

# Life & Growth at Zion



## Welcome to Worship!

"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" Thank you for joining us for worship at Zion Lutheran Church as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are blessed to have you among us. May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

Information for guests & visitors, including our beliefs and procedures for Holy Communion as a congregation of the LCMS, can be found on the cards in the back of each pew. If you have any questions please reach out to our pastors or the church office using the contact information found on the last page of this newsletter.

## *As We Gather...*

Are you wearing a new outfit for Easter? The custom of putting on new clothes for Easter Day has a long Christian history. In the earliest centuries after the ascension of Christ, newly baptized Christians wore white garments of new linen as a visible sign of the newness that being baptized had brought into their lives. Soon it became a tradition that all the faithful would join the newly baptized in arraying themselves on Easter in a new outfit to symbolize the new life that Jesus, through His resurrection, made a reality for all believers. The new clothes were much more than a fashion statement; they were a statement of faith. No matter what we are wearing today as individuals, together we share the best eternal clothing there is!

## Week at a Glance

### Saturday, April 4

- 5:00pm: Worship w/ Holy Communion

### Sunday, April 5

- 6:30am: Easter Sunrise Service
- 7:00am-12:30pm LEM Continental Breakfast Fundraising Event
- 8:30am: Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 10:45am: Creative Worship w/ Holy Communion

### Monday, April 6

Church Office Closed

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

### Tuesday, April 7

- 1:00pm: Tuesday Bible Study
- 6:00pm Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, April 8

- 6:00pm: Confirmation
- 6:00pm: Kings Kids
- 7:30pm: Youth Group

### Saturday, April 11

- 5:00pm: Worship w/ Holy Communion

### Sunday, April 12

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship
- 9:30 am: Sunday School
- 9:40am: Bible Class
- 10:45am: Creative Worship w/ Holy Communion

## UPCOMING Events



### Sunday, April 5

Bible Class does not meet today. You are encouraged to attend the continental breakfast fund-raising event sponsored by LEM.

### Tuesday Bible Class

1:00-2:30pm  
Book of Job

### April 10-11 Minot, ND Catechesis Retreat

Junior High & High School

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### Sunday, April 12

Congregational Meeting  
9:40 Lower Level

### April 17-18

10pm-6am

"Serve, not to be Served"  
Grades 4-8 Youth Lock-in



### Sunday, April 19

Meal & Voters' Meeting  
Noon



### Sunday, April 5

No Sunday School today.  
Have a great Easter!

ACOLYTES



### Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday

8:30am: RaeAnn Morrison  
Avery Reule

10:45am: Hadlee Schmidt

### Sunday, April 12

8:30am: Chase Johnson  
10:45am: Liam Granlie

## Today's Sermon

### "Where Jesus Is and Isn't"

Our Lord Jesus is omnipresent. The whole creation was made through him so there isn't a corner of the earth that he doesn't know like the back of his hand. Jesus even promises to be with His disciples wherever they go. But on Easter Sunday, the angel who brings the good news says very clearly "He is NOT here." There is one place where Jesus is not, and that is in the grave. Jesus is too powerful and too alive to be held back by death. So today on Easter Sunday we celebrate Christ's victory over death. We celebrate the fact that there is one place Jesus isn't, so we can be confident of where Jesus is. We can be confident that because He lives, He is with us everywhere else. Because He lives, the grave can't hold us either. And because He lives, Jesus will reign forever on His throne in heaven where He is meant to be ruling as King of all.


### Questions:

1. What does the word "Alleluia" mean?
2. Why do the angel and Jesus greet the women the same way "do not be afraid"?
3. How do you know that Jesus is with you in your life?



This week on Living the Faith podcast join Pastor Marcis and Pastor Otto as they journey through Lent.

To hear the podcast Go to: [ZionBismarck.org](http://ZionBismarck.org)

Click Events 

You will be taken to a page that gives you the option for:

Video Podcast

Click "Living the Faith" for the full list of Podcast dates and topics.



## Adult Bible Class & Sunday School For All Ages

Sunday School and Bible Class will not meet today. You are encouraged to attend the continental breakfast fund-raising event sponsored by LEM.



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**KIDS IN THE  
 DIVINE SERVICE**  
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**If all Jesus had to do was die,  
 then why is Easter such a big deal?**

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdalene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!



Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



**Parents:** Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!

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**EASTER  
 PHOTOS**

**DIGITAL COPIES WILL BE  
 EMAILED/TEXTED AND  
 POSTED ON FACEBOOK  
 WITHIN 48 HOURS.**

**FREE 4X6 PRINTS WILL  
 BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP  
 HERE AT CHURCH NEXT  
 SUNDAY!**



**High School Youth Group**  
 will meet in the  
 Youth Room  
 Wednesday evening.



**Catechesis Retreat  
 April 10-11 Minot, ND**

"Lost in the Scroll?  
 Living Sober-Minded in a Digital World"

**It takes many people to make, serve., and clean up after the  
 Wednesday Lenten Meals.**

**Thanks to:**

**Zion's Board of Lay Ministry, The families of Martin Luther School Children,  
 Zion's Church Council, Pastor Otto's Confirmation Class & Parents,  
 Kristin's Confirmation Class and Parents,  
 The many congregation members who helped.  
 Thanks for all your help!**



**Easter Morning Breakfast**



Please join us after services today for a continental breakfast in the church basement. We will be serving freshly baked cinnamon and caramel rolls, muffins and donuts along with a selection of beverages. A free will offering will be taken; the funds raised will help cover the cost of back surgery for Lilia Baralles, director of Kids Kingdom orphanage in Imuris, Mexico.

## Zion's Food Pantry

### Needs the Following Items

The following items are needed to replenish the pantry.

Please remember we cannot accept items in glass bottles or jars.

Shelf Stable	Pancake Mix
Meat Products	Bisquick Mix
Canned Fruit	Bottles of Syrup
Canned Vegetables	(No Glass Bottles)
Canned Pasta Sauce	Jelly in Plastic
Pasta	Squeeze Bottles
Ramen Noodles	Vegetable Oil
Boxes of	Onion Salt
Mac & Cheese	Garlic Salt
Boxes of Packaged	Boxes of Jello
Rice Meals	Packets of taco or
Refried Beans	gravy mix

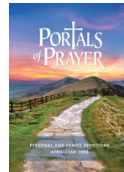
If you are a Thrivent Member, please consider using one of your annual Thrivent Action Grants to help the youth restock the pantry. For information on how to do this, contact Zion's office at [Zionoffice501@gmail.com](mailto:Zionoffice501@gmail.com)

## From the District President's Desk

Christ is Risen! In the resurrection of Jesus, Satan is defeated, and death has lost its sting. Thus, we walk through the shadow of death without fear, for Christ has stood in the breach for us. He put Himself between death and us and let death do its worst. He died. He was buried. But, behold, He lives! Death couldn't hold Him. And in swallowing the Lamb of God, death choked and died itself. Jesus is the firstfruits of them that sleep; and at Christ's glorious return, the Lord's faithful shall be the fruit to follow.

A blessed Eastertide to you all.

-Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President



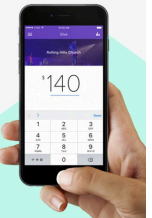
Portals of Prayer for April-June of 2026 are now available on the cabinet in the upper foyer and on the coffee bar in the lower foyer.



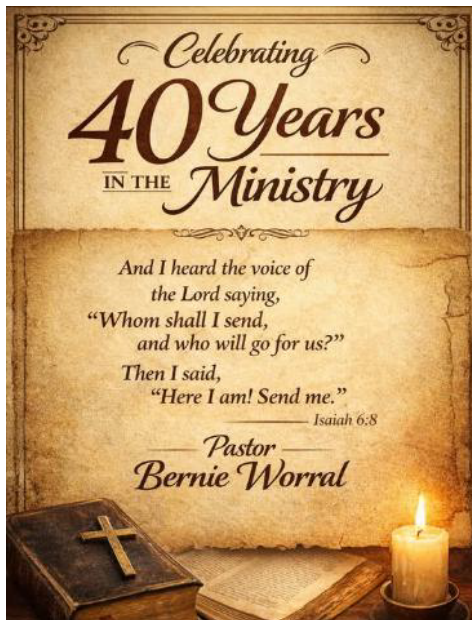
Martin Luther School would like to thank everyone who purchased Raffle Tickets during our recent cash raffle. We greatly appreciate your support.

Zion is updating its online giving platform. Zion will now be using Subsplash. If you are presently using

SUBSPASH GIVING



Vanco for your online giving there are handouts on the table in the back of the sanctuary on how to make the change, if you have any issues please contact the church office.



Pastor Worrall says:

"April 26, 2026 will be the 40th anniversary of my call into the ministry. My first parish was in Chadron, Nebraska. And then Immanuel Fargo since 1991. What a journey rich in the favors of God's blessings!

Join us for a celebration of the office of the Holy Ministry that afternoon at 4 PM with a service of Matins. Pastor Mike Suelzle (from Grace, Fargo) will be preaching.

Carolyn and I are sponsoring a pork sandwich supper afterwards as our way of saying thank you to your support and encouragement.

Bring also a dish to share."

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Grades 4th-8th

# Serve, Not to be served

Lock-In April 17-18, 2026

10:30pm - 6:00am

ZionLutheran Church

413 Avenue D East Bismarck, ND

Cost \$5

Covers pizza, chips, candy, pop breakfast.

## Service Project



### QUESTIONS?

Contact Russ Weixel 400-6492/  
weixelzion@gmail.com

Bible Study



BRING YOUR PILLOW OR BLANKET IF YOU WANT TO NAP

Games



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Gold Star Spouses Day on April 5th honors the surviving loved ones of military service members who died while serving their country. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty recognizes and thanks the military members and their families for their sacrifice to defend our Freedom.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, April 12

9:40pm

Lower Level

The congregation is invited to attend this discussion on the repairs needed to the roof, along with Policy Based Governance and how it would be implemented at Zion. This is your opportunity to have your questions answered.

## Lunch & Voters' Meeting

Sunday, April 19

12:00PM Lower level

The repairs needed on the roof & Policy based governance will be the topics. New voters will be accepted.



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

CHECK IT OUT

Zion Merch, new colors & styles!



We Need Your Help



# Mayfest 2026 is MartinLuther School's spring fundraising event!

We need to provide the staff at Bismarck State College with a count for food a couple weeks in advance of the event.

Here is how you can help.

Join in the fun and excitement of the event!

Plan to attend Mayfest at the Bavendic, Friday, May first from 4-9pm.

Go to: [www.mayfest2026.ourschool.s](http://www.mayfest2026.ourschool.s) upport, or scan the QR code at the top of the page. Purchase your event ticket here.

(FYI: it's less expensive to purchase a table than buy 8 tickets separately)

So, invite your friends to buy a table with you!

It's an evening of good food: Bourbon grilled chicken, red skin mashed potatoes, tossed salad, and bundt cakes from NothingBundtCakes.

Great entertainment, Silent, Featured, and Live auctions, & time with friends.

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER



## Sunday School Offerings

Our Sunday School offerings for the last several weeks will be going to the Women's Care Center in Bismarck. Thank you for bringing back your baby bottles with the offerings! So far, we have counted more than \$400!

FYI

Zion's Board of Youth pays half of the camp cost for Zion students.



**SHEPHERD'S HILL  
AT THE  
CROSSROADS**  
ST. JOHN, NORTH DAKOTA

## **FORGIVEN IN CHRIST!**

**SUMMER 2026**

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one  
another, as God in Christ  
forgave you.

Camps, Retreats,  
Camping, Cabin Rentals  
and Outdoor Adventures.

Campers at each of our summer camps will enjoy God's wonderful creation through outdoor activities, including swimming, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, volleyball, archery, and adventure course challenges. Horse-back lead rides and trail rides are available for an additional charge.

### **GREAT NEWS!**

**KRISTIN,  
PASTOR OTTO,  
OR  
RUSS,  
WILL BE DRIVING  
THE  
CHURCH VAN  
TO SOME OF THE  
CAMPS.**

**WATCH  
"LIFE  
AND  
GROWTH"  
FOR  
FURTHER  
INFORMATION!**



### **CAMPS FOR THOSE UNDER 10 (AND A LITTLE OVER)**

**Kinder Camp** June 14-15 or July 8-9 \$145

**Discovery Camp** June 14-16 or July 8-10 \$185

**Kids Camp** June 28-July 2 \$320

### **CAMPS FOR THOSE 10 AND UP**

**Adventure Camp** June 21-26 or July 12-17 \$355

**Chess Camp** June 21-26 \$355

**Archery Camp** June 28-July 1 \$290

**Jr. High Encounter Camp** July 12-17 \$355

**Art Camp** July 19-24 \$355

**Expedition Camp** July 19-24 \$355

**High School Encounter Camp** July 26-31 \$355

### **HORSE CAMPS** \*Ages 10 and up

**Beginner Horse Camps** June 21-26 or June 28-July 3 or  
July 19-24 \$470

**Saddle Club** July 12-17 \$470

**Advanced Horse Camp** July 26-31 \$470

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*Thank you to everyone who purchased  
Easter lilies. You may pick up your plant  
following the 10:45 service.*

Steve & Karen Bubach  
Calvin, Auri & Zelda Dorfschmidt  
Jeremy & Fae Glass  
Barb Hellman  
Mac & Lonnie Huncovsky  
Ernie & Bonnie King  
Troy & Heather Klein  
Sharon Leno  
Joe & Kathy Lundquist  
Rev. Thomas & Sara Marcis  
Dave & Barbara Miller,  
In Memory of our Parents

Evelyn Orth  
Ryan & Bonita Pegors & Family  
Matthew & Kimberly Puliafico  
Leona Robinson  
Brian & Roxanne Rosin  
Orgena Schramm  
Emma Siems  
Sam & Rebecca Ude  
Sam & Joyce Walker  
Sarah Walker & Matt Hull  
Thomas Walker III  
Jerry & Phyllis Weist



## **Catechesis Retreat April 10-11 Minot, ND**

**"Lost in the Scroll?"**

**Living Sober-Minded in a Digital World"**

**This retreat is open to Jr. High and High School students.**

Transportation will be provided, free of charge.



Meet at the church by 5pm Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Otto, Dana Otto and Kristin Nistler

will be the chaperones for this event.

(Plan is to return to Zion at 5pm Saturday.)



Please let Kristin know if you are planning to attend.

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**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

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Worship:

Saturday 5pm - Contemporary  
Sunday 8:30am - Traditional  
Sunday 10:45am - Creative

Sunday School (September-May) 9:30 am

Adult Bible Class (year round) 9:40 am



Carol Baker is in charge of altar flowers for the month of April. You can reach Carol at 701-530-9981

**Worship Attendance**

Saturday, March 28  
5:00 pm - 20  
Sunday, March 29  
8:30am - 137  
10:45am - 172

**Stewardship**

March MTD  
General Offering:  
\$62,511.  
Average Budget  
Monthly Expenses:  
\$58,750



**“Building Healthy Families”**

Here are true words to remember and boldly speak aloud today or any day you may be feeling overwhelmed with temptation or any of life’s challenges: Know ye then - sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me - that you are missing the mark. I am not afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you.” (from Luther’s Easter Sermon, 1530) A blessed, joyous, and lasting celebration of Easter to you and your family from Lutheran Family Service – here to serve you in person or via confidential telehealth link no matter where you live. Learn more at [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) *Lutheran Family Service*

**Main Street Living**

**April 5:** Rev. Randy Sturzenbecker, South Dakota District Office, LCMS, Sioux Falls, S.D., presents the message: “Helpless, Fearful, and Hopeless No More. Christ Is Risen!” based on Matthew 28:1-10. This Is the Life program: “A Child’s Easter Sermon” - A child shares the joy of Easter with an old shoemaker.



“MAIN STREET LIVING” is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service. Programs are broadcast starting at 10:00 am Central Time 9:00 am Mountain time on WDAZ Xtra Channel 8.3, Bismarck/Dickinson

“Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.”  
- John 6:68 -



Today’s Readings:  
*First Reading*

Acts 10:34-42

*Epistle*

Colossians 3:1-4

*Holy Gospel*

Matthew 28:1-10

Next Week:  
*First Reading*

*Epistle*

*Holy Gospel*