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ZION'S YOUTH MINISTRY

God's word plays a large role in ministering to our young people. Jesus had a great manner of leading and developing His disciples. More often than not He was teaching them. He was able to transform them through His word and His ways.

Our young people today are much like those disciples of Jesus. They encounter many challenges, judgments of their peers, and tests in today's world; tests of their faith, morals, and character. It is so easy to find the errors of their ways, but up to us as their mentors to guide them onto the right path, for they are capable and do SO many great things. Hebrews 12:6 says, "The Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." Our youth will encounter errors in their judgment, call it "learning lessons," but with our help, we can help shape the spiritual lives of our young people, and through God's word we can re-direct their lives.

Zion has not only an obligation, but a role in shaping the young people's lives. It is up to us to create an environment in our ministry where our youth actively live their faith. As role models for our youth we are building up their character, faith, and giving them the tools so they are equipped to live a life that God calls on them to live. Remember to support our youth, encourage them, and tell them to reach for those goals and dreams they have, and most importantly, help to guide them in their faith in the Lord.

God Bless, Tammi Czehura, Youth Director

Sunday School . . . Yes, it's important!

If you ask your child, "Why is it important to go to Sunday School?", I wonder what he/she might say? I asked my children, and as a mom and Sunday School teacher, I was delighted by their responses.

Learn about God and read the Bible.

Praise and worship God.

Spend time with friends that love God too.

Pray!

They get it! Note: Not one said "because we have to."

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 I see this as how we approach Sunday School. We are laying the foundation for, not only a child of faith, but a faithful follower for a lifetime.

Let's be real, Sunday School is not Disney Land, but we have a devoted group of teachers that care and make each lesson fun. It is truly rewarding to hear how a student talked about something discussed in class. The Faith Weaver material used in our program focuses on the same lesson for each age group. The take home sheets also have activities and discussion points for families to use at home. These are great ways to "weave" Sunday morning lessons into every day of the week. I encourage you to take a few moments and go through these items with your children to remind them that the same values apply at church and at home.

The Families, Congregation and Sunday School program at Zion are simply wonderful about supporting our youth as they grow in their faith. We can always do more, so consider how **you** could support the Sunday School program. Take a moment to thank a Sunday School teacher and let's celebrate our youth, not just in February, but every day.

See you in Sunday School! Cami White, Sunday School Superintendent

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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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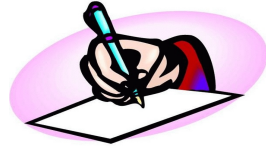
Ralph Lenhart

Cammy Sue Oakland

Sheryl Stansbury

Jerry Trangmoe

~ Across the
Pastor's desk ~



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 4th, 2012, at our 10 a.m. worship service, we will welcome new members to Zion Lutheran Church. If you have belonged to another congregation and would like to transfer your membership, please contact your former congregation so our church secretary can handle the paperwork. Or if you would like to become a member through affirmation of baptism, please contact Pastor Avis or the church office. We would appreciate some brief biographical information concerning you and your family to acquaint us with you. There will be one meeting before the 4th to discuss Zion congregation. If this is not a good time for you to join, be assured your presence with us in worship is a blessing and you are always welcome to be a part of this community of faith.

THIS & THAT . . .

Good annual meeting on Sunday January 22. We still are looking for 4 people to serve the church council. Must be able to attend meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month and you must be a member of Zion Lutheran. Terms are for 3 years. We really do need you. Our council numbers are at an all-time low. In order to get a quorum to do business we must have 7 people and there are times that is difficult to get. Pray about it.

Also need two people to serve as delegates to the Montana Synod assembly the first weekend in June in Billings. Your way is paid. Zion has not be represented for several years.

Readers for worship services are needed beginning in May and then over the summer. In June, July and August we need someone for the 8 a.m. service as well. Help us fill in the gaps.

Thank you and God's blessings – Pastor Avis

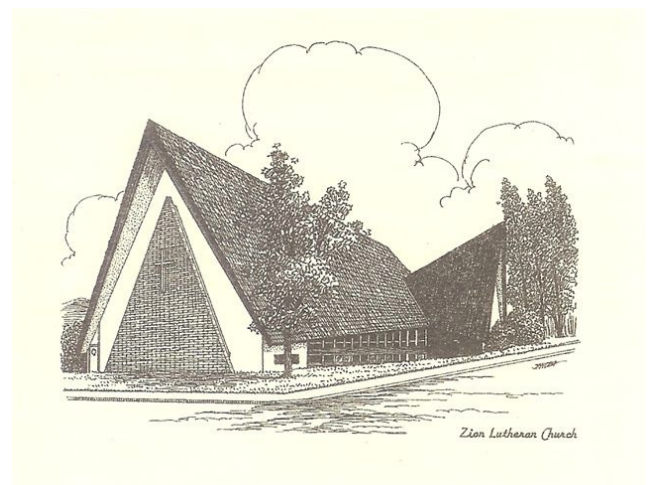


**GATE
sign-up
to work
our
booth**

**Friday, February 10th 9-6pm
Saturday, February 11th 9-4pm**

Glendive Agri-Trade Exhibition is Friday and Saturday, February 10th and 11th. This is the 8th year Zion has had a table at GATE. We need members to sign up for shifts throughout both days. Shifts are usually about 3 hours. We will have some drawings for people to register for and a few giveaways.

Thanks for whatever help you can offer.





CHANGE FOR HUNGER

The January Change For Hunger, \$43.29 was given to the our World Hunger. The February Offering will be given to Loaves & Fishes.

FOOD BANK NEEDS for February

We are seeing a significant increase in the number of those in need of our services here in Dawson County. We are distributing more than 75+ food boxes each month and we are dangerously low in staple items including canned fruit and vegetables, soups and chili, cereal, pasta, Hamburger Helper, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, ravioli, spaghetti and powdered milk. No one should have to go to bed hungry. You may bring your items to our food box at Zion or deliver them to the Assembly of God Church. Thank you for your support for local & world hunger causes.

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes

January 10th, 2012

The Zion Lutheran Church council met on Tuesday, January 10th, 2012. Those in attendance included Bill Miller, Steve Kaul, Cammy Sue Oakland, Sheryl Stansbury, Pastor Avis Anderson, Jerry Trangmoe, Don Idso, Bill Bunting, Sheila Kennedy and Ralph Lenhart.

The meeting opened with the approval of the minutes of the last meeting. Don Idso made a motion to accept; Bill Bunting seconded.

The bulk of the meeting was given over to the discussion of the 2012 Church budget which was presented by treasurer, Steve Kaul. December's figures showed a balance at the beginning of the month of \$9,200 with \$11,000 balance at the end of the month. With the windows project completed, it was noted there is \$45,000 left to pay. The congregation borrowed from itself through the Church Endowment Committee. A monthly mortgage of \$414 per month will be paid back to the Endowment fund.

Steve presented the budget beginning with these figures: \$196,801 was budgeted in 2011, the church spent \$182,000 and received \$167,810 in revenues. Each line item on the budget was presented. Giving to the Synod was increased to 8.75% up from 8.50% last year. A budget of \$202,178 was presented to the Council. The increase due to salaries and taxes. After discussion Bill Bunting made a motion to

approve the treasurer's report and the 2012 budget as it will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. Ralph Lenhart seconded the motion.

Pastor Avis continued with a brief devotion. Verses from Psalm 139 were read together, a reminder that God is at the end of all discussions and with us always. Following prayer, she gave her report for the month of December. There was some question about concerns of the congregation, but no one reported anything in particular at this time. The work of Loaves and Fishes and the Furniture Room was discussed briefly and very positive comments were heard. Youth report included the news that as many as 18 middle school youth are attending. They are interested in using the stage in the dining area for activities. Pastor Avis said she would approach the quilting group.

The Annual meeting, set for Sunday, January 22nd, 2012, was discussed. It was decided to ask for council members from the group gathered. Megan Gibbs Kubesh is interested in one slot. Four new members are needed. A decision about the Fair Booth was discussed. The Council decided if it became an issue at the meeting, a special congregational meeting would be called.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Cammy Sue Oakland made the motion to adjourn; Sheryl Stansbury made a second to the motion.

Acting Secretary

Pastor Avis R. Anderson

<u>Statistics for December</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Income</u>
Jan 1	95	88	\$3101.71
Jan 4	8	7	** 110.00
Jan 8	155	135	\$4643.91
Jan 11	7	6	** 5.00
Jan 15	117	106	\$2997.00
Jan 18	7	4	** 105.00
Jan 22 Annual mtg	115	106	\$2965.05
	Totals	507	452
			\$13,707.67

See Zionews in March for Jan 25th-31st

(**Wed Evening offering in (**)) are included in Sunday Total amount)

Youth News



Wow, I couldn't thank the congregation enough for their support of our wonderful youth. Youth group has been in full swing for months and has become a great way for our youth to spend their Sunday afternoons. I must give a big thanks to Cheri Weidner and her help fundraising during the Lutefisk Dinner; also a big thank you to Zion's women's group for their donation. It is very much appreciated!!!

February is known as Youth Month. It is going to be a crazy busy month for all of us.

February 5 – Super Bowl Sunday Subs and Cookies.

Youth please come at 8:00 am to help make subs. Subs and cookies will be available for pick up after the 11:00 service in the basement kitchen.

February 12 – Youth Group 2:00 – 3:30

February 23-25 – Red Lodge Ski Trip – If you have a child that would like to go please notify me ASAP to ensure seating and housing. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome to come!

February 26th – Youth Sponsored Coffee Hour....A Big THANK YOU to the congregation for their support!!!

Goodies, coffee, and good company ☺

Super Bowl Subs and Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies are for sale! They are new and improved with 3 kinds of meat, 2 cheeses, lettuce, mayo and mustard packets. Foot longs are \$10.00 and 6" are \$6.00. Contact the church office or Tammi Czehura by email or phone (tammi@buffalochip.us or 939-3295) to order. We are also selling chocolate chip cookies by the dozen for \$6.00. They will be available for pick up Feb 5th at 11:00 am in the kitchen. If you are unable to pick your order up, I will gladly make arrangements for delivery.

If you have a 6th 7th or 8th grade child interested in going on the ski trip please let me know ASAP. We would love to have him or her join us. For more information on the ski trip Feb. 23 – Feb. 25 please contact me

tamm@buffalochip.us.

God Bless!

Tammi Czehura

Youth Director

Contact: Tammi@buffalochip.us or 939-3295

PASTORAL ACTS:

Baptisms: 3

1/8/12 Tayt Jacob Obrigewitch

1/28/12 Shelby Ann Pare

1/28/12 Nicholas James Fischer

Weddings: 1 - 1/20/12 Justin Patrick Capes

Jessica Dawn Molitor

Funerals: None

Private Communion: 6 in January

Other Communion: 46 Total

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

FOR THE RECORD: December Treasurer's Report

Checking Acct. Balance as of 12/1/11	\$ 9,238.31
<i>General Fund December</i>	
Envelopes & Plates	+ \$ 16,674.55
Christmas Offering	1,880.00
Reimbursement from Youth	1,144.60
Church Usage	100.00
Reimbursement from ZLCW	154.76
Loaves & Fishes	400.00
World Hunger	20.00
STATE Fund Dividend	46.09
Adult Sunday School	6.00
Total Deposits for the Month	\$20,426.00
Transfer from Memorial (Windows)	2,172.00
Transfer from Savings (G.A.T.E.)	200.00
Transfer from Savings (Energy Audit)	892.46
Mortgage Loan from Endow for Windows	45,000.00
Total Funds Available	\$77,928.77
Expenditures for the month	
MDU	1,521.52
ELCA	1,437.34
Insurance	833.00
Snow Removal	165.00
Remaining Expenditures	13,955.50
Less Total Expenditures/month	- 17,912.36
Final Payment to Schwartz Construction	- 45,000.00
Checking Acct Balance for 12/31/11	\$11,016.41
<i>Savings Account for December 2011</i>	
Savings Acct Balance as of 12/1/2011	\$5,668.66
Transfer to checking from Savings	(1,092.46)
Interest earned	2.72
Total Savings as of 12/31/2011	\$4,578.92
(Designated savings fund)	\$ 3,457.46
(Non-Designated savings fund)	\$ 1,121.46

Memorials

In Honor of **Martha Hilger** from Robert & Connie Hilger for the Endowment Fund

In Memory of **Susan Nelson** from William and Martha Kelly for Sunday School

In Memory of **Jim Hoffman** from William and Martha Kelly for Sunday School

In Memory of **Pam Schmitz, Ron Kaufman, and Al Kaufman** from William and Martha Kelly for Windows

In Memory of **Violet J. Meland, Mom** from Janet Meland for Hymnals

in Memory of **William W. Meland, brother**, from Janet Meland for Hymnals

In Memory of **Zion Lutheran Women** who passed away in 2011: **Millie Chouinard, Pat Bell, Flo Vashus, Florence Hawley, Margit Bjerkreim, Susan Nelson, Jean Zeller, Grace Lunde, and Aleta Hegre** from the Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW) for Windows

In Memory of **Ivar Bjorland, Karl's uncle** from Karl & Madeline Overlie for the Dining Room Redecoration Fund

In Memory of **James Hoffman** from Karl and Madeline Overlie for the Dining Room Redecoration Fund

In Memory of **Loma Gilman, Rita Frank's mother** from the Korb Family for the Kitchen Renovation Fund

In Memory of **Gladys Larson, mother** from Jeanne Green for Windows

In Memory of **Susan Nelson** from Gary & Maureen Lundman for Sunday School

In Memory of **Bud Lohman and Loma Gilman, Rita Franks's mother** from Vance & Linda Vickers for Loaves & Fishes

In Memory of **Loma Gilman** from Thelma Berntson for Quilters

In Memory of **Loma Gilman** from Freda Haidle for Windows

In Memory of **Loma Gilman** from Jim and Marilyn Knapp for Windows

In Memory of **Loma Gilman** from Ralph & Shirley Lenhart for Windows

In Memory of **Jean Stahl, June Chapman's sister** from Martha Hilger for Sunday School

In Memory of **Arlene Kniepkamp, Barb Jessen's mother** from Ralph & Shirley Lenhart for Windows

In Memory of **Arlene Kniepkamp, Barb Jessen's mother** from Dale & Sheryl Stansbury for Windows

In Memory of **Renee Zinda, Arlene Kniepkamp, Barb Jessen's mother** from Neil & Cammy Oakland for Air-conditioning Fund



Events Coming Soon in 2012:

Winter Crafting Retreat

February 17 - 19

Lenten Retreat

March 17 - 18

Artistic Women's Retreat

April 13 - 15



The next regular ZLCW meeting will be on Sunday, **February 5, 2011 @ 11:00 am** following the 10 a.m. church service in Adult SS Room 205. All church women are invited and encouraged to be an active part of Zion's Women's organization.

Chancel Guild

Wednesday, Feb. 15th @ 2:00pm

Bible Study Circles:

Hannah: Tuesday, Feb. 14th @ 1:30 pm
Hostess: Dorothy Mathison in the Fellowship Rm
Dorcas: No Meeting in February
Hostess:
Deborah: Monday, Feb. 20th @ 7:00 pm
Hostess: Myrna Quale in the Fellowship Rm
Sarah: Thursday, Feb. 16th @ 7:00 pm
Hostess: Cammy Oakland, 206 Georgetown Dr.



**ZLCW February 12th
CONGREGATIONAL
VALENTINE
POTLUCK
AT 11:00 A.M.**



February is Youth Month!

We will be celebrating with special music and Zion Youth, age 3 through High School, will be involved in worship all month. Come join us for worship!

Greeters:

Feb 5th - Kindergarten

Feb 12th - Preschool and Pre-K

Feb 19th - 1st and 2nd grade

Feb 26th - 3rd and 4th grade

Offering 5th and 6th grade

Sweets for the Sweet Bake Sale

On February 12th home baked goodies will be available for a free will donation. All proceeds benefit VBS 2012. Please contact Cami White if you would be willing to bake goodies. Please have items at the church by 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 11th to be packaged for sale.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who have purchased cookbooks and cards in support of VBS 2011.

We still have many available!

VBS Planning Committee meeting Sunday, February 26th at 3:15 pm at the church. We are looking for volunteers for this committee!

Cut out and save

PLEASE NOTE FOR KITCHEN SUPPLIES NEEDED-

CALL DOROTHY MATHISON 365-3528 THRU MARCH while Esther Shearer is out of town.

ATTENTION: LOST & FOUND --

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX. After February 26th we will take what is useable to the attic and discard anything else.

THANK YOU.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Grandparents **Steve and Donna Merrill** on the birth of their first grandchild - a boy, **Eli Tristan** born to allen and Kaydie in Pine Bluffs, WY.

Tayt Jacob Obrigewitch who was baptized on January 8th.

Justin and Jessica (Molitor) Capes who were married on January 20th.

Shelby Ann Pare and Nicholas James Fischer who were baptized on January 28th.

GOD PAUSE: If you are connected to the internet, you may wish to be on our "GOD PAUSE" list. Most every day a brief message goes out with prayer requests from the church, a brief devotional, and announcements about church activities during the coming week. All we need is your e.mail address. Send it to zion@midrivers.com and Pastor Avis will add you to the list.

Please notify the office and help save postage return fees -

If your address has changed, or if you longer wish to be on our mailing list, we want to know that too. Please contact us by email at churchlady@zionglendive.com Or call the church office (406)377-3369. Thank you.

Let us know your children or grandchildren graduating, new babies, weddings, special anniversaries and other accomplishments and we will celebrate together. Please submit to churchlady@zionglendive.com or place a memo in Zionews folder in the church office by the 20th of each month (377-3369).