

ZIONEWS

September 2020

Zion Lutheran Church

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An active congregation of the Montana Synod of the ELCA

I usually find September to be a joyful time of year. Even though school begins in late August, I think of September as the beginning of the school year. Once we have observed Labor Day, we are into the school year, at least in my mind. This also brings beginnings in congregations. Sunday school usually begins in Sept. and the students are welcomed at Rally Day. We begin to plan for the upcoming holidays, and we put celebrations and curriculums and travel plans into perspective as we plan for another year of learning, worshiping and doing the work of God in this place.

It is different this year. We aren't really sure what to plan, and only know that those plans will probably change. But that urge to think of new beginnings is still within me, and I am planning for the coming school year even in the midst of uncertainty. Faith formation and worship are foundational in our lives, and we will be figuring ways to continue both of these things so that our community can grow in faith, fellowship and service.

I have often had a theme for the school year. Special occasions, sermons, children's sermons, and a display in the narthex reflect this theme. This year, I have decided that the theme will be 'Perception, Patience, and Perseverance.'

Knowing that our current state of affairs will continue, I have been praying for 'Perception, Patience and Perseverance.' I pray that I perceive things in ways that are honest and real and that I look closely at all that is going around me, in order to increase the chances that my perceptions are as close to true as possible. We all see things through the lens of our own experiences and values, so we see things differently, and that is normal. What is true for one may not be true for others, depending on their experiences and values. So I pray that my lens is a little less 'me' than it is 'us.' I also have been praying that I can be patient when we see things differently, since this can't be helped. And through it all, I have been praying for perseverance, asking God to help me be positive and hope-filled through all that is working to tear our nation apart.

I have a feeling I will add other 'P' words to this list as the year goes on, but these will be the main three that I will focus on. As I preach, as I teach, as I guide our congregation, I plan to do so with 'Perception, Patience, Perseverance.' We can make it through these uncertain times together, as we support each other, listen to each other, walk with each other and encourage each other. And when we do this with perception, patience and perseverance, we increase our chances of working together well now and maintaining a strong congregation into the future. We may begin things, only to have to suspend what we have begun. We may cancel things, and then realize that we over-reacted. We may try things that don't work as we continue to communicate through e-mails, words on paper, Facebook, Livestream and the radio. And with God working in our midst, empowering us to perceive carefully the risks and possibilities, to be patient with things we cannot control, and to persevere even when we are tired of the current conditions, I know that we can remain the strong congregation that we are; helping each other, Glendive, and the world.

Blessings,
Pastor Brenda

Perception
Patience
Perseverance

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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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2020 Zion Council Members:

Bill Miller, Interim President
Kevin Miller, Vice President
Janna McCormick, Treasurer
Leah Juneau, Secretary
Brian Cullinan Vern Deaton
Tyler Gabbert Gail Ring
Norm Unterseher Izabel Siegle
Kyle Voss Danielle Wold
Nancy Korb

PRAYER CHAIN

WE ARE A CONGREGATION THAT PRAYS FOR IT'S MEMBERS' NEEDS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE TALK WITH PASTOR BRENDA. IF YOU HAVE A REQUEST FOR PRAYERS, PLEASE CALL ONE OF OUR PRAYER CHAIN LEADERS:



CAMMY SUE OAKLAND —406-989-3491

AVIS ANDERSON—406-939-1421
PASTOR BRENDA—307-258-6149

THEY WILL MAKE SURE YOUR PRAYER REQUEST GOES OUT TO OUR PRAYER CHAIN.

KXGN 1400 AM: Services at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

Livestream: Service at 10 am each Sunday—go to our web page at Zionlutheran.us and click on the link at the top of the page for 'Internet Streamed Services.'

Check us out on Facebook at Zion Lutheran Church.

Furniture Room: Tuesday 2-4 p.m. and Saturday 11-3 p.m.
The Used Furniture Room was established in May 1997

Loaves and Fishes / Salvation Army: Monday 5-6 p.m.

2020 August Memorials

In memory of John McCormick
from Ed & Betty Lou Miller for the Loaves
& Fishes

In memory of Cami White's father,
Helmut Hintz from Janet & Marie Meland
for Undesignated

from Karen Schock for Undesignated

from Cammy Sue & Neil Oakland for Un-
designated

In thanks to Sheila Kennedy and Bonita
Jenkins from Anonymous to L & F

In memory of Verna Baisch, Joyce Kin-
sey and Barbara Gehnert from Dan &
Becky Schmidt for Loaves & Fishes

In thanks to Sheila Kennedy and Bonita
Jenkins from Anonymous to L & F

Baptism of Audrey Kate Leslie
Aug. 26, 2020



2020 August Statistics with COVID- 19 policies in place:

Pastoral Acts:

0- Weddings

0- Funerals

1 - Baptisms- Audrey Kate Leslie—08-26-2020

Communion - 4 (includes Grandview and
Nursing Home)

Private Communion - 13

Worship & Communion Stats

	Att	Com	Offering
Aug 2 Sun Mako	32	23	**
10am	40	39	3281
Aug 6 Thurs Eve	7	7	**
Aug 9 Sun Mako	21	21	**
10am	48	40	2770
Aug 13 Thurs Eve	13	13	**
Aug 16 Sun Mako	18	16	**
10am	36	36	3412
Aug 20 Thurs Eve	7	7	**
Aug 23 Sun Mako	20	20	**
10am	48	45	2787
Aug 27 Thurs Eve			
Aug 30 Sun Mako			
10am			

(**Thurs Evening offerings (**)) are included in
Sunday Total amount)



Zion Lutheran Council Minutes

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August 12, 2020

7:00pm Fellowship Room

Mission Statement: As a body of believers, created by God, redeemed by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to bear witness to God's love.

In Attendance: Bill Miller, Leah Juneau, Kevin Miller, Pastor Brenda, Vern Deaton, Gail Ring, Norm Unterseher, Kyle Voss, Paul Shearer

CALL TO ORDER: Bill Miller

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Brenda read Psalm 105

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Gail Ring submitted the meeting minutes in Leah Juneau's absence. Bill Miller made a motion to approve minutes as presented, Paul Shearer seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gail Ring made a motion to approve the report, Paul Shearer seconded the motion. Report approved as presented.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Brenda presented her report. She reports that with the 3 devices offered, the numbers are able to be kept low enough for everyone to be comfortable for the time being. We need to be leaders in following the health recommendations. Paul Shearer made a motion to approve the Pastor's report, Kevin Miller seconded the motion. The report was approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: The ZLCW Board has made the very difficult decision of canceling the 2020 Lutefisk Dinner due to the COVID-19 situation.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Gary Lundman is the mower for August. Gary also removed the Chinese Elm bush on the north side of the church. Ed Fink installed phase 1 of the east side sprinkler system. Steve Merrill, Vern Deaton, and Gary Lundman painted the building foundation on the east side.

PARSONAGE: The general contractor is done. The plumber will be in to install the sink, toilet, and faucets. The fridge still has an occasional leak and may need to eventually be replaced.

EVANGELISM & STEWARDSHIP: nothing to report

SOCIAL MINISTRY: nothing to report

WORSHIP: there has been an interest in keeping the 8am service after the Makoshika services end for the season.

SANCTUARY REFRESH: nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS: Vern Deaton made a motion to approve the replacement of Todd Vashus on the council with Nancy Korb. Kyle Voss seconded this motion. Motion was approved. Welcome Nancy!

NEW BUSINESS: We are once again needing to fill the position of Church Secretary and Youth Director. Our previous choice for secretary decided this just wasn't for her. Applications and interviews will continue.

ADJOURN: with no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Bill Miller.

CLOSING: the meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer and the mission statement.

NEXT MEETING: 09/09/2020

Youth News

Sunday School

Begins at 9 am Sunday Oct. 4

Meet in the Downstairs Fellowship hall for an introduction, then split up into age-based classes. Sundays will include singing, Bible story reading, and activities based on the readings for that Sunday's worship service.

We are in need of volunteer Sunday School teachers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Brenda at 307-258-6149. We would like to have enough teachers so that there is a team of teachers for each age group, allowing for teachers to share the load by alternating teaching Sundays.

If you would like to provide music for our Sunday School introductions, please let Pastor Brenda know. We would like to begin each Sunday with songs.

Age groups for Sunday School classes:

- 3-Kindergarden
- Grades 1-2
- Grades 3-4
- Grades 5-6
- Jr. High
- High School

Dates to keep in mind

October 4—Rally Day and 1st Day of Sunday School

December 20—January 3—No Sunday School

March 28-April 3—Holy Week

April 4—Easter

May 2—Confirmation Sunday

Remember when shopping at Reynolds Market to say "Shopper 7000" and a portion of your purchase will benefit Zion Youth Ministry.



Join us for opportunities for faith, fellowship and fun!

Our schedule is subject to change. Additional special events may be scheduled. Please check bulletin board, website, Zionews and calendar or Facebook for updates. Covid-19 directives from the CDC will help us to determine how we gather during the coming year.

Communication

Remember to like "Zion Lutheran Youth" page on Facebook to keep up to date on events. View Zionews and updates on our website at

zionlutheran.us. Check the youth table and bulletin board in the narthex for handouts and information.

Confirmation for 7th Graders

Confirmation Classes will be on Wednesdays, from 3:45—5:15. We will begin with a snack and then begin our time of learning. Please bring you Lutheran Study Bibles. Our first time to meet will be Wednesday, September 9. If you can help provide rides for students from school to the church, please contact Pastor Brenda.

July 2020 Treasurer's Report

Income

Misc Income	1,410.00
Tithes/Offerings	<u>12,299.10</u>

Total Income **13,709.10**

Expense

Advertising and Promotion	577.00
Benevolence (ELCA)	673.10
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	689.58
Health Insurance	<u>1,266.04</u>
Total Insurance Expense	1,49.62
Landscaping Expense	48.00
MDU	593.16
Mortgage (window debt)	474.94
Office Software	500.00
Office Supplies	716.17
Payroll Expenses	5,143.48
Pension	536.46
Pulpit Supply	200.00
Repairs and Maintenance	7.78
Telephone/Internet Expense	44.30
Wage Tax	277.51
Water	266.60
Youth Group	<u>38.00</u>

Total Expense **\$12,461.12**

Net Ordinary Income 1,247.98

Net Income **\$1,247.98**

6/30/20 Year to date Net Income \$7621.26

6/30.20 Statement Balance **\$54,658.98**

6/30/20 Savings Balance **\$107,917.53**

6/30/20 Mortgage (Windows Balance) **\$22,584.01**

Worship Update:

We will continue to offer 3 options for worship throughout the month of August.E

Thursday evening in the Prayer Garden: We will continue to worship at 6 pm in the prayer garden as long as the weather allows. When it is too cold, we will move to the upstairs Fellowship Hall. Bring a lawn chair for outside worship.

Sunday Morning in Makoshika: We have finished our time in Makoshika, but have decided to still offer a worship service at 8 am on Sunday mornings. We will worship in the Prayer Garden if weather allows, or meet in the front few pews in the Sanctuary. You may be asked to sanitize your pew when you leave so that everything is ready for the next worship service.

Sunday Morning in the Sanctuary: This worship service begins at 10 am. We have pews taped off in order to help us maintain the social distance that we need to maintain. This service is also on the radio and livestream, so you can worship at this time even if you choose to remain at home.

We have figured out ways to safely offer communion at each of these services, so you no longer have to bring your own bread and juice or wine!

For all who are not ready to join with others in worship, please contact Pastor Brenda. She has been delivering consecrated communion elements to people on Saturdays so you can take communion with us when we do so at worship on Sunday. Our Sunday 10 am worship service is on the radio at 1400 am and also on Livestream on our web page at www.zionlutheran.us. If you listen or watch, then you can take communion with us as we commune. We can still worship together, even if we are physically apart.



Upcoming Events:

The **Hannah Bible Study Circle** will meet on September 8th at 10 am. (the second Tuesday of the month). We will go over the Bible study for September that is in the Gather magazine. If you don't have a copy of the magazine, that is OK as we can print off the lesson. Around noon, we are going to the Senior Citizen's Center for lunch. If you want to join and don't have a ride, I can pick you up. Our group is small and we would LOVE to have you. You don't need a theology education to come as we are all learning things together. We aren't taking an offering, but if you go to the Center, you will have to pay for your meal.

Nancy Korb
406-939-3796

Sarah Circle will be meeting on Friday, September 18 at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Room. Maureen Lundman is the hostess.

Blessing of the Quilts: The Quilts made by our ZLCW will be out for display in the Sanctuary on September 27. As a part of this service, we will include the Blessing of the Quilts. After this, the quilts are ready to be sent to Lutheran World Relief.

ZLCW—Our Zion Lutheran Church Women will meet on Oct. 3 at 9 am to pack up the quilts and to assemble other kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. This time together will also include a Thankoffering Service. Light refreshments will be served.

Zion Lutefisk and Swedish Meatball Dinner - Due to Covid 19, we have decided that we cannot hold our annual fundraiser this year. Even though this is very disappointing, we know that we will resume the tradition again next year!

Thank You!

Thanks so much to Steve Merrill for working hard to organize the remodel of the upstairs bathroom in the parsonage. It looks beautiful and shiny and new!

Thanks to all who have mowed our church yard this summer. Our church property looks good because of all of your hard work.

Thank-you Susan Miller for being our interim Church Office Administrator for the months of May, June and July. We couldn't have made it through that time without you!

Thanks Marie Meland for being our interim Church Office Administrator. It was disappointing to learn that we are still in need of a permanent person, and you are really helping!

Thank-you Janna McCormick, Danielle Wold and Michelle Sickler for being the interview committee for our new staff members. This is a hard task, and you were dedicated!

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Fellowship time before and after worship: We are taking extra care to be COVID safe during these times. If you gather early or stay after worship to chat, be watchful so that people entering or leaving the sanctuary can do so with plenty of room. Also, please use a paper towel when pouring coffee to make sure the coffee pot is kept clean. The wearing of masks is most needed at this time.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

All of us! We have survived the first 8 months of 2020! We only have half as much of this year to endure as we have lived through so far! May there never be another year quite like this one! And may the remaining days be filled with joy, patience and

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) .