

ZIONEWS

November 2026



From the Pastor

Well, if the weather forecast is to be believed, there will be frost on the pumpkins for Halloween. November tells us fall is turning brown as all the leaves drop and sometimes our hearts do as well. But the promise of the fallow season of the year is that we are being prepared for new growth and life. Take heart, there will be green again, and we find great enjoyment in the holidays and cocoa and the birth of our Savior.

Our Sundays in November begin with the All Saints Observance. We light candles to remember those who died since last All Saints, and their light gives us hope for our own future. 1 Thessalonians 4:13 reminds us "we do not grieve as others who have no hope." The gospel is the Beatitudes, "Blessed are they who..." These "happy" verses show how saints live their lives in spite of circumstances and are blessed. This is a message of hope and encouragement.

November 8th brings us the story of the wise and foolish brides maids. What does it mean to prepare for the Lord's coming? What should we learn for ourselves from this parable of the kingdom of heaven?

November 15 is the parable of the talents, asking us again to use the gifts from God for the good of all while we await the future. What are your gifts? How are you using them?

November 22 is the last Sunday of the church year and is Christ the King Celebration. We hear Christ say, as he judges our behavior, "As you cared for the least of these my family, you have cared for Me." How can we develop that mindset, seeing the face of Christ in everyone we meet?

November 29 is ADVENT 1!! In the meantime, enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner and remember to give thanks – make a list of your blessings and thank God!

Christmas is coming and that means the end of 2026. Think about how you want to end the year strong, in hope, in work, in worship and study, and in giving. Thank you for all you do as we do God's work with our hands, in our homes, our town and state, and the world. Notice in this newsletter all the work we have done this year and remember our Sunday Temple Talks, how so many are working to be a part of God's caring for us all.

Blessings! Pastor Linda

Youth & Education

Greetings all, I hope this beautiful October has treated you well.

We continue to serve our youth at Zion to the best of our abilities, and are always looking for extra helpers teaching Sunday school or being a background helper for youth group. If this is something you're interested in, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sunday school gatherings in November will be on the 1st (daylight savings!), 8th and 15th and youth group will meet at 6:30 on November 18th.

By the time you receive this letter, we will have celebrated Reformation Sunday and the handing out of Bibles for our fifth graders and the Large Catechism to our sixth graders. We will have also completed acolyte training for our fourth graders and other kiddos who hadn't completed it. These are all wonderful ways to recognize our youth and help them to know like they have a special place at Zion.

We are starting to look forward to Advent season and planning our Sunday school Christmas program! Be on the lookout for a youth group fundraiser coming up in November.

God's peace as we head into November,

Megan Kubesh Zion Youth and Education Committee 406.939.1006

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall Blessings to ALL!!

Fall is definitely here, cooler mornings & evenings, Sunday school, Fall events, soccer, volleyball, football and so many other things.

Continued prayers to all of our Sunday School leaders and helpers. And prayers to Pastor Linda & Norm as they work with our 2 young ladies in Confirmation. Prayers to our young men coming to youth group & their ever faithful leader, Megan Kubesh!

Zion has so many things to be thankful for this time of year & throughout the year.

"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven."

-Ecclesiastes 3:1

May this season remind us that God makes everything beautiful in its time!!

Blessings,

Cindy Gabbert, Zion Council President

Property & Management Updates

We're working through several issues with the physical building that we'd like to inform everyone about.

Hard numbers for each expense are not yet available, we'll try to keep you informed. All of this may seem expensive; but a leaking roof and bad heating system simply need to be fixed.

1. We've had leaky roof issues for some time now. We are contracting with High Point Construction of Dickinson ND to replace our existing cedar shake roof with a high grade asphalt single at a cost of approximately \$150,000. We expect this price to be somewhat higher if material costs rise before the work can be scheduled. We also expect that due to the leaks we've had, that there will be some damage to the roof deck that cannot be anticipated and will raise the price as well. Our insurance carrier will have to approve our shingle selection.
2. Temp control – we are working thru Hansen Heating & Cooling to replace the heating controls. Our old pneumatic system is about shot. We are also working with MT Plumbing to replace the circulating pumps on the boiler. Next spring we may be replacing an AC unit in the sanctuary; since it has leaked through the choir loft floor several times.
3. Koch Furniture is ordering new carpet for the narthex which starting to bubble after 19 years of service. We've had the fellowship room carpet cleaned professionally.
4. Blue Hawk Audio of Dickinson is working with us on improving our sound system within the sanctuary.

Lutheran World Relief Kits

The ZLCW has shipped the kits and quilts for this year. 69 quilts were sent, 49 baby care kits, and 40 personal care kits were assembled and sent. Many thanks for your generosity!

Children's Christmas PROGRAM

Sunday, December 6th
at 10:00am

presented by the
Zion Lutheran
Sunday School Program



BY LAWS

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Glendive MT 59330
2013
2027 Proposed Changes
B4.01 a. & B12.01

B4.01 This congregation invites all of its members who have been baptized and who have been prepared to receive the Sacrament, to participate regularly in Holy Communion.

(as it reads now)

- a. Preparation for Holy Communion will normally be provided for persons who have completed the fifth grade and those who are older.

(proposed change)

- a. Preparation for Holy Communion will normally be provided for persons who have completed the **third** grade and those who are older.

(as it reads now)

B12.01 The Congregation Council shall consist of 13 members elected each for a term of three (3) years, but elected in such a manner that after the first election approximately one-third are elected each year.

(proposed change)

B12.01 The Congregation Council shall consist of **11** members elected each for a term of three (3) years, but elected in such a manner that after the first election approximately one-third are elected each year.

LEFSE TIME

Wednesday, November 11 8:00 a.m. Peel, eye, and put potatoes in pots

Thursday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Cook and grind potatoes

10:00 a.m. Make basic dough

2:00 p.m. Finish basic dough, form logs, and cool

Friday, November 13

8:00 a.m. Roll and bake, cool rounds, package and freeze

1:00p.m. Roll and bake, cool rounds, package and freeze

Christmas Decorating

Decorating for Advent and Christmas is scheduled for December 5 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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, Norman Unterseher or Megan Kubesh

ZION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2026 – 6:00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Cindy Gabbert, Susan Miller, Steve Merrill, Kristie Stanhope, Don Zimmerman, Tracy Gabbert, Paul Shearer, Megan Kubesch, 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. Pastor Linda gave the opening prayer.

SECRETARY REPORT: Don/Steve moved to approve the minutes from September 9; motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Don/Kristie moved to approve the report as written; motion passed. Current checking account balance is \$58,042.15.

CDs have rolled over with good spacing. Pastor Linda asked about the trend of our giving and attendance.

PASTOR LINDA'S REPORT: Copies from the bylaws of committees and duties were handed out. Pastor asked that these be given to the committee's and have them compile a list of things they are doing and should be doing and bring to the November meeting. She presided over the Berry wedding. The women's retreat went well. Temple talks in November are as follows; Youth on 11/1, Child Bridge on 11/8, Gideon's on 11/15. First communion will be given to the two confirmands on Reformation Sunday, along with bibles being presented to fifth graders and large catechisms to the 6th graders. Pastor Kay applied for a grant to Castle Foundation for congregations to do spiritual growth and continuing ed for LMAs. Would we be willing to participate along with area congregations? A spiritual gifts retreat to discover gifts and find others of the same persuasion was talked about. November 1 (All Saints Sunday), Maureen Stiles would like permission to bring cupcakes to celebrate Kent Wangness' 80th birthday.

LMA's REPORTS: Norm – Attended men's bible study breakfast; did visitations and communion for shut-ins and Extended Care; participated in Pastor Linda's bible study; did Thursday evening and Sunday morning services; Nancy – Took part in text sermon studies; attended prayer circle; attended LMA meeting and Kindred Sisters workshop.

ZLCW – Put Lutheran World Relief kits together; next meeting is 10/28, will discuss lefse making, which Gail Ring oversees. There will not be meatballs made this year.

COMMUNICATIONS: Needs/Solicitations – None. Events – Concert at Glendive Alliance Church on 10/15; ELCA World Food Day on 10/16; Job Service & Chamber of Commerce newsletters. Thank You's – Glendive Community Cancer Fund committee and Luther's Lodge for our \$3000 donation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: No costs received yet on the heating issues from Hansen's. The boiler was turned on, circulating pump is very noisy, working with MT Plumbing on a replacement. High Point Const. of Dickinson has looked at the roof, and we have a proposal of \$150K to replace the shakes with architectural shingles. Steve made a motion to approve the work; Don seconded the motion; all were in favor. Pastor Linda suggested we invite members of the congregation to help offset the cost. The cost of replacing the 19 light fixtures was paid for with undesignated funds in the amount of \$2124 from the Memorial Committee. Three cost estimates were received from Blue Hawk Audio for new speakers and cabling. After discussing, we decided these were more than what we need. Steve will ask them to submit a new estimate for just two quality speakers. There has been an offer to help pay for sound system improvements. Sprinkler systems have been repaired and blown out for the season.

EVANGELISM & STEWARDSHIP: Nothing to report.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Nothing to report.

YOUTH & EDUCATION: Megan will meet with Norm and Pastor to discuss Reformation Sunday. Sunday school has 6-8 children attending regularly. The funds raised from the taco feed were given to Shalena Haugen and family.

WORSHIP: Pastor Linda has been planning music for Advent and Christmas with Marla and Mary.

CALL COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Cindy and Tracy attended the Badlands Ministry fall event. It was a cold day, so not as many in attendance. She will visit with the quilters about getting the quilt earlier next year so it can be listed on their on-line auction site. Rooted Families paperwork is on its way.

ZLCW will work to communicate better with the council in the future. They meet on the last Wednesday of each month. Ned Lenhart and his youth group are still interested in coming to Zion next summer, a date hasn't been set yet. Temple talks for October are taking place; Quilters on 10/4 (blessing of the quilts also took place); Loaves & Fishes (Don Idso) on 10/11; Furniture Room (Avis Anderson) on 10/18; ZLCW (Debbi Kaul) on 10/25.

NEW BUSINESS: Eric Barnofsky of Child Bridge will give a temple talk on 11/8. This group helps recruit foster parents and provides training. He will have information set up in the narthex prior to the service. Don announced that the Memorial Committee met and made changes to their policy, including meeting quarterly, acknowledging all gifts in the newsletter, sending thank you notes, new fund categories to be approved by the committee not the council, to name a few. Susan moved to approve the changes; Steve seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Don/Megan moved to adjourn; motion carried. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 11 at 6:00. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and our Mission Statement.

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For October 14 Council

	Sep 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Tithes/Offerings	10,631.11
Total Income	10,631.11
Expense	
Medicare reimbursement	660.00
Pastoral Payroll Expenses	2,899.34
parsonage utilities	85.09
Utilities - church	552.36
Water/Sewer	569.47
Bank Service Charges	6.80
Benevolence (ELCA)	1,001.59
Insurance Expense	
General Liability	
Insurance	1,399.51
Total Insurance Expense	1,399.51
Janitorial Expense	72.49
Landscaping Expenses	33.12
Loaves and Fishes exp	253.78
Ministry Expenses	653.02
parsonage expenses	139.75
Payroll Expenses	1,061.31
Pulpit Supply	775.00
Repairs and Maintenance	2,203.48
Telephone/Internet Expense	440.91
Total Expense	12,807.02
Net Ordinary Income	-2,175.91
Net Income	-2,175.91

end of month statement balances

checking	57,074.84
savings	15,874.77

CD Stockman	21,720.18	11/26/2026
CD Stockman	34,211.46	1/24/2027
CD Stockman	45,102.26	2/11/2027
CD Stockman	40,895.20	3/2/2027
CD Bravera	43,605.25	3/12/2027
CD Bravera	32,793.09	4/23/2027
CD Bravera	53,500.88	7/14/2027

271,828.3
2

Memorials for September 2026

There were no Memorials recorded for September

Pastoral Acts for September 2026

Weddings-0

Funerals-0

Baptisms-0

Confirmations-0

Private Communions-Grandview-3, Heritage-0, Extended Care-2, Home-0

Attendance and Offering

Date	Attend	Com	Offering
September 3 Thursday 6 pm	19	20	380
September 6 Sunday 10 am	54	48	2572
September 10 Thursday 6 pm	14	13	95
September 13 Sunday 10 am	93	80	2465
September 17 Thursday 6 pm	9	9	75
September 20 Sunday 10 am	71	64	2410
September 24 Thursday 6 pm	16	14	580
September 27 Sunday 10 am	68	62	1291

WORSHIP/LEADERS

November Deacons/Sound/Acolytes

1	Deacon-	Todd Vashus
	Sound-	Bill Miller
	Acolytes	Eli Stortz
8	Deacon-	Paul Shearer
	Sound-	Steve Merrill
	Acolytes	Mason & Carson Sager
15	Deacon-	Cindy Gabbert
	Sound-	Bill Miller
	Acolytes	Kaine & Konnor Kubesh
22	Deacon	Tracy Gabbert
	Sound-	Paul Shearer
	Acolytes	
29	Deacon	Steve Kaul
	Sound-	Sheila Kennedy
	Acolytes	

Chancel Guild

November 1	Gladys W
November 8	Marla M
November 15	Barb G
November 22	Penny Z
November 29	Marlene T

Loaves & Fishes/Salvation Army

Date	Loaves & Fishes	SA (on call)
November 2	Dave Boyce	George Skerritt
November 9	Jo Ryan	Don Idso
November 16	Terri Miller	Bill Miller
November 23	Dan Schmidt	Sharon Batterman
November 30	Jo Ryan	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 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.

Furniture Room

November 7	Jo & Sheryl
November 14	Kristie
November 21	Avis
November 28	CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

November Readers & Ushers

Readers :	Terri Clausen
Ushers:	Paul Shearer

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 TIME CHANGE All Saints Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	2 9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:30 a.m. Text Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Dave B & George S 6:00 p.m. Scouts	3	4 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	5 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI 1:30 p.m. Deborah Circle 5:00 p.m. Worship	6	7 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-Jo & Sheryl
8 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	9 9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:30 a.m. Text Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Jo R & Don I 6:00 p.m. Scouts	10	11 8:00 a.m.-Lefse-Prep Potatoes 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle 1:30 p.m. Sarah Circle 6:00 p.m. Church Council 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	12 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI 8:00 a.m.-Cook & Grind Potatoes 2:00 p.m.-Make Dough 5:00 p.m. Worship	13 8:00 a.m.-Roll & Bake Lefse 9:30 am Visitation Grandview, Heritage, Extended Care	14 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-Kristie
15 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	16 9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:30 a.m. Text Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Terri M & Bill M 6:00 p.m. Scouts	17	18 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle 1:30 p.m. Chancel Guild 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	19 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI 5:00 p.m. Worship	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-Avis
22 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	23 9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:30 a.m. Text Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Dan S & Sharon B 6:00 p.m. Scouts	24	25 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle No Confirmation	26 Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed No Men's Group No Worship	27	28 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-CLOSED for Holiday
29 First Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	30 9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:30 a.m. Text Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Don I & Brian H 6:00 p.m. Scouts					Church Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 pm Closed Friday

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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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Ext. 3—Youth & Family Ministry

Ext. 4—Furniture Room

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tion Army**

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Monday-Thursday 9am-Noon

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