



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...

From the beginning, God implanted His life-creating power into His creation with the command "Be fruitful and multiply" to animals (Genesis 1:22) and to humans (1:28), with one important difference. You are not an accident or only a product of biology. Every human being is a personal soul. So we confess, "I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them" (Small Catechism, Creed, Explanation of the First Article). Because of our inherited sin, however, "the soul who sins shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). Nevertheless, God's design is for life—eternal life. He declares, "I have no pleasure in the death of anyone" (18:32). Because God so loves you, He sent His Son to take away your sin by the shedding of His blood on the cross. Therefore, "we preach Christ crucified, . . . the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:23–24). Christ died to sin for you. By Holy Baptism, you died with Christ and are raised to new life in Him. The love of God is yours today by faith in the cross of Jesus Christ. The Father's declaration of Jesus now becomes yours: "My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

Week at a Glance

Saturday, September 26

- 5:00pm: Worship
w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, September 27

- 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
Youth Retreat Deposit Due
- 3:00pm: KuchenFest –Messiah, Mandan

Monday, September 28

- 6:00pm: Board of Directors Meeting
- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Tuesday, September 29

- 1-2:30pm: Tuesday Bible Class
Study of the book of Job continues

Wednesday, September 30

- 5:45pm: Hosanna Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm: Confirmation
- 6:00pm: King's Kids
- 6:45pm: Bells
- 7:30pm: Youth Group

Saturday, October 3

- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, October 4

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship
w/ Holy Communion
- 9:30am: Sunday School
- 9:30am: Pray & Praise with Parents
- 9:40am: Bible Class
- 10:45am: Creative Worship

UPCOMING Events

Sunday, September 27

9:40am

Pastor Marcis will lead
"The Writings of the Apostle Paul",
Bible Class in lower level.

**YOUTH
RETREAT Today**

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



Monday, September 28

6:00pm

Zion's Board of Directors

Tuesday, September 29

Tuesday Bible Class

1-2:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join
this study of Job.



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

**YOUTH
RETREAT**

October 23-25, 2026

Sunday, September 27

3pm

ND Lutherans for Life
Kuchenfest @ Messiah, Mandan



Sunday, September 27

Adam & Eve

Genesis 3

(Preschool-Grade 4)

Large Goup Opening in Basement

*Guest: Pastor Christensen
talk on Holy Communion
(Grades 5-8)*



Sunday, September 27

8:30am: Hadley Zacher

10:45am: Kira & Cooper
Yunker

Sunday, October 4

8:30am: Wyatt Kummer

10:45am: Morgan Mehrer
Ryker Feland

Today's Sermon

Single Mindedness

Philippians 2:1-12

Have you ever heard someone say, "Life would be so much simpler if it weren't for other people."; It is living in community where the rubber meets the road in our Christian lives; where we are challenged to live out the teachings of Jesus. Paul challenges the Christians in Philippi to live an abundant life by living faithfully in community. Paul is writing to the congregation in Philippi to live as God's children. Paul writes in verse two, "Make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." Paul is not telling the Philippians to practice Groupthink where there must be agreement on everything from politics to family structure. Paul is encouraging Christians to have a unified purpose. That unity of purpose first comes from a unified love of God, a unified commitment to being disciples of Jesus Christ, and a unified understanding that as followers of Jesus Christ we have taken up the mission and ministry of Jesus. He doesn't stress what Jesus gave up in his letter to the Philippians. Instead, Paul stresses what Jesus took on. Jesus took on our human form, and he became one of us. After Jesus empties himself, and becomes obedient to death on the cross, God exalts Jesus. We respond to God's love and grace by sharing God's love and grace, and by freshly experiencing that love and grace in the community of believers.

Questions:

1. Is Paul calling Christians to "groupthink"? Why or why not?
2. What is our unified purpose as Christians?
3. Why did Jesus take on human form?



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.

Bible Class will meet in the basement. Pastor Marcis will
lead the study on, "The Writings of the Apostle Paul".
You are invited to join the class



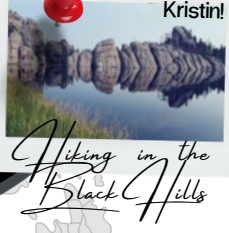
YOUTH RETREAT

Contact Kristin for more details:
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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

Zion YOUTH

Wednesday, September 30th
7:30-9:00pm

Pastor Christensen will join us for a
talk on Holy Communion

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.

REMINDER

**Deposit and registration is due TODAY
for youth who are planning
to attend the SD Youth Retreat.**

Pray & Praise with Parents

Toddlers age 3
& younger
attend with a Parent

Songs-Rhymes

Bible Stories

Meet in the Nursery

Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30am

Thank
you!

Thank you to everyone who helped
make the Junior High Lock-In a
memorable event.

Your help and prayers
are greatly appreciated!

MLS Chapel
8:20am
September 30
Pastor Zellers

Martin Luther
SCHOOL

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

9-Week Sunday Bible Class

The Writings of the Apostle Paul in Chronological Order

Sundays,
9:40 AM–10:40 AM
in the church
basement.

Weekly Monday–Friday reading assignments correspond with the Sunday class.



ACTS

1 THESSALONIANS

2 THESSALONIANS



1 CORINTHIANS

ROMANS

GALATIANS

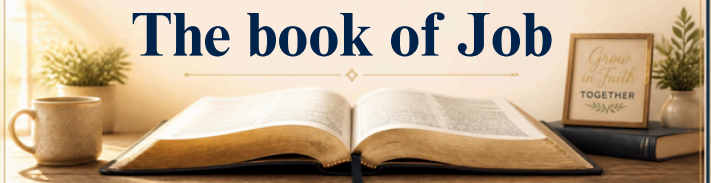
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2 TIMOTHY

Tuesday Bible Study

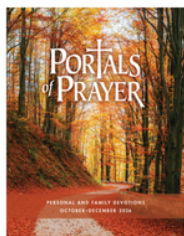
The book of Job



1–2:30 PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Study meets in the church basement



Portals of Prayer

October–December 2026
is now available on the counter
in the upper foyer, and on
the coffee bar.
Please take one.

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 Wolfram 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

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).

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the "Agnus Dei"?

The "Agnus Dei" (pronounced AHN-yus DAY-ee) has been sung by the Church for almost 1,200 years. "Agnus Dei" is Latin for "Lamb of God." We usually sing these words in the Divine Service after the Words of Institution have been spoken by the pastor.



Why do we use the Agnus Dei?

In John 1:29, John the Baptizer proclaims, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus is the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." He said this as Jesus was walking up to him. When we sing the Agnus Dei, like John the Baptizer, we are once again hearing, proclaiming and learning the great Gospel message which confesses that Christ is here with us in Holy Communion, giving us His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. What a great way to recognize the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament!



Parents:

After the Divine Service, read John 1:29-34 with your children. Compare John the Baptizer's words to the Passover story in Ex. 12:1-11, 21-23. Be sure to discuss why John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God." Jesus was the ultimate sacrificial Lamb of God by whose death we have been rescued from sin, death and the power of the devil.



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YOUNG Adults



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

If you are between 18-26(ish)
you are encouraged to come and enjoy
fellowship, devotions, and give
your input on future events . 😊
Dessert is provided

Bismarck-Mandan Lutherans for Life invites you to...

KUCHENFEST

Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 3:00pm

Messiah Lutheran Church
1020 Boundary St. NW, Mandan, ND



Hear from wonderful pro-life
presenters while enjoying
delicious homemade kuchen!

Our free-will offering will go towards
purchasing new car seats and strollers
for women and families at the
Bismarck Women's Care Center.

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER



LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE



Pantry Needs

The following list contains
items that are currently
needed to help sustain
the pantry.

Peanut butter	Cream Soups	Rice
Jelly	Soup	Cereal
Canned tuna	Pasta	Lentils
Canned Chicken	Noodles	Dry Beans
Canned Luncheon Meat	Canned vegetables	

From the District President's Desk

The Estate of the Home is the fundamental place the Lord works order in His creation. Luther writes in the Large Catechism, "God has given this Estate the distinction above all Estates that are beneath it, that He not simply commands us to love our parents, but to honor them." In the gift of marriage, the Lord has ordered the procreation of life and places a man and a woman into the vocations of father and mother. In this Estate, the Lord sets mothers and fathers as the first teachers of the faith to their children, the primary educators, the ones who discipline and form character so that their children would become good citizens, and faithful husbands and wives, fathers and mothers. In short, the Estate of the Home is the foundation of society, for in this Estate the Lord God creates and preserves life, provides daily care, passes The Faith to the next generation, and prepares future citizens, spouses, pastors, teachers, and Christians. —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
Karen Breuer & Family
in loving memory of
Al Breuer.

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

Worship Attendance

Sunday, September 13

8:30am- 115
10:45am- 121

Stewardship

September MTD

General Offering:
\$32,885.
Average Budget
Monthly Expenses:
\$58,750



"Building Healthy Families"

"Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure." (Proverbs 20:28) Is your marriage a place where both you and your spouse feel safe, respected, and valued? Loving words, faithful actions, and everyday kindness strengthen trust and build safety in relationships. Harsh words, criticism, and hurtful actions destroy them. Which is more prevalent with yours?

www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

If the news makes your blood pressure rise faster than the choir on Easter morning, the LCRL is here to help. See www.LCRLFreedom.org to stay informed without losing your sanctification.



Main Street Living

Rev. Steven Frank, St. John's and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches, Vergas, MN, presents the message: "By What Authority are You doing These Things?" based on Matthew 21:23-27. This is the Life program: "The Cup" - The dilemma a trucker must face when a good friend dies trying to protect him.



"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 -

