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GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me;
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and I know He watches me.

-Civilla Durfee Martin (1866-1948)
The Kingdom of God has come and we are its citizens

When I was working on my sermon for June 14th, I was pleased to run across a sermon written by the author Frederick Buechner about “the Kingdom of God.” He told of a day he was walking down the street in New York City. A black woman passed him and suddenly said, “Jesus loves you.” His sermon was a reminder that the Kingdom of God works in that way — small things, hidden things, outbursts of the Spirit.

“We cannot make the Kingdom of God happen, but we can put out leaves as it draws near. We can be kind to each other. We can be kind to ourselves. We can drive back the darkness a little. We can make green places within ourselves and among ourselves where God can make his Kingdom happen. . . The beautiful traffic surging all around me and the beautiful things that I could feel surging inside myself, in that holy place that is inside all of us. While there is still time. Pray for the Kingdom. Watch for the signs of it. Live as though it is here already because there are moments when it almost is, such as those moments in Tiananmen Square before the massacre started when the students were gentle and the soldiers were gentle and something so holy and human was trying to happen there that is was hard to see pictures of it without having tears come to your eyes. . . Turn around and believe that the good news that we are loved is gooder than we ever dared hope, and that to believe in that good news, to live out of it and toward it, to be in love with that good news, is of all glad things in this world the gladdest thing of all.”

Secrets in the Dark: a life in sermons by Frederick Buechner

As we read Scripture we hear a great many proclamations — from prophets and angels. All of it is “gospel” or “good news”, but the best news is “that the Kingdom of God” is here and it comes through Jesus Christ. In that time between Pentecost and Advent, we are called to declare the works of the Kingdom and do them. We read of Jesus’ ministry among the people and we know we are called to follow in his footsteps.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Bradn Buerkle, Lecturer in Church History and Ethics at Novosaratovka Theological Seminary in Russia, has offered to come and worship with us at our Wednesday evening service, July 22nd. Zion helps in sponsoring his work through the $1000 we raise each year through the Missionary Covenant Program. Rev. Buerkle’s home town is Plevna, MT and he spoke to us two years ago. His busy schedule at other churches will prevent him from a Sunday morning visit this year, but his time is worth our special effort to come out on Wednesday evening and welcome him and hear his stories of the Christian Church in another part of the world. We don’t have many opportunities to have contact with ELCA missionaries so I encourage you to come. We will stay in touch with Bradn in case his schedule changes.
Stephanie Ohs, Chantell Bury, Ashlea Duke and Derek Ohs for being chosen recipients of scholarships given by the Glendive Masonic Lodge Number 31, AF & AM.

Tim & Laurie Gibbs on the engagement of their daughter, Allison to Rick Wilson, son of Gary & Vickie Wilson of MN. An October wedding is planned.

Ashlea Duke & Derek Ohs for being awarded the Glendive Noon Lions scholarships for the 2009-2010 year.

Derek Ohs for being a triple winner at the Eastern A division track meet in Glendive.

Kailee Trangmoe, for being a member of the 5th grade basketball team that placed fourth at the Baker Jamboree in April.

On May 16th, at a track meet in Glendive for 9-14 yr olds, Shelbi Kaul received 4th for softball throw and 4th in standing long jump and 3rd in the 100 meter dash.

At the DCHS 2008-09 Spring Sports Award Dinner, held June 1st gave...

Ashlea Duke & Hannah Huschka receive Varsity tennis Girls Co-Captain awards.

Carly Selvig received a “3 Sports Award” for Volleyball, Basketball & Tennis.

Derek Ohs received Track & Field Boys Co-Captain Award, the MVP for boys track & field, a “3 Sports Award” for Football, Basketball & Track, a “7 Letter Award (2 football, 4 basketball, 4 track) and the Senior Athlete of the Year Award.

Taylor Conrad & Kailee Trangmoe for receiving BUG (Bringing up Grades) awards for the 4th qtr at Washington Middle School.

Dorothy Paulson, for having her son, Major Wayne Paulson selected to give the Memorial Day address at the Terrace Gardens in Billings.

Hannah Bogar who received the gold award for tap, along with her partner, Taya Torres at the Sidney Dance Talent Competition. She was also part of a larger group that received a gold award for tap.

LaDonna’s School of Dance earned many awards at the Spotlight Dance Cup in April. Participating and earning awards were Hannah Bogar, Aspen Gibbs, Carly Svenvold, Vail Gibbs, Samantha Hubbard, Brette Svenvold and Emily Quale.

Alexa Hubbard, Taylor Conrad, Cody Bilbrey, and Carson Oakland, for being awarded TIP Kindness awards at Washington Middle School for the month of April.

Barb Gartner on her retirement.

Staci Weidner for receiving a silver pin for her excellent service & projects with the Girl Scouts.

Don Idso on his retirement.

DCHS Honor Roll for the 4th Quarter:

Sophomores: Elizabeth Clapp (4 point), Trevor Conrad, Bailey Gibbs, Stefanie Huschka, Ashley Schwartz

Juniors: Cortney Bury, Ben Clapp (4 point) Jennifer Harpster Diedre Sickler, Mikka Wold

Seniors: Chantell Bury, Ashlea Duke (4 point), Hannah Huschka (4 point) Derek Ohs, Kylie Schwartz

Washington Middle School Honor Roll for 4th Quarter

Grade 5: Taylor Conrad, Samantha Hubbard, Carson Oakland, Kailee Trangmoe, Bret Vester.

Grade 6: Cody Bilbrey, Baylee Huschka, Zannelle Iwen, Tai Sokoloski,

Grade 7: Aspen Gibbs, Tanner Schwartz, Taylor Schwartz, Nathan Sickler, Dillon Smith, Olivia Vester

Grade 8: Riann Harpster, Alexa Hubbard, Brette Svenvold.

Hannah Huschka, who was awarded a DSU Foundation scholarship. She also received the GEA (Glendive Education Assoc) scholarship.
Zion Lutheran Church Family Bar-B-Que

Saturday, July 18th starting at 5 p.m. at Makoshika Park, the covered shelter.
Sponsored by the church council.
Menu is hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, s’mores, drinks.
Bring a stick to roast your marshmallows.
Utensils will be provided.

If you would like to make a donation or bring bars or salads let the church office know.
Guitars most welcome!
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 2nd, 2009

Pastor Ned Lenhart and a group of 20 young people from his church in Wisconsin are heading to Wolf Point to do a Mission Trip.

They will stop at the A-frame on Saturday evening and then lead worship at both services on Sunday morning. Because they need to get on their way north after church, I hope we can provide them all with a sack lunch to take with them. It is the least we can do and we know kids are hungry ALL THE TIME.

Sunday, September 20th

Will be our “Welcome back” Sunday. We will have an all church potluck at noon. Our guest preacher for that day will be Rev. John Allen, associate to the bishop. Pastor Allen served in Great Falls before joining the Bishop’s staff. This is his first trip to Glendive so we need to make him feel welcome.

Sunday, November 15th

Will be our Mission Sunday. Our speaker comes to us through “Food for the Poor”, a mission group which serves the Caribbean area and Central America. Our special offering will go to this region. A current mailing notes that in Haiti, one in eight children dies before their fifth birthday. “This is why I weep and my eyes overflow with tears. No one is near to comfort me, no one to restore my spirit.”

Lamentations 1.16

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Pastoral Acts

Private Communions in June: 16

Weddings: 6/6/09: Alicia (Gibbs) & Kelly Hansen
  (Blessing)
  6/20/09: Tami Miller & Mike Czehura

ONLINE FOR YOUNG WOMEN OF THE ELCA

GO TO boldcafe.org

Caféé is an award-winning Web-based magazine for young women who want to build Community, participate in Advocacy, strengthen Faith, and strive toward Enlightenment (CAFE!). It incorporates a Lutheran perspective for women of Christian faith or simply for any woman who is interested in how faith can relate to the issues that women face today.

Our readers include pastors, seminary and college students, and other young women who use Caféé as a Bible study resource individually or within their congregations. Many also use it to learn more about what the Lutheran church has to say about certain issues and to start discussions with friends or classmates.

Visit Caféé and sign up to receive e-mail alerts when new issues are posted. The monthly Caféé podcast is available here and through iTunes.

Don't miss the next issue!

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Council Meeting Highlights

Property: a outside sprinkler has been repaired, there is a leak from the rain on the north side of the narthex. The boiler pumps, primary & secondary are down. The lighted cross on the west side of the church needs to be replaced. The possibility of adding a nursery onto the back of the sanctuary is being discussed.

Social Ministry: Ken Thompson will help with managing the Loaves & Fishes Fund.

Education: 68 children from 3 churches attended Vacation Bible School.

A summer gathering for new members is being planned for Makoshika for July 18th.
It’s Summer and everyone’s schedules become much more fluid. You never know what is going to happen until it happens or so it seems.

I continue to be grateful for the faithfulness of this congregation in so many things. This may sound like a list for Thanksgiving day, but when God’s work is being done everyday is full of thanks giving. Allow me ~

for a church council faithful to the call of God to promote his kingdom in this time and place.

for a team of VBS planners and teachers who bring three congregations together to make memories for the children.

for our Used Furniture Room and the Loaves and Fishes fund where continual good work is done by those who work regularly on a volunteer basis.

for our beautiful Prayer Garden and flowers and bushes and lawn around the church and the people who love God’s creation and care for the trees, flowers and plants.

for the deacons who continue their routine throughout the summer assisting with worship and communion; the acolytes - both kids and parents.

for the continual work Janet and Maggie do to assist with the work of this congregation in worship, evangelism, stewardship, and social ministry.

for those who make Summer worship part of their weekly call to serve God.

for the Prayer Chain, the Wednesday morning prayer group, those who are on the e.mail list for devotions and prayer requests.

for the faithfulness of stewardship in giving to the work of the larger church of which we are a part; to special projects like our organ; to the care and keeping of the work of this congregation.

For all of this and so much more, we give you thanks, O LORD.

NOTHING TO DO THIS SUMMER? BORED? WELL, HAVE YOU TAKEN THE TIME TO:

[1] walk through the Prayer Garden;
[2] look at our web page;
[3] read the ZIONNEWS online;
[4] listen to a church service on our website;
[5] refer someone to our web page;
[6] invite someone to worship with us;
[7] attend services in Makoshika Park at 8 a.m. on Sunday mornings;
[8] attend a Wednesday evening service at 6:15 p.m.;
[9] attend worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday
[10] pray for someone on our Sunday prayer list;
[11] enjoy God’s wonderful creation during this Summer season;
[12] listen to a meadowlark’s song
Meet Logan
Travis Borst
Logan was in this year's First Communion Class & will be serving as an acolyte in July. He is the son of Travis & Julie Borst & has a sister, Steph and pets Speedy, Lucky & Tubber. His favorite subject in school is PE and he likes to play football and baseball. Logan thinks church and Sunday School is fun.

8th graders (to be confirmed in 2010)
Aspen Gibbs
Tanner Schwartz
Taylor Schwartz
Nathan Sickler
Carly Svenvold
Olivia Vester
Dillon Smith

7th graders
Cody Bilbrey
Aaliyah Marx
Travis Berreth
Zanelle Iwen
Tai Sokoloski

6th graders
Kailee Trangmoe
Samantha Hubbard
Bret Vester
Logan Borst
Taylor Conrad
Carson Oakland
Brian Fulton
Trei Sokoloski

5th graders - first communion
Derek Allison
Hannah Bogar
Christian Garcia
Shelby Pare
Jacob Rieger
Cheyenne Ryan
Ceeara Staiger

Our lists are constantly being altered to include new students and as families move away to take names off the roster.

Meet Brian Rosscall Fulton
Brian was in this year's First Communion Class and will be an acolyte during the month of July. He is the son of Ross & Kaari Fulton. He has 2 brothers, Lance & Matthew. He has a pet named Prisilly and he likes sports. His favorite subject in school is PE. Brian enjoys the snacks that Freida brings to church.
I want to thank everyone for the cards and prayers extended to me while going through treatments. I’d also like to thank Pastor Avis for visiting me in Billings, and all her calls and prayers. Everyone’s concerns mean a lot.
Sincerely, D’Lane Trangmoe

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

Zion Lutheran Church Council,
As you know, Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW) designated the proceeds of the 2009 Zion Zuper Zale for the “outside windows” project at Zion.
ZLCW extends it’s gratitude to all the members of Zion who contributed to the success of the Zuper Zale.
We are delighted to report that the net proceeds of the 2009 Zuper Zale are $1,835.93.
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Memorials

For the June 28th Radio Broadcast and for the Radio Fund in Memory of Mabel Awsumb from Carol A. Freiderichs.

In Memory of Ole & Bea Flekkerud for the Organ Fund from Their Family

For the Radio Fund from Adeline Ost

For Loaves & Fishes from Adeline Ost

For Loaves & Fishes in Memory of Bill Hoover (a cousin) from Lorin & Lilla Flesjer

In Memory of Donald Jones to the Organ Fund from Karl & Madeline Overlie

In Memory of Don Plagmann for the Organ Fund from Karl & Madeline Overlie

In Memory of Bill Hansen for the Organ Fund from Barbara Hansen

For Loaves & Fishes from Anonymous

In Memory of Donna Nesse for Sanctuary Windows from Charles & Helen Mason

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY
WAS MAY 17TH

Hannah Huschka, Derek Ohs, Kylie Schwartz
Ashlea Duke, Zach Rowe, Lance Haugen

Receiving their quilts from Zion’s Quilters