



Zion & Carpio Lutheran Newsletter December 2024

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Carpio Worship: 9am
Fellowship/S.S.: 10am
Zion Worship: 11am

*Our Mission is to proclaim
the good news of God to
all people so that, they
will become disciples
of Jesus Christ*

HAVE A "MARY" CHRISTMAS!

Rev. George Schuessler

"So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:16-19)
Do you think Mary was comfortable?

Imagine a young girl's expectations and dreams of being engaged to a handsome carpenter who lived in a beautifully crafted house in Nazareth. Then the sudden realization of being with child, an out of the blue command to journey to Bethlehem for a Census, a late arrival that heard that "there was no place for them in the Inn." Her first born son being birthed in the cold of a strange stable among animals with only an animal feeding trough as a crib and the kindness of strangers to assist her delivery. Do you think Mary was comfortable?

What are you imagining? What expectations and dreams do you have for what is to be? Real life is seldom as beautiful as our view of the Christmas Gospel seen through rose colored glasses. Truth is Mary was not comfortable on the first Christmas. Truth is you too may have some unmet expectations and questions in your journey of life. Like Mary, God may not meet your expectations and dreams. Like Mary, God may move you beyond your own dreams.

The question before each of us at Christmas is, "Can you trust God?" The Bible notes that Mary "treasured all these words" and she carefully considered,

"pondered them" in the depths of "her heart." Scripture describes a young maiden named Mary as one who is living her faith. In humility she gives human expectations and dreams over to God who replaces them with his dreams, plans, and vision for what life is to be. Mary in faith is imagining God's vision for what is to be even though it may not be comfortable, but she is trusting that God's way will always be better!

Who could have imagined what we have all journeyed through since November 2015? Some of the changes made have not been comfortable, but none the less, God was always with each of us on the journey. In fact He continues to be incarnate among us in His vision of what makes life better for us all even now! The truth about life is not the realizations of our expectations and dreams, but is anchored in the Word & Will of God through the love of Jesus.

Mary in faith journeyed from Bethlehem to the foot of the cross and through the light of the resurrection of Jesus to become the Mother above all mothers in the unimaginable joy of life eternal with her son and our Lord and Savior.

Amid all that takes place in life, we like Mary journey in Faith and are better for it. We can trust God, for truth and joy are not fulfilled in our expectations and dreams, but in the Word & Will of God through the love of Jesus, the true treasure. Ladora and I have been privileged to humbly serve Christ Jesus in a ministry with you, a true treasure. This Christmas brings once again the Word & Will of God through the love of Jesus that moves us in a journey that is even better than before. May each of us have a "Mary" Christmas and unimaginable joy! Amen!

ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is every Sunday at 10am unless otherwise noted

CHRISTMAS



12/1	Christmas Program Practice
12/8	Christmas Program Practice SS & LL Christmas Program at 12pm
12/11	Early Out from School – Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal in Carpio with Pizza
12/15	Christmas Program in Carpio 10am
	All students should be in Carpio by 9am for a quick rehearsal

Wednesday, December 11th is an early out. We will be having a joint Christmas Program Practice at Carpio. If your child rides Nikki Bloms' bus, please let her know that your child is to be dropped off at the Church. Other kids that need rides can gather in the commons area at the school – there will be a few adults that will drive them down to Carpio for practice and back to the Berthold School. Please plan to pick up your kids from either the Carpio Church or the Berthold School by 4-4:15.

CARPIO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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12/11	Early Out from School – Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal in Carpio with Pizza
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CONFIRMATION

*Class location alternates every week between Carpio & Zion
All Class times are 6:30pm unless otherwise noted*



Date	Location	Lesson	Memory Work
12/4	Carpio	Session 14: Revelation to John	Revelation 21:3-4
12/11	Zion	Session 1: Justification by Faith	Romans 3:28
12/18	Carpio	Session 2: The Cross of Christ Jesus	Colossians 2:13-14
12/25	No Class	Christmas Break	None

LUTHER LEAGUE

The Luther League is hosting a Christmas party for the Sunday School on December 8th following worship. We will be having lunch, decorating cookies, making Christmas cards, assembling care packages, and a Christmas craft! All Sunday school and Luther League kids are welcome to come!





SERVING IN DECEMBER AT CARPIO

Usher:	Altar Guild:
Austin Moen	Cathy Armstrong



SERVING IN DECEMBER AT ZION

<u>December 1st:</u>			
Reader:	Jill Brown	Usher(s):	Needed
<u>December 8th:</u>			
Reader:	Barb Cooper	Usher(s):	Needed
<u>December 22nd:</u>			
Reader:	Laurie Gathman	Usher(s):	Needed
<u>December 24th:</u>			
Reader:	Lyle Gorseth	Usher(s):	Needed
<u>December 29th:</u>			
Reader:	Bob Grant	Usher(s):	Needed
Altar Guild: Ginger Lautenschlager & Darla Schweitzer			
Organist: Kristin Berg			



Zion Fellowship during the month of December will be served by the Lutheran Men.

12/1	Jim Haaland Frank Shelkey Seth Gravesen
12/8	Lyle Gorseth Alan Lee Bob Grant
12/15	No Church at Zion SS Christmas Program at Carpio, 10am
12/22	Todd Finke Chad Schweitzer Kyle Schepp
12/29	Wes Hagen Marvin Heller Myron Rovig

ZLCW



A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for the raffle, and for those who sold tickets and bought tickets for this fundraiser. We truly appreciate your support!

December 7th, 9:30am – ZLCW Christmas Party. All women are welcome to attend. Come for food, fellowship, and maybe a skit or two!

2024 ZLCW Raffle Winners

Pk-Blue Quilt	Blenda Burkhart	Red Tin Basket	Susan Finke
Cenex Gift Basket	Kim Bloms	Dish Towels	Susie Olson
Ceramic Nativity Set	Char Demaria	Black & Red Quilt	Justin Hagen
John Deere hat & race car	Barb Cooper	Dish Towels	Dawna Helfrich
Pumpkin Decoration	Carey Burke	Grey Sweatshirt	Gayle Hanna
Green/Blue Quilt	Jeri Novak	Seasoning Basket	Marie Brown
Crocheted Nativity	John Bryantt	Caterpillar Toy	Ashley Brown
Red Throw	Nettie DeBilt	Soup Mix Basket	Kylin Bryantt
Harvest Basket	Joyce Tudahl	Lefse – 1 dozen	Sierra Wirtz
Christmas Sweatshirt	Deb Hagen	Lefse – 1 dozen	Helen Grant
Big Fall Goody Basket	Lorelei Chapin	Snowman	Brenda Enga
3 Tin Trees	Eleanor Seiffert	Merry Christmas Sign	Carmen Seaver
Christmas Quilted Hanging	Natalie Helfrich	Framed Butterfly Pic	Janna Idland
Framed Locomotive Pic	Jarrood Borud	Framed Flower Pic	Jenna Deaver
Wooden Flag	Sandy Heller	Sheep & Flower Canvas	Cheri Seiffert
Pillow Cases	Sharolyn Molnar	Pillow Cases	Connie Hagen

CLCW

There will be a CLCW Meeting held on Dec 8th at 10am in the Church Fellowship hall

There is a CLCW gathering on Wednesday Dec 11th at 6:30pm in the Carpio Fellowship hall. We will be doing Christmas Cards.

There will be a Soup Dinner for Christmas Eve before the Christmas Eve Service held in the Carpio Fellowship.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who donated shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child. We donated 22 boxes this year. This simple gesture will truly help to make Christmas Magical for children in need this year.

Year	Shoeboxes Donated
2022	20
2023	19
2024	22

ZION CHURCH COUNCIL

November 13, 2024, 7pm Zion Church Council Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Chad Schweitzer. Pastor George led a word of prayer.

Council Members present: Drew Bryantt, Nicki Shelley, Klint Hanson, Chad Schweitzer, Rachel Schieve, Curt Schumacher, Pastor George, Kylene Hornberger. Absent: Corine Christman, Gary Gathman, Alechia Neubauer.

Read and reviewed the monthly council meeting minutes from the previous meeting on Oct 9, 2024. Motion by Drew to approve the minutes as written, Second by Curt. Motion carried. Read and reviewed the Special Zion meeting at the Joint Council meeting. Rachel motion to amend the minutes in the last paragraph to read "at 11:00am on Nov 24, 2024", Second by Nicki. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kylene Hornberger

October

General Fund beginning Balance:	\$	56,640.30
October Income:	\$	4,459.07
October Expenses:	\$	7,243.82
General Fund ending Balance:	\$	53,855.55
Pastoral Account beginning Balance:	\$	736.82
Pastoral Account ending Balance:	\$	599.32

Discussion:

Motion to approve the financial report by Curt, Second by Rachel. Motion Carried.

TEAM REPORTS:

Worship & Music:

Curt Schumaier & Klint Hanson

Songs picked out till the first week in January 2025.

Evangelism:

Nicki Shelkey

Nothing to report.

Stewardship & Finance:

Alechia Neubauer

Nothing to report.

Board of Ed.:

Rachel Schieve & Drew Bryantt

Pumpkin painting & bowling went great.

Met with Carpio Board of Ed about having a joint Christmas program at Carpio Dec 15 @ 10am. Motion made by Drew to have Joint Christmas program on Dec 15 in Carpio at 10am. Second by Curt. Motion carried.

Luther League:

Corine Christman

LL annual bake sale on Nov 24, during fellowship. Charity Shopping right after church that day.

Maintenance & Property:

Gary Gathman & Klint Hanson

Fix fan in the women's bathroom.

Took a tree out of parsonage backyard, which had fell over.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Oct 1-31: 110 in person contacts.

Oct 4th: Visitation at Elwood Vista & Thompson-Larson Funeral Home in Minot

Oct 5th: Wedding preparations for Bauer/Hanlan Oct 18th, 2025. Wedding in Zion.

Oct 7th: Officiated the Gary Springer funeral at Carpio.

Oct 9th: Chaired the Ecumenical Council meeting at Zion.

Oct 19th: Officiated the Burke/Bachmeier wedding at Zion.

Oct 22nd: Met with Rev. Brad Dokken in Bismarck.

Oct 28th: Visitation at Mountrail Bethel Home in Stanley.

Oct 29th: Visitation at Souris Valley Care in Velva.

Oct 30th: Visitation at Somerset Court in Minot.

Nov 2nd: Attended "Luke's Gospel" in Bread of Life Church in Minot.

Nov 13th: Will Chair Ecumenical Council meeting at Zion. Julie Deaver will take over in Jan. 2025

Nov 23rd: Will teach 1st Communion class for the Parish in Zion from 10am to 12pm.

Nov 29th: Will officiate the Walker Gene Neshem baptism at Zion (son of Cale & Kayla)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tufto window: Council is asking for the Women of Zion to decide the best placement.
2. Inspiritus (Twice Blessed) grant application for the Berthold Food Pantry and backpack program - no word yet. Ladora is in contact with them. **(Inspiritus grant for Zion Food Pantry & backpack program was approved).**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Need a motion to receive Pastor George's resignation letter. Motion by Curt. Second by Rachel.
2. Brandi Marum has asked to transfer out of Zion to Lebanon Lutheran of Amidon, ND. Motion by Klint. Second by Nicki.
3. **Information: 2025 Zion Church Calendar Bookings** - Make priority after vote.
 - Jan 19th 5pm Ecumenical Soup & Prayer Services at Zion.
 - Jun 14th Shirley Ann Morrison Memorial/Burial at Wildrose Cemetery, back-up at Zion (Sheri Meier cell phone, (605) 381-7419)
 - Sep 20th Clay Hornberger & Madison Bartsch wedding at Zion (Madison 701-509-3284)
 - Oct 18th Ally Bauer & Trever Hanlan wedding at Zion (Ally 701-509-7821)
4. A New Facebook page for Zion Lutheran Berthold has been created. An Instagram page has been created but having trouble getting them to connect with each other!!
5. Pastor George relayed that Heather Feland is leading bible study on Thursday morning, doing the bulletin, and worship on the Nov 17th. Pastor wants our permission to sit out of these things. Motion made by Klint to allow Pastor to have Nov 14th – 17th off to allow Heather to lead the following above, except for emergency. Seconded by Rachel.
6. Bernhard & Laura Wold Mission 2024 list was discussed. \$7,500 is approved by the budget that is supported through Harvest Festival Offerings. Motion made by Klint to let Kyleene add money to each recipient if extra funds are received. Second by Drew.
7. Kids Academy Berthold Community calendar ad is \$60. Motion made by Curt to have the ad in the calendar. Second by Rachel.

Next Zion Council Meeting will be held on December 11th, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Joint Council Meeting will be held on December 4th at 7:30 in Carpio.

Meeting was adjourned & closed with The Lords Prayer.

BERTHOLD ZION FOOD PANTRY

The Berthold Food Pantry is open the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Tuesday, December 10th
10am-12pm and 5pm-7pm



If the above times do not work for you, you may make an appointment for an alternate day and time by calling:

Ladora Schuessler – 701-562-0041 or 701-453-3121 or Carol Rovig – 701-720-6028

In light of Pastor's retirement and pending move, we need a volunteer or two to assist Carol in operating the Food Pantry, please call Carol Rovig with your interest. Thanks!

ZION CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 11/24/24

A Congregational meeting was called to order by President Chad Schweitzer. The meeting was held at the beginning of the regular church service.

The purpose of the congregational meeting was to have the congregation vote to help guide the Zion Church Council on how to proceed with calling a minister.

Discussion took place regarding what the direction would consist of.

Chad stated that the church has 3 options:

- Traditional Call a new pastor out right
- Enter in the TEEM program
- Enter in the SAM (synod authorized minister) program

Heather Feland was asked to come forward to speak on each option and what it would entail.

Questions from the congregation were answered and a ballot was given to each voting member.

The ballots were counted and President Chad read the vote.

- 18 in favor of traditional calling of a pastor
- 22 in favor of entering into the TEEM program
- 19 in favor of entering into the SAM program

President Chad thanked all members for their input on assisting the council in the direction of Zion/Carpio churches.



MOUNTRAIL BETHEL HOME

The MBH Auxiliary thanks the people of Zion Lutheran Church for their donation of \$552 for the MBH Auxiliary Bakeless Bake Sale. The Auxiliary's mission is to do things just for the residents of MBH. Our funds to do things for the residents all come from our Fundraisers and donations. Now as they are building the new addition for resident's rooms we have a bigger list to help with the Resident's needs.

Our next Fundraiser is February 12th - our Love Luncheon. We serve roast beef sandwiches, salad and pies and also have a raffle drawing. This is held at the Stanley Seniors Citizens.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS EXTRA!

Through the generosity of Marvin & Sandy Heller, Myron & Carol Rovig, with the Help of their Thrivent Cards for charity purchases, and your Food Pantry we are able to provide Hams and all the fixings for a Special Christmas Dinner for the first 20 families who use the Food Pantry on December 10TH. This will be extra and not count toward maximum weight.



Thanks to all who donate to the Food Pantry to help people have a Merry Christmas!

ZION FINANCIALS - OCTOBER 2024

Chad Schweitzer – President	Gary Gathman	Alechia Neubauer
Curt Schumaier – Vice President	Klint Hanson	Nicki Shelkey
Corine Christman – Secretary	Rachel Schieve	Drew Bryantt
General Account Beginning Balance		\$ 56,640.30
INCOME:		
	Offerings:	
	10/06/2024	\$ 1,512.00
\$3,922.00	10/13/2024	\$ 1,082.00
Offering Total	10/20/2024	\$ 457.00
	10/28/2024	\$ 871.00
	Carpio Utilities	\$ 241.81
	Simply Giving – Vanco	\$ 290.40
	State Bank and Trust – Interest	\$ 4.86
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 4,459.07
EXPENSES:		
Western ND Synod		\$ 392.20
Church Mutual – Insurance		\$ 687.50
MDU (Church - \$44.72; Parsonage - \$39.55)		\$ 84.27
SRT (Church - \$95.62; Parsonage - \$113.44)		\$ 209.06
City of Berthold (Church - \$45.25; Parsonage - \$55.95)		\$ 101.20
Xcel Energy (Church - \$218.70; Parsonage - \$74.48)		\$ 293.18
Farmers Union Oil – Wasp Killer Spray		\$ 12.77
Concordia Publishing House – Kids Lutheran download		\$ 19.99
Marketplace Food – Communion Wine		\$ 20.25
1517 Media (Baptism Cert – Sponsors & Child)		\$ 47.72
Curt Schumaier (Custodian)		\$ 350.00
Kylene Hornberger (Treasurer)		\$ 650.00
Kershawn Michel (Secretary)		\$ 500.00
Kershawn Michel (Reimb. stamps \$10.10 & office supplies \$15.58)		\$ 25.68
Kristin Berg (piano) – Sep.		\$ 225.00
Kristin Berg (piano)		\$ 75.00
Dawna Helfrich (piano) – Sep.		\$ 75.00
Dawna Helfrich (piano)		\$ 150.00
Julie Deaver (piano)		\$ 75.00
George Schuessler (Reimb. cable Jul-Sep)		\$ 150.00
Transfer to Pastor Account		\$ 3,100.00
Total Expenses		\$ 7,243.82
General Account Ending Balance		\$ 53,855.55



PASTOR PAYROLL ACCOUNT
(JOINT WITH CARPIO) OCTOBER 2024

Pastor Acct Beginning Balance		\$ 736.82	
Zion Deposits	\$ 3,100.00		
Carpio Deposits	\$ 3,100.00		
Total Deposits		\$ 6,200.00	
Expenses:			
Portico (Pastor's Benefits)	\$ 1,762.37		
Pastor George Payroll – October	\$ 4,575.13		
Total Expenses:		\$ 6,337.50	
Pastor Acct Ending Balance			\$ 599.32

CARPIO LUTHERAN CHURCH IS LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP

Carpio Worship is on the Zion & Carpio Lutheran Churches FACEBOOK Page.

It will also be posted to be viewed at any time that you choose. For those who choose to use the ONLINE version of worship, your OFFERINGS may be mailed to the Financial Secretary of your congregation.



CARPIO FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Erica Moen
 PO Box 129
 Carpio, ND 58725

ZION FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Connie Hagen
 6101-310th St NW
 Berthold, ND 58718

The Berthold School Music Department proudly presents

The Elementary School Christmas Program
 Thursday, December 12th
 2pm

The High School Christmas Concert
 Thursday, December 12th
 7pm

Both events will take place in the old gym
 and are free to attend.



PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Meeting only once this month on December 5TH at 10am in the Carpio Fellowship Hall. All are welcome as we discuss the Bible readings for the 2ND Sunday of Advent.




CARPIO FINANCIALS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2024

General Account Beginning Balance	\$	40,866.03
Current Special Fund Balance	\$	1,975.00
Thrivent Endowment Fund	\$	5,606.60
Thrivent Contingency Fund	\$	4,127.78
INCOME		
Offerings		
11.3.24	\$	1,066.50
11.7.24	\$	218.00
11.10.24	\$	1,725.00
11.17.24	\$	455.00
Total Offering:	\$	3,464.50
TOTAL INCOME \$ 3,464.50		
EXPENSES:		
Electric (MDU)	\$	89.60
Internet/Phone (SRT)	\$	95.86
Water (NPRWD)	\$	73.93
1517 Media	\$	63.04
Cathy Armstrong (Secretary)	\$	400.00
Heather Feland (Treasurer)	\$	400.00
Greg Feland (Custodian)	\$	400.00
Pay to Zion Church for Pastors Account	\$	3,100.00
Dakota Fire Extinguisher	\$	34.79
Western ELCA Synod	\$	500.00
Metigoshe Ministries	\$	200.00
Total Bills for the Month	\$	5,357.22
Total Balance of the Account		\$ 38,973.31



MEALS ON WHEELS - CARPIO

The Meals on Wheels is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11am-1230pm at the Carpio Senior Citizen's Center. You can call Heather Feland at [701-721-4595](tel:701-721-4595) or Tyrell Jung at [701-389-2627](tel:701-389-2627) to either reserve or cancel a meal. The cost to prepare a meal is \$11.41 – a donation of \$5.00 is suggested and appreciated. To Go meals are available on request.

MONDAY		WEDNESDAY		FRIDAY	
2	Crispy Bkd Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Mandarin Oranges Bread	4	Sloppy Joes Bun Baked Beans Tater Tots Fruit Cocktail	6	Pollock Filet Rice Lettuce w/ Dressing Apple Bread
9	Hamburger w/ Cheese Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Apricots Bun	11	Roast Beef & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Peaches Roll	13	Chicken Fried Steak Seasoned Potatoes Broccoli/Cauliflower Apricots Bread
16	Bratwurst & Sauerkraut Mashed Potatoes Beets Fruit Salad Bun	18	Chicken Kiev O'Brien Potatoes Green Beans Pears Bread	20	Beef Stroganoff & Noodles Carrots Broccoli Banana
23	Meatloaf Sm Baked Potato Peas Peaches Bread	25	Merry Christmas!!	27	Lasagna Green Beans Peaches Lettuce w/ Dressing Bread
30	Spaghetti & Meat Italian Veggies Corn Fruit Cocktail Garlic Toast			MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all who are ill.

CONTINUED PRAYERS for all nursing home residents and homebound members.

CONTINUED SAFETY for all military personnel who are stationed around the world.

PLEASE NOTE that due to privacy issues, we cannot mention names in prayers without consent.





CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Carpio Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion – 5pm

Soup Supper to follow

Zion Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion – 7pm

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Worship Time Change is again upon us as we enter into the New Year of 2025. The New Worship Schedule will run each Sunday from Jan. 5TH through April 27TH.

Starting January 5TH: 9am ZION Worship Service
10am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School Hour
11am CARPIO Worship Service



SIMPLY GIVING® PROGRAM

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings taken from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? At no cost to the congregation? Thrivent Financial for Lutherans sponsors a program called Simply Giving®, which offers this service for people who wish to have offerings transferred electronically to their church's account. For those who travel, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with their intended offerings, and it will keep you from having to make up the difference later. The Council has approved this program for those who choose to participate in it. Contact the church office for more details.



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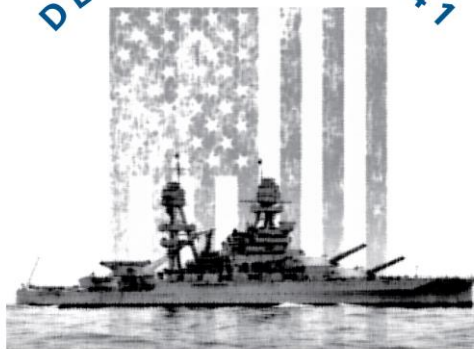
Kylene Hornberger

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Remembrance Day

FIRST COMMUNION

On November 23rd, six kids from both congregations gathered at Zion for their First Communion Class. The children and their parents listened to Pastor George teach about how Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. They were joined by their families during Worship on November 24th to partake in their First Communion.

The children to receive their First Communion were, from Carpio, Rhett Bloms and Bentley Leier; from Zion, Kylin Bryantt, Will Deaver, Amzee Idland, Olivia Michel and Finley Schieve.



THE HEARTFELT CHRISTMAS TREE

There is a special Christmas tree
That lives within the heart.
It isn't pine, and can't be bought
At any store or mart.

Each branch holds some fond memory
Of joyful Christmas cheer,
Reminding us of those we love
And always will hold dear.

The gifts beneath this Christmas tree
Are stacked up very high
With kindly deeds of thoughtfulness
That one could never buy.

The Heartfelt Christmas tree expands
Through every passing year
With lovely gifts and blessings
Having come from far and near.

Atop this tree a star shines bright,
While angels sing God's praise;
Rejoice! The Christ-child's Love is shared,
And blesses ALL our days.

—Peggy Ferrell

December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Advent 9am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/No Sunday School 11am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion	2 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	3	4 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 6:30pm Confirmation Class in Carpio 7:30pm Joint Church Councils at Carpio	5 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	6 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio	7 10am 4-H Club Meeting at Carpio
8 2nd Sunday of Advent Soup Pot Sunday in Carpio 9am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion 12pm LL hosting SS 3pm Carpio Church Council Meeting	9 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	10 10am-12pm Food Pantry Open 5pm-7pm Food Pantry Open	11 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 2pm Joint Sunday School Christmas Program Practice at Carpio 6:30pm Confirmation Class at Zion 7:30pm Zion Church Council	12 No Parish Bible Study	13 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio	14
15 3rd Sunday of Advent 10am Joint Worship at Carpio - Joint Sunday School Christmas Program 11am Fellowship/SS Christmas Party	16 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	17	18 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 5:30pm Mary/Martha Circle 6:30pm Confirmation Class in Carpio	19 No Parish Bible Study	20 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio	21 Winter Begins
22 4th Sunday of Advent 9am Worship at Carpio 10am Fellowship/No Sunday School 11am Worship at Zion	23 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	24 Christmas Eve 5pm Candlelight Worship in Carpio with Holy Communion 7pm Candlelight Worship in Zion with Holy Communion	25 Merry Christmas!! No Confirmation Class	26 No Parish Bible Study	27 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio	28
29 1st Sunday of Christmas 9am Worship at Carpio 10am Fellowship/No Sunday School 11am Worship at Zion 6pm 4-H Christmas Party at Carpio	30 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	31 New Year's Eve	Worship Time Change: January 5th through April 27th, 2025: 9am - Zion Worship 10am - Fellowship/Sunday School 11am - Carpio Worship			