

ZIONEWS

October 2026



From the Pastor

October is almost here. We can't deny summer is over anymore. However, the lovely fall colors make up for it. Enjoy the season! Cider, bonfires, pumpkins – it doesn't get any better!

In October we will have special events on Sundays. As our Stewardship Emphasis we will have a short talk at the beginning of each Sunday service about all that we ARE doing for ministry in our church, our community and the world. You may be surprised at all we participate in. Let's find encouragement to do more! It's a big state, a big world out there. Let's share our gifts to make things better for everyone.

October 4th the Quilts will be laid out on the pews for us to admire before they are packed and sent around the world. We will bless them and thank all who participate in this ministry.

We congratulate BJ Berry and Jenny Burman on their wedding Oct 3. Confirmation continues with Finley and Mazie. Please continue to pray for them and their families as they embark on this new journey of faith.

October lessons include a parable of the vineyard, which speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. The 2nd Sunday gives us a vision of the great feast to come when God will wipe away death forever. We are invited by God to the table. 3rd Sunday of October we hear Jesus say, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's, which will inspire us to think about our gifts and talents and how we use them in everyday life to give glory to God.

4th Sunday is Reformation! Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be 're-formed' and 're-forming' in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world as we celebrate the Good News. Remember to wear **RED!**

Also on Reformation we will present the Confirmation students with a Large Catechism and Bibles to the 5th grade students. Be sure to be there!

A prayer for October: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Blessings upon us all!

Pastor Linda Rose

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall Blessings to ALL!!

Fall brings a bustle of activities!! The "BER" months are upon us!! Sunday School has started, Blessings on all of your youth & teachers. So many groups working to better our congregation & community. By time you read this our Choir will have started, Blessings to all of our choir members & director. Thank you to our plant lady Penny Zimmerman who organizes people to water & also waters and takes care of our flowers. Thank you to the mowers who keep our lawn so beautiful and property so inviting.

Continue to keep Pastor Linda Rose in your prayers as she leads us. I have really enjoyed her input and perspective. And our Lay Ministerial Associates Norman Unterseher & Nancy Korb who continue to help with services.

We as a faithful and generous congregation, continue to work together to provide all of us with all of the services and programs our church is involved in. Continue to pray that a full time Pastor will be found to lead our congregation.

"I bless the Lord, who gives me council: In the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." -Psalm 16: 7-8

I have been using this passage all summer as I work on closing my father's estate...it at times has been a bit bumpy.

Blessings,

Cindy Gabbert, Zion Council President

Digital Giving: Do you give to the church with a check or cash, but would prefer to do it electronically? Zion Lutheran currently uses two different formats for digital giving – Tithely and Realm. Only 3 families give using these platforms. One simple difference between the two – if you give \$10 through Tithely the church sees \$9.70, if you give \$10 through Realm the church sees the \$10 but pays a fee for the transaction at the end of the month. Realms reporting of giving is simpler than Tithely's. If you'd like to explore moving away from checks/cash, contact treasurer Steve Merrill. If you think we should explore having a QR code/sign for donations from visitors and guests let Steve know and we'll explore how that works.

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

Youth & Education

Happy fall!

We are off to a wonderful start to our school year at Zion.

We kicked off our first day of Sunday school along with the youth led taco feed. Confirmation is already on it to its third meeting and we've had one youth group gathering. It is so wonderful to have all the kids back at Zion, to see all of them, and catch up on how their summers went and how school is going so far.

In October, youth group will meet on Wednesday the 21st at 6:30. Sunday school will meet the first three Sundays of the month, which are the 4th, 11th and 18th from 9:00-9:45 and confirmation will meet all Wednesdays, which are the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the taco feed, we fed just over 30 people and had just the right amount of food. Thank you all so much for your support and help.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or the church office!

God's peace,
Megan Kubesh
Zion Youth and Education Committee
406.939.1006



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUTH

Fall school sports are in session. Please follow our youth as they participate in all the fall activities..

Lutheran World Relief Kits

The ZLCW is continuing to gather items for the Lutheran World Relief Kits which will be assembled October 10 for shipment. Please consider donating regular size Ivory soap bars in the blue laundry basket in the narthex. Many thanks for your generosity!

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

September 9, 2026 – 6:00 pm

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

SECRETARY REPORT: Steve/Don moved to approve the minutes from August 12; motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Dave/Sheila moved to approve the report as written; motion passed. Current checking account balance is \$54,847.94. Over \$600 in interest was earned from the CDs for the month.

PASTOR LINDA'S REPORT: Pastor sent a letter to Tyler at Silha Funeral Home regarding communication of events; no response has been received. She has been visiting at Grandview, Heritage and Extended Care and attended a women's clergy meeting in Circle and the ZLCW meeting in August. A Zoom for LMA mentors was held on Sept. 1, covering the responsibilities, especially for LMAs in training. LMAs are required to complete 20 hours of Continuing Ed each year. Nancy, Norm and Pastor will continue the meeting on Monday mornings for a text study and will keep track of all they do and read for reports to be sent yearly to the Synod. We were asked as a council to think of people with the gift to study the scriptures and write sermons, along with the need to find people interested in taking the LMA training, specifically at Zion. It was suggested that we budget for funds to aid any new candidates for this training. September meetings are starting and Pastor will be attending the Circles, Chancel Guild and Memorial Committee. Her and Norm are formulating confirmation, hoping to team teach, which starts September 16. We have two girls who want to attend, Finley Smart and Mazie Scheetz. Pastor is preparing a short women's retreat for Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10-2. The Berry/Burman wedding is October 3 at 4:30; a sound person is needed to run their music. The subject of a stewardship program for October was discussed, maybe having temple talks each week from different committees and groups. She is looking for volunteers to help with this. Bishop Quanbeck called to inquire how things are going after three months; Pastor is happy with her hours and duties and referred Cindy to him for her feedback.

LMA'S REPORTS: Norm – Did Blessing of the Back Packs on Aug. 16; attended men's bible study breakfast on Aug. 20 & 27; did visitations and communion at Grandview and for Gert Kolberg on Aug. 21; participated in Pastor Linda's bible study on Aug. 17 & Sept. 8; attended Zoom meeting with Pastor Heggem for LMAs on Aug. 17 and weekly Monday bible studies on Aug. 24 & 31; Nancy – Attended LMA meeting with Pastor Stacey on Aug. 17; chaired luncheon for Lina Brenner on Aug. 12; attended prayer circle on Aug. 19 along with ZLCW meeting; made a bereavement call and put together a list of people who would be willing to help with or provide treats for funerals/events; contacted Pastor Avis to confirm she is still her LMA mentor.

COMMUNICATIONS: Needs/Solicitations – Thrive Glendive Police Dept. for materials on safety and drug prevention; ELCA; Annual Outreach Clinic Event on Oct. 9 in Miles City. Events – Women's Gathering Oct. 2 & 3 in Billings; Badlands Ministries Event Sept. 20 in Beach; Gods Work Our Hands at Zion on Sept. 13. Thank You's – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: No changes on roof repairs. Completed 19 LED fixtures, no invoice yet. The kitchen overhead fans were replaced. Still waiting on a visit from Blue Hawk Audio on new speakers, cabling and microphones. Sprinkler system repairs at the church and parsonage are needed and will be done by Make It Rain, estimated to cost around \$1000. The commercial dishwasher is installed. Maintenance on the chair lift has been done by G&J of Billings, with the recommendation to operate it at least once a week. We've ended our contract with OTIS. The ice machine was leaking; drain pump was replaced and a basin and drain tube added.

EVANGELISM & STEWARDSHIP: Nothing to report.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Zion was represented at the DCC Community BBQ on Aug. 18.

YOUTH & EDUCATION: Sunday School starts Sept. 13, with a taco feed to follow the service. Installation of the teachers will be held Sept 13 also. There were issues with the company that provides the curriculum but those have been resolved. A substitute teacher for the Pre K and Kindergarten class will be needed for two Sundays while Janet is on vacation. Megan has acolytes filled through December. WORSHIP: The committee hasn't met since Pastor Linda started but plans to meet soon.

CALL COMMITTEE: Cindy will visit with Norm about possible people to write sermons and consider the LMA program.

OLD BUSINESS: Cindy emailed Avis about the council's decision to not expand the furniture room at this time. The September newsletter was mailed to approximately 250 members, only five were returned. Steve made a motion to go back to sending the newsletter to everyone again, Don seconded the motion; all were in favor. We will coordinate this with Janet and offer our help to fold and seal them each month. Cindy will touch base with Deric on how things are going with the website. Volunteers have been asked to help in the office while Janet is on vacation Sept. 10-22, Cindy will stop and check messages and emails. The quilters will donate a quilt for the Badland Fall event on Sept. 20. Tracy and Cindy will take a picture of it for the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS: ZLCW is asking what the council's expectations are of them and what can be done to improve communication between the two groups. A few things discussed were letting us know when they have meetings, submitting a report to the newsletter and to the council. The council meetings are open to them to attend anytime. Cindy will draft an email for Pastor to approve and then will send to Nancy and the committee. The letter Pastor wrote to Tyler Silha about communication issues included; (1) Pastor Linda should be the first contact. (2) Pastor will communicate with the other church staff. (3) The ladies will provide a small reception, not a meal. Ned Lenhart has asked to stay at the church with his youth group next summer. They will branch out to do service projects and preach at both services. Megan made a motion to allow them to stay at the church and preach, Susan seconded the motion; all were in favor. Steve talked about a donation of \$2000 to Luther's Lodge in Billings from the Memorial Committee. Don will bring this to the committee.

Susan/Megan moved to adjourn; motion carried. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 14 at 6:00 pm. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and our Mission Statement.

Kristie Stanhope, Secretary

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for September 9th council

	Aug 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Thrivent grant	752.00
Tithes/Offerings	13,556.40
Total Income	14,308.40
Expense	
Youth Leader	200.00
Pastoral Payroll Expenses	2,899.34
parsonage utilities	115.74
Utilities - church	767.46
Water/Sewer	507.48
Bank Service Charges	6.60
Benevolence (ELCA)	800.70
Dues and Subscriptions	255.00
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	1,399.51
Total Insurance Expense	1,399.51
Landscaping Expenses	1,067.00
Ministry Expenses	158.96
Office Supplies	796.44
parsonage expenses	32.04
Payroll Expenses	1,172.59
Pulpit Supply	425.00
Repairs and Maintenance	149.50
Telephone/Internet Expense	376.31
Total Expense	11,129.67
Net Ordinary Income	3,178.73
Net Income	3,178.73

end of month statement balances

checking	60,636.96
savings	15,854.79

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D Stockman	40,136.46	9/2/2026
C		
D Bravera	42,806.82	9/12/2026
C		
D Stockman	21,720.18	11/26/2026
C		
D Stockman	34,211.46	1/24/2027
C		
D Stockman	45,102.26	2/11/2027
C		
D Bravera	32,793.09	4/23/2027
C		
D Bravera	53,500.88	7/14/2027

270,271.15

Memorials for August 2026

In Memory of Gary Lundman

From Peggy Handtmann for Loaves & Fishes
 From Sharon Towberman for Loaves & Fishes
 From Susan Elhart for Loaves & Fishes
 From Justin Hohn for Loaves & Fishes
 From Diane Franks for Loaves & Fishes
 From Mary Fabian for Loaves & Fishes
 From Joe & Madelyn Braun for Loaves & Fishes
 From Nancy Korb for Loaves & Fishes

In Memory of Lina Brenner

From Marion Chouinard for Loaves & Fishes
 From Sheila Kennedy for Loaves & Fishes
 From Adam & Barb Gartner

Pastoral Acts for August 2026

Weddings-0

Funerals-1

Baptisms-0

Confirmations-0

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

Attendance and Offering

Date	Attend	Com	Offering
August 2 Sunday 8 am	22	22	1320
August 2 Sunday 10 am	47	44	2795
August 6 Thursday 5 pm	10	9	130
August 9 Sunday 8 am	22	20	770
August 9 Sunday 10 am	37	36	990
August 13 Thursday 5 pm	15	14	585
August 16 Sunday 8 am	23	21	425
August 16 Sunday 10 am	52	50	1356
August 20 Thursday 5 pm	13	12	185
August 23 Sunday 8 am	21	21	685
August 23 Sunday 10 am	42	39	610
August 27 Thursday 5 pm	14	13	440
August 30 Sunday 8 am	40	33	1210
August 30 Sunday 10 am	53	49	1016

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to God's love.*

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406-377-3369 or 1-800-607-5131

Ext. 1 - Office Administrator

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

October Deacons/Sound/Acolytes

4	Deacon-	Bill Hanley
	Sound-	Sheila Kennedy
	Acolytes	Mason & Carson Sager
11	Deacon-	Angie Silha
	Sound-	Bill Miller
	Acolytes	Konnor & Kaine Kubesh
18	Deacon-	Steve Merrill
	Sound-	Paul Shearer
	Acolytes	-Eli Stortz
25	Deacon	-Dave Svenvold
	Sound-	Steve Merrill
	Acolytes	

Chancel Guild

October 4	Marie M
October 11	Peggy H
October 18	LaNette S
October 25	Arlene W

Loaves & Fishes/Salvation Army

Date	Loaves & Fishes	SA (on call)
October 5	Dave Boyce	Don Idso
October 12	Terri Miller	Bill Miller
October 19	Dan Schmidt	Sharon Batterman
October 26	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

October 3	Sheryl & Sharon
October 10	Avis
October 17	Kristie
October 24	Jo & Connie
October 31	Karen & Barb

October Readers & Ushers

Readers & Ushers: Bill & Rita Hanley

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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 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI 1:30 p.m. Deborah Circle 5:00 p.m. Worship	2	3 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-Sheryl & Sharon
4 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship-Quilt Sunday 6:00 p.m. Scouts	5 9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Dave B & Don I 6:00 p.m. Scouts	6	7 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	8 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI 5:00 p.m. Worship	9 10:00 am Visitation Grandview, Heritage, Extended Care	10 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-Avis
11 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	12 9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Terri M & Bill M 6:00 p.m. Scouts	13	14 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle 1:30 p.m. Sarah Circle 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Church Council	15 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI 5:00 p.m. Worship	16	17 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-Kristie
18 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	19 9:00 p.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Dan S & Sharon B 6:00 p.m. Scouts	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle 1:30 p.m. Chancel Guild 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	22 6:30 a.m Men's Bible Study-YRI 5:00 p.m. Worship	23	24 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-Jo & Connie
25 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts Time Change Next Week	26 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Jo R & Brian H 6:00 p.m. Scouts	27	28 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle 2:00 p.m. ZLCW Meeting 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	29 6:30 a.m Men's Bible Study-YRI 5:00 p.m. Worship	30	31 Happy Halloween 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-Karen & Barb