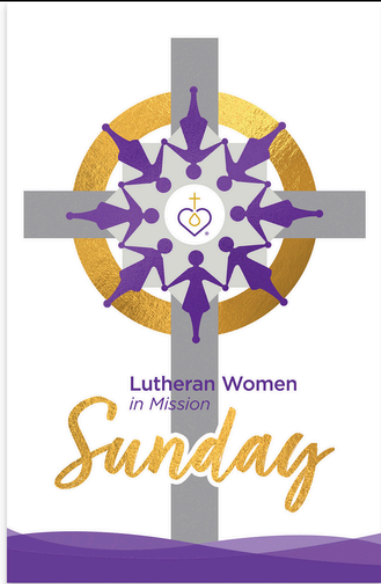




Welcome to Worship!

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...

LWML League Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Week at a Glance

Saturday, October 3

- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, October 4

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 9:30am: Sunday School
- 9:40am: Bible Class: Q&A with ND District President, Rev. Mark Chepulis
- 10:45am: Creative Worship

Monday, October 5

- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Tuesday, October 6

- 1-2:30pm: Tuesday Bible Class
Study of the book of Job continues
- 6:30-8pm: Grief Support Group
with Pastor Wolfgram at Shepherd of the Valley

Wednesday, October 7

- 8:20am: Martin Luther School Chapel
- 5:45pm: Hosanna Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm: Confirmation
- 6:00pm: King's Kids
- 6:45pm: Bells
- 7:30pm: Youth Group

Friday, October 9

- 6:30-9:30pm: Marriage Retreat

Saturday, October 10

- 8:30am-3:00pm: Marriage Retreat
- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, October 11

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship
- 9:30am: Sunday School
- 9:30am: Pray & Praise with Parents
- 9:40am: Bible Class
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
w/ Holy Communion
- 6:00pm: Young Adults Planning Meeting

UPCOMING Events

Sunday, October 4

9:40am

Reverend Chepulis will join Bible class today. Everyone is invited to meet in the basement.

Pray & Praise with Parents

will not meet today.
Class will resume next Sunday.

Tuesday, October 6

Tuesday Bible Class

1-2:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join this study of Job.



Wednesday, October 7

8:20am

Martin Luther School Chapel



Wednesday, October 7

7:30pm

Youth Bonfire



**October 18-November 15
Weight-In Challenge
To fill the pantry returns!**

SOUTH DAKOTA YOUTH RETREAT **October 23-25, 2026**
For More Information
See flyer on the bulletin board by Kristin's office.



Sunday, October 4

Cain Kills Abel

Genesis 4:1-16

(Preschool-Grade 4)

*Sermon Notes Sunday
(Grades 5-8)*

ACOLYTES



Sunday, October 4

8:30am: Wyatt Kummer

10:45am: Morgan Mehrer

Ryker Feland

Sunday, October 11

8:30am: Aubree Cowan

10:45am: Marcus Ell

Today's Sermon

"Pleasant Planting"

Growing a garden is hard work. Between the seeding, weeding, and watering, making sure your garden can thrive is a very time consuming endeavor. But what happens when you put in all that time only for the garden to produce bad food? Your squash spoiled, your tomatoes terrible, and your grapes gross. This is the scenario described in our Old Testament lesson from Isaiah 5. God puts in all the effort to make Israel a prosperous nation, but they take all of his gifts for granted. So when God goes looking for good fruit, he finds none and decides to put his vineyard to rest. And how often are we much the same, taking for granted the gifts that God uses to bring us joy and prosperity in life. To save us from ourselves and the wild life we deserve, we turn only to the strong Son of the vineyard owner who can put back up the hedge of protection from sin, death, and Satan.

Questions:

1. Have you ever helped in a garden?
What did you grow?
2. Who or what is actually represented by the vineyard in the Old Testament lesson? (Hint: v.6-7)
3. What gifts of God make your life more enjoyable?

Bible Class continues to meet in the basement. ND District President, Reverend Mark Chepulis will join the class today. Everyone is invited to attend the class and be a part of this unique opportunity to chat with him.



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

Choose: "About Us", then "Podcasts", click on "Learn More;"
Choose either the Video Podcasts or Podcasts, then select the one you would like to see or hear.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Law and Gospel

Many people wrongly think that the Old Testament is the Law and the New Testament is the Gospel. In fact the Old Testament and the New Testament each contain both Law and Gospel.

What are the basics of the Law and the Gospel?

The Law teaches us God's will for how we live, namely the Ten Commandments. God's Law demands perfection, but it is impossible to be perfect. According to the Law, we are sinners, and are in big trouble with God. We need someone to save us. The Law shows us our sins.

The Gospel tells us what Jesus has done to save us from our sins. But the Gospel doesn't stop there. It tells us what Jesus continues to do for us because of His great love for us. The Gospel shows us our Savior, Jesus!

An easy way to remember all of this is to think of the following letters: S.O.S. The Law "shows our sins" while the Gospel "shows our Savior"!



Parents: Distinguishing between Law and Gospel is a life-long venture of study. Perhaps you or your child can take notes during the sermon. Following the Divine Service, discuss these notes, identifying the Law and the Gospel in the sermon.



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Welcome District President
Reverend Mark Chepulis
Today, District President,
Rev. Mark Chepulis is visiting Zion.

If you would like the opportunity to meet Reverend Chepulis, you are invited to attend the Sunday morning Bible Class where there will be an opportunity to meet him, and he will share some insights into ministry across North Dakota.



Potato Fundraising Event

This fall, Zion Youth will once again sell potatoes. Watch Life and Growth for more information.

Zion
YOUTH

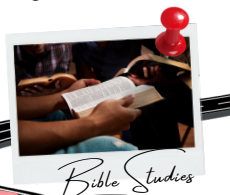
Wednesday, October 7th
7:30-9:00pm
Old Fashioned Bonfire

Questions? Contact Director of Family Ministry,
Kristin Nistler
Kristin.nistler@gmail.com
*Activities are subject to change based on weekly needs, so, please make sure you check the GroupMe App on Wednesdays.

YOUTH RETREAT

Contact Kristin for more details:
kristin.nistler@gmail.com 701-400-2069

Grades 9-12
Rapid City, SD
October 23-25, 2026



If you are interested in sponsoring a student or doing a partial scholarship, please contact Kristin!

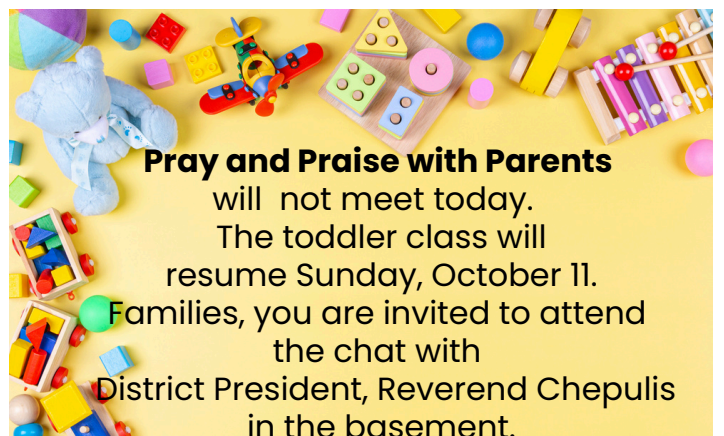


\$200

per person

COVERSHOTEL, FOOD
AND TRANSPORTATION

\$100 Deposit &
registration due by
9/27/26



Pray and Praise with Parents

will not meet today.

The toddler class will resume Sunday, October 11.

Families, you are invited to attend the chat with District President, Reverend Chepulis in the basement.

MLS Chapel
8:20am
October 7
Pastor Marcis

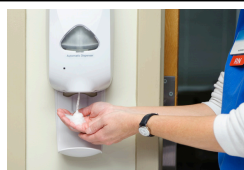


Chapel Offerings
for this quarter
will be given to
Lutheran Church Charities
Comfort Dogs



MLS continues to look for a bus driver.
Hours are 12-2
M, T, W, and Friday.
Want more info?
Call the school at : 224-9070

Cold and flu season has
arrived. Just a reminder
tissues are available at the
coffee bar and the
entrances into the sanctuary.



Hand sanitizer stations are also
available by all doors.

Hope and Healing Through Grief

Starting October 6th

Tuesdays for 5 weeks 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

center
COUNSELING
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:

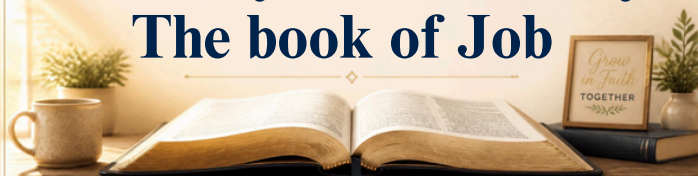


Tuesdays
October 6th - November 3rd
6:30pm - 8:00 pm

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

Tuesday Bible Study The book of Job



1-2:30 PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Study meets in the church basement

Hosanna Choir

Soon, the Hosanna Choir will begin
learning the music for the
Christmas Cantata.

*If you like to sing,
we are looking for you to join us!*
Hosanna Choir rehearsal is every
Wednesday from 5:45-6:45.

SAVE THE DATE Love and Respect A Marriage Enrichment Conference

This conference is an excellent opportunity to invest in your relationship and learn what could be life changing insights into male and female dynamics. Married couples and engaged couples will learn how to resolve conflict, dealing with the negative reactions (the crazy cycle). They will also learn how to motivate each other by meeting each other's needs (the energizing cycle). Even those who feel hopeless in their relationships will gain understanding on how to handle an indifferent or unresponsive partner (the rewarded cycle). Each cycle centers on two concepts: love and respect. These two words surface in social research and the Bible (Ephesians 5:33) as the two key ingredients for a successful marriage.

Those attending a Love and Respect conference experience understanding, forgiveness, reconciliation, change, and hope.

Zion Lutheran Church
413 E Ave. D
Bismarck, ND

October 9, 2026
6:30pm-9:30pm

October 10, 2026
8:30am-3pm

Cost: \$40 per couple
(includes conference
workbook, snacks and
lunch on Saturday)

*A cord of three
strands is not
easily broken.*

Ecclesiastes 4:12

A sign-up sheet is located on the table
at the back of the sanctuary or email
pastor@markchristensen@gmail.com
to reserve your spot (space is limited).

**We need YOU
to be a friendly
face and a
warm "hello!"**

Sign up today to serve as
a Sunday morning greeter!

Scan the QR code to sign up today!

Once you scan the code
it will take you to the
"SignUp Genius" page
where you can sign up
to be a Zion greeter.

Choose the
date and the service time.



**Have you
noticed the
Sunday School
Prayer Wall?**

You are encouraged
to read the prayers
and include your own
on one of the prayer
cards which are
located on the
round table.



**YOUNG
Adults**



Young Adults Planning Meeting
Sunday, October 11
6:00pm.

If you are between 18-35,
you are encouraged to come and enjoy
fellowship, devotions, and give
your input on future events .
Dessert is provided



DID YOU KNOW? OCTOBER IS CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH.

Pastors and church workers dedicate
themselves, day in and day out, to serving
their church and school communities.

That means it's always the right time to show
them our appreciation.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS)
has set aside the month of October to
highlight different kinds of church workers
and their service.

You are encouraged to join with your brothers
and sisters in Christ across the LCMS in using
these opportunities to show appreciation to
our church workers, who serve us in a
multitude of ways as they preach, teach and
care for God's people in body and soul.



The Weigh-in Challenge is returning!

If you have a Thrivent policy and have
a Thrivent Action Grant you would be
willing to use for this event, please contact
the church office at
Zionoffice501@gmail.com

From the District President's Desk

The Estate of the Civil Realm grows out of the
Estate of the Home. A household can provide
for and protect its own members, but as
families live together in a community, there
arises a need for authority to protect the
whole community, maintain good order, and
restrain wrongdoing. While the Church and
Home existed before the Fall, civil government
is explicitly established after sin enters the
world. Those who govern therefore serve their
neighbors through the proper exercise of their
authority, while citizens honor those authorities
according to the Fourth Commandment.
Whether serving as a public official, police
officer, soldier, or citizen, Christians serve their
neighbors through their civil vocations. God
uses these vocations to provide protection
and order for our life together.

-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



Today, altar flowers are
given by Larry and Nancy Brown
in recognition of LWML Sunday.



Carol Baker is in charge of the altar
flowers for the month of October.
You can reach Carol at 701-530-9981

Worship Attendance

Saturday, September 26

5:00pm: 24

Sunday, September 27

8:30am- 100

10:45am- 128

Stewardship

September MTD

General Offering:

\$48,808.

Average Budget

Monthly Expenses:

\$58,750



"Building Healthy Families"

From the newborn infant to the hospice patient in his final hours and for all stages of life in between, physical touch from another person is vitally important. Infants who aren't touched, even though they receive nourishment, will die from Failure to Thrive Syndrome. God designed humans of all ages to need human touch. Safe physical contact releases oxytocin, which lowers stress hormones and builds social bonds. Safe touch can lower blood pressure, decrease anxiety, and reduce pain. In a world increasingly shaped by digital interaction and isolation, physical touch has become a rare form of connection. How long has it been since you have held another person's hand or given or received a hug? If you have to think about it for too long, it's been too long. LutheranFamilyServices.org.

Main Street Living

Rev. Chad Berg, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: "The Whole Picture" based on Philippians 3:4b-14. This Is The Life program: "The Fathering Kind" - A single father who is down and out trying to raise a son on his own.



"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 -



Today's
Readings:

Old Testament

Isaiah 5:1-7

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

Next Week:

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-13

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14