



## *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...*

Polls tell us that many of us live in fear and struggle with depression. Jesus calls us not to be afraid—not because we have no enemies but because He is stronger than them all. God knows the score—from every bird that falls from the sky to every hair on our head. He has invested His love and mercy in us in Christ and will not turn away from us. This promise is sure. Because of this, we can surrender our fears of being known as His children. Everyone who confesses Him on earth, Christ will confess him before His Father in heaven. From this promise comes the strength to live the new life given to us in our Baptism and to make known what Christ has done by His death and resurrection—for us and for all the world. We are called to judge not by the times but by the promises of God. Neither will He disappoint us nor will He forsake us.

## Week at a Glance

### **Saturday, June 20**

- 5:00pm: Worship

### **Sunday, June 21**

- 8:30am: Worship  
w/ Holy Communion
- 9:40am: Bible Class
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
- 7:00pm: Board of Lay Ministry

### **Monday, June 22**

- 6:00pm: Council Meeting
- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, June 23**

- 1:30pm: Nursery Roll Circle

### **Wednesday, June 24**

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

### **Friday, June 26**

- 3:30pm: Zainhofsky/Nistler Wedding

### **Saturday, June 27**

- 5:00pm: Worship  
w/ Holy Communion

### **Sunday, June 28**

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



## UPCOMING Events



**Sunday, June 21**

9:40am

Pastor Otto will lead Bible Class in lower level.



**Wednesday, June 24**

6:00pm at

Shepherd of the Valley  
801 E. Denver Avenue  
Pastor Walla



**Reminder:**

The Board of Lay Ministry will meet today, Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.



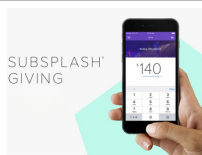
**Tuesday, June 23**

1:30pm

Nursery Roll Circle

Please RSVP if you plan to attend the recognition luncheon for Pastor Marcis' 40 Years of Ministry celebration.

Zion is updating its online giving platform. Zion will now be using *Subsplash*. If you are presently using 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. Zion's new app is now available in your app store. Download it on your phone today to stay up to date with everything happening at Zion!



ACOLYTES



**Sunday, June 21**

8:30: Alijah Schiermeister

10:45: David Orgaard

**Sunday, June 28**

8:30: Volunteer Needed

10:45: Preslie Sailer

## Today's Sermon

"Don't Say I Didn't Warn You"

Have you ever been told that phrase "don't say I didn't warn you"? If you have, chances are it was a loving parent or friend trying to reason with you about consequences beyond your control. Behind those words, you might also hear "I understand you're going to make this decision anyway, but please remember that I tried to warn you about the downsides." In our Gospel text today, Jesus himself must warn the disciples about his own decision to send them out to preach the Gospel. Being witnesses of Christ has consequences, and Christ himself wants his friends to be aware of the cost. But this warning of betrayal and rejection also comes with a comforting blessing: trust in Jesus is never misplaced. If God knows even the "worthless" sparrows that fall to the ground, how much more will he care for his chosen people in the midst of the life he has called them to live. So too does this comfort extend to us in our commission.

### Questions:

1. What will the world think of the disciples when they preach and teach according to Jesus?
2. How much are 2 sparrows worth according to the text? How much are YOU worth?
3. What was a time that you had to really trust someone else?

Pastor Marcis is not at Zion today. He is preaching at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hannover, ND.

To hear or view Zion's podcast or video podcasts, go to: [www.zionbismarck.org](http://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.

### Adult Bible Class

Adult Bible Class will meet in the lower level beginning at 9:40am.



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**KIDS IN THE  
 DIVINE SERVICE**  
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**What is a "hymn"?**

The word "hymn" comes from a Greek word which means "song of praise." Webster's Dictionary tells us that a hymn is "a song of praise especially in honor of God." In the Church, we sing hymns because they are God's Word put to music. What an awesome way to praise our Lord!



**Why do we sing hymns?**

During the early years of the Christian Church, its music came from the Psalms. As new people came into the Church, they added new hymns. The Church's hymns have stood the test of time, never failing God's people as generations change. When we sing hymns, we are praising God with the words He has already put on our tongues! There is no better way to pray, praise, and give thanks to God than with the words He has given us.



**Parents:** In order to answer questions as to why we do what we do as Lutherans, including utilizing the hymnody, read the introduction on pages 6 and 7 in *Lutheran Worship*. Here you will find a brief summary of what Lutheran worship and hymnody are all about.

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**High School Youth Group**

All youth in high school and college are invited to attend Youth Group each Wednesday. This week you are invited to join in Bible Study.



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

There are still openings for youth interested in attending camp at Shepherd's Hill this summer. Kristin will be attending Kinder Camp 2: July 8-9, and Discovery Camp 2: July 8-10. Russ will attend Kid's Camp: June 28-July 2. Pastor Otto and Russ will attend Jr High Encounter Camp: July 12-17. Kristen will also attend High School Encounter Camp: July 26-31. Zion will provide transportation to these camps.

**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](http://www.tinyurl.com/22rbdczk), or contact the church office!

Select "I Will Pickup My Order" during checkout to have your items delivered directly to Zion for free!

**Welcome to Zion**

**Sunday Morning Greeters Needed**

**Are you comfortable shaking someone's hand and saying, "Good Morning"?**

**Did you answer, "Yes"?**

**Congratulations, you qualify to be a Greeter!**

**Greeters are needed for the 8:30 & 10:45 services throughout the summer.**

**Please consider being a part of this fun ministry opportunity.**

**For more information, or to sign up, please call the church office at 223-8286, or email [zionoffice501@gmail.com](mailto:zionoffice501@gmail.com)**



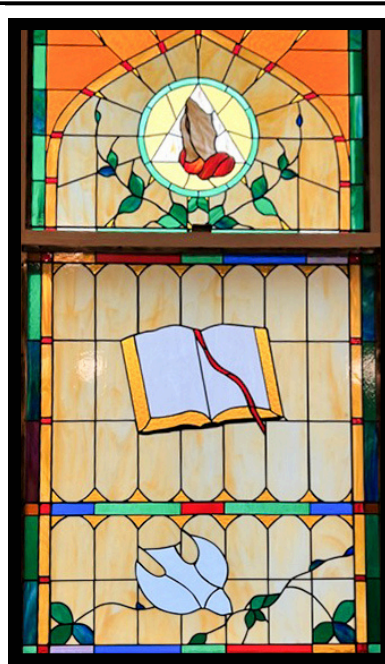
**Have you sent your RSVP for the luncheon to be held July 12<sup>th</sup> at noon in recognition of Pastor Marcis' 40 years in the Ministry?**

**This is a reminder to sign up on the reservation sheet on the table in the back of the church, or call the church office at 701-223-8286, or email [zionoffice501@gmail.com](mailto:zionoffice501@gmail.com).**

**Reservations accepted through June 29<sup>th</sup>. It would be wonderful to have you join the celebration!**



**Nursery Roll Circle**  
will meet at the home of  
Karen Anders on  
Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 1:30pm.  
Bible study materials will be handed  
out that day.



**New Stained Glass**  
for  
**Zion's Sanctuary**

7,000	
3,700	Total to Date 6/19/26
3,500	
3,475	
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**LEM in Imuris Summer 2026**




**Church Office Hours**  
Monday thru Friday  
11am-5pm  
Staff will be available outside of these  
hours by appointment.


**2026 CONFIRMATION PICTURES**  
Are now available for pickup in the church  
office. Call the office to arrange a time to pick  
up the photograph. (223-8286 from 11am-5pm)

# 2026 Congregational Self-Study

As we begin the process of preparing to call our next Senior Pastor, Zion's leadership would like to get some feedback and perspective from the members of the congregation. The District asks calling congregations to complete this self-study to help them understand who they are, to assist the newly called pastor in understanding the congregation which has extended him a Divine Call, and to assist the District President as he adds names to the congregation's call list.

- Please only submit ONE form per member.
- Please read instructions carefully & answer ALL questions.
- Your responses will remain anonymous.
- If you would prefer to complete this form online, scan this QR code or go to: <https://forms.gle/juEtKzueppyGFegL9>

If you have questions about this survey or about the Call process, please reach out to Congregational Vice-President Darrin Anderson. Please complete by Sunday, July 26, 2026.





### Weekly Summer Services

Services will be held each Wednesday at 6pm at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 801 East Denver Avenue.

All summer services will include Holy Communion.

The local LCMS pastors will take turns leading the services. If you use an envelope from your congregation, your offering will be sent to your congregation.

June 24 Pastor Walla (Bethel)

July 1 Pastor Zellers (Messiah)

July 8 Pastor Woodside (Bethel & Shepherd of the Valley)

July 15 Pastor Marcis (Zion)

July 22 Pastor Marcis (Zion)

### From the District President's Desk

Happy Father's Day. In baptism, God claims us as His children and teaches us to call Him "our Father." He has given us earthly fathers who love and care for us. Let us thank God for all fathers—for those who gave us earthly life, and for all men who have been father-figures in our lives: uncles, teachers, pastors, and friends. Let us pray that the Lord bless them in this vocation to which He has called them, that they would always be an example of faith and a blessing to us. For those whose fathers now rest from their labors, may the Lord grant comfort and peace in the joyful heavenly reunion with those we love.

—Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President



The food pantry could use the following items:

- Cold cereal , Mac & Cheese
- Canned pasta sauce, canned fruit,
- Canned beans:
  - black, pinto, & kidney,
- Canned tomatoes, tomato sauce,
- Canned meat,
- Heat & Eat rice or pasta.
- Rice, Boxed pasta

# Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry



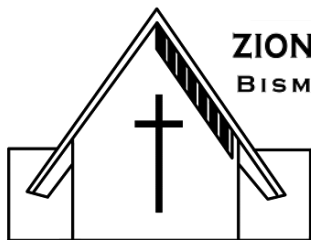
The Board of Lay Ministry at Zion, Bismarck, invites you to a luncheon on Sunday, July 12th, 2026 at 12:00pm in recognition of

Rev. Thomas R. Marcis, Jr.'s 40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary

Please RSVP to the church office by June 29th.

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Rev. Peter C. Marcis will be the guest preacher for the 8:30am & 10:45am worship services on July 12th.



**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



Altar flowers are given by  
Steve and Bonnie Chase in memory of  
Kenneth and Geraldine Chase,  
and Enid Monger

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

**Worship Attendance**

**Saturday, June 13**

5:00 pm - 35

**Sunday, June 14**

8:30am - 75

10:45am - 92

**Stewardship**

**June MTD**

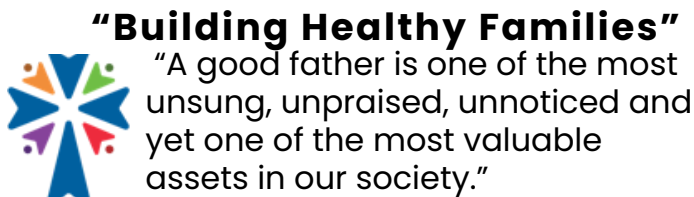
**General Offering:**

\$28,229.

**Average Budget**

**Monthly Expenses:**

\$58,750



**"Building Healthy Families"**

"A good father is one of the most  
unsung, unpraised, unnoticed and  
yet one of the most valuable  
assets in our society."

We at Lutheran Family Service affirm this  
quote from Billy Graham as we recognize  
the incredibly vital role fathers play in the  
lives of their children and families. Fathers  
are needed by their children, and by their  
children's mother! On this special day when  
we celebrate Fathers, notice and thank the  
men you know who are leading their families  
through these challenging days. God bless  
our fathers, today and always!

[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

It has been postulated that a father's legacy  
is written in the lives of his children. The  
Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty  
advocates for fathers and traditional  
marriage. See [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org)



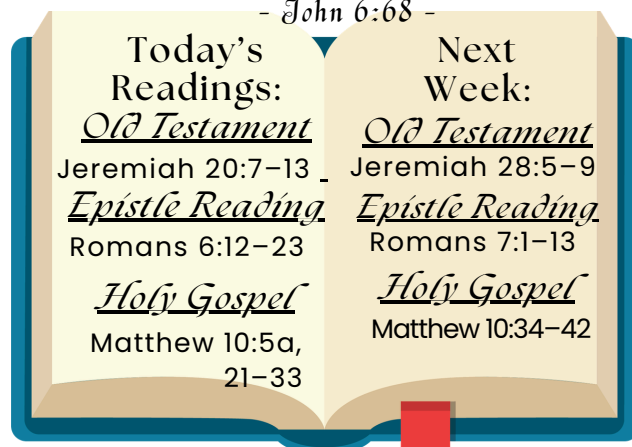
**Main Street Living**

Rev. Dylan Meyer, St. Andrew Lutheran  
Church, West Fargo, ND, presents the  
message: "By No Means!" based on Romans  
6:12-23. This is the Life program: "The Main  
Event" - A boxer who is hit by a car  
becomes embittered until he  
meets a cheerful 8-year-old girl.



"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:**

Old Testament

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:5a,  
21-33

**Next  
Week:**

Old Testament

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Epistle Reading

Romans 7:1-13

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:34-42