



ZION NEWS

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Pastor's Page

Taking Faith Home: Caring Conversations

For the past several weeks we have been including a blue insert in our bulletins called Taking Faith Home. Each week this resource will help you take the scripture readings into your home and spend more time with them, literally taking home the faith we began to explore in worship.

“But Pastor, my life is already so busy! How are we supposed to fit in everything that’s on that sheet?” I understand! Let’s start with one thing. How about some caring conversations? When do you have time for that?

What would it be like to commit to one dinner each week at the dinner table? Put it on the calendar, set the table with all the utensils (even if you don’t need them all), put a candle or two on the table, turn off all electronic devices and ask one of the three Caring Conversation questions from the blue sheet. Wouldn’t it be refreshing to talk about something that doesn’t involve schedules and figuring out the logistics of life?

How about putting your blue sheet in the car? Here in Montana long car rides are a weekly occurrence for many people. What if you turned off the radio and all other electronics and had some caring conversation? That one caring question might lead to opportunities to talk about all kinds of things that roll around in our minds but we just don’t take time to discuss.

Do you live alone? Maybe a family member phones you once or more each week. Sometimes we get tired of talking about our aches and pains or the weather.

How about asking your teenage grandchild or your adult son or daughter one of the Caring Conversation questions? Make sure each of you has time both to speak and to listen.

In the coming months I will highlight other portions of the Taking Faith Home inserts. Don’t feel like you need to get through everything on them every week. Do what you can. But do give it a try. Our faith is meant to be lived out every day, not just during that one hour of worship each week. God is with us each and every day, in our homes, at work, at school, as we hunt and play and watch football games—God is there! And God is in conversation with us in our caring conversations, building our relationships with one another and with God.

Let me know how it’s going! I want to hear your stories and help you take faith home in ways that enrich your lives every day.

God be with you,
Pastor Lynne

Kids and families: Opportunities on Sundays and Wednesdays

Sundays:

- ◆ Coffee and Fellowship (starts about 9 a.m. in the narthex)
- ◆ Worship @ 9:30 - ALL AGES can get involved: usher, greet, confess, read, sing, acolyte, pray, take notes, commit to using your blue insert at home, commune, praise God, help in the nursery, give, love, serve . . .
- ◆ Sunday School @ 10:30 for Preschool – 4th grade
- ◆ Youth group @ 10:30 - 5th & 6th graders (7th graders are always welcome, too)
- ◆ More coffee, treats, fellowship and learning @ 10:30 in the fellowship hall
- ◆ High School Youth Group @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays:

- ◆ Rainbow Choir after school to 5 p.m. (2nd-through 6th-graders)
- ◆ Confirmation after school – 5 p.m. (7th-graders)
- ◆ Worship @ 6 p.m. – ALL AGES

'Youth Works' Mission Trip to New Orleans summer 2018

Work alongside local organizations meeting the needs of the homeless and empowering community youth

On Nov. 5 at 6:30 at Zion, current 8th- through 12th-grade students and parents will talk about our mission trip next summer and finalize who will be going. Please come if you are at all interested in this opportunity to be a part of what God is doing in New Orleans.

We are not completely certain what our work will be there, but a big part of it will include partnering with children's programs as well as serving seniors and adults with special needs. In the evenings, we will have the chance to experience New Orleans' culture, history and people as we explore the French Quarter, tour the Lower Ninth Ward, attend a local church service and participate in a community cookout.

Currently, the dates we are looking at are July 1-6, but we can be flexible. We will also add a day to either end of trip, depending on people's schedules.

Come to Zion on Nov. 5 to talk it over!

Ladies!

Are any of you are interested in getting a weekly Bible study going again? These groups have been a wonderful time of learning and deepening our relationships with each other.

Please let me (Kris Pederson) know if this is something you would like to see and we will plan from there.



Women's Bible Study



Change the Clocks—Nov. 4/5

Fall back; Spring ahead

Eighth-graders and High School students

Eighth-graders and High School Youth meet 6:30 p.m. Sunday evenings with Stephanie Simpson and Kris Pederson at Zion.

Are you willing to host us in your home sometime? Let us know! It wouldn't matter if you have a student or not.

Social Concern of the Month

The Social Concern for the month of November is **Clearinghouse Connection.**

Clearinghouse Connection is one of the assistance programs of Central Montana Human Resources Development Council (HRDC). There are income qualifications and the vetting process prevents abuse of the program. Clearinghouse Connection relies on funding from grants and local contributions.

Zion Lutheran has supported this program for many years because they serve as an extension of God's work in our community. We invite you to give generously to this program over the next few weeks, above your regular offerings. We pray for God's blessing upon the work of Clearinghouse Connection to assist those in need.

Clearinghouse Connections helps people who have unforeseen emergencies and cannot get help through other programs. The program helps with essential services such as food, clothing, shelter or transportation, and medical, vision, and dental treatment. Support could be connections to other services or financial aid up to \$500.00 per family per calendar year.

HRDC administers the program; you can contact them at 535-7488. If you would like to donate, make your check to Zion and note "Clearinghouse" on the memo line.



Praise Team+ to lead on Nov. 26

We will celebrate Christ the King Sunday on Nov. 26 and will need musicians of all ages. We will rehearse music on Tuesdays, Nov 14 and 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Come join in on the fun as we prepare to lead our congregation in praising our King!

- Kris Pederson



News from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp held their annual Harvest Festival on Oct. 6-7.

Friday night's activities included a wonderful dinner, both live and silent auctions and a farewell toast to Nathan Clements, the camp's associate director, who has taken a call as pastor in Iowa. Saturday's events included a 5K trail & 1 mile walk, family fun events, the silent auction and the camp's annual meeting. I walked the 5K, won one of the three things I bid on, and took part in the meeting.

The annual meeting had its typical agenda of annual reports, financial reports and an uplifting report from Margie Fiedler the executive director. The camp is in great shape with many kids and adults having attended throughout the summer. One of the most exciting things they presented was the progress of the plans of the new ADA compliant cabin and meeting room.

The weekend was well attended with about 250 people there between the two days, and the auction netted the camp roughly \$20,000, of which a good portion goes toward camperships.

FLBC is a wonderful facility that has a lot of exciting things happening. Keep the camp in mind for your kids when you are planning next summer's activities. It will be an experience they will never forget.

- Eric Ogren, Zion's FLBC Delegate

Central Baptist Celebrates the Burns' ministry

Central Baptist Church will hold an Open House to celebrate Pastor Frank and Mary Burns' 20 years of ministry. The church is located at 195 Mile Drive. The celebration is from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12.

Why Our Family Chooses E-giving

"Life is busy"! That's not generally a phrase that families need to be reminded of, they live it daily. Our family is no exception; work, out of town family visits, kid activities, or just plain missed it. Those are all reasons, some good and some not so good, that we occasionally miss weekly services.

Even though we are not in attendance we wanted the opportunity to give to the church, as is our duty as members. The E-giving option has been the perfect answer to our prayers. We were able to set up a recurring gift, following the link on Zion's Facebook page. The Vanco website was easy to follow and the auto payment was quick to set up. The money is automatically deducted from our selected account each week, and we receive an email notification from Vanco, once it has been withdrawn.

I would encourage all those who, too, have busy lives to try the E-giving option. It is a convenient giving option that allows you to support your home church even when you aren't home. Plus, you don't have to remember your check book every Sunday. I would be happy to speak with you if you still have questions or want help setting up a payment through Vanco.

- Tanner Hoversland



Tanner and Keegan Hoversland
and Kelsi Hicks



Manage Your Giving Online

Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.zionlewisownelca.org
2. Click on the Give Now button
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your one-time or recurring contributions.

You can also give from your smart phone through the mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader.



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I still give with a check or cash?

• Absolutely! Some people have told us that they no longer use checks and often do not carry cash so electronic giving is just an additional option for giving to the church. We also hope this will be a helpful option for visitors.

• If you give by cash, be sure to put it in an envelope with your name on it if you want a record for your end of the year contribution report for your taxes.

What payment methods can I use to donate?

• Donations can be made with all major debit/credit cards currently accepted by your church. You can also give or pay using your checking or savings account.

How can I participate in the offering during service?

• Either write "I give electronically" on the outside of your offering envelope or use the "I Give Electronically" card located in the pew pocket to drop into the offering plate.

How safe is electronic giving?

• Vanco Payment Solutions[®] meets or exceeds all industry standards to safeguard your data. To help ensure your data stays safe, Vanco leverages technology such as tokenizing card data and encrypting sensitive information for transmission and storage.

Will I receive a receipt?

• Yes. You will receive a receipt via email, and you will also be able to view transactions in your giving history. Guest donors will receive a receipt if they choose to enter their email address when completing a donation.

If you need help setting up an account or recurring contribution please contact the church office.





Sunday school has been a great success so far this year. Thank you to all of our volunteers. The kids always love seeing new faces in the room and having the extra input on the lesson

is always welcome.

We have four openings that still need to be filled for November. The 5th, 12th, and 19th. Please contact the church office or Falan if you are able to help.

On rally day everyone had the opportunity to vote on what we will be spending our Sunday school offering money on. Honey Bees won the vote! The Goats came in second.

Please remind the kids to bring their offering to Sunday school.

!!!On Deck Volunteers for November!!!

Nov. 5 - Denise Goodwyn (2nd -4th Grade)

Nov. 12 - Heather Fryer (2nd -4th Grade)

ANNOUNCING..

November **Sunday School Lessons**

*God forgives us when we do wrong.

*God protects us when we are afraid.

*God wants us to trust him, even if we don't understand at first.



Wreath-making changes!

Please make note of a schedule change for the gathering of the greens this year.

The announcement and sign-up sheets stated that the gathering of the greens would take place on Saturday, Nov. 18 with plans to assemble wreaths scheduled for the following Saturday, the 25th.

The concern is that the greens may become too dry to work with easily if they are allowed to sit for a full week before they are cut and assembled as wreaths.

Consequently, we have rescheduled the gathering to take place on **Wednesday, Nov. 22.**

We will meet at 9 a.m. in the church parking lot and head out together to the Kneppers' place on the divide.



This outing usually takes about 2 to 3 hours from start to finish.

We need folks with pick-up trucks for hauling and a few folks with chain saws for cutting and of course a willingness to gather greenery from tree to truck is much appreciated!

Wreath making will still take place on Saturday, Nov. 25 at Brian and Lynette Sallee's place. All of the materials will be there to cut, assemble and decorate. The fun begins at 9 a.m. and continues until we are all done!

Lunch will be provided and people (Men and Women!) can sign up early to confirm their availability for either or both of these events.

The Zion wreaths bring out lots of return customers every year and help to make our annual event a successful fundraiser.

We're hiring!

We are still seeking people to fill the positions of Communications Coordinator and Nursery Attendants.

The Communications position requires computer skills for putting together the monthly newsletter, email communications, and social media updates. The Nursery position could be filled either by volunteers or paid staff.

For job descriptions and applications please contact the church office, 538-5082 or zionelca@midrivers.com.

Wednesday Worship

This fall we began a new worship service held at 6 p.m. every Wednesday evening.

Folks are coming right after work. Older members who have a hard time getting going in time for the Sunday morning service are pleased to have this option. Families with kids appreciate the shorter length of the service.

Each week we engage in some caring conversation as part of the message and celebrate Holy Communion. Come check out this alternate worship time and invite a friend or neighbor!

Please note: Wednesday Worship on Nov. 22 will be held at St. James Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. This is our annual ecumenical service with St. James, First Presbyterian and the United Methodist churches. The offering will support the Community Thanksgiving Meal hosted by First Presbyterian Church. **No service will be held at Zion that evening.**



Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Series, for which Zion Lutheran will soon begin training, benefits many others besides those who receive the care of their Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Ministers grow greatly as they learn about helping others — and they learn about themselves.

As the hurting members of our congregation grow stronger through this caring ministry, the whole church is built up and made stronger. And, of course, we all can have the knowledge that when the pains of life come our way, someone will always be there, ready to care for us, to bring God's love to us in a special, personal way.

Perhaps God is calling you to be one of these caring, committed servants who offer Christ's love to those who are hurting. We are completing our interviews this month and training will begin in January.

Contact one of our Stephen Leaders or Pastor Lynne by **Nov. 5** if you would like to know more: Roger Woltermann, 535-8851; Kris Descheemaeker, 535-6869; Pastor Lynne, 538-5082.

A Note from MSU Campus Ministry

Dear Pastor Lynne, members and friends of Zion Lutheran,

On behalf of MSU Lutheran Campus Ministry, we share our heartfelt gratitude for your contribution of \$125 for campus ministry! Every dollar matters! We are working to build community and ministry as God calls us, reading out to serve at the Community Café, celebrating the Reformation, and encouraging all through Bible study & meditation. We're on campus to listen to all and seek to make a difference in the world in which we live! Thank you for your prayerful and financial support! God's blessings,
Pastor Kathie Larson Aasheim

Many may remember Kathie (Phillips) when she served as an Associate in Ministry here at Zion years ago. Campus Ministry at both the Bozeman and Missoula campuses are just one of the many ministries our general offerings support through mission outreach.

ZION'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

604 W. EVELYN, 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON DEC. 2



WREATHS + PIES
+ SWEET ROLLS 9-11 AM
+ SOUP, CHILI, BREAD, PIE
FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM



COOKIES + CANDY + GIFTS

PIES + LEFSE + CRAFTS

+ WREATHS

+ FAIRTRADE

COFFEE, TEA, CHOCOLATE

