



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...

Jesus famously teaches, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21), and Jesus knows a treasure when He sees one. Listen to the Readings in worship today. From the days of the Old Testament onward, the Lord has clearly declared how He vastly treasures His people. The Son of God gives up everything to reclaim you as His treasured possession. And it is purely His love for you that gives you true value and limitless worth. Since His treasure is His people, you can be sure His heart remains with His people too, as He visits us here with the priceless goodness of His Word and Sacrament.

Week at a Glance

Saturday, July 25

- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, July 26

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

Monday, July 27

- 1:00pm: MLS Playground Installation
- 6:00pm: Council Meeting
- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 28

- 6:00pm: Board of Lay Ministry

Wednesday, July 29

- 6:00pm: Summer Worship
w/ Holy Communion at
Shepherd of the Valley-
Pastor Otto

Saturday, August 1

- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, August 2

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



UPCOMING Events



Sunday, July 26

9:40am

Pastor Otto will
lead Bible Class
in lower level.



Wednesday, July 29

6:00pm at

Shepherd of the Valley
801 E. Denver Avenue
Pastor Otto



July 26-31

High School Encounter Camp
Shepherd's Hill
Leave from Zion
at 1:00pm

SINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9:30am

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



ACOLYTES



Sunday, July 26

8:30am: Wyatt Kummer

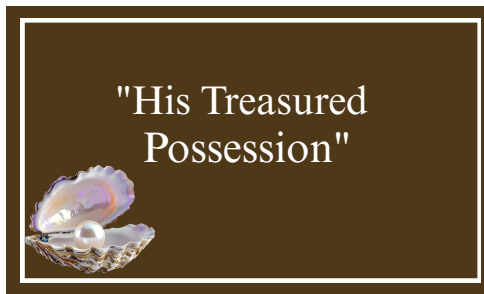
10:45 am: Marcus Ell

Sunday, August 2

8:30am: Alijah Schiermeister

10:45 am: AJ & Hailey
Hjelmstad

Today's Sermon



Back in the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy, God makes a covenant with His people. He also tells them why He does it. It's not because they were more numerous or powerful than any other people, but simply because He loved them. Much later in the New Testament, we see Jesus speak two small parables about merchants who find valuable things that they love so much they are willing to give up everything to obtain these treasures. So it is with God who gives up everything – even His own Son – to redeem the people He loves from a world that would not love them as He does. God chose you for His kingdom not because you are more beautiful or powerful or capable than anyone else, but simply because He loves you.

Questions:

1. What is the most valuable thing you own?
2. In the Parable of the Pearl, who is the merchant who sells all his goods? Who is the pearl?
3. How did Jesus "buy" you to be part of His people?



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.





Can You Help?

DREAMCENTER

BISMARCK

"BACK TO SCHOOL" SUPPLY DRIVE SUPPLIES NEEDED

***NEW only please**

In order of need:
BACKPACKS! (goal is 500)
Pencil Boxes or Pencil Bag
Kleenex/Face Tissue Boxes



Markers
Colored Pencils
Yellow Highlighters
Black Sharpies

Dry Erase Markers
Calculators (both basic and scientific)

3x5 Notecards
1-2 inch Ring Binders



Scissors

(Fiskars preferred, various sizes needed)
Folders and Binder Dividers (both with pockets)
Notebooks

(Composition, Wide-ruled & College ruled)



Rulers
Crayons (24 pack)
Glue Sticks

**Please leave donations in box in lower foyer
before Sunday, August 9th.**

Backpacks will be distributed
Thursday, August 13th 4-6:30pm
at The Dream Center
1805 Park Avenue



Zion Quilters will not meet during
the month of August.

Next session is scheduled for
September 17-18.



Thank you
to Zion's Quilters!

They have once again donated
quilts to the needy through Orphan Grain
Train. These quilts will help many people.



**Monday, July 27th is Martin Luther
School Playground Installation Day!**

We need as many volunteers as possible to help install
the new playground equipment. We plan to begin at
1:00pm on Monday, July 27th. We look forward to
getting our playground looking refreshed and updated
this school year! If you are able to assist text Mrs.
Wolfgram at: (701) 400-1179.

High School Youth Group

Youth group will not
meet this week.



2026 Congregational Self-Study



To complete this form online,
scan this QR code or go to:

<https://forms.gle/juEtKzueppyGFegL9>

Please only submit ONE form per member.
Please read instructions carefully
& answer ALL questions.

Your responses will remain anonymous.

**This is the Final Week to complete
the survey.**



Please take the time to
complete the
Congregational Self-Study.

The LCRL: watching Congress so you can
watch your grandkids. Standing for life,
liberty, and the freedom to keep
your catechism handy. Follow
the mission at
www.LCRLFreedom.org.



From the District President's Desk

The Dying Well Conference will be held at
Immanuel Lutheran- Willow Creek on
August 7-9. Rev. Dr. Kent Burreson will
address questions such as: How do
we prepare for dying throughout our lives?
How should we treat the dying? How does
the way we treat our dying and our dead
reflect on our confession of faith? Do our
Lutheran confessions shed light on how we
make these decisions? What decisions
make the most faithful confession? What
drives our decision-making? Is it our
confession, or is it societal norms and
the funeral industry? Do we even know that
it matters? For more information on the
conference,

please see the ND District Events calendar
at www.nodaklcms.org/events/ calendar or
email

Mrs. Noreen Linke at noreen@linkes.net.

-Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota
District President



Thank you to everyone who has donated items to the food pantry this summer.

If you are interested in donating canned foods, we can use the following items:

Canned fruit	Canned vegetables
Pasta	Canned Pasta Sauce
Powdered milk	(not in glass jars)
Cereal	Rice
	Canned beans & lentils

High School Youth!

Going to camp this week?
Meet Kristin at the church at 12:45pm today to board the church bus for High School Encounter Camp at Shepherd's Hill!
Bus leaves at 1:00pm

Check out all the work our youth and parents did this Wed. They added mulch around the building, new plants on south side of parking lot, painting the foundation, storage shed doors, railings, grass seed, etc. Thank you for all your hard work to help beautify our building and landscaping. Special thanks to the board of church properties for all their help and guidance.

TURTLE MOUNTAIN ARCHERY SHOOT

August 8 & 9, 2026

Saturday - Range opens at 9 am
Sunday - Range opens at Noon



A fundraising event for Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND
Donations greatly appreciated



SHEPHERD'S HILL AT THE CROSSROADS

ST. JOHN, NORTH DAKOTA

Tournament Options:

- Indoor - 300-point Bullseye target shoot (5 arrow/12 ends)
- Outdoor - 3D target shoot (25 target/12 points) through the forested trails.

Top score prizes in each division along with some specific target prizes.

Divisions: Youth (17 & under) | Adult (18+) | Barebow | Freestyle

Entry Fees: Adult \$20 | Youth: \$10

First Round Eligible for Prizes.

Additional Rounds: Adults \$10 each | Youth \$5 each

Concessions Available
Novelty Shoot - details TBD

Lodging: (Rooms and RV/tent sites) 701-244-5225 or director@shretreat.org

502 Shepherd's Hill Drive, St. John, ND
7 miles west of St. John on County Road 43
9 Miles north and 9 miles east of Dunseith

shretreat.org | director@shretreat.org | 701-244-5225
[Facebook.com/shretreat](https://www.facebook.com/shretreat)

New Stained Glass for Zion's Sanctuary



*Thank you to everyone who contributed
to the Stained Glass Fundraiser.
The goal of \$7000 has been reached .*

Carol Anderberg
Darrin & Denise Anderson
Mary Bollinger
Fred & Nadine Erhardt
Ed & Ginny Gall
Les & Peggy Heid
Barb Hellman
Randy & Cheri Horner
Dan & Kirsten Johnson
Ernie & Bonnie King
Troy Klein
Wendy Larson
Bill & Floris Link
Michael & Susan Marhol

Albert & Kitty Mettler
Evelyn Orth
Ken & Adele Paul
Ryan & Bonita Pegors & Family
Gerry & Karla Pfau
James & Rhonda Rath
Phil & Linda Reinbold
Chris & Kathy Rooke
Eric & Katie Rooke & Family
Brian & Roxanne Rosin
Scott & Sara Schuh
Clayton & Julie Schumaker
Harley & Betty Trautman
Jerry & Phyllis Weist
Pastor Zellers

Carol Baker in memory of Fred Baker, Jr.

Steve & Bonnie Chase in memory of Ken & Geraldine Chase, & Enid Monger

Tom & Bonnie Lenihan in memory of Harvey & Helen Boen

Emma Siems in memory of Burt Siems

Lin Waldner & Family in memory of Frank Waldner

CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING



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

(Following brunch.)

At this time the updates
concerning the new
governance 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.

Single Service Sunday
August 23, 2026
9:30am
Mark Your Calendar
and
Plan to attend Zion's
Single Service Sunday
Brunch will follow in the
church basement.
11:30 Voters' Meeting



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 are given in loving
memory of Mike Daffinrud
by Renee Daffinrud.

Rhonda Rath is in charge of
altar flowers for the month of July.
You can reach Rhonda at 426-1247

Worship Attendance

Saturday, July 18

5:00 pm - 32

Sunday, July 19

8:30am - 80

10:45am - 77

Stewardship

July MTD

General Offering:

\$33099.

Average Budget

Monthly Expenses:

\$58,750



"Building Healthy Families"

What percent of people in your congregation are adopted? If you guessed anything less than 100 percent, you're wrong. "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." (Gal. 4:4-5) In today's culture, adoption is often seen as a last resort for infertile couples; a way to find a child for the couple. A Biblical view of adoption is child – not couple – focused. LFS' adoption ministry exists to find loving, Christian married moms and dads who will provide a stable home and life-long relationship of love based on Christ's example for every child who needs one. Is God calling you or someone you know to such a loving plan?

Main Street Living

Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John's Lutheran Church, Montevideo, MN, presents the message: "Christ's Gifts

Are More Than Enough" based on Matthew 14:13-21. This is the Life program: "Return Trip" – The modern-day story of a prodigal daughter.



"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 -

