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November 2026 Newsletter

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November SERVANT SCHEDULE:

	LECTOR	COMM. ASST.	Greeter	USHER	PowerPoint
11/15	Pat Fredrickson	Pat Fredrickson	Lois Davidson & Karen Combs	Scott Lutz & Jim Fredrickson	Kyrie Benes
11/22	Lynette Sallee	Gayle Arntzen	Lourie Bentley	Bill & Vickey Cowen	George Maruska
11/29	George Maruska	Bill & Vickey Cowen			Kyrie Benes
12/6	Teresa Stokken	Karen Combs	Karen Combs	Glenn Stokken	
12/13	George Maruska	Gayle Arntzen		Doug Arntzen	Kyrie Benes

Please call the office if you would be willing to fill any of the open positions for this month.

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

Click HERE to see Zion's Google calendar.



Zion Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

We share God's call to experience purpose, wholeness, and community in Jesus Christ and faithfully steward his creation.

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November Social Concern is…

Social Concern for November is The Zion Elevator Fund.

For maintenance and upkeep.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, please mark "Elevator" in the memo line of your check.



Join us on Sunday, December 20th, during worship as our B.L.A.S.T. and Wee Singers share the joy of Christmas! Through songs and the Christmas message, our children will remind us of the wonderful gift of Jesus' birth.

Youth Bible Study

Our youth have been exploring some amazing stories from the Old Testament, learning about God's faithfulness, courage, and trust. From Moses leading the Israelites through the Red Sea to the stories of Ehud and Deborah in Judges, we have been reminded that God works through ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. Through our studies, we're learning to fear, love, and trust God. Remember that with Him even the impossible is possible!

We also add a little fun in at the end of the night!



Greetings Members and Friends of Zion:

As we approach the end of 2026 it is a good time to reflect on the year at Zion and begin to plan for the season of Advent and 2027. We began the year without a pastor. However, Pastor Stacey Heggem, Meryl McKenna, and Roger Woltermann stepped in to seamlessly plan and lead worship services. Others also continued to serve on their committees and task forces to keep our ship sailing smoothly. In late May the Call Committee submitted our Ministry Site Profile to the Montana Synod making us eligible to join the list of other ELCA churches throughout our state searching for a pastor. This group has continued to meet with Bishop Quanbeck to discuss the situation, and Anjeanette Carlson, committee chair, faithfully attends monthly Zoom meetings with the bishop and other congregations. Our desire for a full-time pastor has not gone unnoticed by the Synod! Although we've been in good hands throughout 2026, we are about to chart a new course for the future, as change is inevitable.

Beginning in November, Pastor Stacey, Meryl and Roger are committed to leading one worship service per month for the foreseeable future. That leaves at least one and at times two services per month needing pulpit leadership. Our first opportunity for leadership will occur on November 22, followed by December 20 (children's program) and 27. On January 24 we're exploring the possibility of holding a church-wide retreat to identify our strengths and determine how we can serve Zion. January 31 will be a shortened service followed by our annual meeting. Other dates requiring pulpit supply are February 28 and March 14. If you, or anyone you know would like to lead one of the Sunday services mentioned above please contact Falan in the office and she'll assist you with preparing for worship.

Although the Call Committee is working with the Synod to call a pastor, the likelihood of finding someone in the near future isn't strong (Glasgow has been without a pastor for six years). This leaves us with a leadership void. We as a congregation need to lend a helping hand in a variety of areas such as:

- Congregation Council- five members will term-out in January
- Pulpit Supply- see above for dates
- Assisting with worship services as greeters, ushers, communion assistants, coffee hour hosts/hostesses etc.
- Serving on a committee or task force
- Representing Zion at the MT Synod meeting in late May
- Representing Zion at the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp meeting as a delegate
- Attending the St. John's United meeting as a representative of Zion

Please prayerfully consider how you can continue to support Zion. If there is an area of interest to you mentioned above don't hesitate to contact Falan in the office, one of our ministry leaders, or a council member to learn more.

Thank you for all you are already doing,

Audrey Olson

Zion Church Council

November Calendar of Events

11/9 Wreath Making @ 9am @ Sallee's

11/10 Rachel Circle @ 9:30am

11/11 Men Over Lunch @ 12:00pm
B.L.A.S.T/Rainbow Choir
Confirmation @ 3:30pm
Wee Singers @ 4:30pm
Youth Bible Study @ 6:30pm

11/11-11/13 Lefse Making

11/12 Quilting @ 9am
Zoom Bible Study @ 12pm

11/14 Bazaar @ 9am – 1pm

11/15 Worship @ 9:30am

11/16 Council Meeting @ 6:00pm

11/17 Choir Practice @ 5:30pm

11/18 Men Over Lunch @ 12:00pm
B.L.A.S.T/Rainbow Choir
Confirmation @ 3:30pm
Wee Singers @ 4:30pm
Youth Bible Study @ 6:30pm

11/19 Quilting @ 9am
Zoom Bible Study @ 12pm

11/22 Worship @ 9:30am

11/25 Men Over Lunch @ 12:00pm
B.L.A.S.T/Rainbow Choir
Confirmation @ 3:30pm
Wee Singers @ 4:30pm
Youth Bible Study @ 6:30pm

11/26 Thanksgiving Day

11/29 Worship @ 9:30am
Adult Forum @ 10:30am



***Scott *Ed *Tia *Stephanie**
***Maureen *Wayne *Norma D.**
***Ona *Pam *Krista *Ken**
***Mark *Margie *Gordon *Tracy**

DUTY GUIDELINES FOR USHERS

1. Be on duty fifteen minutes before service.
2. If necessary, turn on lights in nave, chancel, and narthex.
3. Make sure guest register is open and working pen is with it.
4. Check bulletin for baptism or special events that may need attention. Check with pastor if you have questions.
5. Stand near the nave doors to distribute bulletins. As needed, usher persons to their pews (e.g., the infirm, new members, etc.) especially as last-minute folks come in and see that the back pews are full. Leave one of the doors open for late comers.
6. Fill out the *Attendance Record.* Leave in the narthex or place in the offering plate.
7. **The Offering**
   - Always look at the bulletin to see when the offering should be taken to the front.
   - Receive the offering in the choir loft and narthex, as needed.
   - When the Pastor comes to the altar rail to receive the offering, ushers come forward with one offering plate and leave the other on the table for anyone who might have forgotten to give their offering.
9. **The Communion.**
   – Ushers should open the narthex doors and take their positions in the aisle at the front during the singing of the "Lamb of God", so that members can be directed forward while the pastor communes the assistants.
   -Ushers will move back pew by pew to maintain a steady line of communicants.
   - Inform the pastor if there are persons to be communed in their pew.
10. Tidy the pews after worship. Pick up papers and put hymnals and Bibles in place.

Communion Guidelines

Please come to the sacristy during the singing of the "Holy, Holy, Holy".
(If that is not sung, come during the Offering.)

Wash your hands at the sink.

Decide who will:

- who will serve wine, who will pick up cups (if serving by trays),

During the singing of the "Lamb of God" come to the front and stand at the altar to receive communion.

Leave the emptied trays at the altar. Place the covers on the unused trays remaining on the tables. Exit through the sacristy to take your seat.