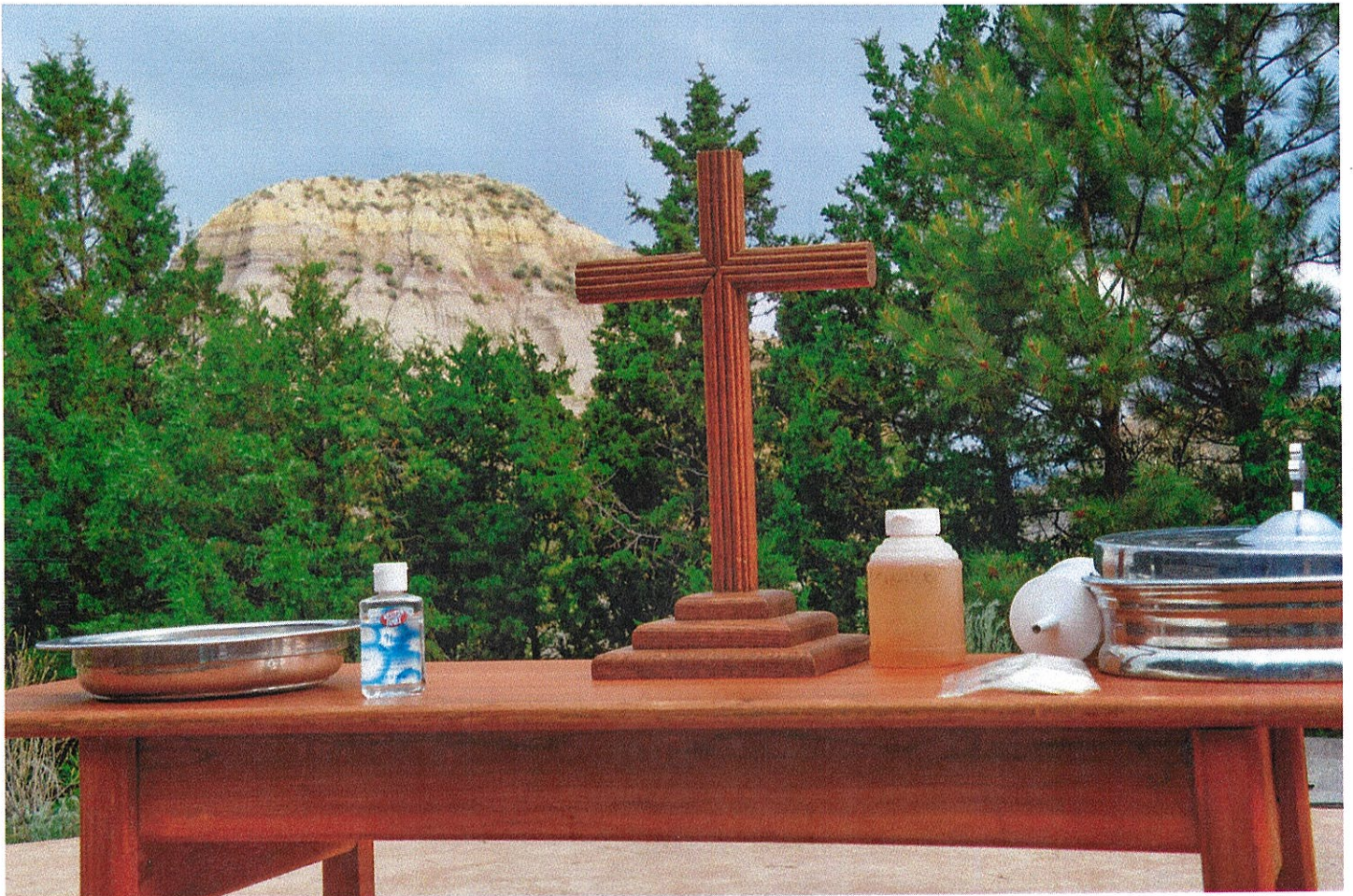


ZIONEWS

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From the Pastor

Thank you all for such a warm welcome to Glendive and to Zion Lutheran Church! I am so happy to be here and looking forward to our faith journey together. I am called to work half time so I will be in the office Mon-Thurs, 9-12. This summer is a good time to start getting used to your ways before Fall programming explodes in September. Then I will want to go to various meetings and WELCA circles, etc. Norman wants to preach one Sunday per month and Nancy will do the 4th Thursday service monthly. So you'll still have some variety.

A preview of July worship services: We begin the month thanking God for America and praying for God's will for our nation. The month continues with agrarian themes of God's caretaking of the earth and many parables; the wheat and the weeds growing together; parables about the kingdom of God. Our 2nd readings are from Romans, a book rich in quotable quotes and advice for growing our faith life. Paul tells about his challenges with "doing what he doesn't want to do, and the inability to do what he does want to do". I think we can all relate to that. Through it all, we are reminded that God has given us the Holy Spirit to live within us and to be at work transforming us into our best selves, as God intended. Lots of Good News!

Looking ahead to the fall, WELCA ladies can start planning for a Synodical Convention. This will be held at St. John's Lutheran Ministries, Friday and Saturday, October 2-3. The speakers will be Dr. Jacqueline A. Bussie, professor, theologian and author, and Myrna Wells-Ulland, Churchwide WELCA President. There will be a book discussion: "They are us, Lutherans and Immigration" (Second Edition). If you are interested you can order the book online to read ahead. A block of rooms will be available at Sure Stay plus by Best Western. More information will be available in the fall.

Again, I'm so glad to be here as your pastor and look forward to meeting more of you and getting to know each other as we attempt to grow in faith and love.

Blessings,
Pastor Linda Rose

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.

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

Happy 250 Years of Independence!!!

Happy mid-summer. Prayers for those traveling for summer vacations or in any capacity. Please continue to pray for all our members & families.

Welcome to our Interim Pastor Linda Rose, who began her ministry at Zion on June 1st. She jumped right in and has met and visited with many of our members....she is a welcomed gift. Her office hours will be the same as Janet's Mon.-Thurs. 9-Noon.

Vacation Bible School held June 22-25th and was a great success!! A huge THANK YOU to Megan Kubesh for organizing this great youth ministry. Our thanks to those of you who provided suppers for our counselors from Badlands Ministries Bible Camp in Medora; Avis Anderson, Gary & Maureen Lundman, Tracy & Cindy Gabbert, Megan Kubesh for providing 2 hot lunches & Norman & Janet Unterseher, who greeted these young people at the church, got them settled, took them grocery shopping for breakfast items & then took them out to supper. Many hands truly does make light work :)

Our summer services in Makoshika are in full swing and have been well attended.

We are truly are a Blessed congregation!

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

"Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart." Psalm 32:11

Cindy Gabbert, Zion Council President

Buzzard Day Breakfast

Buzzard day breakfast was prepared and served by Zion members. There was a good turn out, both for helpers and people partaking of the breakfast..

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

Happy summer!

As I write this, we are on our last day of a wonderful week of vacation Bible school. We had an amazing week here at Zion with 43 kids- from pre-K through 6th grade- attending camp. We are truly blessed to be able to have the Badlands Ministry staff come in and lead day camp here at Zion. It's been a busy week- filled with worship, Bible study, a hike in Makoshika, a trip to Cravns, a day at the park, and wonderful fellowship and music.

I want to extend a HUGE thank you to ALL who have worked to make this week run smoothly. To Norm and Jan for always making sure the church is ready for the counselors to stay in, for taking them shopping for groceries, and providing supper. A huge thank you to Cindy for tag teaming the week with me, for making sure things ran smoothly at the church, and to her and Tracy for providing a supper for the counselors. Thank you to all of the people who helped feed the counselors- Avis, Bob and Kristi, Tim and Laurie, and Gary and Maureen.

As we wrap up this week at Zion, we head into a small break before we start gearing up for the upcoming school year!

Just a friendly reminder- if you attend church during the summer and your child is of age to acolyte, please encourage them to do so! I will resume sign ups for acolytes by the end of July.

We pray God's blessings over your summer- and look forward to having everyone back on the fall!

God's peace,

Megan Kubesh
Zion Youth and Education Committee

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUTH

Quarter Honor Roll:

High School Honor Roll: A+-Hannah McCormick, Regan Marx, Easton Wold, Drew White.

HS Regular Honor Roll: Eryck Cantrell, Jace Gabbert, Logan Stanhope

WMS Honor Roll: Bentley Stanhope, Brodyn Cullinan, Gage Gabbert, Kaine Kubesh, Carson Sager, Mason Sager.

Sports:

DCHS Athletes Academic Honors: Regan Marx, Josh Barnick, Easton Wold, Hannah McCormick

Baseball

To all of our players: Josh Barnick, Mason Sager, Carson Sager, Brodyn Cullinan, Teag Rieger, Morgan Mills, Barrett Unterseher

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MT Synod Assembly Report
Zion Lutheran Church
Don and Adele Idso

We were privileged to attend the Synod Assembly in Billings on May 29 – 30, 2026. The assembly was well run by Bishop Ben Quanbeck. 250 people were in attendance – 109 lay members, 61 clergy and 30 visitors. To our delight, Pastor Linda Rose, Zion's new Interim Pastor, connected with us and participated with us at the Assembly.

Our first sight was all the table displays in the hall just outside the assembly hall. These were set up by a number of Mission Partners such as Thrivent, Concordia College, MSU Campus Ministries, Flathead Bible Camp, and others. It was interesting to talk with these people.

The assembly agenda was more about theology than it was business. However, there were two important items of business. One was the commissioning of ten new LMA's in our Synod. This underscored the importance of lay ministry in our churches. The other item of business was the synod 2026-2027 Budget., which passed unanimously. It is reasonable budget with only slight increase and with reductions in a number of line items that are offset by individual donations and by the use of reserve funds. The income portion of the budget is fueled by the anticipation that Synod congregations will increase their Mission Giving by 1 ½ percent.

The theological portion of the Assembly was presented in two formats. One was three one-hour presentations by Dwight Zscheile from Luther Seminary in Minnesota. The other was two one-hour breakout sessions when attendees chose from 11 different topics.

Key points of Dwight Zscheile's presentations are as follows:

*Social and cultural shifts affect the church.

- expressive individualism
- declining membership
- de-institutionalizing of family
- triumphant consumerism

*People are searching for spiritual meaning outside the church

*We need a "Mixed Ecology". Dwight has written a book entitled Embracing the Mixed Ecology.

- the Word of God and Body of Christ fill different cultures – one size or shape of church doesn't reach everyone.
- Church plants create alternative forms of lay-led worship that fit emerging cultures. Sample of these include ...

1. Fresh expressions that focus on those not part of the traditional church
2. "Laundry of Love" in St. Cloud, MN. A church pays for laundry services for homeless and set up a box for prayer requests.
3. "Pray, Play and Popsicles" in Seymore, WI
4. "Spiritual Autobiography Writers Group"

Dwight says to ask "God Questions", not "Church Questions". How is God active in our lives? How can we be led by God? Who are the people God is calling you to work with? More examples and resources can be found at "Practicing the Way.org" a crowd funded ministry helping thousands of churches integrate spiritual formation into their communities.

We sincerely enjoyed the presentations, interactive activities, worship at the Assembly. Thank you for letting us attend.

First Love Women's Encounter-Circle Evangelical Church

The Circle Evangelical Church would like to invite the ladies to the First Love Encounter, "Heavenly Places," on Saturday, July 11th, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in Circle. It will be a day packed with special speakers, workshops, lots of connection and fun! Attached are a poster, bulletin inserts, and individual invitation cards that you can use for your ladies. Go to www.firstlovejesus.org for specific information and to register.

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ZION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2026 – 6:00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Cindy Gabbert, Susan Miller, Steve Merrill, Kristie Stanhope, Don Zimmerman, Tracy Gabbert, Paul Shearer, Sheila Kennedy, Dave Weidner, 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. Don read from 1 Corinthians 1

SECRETARY REPORT: Steve/Don moved to approve the minutes from May 13; motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Kristie/Sheila moved to approve the report as written; motion passed. Current checking account balance is \$63,059.63. Two donations were received totaling \$9000 which ran our income up for the month. The Synod Assembly expenses were \$1897.73. Pastor Linda's monthly compensation will be \$3200.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Linda's office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00-12:00, she will keep track of her hours for reference. She preached for the first time on June 7 and will coordinate services on Thursday and Sunday with Norm and Nancy. Will attend the weekly prayer group. She had questions about the funeral policy and fees, a request was received to do a memorial service for someone, and we weren't sure about membership. In discussion, we determined this individual was in fact a member so pastor will email the family and clarify the charges. Norm will still preach once a month and Pastor Linda is not required to be here on those Sundays, but she would like to be in attendance to continue to meet and visit with people. She will be paid on the first of each month, still working out details on mailing a check to her bank in Billings or having it sent electronically. She received a check for the U-Haul rental. She is pleased with the parsonage, had a few questions about what she is expected to take care of and such. Norm has asked that she take over the position as his mentor. Pastor will email Pastor Stacey Heggem to find out the proper protocol. She is pleased to be serving in Glendive and looks forward to a fruitful ministry together.

LMA'S REPORTS: Norm – No report received. Nancy – Did two services in May, attended LMA monthly zoom on May 18 and attended prayer circle meeting on May 27.

COMMUNICATIONS: Needs/Solicitations – Badlands Ministries. Events – Badlands Ministries Bible Camp, June 22-25; Rocky Mountain West Conf. Oct. 5-8; Gods Work-Our Hands Sept. 13, Day of Service. Thanks – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: The dishwasher is still not repaired, waiting on the correct part. No answers on the roof repairs, Steve did apply Flex-Seal for a temporary fix. Still nothing from Hansen. We need to hire an electrician, sprinkler heads need to be replaced, the air conditioner unit in the sanctuary needs some repairs.

EVANGELISM & STEWARDSHIP: Nothing new to report.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: The committee did a wonderful job on the confirmation and graduation celebrations.

YOUTH & EDUCATION: VBS is set for June 22-25 from 9:00-1:00. Two of the four meals are taken care of for the counselors, expecting three to six of them. Bible Camp forms will be emailed or sent to other churches in addition to having them at the church.

WORSHIP: Pastor Linda will get with Marla and Mary to talk about music. Cindy needs to know what day Norm preaches each month, will get with him. Cindy also reported that she's received a lot of positive feedback about Pastor Linda!

CALL COMMITTEE: We are still an active call. The bishop is holding monthly zoom meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: Thank you notes will be sent out to our lay people that have volunteered. The youth council position will start in September and will need to be approved at the annual meeting. Still need to plan a coffee hour for two new members, Cindy will touch base with Janet on this. We discussed the loyalty boxes, the membership list, a mailing to all members in September. The newsletter being mailed to all members again was brought up. Deric will work on the website now that he has the information he needs from Bill and will train Janet on uploading the bulletin and newsletter. Pastor Linda moved into the parsonage on May 23 and her first day at Zion was June 1. The contract has been signed by Cindy and Pastor Linda and has been mailed to the Synod. Pastor Linda was welcomed with coffee and muffins on June 7.

NEW BUSINESS: The Buzzard Day breakfast is Saturday, June 13, 7:30-10:30 at the Kiwanis Shelter. Those helping will meet at the church at 6:30. A note from Cindy on an item that was forgotten at our meeting; Norm will continue doing visitations to our shut-ins once a month, amounting to about three hours. He would like to be compensated for this work. Pastor Linda may start doing these down the road, but for now Norm will, as he has built relationships with these people. Not sure what the going rate is or if he has been compensated in the past. We can open this for discussion and vote on it at the July meeting, making it retroactive to June, if possible. Steve did respond that he hasn't been compensated for this in the past, just pulpit supply, confirmation and custodial work.

Don/Susan moved to adjourn; motion carried.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 8 at 6:00 pm. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and our Mission Statement.

Kristie Stanhope, Secretary

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for June 10th council

	<u>May 26</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Tithely	7,241.00
Tithes/Offerings	<u>12,246.51</u>
Total Income	19,487.51
Expense	
parsonage utilities	42.63
Utilities - church	963.74
Water/Sewer	340.27
Bank Service Charges	416.78
Benevolence (ELCA)	1,339.00
Furniture Room Exp.	35.20
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	<u>1,399.51</u>
Total Insurance Expense	1,399.51
Mileage Reimb	72.50
Ministry Expenses	499.36
Miscellaneous Expense	64.98
Office Supplies	153.99
parsonage expenses	330.00
Payroll Expenses	1,158.23
Postage and Delivery	156.00
Pulpit Supply	2,075.00
Synod Assembly	1,897.73
Telephone/Internet Expense	<u>137.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>11,081.92</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>8,405.59</u>
Net Income	<u>8,405.59</u>

end of month statement balances

checking	67,152.89	
savings	15,835.05	
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
CD Stockman	21,720.18	11/26/2026
CD Stockman	45,102.26	2/11/2027
	267,558.07	

Memorials for May 2026

In Memory of Terry Diegel
From Vance & Linda Vickers

In Memory of Patricia Fleck
From Vance & Linda Vickers

In Memory of Brothers, Bill & Dick Meland
From Marie Meland for Radio Broadcast

In Memory of Ken & Maggie Thompson
From Lorraine Thompson for Loaves & Fishes

Pastoral Acts for May 2026

Weddings-0
Funerals-0
Baptisms-0
Confirmations-5
Private Communions-Grandview-1, Heritage-2, Extended Care-3, Home-0

Attendance and Offering

Date	Attend	Com	Offering
May 3 Sunday 10 am	57	0	2492
May 7 Thursday 5 pm	12	12	225
May 10 Sunday 10 am	88	83	7016
May 14 Thursday 5 pm	14	12	255
May 17 Sunday 10 am	45	45	2005
May 22 Thursday 5 pm	7	7	100
May 24 Sunday 10 am	41	39	1592
May 28 Thursday 5 pm	11	10	130
May 31 Sunday 8 am	10	10	115
May 31 Sunday 10 am	35	35	1462

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Ext. 2—Pastor

Ext. 3—Youth & Family Ministry

Ext. 4—Furniture Room

Ext. 5—Loaves & Fishes and Salvation Army

Church Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9am-Noon

2026 Zion Council Members:

President—Cindy Gabbert

Vice President—Susan Miller

Treasurer—Steve Merrill

Secretary—Kristie Stanhope

Paul Shearer Dave Weidner

Don Zimmerman Deric Holden

Megan Kubesh Sheila Kennedy

Tracy Gabbert

WORSHIP/LEADERS

July Deacons/Sound/Acolytes

5	Deacon- Sound- Acolytes-	Steve Kaul Bill Miller
12	Deacon- Sound- Acolytes-	Steve Merrill Paul Shearer
19	Deacon- Sound- Acolytes-	Todd Vashus Sheila Kennedy
26	Deacon - Sound- Acolytes-	Paul Shearer Gary Lundman

Chancel Guild

July 5	
July 12	Gladys W
July 19	Sharon T
July 26	Marlene T

Loaves & Fishes/Salvation Army

Date	Loaves & Fishes	SA (on call)
July 6	Dave Boyce	Don Idso
July 13	Terrie Miller	Bill Miller
July 20	Jo Ryan	George Skerritt
July 27	Dan Schmidt	Sharon Batterman

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 Svenvold 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, Gary Lundman 406-939-4315

Furniture Room

July 4	CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
July 11	Sheryl & Jo
July 18	Kristie
July 25	Avis

July Readers & Ushers

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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			10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI 5:00 p.m. Worship		10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-Closed for Holiday
5 8:00 am Worship in Makoshika 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	6 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Dave B & Don I 6:00 p.m. Scouts	7	8 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle 6:00 p.m. Church Council	9 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI 5:00 p.m. Worship	10 10:00 am Visitation Grandview, Heritage, Extended Care	11 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room—Sheryl & Jo
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