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June 2021 Newsletter

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June SERVANT SCHEDULE:

	USHER	LECTOR	COMM. ASST.
<u>6</u>	Foss Wilson	Lana Papp	Kent & Nina Yunker
<u>13</u>	Dale & Gail Kurns	Wayne Leininger	Dana Leininger, Laurie Bentley,
<u>20</u>	Brian & Adam Sallee	Lynette Sallee	Lynette Sallee, Pat Fredrickson
<u>27</u>	Aaron & Cheyenne Aanenson	Falan Aanenson	Falan & Cameryn Aanenson



June Social Concern is...

Camp Scholarships

The Trust Committee and the ZLCW offer scholarships to families to assist in covering the cost of summer Bible Camp. If you would like to contribute to this effort, then please mark **scholarship** in the memo line of your check. **This year we have 14 young people who are going to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.**





Happy June!

Your Church Council has been busy these last few weeks. Change is never easy, but you will never grow unless you are open to change.

Per the CDC changes, we have opened up all the pews in the sanctuary, put the cushions back, and have removed the requirement of wearing masks in and out of the church. We are also starting back up fellowship after church in the basement. Please know that if you want to continue wearing a mask, you are welcome to.

We have an agreement for an interim pastor. Pastor Stacey Heggem has an agreement with us starting June 1, 2021. There are a few Sundays during our summer months that she has prior commitments, but we are hoping to fill those dates with our LPAs. Pastor Stacey will be part time and will be in the office on Tuesdays and then other days by appointment. We are excited to be able to get an interim during our transitional pastoral process instead of just pulpit service. Please welcome Pastor Stacey to our church family. She will also help us during this transitional pastoral process.

We have assembled a Call Committee from our congregation. We would like to thank everyone who volunteered to be on the committee. It was a blessing to have a large group. We feel the Call Committee is a good cross representation of our congregation. Your Call Committee consists of the following members: Lana Papp, Bob Giese, Doug Arntzen, Scot Solberg, Julie Comes, Lori Ann Lutz, and council member Anjeanette Carlson. They have started the process and working with Pastor Jason from the Synod.

Lastly, we would like to thank you, the members of Zion Lutheran Church, again. Your continued support during these trying times is amazing. We were able to stay financially stable during the pandemic and stay current on all of our obligations. We truly have an amazing congregation and the Council appreciates each and every one of you.

If you have any questions or concerns during this pastoral transitional process, please reach out to any of your Council members.

Thank you,

Stacy Mangold
Tanner Hoversland
Stan Olson

Jamie Sura
Clint Smith
Alicia Balster

Anjeanette Carlson
Scott Lutz
Dave Meier

Dan Knepper
Gayle Arntzen

Dear People of Zion,
Thank you for all of your cards and words of love we have received from you in these last days together. It has been a joy and honor to have served as your pastor! Eric and I have cherished our time in Lewistown and our life with you. God bless you in the years ahead,
Pastor Lynne and Eric Ogren

QUILTERS WANTED!

No Experience Necessary

Thursdays 9am-12
In the Church Basement



Update on COVID Protocols for Worship

Due to the limited number of Covid-19 cases in Lewistown and several special occasions scheduled for the end of May, the Zion Lutheran Church Council has again modified our current policies.

Beginning May 23rd:

1. Members are no longer required to wear a mask when entering or exiting the building.
2. Full seating will be available throughout the church.
3. Coffee hour is back on! As soon as the cookie and coffee schedule is organized, we can resume meeting in large groups in the fellowship hall.
4. These changes are added to those from the beginning of the month where members are not required to wear masks during service or during communion, and do not have to sign-in for contact tracing.

These changes come in light of the fact that graduation, Pastor Lynne's send-off party and several funerals are scheduled for the end of the month and throughout the summer. Members are encouraged to take personal precautions as they see fit. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Zion Lutheran COVID policy committee members Stan Olson at 406-374-2510 or Anjeanette Carlson at 406-460-0047.

Faithful Innovations

For the past several months a team of Zion members (Lori Ann Lutz, Monte Solberg, Jamie Sura and myself) have been working with leaders in the Montana Synod in a process known as Faithful Innovations. It is a process by which we listen for and observe the presence of God in the world—in individual lives, in our congregation and in our community. In faithful response, we will try something new, or be innovative.

Our team is currently involved in the community aspect of trying something new. One particular need that has come to my attention is volunteer help at the Lewistown Public Library. Dani Buehler, the library director, advised that volunteer help for possibly two hours a week for one or two people would be appreciated.

If you would like to discuss this volunteer opportunity with me, please call me, 366-2364. This would be a new way for us as a congregation to respond to the needs around us, rather than keeping on with what we've always done.

Lana Papp, team member



Friends of Zion Lutheran,

A hearty hello from me, Pr. Stacey Heggem! I've been asked to serve as your interim pastor for the next three months as you prayerfully reflect on your past years with Pr. Lynne and look to the future as a congregation. There's a lot to consider since we're continually called to adapt to changing cultural landscapes that shift, upend, or sometimes divide our lives and communities. In light of it all, we are commissioned to tend to the "gaps" as God's church. We are asked to join hands, link arms, and build bridges across difference. Throughout my time with you, we'll be talking a lot about unity and common ground. Learning to "meet in the middle" is a skill in need of refinement in today's context. We'll get to work on this and more! I can't wait to see what God has in store for us!



A little bit about me: I was born and raised in Havre, MT to two wonderful parents, Nick and Sharon Siebrasse. I have three siblings that include an older sister, Brooke, my younger sister, Katie, and our younger brother, Bill. We all live in Montana and come together often to celebrate life and support one another as much as possible.

As a child, I was active in church leadership. I often served as an acolyte and pastoral assistant. In high school, I was involved in my youth group and served on various church committees. Later, as a student at the University of Montana, I was a peer minister for Emmaus Campus Ministries and also spent two summers as a camp counselor at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

After graduating, I volunteered at a church in La Plata, Argentina, through the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program. I returned to Missoula and worked for two years at a homeless shelter before moving to California to attend Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley. In 2013, I received my MDiv and was ordained. I pastored my first church in San Francisco for a year and, after a long-awaited return home to Montana, my second church in Billings from 2014-2017.

My last move was to Missoula one final time. I was blessed to serve as a Community Organizer for the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, a called position through the Montana Synod. Throughout our summer together, I'll be sharing what I learned in this role as I stood at the intersection of church and society in ways that challenged me and my role as a servant to God's church. Meanwhile, I had met my now-husband, Lance, whose person, life, and location in Winifred pulled on my heartstrings and love for the prairies and people of central Montana.

Lance and I were married in August of last year. I now live with him in Winifred and have three wonderful stepchildren, Madeline, Isabelle, and Kellen. My family now also includes five furry stepchildren and/or grandbabies, Mader, Benny, Tilly, Oscar, and Mr. Weenie. These pups are in addition to my four-and-a-half-pound Maltese-cross, Checita (Che) Amor, whose been my travel buddy and companion for the past six years. Although I'm loving it, she hasn't quite adapted to ranch life yet. She's a work in progress!

I love getting together to chat over a cup of coffee or a brewski, so do reach out if you want to learn more about me. I'll be doing the same as I seek to know all of you in the months to come. Please know I am here for you in both good times and bad, especially when you're having a not-so-good day. I will do my best to accompany you, pray for you, encourage you, and uphold you in love. God's Spirit be with us and we journey together and go forward in hope and good courage.

Your sister-servant,
Pr. Stacey

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.

Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School

We are hosting VBS this summer, and are looking for volunteers to be Crew Leaders (chaperone a small group of kids) and Station Leaders (teaching a guided lesson). If you are interested in helping in any way, please let Falan know by calling the church office or e-mail. Go to www.zionlewistownelca.com and click on B.L.A.S.T. On the BLAST page you will find the VBS logo that will take you to the sign-up page, to register kids and to volunteer.

VBS will be June 14- 17 from 8:30am-12:00pm.



Congratulations to Zion's 2021 High School Graduates



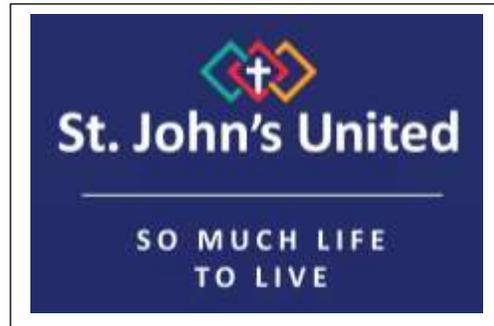
Rafe Bruchez, Hanna Franz, Michael Sura, Taylin Trafton, Marla Villaruel, and Xander Wright

Congratulations to Zion's 2021 College Graduates

- **Aubrey Godbey**—U of M, Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance
- **Kaitlyn Weinheimer**—MSU Bozeman, Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Science, next year she will go on to complete her Master's degree in Health Sciences specifically molecular medicine at MSU before attending medical school
- **Sunni Hecht**

St. John's United

St. John's United (formerly St. John's Lutheran Ministries) in Billings held their annual meeting on May 2nd. In addition to the business of electing new folks to serve on the boards of St. John's United and their foundation, we celebrated the many new and exciting things happening in and around them. Here are just a few:



- The new, larger Chapel Court apartments were built and opened—during the pandemic! This is the new 3 story section of the building closes to Rimrock Road.
- The public spaces in Mission Ridge, where some of our Zion ladies live, were remodeled.
- St. John's has developed a nursing apprentice program in partnership with the Miles Community College which provides tuition costs and practical nursing experience at St. John's. They have graduated two classes of students!
- The Gainan Commons building became a place for COVID testing. St. John's is the only nursing care facility in the country to have its own testing equipment, and they were able to process the tests more quickly than other places.
- They began independent living care for 25 clients in their homes so they can age in place as long as possible.
- St. John's has been the home of Lutheran Social Services' adoptions for many years. They are expanding their family services with an \$800,000 grant over 3 years to promote family stabilization. The intention is to help families who are on the verge of losing their kids to foster care so that the family can stay intact.

There is much more to share! If you would like to know more about the mission and ministry of St. John's United, speak with our delegates, Bill and Vickey Cowen. God is doing wonderful things and we are glad to be a partner congregation in this good work.



Updates to Zion Directory

We are getting ready to reprint another church directory. We know that many people have dropped their landlines and we need to be sure we have the correct numbers in our database.

If you have any changes to your phone, address, or family members please contact Falan in the church office, 538-5082 or zionelca@midrivers.com.

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