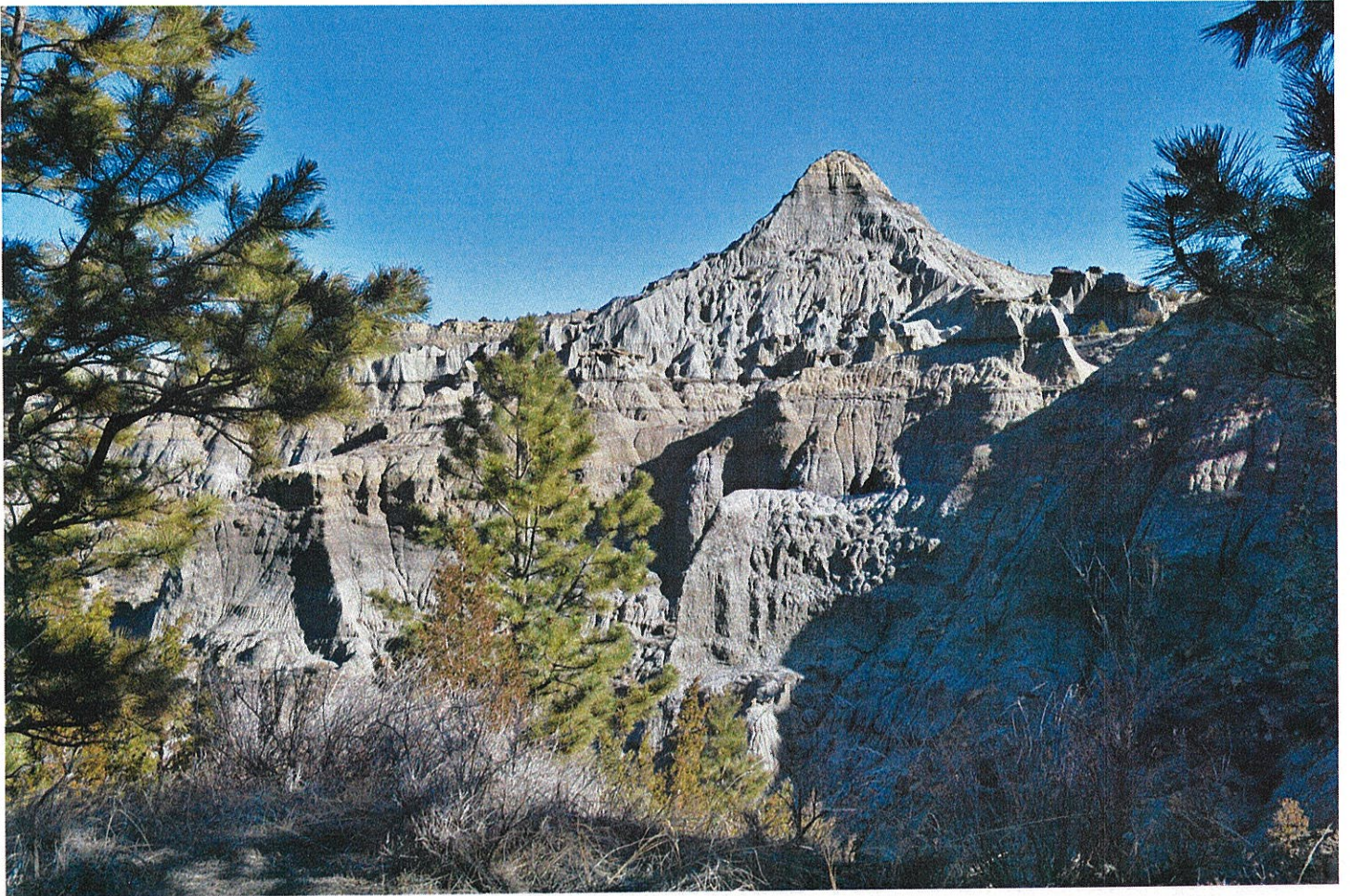


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome Summer!!

Here we are.....summer break from schools across the country. Prayers for those traveling in any capacity. It's exciting to begin our summer services in Makoshika Park, Vacation Bible School June 22-25th & a new Interim Pastor!!

Congratulations to our Confirmation class & our Graduates!! Blessings for your new beginnings. We are truly a Blessed congregation!

Please continue to pray for all of our families, members, our shut-ins, elderly and our church leadership. Please continue to keep in your thoughts and prayers, anyone & everyone who helps to keep our doors open that we might gather for fellowship and worship together.

Cindy Gabbert, Zion Council President

NEW INTERIM PASTOR

On June 1st our new half-time Interim Pastor Linda Rose will start her service at Zion. She comes to us by way of Billings and has 27 years of service in ministry. She has been appointed by our Bishop Ben Quanbeck, hired by your Council & will be with us for 1-2 years. We will still be in the call process and should we be able to find a Pastor to call here to Zion, Pastor Linda's contract will end. As a halftime Pastor, Pastor Linda's philosophy is to work half time each week & would like to preach 3-4 times a month. Thursday services will continue with Nancy leading the last Thursday of each month with Pastor Linda covering the rest. Norman will be leading wherever he is needed...(Thank you Nancy & Norman for your continued leadership). This is a huge change from where we have been the last 3 ½ years, but will be a welcomed reprieve and rest for all those who have lead Zion in anyway.

Pastor Linda has served several congregations primarily in Eastern MT over her 27 years and just finished an Interim position in Columbus, MT. She has taken the Intentional Interim Training. Pastor Linda moved into our Parsonage on May 23rd.

She will start her contract for service at Zion on June 1st and will give her 1st message on Sunday, June 7th beginning at 8 am in Zion's Chapel, (as we can't use Makoshika due to a Sunday wedding), then Council will host a Welcome Coffee Hour from 9-10 in the Fellowship Room, then she will lead the worship service at 10. Please come welcome Pastor Linda Rose!!

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 and hello summer!

We have officially wrapped up our Sunday School and Youth Group activities for the school year.

On our last day of Sunday school, Mother's Day, the kids planted our traditional flowers to hand out to the special women in our congregation. The kids really enjoy this little service project.

We wrapped up Youth Group with Subway and a hike in Makoshika (on the only day it's rained so far this summer, which made it pretty exciting;)) and the boys really enjoyed it.

Now we move onto vacation Bible school led by Badlands Ministries. It happens at Zion from June 22nd-25th. I am in need of helpers for this. Zion is responsible for feeding the Badlands Ministry staff while they are here. Typically congregation members help out by feeding them supper. This involves feeding 4 to 6 college aged kids-you can do this at your own home, by taking them out to supper somewhere, or by bringing them a meal at the church. I am also in need of helpers during the day during vacation Bible school. This can involve providing a lunch and dropping it off at the church, and/or staying at the church during the hours of vacation Bible school to help keep things running smoothly. This is an event that cannot happen without outside help from the congregation so please reach out to me if you are able to help.

I will be taking a break from signing up acolytes for the month of June and July, but if you attend church at all during the summer and there are no acolytes, and you have kids that are able to acolyte, please have them help out. The kids helping during the service always adds a bright spot. In July, I will start filling up the acolyte schedule for the fall. We hope to continue to get more kids involved with this so please be open to having your kids help out as much as they can.

We pray God's blessing over your summer and that everybody has a safe and enjoyable summer. Also please pray for rain.

God's blessings,
Megan Kubesh
Zion Youth and Education Committee



11th annual blessing of the bikes at K-Mart parking lot. About 80 bikes and 90 riders were blessed.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUTH

Congratulations to Joey Barnick who was awarded a \$500 scholarship from ZLCW. Joey will be attending Montana Technological University in Butte, Montana, pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering. Joey submitted an excellent application and ZLCW is pleased to support him as he pursues his chosen career.

Due to the generosity of Zion Church members and the community supporting our annual events such as the Lutefisk dinner and Bazaar, the ZLCW is able to offer a \$500 scholarship for members of Zion who are presently enrolled in college or graduating seniors who are planning to attend college. The ZLCW also donates to many other organizations such as the Dawson County Food Bank, God's Child Project, Vacation Bible School, Loaves & Fishes, Dawson County Domestic Violence Prevention, Lutheran World Relief, etc.

Joey Barnick also received the Zion Council Scholarship for \$1000. Congratulations Joey.

Quarter Honor Roll:

Honor roll may be in the next newsletter.

Sports:

Track & Field: High School-Hannah McCormick, Bristol Ackerman and Easton Wold.

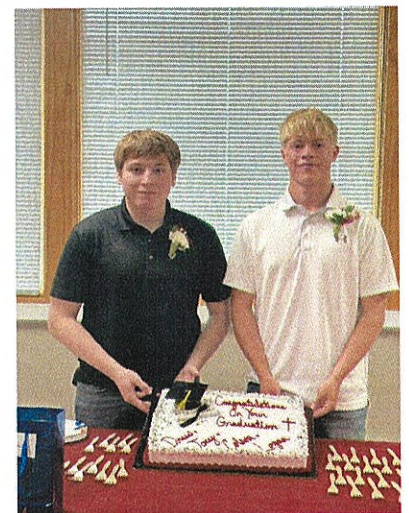
Tennis: Joey Barnick, Regan Marx

Other Events



Confirmation Sunday was May 10. We had five young men confirming their faith. May God bless them as they continue their faith journey.

Senior recognition Sunday was May 17. We wish these young men the best for their future.



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Makoshika Worship:

Our summer worship in Makoshika begins May 31 at 8:00 a.m. at the amphitheater. **On June 7 we will meet in the chapel for the 8:00 a.m. service because the amphitheater is reserved.** For the rest of the summer it will be as usual, 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.

Buzzard Day Breakfast

Buzzard day weekend is June 12 & 13. Zion has once again been asked to prepare and serve the free will donation breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. If you would like to help out, contact Norman Unterseher or just show up at the Kiwanis shelter in Makoshika Saturday morning June 13.

A special thank you to all who helped with our spring cleaning of the Used Furniture Room. It was a big job and took most of the morning, but the room looks awesome and we are ready for whatever comes next.

We were especially grateful for the men who showed up: Bob Stanhope, Paul Shearer, and Steve Merrill. They hauled the big items and did a lot of the heavy lifting.

Zion Lutheran has almost 30 years of volunteer work invested in helping those in need through this area in our church. God's work. Our hands.

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ZION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2026 – 6:00 pm

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

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. Tracy gave the opening prayer.

SECRETARY REPORT: Steve/Tracy moved to approve the minutes for April 8 as written; motion passed.

Tracy/Steve moved to approve the minutes from the special meetings held April 28 & 29; motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Sheila/Kristie moved to approve the report as written; motion passed. Current checking account balance is \$65,746.53. The quarterly tax withholdings have been paid. The miscellaneous category isn't used much, this month for gift cards for the music people and the meal the committees had with Pastor Linda.

LMA's REPORTS: Norm – No report received but did preach on Good Friday and both Easter Sunday services, along with confirmation on Luther's Large Catechism. Norm will also do the Thursday night services except for the last one of the months. Avis is wanting to be done. Nancy – No report received. Will continue to do the Thursday night service on the last Thursday of each month.

COMMUNICATIONS: Needs/Solicitations – None. Events – Rocky Mountain West Oct. 5-8; ELCA Leadership Newsletter; Pacific Lutheran Seminary commencement on May 23; Lutheran World Relief. Thanks – Thank you notes received from Marla and Adele for the gift cards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: The dishwasher is still not repaired, waiting on the correct part. No answers on the roof repairs, checking on a solution for draining area above the chapel. A bill has been received from Guy Schultz for the lighting. We will be replacing more of the fluorescent lighting in the basement fellowship room. We need a contractor to set scaffolding for speaker replacement in the sanctuary. The sprinkler systems have been started at the church and parsonage; both need some work and that will be done by Make It Rain. The boiler is off for the summer. We have some tables we will loan out to the Marx family for the wedding in June. We need to purchase a printer for the pastor's office and a vacuum for the parsonage.

EVANGELISM & STEWARDSHIP: Nothing new to report.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: The confirmation reception was held for five boys. Cindy and Janet served cake. The senior recognition will be held May 17.

YOUTH & EDUCATION: Sunday School and confirmation are done for the year. VBS is set for June 22-25. Meals are needed for counselors, at least five of them. Cindy will have something in the bulletin and newsletter asking for help. May 20 will be the last youth event in Makoshika with a hike, pizza and a bible study.

WORSHIP: There will be no Thursday night service on June 4, due to the wedding on June 5. Pastor Linda will preach on June 7 for the first time and will work closely with Norm and Nancy on service scheduling. The first Makoshika park service will be May 31. Choir is done for the summer.

CALL COMMITTEE: Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Promise686 will be tabled indefinitely. The youth council position was decided to be revisited in the fall when the kids are back in school. We had one applicant for the Zion Council scholarship, Joey Barnick. Steve made a motion to award the \$1000 to Joey, Susan seconded the motion; all were in favor. Work continues with the perpetual yearly calendar. We have two new members to welcome with a coffee hour at some point, Cindy will get their contact information. Steve, Cindy and Kristie will get together with Janet to go through the membership roster soon. We are still working toward getting the website updated, hopefully will have more information by next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Interim Pastor Linda Rose will move into the parsonage on May 23. Her first day of work will be June 1. The interim contract was updated by Steve and emailed to her to sign and return. It was moved by Cindy that we have a welcoming coffee hour for Pastor Linda from 9:00-10:00 on June 7. Megan made the motion with a second from Susan; all were in favor. We will serve muffins, fruit and coffee.

Megan/Susan moved to adjourn; motion carried.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 10th at 6:00 pm. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and our Mission Statement.

Kristie Stanhope, Secretary

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For May 13 Council

	<u>Apr 26</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Thrivent grant	148.00
Tithes/Offerings	<u>10,837.78</u>
Total Income	10,985.78
Expense	
Youth Leader	150.00
parsonage utilities	70.77
Utilities - church	1,325.31
Water/Sewer	340.54
Advertising and Promotion	100.00
Bank Service Charges	8.25
Benevolence (ELCA) Evangel, Stewarship, Spec Events	882.91
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	<u>1,399.51</u>
Total Insurance Expense	1,399.51
Mileage Reimb	94.25
Ministry Expenses	277.50
Miscellaneous Expense	375.00
Office Supplies	261.39
Payroll Expenses	1,497.86
Postage and Delivery	78.00
Pulpit Supply	1,400.00
Repairs and Maintenance	1,337.70
Telephone/Internet Expense	381.52
Unemployment Insurance	5.45
Wage Tax	<u>1,241.39</u>
Total Expense	<u>11,425.26</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-439.48</u>
Net Income	<u>-439.48</u>

end of month statement balances

checking

savings

CD Stockman	20,943.99	5/23/2026
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	45,102.26	2/11/2027
	266,781.88	

Memorials for April 2026

There were no Memorials in April

Pastoral Acts for April 2026

Weddings-0

Funerals-0

Baptisms-2

Private Communion-Grandview-0, Heritage-0, Extended Care-3, Home-0

Attendance and Offering

Date	Attend	Com	Offering
April 2 Maundy Thursday 7 pm	76	76	0
April 3 Good Friday 7 pm	28	0	0
April 5 Easter Sunday 7 am	16	15	680
April 5 Easter Sunday 10 am	127	111	3650
April 9 Thursday 5 pm	10	10	495
April 12 Sunday 10 am	77	68	2305
April 16 Thursday 5 pm	25	18	100
April 19 Sunday 10 am	75	0	1425
April 23 Thursday 5 pm	8	7	105
April 26 Sunday 10 am	57	43	1725

WORSHIP/LEADERS

June Deacons/Sound/Acolytes

- 7 Deacons-
Sound-
Acolytes-
- 14 Deacons-
Sound-
Acolytes-
- 21 Deacons-
Sound-
Acolytes-
- 28 Deacons-
Sound-
Acolytes-

Chancel Guild

- June 7 Sharon T
- June 14 Gladys W
- June 21 Linda V
- June 28 Peggy H

Loaves & Fishes/Salvation Army

Date	Loaves & Fishes	SA (on call)
June 1	Dan Schmidt	Don Idso
June 8	Terrie Miller	Bill Miller
June 15	Dave Boyce	George Skerritt
June 22	Jo Ryan	Sharon Batterman
June 29	Don Idso	Brian Huotari

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, Gary Lundman 406-939-4315

Furniture Room

- June 6 Karen & Barb
- June 13 Avis
- June 20 Jo & Sharon
- June 27 Kristie

June Readers & Ushers

Readers & Ushers:
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>31</p> <p>8:00 am Worship Makoshika</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-D Schmidt & D Idso</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Deborah Circle</p> <p>No 5:00 p.m. Worship</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room- Karen & Barb</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:00 am Worship in Chapel</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour for Pastor Linda</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-T Miller & B Miller</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 am Visitation Grandview, Heritage, Extended Care</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room—Avis</p> <p>7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Buzzard Day Breakfast</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8:00 am Worship Makoshika</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-D Boyce & G Skerritt</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle</p> <p>1:30 p.m.-Sarah Circle</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Worship</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room—Jo & Sharon</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8:00 am Worship Makoshika</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- VBS</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-J Ryan & S Batterman</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- VBS</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- VBS</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Chancel Guild</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 a.m Men's Bible Study-YRI</p> <p>9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.- VBS</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room—Kristie</p>
<p>28</p> <p>8:00 am Worship Makoshika</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-D Idso & B Houtari</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>30</p>				<p>Church Office hours</p> <p>Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 pm</p> <p>Closed Friday</p>

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