

ZIONEWS

September 2026

Hello All Zion Members, Both Active & Inactive!

Your Zion Church Council, along with others decided it would be a good idea to mail our September Zion newsletter to everyone. This is in order that we might receive some feedback from many of you, to update our church records and information. Are you still an active member? Do you still want to receive the Zion newsletter, either by mail or email? Have you or a family member moved or changed churches?

Please touch base with our church leaders listed on the address page of this newsletter or Janet in the church office at 406-377-3369 or email her at churchlady@zionlutheran.us.

I thank you for helping have accurate church membership records or as accurate as possible!

Blessings to all of you,
Cindy Gabbert, Council President



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From the Pastor

It's Fall Startup time! From Rally Sunday on September 13 to Bible Studies and committee meetings.

What should you be gearing up for?

We're mailing this newsletter out to everyone this month in order to ask for feedback. Are you still an active member, do you want to continue receiving the newsletter, by mail or email? Have you moved or relocated or changed churches? Please be in touch with us so we can have accurate records and information.

Sept 6 is Labor Day Weekend, and Pastor Darren Paulsen, Chaplain at St. John's Lutheran Ministries and on the Board of Luther's Lodge in Billings will be preaching. He will update us on the progress of the remodeling of First English Lutheran Church to be the new location of housing for people who have someone in one of the Billings Hospitals. Its location is across the street from St. Vincent's Hospital and should be ready to open by the end of the year. Presently, the current site is still in use. See the Notice Board for information.

- Rally Sunday is September 13th and the youth will host a Taco Feed as a benefit. Be prepared to enjoy, **Ole!**
- The Ministry Staff continues a study of the week's upcoming texts and all are welcome to join us, Mondays at 10 am.
- Pastor Avis will be holding a September Bible Study on 1st and 2nd Corinthians on Tuesdays in September at 1 pm. Read ahead – all are welcome!

Women's retreats are coming up:

I will be presenting "**Kindred Sisters**", Saturday, September 26, 10-2 at the church. Notice the page about it in this newsletter. All ages are welcome as we look at some New Testament Women in ways that speak to us in our day and time. We will also have a look at our own Zion Ladies 'from the beginning'. There literally would not be a church without them! Bring a salad to share for our lunch, other treats will be provided. Bring your friends and enjoy a fun day of inspiration.

RSVP to Pastor Linda or the church office.

WELCA Synodical Women's Convention will be October 3 in Billings at St. John's Lutheran Ministries. See the page in this newsletter with the details and registration information.

September overview of scriptures: Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples and us on how individuals and the church as a whole should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another. 70X7 – that's how many times we are to forgive one another. Jesus uses the laborers in the vineyard story to teach us about God's generosity toward all humanity. And after driving the money changers from the Temple for extorting money from people buying animals for offerings, Jesus teaches the Pharisees about theology and the importance of doing the right thing, even if it's an afterthought.

Be in church this month and get inspired and enthused to keep up the good work telling and living the Good News!

Blessings,
Pastor Linda Rose

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR AVIS

For 4 weeks beginning in September (8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th) a study of 1 and 2nd Corinthians. We will meet for discussion on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. for one hour. Let me know if you are interested (406-939-1421) so I can make enough study guides. My suggestion is you begin reading 1st Corinthians and 2nd Corinthians. What are the main points in each book and how do they compare with each other? Note your favorite verses (1st Corinthians 13 is the "love chapter"). And be sure and read the study guides and information if you have a Study Bible. You can Google the books and get a history as well. In other words you have time to prepare yourself for these few meetings together. Invite anyone you think might be interested. Last year we looked at Galatians and Ephesians. Blessings on our journey.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome Back to School!!

August is over and we close the summer. I pray all of you were refreshed and revived in some way. Please pray for our young families who get their children off to school. Pray for our youth and all our educators, school staff, administrators & families.

As Fall arrives remember our shut ins and all those who help to keep our church functioning. Prayers for safety to all athletes, coaches and officials who begin their fall activities.

Continue to pray that a full time Pastor will be found to lead our congregation.

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Cindy Gabbert, Zion Council President

HELP NEEDED!

Our church secretary is going on vacation Sept. 10-22, 2026. We are looking for someone(s) 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

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 or Norman Unterseher

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Youth & Education

Greetings All!!

We hope the first few days of school have treated everyone well and we pray God's continued blessings, protection, and His guiding hand over all of our youth- from our littlest ones to our college aged kids.

As we close out August and head into September- we are ready to welcome everyone back into the sanctuary for worship, Sunday School, Youth Group and any other activity that may come our way!

A couple of important dates are coming up:

-First day of Sunday School (Rally Sunday) is **September 13th at 9:00**

-Youth sponsored taco feed **immediately after the church service** on **September 13th** to celebrate our first Sunday school and to celebrate God's Work Our Hands Sunday (a celebration of acts of service done at Zion and the larger church)

- first Youth Group **September 16 from 6:30-8:00**

- **September 20** will be the only other Sunday school gathering in September

We celebrated blessing of the backpacks at both services on August 16th.

If you have not already received it, please be on the lookout for a Youth Newsletter that will detail **most** of the dates and activities planned for our youth here at Zion through next spring.

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

Congratulations to our youth that participated in 4H this year.

Congratulations to youth that were involved in swim team. They had a very successful year.

Support our youth in any way you can.

We look forward to the many sports activities this fall.



SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED:

Janet will be gone September 13 and 20. She teaches the 3 year old through kindergarten Sunday School class. Help with that class would be greatly appreciated. The Spark curriculum is used for that age group, so materials are provided if wanted.

Makoshika Worship:

Our summer worship in Makoshika at 8:00 a.m. at the amphitheater has concluded for this year. Services were well attended again this year. We had one scheduled cancellation and only a couple of rained out Sundays.

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

Zion Women

And Friends of all ages

come to a Women's Retreat.

Saturday September 26, 10-12

We will learn about come

New Testament Women

Bring your friends and daughters...

We will also look at the

amazing booklet of Zion women

'from the beginning'.

There literally would not be

a church without them!

Bring a salad to share for lunch

RSVP to Pastor Linda

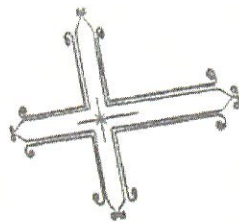
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*A Book of Meditation
and Reflection*

Dandi Daley Mackall

"OUR THANKS TO THE LADIES..."



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ZION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2026 – 6:00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Cindy Gabbert, Susan Miller, Steve Merrill, Kristie Stanhope, Don Zimmerman, Tracy Gabbert, Paul Shearer, Sheila Kennedy, 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 a prayer from Matthew 18.

SECRETARY REPORT: Steve/Don moved to approve the minutes from July 8; motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Dave/Susan moved to approve the report as written; motion passed. Current checking account balance is \$54,951.44. One Thrivent account within the Endowment was closed in the amount of \$13,654.02 and deposited into the General Fund to pay for the new dishwasher. The Endowment still holds two accounts totaling around \$100K. A couple CDs were rolled over in July.

PASTOR LINDA'S REPORT: Pastor had questions about the funeral and wedding policies and music. Some discussion was held and decided that family's and couple's choices of music will be honored if the music is in good taste and meets Pastor's approval. We are happy to be having weddings at Zion again, having had one in June and another one October 3 (BJ Berry & Jenny Burman). Pastor attended the memorial committee meeting. She also visited with residents at Grandview and Heritage, toured the facilities and met the directors. She presided over the celebration of life service for Lina Brenner and did the committal at the Marsh cemetery. Upcoming events in August and September include blessing of the backpacks (8/16), DCC BBQ (8/18), Zion WELCA (8/19), clergy meeting in Circle (8/24), LMA mentor Zoom meeting (9/1), Zion women's retreat with a salad luncheon (9/26). Pastor Darren Paulson, chaplain at St. John's Lutheran Ministries and board member of Luther's Lodge will preach and give an update on the lodge on Sept. 6. Honorarium for preaching, no other expenses.

LMA's REPORTS: Norm – Did Thursday service on July 9 and August 6; did both services on July 12 and August 9; attended men's bible study breakfast on July 9, 16 & 23 and August 6; did visitations and communion at Grandview and Heritage on July 10 and the hospital for J. Roe on August 7; participated in Pastor Linda's bible study on August 3 & 10. Nancy – Did Thursday service on July 30; attended prayer circle, did a bereavement call, attended worship study. ZLCW will meet on August 19 @ 2pm, all are invited to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS: Needs/Solicitations – None. Events – DCC Community BBQ on August 18; Badlands Ministries event on September 20. Thank You's – Friends of Makoshika for the breakfast.

COMMITTEE REPORTS PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Finally met with Levi Hansen and an engineer about the boiler. Will develop a plan and costs to replace controls on three air handlers, getting rid of the pneumatics. Also, will investigate control of individual rooms in the Sunday school wing. This will be a very expensive project. The AC was replaced in pastor's office. Steve is looking at the possibility of a different contractor for the roof issue (the Flex Seal has failed). A motion from the committee was made to replace more fluorescent lighting with LED in basement fellowship hall, bathrooms, furniture room and sacristy; all were in favor. A motion was also made by the committee to install two speakers with new cabling and microphones in the sanctuary at a lower level. The work will be done by Blue Hawk Audio of Dickinson at a cost of roughly \$1500 not including labor; all were in favor. The fellowship room ceiling tiles are failing; they are being fixed as needed. The kitchen overhead fans died, hired Robin Thompson to replace. Make It Rain will replace 10 sprinkler heads at the church, the main water source was repaired, the drip system is not working. Hoping to have the dishwasher installed yet this week. Kyle Robinson is working on a few repairs at the parsonage. A file cabinet was moved to the office from the resource room, and the copier has been repaired. The chairlift is not working, the company that installed it will be here on the 19th to look at it.

EVANGELISM & STEWARDSHIP: We have not met as a committee. Susan announced that she has sent the Splash newsletter to three families with young children.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Norm purchased some small gifts to give away at Zion's table at the DCC BBQ on August 18.

YOUTH & EDUCATION: Megan, Janet and Norm have been going over the list of youth preparing for Sunday School which starts on September 13.

WORSHIP: Pastor, Marla and Mary have been discussing music selections for the services and will get September lined out before Janet goes on vacation.

CALL COMMITTEE: Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Avis visited our council meeting to talk about the furniture room expansion. She had pictures showing the room full of mattresses and furniture and of pickups full of items finding new homes. She stressed how important the furniture room mission is to the community and that it would be nice to have more room. Following her visit, we discussed the matter in length, one point being made that only a few times a year is the room so full that the need for more space arises. Tracy made a motion to expand into the classroom next to the furniture room by knocking out part of the wall. There was not a second to the motion, so the motion failed. We will continue to look at solutions to this. Cindy, Susan and Kristie met with Janet and went through the membership files, pulling several of them for various reasons. Cindy will start putting together the newsletter for September on August 26, with help from Kristie if needed. The new members we've talked about at previous meetings have been here for a couple years now and aren't interested in any formal recognition. September 13 will be youth rally day, "God's Work Our Hands", with a taco bar lunch, donating proceeds to a local family. Janet will be out of the office July 28 and September 10-22. There will be an announcement in the bulletin asking for volunteers to sit in the office mornings to answer the phone and greet people.

NEW BUSINESS: Promise 686 Montana Rooted Families is back on the agenda. Cindy will have more to report on this in the coming months. We also received information from Prosper Faith Based Suicide Prevention. More to come on this also.

Don/Susan moved to adjourn; motion carried.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 pm. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and our Mission Statement.

Kristie Stanhope, Secretary

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 and new nail clippers in the blue laundry basket in the narthex. Many thanks for your generosity!

September 2026 for August 12th council

	Jul 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Thrivent grant	13,654.02
Tithes/Offerings	<u>11,438.60</u>
Total Income	25,092.62
Expense	
Medicare reimbursement	660.00
Benevolence	500.00
World Hunger	100.00
Pastoral Payroll Expenses	5,798.68
parsonage utilities	81.49
Utilities - church	448.69
Water/Sewer	507.84
Bank Service Charges	8.25
Benevolence (ELCA)	917.49
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	<u>1,399.51</u>
Total Insurance Expense	1,399.51
Landscaping Expenses	203.00
Ministry Expenses	449.00
Office Equipment	834.18
Office Supplies	163.90
parsonage expenses	129.95
Payroll Expenses	1,440.42
Postage and Delivery	312.00
Pulpit Supply	925.00
Repairs and Maintenance	17,900.97
Telephone/Internet Expense	495.75
Unemployment Insurance	5.56
VBS-expense	2,924.47
Wage Tax	<u>1,254.49</u>
Total Expense	<u>37,460.64</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-12,368.02</u>
Net Income	<u>-12,368.02</u>
end of month statement balances	
checking	54,951.44
savings	15,854.79
CD Stockman	40,136.46
CD Bravera	42,806.82
CD Stockman	21,720.18
CD Stockman	34,211.46
CD Stockman	45,102.26
CD Bravera	32,793.09
CD Bravera	53,500.88
	270,271.15

Memorials for July 2026

In Memory of Joanne Burleson
From Adam & Barb Gartner

In Memory of Gary Lundman
From Don & Adele Idso
From Vance & Linda Vickers for Loaves & Fishes
From Gladys Weigum for Loaves & Fishes
From Sheila Kennedy for Loaves & Fishes
From Gayla Nicholson for Loaves & Fishes
From Bonnie Broeder for Loaves & Fishes
From Dale & Sheryl Stansbury for Loaves & Fishes
From Marion Chouinard
From Adam & Barb Gartner
From Georgia Norderud for Loaves & Fishes
From JoAnn Roe for Loaves & Fishes
From Bill & Rita Hanley for Loaves & Fishes
From Cammy Oakland for Loaves & Fishes
From Trevor & Janna McCormick for Loaves & Fishes

In Memory of Bradley Clausen, brother of Bruce
From Don & Adele Idso

In Memory of Eloise Cullinan
From Marla McCormick and John Cullinan Family for Choir Music

Pastoral Acts for July 2026

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

Attendance and Offering

Date	Attend	Com	Offering
July 2 Thursday 5 pm	13	11	840
July 5 Sunday 8 am	26	24	555
July 5 Sunday 10 am	38	33	3920
July 9 Thursday 5 pm	11	10	80
July 12 Sunday 8 am	23	23	520
July 12 Sunday 10 am	43	43	1855
July 16 Thursday 5 pm	11	11	165
July 19 Sunday 8 am	18	17	455
July 19 Sunday 10 am	50	54	1475
July 23 Thursday 5 pm	8	9	125
July 26 Sunday 8 am	12	12	325
July 26 Sunday 10 am	45	43	776.50
July 30 Thursday 5 pm	8	7	190

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Glendive, MT 59330

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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Phone Directory:

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

September Deacons/Sound/Acolytes

6	Deacon-	Steve Kaul
	Sound-	Steve Merrill
	Acolytes-	
13	Deacon-	Paul Shearer
	Sound-	Sheila Kennedy
	Acolytes-	Zane Gibbs & Konnor Kubesh
20	Deacon-	Easton & Danielle Wold
	Sound-	Paul Shearer
	Acolytes-	Eli Stortz
27	Deacon -	Wyatt Sager
	Sound-	Bill Miller
	Acolytes-	Mason & Carson Sager

Chancel Guild

September 6	Peggy H
September 13	Marlene T
September 20	Linda V
September 27	Cammy O

Loaves & Fishes/Salvation Army

Date	Loaves & Fishes	SA (on call)
Aug 31 – Sept. 6	Dave Boyce	George Skerritt
September 7	Terri Miller	Bill Miller
September 14	Dan Schmidt	Sharon Batterman
September 21	Jo Ryan	Brian Huotari
September 28	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

September 5	CLOSED for Labor Day
September 12	Avis
September 19	Karen & Jo
September 26	Kristie

September Readers & Ushers

Readers & Ushers:	Bob & Kristie Stanhope
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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	2 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle	3 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI NO Deborah Circle this month 5:00 p.m. Worship	4	5 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room- CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
6 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	7 Labor Day Holiday Office Closed 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Terri M & Bill M 6:00 p.m. Scouts	8 1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Anderson	9 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle 1:30 p.m. Sarah Circle 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Church Council	10 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI OFFICE CLOSED Janet Out of Office 5:00 p.m. Worship	11 10:00 am Visitation Grandview, Heritage, Extended Care	12 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-Avis Electronic Recycling at GROW
13 9:00 a.m. First Day of Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Taco Feed God's Work Our Hands 6:00 p.m. Scouts	14 Janet Out of Office this week 9:00 a.m. Quilting begins 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Dan S & Sharon B	15 Janet Out of Office 1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Anderson	16 Janet Out of Office 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle 2:00 p.m. Chancel Guild 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Youth	17 Janet Out of Office 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI 5:00 p.m. Worship	18	19 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-Karen & Jo
20 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Scouts	21 Janet Out of Office 9:00 p.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Jo R & Brian H 6:00 p.m. Scouts Newsletter Articles Due	22 Janet Out of Office 1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Anderson	23 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	24 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI 5:00 p.m. Worship	25	26 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Used Furniture Room-Kristie 10:00 a.m.-12 noon Kindred Sisters Women's Retreat
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