



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 only way a sinful human being can dare to approach and worship an almighty God is if we also know that He is a God of mercy. God's mighty power is known from the vastness of His creation, the stars and seas, light and darkness, tempests and storms (Job 38). "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). Yet we are told, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13). "Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you" (Isaiah 30:18). This "almighty and most merciful God" (Prayer of the Day) showed both His might and mercy when He became aware of His disciples' peril on a storm-tossed sea. Walking on water wasn't the point. It was the Lord's coming to save us in our fear and distress (Matthew 14). As the catechism says of God's commandments, "We should fear and love God." We can trust the God who has harnessed His wrath with His love. Greater love has no one than the God who joined us in our misery, took our sin upon Himself, and died our death but now is risen to save us from every evil that threatens us or makes us afraid.

Week at a Glance

Saturday, August 8

- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, August 9

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

Monday, August 10

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 12

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

Friday, August 14th

- 9:30am: Chancel Circle

Saturday, August 15

- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, August 16

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



UPCOMING Events



Sunday, August 9

9:40am

Pastor Otto will
lead Bible Class
in lower level.



Wednesday, August 12

6:00pm at

Shepherd of the Valley
801 E. Denver Avenue
Pastor Voss



Chancel Circle
will meet

Friday, August 14th,
at 9:30am.



Wednesday, August 12th

7:30 pm at

Pastor & Dana Otto's
home.

SINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9:30am

Followed by a
Fellowship Brunch
in the Basement
and Voters' Meeting



Voters' Meeting

Sunday, August 23rd

11:30am

Everyone is Welcome.

ACOLYTES



Sunday, August 9

8:30am: Chase Johnson

10:45 am: Liam Granlie

Sunday, August 16

8:30am: Hadley Zacher

10:45 am: Morgan Mehrer

Today's Sermon

"How to Deal with Evil in 4 Easy Steps"

The problem of evil in the world is a tough one to get past. Any worthwhile worldview must grapple with this very inconvenient truth that part of our humanity involves suffering. We cause it, we feel it, we crave it, we endure it, and we live it. Suffering in varying degrees always finds its way into our lives, often with downright evil results. So what are we to do with this as Christians? Well we turn to God's Word, of course! Today, we focus on a reading from Job 38 where God speaks and gives an answer to a few of our quandaries with suffering. How does God deal with evil? Ultimately, He goes through it in Christ. Because He went through it, we find wisdom in His Word on how to navigate this problem of evil.

What 4 steps does God take to deal with evil?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What 4 steps can we take to deal with evil since Christ dealt with it for us?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



To hear or view Zion's podcast or video podcasts,
go to: www.zionbismarck.org

Choose: "About Us", then "Ministries"

Scroll down to: "Living the Faith" podcasts,

Click on: "Learn More", choose either the Video Podcasts or Podcasts, then select the one you would like to see or hear.

Today, Pastor Otto will lead Bible Class.

Bible class meets in the
basement beginning at 9:40am.



Pastor and Lisa Wolters Retirement Celebration

August 30, 2026
5:00 PM (MST)

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Please join us for a meal and fellowship.

Please RSVP to Kari by text or phone call at
701-225-7877 or email at
rlc4him@ndsupernet.com. by August 24th.

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?](https://nodaklcms.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a99a2019808aa9ce12b638653&id=bd4ca31e62)

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Mark your calendar for

SINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY

**Zions' Annual Single
Service Sunday.**

Sunday, August 23, 2026,
at Zion Lutheran Church,
Bismarck, ND.

Brunch will follow the service.

Voters' Meeting
will begin at 11:30.

Election of the Board of
Directors will also take place.
Don't miss it!



ZION

YOUTH

GROUP

All youth in high school
and college are invited
to attend Youth Group.

This Wednesday evening we will meet
at Pastor and Dana Otto's home
at 7:30pm. Join the fun as we
participate in devotions, activities,
and food around the campfire.
Watch for a group chat from
Kristin with directions to Otto's.

Chancel Circle will meet
Friday, August 14th, at 9:30am.



It is never too early to think about
taxes. Donations to the Lutheran Center
for Religious Liberty (LCRL)
are tax-deductible. See
www.LCRLFreedom.org/donate.



CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING Zion will hold a Voters' Meeting
Sunday, August 23rd at 11:30am.

At this time, the updates concerning the new
model of Policy Based Governance will be
shared. The congregation will have the
opportunity to ask questions and voters will
be able to vote on the change to the bylaws.
(New voters will be accepted.) Following the
vote, Zions' Board of Directors will be elected
by the Voters' Assembly.

From the District President's Desk

From the ND District President: The 2026
Calov Conference will be held
September 14-15 at Zion Lutheran
Church – Ellendale. The topic that the
conference will take up this year is: The
Response of the Church in a Time of
Disease. There will be a variety of
presenters, giving a wide variety of
views on the topic, answering questions
like: When faced with plague and
pestilence, how should the Church
respond? Is it right to stay, or do we
have an obligation to flee? How have
Christians acted in the past? For more
information, please see the Calov
Conference website at
calovconference.org.

–Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota
District President



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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.



Linda Reinbold & Kitty Mettler
are in charge of altar flowers for the
month of August.
You can reach Linda at 417-294-6809.

Worship Attendance

Saturday, August 1

5:00 pm - 15

Sunday, August 2

8:30am - 73

10:45am - 92

Stewardship

August MTD

General Offering:

\$13,468

Average Budget

Monthly Expenses:

\$58,750



"Building Healthy Families"

In today's culture, death is often suggested as the answer to life's most challenging situations – including the challenge of an unplanned pregnancy. The world tells a scared and confused mother she can make her situation better by ending her child's life through abortion. We Christians have a better option: tell her that she and her baby are both seen, known and loved by God. Tell her of Jesus' love, mercy, and forgiveness. Then love her like family, support her in choosing life; offer tangible help like transportation, meals, childcare, diapers, clothing, and other household items. Continue your support through the pregnancy and long after. There is joy in living out 1 John 4:19 – We love because he first loved us!
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Main Street Living

Rev. Bruce Noennig, Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN, presents the message. This is the Life program:

"Some People Need Help" -

An amputee from a Veteran's hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him.



"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 -

