

# Zion VBS 2026 Thank You, Jesus!



- Bible Lessons
- Memorizing Scripture
- Crafts
- Songs
- Snacks
- Games
- Experiments
- Missions
- Fellowship
- FUN!

**Attendance:**  
Total youth registrants & helpers = 108!  
Adult Volunteers 40+  
Experience = Priceless!

**Prayer for at home:**  
Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us hope when we feel hopeless. Thank you for saving us and giving us eternal life through your death and resurrection. Help us to share this good news with others. In Your name we pray. And all God's kids said, AMEN!

**Bible Lessons:**  
God Saves Baby Moses  
Ruth & Naomi  
Jesus & Zacchaeus  
Jesus Rises from the Dead

**Verse of the week:**  
Jesus comes to seek and to save!  
Luke 19:10

**VBS Mission Project - School Uniforms:**  
\$1000 raised to purchase 15+ school uniforms  
for Kid's Kingdom Orphanage in Mexico.





## 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 10 Pastor Woodside (Bethel & Shepherd of the Valley)

June 17 Pastor Wolfgram (Shepherd of the Valley)

June 24 Pastor Walla (Bethel)

July 1 Pastor Zellers (Messiah)

### From the District President's Desk

Our Lutheran Confessions are a treasure worthy of being studied by pastors and laity alike. Does your congregation have a Book of Concord study? If there is one available to you, I urge you to attend. You won't be disappointed as you dig into the confession found therein, which flows from the Sacred Scriptures. If not, please ask your pastor to start one. I am certain he would be delighted to dive into the Book of Concord with you. —  
*Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President*

From 13 stars to 50, our country's flag reflects the growth of our country. However, Religious Liberty remains a constant. You can be a Champion for Religious Liberty, see [www.LCRLFreedom.org/champions](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org/champions) for more information.



**Zion Quilters** will meet  
Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm  
and  
Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon.

Anyone interested in helping make quilts for various mission endeavors is welcome to stop by and lend a hand.

# Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry



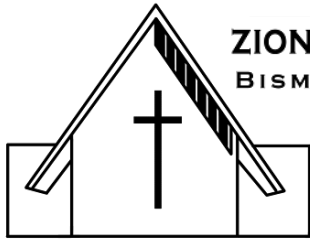
The Board of Lay Ministry at Zion, Bismarck, invites you to a luncheon on  
**Sunday, July 12th, 2026**  
in recognition of

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



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 6**

5:00 pm - 43

**Sunday, June 7**

8:30am - 76

10:45am -101

**Stewardship**

**June MTD**

**General Offering:**

\$14,837.

**Average Budget**

**Monthly Expenses:**

\$58,750

**“Building Healthy Families”**



“If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.” It’s a simple idea—but a powerful one. This week, you’ll almost certainly face a moment that tests your patience or perspective. When it comes, don’t rush past it. Pause. Breathe. Reflect. Remember: you have a choice—not just in how you respond, but in how you see the situation in the first place. Take a step back and lean into the source of true wisdom: “But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.” (James 3:17) What would it look like to answer with wisdom, grace, gentleness, reason, and sincerity? [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

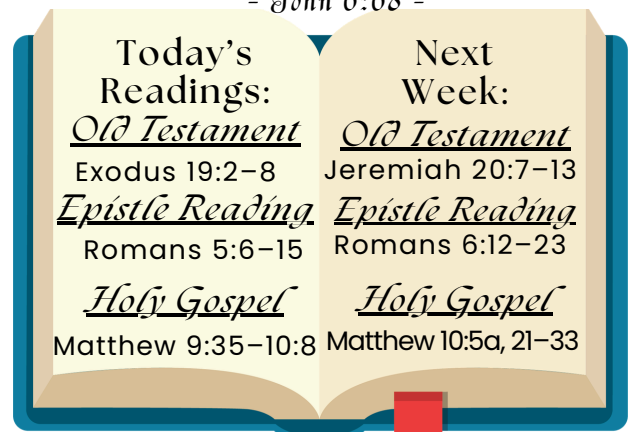
**Main Street Living**

Rev. Robert Hill, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Wimbledon, ND, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Kensal, ND, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Pettibone, ND, and Redemer, Woodworth, ND, presents the message: “If You Love Me” based on John 14:15-21. This is the Life program: “Dead End” – Because of frustration with his life, a man turns to drinking and another woman.



“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

Exodus 19:2-8

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:6-15

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8

**Next Week:**

Old Testament

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33