# **ZIONEWS** (Web Edition)

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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is both heartbreaking and infuriating. It causes deep sorrow, both for the initial loss of human life and for the deep and lasting damage to an ecology that provides life and livelihoods for so many of God's creatures. At the same time we grieve that the natural beauty of this region, a sign of God's marvelous creativity, has been defiled.

Moving to indignation and anger over the neglect and carelessness that led to this disaster, both in private industry and in government regulation, is understandable. However, to do so without recognizing the responsibility we all share -- as consumers of petroleum products, as investors in an economy that makes intensive and insistent energy demands, and as citizens responsible for the care of creation -- lacks credibility and integrity. An honest accounting of what happened (and what failed to happen) must include our own repentance.

Nonetheless, God remains faithful in restoring the creation and human community. Among the voices that despair and condemn, we have a witness of hope to proclaim.

First, God, who made the creation and made it good, has not abandoned it. Day after day God sustains life in this world, and the powerful vitality of God's creation, though defiled, is not destroyed. The life-giving power of God's creative goodness remains at work, even in the Gulf of Mexico. The Spirit will continue to renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104:30, as we just sang at Pentecost). All who care for the earth and work for the restoration of its vitality can be confident that they are not pursuing a lost cause. They serve in concert with God's own creative and renewing power.

Moreover, the human family need not drown in a flood of suspicion and recrimination that is more toxic and more lasting than the oil that floods the Gulf can ever be. The cleansing waters of baptism in Christ -- who died not for the righteous, but for the unrighteous -- bring forgiveness and reconciliation with God. In this reconciled life with God we have the freedom to move beyond mutual condemnations and hostility to give a powerful witness of a reconciled community that lives in service of the creation and the neighbor. By refusing to surrender to the toxicity of recrimination, we can convince others that they can join us safely in the life and service of this community.

Responding to a challenge of this size and complexity will call upon countless insights and skills, embodied in hundreds of occupations and trades, and upon the collective strength and will of us all. God's Holy Spirit has abundantly blessed the human community with the gifts needed to do this work. We can do it with sober confidence, good will and even joy.

There are times for mourning and for repentance, as well as for reconciliation and commitment to the creation's care. They come at different moments for different people. As you serve in your communities, I commend to you resources for worship, study and action that express the hope of Christians who see God's creative goodness, Jesus' forgiving reconciliation and the Spirit's abundant gifts for service. This is a moment when the human community needs to hear a word of true hope, and we have one to speak.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

- Psalm 145:8-9

In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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HAPPY FOURTH

of

JULY



### **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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#### ZIONEWS JULY, 2010

# ~ Across the Pastor's desk ~



Our retirement party for Janet Meland was a joy – to celebrate with her and to have such good fellowship on a Sunday morning. Thank you, all who were a part of that special day.

We also need to recognize two other ladies who have stepped back from their many years of service to the church – Lee Donnelly in singing in the choir and playing for church on Sunday morning and Freda Haidle for her years of caring for the plants and flowers both inside and outside the church.



Their service has always been a quiet one. They have just done what God called them to do. Lee's love of music has been evident since she and Nick first came to Glendive. She played for many years at Makoshika Park services and at our first service; she played the guitar at opening worship; she

sang in the choir; and she has accompanied for choir as well as played for funerals. Lee has been faithful.

Freda thinks she has taken care of the flowers and plants at Zion for about 29 years. If you ever watched her at work with the plants, she has a real sense of God's creation and the mystery and wonder of living and growing things.

Plants do well for Freda. It is as if they know she is someone who is God's instrument in making this a more beautiful place in which to live. Freda has been faithful.

Our thanks as Zion Lutheran community of faith for the wonderful work these women have done over the years. We have been richly blessed. And God bless all of you out there who are servants of God in the area that speaks to you – leadership, caring for others, teaching the children, working with youth, mission and outreach, worship and music, building and maintenance.

### Report from the Synod Assembly

Attending the Montana Synod yearly assembly is vital to the nurturing of our congregational life. At the assembly, delegates, both pastors and lay delegates, are challenged to take the word of faith seriously. We are called as God's people to live that life wherever we find ourselves. A few reminders from the 2010 assembly in Billings. (Thanks to Dan and Nancy Gerike for being this year's delegates. Be a delegate. Great Falls in 2011)

1. Recognition of the Lay Pastoral Associates' program is a reminder of the responsibility lay people have to uphold the life of the congregation in which they worship. The classes offer a "growth in faith" element which strengthens personal spirituality regardless of what you do for your church. Eastern Montana congregations have found the LPA program vital to maintaining the congregations of this region. Pastors do not readily choose a parish in Eastern Montana and lay pastors have been a "life-saver" to congregations everywhere. This is not, however, the direction of the classes, only something that may grow out of the experience if you desire. Zion needs people in the LPA program. With only one pastor, we need individuals to step forward and be a part of our ministry in this time and place. Classes are on week-ends and are only twice a year.

- 2. The ELCA is encouraging the wider church to begin including people under the age of 35 to be actively involved in the leadership roles and life of the church. Whether it is in the kitchen, working with missions, building and maintenance, church council, we need you to point out young men and women to serve as delegates to conferences, to represent us at various meetings and to work for the good of our congregation.
- 3. The Book of Faith initiative is being encouraged throughout the church. Bible Study and education is vital to our growth in faith. Zion will do a Book of Faith study in the fall, in September, on stories from Genesis. It will run on four Tuesday mornings or four Wednesday evenings after church, depending on your choice. If participants like the study we will continue to offer the studies throughout the year.
- 4. Growing in God's Field is beginning its third year. Located in Helena, the Montana Synod offers this evangelism event October 8-9, 2010. This year Zion Lutheran has been asked to present a sectional on rural ministry, what are we doing in the far-flung reaches of Eastern Montana. We have also been asked to bring a table centerpiece with the theme of sunflowers involved. I don't want to do this alone and would deeply appreciate some assistance both in presenting as well as putting together the centerpiece. Yes, it is time out of your busy days, but we have something to offer that others should hear and we will learn from others visiting and at workshops. Please consider making this part of your fall schedule.
- 5. *The Lutheran* magazine was represented at the assembly by the editor of the magazine. I had an opportunity to visit with him and he had high praise for Zion and our commitment to providing The Lutheran to a large number of our members. This magazine comments on world religions, has timely articles and studies, including news from the Montana Synod, as well as many thought-provoking opinions.
- 6. One speaker at an evangelism workshop I attended noted that 65% of all people looking for a new church go to the web first. Zion's website is <a href="www.zionglendive.com">www.zionglendive.com</a>. Check us out. <a href="Page 3">Page 3</a>



My greatest thank you to those who had me in their thoughts and prayers. I am doing great and thank everyone from the bottom of my heart. Sharon Christensen and Family



#### Former member holds National Office

Kristine Peterson, daughter of the late Clifford Peterson and Carol Peterson, who resides at Extended Care, and sister of Laurel Dassinger of Glendive, was recently elected the National President of the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses at their convention in Washington, D.C. Along with some 7,000 nurses, Laurel attended the convention and saw her sister assume her new position.

Kristine is a clinical nurse specialist at Aspirus Wasau Hospital, Wasau, Wisconsin and brings more than 30 years of critical care nursing experience to the organization's presidency. She joined the AACCN in 1981.

Her theme for her tenure as president is, "Stand Tall." The national newsletter of the AACN quotes Kristine, "AACN's story is of a community that has always stood tall. We're organized. We're bold. We're clear about our contributions to patients, to nurses and to health-care." Peterson challenged the audience to deliver on the promises nurses make to themselves, their patients and their patients' families, saying the foundation of these promises lies in the deep conviction nurses have in their personal mission and professional obligations. "Let's be proud of what we do," said Kristine.

Kristine is a graduate of DCHS and St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, one of the colleges of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.. Her parents and sister have been long-time members of Zion. Kristine was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive.

(Information from the newsletter of the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses and Carol Peterson, mom.)

#### FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR JULY

#### Dawson County Food Bank Report

With the assistance of ACTION for Eastern Montana, the Food Bank is operated by the Assembly of God church with Pastor Brad Kelly. Your donation of food may be left at Zion in our Food Bank box at the church. Sharon Batterman picks up the food and delivers it to the Food Bank. If you want to handle your own food, it may be left at the Assembly of God church.

The Food Bank is located at the Prairie Economic Development Center behind the KXGN building. It is open the third Thursday of each month from 1-4 p.m. According to the last report, approximately 40 people receive food baskets on a regular basis. Emergency food baskets number approximately 15 per month. Food is also shared with the Mental Health Agency and Boys and Girls Club. Some commodities come through the Montana Food Bank System.

The Food Bank continues to be a necessary outreach in Dawson County. Thank you for your efforts. Pastor Avis serves on the Food Bank Board.

#### **CHANGE FOR HUNGER**

The June, Change For Hunger, \$25.69 was given to the Loaves & Fishes.. July change will be given to World Hunger. Thank you for your support for local & world hunger causes.

# **Nurse's Nook - from Sharon Allard Blood Pressure & Low Fluid Intake**

As the heart contracts and relaxes, circulating blood exerts pressure on the inner arterial walls. Blood pressure measurement indirectly reflects this pressure and provides information about arterial resilience and resistance, cardiac output, circulatory status and fluid balance. Low amounts of oral fluids ingested may increase or lower blood pressure. Adequate intake of fluids can only be proven by drinking from a quart or larger container to document the amount. Taking medication for high blood pressure and low intake of fluids may cause light headedness and a faster pulse. If the drug is excreted by the kidneys, drug concentrations in the elderly may rise to toxic levels due to poor fluid volume. Water is needed to help the kidneys excrete the medication. Drinking water is the best fluid.

# "MISSION MOMENT"

Some pastors in North America serve multipoint parishes, spending sometimes hours on the road between congregations, even on Sunday mornings to get to the next place in time for worship. This is not always easy, especially if you factor in all the time spent behind the wheel and in all kinds of weather.

In some parts of the world, some parishes encompass dozens of congregations: pastors may have to travel by motorbike or on foot, and each congregation in the circuit may only get a visit every few months because of great distances.

In parts of Sabah, East Malaysia, pastors of the Basel Christian Church of Malaysia serving among the Murut indigenous population often have to travel distances in their parishes. For some, this involves using a boat on the rivers.

The Rev. Mathius serves a parish centered around Pagalunggan, not far from the border with Indonesia. One of his congregations is an hour away — by boat. Sunday after Sunday, and even on weekdays, he plies the river in his boat, surrounded by virgin rain forest.

It's not as easy as it sounds. The river has rapids, rocks, and other obstacles. Usually one needs a "pilot" at the front of the longboat to check on water depths, considering the changing water volume during the course of the year. One has to not only protect the boat, but also protect the precious outboard motor.

The Rev. Mathius has to know the river well to travel safely. There may not be time to enjoy the scenery. But this is where his ministry lies, his commitment and passion.

#### Y. Franklin Ishida

Director for Asia and the Pacific, ELCA Global Mission

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### **Youth News**

Summer please slow down so we have time to smell the flowers and enjoy the beauty God Has created..

Zion youth have enjoyed Vacation Bible School and Bible camp at Badlands Ministries over this past month. We are very excited to have helped 4 youth attend Bible camp this summer.

Zion Youth would also like to extend a big THANK YOU to all our Albertsons's and Reynolds community partner members. The benefit from these cards to our youth department is truly a blessing. If you do not have one of these cards or are not aware of what this involves please feel free to contact the youth office or Pastor Avis and we will be more than happy to explain it to you.

We are happy to report that our Compassion sponsor child, Wendy celebrated a birthday In June, and sent us a wonderful letter about here life in her country. I in turn sent her a letter with pictures of our youth group and information on our church and our town. We have an informational poster and donation jar set up in the church vestibule for those of you wishing to learn more about this special you lady or to help us in supporting her. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this wonderful child.

Please remember to enjoy each new day that God bestows on us and pass on God's blessings to those you meet everyday.

Cheri Weidner

Youth Director

July Birthday greetings: Samantha Hubbard July 8<sup>th</sup> Breighton Melarcheck July 17<sup>th</sup>

Carly Svenvold July 18th

Nathan Sickler July 23<sup>rd</sup> Alex Burlison July 30<sup>th</sup>



Badlands Ministries Staff Cames to Glendive for VBS 2010

### Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Approximately 75 students experienced a special fun packed worship week at Zion thanks to the generosity of many people. Thank you to all who helped in any way, funds, food, materials and volunteering help, etc. It was a huge success.

FOR THE RECORD:	May	Treasurer's Report	
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Checking Acct. Balance as of 05/1/10	\$ 10,037.34	
General Fund May Envelopes & Plates	+ \$ 21,820.80	
+ Other deposits	453.77	
Total Deposits for the Month	\$ 22,274.57	
+ Trans. From savings Gate/Ag101 Speaker	150.00	
Total Funds available	\$ 32,311.91	
Less expenditures for the month	- 14,899.67	
Transfer to Savings	- 2,412.24	
Checking Acct Balance for 5/31/10	\$ 15,000.00	
Savings Account for May 2010		
Savings Acct Balance as of 05/1/2010	\$ 25,769.46	
Transfer from checking	2,412.24	
Total Savings as of 05/31/2010	\$ 28,181.70	
(Designated savings fund)	\$ 11,988.16	
(Non-Designated savings fund)	\$ 16,193.54	

Statistics for June			
<u>Date</u>	Attendance	Communion	Income
May 26	7	7	
May 30	132	122	\$2996.50
June 2 Prayer Grp	9	9	
June 2 Evening	8	7	
June 6 Makoshika	25	25	
June 6	94	84	\$4090.02
June 9 Prayer Grp	10	10	
June 9 Evening	12	12	
June 13 Makoshika	19	19	
June 13	105	93	\$3376.00
June 16 Prayer Grp	8	8	
June 16 Evening	9	9	
June 20 Makoshika	38	35	
June 20	110	101	\$2639.00
June 23 Prayer Grp	8	NC	
June 27 Makoshika	21	21	
June 27	82	71	\$1810.95
See August Zionews f	or 6/30		

Ministerial Acts:

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Baptisms: 1

June 20<sup>th</sup> Berkley Parker Czehura

Funerals: 3

Darrell Lee Reiter 6/22 Lee James Newton 6/24 Raymond Iver Herigstad 6/25

Private Communions: 3

Other Communions: 40 (includes-Grandview,

Heritage, GMC Nursing Hm, EMVH)

Wedding: 1

June 19<sup>th</sup> Kendra Logan Nichols

and

Dustin Allen Ray Quillan

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# ZIONEWS July, 2010 Memorials

To the Memorial Committee for the Building Fund from Anonymous

To the Radio Broadcast Fund from Adeline Ost

In Memory of Myrna Quale's father to Loaves and Fishes from Rod and Verna Carpenter

To the Radio Broadcast Fund from Adeline Ost

In Memory of Ray Herigstad for the Building Fund from Freda Haidle

In Memory of Raymond Herigstad for the Elevator Fund from Mable Kolstad

In Memory of Archie Stabio, Myrna Quale's father, Lee Newton and Ray Herigstad for the Building Fund from Neil and Cammy Sue Oakland

In Memory of Robert H. Garmoe for the Building fund from his wife Jean Garmoe and Family

In Memory of Bob Garmoe and Ray Herigstad for Loaves and Fishes from Evelyn Gehnert

In Memory of Ray Herigstad for Loaves and Fishes from Calda and Bland Lunde

In Honor of Freda Haidle's Birthday for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Radio Broadcast from Anonymous

In Memory of Family Loved Ones for the Church Windows from Freda Haidle

In Memory of Lee Newton for the Church Windows from Freda Haidle

In Memory of Archie Stabio, Myrna Quale's father for Church Windows from Diane Harvey

In Memory of Archie Stabio, Myrna Quale's father for Church Windows from Jim and Marilynn Knapp

Carrie Thorson, a former Zion member will be celebrating her 100th birthday on August 15, 2010. If you would like to send her a card congratulating her:

congratulating her:
Carrie M. Thorson
511 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW Apt. 2
Mandan, ND 585543063

Carrie still lives on her own, drives in Bismarck and Mandan, quilts at her church, sews at home and crochets hats for the churches and Salvation Army. (Which she sent Zion a bunch last Christmas for our hat & mitten tree) She hasn't forgotten Zion.....

## Find Peace

at the



# Heavenly Harp Concert

The Heavenly Harp duo, featuring harpists, Karin and Joy Gunderson, will be giving a concert Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, 6 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive. Joy Gunderson, at age eleven, was already performing the Handel Harp Concerto; and now at age nineteen, as one of the top three harpists in the Phoenix, AZ metro area, plays with professional mastery and sensitivity that will truly inspire you. Joy is has just finished her Freshman year at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN where she studies harp with the Minnesota Orchestra harpist, Kathy Kienzle, who has won numerous awards in teaching harp. Enjoy a combination of harp duets, solos, inspirational stories from Karin's work as a hospice harpist and peaceful music featuring flute, and vocals along with harp.

One recent concert attendee exclaimed, "Heaven can't be much more beautiful than this!" There is no admission charge; offerings are accepted. For more information, contact Zion Lutheran Church at 406-377-3369 or view their Web site www.HeavenlyHarp.org

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# Zion Lutheran Church Women

ZLCW ladies have been checking their numbers of diapers for the layettes and have found 45 sets of 4 needed for each layette are missing. (That's 15 dozen at approximately \$15/doz) We need your help in making up this loss. Will you please help us replace these ??? diapers?

ZLCW Business Meetings, Chancel Guild, Bible Study Circles and Quilting Group take June thru August off.

ZLCW Business meetings: starting in September 2010, the meetings will be held after church services @ 11:00 a.m. Due to Labor Day, we will meet on Sept. 12, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m. All Zion Lutheran Church women are welcome to come.

Sharon Allard

### **To Thrivent Members:**

Recently(April 19-May 21, 2010) you were encouraged to vote on where to distribute \$1 million. Thrivent Choice Funds were distributed to the organizations based on the percentage of votes they received. A total of 150,199 members voted. If 350,000 members had voted the amount of funding would have doubled! The funds were dispersed as follows: LCMS World Relief and Human Care \$192,122 Lutheran Disaster Response \$147.242 ELCA World Hunger \$145,345 Habitat for Humanity International \$114,212 LCMS World Mission \$112,315 Feed My Starving Children \$99,465 American Heart Association \$67,854 WELS Committee on Relief \$57.281 WELS Humanitarian Aid Committee \$32, 987 Lutheran Malaria Initiative \$ 31,176

Thrivent Financial will launch a second aspect of Thrivent Choice later this summer called Choice Dollars. Here, eligible benefit members will be able to help direct funds to thousands of Lutheran nonprofit organizations, including Lutheran congregations. Be sure to cast your vote later this summer.

### LUTHERAN WOMAN TODAY SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Third Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. July, August

Patience in Prayer
Power in Prayer
If you do not receive LUTHERAN WOMAN
TODAY magazine, call the church office at 3773369. The Bible Study is contained in the
magazine. We will be glad to make you a copy.
Led by Pastor Avis.

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### Book of Faith - Bible Study

Do you want to learn more about the Bible and the stories you have heard over the years? Do you want a deeper understanding of the Word of God?

This fall we will become involved with the **Book** of **Faith** study that is spreading throughout the Lutheran church in America. We will begin with a four-week session in September entitled: A Gardner, Two Travelers and a Cheat (Adam, Sarah and Abraham, and Jacob) – an interesting title for a look at some of the stories in Genesis.

The sign-up sheet will be in the narthex over the summer. Sign up for a Tuesday morning session or Wednesday evening in September. We will need to have five people in order to have a session. There is a cost for materials, from \$4-\$6 depending on how many we purchase.

If there is an interest, further studies will continue throughout the year. I am looking for leaders to assist with these sessions. The preparation material is easy to use and usually sessions are from 3-8 weeks depending on the study.

### "ZION RELAY FOR LIFE"

Team Zion is still looking for people to walk the Relay for Life. Relay is July 23rd (the 4th Friday instead of the 3rd as it usually is) this year. If you or someone you know would like to register please contact Cami White at 377-2151. Our primary fundraiser is selling raffle tickets for 15 prizes. If you would like to buy a \$5 raffle ticket for the cause that would be a great help. Please contact any of these church members: Cami White, Carole Dick, Michelle Sickler, Cammy Sue Oakland, Maureen Lundman, Norman Unterseher. We will have a sign up sheet for walking times if you would rather just come and walk for a while. We all know this is a great cause and just getting involved (even just a little) will do great things. Thanks so much! Cami

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### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Buck Pulse graduated on May 1, 2010 from MSU-Billings College of Technology with a Computer Programming & Application Development degree. (Son of Kelly R. and Virginia (Ginger) Pulse, grandparents are Marvin and Betty Tweet, Aunt Kaye in Glendive.)

Evan Miller, (Kevin and Susan Miller's son) made the Dean's list his final semester at Presentation College in Aberdeen, SD.

Thomas Hoiland, (Tom and Joy Hoiland's grandson) made the Dean's list his final semester at MSU-Bozeman, MT.

Rich Lindgren on his 40<sup>th</sup> year of coaching tennis at DCHS. He had a stellar year, again. Stefanie Huschka, Katie Turner and Carly Selvig were part of the Girls' Team that took State.

Jackie and Bob Schlicht great-grandparents to Joseph Abel Kelley, 8lbs 10 oz., born June 9, parents Joe & Amy Kelley. Joe is Vikki's youngest son.

Martha Hilger's grandson, Nelson Hilger married Mandy Wilson in Miles City, MT on June 26th.

Martha Hilger's grandson Ward Hilger will marry Heather Hansen in Jamestown, ND on August 28th.

(Let us know your children or grandchildren graduating, new babies, weddings, and other accomplishments and we will celebrate together.)

[If you know items of interest which should be posted on this page, please submit to churchlady@ zionglendive.com or place a memo in Zionews folder in the church office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month (377-3369).]

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