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November 2021 Newsletter

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November SERVANT SCHEDULE:

	USHER	LECTOR	COMM. ASST.	 SERVANTS OF GOD
<u>7</u>	Monte Solberg	Becky Woltermann	Roger Woltermann Starla Solberg	
<u>14</u>	Aaron Aanenson	Cindy Giese	Cindy Giese Falan Aanenson	
<u>21</u>	Brian Sallee	Lynette Sallee	Lynette & Adam Sallee	
<u>28</u>	Foss Wilson	Karen Combs	Dale & Gail Kurns	
<u>12/5</u>	Lloyd McKenna	Annette Fjeldheim	Kent & Nina Yunker	

*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!

November Social Concern is...

Zion Elevator Fund

If you would like to donate to the "elevator fund", make you check out to Zion Trust.

Thank you for your generous support of \$1660 to the ELCA

Disaster Relief Fund in October!





Friends of ZLC,

There is always so much vying for our attention and captivating our souls these days. The crisp, fall air seems heavier this year as we prepare to trudge through another winter of navigating rising Covid cases and “all the extra” cold weather brings with it. The news continues to sensationalize our fears, making us want to bunker down, hide away, and trust no one. Greed and violence against the innocent run rampant. Opinions continue to fly in the face of facts and statistical evidence. Friend and neighbor go on the defensive, ready to pounce when one’s way of life is challenged or called into question in any way. This makes family gatherings this time of year a bit more challenging too. Also, there are racial tensions, gender disputes, and souls and voices from every people group speaking up and out, calling on the world to pay attention, to act, move, and respond. Thus, we languish, wondering which way we should turn to keep the world from crumbling underfoot.

It’s easy to say all of this is a sign of the times--that present generations are to blame for the state of the world. We say the world is worse off. Less compassionate. Too entitled. More dangerous. More hostile. However, one simply needs to pick up her or his Bible to realize the human state of affairs hasn’t changed all that much. War and terrorist acts of war line the pages of our ancient texts. Friend and neighbor argue, disagree, and kill each other. Greed, abuse, and violence against the innocent--such things have never stopped making their way into the psyche of what it means to be a human being. In addition, racial tensions and gender inequalities proliferate books we hold sacred and true.

None of this is okay; hence, one of the many reasons I continue to give thanks for our sacred Scriptures, especially during this season of Thanksgiving. They show us how, in the midst of it all--all of what it means to suffer, lament, and be human throughout the centuries--there has been and will forever be a God who never leaves us. In the midst of what the world gives to us, there is a God who offers us mercy, forgiveness, love, and grace in a way the world cannot. God takes imperfect people who are determined to bring about their own destruction and makes them leaders, risk takers, justice seekers, caregivers, and prophets. Furthermore, God calls on us to partake in the making of God’s kingdom. God calls on us to demand peace from both God and neighbor. God in Christ Jesus teaches us to not give in or give up.

If there is one theme that runs throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, it’s God Immanuel (God with us) even before God came to us in the flesh. So many of our ancient stories resonate and run parallel to our lives today. This is intentional. This is God’s Word inspired, alive, and active in our lives. Some stories even cause us to question God’s presence. We question God’s actions and many times, God’s character. Yet, how closely can we relate to asking alongside the Israelites, “How long, O Lord” must we wait for relief from pain, suffering, and despair?

It’s okay to want relief--to demand relief from God. God expects this of us, in turn prompting us to participate in enacting God’s peace alongside God. And as we participate and wait for that day when the world will be turned upside down, we continue to stand steady and assured that God’s mercy can and WILL overcome all obstacles. Thus says the LORD our God in Joshua 1:9, “Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Peace to you, my siblings in Christ, not fully as the world gives but as only God can give. I pray your preparations for the holiday season are filled with signs of God’s spirit working through you this season!

Your Sister-Servant,
Pastor Stacey

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
- **Women's Podcast group**— The Podcast group meets the second Tuesday of the month. They will meet at 6:30pm during the odd months and 12:00pm during the even. Check the calendar for where they will be meeting next.
- **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:

 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.

 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

3 Christmas Play practice with Debby

10 The Widow's Offering

17 Be Ready

24 Christmas Play Practice with Debby

Call Committee Update:

The Zion Lutheran Church Call Committee was appointed to work on filling our pastoral vacancy following the resignation of Pastor Lynne Ogren. Our work began in July at which time we completed a document called

Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This document describes Zion Lutheran Church, our congregation, our organization and our community. It is meant for potential pastoral candidates to see if they would be interested in becoming the next pastor at Zion Lutheran Church. The MSP was submitted to the Montana Synod late in July. The process, once our MSP is submitted, is for the Synod to provide names and resumes of potential candidates for our position. Thus far, there have been no names submitted by the Synod office. The work of the Call Committee is on hold until we receive potential candidates. We ask for your prayers and your patience as we await to continue our task.





Zion Lutheran Church Bazaar

Important dates:

- November 13, Cutting of the Greens
- November 15, Wreath making
- November 16-18, Lefse Making at 4:00pm
- December 4, BAZAAR

*****Volunteers are NEEDED*****

Sign-up sheets for pre-orders of Wreath's and Lefse will be on the table in the Narthex until Nov. 14th. If you would like to make an order but cannot make it in to the church, please call the office (406-538-5082) or e-mail at zionelca@midrivers.com.

Please return your wreath forms to the church if you still have them.

PRIME RIB DINNER

GRASS REANGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH 12:00PM-2:00PM

*Come and enjoy Prime Rib, baked potato, tossed salad, rolls
and don't forget the PIES!

Cost is \$15 a plate



Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Classes begin October 26th at 1:00pm and continue every Tuesday through November 30th. They will meet in the fireside room.

If you have any question's please call Lynette Sallee 406-535-5236





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 view the November Calendar

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