

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.



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Sunday Van Drivers Needed

Each Sunday Zion's van drivers pick up a few members who are in need of transportation to the 10:45 service.

If you would be interested in being one of the drivers, call the church office at 223-8286 for more information.

This would be a once or twice a month commitment.

Zion VBS Mission Project



Help us purchase school uniforms for students at Kid's Kingdom Orphanage in Imuris, Sonora, Mexico!

In order to attend public school, students in Imuris are required to have a uniform. \$65 includes the cost of the uniform, socks & shoes. We are hoping to help 10 students go to school.

Families are welcome to make donations toward that goal at the VBS registration table during June 7-11 or on Zion's app, select VBS Mission Project. We will also have a big card for you to sign & write a Bible verse to send to the Orphanage.

If you would like to donate now, just scan the QR code, enter your donation amount, under "FUND" choose VBS Mission Project, tap the give button and fill in your giving information. Be sure to tap the "Give" button after filling in your information in order to complete the process.



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!

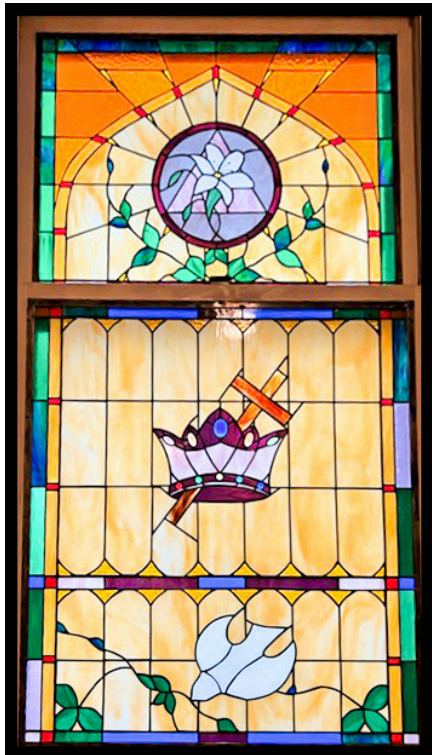
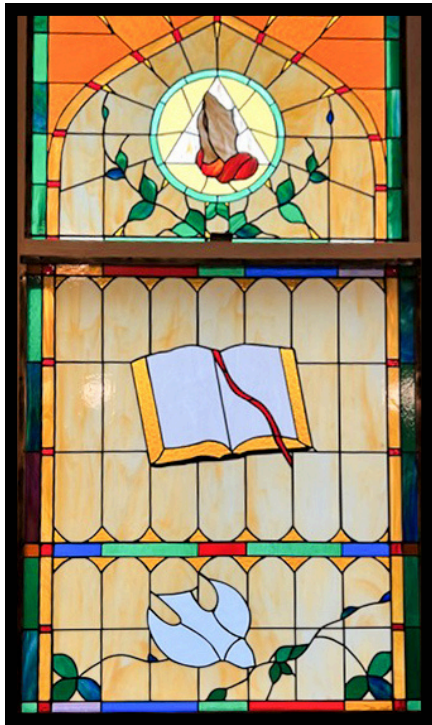
Greeters are needed for the 8:30 & 10:45 services throughout the summer.

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



New Stained Glass for Zion's Sanctuary



In November 2025, Trinity Lutheran Church of Drayton, ND closed. Some former members of Trinity are now members at Zion and have acquired Trinity's stained glass windows. The four windows, pictured to the left and right, depict the means of grace (the Word of God and the two Sacraments, baptism and Holy Communion) and the crown of righteousness (our eternal reward, won for us by the blood of the Lamb). The windows were originally created in 1988 by the late Glee Grau, formerly of Dickinson.

When the windows are installed at Zion, they will be hung near the back of the sanctuary, two on the south wall and two on the north wall. The windows will be framed and backlit with LED lighting. The cost for materials and electrical installation is approximately \$7,000. Members can contribute toward the windows by making an offering with memo: stained glass window fund.

We expect to have the windows installed sometime this summer. Thank you for your support of this project as we seek to glorify God by adding more beauty to our church!

Contribute toward the installation of our new windows! Make a special offering with memo: *stained glass window fund*.



Thank you to James Rath for constructing the custom backlit frames and installing the stained glass in Zion's sanctuary!

Please join us for presentation by missionary to Taiwan

Rev. Dr. Tom Park

Sunday, June 7

12:30 pm Nacho Bar Lunch

1:15 pm Taiwan Mission Presentation

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From the District President's Desk

Going on summer vacation or getting away for the weekend is an excellent way to recharge and stay refreshed. But I urge you, do not take a vacation from God's Word. If you're away for the weekend or on vacation, find a faithful LCMS congregation to attend while you're away from your home congregation. Let us find rest and refreshment in the marvelous gifts the Lord gives to us in the Divine Service, even while we're traveling. The Synod has a convenient locator where you can find an LCMS congregation wherever your summer travels take you at locator.lcms.org. —Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President



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 10 Pastor Woodside
(Bethel & Shepherd of the Valley)

June 17 Pastor Marcis (Zion)

June 24 Pastor Walla (Bethel)

July 1 Pastor Zellers (Messiah)

Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry



The Board of Lay Ministry at Zion, Bismarck, invites you to a luncheon on **Sunday, July 12th, 2026**

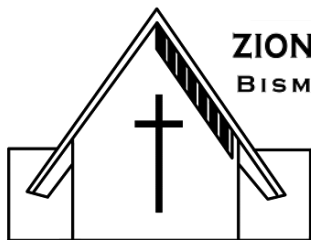
in recognition of

**Rev. Thomas R. Marcis, Jr.'s
40th 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.



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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 today are given with thanksgiving and praise to God.

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, May 30

5:00 pm - 44

Sunday, May 31

8:30am - 87

10:45am -116

Stewardship

May MTD

General Offering:

\$51,768.

Average Budget

Monthly Expenses:

\$58,750

“Building Healthy Families”



Humility is hard to come by during a difficult conversation—especially when you’re sure you’re right and your husband (or wife, or child, or parent, or co-worker, or neighbor, or pastor...) is wrong. Here are three simple but powerful words to remember that will help when conflict comes in any relationship: I am sorry. Learn from God’s word: “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” Proverbs 15:1. For more information see www.LutheranFamilyService.org

June traditionally is the month for weddings. Planning an outdoor venue, be prepared with a large tent to thwart showers.

You can be prepared to thwart threats to Religious Liberty with a subscription to the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty email list. See www.LCRLFreedom.org/subscribe.



Main Street Living

Rev. William Aufdenkamp, Christ Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, MN, presents the message: “At Table with Jesus” based on Matthew 9:10.

This Is the Life program:

“No Place to Hide” – A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.

“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

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

Next Week:

Old Testament

Exodus 19:2-8

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:6-15

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8