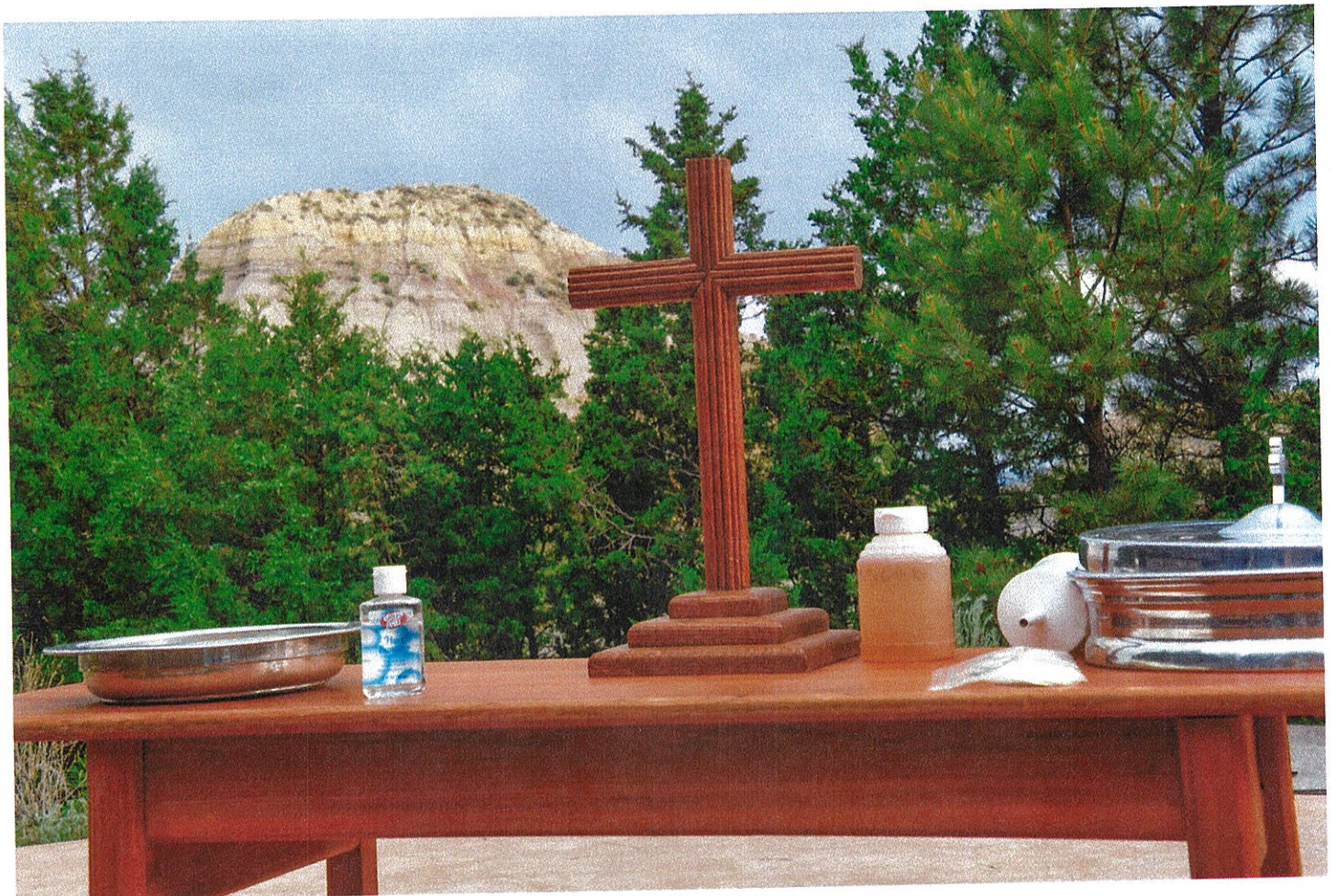


ZIONEWS

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From the Pastor

Have you noticed it's been hot? HOT!! Not that I'm complaining but it does make me concerned for people who don't have air conditioning or someone to watch out for them. So be aware, keep your eye out for anyone in need. I don't think it would hurt if we prayer for some relief from 90+ weather, we have farmers to care for you know.

Prayers: We have all been grieving for the loss of Gary Lundman. Please remember the family and each other as we adjust to this loss. And remember Bruce Clausen at the death of his brother Brad. We also continue to pray for Hayden Smotherman from Jordan. She's the 13 year-old friend of Jessa, Kevin and Susan Miller's grand-daughter. Hayden suffered a head injury and has been in Salt Lake City for weeks. The last word we received was that she was improving and should be coming home, treatments in Billings. The family heartily thanks us for our prayers and asks us to continue! You are invited to come Wednesdays at 10 for prayer time.

Other news – Thrivent members: talk to a Council member about accessing your Thrivent gift cards that can be donated for Loaves and Fishes. The need for food supplements is growing and I don't think there's any extra summer programs for feeding children while they're out of school. Remember what Jesus said about feeding the hungry – it's like feeding Him. "Do this as you would do it for Me."

A reminder for anyone who has to go to Billings for medical issues; Luther's Lodge is an economical housing option. See their web site or the information on our News Boards. Pastor Darren Paulsen from their Board will be with us Sunday, September 6 to give us an update on their ministry and new location, at First English Lutheran Church, across from St. Vincent's Hospital, which will open the end of the year. See [St.John'sUnitedLuther'sLodge](#) or call 406-256-5756 for rooms and rates.

I'm starting a Monday morning, 10am, hour long Bible study on August 3, on the upcoming Sunday texts. The Ministry staff will use this as a text study for preaching, and all are welcome to join us. If you've ever felt overwhelmed by all the readings on Sunday mornings, join us for an overview and conversation. It will enhance your Sunday worship experience and you might learn something, too!

In our Library I found a couple of resources that I'd like to use for a Women's Retreat, Saturday, September 26. "Kindred Sisters, New Testament Women speak to us today". Also the Zion archives have an amazing booklet of the history of our WELCA from the beginning. More details to come in the September newsletter.

WELCA Synod Convention and Gathering is in Billings at St. John's Lutheran Ministries, Friday and Saturday, October 2-3. This should be a great opportunity to hear Dr. Jacqueline Bussie and Myrna Wells-Ulland, WELCA Church-wide President. Also women from all over the state and northern Wyoming. Rooms at Sure Stay Plus by Best Western. See the poster on the poster board in the Narthex.

An August overview of Sunday scriptures sees the feeding of the 5 thousand; Jesus walking on water, (and Peter, too); a Gentile woman's daughter healed; the faith question, "Who do you say that I am?"; and Jesus foretelling his sacrifice to come, and putting Peter in his place, (and ours), following Jesus. If you want to go deeper, come Mondays in August at 10 for an hour of discussion and coffee. Will you come if I bring donuts?

Blessings,
Pastor Linda Rose

Lutheran World Relief Kits

The ZLCW is continuing to gather items for the Lutheran World Relief Kits which will be assembled in October for shipment. Please consider donating dark hand towels and regular size Ivory soap bars in the blue laundry basket in the narthex. Many thanks for your generosity!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is Almost Over!!

August is here and with that comes the end of summer vacation & the start of the new school year!! Prayers for those who are finishing up their summer travel. Prayers for all our educators, school staff, administrators & families.

August is our last month for summer services in Makoshika. Such a beautiful space for summer worship! If you haven't been up there up for an 8 a.m. Sunday Service, I would encourage you to give it a try!!

We are truly a Blessed congregation! It is such a blessing to have Pastor Linda among us here at Zion. She is truly a breath of fresh air!!

Please continue to keep in your thoughts and prayers our shut-ins, elderly, youth and leaders of all kinds.

"He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy." Job 8:21

Cindy Gabbert, Zion Council President

HELP NEEDED!

Our church secretary is going on vacation Sept. 10-22, 2026. We are looking for someone to volunteer to sit in the church office for a few morning hours (9-12) and answer the phone and greet people coming into the church a couple days during the week of Sept. 14-17.

If you can help please reach out to Pastor Linda, Janet or Cindy. Thank you for your assistance, it is greatly appreciated!

Cindy Gabbert, Zion Council President

The Zion Lutheran church women will meet on August 19th at 2:00 pm. If you would like to join in on the discussion or if you're just wanting to attend, we will be discussing the upcoming events, work group bulletin, funerals, Lutheran World Relief, Lefse, and some upcoming changes. Please mark your calendars

If you are interested in helping Zion in the following areas, please contact the appropriate committee or person, or Cindy Gabbert. We will schedule an informational meeting for any of the listed areas, as far as responsibilities and time commitment.

Sunday School-Megan Kubesh or Youth & Education Committee members
Ushers/Readers-Kevin & Susan Miller or Evangelism & Stewardship Committee
Deacons/Sound/Acolytes-Cindy Gabbert or Norman Unterseher

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Youth & Education

Greetings all!

It has been a pretty quiet month for Zion Youth. However, as we slide into the last month of summer, please be on the lookout for correspondence from the Youth and Education Committee. We will be sending out a letter with all of the tentative dates for youth activities throughout the school year. I will also be reaching out to parents about filling acolyte positions through the fall.

Our first day of Sunday school is scheduled for September 13th. That day also coincides with 'God's Work Our Hands' Sunday and we will be doing a free will donation taco feed- the donations from that will go to someone in our Glendive community.

Our first Youth Group gathering will be on Wednesday, September 16th from 6:30 to 8:00ish.

Praying God's blessings over the end of your summer and the beginning of the school year for our kids.

Megan Kubesh
Zion Youth and Education Committee

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUTH

Easton Wold was on the choir trip to Europe this summer. Ask him about his experiences.

4-H has the fair in July, their big event for the year. Congratulations to all our youth that are active in activities throughout the year.

Baseball is over for most of our youth. Swim team is still going on. With Divisionals and State coming up.

Soccer, golf, volleyball, cross country, flag football and football will be starting up soon.

Support our youth in any way you can.



VBS 2026

Makoshika Worship:

Our summer worship in Makoshika began May 31 at 8:00 a.m. at the amphitheater. Services will be in the park weather permitting. When in doubt check the sign on the side of the church, green for the park, red for the chapel.

This schedule will continue through August 30 this year.

If you can or want to help with music for this service, contact Steve Merrill.

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Save the Date

**MT/N WY Synodical Women's Org. WELCA
2026 Convention & Gathering: Oct 2-3, 2026**

Confirmed Speakers

**Dr. Jacqueline A Bussie, Author and Theologian
Myrna Wells-Ulland, President, Churchwide WELCA**

- Convention meets 1 pm-7 pm on Friday, Oct. 2
- Gathering meets 9 am-3 pm on Saturday Oct. 3
- Dinner provided for convention delegates and lunch for Gathering attendees
- Book Discussion: They Are Us Lutherans and Immigration, Second Edition
- Pool of Living Water recipients: MMIP Snowbird Fund and Lutheran Disaster Response
- Hotel block available at Sure Stay Plus by Best Western
- Cost: \$75 both days, \$50 Saturday only
- Contacts: Ella Tweten (406)942-0324 or Connie Hausauer (406)690-8917

**St. John's United Kathy Lillis Chapel
Billings, MT**

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ZION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2026—6:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cindy Gabbert, Susan Miller, Steve Merrill, Kristie Stanhope, Don Zimmerman, Tracy Gabbert, Paul Shearer, Sheila Kennedy, Megan Kubesh, Pastor Linda

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.

CALL TO ORDER: President Cindy Gabbert called the meeting to order. Kristie read a prayer from 1 Corinthians.

SECRETARY REPORT: Steve/Sheila moved to approve the minutes from June 10; motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Sheila/Susan moved to approve the report as written; motion passed. Current checking account balance is \$63,653.17.

The question was asked where the Thrivent grant income comes from and Steve explained that it is from Thrivent members designating gifts to Zion. VBS took in \$440. The \$500 from the Friends of Makoshika was allocated to Loaves & Fishes. Don made a motion; Kristie seconded the motion; all were in favor.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor is working on a list of folks living in the community and elder/shut-ins at home, the list is attached. She will advertise a morning bible study of the upcoming Sunday lesson for Mondays at 10:00 starting in August. LMAs Norm and Nancy are interested in doing this as part of their continuing study and mentoring. She's wondering if there would be an interest in a women's retreat in September, perhaps a half day on a Saturday, to look at Women of the Bible and use the Zion history of WELCA. BJ Berry and Jenny Burman will be married at Zion on October 13; Pastor Linda will officiate. She spoke with Pr. Stacey Heggem who manages the LMA program, as Norm would like her to take over his mentoring. He will notify Pr. Tim Tharpe and will send a blanket license for Norm and Nancy for the remainder of the year. She will put out a call for Thrivent members in the church. Zion is a participant and in speaking with Sharon Batterman, there doesn't seem to be any summer food programs for children in Glendive, and we would be able to use Thrivent gift cards to fund a program. Further consideration is recommended. In recent weeks there have been a couple incidents of a problematic woman visiting the church office. Pastor highly recommends we install a Ring doorbell or something similar for Janet or anyone else at the church alone. Steve will contact a lock and key company in Miles City.

LMA'S REPORTS: Norm – No report received. Nancy – Attended prayer circle on June 24, July 1 and 8; did Thursday service on June 25; ZLCW awarded scholarships, seniors received quilts, a storage shelf is being purchased for the fabric room, \$500 was raised from the bazaar and will be donated to four organizations, they are collecting dark hand towels and soap for Lutheran World Relief, along with diapers.

COMMUNICATIONS: Needs/Solicitations – ELCA Ministries. Events – Women's Conference in Circle July 11; Crazy Days in Glendive July 17 & 18; Thrivent online event on July 9. Thanks – Logan Stanhope for the quilt he received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: A new dishwasher was ordered from Quad K Supply in Miles City per votes in favor via email earlier in the week at a cost of \$14K. The money for this will come from the Endowment Fund as it is at \$114K and any funds over \$100K are supposed to be dispersed or spent. The Memorial Committee is looking at lighting the cross on the outside of the church. Don has contacted Robin Thompson to do the work, more information to come as he investigates the matter. There has been a request to expand the Used Furniture Room. Much discussion was held on the subject as to where and how and if there is a need. After the meeting, we will look at the area. The copier in the office is 11 years old and needs repair. Parts are available and have been ordered. Hoses at the parsonage needed new rubber washers.

EVANGELISM & STEWARDSHIP: Nothing new to report.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Nothing new to report.

YOUTH & EDUCATION: VBS was a success, with 43 kids attending and seven counselors. Megan will meet with Norm and Janet on getting a list of kids. Plans are being made for the new Sunday school year and sign up for acolytes.

WORSHIP: Cindy is working on the deacon and sound system list. Nancy will still do the service on the last Thursday of the month.

CALL COMMITTEE: Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Janet will mail September's newsletter to all members with a note about whether they want to remain active and to remind them to check their loyalty boxes. Deric is working on the website. Thank you notes were sent to those who provided meals for VBS counselors. Close to 200 people were served at the Buzzard Day breakfast; thank you to Steve M, Bill H, Kevin and Susan M, Norm U, Paul S, and Tracy and Cindy G for setting up, cooking and cleaning up. An email was sent out about compensating Norm for the visitations he does once a month at Grandview, the Vets Home and the Heritage. He takes the Words in Season, reads the Psalm for that week, discusses the gospel lesson and offers communion. These visits take about three hours. After much discussion, Tracy made a motion that we pay \$175 per month for Norm, Nancy and/or Avis as they perform these visitations, Paul seconded the motion; all were in favor. Pastor Linda will reach out to the new members, the Byron's and Pe-verelle's, about a welcoming of some sort. One of them has indicated they do not want to be formally recognized. After an email about sponsoring the GCCF golf tournament was voted down, we decided to give a donation to the organization. Steve made a motion to donate \$500; Don seconded the motion; all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Gods Work Our Hands event is September 13. The youth will do a taco feed again this year, with the proceeds to go to a community member in need. Janet will be gone July 28 and again September 10-22. It was discussed to ask for volunteers to man the office and answer the phone in September.

Steve/Megan moved to adjourn; motion carried.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00 pm. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and our Mission Statement.

Kristie Stanhope, Secretary

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for July 8th council

	<u>Jun 26</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Tithes/Offerings	<u>13,106.99</u>
Total Income	13,106.99
Expense	
Benevolence	1,000.00
Scholarship - council	1,000.00
Pastoral Payroll Expenses	392.61
parsonage utilities	107.04
Utilities - church	407.15
Water/Sewer	444.81
Advertising and Promotion	98.52
Benevolence (ELCA)	1,364.13
Insurance Expense	
Gen Liab	
Ins	<u>1,399.51</u>
Total Insurance Expense	1,399.51
Janitorial Expense	28.31
Landscaping Expenses	54.99
Ministry Expenses	162.00
Miscellaneous Expense	186.12
Office Supplies	513.17
parsonage expenses	65.56
Payroll Expenses	969.43
Pulpit Supply	1,300.00
Repairs and Maintenance	516.79
Synod Assembly	747.96
Telephone/Internet Expense	<u>268.35</u>
Total Expense	<u>11,026.45</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>2,080.54</u>
Net Income	<u>2,080.54</u>

end of month statement balances

checking	67,815.75	
savings	15,854.79	
CD Bravera	51,611.75	7/14/2026
CD Bravera	32,593.72	7/23/2026
CD Stockman	33,586.88	7/24/2026
CD Stockman	40,136.46	9/2/2026
CD Bravera	42,806.82	9/12/2026
		11/26/202
CD Stockman	21,720.18	6
CD Stockman	45,102.26	2/11/2027
	267,558.07	

Memorials for June 2026

In Memory of Joanne Burleson

From Lilla Flesjer for Loaves & Fishes

Pastoral Acts for June 2026

Weddings-1

Funerals-0

Baptisms-0

Confirmations-0

Private Communions-Grandview-3, Heritage-1, Extended Care-0, Home-1

Attendance and Offering

Date	Attend	Com	Offering
June 4 Thursday 5 pm	No Service-Wedding rehearsal		
June 7 Sunday 8 am	6	6	375
June 7 Sunday 10 am	63		2330
June 11 Thursday 5 pm	14	13	630
June 14 Sunday 8 am	26	25	955
June 14 Sunday 10 am	39	39	1280
June 18 Thursday 5 pm	8	8	170
June 21 Sunday 8 am	26	22	290
June 21 Sunday 10 am	43		1090
June 25 Thursday 5 pm	11	10	165
June 28 Sunday 8 am	28	25	1275
June 28 Sunday 10 am	48	42	1009.99

WORSHIP/LEADERS

August Deacons/Sound/Acolytes

2	Deacon- Sound- Acolytes-	Tracy Gabbert Bill Miller
9	Deacon- Sound- Acolytes-	Cindy Gabbert Sheila Kennedy
16	Deacon- Sound- Acolytes-	Todd Vashus Paul Shearer
23	Deacon - Sound- Acolytes-	Dave Senvold Steve Merrill
30	Deacon - Sound- Acolytes-	Bill Hanley Bill Miller

Chancel Guild

August 2	Marie M
August 9	Cammy O
August 16	Sharon T
August 23	Marla M
August 30	Gail R

Loaves & Fishes/Salvation Army

Date	Loaves & Fishes	SA (on call)
August 3	Dave Boyce	Don Idso
August 10	Terrie Miller	Bill Miller
August 17	Dan Schmidt	Sharon Batterman
August 24	Jo Ryan	Brian Huotari
August 31	Dave Boyce	George Skerritt

Deacons/Sound Systems Persons- Please find your own subs then let the office know for bulletin listings (377-3369).

Deacons-Tracy & Cindy Gabbert 406-939-4222, Steve Merrill 406-365-6722, Paul Shearer 406-939-2872, Dave Senvold 406-939-4075, Wyatt Sager (Youth contact Christina) 406-365-7004, Norm Unterseher 406-377-5376, Danielle Wold 406-687-1572/701-770-3518, Easton Wold (Youth) 406-687-1572. Steve Kaul 406-941-0503, Bill Hanley 406-941-2958, Todd Vashus 406-939-1892, Subs: Angie Silha 406-939-4360, Tyler Silha 406-939-2522, Kyle Voss 406-687-3040

Sound System: Bill Miller 406-377-4752, Sheila Kennedy 406-365-8738, Steve Merrill 406-365-6722, Paul Shearer 406-377-2117.

Furniture Room

August 1	Karen & Connie
August 8	Jo & Sharon
August 15	Avis
August 22	Sheryl & Barb
August 29	Kristie

August Readers & Ushers

Readers & Ushers:	Steve & Deb Kaul
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 pm Closed Friday						1 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room- Karen & Connie
2 8:00 am Worship in Makoshika 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Dave B & Don I 6:00 p.m. Scouts	4	5 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle	6 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI 5:00 p.m. Worship	7	8 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room- Jo & Sharon
9 8:00 am Worship Makoshika 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Terrie M & Bill M 6:00 p.m. Scouts	11	12 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle 6:00 p.m. Church Council	13 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI 5:00 p.m. Worship	14 10:00 am Visitation Grandview, Heritage, Extended Care	15 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room- Avis
16 8:00 am Worship Makoshika 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Dan S & Sharon B 6:00 p.m. Scouts	18	19 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle First Day of School- K, 3rd, 6th, Fresh- man 2:00 p.m. ZLCW	20 6:30 a.m Men's Bible Study-YRI First Day of School- All 5:00 p.m. Worship Newsletter Articles Due	21	22 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room- Sheryl & Barb
23 8:00 am Worship Makoshika 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Jo R & Brian H 6:00 p.m. Scouts	25	26 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle	27 6:30 a.m Men's Bible Study-YRI 5:00 p.m. Worship	28	29 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room- Kristie
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