



Welcome to Worship!

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.

Blessings on your time in worship!

As We Gather...

The time of changing seasons is a good time to begin an outdoor regimen of walking for personal wellness. Experts in the field of fitness have documented that going for a walk outdoors can bring a sense of physical betterment and mental calmness to those who engage in it on a regular basis. In the Scriptures there are numerous passages that underscore the value of spiritual walking for the Christian as well. Paul writes to the Galatians, "But I say, walk by the Spirit" (5:16), and he reminds the believers in Christ at Corinth that "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). Hymn writers give poetic expression to that special walking in texts like "Let us ever walk with Jesus" (LSB 685:1) and "I want to walk as a child of the light" (LSB 411:1). May we be blessed by our walking through the Divine Service together this day!

Week at a Glance

Saturday, August 29

- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, August 30

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

Monday, August 31

- 6:00pm Zion Board of Directors
- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 2

- 6:00pm: Summer Worship
w/ Holy Communion at
Shepherd of the Valley-
Pastor Wolfgram
- 7:30pm: Youth Group

Saturday, September 5

- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, September 6

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

Monday, September 7

Labor Day-Church Office Closed



UPCOMING Events



Sunday, August 30

9:40am
Pastor Otto will
lead Bible Class
in lower level.

Monday, August 30

6:00pm
Zion Board of Directors
meeting.



Wednesday, September 2

6:00pm at
Shepherd of the Valley
801 E. Denver Avenue
Pastor Wolfgram

Confirmation
Parent Meeting:

Wednesday,
September 9th
6:00pm

Wednesday, September 13

Dine to Donate @
Rock'n 50's Restaurant
Benefits
Martin Luther School

September 13, 2026
Capital Campaign Finale

and

Rally Sunday
12:00pm



Tuesday Bible Class

begins September 22nd.

ACOLYTES



Sunday, August 30

8:30am: Hadlee Schmidt
10:45 am: Preslie Sailer

Today's Sermon

Words of Encourage ?

Romans 12:9-21

Our Epistle Lesson in Romans this morning is quite challenging. Paul writes to encourage us, God's people to live in our calling as believers, but his words are overwhelming. "Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil. Hold fast to what is good. Love one another...be fervent in spirit...rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer". His list goes on and on. The list is overwhelming and leaves us wondering, "Where do we start? Paul tells us about self-sacrificial love in the first five verses. This love leads one to serve God with the talents and gifts that one has been given. It looks for opportunities to serve, and it goes out of its way to do so. As Paul talks about self-sacrificial love, we cannot help but be pointed to Christ's self-sacrificial love for us. This self-sacrificial love is produced in us through the Holy Spirit. Paul then encourages us to overcome evil with good. Paul encourages us to show goodness and mercy by praying for, blessing, feeding, clothing, and providing for the needs of those who have wronged us. That is what our God does. He repays our sin with mercy and forgiveness, not with wrath and condemnation. Paul's list of encouragements can be overwhelming for us, but it points us to Christ and His overwhelming grace and love for us.

Questions:

1. Why is Paul's list overwhelming?
2. What is self-sacrificial love?
3. What role does the Holy Spirit have in this list?

Are you interested in what the North Dakota District is doing in ministry?
Sign up for their email newsletter:

<https://nodaklcms.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a99a2019808aa9ce12b638653&id=bd4ca31e62>

Bible Class will meet today, Pastor Otto will lead the study of Judges.. You are invited to join the class in the basement.



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What are the peculiar windows in the church?

If you look around while sitting in the Divine Service, you'll most likely see windows that are different than the windows in your house. These windows are made with pieces of colored glass. These colored pieces may even have designs painted on them. Stained glass windows are a very important part of the church building.

Why do we have stained glass windows in the church?

Stained-glass windows add to the beauty of God's house, but that's not all that they do. These windows are designed to teach us. If you look closely at the windows, you'll find that most of them contain wonderful imagery. This imagery usually depicts **stories from the Bible**, different **Christian symbols** or different **articles of the Christian faith**; and it's all wrapped up in beautiful pictures made from colored and painted glass! What a wonderful way to glorify our Lord and to proclaim the Gospel!



Parents: After worship, be sure to walk around and look at the windows with your child. If there are windows with different themes, take a few moments each week to discuss the individual teaching points of each window. Encourage your child to ask the pastor for help.



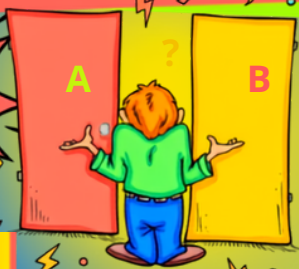
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**Zion Lutheran
Church Lock-in for
Grades 5-8
September 25, 2026
10:30 pm-6:00 am**

? Forgive or Not Forgive ?

\$5 Cost covers:
Pizza, chips,
candy, pop,
Breakfast
(muffins or
donuts and
juice!!!)

Group games
Grog
Relay race
Human Hungry
Hungry Hippo
Free time &
More!!



Bring Friends-
(even more
than one!!!)
If you **choose**
to sleep, you
may bring
pillow or
sleeping bag
(optional)

**Bible Study
"Forgive or Not Forgive"**

Questions?
Contact- Russ Weixel at
400-6492 or email at
weixelzion@gmail.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL

AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEW CURRICULUM!



AGES:
Infant -12th Grade



TIME:
9:30 -10:30 am



DAY:
SUNDAYS
starting 9/13/26



WHERE:
MLS Classrooms



High School will be
attending the adult
Bible class in
Zion's basement.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS
A GREAT TIME TO
LEARN BIBLE BASICS
AND HISTORY, AND
GOD'S PLAN FOR
HIS PEOPLE!**



REGISTER TODAY!



**SCAN TO
REGISTER!**

NEW!



**PRAY & PRAISE
WITH PARENTS CLASS**
For those under age 3 to come
with their parents and learn
about God's Word.

PLANTING FAITH.



GROWING DISCIPLES.

**NEW
COLORS**

**CHECK
IT OUT!!**

**NEW
DESIGNS**

Order your NEW Zion Merch!

Multiple Color Options + Toddler/Youth/Adult Sizes Available



**Proceeds
benefit
Zion
Youth!**

To place an order: scan the QR code above,
visit www.tinyurl.com/22rbdczk,
or contact the church office!



Rally SUNDAY

AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

8:30 Divine Service - Traditional

9:30 Sunday School
Families have open house activities in their classrooms. This will be a time to get to know the teacher and the room before class starts.

10:45 Divine Service - Blended

AT BOTH SERVICES:

3rd Graders receive Bibles

ALL Confirmation students come forward for prayer

New Confirmation students receive Catechisms

12:00 MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN FINALE

in South Parking lot



MEAL:
Pulled Pork and sides

FOR THE KIDS:

- Inflatables
- new playground equipment
- Photo Booth
- Door prizes
- fellowship, etc.



Everyone is welcome to join us.
FOR THE FREE CELEBRATION!



Tell the Next Generation
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Capital Campaign Finale

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
12:00P.M.

Come celebrate the three year conclusion of the campaign and all the Lord has provided.

Food/Music/Games/Bouncy Houses
All members are encouraged to wear a Zion T-Shirt
LIMITED PARKING SPOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN PARKING LOT FOR ELDERLY PRIORITY

Hope and Healing Through Grief

Starting October 6th
Tuesdays for 5 weeks 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



Hope and Healing in Christ

Join us for a welcoming Christian grief support series for adults mourning the death of a loved one.

What to Expect:
 Week 1: Welcome, Trust, and Understanding the Grief
 Week 2: Making Space for the Pain
 Week 3: Remembering Together and Reconnecting
 Week 4: Carrying Love Forward
 Week 5: Remembrance, Hope and Candlelight

Refreshments provided.

Led by:




Les Wolfgram Jasmin Yoder, LMSW

Sign up:



Location:
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
801 E Denver Ave, Bismarck, ND 58504

Call or Email with questions
office@centercounseling.org
(701)380-5100



Campaign Financials

Total Commitments: \$1,124,744

Total Fulfilled to date: \$1,064,219

Additional Contributions outside of commitments: \$50,156

Total Funds Received: \$1,114,375

We have extra Thrivent t-shirts!
They are available on the racks in the lower foyer. Please take one, but, leave the hangers.
(Sizes and quantities are limited.)

Thank you to the nine people who will serve on

Thanks to the Board of Lay Ministry members who served brunch and helped with clean up last Sunday!

Thank you!

Lions' Board of Directors.
Josh Albers Bonnie Chase
Brad Christensen Fred Erhardt
Arlan Henke Evelyn Orth
James Rath Brian Rasin
Dr. John Witt

The board of directors will meet Monday, August 31st at 6:00pm.



Martin Luther School

MLS Chapel September 2

Pastor Thompson

September 7, 2026

No School in observance of Labor Day.

Watch for new playground equipment!

(Thank you to MLS PTL)

PLAN TO ATTEND!

Martin Luther School invites you to attend,

Dine to Donate at

"Rock'n 50's Restaurant

Wednesday, September 9.

A portion of sales will be donate to the school.



Temporary Bus Driver Needed

Martin Luther School is in need of a temporary part-time bus driver, for two hours a day, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday. For information, contact Mrs Wolfgram at wolfgram@lutherschools.org

2026 LWML ND District Fall Retreat

Save The Date!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Plan to join us for the LWML North Dakota District Fall Retreat, a ONE DAY Event at Concordia Lutheran Church in Jamestown, ND.

Optional | Friday evening, September 18

Fellowship and Devotion. 7:00 p.m. at Fairfield Inn
(Optional: bring your own beverages and a snack to share.)

Bible Study | Jeremiah 17:1-4, 5-8

Curses and Blessings: An examination of Jeremiah's message to the people of Judah. We'll spend time looking through the Old and New Testaments.

A **Servant Event** is planned for Orphan Grain Train (OGT). Bring ingathering items of rubber pants for babies and toddlers.

MONETARY &/OR GIFT CARDS ARE APPRECIATED.

IF ORDERING ONLINE FOR INGATHERING: SEND TO CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, 502 1ST AVE. NORTH, JAMESTOWN, ND 58401

LWML ND District Christian Life Committee is planning this faith-filled event especially for you — women of faith!

Registration | 9:00 a.m.

Opening | 10:00 a.m.

Closing | 3:30 p.m.

Accommodations: Fairfield Inn & Suites, Jamestown, ND. 701-952-6300. Use password "Kathy Rubbert" when reserving room. Due to other events in the area, only a limited number of rooms available at discounted rate.



(email completed form or fill out, trim here & mail)



Mail registration with payment to: **Brianna Wegner-Brelje, 1526 28th Ave South, Fargo, ND 58103**
Register by mail or email to: Humanicare@lwmlnd.org
Cost: \$50 "Retreat Cost" check payable to: **LWML North Dakota District**
(\$50 includes lunch and snacks on Saturday.)

LWML Unit/Church (if applicable):

Name:	Phone:		
Address:	Email:		
City:	State:	Zip:	
Emergency Contact:	Relationship:	Phone:	
List dietary restrictions (food allergies, etc.)	Total Amount Due: \$		

As August wraps up, Congress is back to doing what it does best — keeping the LCRL very, very busy. Thankfully, Lutherans read policy, quote Luther, and still make it to Bible

study on time.



See www.LCRLFreedom.org.

From the District President's Desk

North Dakota has three seminary students who are beginning their first year of studies. Patrik Totenson from Beautiful Savior – Fargo, Matthew Steiner from Immanuel – Fargo, and Austin Schmidt (SMP) from Peace – Garrison. The Lord grant these men faithfulness to His Word as they learn at the feet of their professors, that they would be a blessing to the Lord and His Church. Keep their families, also, in your prayers as they make this change. If your congregation, LWML, or ladies group would like to support one of these men during his seminary studies, please reach out to the District Office; we can help you with next steps. —Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President



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



Church Office Hours Summer 2026
Monday thru Friday 11am-5pm
or by appointment.



Altar flowers today are given in loving
memory of Hank and Jan Albers
by family members.

Linda Sullivan is in charge of the altar flowers
for the month of September.
You can reach Linda at 701-955-2500

Worship Attendance

Saturday, August 22
5:00 pm - 25

Sunday, August 23
9:30am - 204

Stewardship

August MTD

General Offering:
\$44,525.

Average Budget
Monthly Expenses:
\$58,750



"Building Healthy Families"

Research conducted recently with college age students in the Midwest found that most of them reported having an important relationship with grandparents or significant elders who influence their values, goals, and life choices and give them a sense of self, roots, and tradition. Grandparents and older members of our church family, do you realize how important you are? Make sure the young adults in your family and congregation who have gone off to college or are returning to high school after summer break continue to hear from you. Now, more than ever, they need your love and support – even if they're not asking for it!
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Main Street Living

Rev. Brock Schmeling, Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, ND, and Peace Lutheran Church, Barney, ND, presents the message: "The seed that bears all the fruit", based on Galatians 3:16. This is the Life program: "Amazing Grace" – A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian faith.



"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 on WDAZ Xtra Channel 8.3, Bismarck/Dickinson.

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

