

Zion Lutheran Church Voters Meeting July 27, 2025

Present: Tom and Nancy Wheeler, Glorian Sprengeler, Kerry and Louann Cutting, Maxine Samuelson, Martha Haxby, Mark Diefenderfer, Sylvia Diefenderfer, John Diefenderfer, Ron and Linda Jung, Ted and Debbie Kamrud, Robert and Mechelle Kuehn, Diana Parks, Jason and Krystin Slater, Susan Crump, Michael Simon.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35am with Ron Jung giving the opening prayer.

John Diefenderfer went over the minutes of the June 15, 2025 meeting.

Robert Kechelle moved to accept the minutes and Jason Slater seconded. Motion carried.

John Diefenderfer explained the call process, noting that everyone present should sign the sheet stating they wish to be a voting member of Zion and that you understand the responsibilities and promise to fulfill the duties of a voting member to the best of your ability.

We have three choices we will be voting on today:

Choice 1 request the Montana District realign Zion Lutheran Church with congregations in the district to ensure the Word of God and Sacraments are administered according to Gods will.

Choice 2 Butte and Whitehall remain a dual congregation, and be served by the SMP, after completion of the review and call process.

Choice 3 continue the call process, and appoint/select a call Committee to call a new Pastor.

After explaining the above in detail and discussion was held a secret ballot was taken. The results were 10 votes for Choice One and 10 votes for Choice Three.

More discussion and clarification were held; a second secret ballot was taken. The results were 12 votes for Option One, 7 votes for Option Three and 1 abstained vote.

John Diefenderfer requested a unanimous vote from the congregation to realign. There were 19 votes to realign and 1 no vote. It was voted to realign. John gave a prayer of thanksgiving and Pastor Mavis was notified by Maxine Samuelson.

Kerry Cutting reported Quicken Books was being ordered for Treasurer Martha Haxby.

Tom Wheeler reported he, along with Ron Jung, have been getting quotes for a new chair lift and/or a lift. Tom stated prices were ranging from \$7,000 for a chair lift to \$54,000 for a lift that would hold up to 750 pounds. It was agreed more quotes and work be put into this project.

The meeting was closed at 10:25am with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes prepared by Diana Parks.

Zion Lutheran Church Special Voters Meeting July 27, 2025 Sign-in Sheet

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