

# ZIONEWS

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

More than three years ago I arrived in eastern Montana on a blustery, sunny day. And now today I write my last newsletter article to you as your pastor.

There has been so much good these past few years. God has blessed me and this congregation with joy and heart and hope. We have laughed and cried together, dreamt and visioned together. I am so grateful to God for who you have been and who you are, and hopeful for what you will become in the future.

I am thankful for your partnership, for your witness, for your faithfulness. You are a congregation rooted in deep tradition, yet able to walk the path of change for the sake of bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to more people.

“Leaving well” and “healthy transitions” are important. I will probably not visit for at least a few years, to allow for the new pastor to set their stride. If you contact me, I will respond. In all things, I will miss you.

And now in parting, I offer you these encouragements -

Continue meeting together, especially on Sunday. In worship we meet the risen Jesus in word, bread, and wine. Jesus is what the world needs. Experience Jesus, then live Jesus.

Remember that you are the body of Christ. With Christ’s hands you pass the offering plate and greet each other in worship. With Christ’s eyes you see others in the congregation and the world. With Christ’s feet you enter and leave church. With Christ’s heart you care for the world.

Zealously support those in need. Jesus hung out with sinners and tax collectors, the downtrodden and lonely. Follow in the footsteps of our Savior.

Give generously. In a conversation I had with some youth the other day, I asked if they could write down all their possessions on one sheet of paper. They looked at me, and all said no. “It would take lots of sheets of paper,” they said. You have been given much. Give freely of your time, talents, and treasure.

Hope. Live it, breathe it, share it. There is a future in this place. You are the future in this place.

Love. Love each other as Christ loves you, even in controversy and disagreement.

And may the peace of Christ, with passes all understanding, guide and guard you all your days.

Pastor Will

*Peace be with you*  
*John 14:27*

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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.

**Church staff:**

Interim Pastor: Avis Anderson  
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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

**Needs and Opportunities**

**Compassionate Ministries/Dawson County Food Bank** is in need of cereal, coffee, spaghetti sauce, sugar and flour. Food is distributed Monday - Friday, 10 AM to 1 PM.

A special food offering will be taken during our Thanksgiving Worship on Sunday, November 18th.



Look for information on **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** coming soon, contact Don Idso to schedule. Donations to Salvation Army can be mailed or delivered to Zion Lutheran Church, Attn: Salvation Army, 401 Riverview Ave, Glendive, MT 59330.

Decorating the church for the **Advent/Christmas** season will be done on **Thursday, November 29 at 10 A.M.** All are welcome!





### Stewardship Corner

In last month's article we made the point that giving to God's work can be duty and delight and that giving supports the community of faith. In Paul's epistles, he discusses

collections for the church in Jerusalem, which has apparently fallen on hard times. Stewardship principles have been derived from Romans 15:5-15, 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, and 2 Corinthians 8-9. Mark Allan Powell, in his book Giving to God (pp. 116-117), lists some of these principles. (*This might be a good time for you to reach for your Bible.*) *Each of the principles listed gives a Bible reference.*

1. Giving is both a duty and a delight, something we ought to do and something we are pleased to do (Romans 15:25-26).
2. Giving is to be regular and systematic, according to a plan (1 Corinthians 16:2).
3. Giving is a demonstration of God's grace (2 Corinthians 8:1; 9:14).
4. Giving need not be hampered by difficult circumstances, for even those who suffer affliction and experience poverty may exhibit generosity (2 Corinthians 8:2)
5. Giving is to be voluntary, not under compulsion (2 Corinthians 8:3; 9:5,7)."

That's enough for this article.

We will have more stewardship principles in our next issue.

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

<u>October Statistics</u>	<u>Att'd</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sept 27 Thurs	15	15	**
<b>Sept 30 Sun</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>4,367.00</b>
Oct 4 Thurs	16	15	275.00**
<b>Oct 7 Sun</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>5,374.00</b>
Oct 11 Thurs	17	17	259.00**
<b>Oct 14 Sun</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>3,489.00</b>
Oct 18 Thurs	15	15	240.00**
<b>Oct 21 Sun</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>3,399.00</b>
Oct 25 Thurs	15	15	62.00**
<b>Oct 28 Sun</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>4,418.00</b>

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

### Pastoral Acts for October

**Funerals** - 1 Graveside for Dave Ryan 10-12-18  
**Baptisms** - 2 Kaleb Joseph Quale 10-07-18  
 Callahan Reese Stanhope 10-28-18

**Weddings** - 0

**Private Communion**s - 5

**Communion**s - 18

(includes - Grandview, GMC Nursing Home)

Dear Family of Zion,

As we bid farewell to Pastor Will and give thanks for his ministry here at Zion, the Church Council is already moving forward in our journey to the calling of a new pastor. Change is always difficult and to find a good fit between pastor and congregation takes thoughtful planning and lots of prayer. I will be accompanying you on this journey because the new pastor called will also be my pastor. For those of you I don't know, I served Zion as pastor from 2005-2014 before retiring the first time. Now I am back for a short time to provide pastoral care and worship leadership as an interim pastor.

Zion is a healthy, growing, vibrant congregation. It has always been that way and that is the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. My office hours will be Tuesday - Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. and then by appointment as needed. I will mentor the folks in the Lay Pastoral Associate's program, do visitations and home communions on a regular basis. We are coming into the end of the church year. **Sunday, November 18th will be a Thanksgiving worship service.** You are invited to bring a donation of food for the Food Bank and/or a blanket for the Used Furniture Room. December will be choir and Sunday school programs, Advent and Christmas worship. A busy time. And don't forget our annual Lutefisk and Meatball Supper. The chairwomen are already preparing.

So, life goes on. I will be available for listening to you as you continue your faith journey. We go on together with God's love and grace surrounding us and sustaining us. We live continually in the waters of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

I am looking forward to be back in the pulpit and working with you in this challenging time.

Peace, Pastor Avis

P.S. Because of a previous commitment I will be preaching at the Congregational church in Glendive on November 4th and 11th. Pastor Will has made arrangements with Lay Pastors for those two Sundays. My first Sunday leading worship will be our Thanksgiving worship service on November 18th. I will be leading worship at the Thursday night service beginning November.

Contact information:

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**2018 October Memorials**

Radio broadcast October 7<sup>th</sup> in memory of **Agnes Anderson's October 10<sup>th</sup> birthday**

from her Daughter, Avis Anderson

Radio broadcast October 21<sup>st</sup> in memory of **Lois Zolman's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 23rd**

from her daughter, Eula Langton

Radio broadcast November 4<sup>th</sup> in memory of **W. Dohrmann's November 7<sup>th</sup> birthday**

from his son, Terry & Diane Dohrmann

In memory of **Lee Gibbs for the Window Fund**

from Todd & LeAnne Dufner  
from Joyce Devoy  
from family and friends

In memory of **Dave Ryan and Gary Ryan**

from Carole Dick for Undesignated

In memory of **Dave Ryan, Jo Ryan's husband**

from Sharon Allard for Undesignated  
from Ralph & Shirley Lenhart for Undesignated

In memory of **Michelle Lang, Lina Brenner's daughter**

from family and friends for Undesignated  
from James & Pam Jensen for Undesignated

In memory of **Elayne Deines**

from Mike & Carol Maynard for Loaves & Fishes  
from Gladys Weigum for Loaves & Fishes  
from LeMar & Marlene Schock for Loaves & Fishes

In honor of and so very thankful for **Pastor Will Johnson's faithfulness and service** to our church family

from Bill & Rita Hanley for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Martha Hilger**

from Ralph & Shirley Lenhart for Undesignated

*Give*  
THANKS  
*to the Lord*  
*for He is good; His love endures forever.*

-1 Chronicles 16:34

**FOR THE RECORD:**

**September 2018 Treasurer's Report**

**Income**

Misc Income	50.00
Tithes/Offerings	<u>13,867.00</u>

**Total Income** **\$13,917.00**

**Expense**

Benevolence (ELCA)	1,310.40
Dues and Subscriptions	182.00
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	908.53
Health Insurance	<u>626.84</u>
Total Insurance Expense	1,535.37

Janitorial Expense	94.72
MDU	690.93
Miscellaneous Expense	388.63
Mortgage (window debt)	415.00
Office Supplies	573.03
Pastors Housing	150.00
Payroll Expenses	6,127.10
Pension	659.76
Postage	48.13
Telephone/Internet Expense	95.67
Wage Tax	2,351.61
Water	<u>379.63</u>

**Total Expense** **\$15,001.98**

Net Ordinary Income - 1,084.98

**Net Income** - 1,084.98

Year to date Net Income -20,930.58

**9/30/18 Statement Balance** **\$47,076.94**

**9/30/18 Savings Balance** **\$90,081.90**

**9/30/18 Mortgage (Windows Balance)** **\$33,117.30**



Zion Confirmation classes attended a Retreat at Badlands Ministries. They enjoyed lessons, service projects, games, a hike to the cross, worship and met new people.

**Call to Order:** Council President, Cathy Kirkpatrick, called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** Pastor Will read Matthew 5, the Beatitudes. Janna M presented her faith story: She and her family moved to Glendive when she was four years old, and they attended church occasionally. When they returned to Western Montana for holidays, they attended Bethany Lutheran, but she did not remember her family belonging to a church here. Once she met Trevor and they became engaged, she met Pastor Avis, who facilitated their pre-marriage counseling and performed the wedding ceremony. She respected Pastor Avis and felt very comfortable with her. Subsequently, she was baptized here and became an active member of the congregation. After the death of her mother, Janna turned to the Bible, and she began walking with Verna Carpenter. Verna and Carole Dick, a good friend of Janna's mother, became true friends and mentors to her. She and her family are all very engaged members of the congregation.

**Steve Merrill Report on Recent Events:** Regarding vandalism, Steve M reported he had met with the insurance agent and appraiser, and all claims and paperwork have been submitted. Twelve windows were damaged, and the cost to replace will amount to at least \$10,000 for glass plus the cost of removal and replacement. Our deductible is \$1,000. Regarding Bricks and Mortar Grant, he reported the boilers are seventeen years old, and must be manually turned on and off as needed. At some point, the church will want to change from pneumatic to electric activation. Determining what will be needed to accomplish this is a complex matter. There are currently 84 heat registers, with 84 individual thermostats. The goal is to reduce those numbers by half. Electricians and plumbers will be needed, but Steve is reviewing the original plans for the building. His plan is to have a bid request by February of 2019 so work can be done during the summer months. He reported that in the past, a heating consultant was used, but he does not think this is necessary, given the original blueprints and plans are available for in-house review.

**Approval of Minutes** from the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Leah J moved to approve the minutes; Paul S seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Janna McCormick. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

**Pastor's Report** Pastor Will provided a comprehensive report to the Council on the past month's work. He will be answering a call to Colorado, and his last day at ZLC will be October 28<sup>th</sup>. He continues to work with the LPA candidates, the youth group, the SE Cluster, the confirmation class, and the pre-marriage counseling he has begun. He will complete the counseling, and Pastor Avis will officiate at the December wedding. He loves Zion, and he will continue to serve through October 28<sup>th</sup>. A Potluck will be held following worship on that date.

**Communications:** KGLE requested a donation, however Zion has not contributed in the past. Given the current state of our budget, the Council will deny the request at this time. A representative from Jefferson School and DCHS contacted the church office to request assistance with supplying snow pants and winter boots for students in need. Discussion followed, with Tyler G reporting there is a local fund, the Volkert Fund, that distributes funds for such needs. In addition, ZONTA, the Masons, and the Moose Lodge all provide funds and supplies related to student needs. Given that so many resources are available and funded to assist, the Council determined that no donation will be made at this time.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Property and Management** – Bill M reported we have two operating boilers at this time, and they are operating well. Steve Kaul was the mower of the month and completed lawn maintenance. The sprinkler system has been blown out and winterized. A new faucet was installed in the janitor's sink, Gary Lundman repaired a sink in the downstairs restroom, and Steve M stabilized the hand rail on the ramp downstairs. A new hand-rail has been purchased, and it will be installed in the near future.
2. **Evangelism and Stewardship** – Kevin M reported the new member reception was well received. Approximately 40 diners were fed. Pastor Will, Janna M, and Don Idso spoke about their faith stories. Those in attendance enjoyed the dinner, the fellowship, and the faith stories. This event will certainly be held again. No meeting has been held since the event due to conflicting schedules.
3. **Social Ministry** – This committee is comprised of Leah J, Danielle W, and Tom T. They need new members, and reminded us that the committee meets only once per month. A notice will be put in the worship bulletin to ask those interested in joining to speak to one of the members, Cammy Sue in the office, or Pastor Will.
4. **Worship** – No information to report.
5. **Youth and Education** – A written report was provided to each member of the Council. It outlined a number of activities through the end of the year. For October, Youth will host Dinner and a Show following worship on October 14<sup>th</sup>, send an order for T-shirts purchased by members of the congregation, participate in a Confirmation Retreat at Badlands Ministries in Medora, assist with the potluck for Pastor Will, begin planning for Christmas and Advent activities, and identify and plan fundraisers for future projects.

**Sanctuary Refresh Committee Report:** Janna M reported on the progress of this committee. Carpeting for the sanctuary will be funded through monies remaining from roof repair, donations, and possibly with grant funds that have been applied for. The full project cannot progress until next year, so decisions have not been made on replacing the current pews. Costs have been researched, and at this time, Born Again Pews has offered to replace our pews with new, padded, pews. Thirty-one 17-foot pews will be needed. The cost will be between \$28,000 and \$35,000, and this cost includes delivery on site by company personnel. Costs for refinishing would be prohibitive, since no nearby facility exists, and paying for refinishing plus shipping will result in no savings. The committee also suggests painting be done to refresh the sanctuary, and costs would be approximately \$500, as we would rely on volunteers to accomplish this.

**Unfinished Business:** Staff meetings with the Executive Committee have been completed. All felt it was very helpful. Some things were identified and can be readily addressed: Cammy Sue requested some Synod-specific training to help her work efficiently with Shepherd's Staff, a record keeping software. Since she needs quiet times to work on involved projects, the Executive Committee reminded her that shutting the office door is necessary at times. When traffic can be re-directed to the Pastor or Cami White, this is perfectly appropriate. Hope requested a few supplies, and she has asked if her hours can be averaged out so she can be salaried in the future. This is to help her budget her funds more effectively. Since the Committee felt this might result in her being under-paid at times, this matter will be considered, but it will be discussed further at the next Council meeting. The grant application for funds to help with sanctuary refresh, t-loop hearing assistance wiring, and exterior drainage problem were all included in the grant application to be finalized and mailed by the end of October.

**New Business:** Gary Kirkpatrick will be speaking to the Council in the future about the Endowment.

The Executive Committee will complete an exit interview with Pastor Will as soon as it can be arranged. As of meeting time, neither Pastor Will nor Cathy had received a response from the Bishop's office regarding a Pastor Call.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. **Closing:** Lord's Prayer and Mission Statement was led by Pastor Will. 5

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2018**



**November 4**

9 am Sunday School GIFT  
 1:30 pm 5th/6th grade youth group  
 3 pm 7th/8th grade youth group  
 5 pm High School youth group

**November 7**

3:45 pm 1st year Confirmation class

**November 11**

9 am Sunday School GIFT  
 11:30 am YG Unite  
 5 pm YG Roots

**November 14**

3:45 pm 1st year Confirmation class  
 6 pm Youth & Education Committee Meeting

**November 18**

9 am Sunday School GIFT  
 Thanks for Giving VBS Bake Sale  
 2 pm 6th grade retreat  
 3 pm Youth Group movie event

**November 21**

1:45 pm 1st year Confirmation class

**November 25**

No Sunday School GIFT

**November 28**

3:45 pm 1st year Confirmation class

**December 1**

Serve at Church Dinner  
 and Gift table fundraiser

**Special News and Events**



THANK YOU for supporting our *5th Annual Dinner and a Show*. Donations of \$465 were given to help with mission projects like Compassion and Christmas Wishes.

Zion T-shirts are in and can be picked up at the church. There are additional shirts available along with new items. Look for our table of gifts for purchase at the church dinner. Thank you for supporting Zion Youth!

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Wall Calendars	\$8
Magnetic Notepads	\$4
Small Notepads	\$2

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**Reminders:**

When shopping at **Reynolds** say “**Shopper 7000**” at checkout and a portion of your grocery bill benefits Zion Lutheran Youth Programs.



Sign up for **remind messages for youth group**  
**High School Youth** - rmd.at/f3ee9fc or text the message @f3ee9fc to the number 81010  
**Middle School Youth** - rmd.at/fgcgbkor text the message @fgcgbk to the number 81010

**Worship Boxes, Children’s Bulletins and Worship Notes** are available to keep our younger members engaged in Worship. These are all located to the right of the double door entrance to the sanctuary.



Zion Lutheran  
Church Women

**Bible Study Circles and Groups:**

**Deborah - Thursday, November 1 at 2 p.m.**  
Hostess and Leader: Cammy O

**Hannah/Dorcas - Tuesday, November 13 at 1:30 p.m.**  
Hostess: Nancy K

**Sarah - Friday, November 16 at 1:30 p.m.**  
Hostess: Cami W, Leader: Janna M

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

**Chancel Guild meets: Wednesday, Nov 14 at 2 pm**  
Hostess: Marlene & Arlene Leader: Cammy

**Quilters meet: Mondays at 9 a.m.**

**Lutheran World Relief Kits**

The ZLCW gathered on October 13th for a Thanksgiving service, to assemble LWR kits, and share a meal. Thank you for your generous donations throughout the year that makes this possible.

- Quilts - 46
- Baby Care - 48
- Personal Care - 49
- Soap - 23#
- School Kits (from Sunday School) - 12



**LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER**  
**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

The Lutfisk & Meatball Dinner is coming up Saturday, December 1, 2018. Serving hours are 11:30 to 2 pm and 4:30 to 7 pm. We encourage all Zion members to support this traditional Zion fundraiser. Did you know that Zion has been continuously serving this dinner since the 1940's? Now, that's a true tradition! If you haven't been called yet, please volunteer by calling Maureen Lundman - 377-5962 or Janna McCormick - 939-1216.

**~ Thank you ~**

**Warmest thanks to all the congregation for your outstanding support of the recent Bazaar. Net proceeds of \$2,994 will be given to the Dawson County Food Bank backpack project; Freedom in Christ Prison Ministry; and the new sanctuary carpet. God bless you.**

**Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW)**

**Thanks for Giving**



**November 18**

**Free will donation to benefit  
VBS 2019**

**Thank you for supporting  
Zion Youth Ministry  
Contact Cami if you would like  
to donate baked goods.**

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**NOVEMBER 2018**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Jerem and Kate Joyce** are the proud parents of a baby boy, **Jadis Denton**, born Sunday, October 14th. He weighed 8 lbs 7.5 oz and was 23 inches long.

*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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month (377-3369) or email to [cami@zionlutheran.us](mailto:cami@zionlutheran.us).*