



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...

In every congregation, there are those who once sat together with us in the pews but have since been lost to error or sin. Those who used to be Christian may constitute a number larger than those who are currently Christian. It is one thing to lament this and criticize from the sidelines. It is quite another to warn the wicked. Though some might assume that the chief purpose of church discipline is to condemn the sins and errors of others, our Lord reminds us that discipline is an act of love that seeks to restore the fallen. While this idea may seem out of step with the emphasis in our times on tolerance without judgment, if our Lord loves the lost enough to save us, then we are called to do no less. Key to this is warning the wicked (as Ezekiel puts it) with the voice of God's Word. This certainly includes condemning sin and error, but it also includes restoring the fallen through forgiveness. It is not the will of our Father in heaven that any should perish, and it is the joy of heaven to welcome them back. Is it also our passion to seek them out, to warn them with the voice of God's Word, and to welcome them home through forgiveness?

Week at a Glance

Saturday, September 5

- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, September 6

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

Monday, September 7

- Labor Day -Church Office Closed
- 7:00pm: AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

- 5:45pm: Hosanna Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm: Confirmation Parents Meeting
- 7:30pm: Youth Group

Saturday, September 12

- 12:30pm: Shepherd's Hill Quilt, Craft & Culinary Arts Auction
- 5:00pm: Worship

Sunday, September 13

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship
- 9:30am: Sunday School
- 9:40am: Bible Class
- 10:45am: Creative Worship
w/ Holy Communion
- 12:00pm: Tell the Next Generation
Campaign Finale Picnic



UPCOMING Events



Sunday, September 6

9:40am
Pastor Otto will
lead Bible Class
in lower level.

Confirmation Parent Meeting:

Wednesday,
September 9th
6:00pm

Wednesday, September 9



Dine to Donate @
Rock'n 50's Restaurant
Benefits
Martin Luther School

Sunday, September 13 9:40-10:40am

"The Writings of the Apostle Paul
in Chronological Order"
This Bible Study will meet
in the lower level.



September 13, 2026
Rally Sunday
and
Capital Campaign Finale
12:00pm

Tuesday Bible Class

begins September 22nd,
1:00-2:30pm



Sunday, September 13

God Creates the World
Genesis 1:1-2:3
(Preschool-Grade 4)

Intro-Using the Bible
(Grades 5-8)

ACOLYTES



Sunday, September 13

8:30am: Alijah Schiermeister
10:45am: Liam Granlie

Sunday, September 20

8:30am: Chase Johnson
10:45am: Hadlee Schmidt

Today's Sermon

"What We Owe To Each Other"

Paying all your debts is good financial advice. Owe nothing to anyone else so that you don't have to pay. But as we navigate relationships with other people in life, it becomes clear that we can owe things beyond money to other people. What do we owe to each other simply for being humans? Do we owe respect? Honor? Charity? In our epistle reading for today, Paul gives a singular answer: LOVE! He says in Romans 13 "owe nothing to anyone EXCEPT to love one another." Because Christ loved us and showed this through his sacrifice on the cross, we see a clearer picture of what we owe to God, to love as He first loved. And because we love God, we follow His commands to love one another too.

Questions:

1. What do we owe to parents and other authorities?
2. What is the one thing we truly owe to one another according to Romans 13?
3. How do parents show love?

LOVE



This Sunday, September 6, we will take a brief look at the Biblical topic of polygamy. If God's design for marriage was one man and one woman, what do we make of all the concubines and marriages made up of multiple people in Scripture. Come to Bible class for this interesting discussion!

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

A cord of three strands is not easily broken.
Ecclesiastes 4:12

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

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

Next Sunday, September 13th

 Sunday School begins! At 9:30, students gather in the assigned classrooms. (Class concludes at 10:30.) To help you find the correct classroom, maps will be posted in the lower foyer.

Zion YOUTH

Mark your calendars for our
Digital Scavenger Hunt,
Wednesday, September 16th
7:30-9:00pm

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.


 5:45pm Wednesdays
Hosanna Choir rehearsal
6:45 Wednesdays
Bells rehearsal (begins 9/16)

Rally SUNDAY

AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

 8:30 Divine Service - Traditional  9:30 Sunday School Families have open house activities in their classrooms. This will be a time to get to know the teacher and the room before class starts.  10:45 Divine Service - Blended	AT BOTH SERVICES:  3rd Graders receive Bibles  ALL Confirmation students come forward for prayer  New Confirmation students receive Catechisms
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12:00 MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN FINALE
in South Parking lot

MEAL:
Pulled Pork and sides



FOR THE KIDS:

- Inflatables
- new playground equipment
- Photo Booth
- Door prizes
- fellowship, etc.



Everyone is welcome to join us.
FOR THE FREE CELEBRATION!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEW CURRICULUM!

 **AGES:**
Infant -12th Grade

 **TIME:**
9:30 -10:30 am

 **DAY:**
SUNDAYS
starting 9/13/26

 **WHERE:**
MLS Classrooms

 High School will be attending the adult Bible class in Zion's basement.



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS A GREAT TIME TO LEARN BIBLE BASICS AND HISTORY, AND GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS PEOPLE!

REGISTER TODAY!

NEW!

PRAY & PRAISE WITH PARENTS CLASS
For those under age 3 to come with their parents and learn about God's Word.

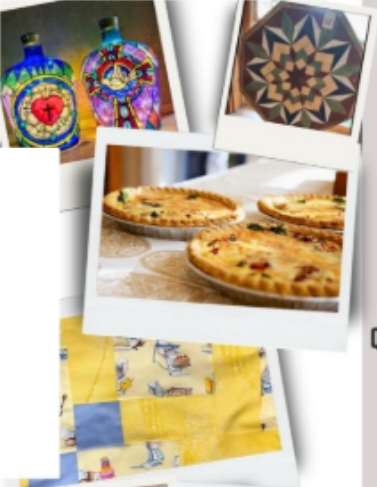


SCAN TO REGISTER!

PLANTING FAITH. + GROWING DISCIPLES.



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



**COME JOIN US AT
OUR 29TH ANNUAL**

**QUILT, CRAFT
AND CULINARY
ARTS AUCTION**

September 12, 2026

Pie Social - 12:30 pm
Auction - 1 pm

QUILTS - CRAFTS - BAKED GOODS

Join us for our largest fundraiser of the year. Browse handmade quilts, crafts, baked goods, and unique treasures while supporting a



Zion Quilters

Quilters will meet
Thursday, September 17
9am-3pm
Friday, September 18
9am-noon

Anyone interested in helping with this important mission project is welcome to attend.

Orphan Grain Train

National meeting will be held in Norfolk, NE
September 11-12th.



Capital Campaign Finale

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**12:00P.M.
Next Sunday**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Food/Music/Games/Bouncy Houses

All members are encouraged to wear a Zion T-Shirt

****LIMITED PARKING SPOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN
THE MAIN PARKING LOT FOR ELDERLY PRIORITY****



Zion's Board of Directors held an organizational meeting Monday, August 31st.

The following terms were set.

Individuals serving a one-year term will be:

Bonnie Chase, Fred Ehrhardt, Arlan Henke and James Rath.

These positions will be up for election in January 2028.

Individuals serving a two-year term will be:

Joshua Albers, Brad Christensen, Evelyn Orth, Brian Rosin, and Dr. John Witt.

These positions will be up for election
in January 2029.

The Board selects the officers at the beginning of each year.
Individuals will serve in the following offices until January 2028.

Chairman	Joshua Albers
Vice-Chairman	Dr. John Witt
Treasurer	Fred Ehrhardt
Secretary	Bonnie Chase

9-Week Sunday Bible Class

The Writings of the Apostle Paul in Chronological Order

 Begins Sunday, September 13th

 Sundays, 9:40 AM–10:40 AM

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



LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Mary & Martha

FELLOWSHIP

Two sisters. Two callings. One heart in Christ.

"Mary has chosen what is better."
LUKE 10:41–42

JOIN US ON MONDAY EVENINGS

 9/21

 10/19

 11/16

 12/14

All ladies are welcome!

COME AS YOU ARE. BRING A FRIEND.
LET'S GROW TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORD.



MLS Chapel
September 9
Pastor Wolfram


Martin Luther
SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 9

Martin Luther School invites you to attend,



Dine to Donate at
"Rock'n 50's Restaurant"
in Gateway Mall.

A portion of sales will be donated
to Martin Luther School.



School Bus Driver Needed

Martin Luther School is in need
of a part-time bus driver,

hours are 12–2:30,
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday.
Position primarily involves transporting
children to Bismarck Baptist Church from
Martin Luther School, but may include an
occasional in-town field trip.

Two teachers are on the bus
to supervise the students.

Applicants need a current CDL license, Class
B, with both passenger(P)endorsement and
a School Bus (S) endorsement.

Pay: \$23.00/hour

For information, contact Mrs Wolfram at
wolfram@lutherschools.org

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From the District President's Desk

Happy Labor Day. I give thanks to God
for all who toil and labor for the good of
their neighbor. Our vocations give shape
to our love. A mechanic loves his
neighbor by fixing and maintaining his
neighbor's vehicles. A teacher loves her
neighbor by teaching her students that
they will grow in knowledge and wisdom.
A farmer loves his neighbor by growing
his crops so that his neighbor will have
food for his table. A mother loves her
neighbor by nurturing and providing for
her children. I thank God for all Godly
vocations and the people who are
placed in them. –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



Altar flowers are given by
Nadine & Fred Ehrhardt in loving
memory of their fathers,
Clarence Bultman, and Cliff Ehrhardt
and a special Uncle, Lyle Steinmeier.

Linda Sullivan is in charge of the altar flowers
for the month of September.

You can reach Linda at 701-955-2500

Worship Attendance

Saturday, August 29

5:00pm - 26

Sunday, August 30

8:30am - 102

10:45am: 86

Stewardship

August MTD

General Offering:

\$50,874.

Average Budget

Monthly Expenses:

\$58,750



"Building Healthy Families"

Every day, your Lutheran Family Service counselors walk alongside people facing grief, broken relationships, anxiety, trauma, and life's many challenges. While professional care is important, our ultimate hope is in the Lord. Psalm 34 reminds us that God is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Whatever burden you're carrying today, know that nothing is beyond His notice and care. If you or someone you know could benefit from compassionate Christian counseling, call us. It's why we're here! www.LutheranFamilyService.org

We have extra **Thrivent t-shirts**! They are available on the racks in the lower foyer. Please take one, but, leave the hangers. (Sizes and quantities are limited.)

Main Street Living

Rev. Mike Grieve, Zion Lutheran Church, Gwinner, ND, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lisbon, ND, presents the message: "The Greatest in the Kingdom" based on Matthew 18:1-20.

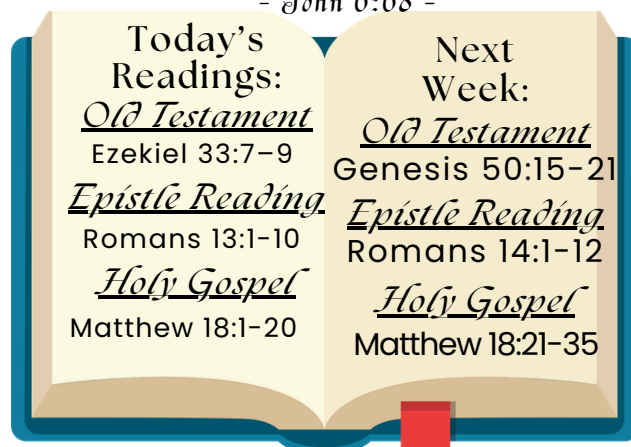
This Is the Life program:

"The Selling Price" - A father and son face the issue of ethics, and how it relates to God's law.

"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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:1-10

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-20

**Next
Week:**

Old Testament

Genesis 50:15-21

Epistle Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35