

ZIONEWS

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An active congregation of the Montana Synod of the ELCA

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with joy and great excitement that I write to you, sitting on a train between Venice and Milan, Italy. In about a month my wife, Katie, and I will pack up all our things from our Minnesotan lives and head out to Montana to serve as pastors!

I have been asked to write a bit of a personal introduction. I will share some highlights:

Who am I? I grew up in Auburn, Washington, and went to college at Whitworth University in Spokane. For a couple of summers I worked at Lutherhaven in Coeur d'Alene. In May 2014 I graduated from seminary and for the last year I have been on a fellowship studying preaching in a rapidly changing world. I've worked at a daycare, as an office assistant, given tours, served food, been a camp counselor, a youth director, an IT student worker, and an intern pastor.

What do I like? I enjoy being outdoors, especially running, cycling, and playing frisbee. Tea is a passion of mine — black, white, red, green, herbal. I like pirates — jokes, stories, books. Reading, watching TV shows and movies, and playing games are other hobbies.

I like teaching people of all ages — one of my favorite things about this is seeing faces discover something new, and to see faith come alive in a new way. I like thoughts, ideas, discussions, creativity, traditions, and worship.

You have called me as your pastor — I am humbled and encouraged by that. I continue to pray for you as a congregation, and as individuals I will soon know. I look forward to meeting you very soon! May the mercy and peace of God be with you.

*In Christ,
Pastor Will Johnson*



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Stewardship Corner

It seems inconsistent with our cultural mores that we should be content, when our capitalistic system urges us toward more and more, as if possession of material things is the source of

happiness. To believe that God is Sustainer in our lives means that we have a basic sense or trust that he will provide for us. This doesn't negate good planning, preparation or dedicated labor, but it encourages us to be content. "We are free to use our resources (time, talents and treasures) in ways that are pleasing to God without worrying about our own needs," states Mark Allan Powell in his book *Giving to God* (p.42). There are multiple Bible passages that point to God as Sustainer. These verses would provide good reading and discussion for the whole family as you consider God as Sustainer: Isaiah 40:31; Philippians 4:14; Philippians 4:6-7; Matthew 6:25-26; John 14:25.

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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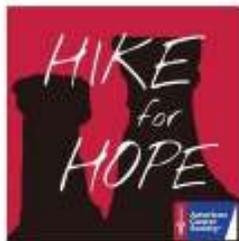
Paul Shearer

Dear Members and friends of Zion Lutheran Church:

It has been a great pleasure and honor these past fourteen months to serve as your interim pastor during this interim period. We have had some sad and difficult experiences, yet we have also had many joyous and happy occasions. I learned to eat and love Lutefisk--yours was the first I ever had. I learned that there are other ways of doing ministry that achieve the same or beneficial results. It is my hope and prayer that you grow in your faith and are open to learn new and interesting ways of doing ministry. Mr. William Johnson, soon to be ordained and then be known as Pastor William Johnson will bring some new and interesting talents and gifts to you and the fine people of Glendive. Again, thanks for the opportunity to serve you and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Blessings on your new journey of ministry.

Pastor Stan Hoobing



When: September 19th, 2015
Where: Makoshika Park @ Diane Gabriel Trailhead
Why: With your help, we aren't just fighting one type of cancer-- we're fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community

Come to our first annual Hike For Hope and help us create a world without Cancer.

Homelessness is the issue

Prairie Development corporation here in Glendive is an entity that is set up and works with the commercial kitchen, Farmers' Market, Farm to Table Co-op and short term housing for people in transition situations. Currently I am on the board and working with the housing situation. Prairie has set up several rooms with beds for use by domestic violence and for people who are making transitions in their lives. Transients are also part of the discussion. Pastor Pete Bruno is managing the facility until Christmas.

The housing center has some needs

- Refrigerator
- Washer
- Dryer
- Four beds

The rooms need to be painted as well. Paint and supplies are available. Zion's Used Furniture Room will be assisting with finding beds and when available other household items. This is a terrific resource for the community and our work with those people in need. Temporary housing has always been an issue for those trying to help folks. When the shower is installed and the rooms supplied, this will be a wonderful gift. If any of this is a passion for you, call me.

*God's peace,
Avis*

MAKING DISCIPLES

Making disciples of Jesus Christ is not instantaneous. It does not happen by osmosis nor by the conjured wishes of well-meaning Christians. Making disciples takes work . . . Faith formation is a constant movement of God's people who are desiring and seeking God.

Faith formation is the work of small groups. Small groups are vehicles for those who desire God and who seek to be molded by God. This molding happens when people strive to strengthen their faith through prayer, Bible study, and Christian conversation. Small groups provide a place for this molding to take place.

- Vance P. Ross

Reminder: Book study groups on Tuesdays at noon and at 6 pm through the month of September. Time depends on the book you are reading. See calendar.

Church Council

Zion Church Council Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2015

Present: Janna McCormick, Gary Kirkpatrick, Sheila Kennedy, Paul Shearer, Michelle Sickler, Tami Conrad, Pastor Stan Hoobing, Tyler Gabbert, Gary Lunchman, Myrna Quale.

Pastor Stan led the council in devotions. He noted Pastor Will will be ordained on September 11, his wife Katie on Sept. 10. He also shared that he will providing an informational meeting for some individuals interested in Zion and the ELCA next week.

Minutes from the June Meeting were read and approved. Motion by Michelle, 2nd by Myrna.

Treasure's report was read and approved. Motion by Gary, 2nd by Sheila. There was discussion regarding the monies sent to Nepal, as it was \$762 instead of the \$1000 the council had approved. Janna will check on this and get back to the council. There was also discussion regarding Randy Unruh, (who is paid monthly to check the boiler) and if he is actually coming each month. Bill Miller will be asked to contact Randy and check to ensure this is happening as it is required by the state.

Committee reports~

Property and Management-Gary Lundman brought up a section of the lawn that is very uneven and asked for it to be leveled for safety. Motion by Sheila, 2nd by Paul to hire Paul Torres to even out the area. Someone will also look into the retaining wall as that is also an issue with mowing. It was also noted that Gary L., Avis and neighbors of the church helped clean up after the storm and there was no damage noted to the church.

Evangelism & Stewardship- Committee is working on a bulletin board entitled "God's Work Our Hands" which will be completed in early September. Also exploring projects for this emphasis.

Social Ministry- It was noted that Betty Mawby will need to be replaced on the committee as well as on the council.

Worship- No update.

Youth and Educaiton- There is a need for teachers for the upcoming Sunday School year, contact Cami White if you are interested. VBS—Badlands Ministries bill has been paid and current account balance is \$1,947.53. Three youth members received scholarships to attend Bandlands Ministry camp this summer. Rally Sunday is September 13th at 9 am. God's Work, Our Hands Youth Event is scheduled for that afternoon. Bible Sunday is September 27th and Don Idso will meet with these students in the afternoon. There will be a need for a first communion class in November. Final plans for 7th and 8th grade confirmation classes will be made after Pastor Will settles in.

Old Business:

Pulpit Supply for September was discussed. It was motioned by Janna, 2nd by Tami to approve the following for coverage for these 3 Sundays in September. Norm Unterseher (Sept. 6), Avis Anderson (Sept. 13) and Wendi Lewis (Sept. 20). Council also specifically approves Avis Anderson to preach September 12 & 13, along with nursing home service and coverage for funerals for the 3 week period from Pastor Stan leaving to Pastor Will beginning his duties at Zion. Motion by Myrna, 2nd by Paul.

An invitation to a celebration at Our Saviors Lutheran Church is Broadus was read, along with thank you's from Badlands Ministries and Lutheran World Relief for past donations.

New Business:

An update on Pastor Will and his wife Katie's orientation was given. Flowers will be sent by the congregation for the occasion. Pastor Will's first Sunday will be Sept. 27. The council will purchase a cake and there will be a potluck to welcome him to Zion. We may also do a pantry shower for the couple to assist them with their move to Glendive. Discussion regarding the sound system and it was decided that we will ask for volunteers to learn the system and be able to assist. Would like to add this to the Time & Talents questionnaire. Cammy will be notified to add this to the bulletin. People interested can contact Gary Lundman or Bill Miller.

Pastor Stan provided his monthly report to the council. He was commended on community outreach in Glendive during his time at Zion and thanked for his service to the congregation. A farewell potluck will be held on August 30th, and the council will order a cake.

All council members should receive a copy of Pastor Stan's Evaluation of Interim Pastor to complete and return to him by his last day, Aug. 30.



<u>Aug Statistics</u>	<u>Att'd</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Aug 1 Sat	12	12	235.00**
Aug 2 Mako	32	32	875.00**
Aug 2 Sun	84	81	4,696.00
Aug 8 Sat	10	10	520.00**
Aug 9Mako	18	18	200.00**
Aug 9 Sun	89	78	3,847.00
Aug 15 Sat	17	17	385.00**
Aug 16 Mako	33	26	525.00**
Aug 16 Sun	83	79	4,513.00
Aug 22 Sat	15	13	592.00**
Aug 22 Mako	15	15	195.00**
Aug 23 Sun	108	82	4,021.75
Totals	516	463	\$17,077.75

(**Separate offerings included in Sunday Total amount)

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August Memorials (7-29-2015 to 8-26-15)

Radio broadcast in memory of **Eldredge "EZ" and Lois Zolman, parents 75th Anniversary** on August 10th from Eula Langton

In memory of **Doug Anderson**

from Marian Chouinard for Loaves & Fishes
from Sharon Towberman for Loaves & Fishes
from Gladys Weigum for Loaves & Fishes
from Vance & Linda Vickers for Loaves & Fishes
from Georgina Hansen for Windows
from Orville & Donna Siegle for Undesignated
from Peggy Handtmann for Undesignated
from Sharon Allard for Undesignated
from Irene Androger King for Undesignated
from Carol Huhner for Undesignated
from Adam & Barb Gartner for the Window Fund

In memory of **Karen Coker**

from Marian Chouinard for Loaves & Fishes
from Gail Miller for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Karen Coker and Doug Anderson**

from Janet Meland for Loaves & Fishes
from Karen Schock for Undesignated
from Adam & Barb Gartner for the Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Lu Prescott, Bea Kalloch and Charlene Haugen**

from Ken & Myrna Quale for Loaves & Fishes

In memory of **Karen Coker and Doug Anderson**

from Neil & Cammy Oakland to the Bradn Buerkle Missionary Fund

To the Loaves and Fishes Fund

from Anonymous as thanks to **Sheila Kennedy &**

Bonita Jenkins

In memory of **Paul D. Anderson "Doug" and Patricia Mahlstedt**

from Karl & Madeline Overlie to the Dining Room Redecoration Fund

In honor of **Carmen Miller's birthday**

from Gary & Maureen Lundman for Quilters

In honor of **Marian Chouinard's & Carmen Miller's birthdays**

from Avis Anderson for the Quilters

To the Loaves and Fishes Fund

from Anonymous as thanks to **Sheila Kennedy &**

Bonita Jenkins

In memory of **Bea Kalloch, Charlene Haugen, Doug Anderson and Karen Coker**

from Avis Anderson for Undesignated

To the Loaves and Fishes Fund

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Bonita Jenkins

FOR THE RECORD:

July 2015 Treasurer 's Report

Income

Loaves and Fishes offerings	70.00
Misc Income	179.69
Sunday School Income	72.00
Tithes/Offerings	15,491.00
Youth Group	185.62

Total Income \$15,998.31

Expense

Benevolence (ELCA)	1,654.64
Dues and Subscriptions	21.60
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	<u>755.72</u>
Total Insurance Expense	<u>755.72</u>

Janitorial Expense	96.21
Landscaping Expenses	152.00
Loaves and Fishes Expenses	90.12
MDU	367.99
Mileage Reimbursement	91.09
Miscellaneous Expense	318.97
Mortgage (window dept)	415.00
Pastors Housing	450.00
Payroll Expenses	6,973.94
Postage and Delivery	550.02
Repairs and Maintenance	19.79
Sunday School	142.29
Telephone/Internet Expense	145.39
Wage Tax	769.86
Water	100.85
Youth Group Expense	<u>261.50</u>

Total Expense \$13,376.98

Net Ordinary Income 2,621.33

Net Income \$2,621.33

7/31/15 Statement Balance \$57,460.76

7/31/15 Savings Balance \$45,937.01

7/31/15 Mortgage (windows) Balance \$50,017.51

Pastoral Acts for August

Funerals - 3 Paul Douglas "Doug" Anderson - 8/4/15
Karen Coker - 8/6/15
Sharla Delle Schipman-Boese - 8/17/15

Baptisms - 0

Weddings - 1 Brittani Ekland & Dane Seborg - 8/1/15

Private Communion - 4

Other Communion - 24
(includes - Grandview and GMC Nursing Home)



It soon will be time for Sunday School to begin. Rally Sunday is set for September 13th. Parents are invited to attend with their children to meet the teaching staff.



September 13th

9 am Rally Sunday
2 - 4 pm All youth event for God's Work, Our Hands

September 20th

1:30 - 3 pm 5th/6th grade Youth Group
3 - 4:30 pm 7th/8th grade Youth Group

September 27th

10 am Bible Sunday
1:30 - 3 pm High School Youth Group



Clip and save, Youth receive a percentage of sales.



DCCH Senior, Brian Fulton, will be one of our Sunday School music leaders this year. We are excited for Brian to join us and share his joy for camp songs with us.

Youth Education Programs

- We plan to have a First Communion class for any youth that are older than 5th grade in November. 5th graders will have their class spring of 2016.
- Bible Sunday will be September 27th for 6th grade and older that have not received their Bible from the church yet. Don Idso will meet with this group that afternoon for a Bible retreat.
- 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students will receive information for their class time in October.

The Confirmation Creed

We believe that Confirmation is important.

We believe that it is the fulfillment of promises made by parents, sponsors and the congregation during a child's baptism. It is a critical time in the faith development of adolescents.

It provides students and families with a solid foundation that, in the long run, gives spiritual maturity, vibrant faith, and a spirit of compassion rooted in Christ's love.

It is an important step of a life-long journey that began in baptism and has no end.

It is a time where the Holy Spirit works through our young people and their families, making an impact in our congregation and our community.

It is a time when a young person makes their faith their own, affirming God's unconditional love for them in Christ Jesus as promised to them in their baptism.

It is a time of responsibility for both parents and students.

It is a time of fun, fellowship, learning, service, and prayer.

We believe that Confirmation is important.



Zion Lutheran
Church Women

Bible Study Circles:

Hannah/Dorcas: Tuesday, September 8th, 1:30 pm
Hostess: Carmen Miller - Fellowship Room

Sarah: Thursday, September 17th, 7 pm
Hostess: Verna Carpenter's home

Deborah: Monday, September 21st, 7 pm
Hostess:



Zion Lutheran Autumn Bazaar

Saturday, September 19th
9:30 am—2:00 pm

Join us for breakfast and/or lunch

Homemade cinnamon rolls

Pie & coffee

Lunch will be served

Handmade crafts & quilts

Delicious homemade bake sale items

Everyone welcome! Please stop by!

Zion Lutheran Church, 401 Riverview Ave,
Glendive MT

Note: *handicapped entrance is
on the lower level on Bakken Drive*



September book study:
Remember to talk to Avis if you have questions or need her to order books for you!

Tuesdays in September - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Flunking Sainthood by Jana Riess

6:00 p.m. - 7 p.m.

God, where are you? Practical answers to Spiritual questions by Enzo Bianchi

Contact me 377-2617, or aabgsky@midrivers.com,
or text 939-1421 or my loyalty box at church.

Peace, Pastor Avis

Order both books on Amazon.com but be careful when ordering the Riess book because there is another with the same title that is a year long devotion book.



September is God's Work/Our Hands month and we are looking for ideas of ways to help others. If you have something you need to have done or know of a chore that someone can do, please call the church office so we can make a list of work to be done. Volunteers are also needed and can call the office. Although the official date is September 13th, we are flexible on when the work is done depending on volunteer schedules.

There will be an opportunity for helping at Gazebo park and possibly the cemetery the weekend of Sept. 12th and 13th. Contact Don Idso if you would like to be involved.

Thank you,
Stewardship Committee

35th Annual
**BADLANDS
MINISTRIES
FALL EVENT**
Medora Community Center
Sunday, September 20, 2015

GET
READY!



Begins with worship at 11 am

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

*Prayers for our **youth** as they begin a new school year, for **parents and teachers** as they guide them and our **Sunday School staff** as we begin a new year too.*



Seek Me and live

Amos 5:4

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.