giving something of value to
those we love? Giving an offering in church is more than
just helping to pay the bills. It is a way of expressing
one's love for God. When you consider how much you
would like to give back to God, consider the words of the
hymn "How Great Thou Art": "But when I think that
God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can
take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing, he
bled and died to take away my sin; then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art! How great
thou art ..." Singing, praying, confessing, and offering
are all part of worship.

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



Staff in training - Hope White, Brian Fulton and Paige White assist with VBS worship 2014

Mark your calendars! VBS 2015 is set for June 22 – 25. We would love to have 6th grade and up join us as staff in training. This is a great opportunity to help spread God's word and work with the amazing staff from Badlands Ministries Camp. Let Cami know if you would like to help.

**Zion Lutheran Church Council Special Meeting
April 16, 2015**

Members Present: Don Idso, Betty Mawbey, Bill Miller, Gary Kirkpatrick, Gary Lundman, Tami Conrad, Paul Shearer, Sheila Kennedy, Sheryl Stansbury, Norm Unterseher, Call Committee

Don Idso called the special meeting to order. Norm Unterseher brought a recommendation from the Call Committee to refer to the congregation a call to William Johnson.

A motion to call a congregational meeting on May 3, 2015 for the purpose of approving a call to William Johnson as Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church was approved. (Bill Miller/Gary Kirkpatrick).

Following prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Sheryl Stansbury, Secretary

The Church Council is looking for a **volunteer to chair the Zion Fair Booth.**



Please contact the office if you are interested. We need to have someone **in place by June 15th** to initiate planning.

Rev. Dave Wilkinson
SOUND BITES Ministry™

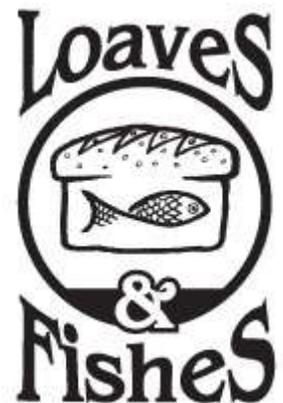
THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS

To make my mind a home for Jesus, I deliberately fill my mind with the kinds of things God says are important. Paul puts it like this: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things." (Philippians 4:8)

We often want to be able to hear guidance from God about important decisions such as whom to marry or what job to take. But we also want to reserve the right to feed our minds on whatever junk comes along. Whatever repeatedly enters the mind occupies the mind, eventually shapes the mind, and will ultimately express itself in what you do and who you become. The events we attend, the material we read (or don't), the music we listen to, the images we watch, the conversations we hold, the daydreams we entertain -- these are shaping our minds. And ultimately they make our minds receptive or deaf toward the still small voice of God.

-- John Ortberg in *God Is Closer Than You Think*

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!



Church Council

Zion Lutheran Church Council
April 7, 2015

Members Present: Don Idso, Paul Shearer, Bill Miller, Sheila Kennedy, Janna McCormick, Michelle Sickler, Myrna Quale, Sheryl Stansbury

Meeting was called to order by Don Idso who also gave devotions in the absence of Pastor Hoobing.

Minutes were approved (Michelle Sickler/Bill Miller).

Treasurer's report was given by Janna McCormick. The donation from the soup supper served by the church council during Lent went to the Vacation Bible School fund. Report was approved (Sheila Kennedy/Paul Shearer).

Committee Reports

Property/Management: The bid for the repair of the roof over the Fellowship Hall from Schwartz was reviewed. The material to be used has been tested and is highly recommended. The financing for the cost of repair of \$19500 is coming from an established account. The roof over the entry may have rotten boards that will need to be repaired at the same time. Motion to approve contract for bid was approved (Michelle Sickler/Paul Shearer). There is a pipe leaking in the heat exchanger by the stage in the front of the basement. Since the system will need to be drained to be fixed, the repair will be done when heating season is over.

A quarter turn valve was put in the library to allow heat to be adjusted.

Evangelism/Stewardship: A letter educating members on where we are financially will be prepared and mailed. The committee is looking for ideas to help with finances; ideas from congregation are encouraged. Online giving through VANCO was discussed.

Youth/Education: Eleven youth led worship on March 22 which was enjoyed and appreciated. Thank you to Geri Cullinan for donating the balloons used in the service. Thank you to Cami White and Michelle Sickler for donating the breakfast items for Easter Sunday. Enough money has been raised to buy eleven window blinds for Sunday School rooms.

Sunday, May 3, seven students will be confirmed.

Everyone is invited for cake at 9:15 am.

May 17th is Senior Recognition for our four seniors.

Glendive will be a meeting place for youth going to Detroit, Michigan for the national youth gathering. Zion will serve them lunch and have a sending service. The use of the building was approved (Bill Miller/Sheila Kennedy).

Cami White, Youth Director, is continuing with her online training.

Business

Policies:

Kitchen/dining room rental policy was approved (Myrna Quale/Sheila Kennedy).

Job application was approved as amended (Bill Miller/Janna McCormick).

Harassment policy discussed and tabled for review next month (Bill Miller/Sheryl Stansbury).

Fair Booth chair is needed. A chair must be in place by June 15. Please let Don Idso know if interested.

Following prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Sheryl Stansbury, Secretary

FOR THE RECORD:

March 2015 Treasurer 's Report

Income	
Furniture Room	235.00
Loaves and Fishes offerings	20.12
Misc Income	713.12
Rent Income	100.00
Sunday School Income	134.17
Tithes/Offerings	20,756.00
VBS	213.00
Youth Group Income	947.00
Total Income	\$23,118.41
Expense	
Advertising and Promotion	100.00
Benevolence (ELCA)	1,143.42
Dues and Subscriptions	22.00
Evangelism and Special Events	110.47
Insurance Expense	
Worker' s Compensation	419.71
Total Insurance Expense	419.71
MDU	1,640.79
Mileage Reimbursement	41.44
Miscellaneous Expense	754.00
Mortgage (window debt)	415.00
Office Supplies	1,139.84
Pastors Housing	450.00
Payroll Expenses	7,822.77
Postage and Delivery	45.76
Repairs and Maintenance	82.50
Snow Removal	55.00
Sunday School	368.52
Telephone/Internet Expense	131.00
Wage Tax	1,035.11
Water	85.12
Youth Group Expenses	108.15
Total Expense	\$15,970.60
Net Ordinary Income	7,147.81
Net Income	\$7,147.81
3/31/15 Statement Balance	\$46,819.22
3/31/15 Savings Balance	\$45,925.48
3/31/15 Mortgage (windows) Balance	\$51,337.61

April Memorials

Radio broadcast on **April 19th** in memory of **Ray Anderson's April 21st** birthday from his daughter, Avis Anderson

In memory of **Marvin Vossler, Verna Carpenter's Dad**

from Peggy Handtmann for Loaves & Fishes
 from Sharon Batterman for the Prayer Garden
 from Myrna Kintz for Undesignated
 from Bill Kelly for Undesignated
 from Avis Anderson for Undesignated

In memory of **Albert W. "Swede" Batterman** in memory of his birthday

from his loving wife, Sharon Batterman for the Prayer Garden

In memory of **Hazel Cecilia Rogers**

from Esther Shearer for the Quilters
 from Georgia Norderud for the Quilters
 from Neil & Cammy Oakland for the Quilters
 from Gladys Weigum for Loaves & Fishes
 from Bea Kalloch and Marian Chouinard for Windows Fund
 from Vance & Linda Vickers for Loaves & Fishes

(Some of the above memorials were left out last month and Hazel's name was incorrect previously. My sincere apology. Cammy Sue)

In memory of **Loved Ones** from Merle and Rose Marie Aus for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Betty Miller and Irene Schmitt** from Carmen Miller for Loaves & Fishes

Radio broadcast on **May 10th** is in memory of **Walter M. Meland's May 8th** birthday from his daughter, Janet Meland

In memory of **Pete Bakken** from Freda Haidle for windows

Thank you to **Sheila Kennedy and Bonita Jenks** from Anonymous



On April 26th Sunday School classes participated in activities that encouraged stewardship including taking care of God's world. Jace Gabbert is pictured above admiring his work planting marigold seeds.

This is a good time to also thank families and church members for their financial giving to the Sunday School program. Your offering is always appreciated and helps with purchasing curriculum, snacks, supplies and gifts.

Pastoral Acts for April

Funerals - 1 Jim Ward 4/24/15

Baptisms - 0

Weddings - 0

Private Communions - 6

Other Communions - 23

(includes - Grandview and GMC Nursing Home)

<u>April Statistics</u>	<u>Att'd</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Apr 2 Thursday	37	35	**
Apr 3 Friday	43	38	—
Apr 4 Saturday	27	—	—
Apr 5 Sun 7 am	17	17	**
Apr 5 Sun 10 am	189	166	7,361.00
Apr 11 Sat	11	11	265.00**
Apr 12 Sun	87	79	2,979.00
Apr 18 Sat	11	11	85.00**
Apr 19 Sun	103	92	2,253.00
Apr 25 Sat	14	14	32.00**
Apr 26 Sun	126	111	3,384.00
Total	665	574	15,977.00

(**Saturday offering included in Sunday Total amount)

BADLANDS MINISTRIES



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.



Vacation Bible School 2015
June 22nd - 25th
Registration begins May 3rd
Preregistration is greatly appreciate.
Fee is \$10 and includes t-shirt

Coming up . . .



Youth Ministry

Sunday, May 3rd

9 am Last day of Sunday School
9:15 am Confirmation recognition

Sunday, May 17th

9:15 am Graduate recognition
3 - 5 pm All Youth Group special event
Fear is not a factor



June 22nd—25th Vacation Bible School

Preschool 9 am—noon
K—5th grade 9 am—2:30 pm
6th and up can participate as SITs

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	Danielle Wold
Nicole Simasko	Amanda Barnick
Janna McCormick	Jen Rieger
Joetta Percy	Tracey Rod
Heidi Nelson	Angie Silha
Janette Bogar	Cara Voss
Kyle Voss	Gary Kirkpatrick
Cindy Gabbert	Darcell Unterseher
Debbi Kaul	Michelle Sickler
Cami White	



Contact Cami White if you would be interested in being involved in the Zion Sunday School program in any way. 939-3595, cami@zionlutheran.us



**Zion Lutheran
Church Women**

Bible Study Circles:

Hannah/Dorcas: Tuesday, May 12th, 1:30 pm
Hostess: Evelyn G - Fellowship Room

Deborah: Monday, May 18th, 7 pm
Hostess: Mexico Lindo

Sarah: Thursday, May 21st, 7 pm
Hostess: Maureen Lundman's home

Chancel Guild May 20th, 2 pm
Quilters meet Monday mornings at 9 am



On Saturday, April 25th, 2015, a group of Zion ladies drove to American Lutheran Church in Richey, Montana, for the annual Spring gathering of the women of the ELCA. It was a good day. Speakers talked about the importance of the faith of our mothers and fathers in keeping us in the faith and how as parents and grandparents we need to be alert to encouraging our younger members in the love of Jesus Christ. The importance of a "family of faith" was stressed.

Officers were elected with several being from Zion in Glendive—Ruth Jordan, Rita Frank, Cammy Sue Oakland and Nancy Gerike. Esther Shearer was recognized and thanked for her two terms as treasurer of the Southeast Montana Cluster.

A delicious lunch was served by the Richey ladies.

Those attending from Zion included: Dorothy Mathison, Nancy Gerike, Rita Frank, Cammy Sue Oakland, Maureen Lundman, Avis Anderson, Esther Shearer, Ruth Jordan.



New Officers are installed by Pastor Nell Lindorff from Savage. Installed from Glendive were Nancy Gerike. Cammy Sue Oakland, Ruth Jordan and Rita Frank.

What a joy to open my April Zionews online and see the wonderful pictures of Zion's children and youth. The colored prints were beautiful and the smiles on the faces of the kids even more so. We talk about "God's work. Our Hands." These kids are God's work, without a doubt, but it is our hands that are called to love and to help mold and shape them in the love and grace of God. We must pray for our church leaders, for the youth, the children and their families. To lift up, to build up. It is our hope and our joy.

May God bless us all and the Holy Spirit continue to move through us that we grow in faith and witness to our younger members as they are already witnessing to us, in their own way in this time.

A member of Zion



I went to the Terry Nursing Home October 25, 2013 and I want to thank everyone for all the cards, letters, visits and prayers. The staff is really good to me and I enjoy my stay here. Sometimes I help make cookies and some of the tasks that I like. Thanks for everything Zion has been so faithful and a good friend. I always enjoy a visit or a call.

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God's Peace, Freda Haidle

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

***Kjersten Rieger, Madison Juneau, Emma Gabbert,
Andrew Senvold, Bailey Percy, Dalton Vickers and
Amber Sickler***

*- Affirmation of Baptism May 3rd, photo by
Bill LaFond*



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 camil@zionlutheran.us.