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September 2021 Newsletter

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September SERVANT SCHEDULE:

	USHER	LECTOR	COMM. ASST.	 SERVANTS OF GOD *IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR DUTY, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT
<u>5</u>	Bob & Cindy Giese	Gayle Arntzen	Gayle Arntzen, Laurie Bentley	
<u>12</u>	Bill Cowen	Karen Combs	Karen Combs, Vickey Cowen	
<u>19</u>	Jim Fredrickson	Annette Fjeldheim	Annette Fjeldheim, Pat Fredrickson	
<u>26</u>	Dale & Gail Kurns	Lloyd McKenna	Lloyd & Meryl McKenna	

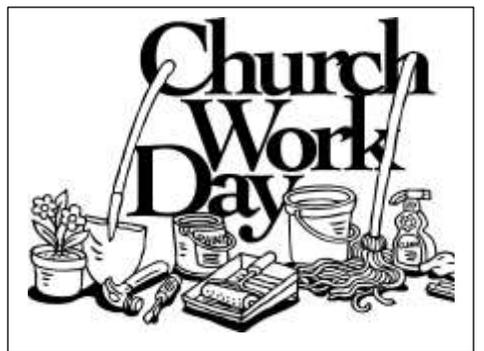


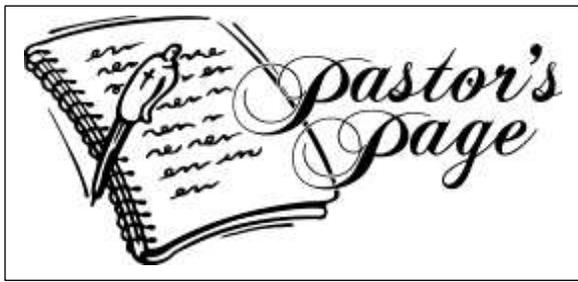
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WORSHIP, FAITH IN ACTION, OUTREACH, FELLOWSHIP, NEWS, EVENTS, CAUSES, HAPPENINGS, COMMUNITY, STEWARDSHIP, MINISTRY, CONNECTIONS & MORE!

Zion Lutheran Church Cleaning Day!

"Dress Down Sunday" Come to church September 26th in your cleaning/work clothes. Directly after worship we will be Cleaning the windows, pews, chairs, light fixtures, and doors. The whole Church!!!!





Dear Friends of Zion,

September is one of the busiest months of the year, particularly for parents and students. Not only are school and sports programs ramping up, so are ministry offerings within our churches. As for Zion, we're looking forward to kicking everything off on Rally Day, September 12th. Please note the details in the announcements to follow. BLAST and Confirmation will begin on the 15th and Adult Educational Forums will begin on the 19th the following Sunday. Also, be looking for information about our Ladies' Circles and meeting times for our Podcast Study Group, Quilting Group, Men's Group and more! We have a lot to look forward to as a congregation!

As for me, I will continue to preside on Sundays and make myself available as needed while you continue your search for a pastor. Per the council's approval, I'll only be coming into town one day a week (Tuesdays) for office hours starting in September; however, please continue to reach out and make your needs known. Again, my number is 406-272-2014. I will make my way into town for visits per your requests.

To make up for less of my presence in town, the Caring Ministry Team will be working with me and all of you to provide care to our homebound and those needing extra prayer and/or company in the days ahead. Know we're here for you and in this together as your call committee engages in the necessary process for calling a pastor--one that takes patience and attention to detail.

So far my time with you has been nothing but inspirational! I am daily encouraged by Zion's leadership and the connected, collective spirit you all share! You embody Paul's beloved words to the church in Corinth so well, for "You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12: 27). Especially now, as your church community transitions, thank you for your willingness to go the extra mile. Thank you for all the little things you do that may even go unnoticed sometimes. Truth is, God notices and God is grateful for your stewardships, contributions, and time as you live out and into what is God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. I continue to pray for our work together. It is truly an honor to accompany you during this time.

Strength and Blessings as we journey,

Pr. Stacey

September Social Concern is...

Trust Scholarship

September Social Concern: Zion Scholarship Fund. The Trust Committee awards scholarships annually to Zion's students seeking higher education. Students in their 2nd year of college or trade school are invited to apply for a scholarship. The amount of each scholarship depends on the number of applicants and the funds available. If you would like to help the Trust continue this important ministry, please make your check out to Zion and note "Trust Scholarships" on the memo line.



Thank you for your generous support to Lutheran World Relief in August! Zion gave them \$350 for their loving service to the less fortunate in the world!

Dear heavenly Father

Open my eyes, Creator of the universe, that I may see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; open my ears, that I may hear what the heavens are telling me about your glory, which transcends all material bounds and yet deigns to reside with human beings.

May I ever marvel at your tender care for us, and give you thanks and praise forever. Amen.

—Prayer suggested by Psalms 8 & 19



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.*
- **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.*

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. officially starts September 15th after school from 3:30 - 5:00pm. **Highland Park kids** will walk. I will meet them at the monkey bars after school on the 15th to walk with them the first day. **Lewis and Clark** kids will meet their driver in the parking lot as usual.

-Falan 😊



September 12th

Upcoming Lessons

15 Peter's Faith

22 Who is the Greatest?

29 Share God's Love

Faithful Innovations

By the time you read this blurb, Zion's Faithful Innovations Team will have met with their coach, Pr. Ben Quanbeck of Billings, on August 22nd to discuss a 3-hour online seminar taking place on August 29th in the afternoon. At this seminar, Faith Innovations Teams from around the synod will be discussing ideas and experiments used to strengthen their congregations, particularly as congregations strategize for action and engage their larger communities.

The structure of our Rally Day will be shaped by this seminar. The activities and conversations we'll plan for September 12th will work to set our hearts and focus on outreach ideas that will continue to shape who we are as a church. Some or all of our ideas might work to grow our congregation in new ways. Some ideas might completely flop, too, but that's okay. For really, the point of all this is to be doing and trying new things together. This in and of itself is our work in a world separated and divided by more and more people not coming together for any reason at all. So be on the look out for more details about Rally Day and all that is to come! May our innovative spirits stand strong in faith as we trust in God's presence in all things.

Lutheran World Relief



Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

Look for the LWR box in the Narthex to drop off your donations in or bring them to the office. <https://lwr.org/kits>

PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE** adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

BABY CARE KIT

- TWO** lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies[®])
- TWO** long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- TWO** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO** pairs of socks
- ONE** hand towel, dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins

SCHOOL KIT

- FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE** pencil sharpener
- ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE** 2 ½" eraser
- ONE** sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me"

Matthew 25:40

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ARE YOU AN ANYBODY?

This is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody**, and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was, **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have.

- Author unknown



PUZZLE

WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.

 + e	Water changes to _____	JOHN 2:1-11
 - k + d	Heals a man born _____	JOHN 9
 - op +  - w	Calms a _____	MATTHEW 8:23-27
f +  - d	Catch of _____	LUKE 5:1-11
 - ch + er	Walks on _____	MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water