



Zion & Carpio Lutheran Newsletter March 2026



FROM MINISTER HEATHER

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Zion Worship: 9am
Fellowship/SS: 10am
Carpio Worship: 11am

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

Dear Congregation, as I write to you today, we have begun our journey together through Lent - our Wednesday evening gatherings and our Sunday mornings, all together walking the path that leads us to the cross. At the end of the month, we will celebrate Palm Sunday together, this leads us to a new month, entering Holy week. Along the path, we will Spring ahead with Daylight Savings time, as our evenings grow longer, the light is returning, and as spring is beginning to stir beneath the frozen ground. There is something insightful about this timing, as we journey through the story of Jesus' suffering and death, creation itself is whispering promises of resurrection and new life. They are inviting us to prepare our hearts.

Be watchful, in Luke 22: 39-46, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom, and his disciples followed him. In that garden, knowing what awaited him, Jesus prayed with such intensity that his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. He asked his disciples: "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." When he returned to find them sleeping, he said, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." This is our call to be watchful, stay awake, to pay attention, to be spiritually alert. How easy it is for us to sleepwalk through the holiest seasons! We can attend services, sing Hymns, and still miss what God is doing in our midst. We are being called to stay awake, to pray, and be present to the mystery unfolding before us.

Devotional Love, in Mark 14: 3-9, Jesus was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. Some of those that were present were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. The perfume could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor. But Jesus defended her; "She has done a beautiful thing to me. She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial." This woman understood what the disciples didn't grasp yet. She knew Devotional Love. This was the only appropriate response to who Jesus is and what he was about to do. The beauty of this kind of devotional love is that Jesus receives her gift. He doesn't reject it as too much. He honors it, defends it, and promises that wherever the gospel is preached, her story will be told. Our offerings of love, however imperfect or costly, matter to Jesus.

So as we welcome the coming of spring and all its beauty, we prepare our hearts for the remaining days before Palm Sunday. What is God asking us to surrender so that new life can grow? Name it. Confess it. And trust that God's pattern of death and resurrection is at work in our life too. We are not earning God's favor, we already have that through Christ. We are opening our hearts to receive what God wants to give us during this holy season. We don't walk this path alone, we walk it together as the body of Christ. Jesus walks beside us. Yes, we are heading toward the Cross, Yes, there will be darkness and grief and the weight of sin and death. But we're walking toward the promise that death doesn't have the final word. Light is returning. Whispers of spring are in the air, new life is coming.

Love is stronger than death and grace is more powerful than sin. Let us be watchful and have Devotional Love. As we walk it together, held by the One who walked it first and walks it still with us. Grace and Peace, Heather



ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will meet every Sunday at 10am unless otherwise noted

Date	Lesson
1 st	Fruits of the Spirit – Week 9
8 th	Heroes of the Holy Week – Week 1
15 th	Heroes of the Holy Week – Week 2
22 nd	No SS – Spring Break
29 th	Heroes of the Holy Week – Week 3

CARPIO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will meet every Sunday at 10am unless otherwise noted

Date	Lesson
1 st	Moses Parts the Sea
8 th	Baptism
15 th	No Sunday School
22 nd	Jonah and the Whale
29 th	Joint Church Service at Berthold with Sunday School waving palms during the service

We have had a wonderful start to the year in Sunday School. During January and February, our classrooms were busy building boats as we learned about Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Whale, and the life of Moses. The kids have loved exploring these powerful Bible stories through hands-on activities and music!

In March and April, we will continue our water theme as we dive deeper into the story of Moses, learn about baptism, and discover what we can learn from Jesus feeding 5,000 people with two fish and five loaves of bread.

We are excited to host a Sunday School family potluck and board game afternoon on April 19 after church. We hope your family can join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

We have also set the dates for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be June 1 through June 5. Registration forms will be available in April, so watch for more details coming soon.

CONFIRMATION

During Lent, there won't be regular classes, however the students are required to attend Lenten Worship



Date	Lesson	Meal	Location
4 th	Lenten Worship	N/A	Zion
11 th	Lenten Worship	N/A	Carpio
18 th	Lenten Worship	N/A	Zion
25 th	Lenten Worship	N/A	Carpio

LUTHER LEAGUE

Luther League will be serving during Fellowship Hour during the March.

Below is the schedule and groups.



Date	Group	Members
1 st	Group 2	Abby F., Anna F., Abby M., Ella B., Kaspynn I.
8 th	Group 3	Kashtyn B., Sawyer N., Lorelei C., Ally C.
15 th	Group 4	Brennan A., Hank A., Haddie A., Carson S.
22 nd	Group 1	Lily S., Tucker S., Elyssa L., Parker N.
29 th	Group 2	Abby F., Anna F., Abby M., Ella B., Kaspynn I.

LUTHER LEAGUE LENTEN MEALS

Luther League will again be serving soup suppers on Wednesdays before Lenten Worship
Soup at 6pm, Worship at 7pm

Each Family please bring

1. A crockpot of soup, AND
2. A pan of bars

The Luther League will be providing buns, sandwich meat and cheese

March 4th –

1. Elyssa L.
2. Lily S.
3. Tucker S.
4. Parker N.
5. Hank A.

March 18th –

1. Brennan A.
2. Haddie A.
3. Abby M.
4. Kashtyn B.
5. Sawyer N.



BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Every Thursday except the first Thursday of each month at Carpio Lutheran at 10am

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STORY</u>	<u>BIBLE TEXT</u>	<u>KEY VERSE</u>
3/12	Rich Man & Lazarus	Luke 16:19-31	Luke 16:29-31
3/19	Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-11	Luke 19:9
3/26	The Last Supper	Matthew 26:20-29 Mark 14:12-16 Luke 23 John 19	Luke 22:19-20, 27

FROM THE PEPPERS 4-H CLUB

A special Thank You to the quilting group for how much they are appreciated for sharing their talents with the 4-H club at our January and February activity days. The kids loved it!!!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORMS

We would like to have updated membership forms for everyone in both congregations. There are forms on the table as you enter the sanctuary and there is also a form you can fill out online. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either Kershawn at Zion or Katie at Carpio.

<http://www.zionberthold.com/member-information.php>



LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE



3/4	Soup – 6pm	Lenten Worship – 7pm	Zion
3/11	Soup – 6pm	Lenten Worship – 7pm	Carpio
3/18	Soup – 6pm	Lenten Worship – 7pm	Zion
3/25	Soup – 6pm	Lenten Worship – 7pm	Carpio
3/29	Fellowship to follow Worship at 10am	Palm Sunday – 9am 5 th Sunday Joint Service	Zion
4/2	N/A	Maundy Thursday – 7pm	Zion
4/3	N/A	Good Friday – 7pm	Carpio
4/5	Fellowship at 10am	Easter Sunday More info to follow	At each Church



SERVING IN MARCH AT CARPIO

Usher: Austin Moen

Altar Guild: Tammy Erickson

Piano: Tammi Moen



SERVING IN MARCH AT ZION

Altar Guild: Laurie Gathman & Lynne Hennessy

Organist: --

Ushers: Lorelei & Ally Chapin

Readers: 1st – Wes Hagen

8th – Lorna Hansen

15th – Steve Helfrich

22nd – Amy Neshem

29th – Carol Rovig



Fellowship during the month of March will be served by the Luther League.

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.





ZLCW

March 1st Bold Women's Day, ACT BOLDLY in your FAITH!!
ZLCW meeting during fellowship

March 24th Serving soup at Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State University

March 25th Mary Martha Circle at 3pm at Lorna's

Personal Care Kits items needed are:

- *1 lightweight, dark color bath towel 20'x40" to 52" x 27"
- *2- 4oz bars of soap
- *1 adult sized toothbrush
- *1 metal nail clipper
- *combs have been provided by the ZLCW

SAM HEATHER MARCH SCHEDULE

As you will see on the calendar, Mondays are Heather's scheduled days off. However, if you need to reach her, please feel free to reach out. The Congregation will always come first.



- *Office in Carpio on Tuesdays, 12-5:30pm
- *Office in Berthold on Wednesdays, 10am-5:30pm
- *Lenten Worship on Wednesdays. Lent Season alternates between the 2 churches on Wednesday. Soup Supper will be served every Wednesday starting at 6pm with Worship to follow at 7pm.
- *No Confirmation on Lent Wednesdays – but the students are required to be there.
- *Thursday will be Bible Study in Carpio from 10-11am (except the 1st Thursday of the month).
- *1st Thursday is Western Prairie Conference from 10am-1pm.
- *Every other Thursday is Mentor meetings in Kenmare.
- *Fridays are for visitation in care facilities – if anyone knows anyone that needs a visit, please let me know.

ZION CHURCH COUNCIL - FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Meeting called to order by Curt Schumaier. Minister Heather Feland led a word of prayer.

Council Members present: Alechia Neubauer, Candice Asmundson, Karla Bredahl, Marvin Heller, Wes Hagen, Jerry Hennessy, Lyle Gorseth, Corine Christman, Curt Schumaier.

Other Present: Kylene Hornberger, Kershawn Michel

Absent: N/A

Curt Schumaier addressed the council concerning the custodian bid. Curt discussed the issues of bidding on the job description that was presented and the Schumaier felt this was not handled fairly. Jerry Hennessy spoke on behalf of the council that no ill intent was meant. Effective immediately, Curt resigned from the council. A motion by Candice Asmundson to accept the resignation of Curt Schumaier from the council was made. Second by Alechia Neubauer. Motion carried.

Jerry Hennessy, Vice President, took over the meeting.

Read and reviewed the monthly council meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Motion by Marvin Heller to approve the minutes as written, Second by Lyle Gorseth. Motion carried.

Wes Hagen made a motion to accept the financial report. Second by Candice Asmundson. Motion carried.

TEAM REPORTS: Reports were not covered at this meeting due to new members and other topics to be discussed.

Worship & Music:

Evangelism:

Stewardship & Finance:

Board of Ed.:

Luther League:

Maintenance & Property:

Minister Report:

1. Pastors report – see attached report. Heather started classes!
2. Website
 - a. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the best practice for our online platform, licensing, live streaming, and what all this entails. Heather would like to make sure we are in compliance with correct licensing and legal requirements.
 - b. Candice Asmundson made a motion to approve a joint website with Carpio Lutheran with correct licensing requirements to not exceed \$1,200.00 and to be split evenly with Carpio. Second by Marvin Heller. Motion carried.
 - c. Carpio will then discuss the joint website and licensing and vote as well. The presidents of the two councils will then meet to discuss and pertinent information needed.
3. New Member Forms – Kershawn and Heather discussed new member forms and updating files and a possible new directory. Kershawn will be sending forms around to members to complete and there will be an online option to complete as well.

Old Business:

1. Phone line for church and parsonage – SRT landline will stay. The church answering machine message will be changed to have Heather's information so people can call her phone directly. This is an actual machine. Voicemail was added to the cell phone and all is taken care of.
2. Board of Education – Continued discussion took place. Heather will be attending and calling a Board of Education meeting. More discussion will take place in the coming months.

New Business:

1. New Members. New roles within the church. See attached form.
2. Metigoshe Ministries Day Camp. Lengthy discussion took place. Meetings with the Board of Ed. and possible congregational meetings will be held.
3. Constitution and amount of people needed on each board. Tabled.
4. Turtle Lake church letter. A letter was brought to the council attention about a movement happening encouraging congregations to leave the ELCA.
5. Jerry Hennessy will speak with the current lawn and groundskeepers about the change in positions and responsibilities.
6. Council positions:
 - Voting occurred for President, Vice President, Secretary.
 - a. Alechia Neubauer nominated Jerry Hennessy for President. Second by Marvin Heller. Motion carried.
 - b. Alechia Neubauer nominated Marvin Heller for Vice President. Second by Lyle Gorseth. Motion carried.

- c. Candice Asmundson nominated Corine Christman for Secretary. Second by Alechia Neubauer. Motion carried.

Thank you to the council for all their hard work.

Next Zion Council Meeting will be held on March 8th at 6:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned & closed with The Lord's Prayer.



Heather's Monthly Schedule - January 2026

January 2026		Mileage for the Month of January 2026	
1 st	New Year's Day	Minot	23+23 = 46 miles
2 nd	Visits in and around Minot	Minot	23+23 = 46 miles
6 th	Visits around Carpio	Minot	23+23 = 46 miles
7 th	Ecumenical Council – Baptist Church	Total	138 miles
	Meeting with Music Group		
8 th	Western Prairie Conference – MSU		
9 th	Visits in Minot		
13 th	Zoom Meeting with my Advisor		
	Visit in Carpio		
15 th	Meeting in Kenmare with Mentor		
16 th	Visit in Minot		
	Zoom Meeting with my Professor		
18 th	Meeting with Wedding Couple		
23 rd	Visits in Minot – Communion		
Tuesday's Carpio Office			
6 th	10am-5:30pm		
13 th	10am-5:30pm		
20 th	11am-5:30pm		
Wednesday's Zion Office			
7 th	10am-5:30pm		
14 th	10am-5:30pm		
21 st	10am-5:30pm		
Confirmation Classes			
7 th	6-7:30pm		
14 th	6-7:30pm		
21 st	6-7:30pm		
Bible Study			
15 th	10-11am		
22 nd	Canceled due to cold weather		
Vacation			
	January 25 th – February 2 nd		

CARPIO CHURCH COUNCIL - FEBRUARY 15, 2026

The council meeting was held on February 15, 2026 at 2 pm. Members present were Tammi Moen, Crystal Eide, Lyndon Bloms, Garret Snyder and Wes Peterson. The meeting was called to order by council president, Lyndon Bloms. Minister Heather Feland opened the meeting with a prayer.

The secretary's report for the council meeting on December 14, 2025 was given by Crystal Eide. Wes Peterson motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Garrett Snyder seconded, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Tammi Moen. Crystal Eide motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Lyndon Bloms seconded, motion carried.

The pastor's report was given by Pastor Heather Feland. Wes Peterson motioned to pay for half of her total mileage of 138 miles for the month of January 2026, Lyndon Bloms seconded, motion carried.

Lyndon Bloms motioned to allow the wedding of Kenzie Kurtz and Seth Fjeldahl at Carpio Lutheran on August 8, 2026, seconded by Garrett Snyder, motion carried.

Wes Peterson motioned to accept Zion's proposal to combine the two websites and licensing fees, Lyndon Bloms seconded, motion carried.

Crystal Eide motioned to approve member directory forms, seconded by Garrett Snyder, motion carried.

Next council meeting will be April 12, 2026 at 12 pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting Adjourned

Crystal Eide

Recording Secretary

ZION & CARPIO LUTHERAN CHURCH 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.

Zion Worship will be record and posted on YouTube via our website either on Sunday or Monday after weekly Worship.

CARPIO FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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ZION FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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WORSHIP TIME SCHEDULE CHANGE



Starting March 1st through the end of May, worship times will be as follows:

Zion Worship – 9am

Fellowship/Sunday School – 10am

Carpio Worship – 11am

As always, Holy Communion will be available the first two Sundays of the month.



BERTHOLD ZION FOOD PANTRY

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

Tuesday, March 10, 2025
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:

Carol Rovig, Director – 701-720-6028 or Shelly Marum, Co-Director – 701-720-6836

Zion Lutheran Congregation – Thank you so much for the continued support of the Food Pantry. It has been a great asset to our community and all the people who come are so appreciative of everything they get. It's fun to be able to help so many. Sincerely from the Food Pantry, Carol & Shelly, Directors

OFFICE DOOR AT ZION

As you may have noticed in recent months, the door to the office at Zion is locked and the “hidden” key is no longer available. If you need to get into the office, please plan accordingly and contact one of the persons with a key to let you into the office.

Thank you!



MINISTER VISITS

Let's get together and share stories and have a cup of coffee. You let me know by text or call anytime. 701.721.4595.



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.

THE GARY GATHMAN MEMORIAL SPRING BASEBALL BLOOD DRIVE

On March 17th at the Berthold High School Old Gym from 1-7pm
In honor of Gary's 75th Birthday, they are striving for 75 or more pints!

Please call:
Laurie – 701.720.1029 or Andy 701.822.3481



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS

Starting Sunday, March 8th, we will spring ahead an hour. Be sure to change your clocks before bed on Saturday so you're not late for church!



MOUNTRAIL BETHEL HOME OPEN HOUSE

Grand Opening Celebration for the new Mountrail Bethel Home will be on Wednesday, March 4th at 2pm. All are invited for a prayer, dedication and open house.



Zion - Carpio Prayer Chain

<u>Group A</u>	
Helen Grant, Leader	340-8083
Carolyn Graff	822-3979
Lorna Hansen	240-7000
Patsy Anderson	468-5460
Connie & Wes Hagen	453-3566
Virginia Erickson	453-3676
Kelly Finke	720-4574

<u>Group B</u>	
Gayle Gorseth, Leader	833-7284
Marianne Vangsness	833-8567
Barb Cooper	629-5075
Lynne Hennessy	833-9274
Faye Asmundson	240-1234
Ginger Lautenschlager	833-6648
Linda Burgard	537-9828

<u>Group C</u>	
Julie Deaver, Leader	500-0352
Heather Feland	721-4595
Carol Rovig	720-6028
Nancy Neshem	720-9781
Corine Christman	833-1899
Jill Brown	340-3158
Amy Neshem	720-1442

<u>Group D</u>	
Jerrolyn Wirtz, Leader	629-0588
Kathy McGuire	509-5837
Nancy Hanson	721-5193
Laurie Gathman	720-1029
Joyce Tudahl	509-8595
Jacey Erickson	240-2441
Katie Faul	818-0500

Please call Helen Grant with the Prayer Request and she will notify the Leaders of the 4 Groups by text message.

The Leaders will then start calling the individuals of their group.

If someone does not answer, please call the next person on the list.

If you wish to be added to the list, please let Helen Grant Know.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion 10am CLCW Monthly Fellowship Breakfast 10am Fllwshp/Sunday School 10am ZLCW Meeting 11am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion	2 Minister Heather Day Off 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	3 12-5:30pm Minister Ofc Hrs (C)	4 10am-5:30pm Minister Ofc Hrs (Z) 2pm Mountrail Bethel Home Open House 6pm Soup Supper (Z) 7pm Lenten Worship (Z)	5 10am-12pm Western Prairie Conference at Zion 12-5pm SAM Mentor Meeting	6 Heather Visitation Day	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Starts Soup Pot Sunday in Carpio 9am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion 10am Fllwshp/Sunday School 11am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion 6:30pm Zion Church Council Meeting	9 Minister Heather Day Off 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	10 10am-12pm Food Pantry Open 12-5:30pm Minister Ofc Hrs (C) 5-7pm Food Pantry Open	11 10am-5:30pm Minister Ofc Hrs (Z) 6pm Soup Supper (C) 7pm Lenten Worship (C)	12 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio 12-5pm SAM Mentor Meeting	13 Heather Visitation Day	14
15 9am Worship at Zion 10am Fllwshp/Sunday School 11am Worship at Carpio 2pm 4-H Club Meeting at Carpio	16 Minister Heather Day Off 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	17 St. Patrick's Day 12-5:30pm Minister Ofc Hrs (C) 1-7pm Gary Gathman Mem. Sprng Bsbll Bld Drv	18 10am-5:30pm Minister Ofc Hrs (Z) 6pm Soup Supper (Z) 7pm Lenten Worship (Z)	19 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio 12-5pm SAM Mentor Meeting	20 Heather Visitation Day	21
22 9am Worship at Zion 10am Fllwshp/NO Sunday School 11am Worship at Carpio	23 Minister Heather Day Off 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	24 12-5:30pm Minister Ofc Hrs (C)	25 10am-5:30pm Minister Ofc Hrs (Z) 3pm Mary Martha Circle 6pm Soup Supper (C) 7pm Lenten Worship (C)	26 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio 12-5:00pm SAM Mentor Meeting	27 Heather Visitation Day	28
29 Palm Sunday 9am 5th Sunday Joint Worship - Zion 10am Fllwshp/Sunday School	30 Minister Heather Day Off 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	31 12-5:30pm Minister Ofc Hrs (C)				