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February 2022 Newsletter

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February SERVANT SCHEDULE:

	USHER	LECTOR	COMM. ASST.	Acolyte	
<u>6</u>	Mike Sura	Jamie Sura	Jamie Sura & Falan Aanenson	Molly Sura	
<u>13</u>	Aaron Golik	Tracey Golik	Tracey & Kay Golik	Lucas Golik	
<u>20</u>	Phil Koterba	Pam Koterba	Pam Koterba & Cindy Giese	Cheyenne Aanenson	
<u>27</u>	Scott Wichman	Nicole Wichman	Nicole Wichnam & Vickey Cowen	Sydney Wichman	

*IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR DUTY, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT



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WORSHIP, FAITH IN ACTION, OUTREACH, FELLOWSHIP, NEWS, EVENTS, CAUSES, HAPPENINGS, COMMUNITY, STEWARDSHIP, MINISTRY, CONNECTIONS & MORE!

February Social Concern is...

Your Neighbor Cares

Your Neighbor Cares provides a way for persons who have exhausted all other resources to receive assistance. We are a non-profit organization that relies on neighbors in Lewistown and surrounding areas to fulfill requested needs.

The process begins with contact from the person in need, an agency or friend. This can be done by calling us at **366-4596** or entering the need here: [Need Request Form](#). A written request can also be sent to our P.O. Box 3672, Lewistown, MT 59457.

Once the need is verified, it is posted on the website and notification sent to the newspaper and radio. Explanation of the need is described but recipients remain anonymous.

If you would like to donate to this effort, please mark Your Neighbor Cares on the memo line of your check.

Pastor's COLUMN

Dearest Friends of ZLC,

Well, we originally thought we'd be walking together for a mere three months. It's now been 8 months and I can't quite tell you, with words, what our time together has meant to me. I've felt honored, humbled, and deeply moved by your resilience as we move through the times we've been living. As a community, you step up and show up for each other. You offer your service, your care. Continue in this work, paying particular attention to the elderly and those you haven't seen in awhile. We live in an age of increasing isolation, no matter one's age. Look out for each other through times and in the places I can't always be. I'm grateful for the ways you help me "mind the gap" as your part-time, interim pastor. You truly help me feel like we're all in this together!

We've had some good times over the past 8 months. Here are some of my favorite memories and high points:

- Singing camp songs with the kids during our summer worship services. I always get a few side-eyed glances from kids when scampering about, asking them to mimic my every movement and verse. Can we blame them for their hesitancy when spontaneity and large crowds are involved? Probably not. I guess what I'm trying to say, though, is I'm grateful. I appreciate the many ways they make space for me to be myself (or, on occasion, Captain Christian--Arrr, ee Matey)! They honor me with their attention and I pray, every day, the same space be created for them as they continue to navigate this often weary world. Kids need to "see" free to "be" free. May we always find ways to tap into the light we've been shown as children of God's love and grace.
- Our Rally Day picnic out at the fish hatchery in early fall. A gorgeous day it was--made all the better by yummy food, games, and great conversation. We're reinstating Lenten Soup Suppers this year. I look forward to more intentional conversation as we gather to break bread together.
- Sitting down with so many of you over coffee, conversation, prayer, and scrumptious, sugary morsels or goodness after worship. The treats y'all make are almost as hearty as the thought-inducing reflections you share when contemplating God's Word in community. Thank you for sharing your perspectives as we seek to apply God's special kind of love to our lives and values. My time with you during "Adult Forum" has been delightful, to say the least.
- Working with the Evangelism Team, a great group of folks whose hearts are so eager to listen and learn from all of you. We had our first "House Meeting" with "Younger Couples" in January. We didn't plan for enough time to listen to the extent we wanted but golly, our first round of listening sessions was so rich. We look forward to doing more! Do mind the schedule in your newsletter and Sunday bulletins to show up when it's "your turn". Note we may need to adjust our time frames so we have enough time to do the important listening we need to be doing.
- Leading Confirmation and Youth Group. Need I say more? Y'all, your kids are amazing! They enlighten my life with their smarts and laughter. Again, I'm so grateful for the trust and attention they so freely offer me and our other youth leaders. We work hard to ensure their little lives of faith will continue to flourish as they grow into adulthood. We treasure the work we do with them.
- Observing and supporting all the ministries that happen here at ZLC thanks to our wonderful leaders and staff. A special thanks goes out to Falan Aanenson, Lynn Franz, Meryl McKenna, Rhonda Kepner, Nina and Kent Yunker, Lana Papp, Foss Wilson, Scott Lutz, Lynette Salle, Jody D'Autremont, Debby Shobe, and the Church Council for keeping the background applications of our building and ministries running. Thanks to the many organized teams of leaders in our church, too, who step up to lead and provide Bible Studies, youth programming, times of fellowship and more. You all do SO much for God's church. It's an honor to walk alongside you in Christ. I can't wait to see what more 2022 has in store!

God's peace be with you all,
Pr. Stacey



Zion Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

Date: February 6th

Time: 10:30am After Worship

Growing in Faith

Zion Lutheran Church has many ways to grow in faith all while getting to know the people in our church family. Weekly worship services take place on Sundays at 9:30 am. For even more ways to make connections & grow in faith take look at what's happening at Zion every week!

- **ZLCW Circle Bible Studies:**
 - Hosanna Circle** – Bible study meetings the 2nd Thursday of the month at 4 pm in the Fireside room. Contact person: Lynette Sallee 406-535-5236
 - Rachel Circle** – Bible study meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. Contact person: Debby Shobe 406-535-5864
 - Ruth Circle** – Bible study meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact person: Kathy Trask 406-535-5601
- **Men over Lunch**—Join this lively men's group each Wednesday at 12:00 pm for good food and good company! Men Over Lunch meet at the Elks
- **B.L.A.S.T.** – Stands for Believe, Learn, and Seek Truth. 2nd -6th grade kids meet Wednesdays after school at 3:30 – 5:00pm
- **Confirmation Classes** – 7th & 8th grade kids meet at 3:45 pm on Wednesdays in classes designed to teach bible lessons in preparation for the Affirmation of Baptism.
- **Youth Group** – High Schoolers meet from 6:30- 8:00pm on Wednesdays with dinner provided.

Have you found our worship services online?

The easiest way to find our online worship videos is to go to our website: www.zionlewistownelca.com

On the front page of the website are two icons:

 **YouTube** will take you directly to our YouTube channel where you can watch at the same time as an in-church service. Previous services are also available here. Check out Playlists to find funerals and Children's Time videos.

 **facebook** will take you directly to the Zion Facebook page. Click on the More tab and scroll down to Videos to find some of our past worship videos.

On our website you can also point to the Worship tab and a drop-down menu will show Video Worship Services. These videos are from previous services along with access to a bulletin for each service.



B.L.A.S.T.

Highland Park kids should find a buddy and walk to Church

Lewis and Clark kids will meet their driver in the parking lot as usual.

-Falan 😊



Believe Learn and Seek Truth

Upcoming Lessons

Feb 2: Jeremiah

Feb 9: The Disciples

Feb 16: The Beatitudes

Feb 23: Joseph Feeds His Family

We're going to have it again! Mark your calendar for the upcoming

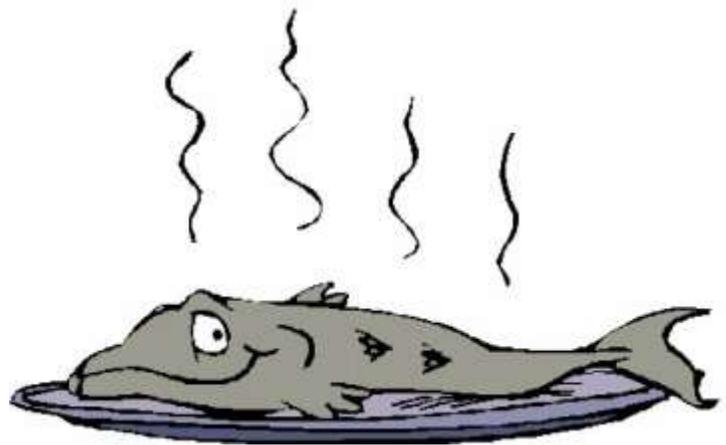
LUTEFISK & SWEDISH MEATBALL DINNER.

It will be held on MARCH 6, 2022 from 11:30 until 2:00 P.M.

The menu will be the same, but because of health concerns we will be serving BUFFET STYLE. It will still be "all you can eat."

The prices will be \$20.00 for adults and \$10 for youth 6 through 12.

Help spread the word!





Council has approved the use of Instant Church Directory. Using this you can have an up-to-date directory with you wherever you go.

-You will have the ability to update your information when ever needed. Members are able to upload their own family picture. We will also have the option to have a professional photographer take your photos.



-The app can be downloaded on iPhones, iPads, Android Devices and Kindle Fire.

-Members use the email address in the directory to create their own password.

-Only members who are entered in the directory can login to the website, and if the member is removed, they no longer have access.

-We will also have printed copies available for members who would like one.

How To.....

1. Download the app
-Instant directory
2. Create a Log In
3. Use your email on file at the church
4. Create password
5. Confirm in your email
6. In the app touch the 
≡ to Edit My Family

From there you should be able to add a family photo and any information that you would like. If there is info that you do not want to add leave the space blank.

Security information from Instant church Directory.

Member Information Security.

Even though your data is stored with us, we at Instant Church Directory do not access your members' data, except for specific troubleshooting purposes within the directory. All data provided by members is held securely and we do not use member information such as phone numbers or emails for marketing purposes (either internally or by selling the information to other organizations.)

[Click here to see the February Calendar](#)

The Evangelism Team is currently planning an entire year of In-House Listening Sessions for ZLC! In the years ahead, as we plan to host events, service projects, and gatherings that are meaningful for our congregation, we want the actions of our membership to reflect what are the actual needs, hopes, cares, concerns, and interests of our congregation and larger community.

At these sessions, specific groups of members will be asked the following questions:

- What brings you the most joy in life and a greater sense of wholeness?
- What keeps you up at night and makes you the most worried every day?
- What do you enjoy about community life at ZLC? Why do you attend here?
- What could aid ZLC in terms of support and outreach to its members?
- What could aid ZLC in terms of mission and outreach to our outside community?

From there, based on our listening, we will begin to plan exciting, experimental actions, events, projects, and gatherings we hope will serve our congregation and community better with more integrity and intention.

If you fit into any of the below categories, we would like you to participate in the given monthly session. **Sessions will take place the 3rd Monday of every month from 5:45-7.** Dinner will be served at 5:45. We'll then kick things off at 6, ending promptly at 7. When a parent or parents are involved, child care will be provided.

Please see the list below. See you at one or more of the following sessions:

February: "Seasoned" Couples 😊

March: Young(er) Single Adults

April: "Seasoned" Single Adults

May: Divorcees

June: Widows and Widowers

July: Moms (with children 0-18 yo)

August: Dads (with children 0-18 yo)

September: ZLC Staff and Worship Assistants

October: Church Council

November: Teens

December: 10-13 year-olds

Blessings,

Your ZLC Evangelism Team



Evangelism Planning Team

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