

Zion & Carpio Lutheran Newsletter May 2024



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George Schuessler
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Zion Worship: 9am
Fellowship/S.S.: 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*

"Blossom Time in May" *Rev. George Schuessler*

In **May** what was once dead springs to life. In **May** the 40 days of Easter come into full bloom. Words of promise come to bloom and darkness gives way to beautiful color, it's **May!**

Thomas Curtis Clark writes:

In blossom time can any say
That life is desolate and gray?
When cherry boughs are drifted snow,
When springtime couriers, singing, go
Through orchard lanes, which for a day
Are very heaven, who could lay
Upon the gods of faraway
One word of blame for fret or woe
In blossom time?

What man could hate or envy know
When apple blossoms burst and blow?
When, free at last, the kindly **MAY**
Endeavors Winter's debts to pay
In blossom time?

Look around and see how the prairies and woods, valleys and hills are alive in color! The grip of winter cold is giving way to the warmth of **May!**

Helen Fitzgerald writes:

May's green apron is decked with flowers
Of every sort and hue:
Marsh marigolds, hepaticas,
Iris bearded and blue.

Lady's slippers of palest yellow
Bloom in deep woodland dells;
Flowering along dusty roadsides
Are clusters of bluebells.

Violets yellow and purple
Waft fragrance to the breeze;
Trilliums red and white whisper
"Oh, do not pluck us please."

Beautiful bloodroots are flaunting
Their petals white as pearl;
Jack peeps from his little pulpit
To watch fern fronds unfurl.

At each Funeral or Memorial **May's** burst of color spreads across the cancel. The warmth of Jesus' Words speak of life in the place of death, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26a) **May 9TH** Ascension Day, 40 days of Easter in full bloom, it's **May!**

What appeared as dead now springs to life in Christ Jesus in flourishing color of eternal life.

ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is every Sunday at 10am unless otherwise noted

May 5 – No Sunday School – Confirmation Sunday

May 12 – End of Year Party

June 24-28 – Day Camp with Metigoshe Ministries!!

Open to any youth in our community entering grades 1st – 6th.

More details to come!



CARPIO SUNDAY SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School is May 20TH – 24TH from 6pm until 8pm for children preschool age through Grade 6. This year's theme is "Camp Firelight" based on Psalm 56:3, "O Most High, when I am afraid, I put my trust in you." We will gather for Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, Games, and Snacks. All children in the Berthold, Carpio, and Donnybrook communities are invited to participate for FREE! Free will Offerings will be accepted for any who wish to help cover expenses, but are

not necessary. A brief program will be a part of the Friday night VBS session at 7pm for all Parents, Grandparents, and community to attend. Please let us know at Carpio Lutheran of your child or children who will participate so we are prepared for them.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Sunday is May 5th at both Zion and Carpio Lutheran Churches.



During the 9am Zion Holy Communion Service we will have Abby Finke and Sawyer Neubauer "Affirming their Baptism" as part of the service. A Cake Reception at 10am will be served in their honor by the Women of Zion.

During the 11am Carpio Holy Communion Service we will have Abigail Huizenga, Ellie Michel, and Daylon Yanish "Affirming their Baptism" as part of the service. A Cake Reception at 10am will be served in their honor by the Mothers of the Youth.

Congratulations and Blessings to all of our Youth who are becoming Confirmed Members of Christ's Church and will be taking on Adult responsibilities as a member of God's family.

Confirmation Rehearsal and Pictures will be May 1st at respective churches:

Zion 7pm

Carpio 8pm

LUTHER LEAGUE

Luther League will be serving during Fellowship Hour during May:

May 5th – Group 1

May 12th – Group 2

May 19th – Group 3

May 26th – Group 4





SERVING IN MAY AT CARPIO

Usher:
Austin Moen

Altar Guild:
Cathy Armstrong



SERVING IN MAY AT ZION

May 5th:

Reader: Lyle Gorseth

Ushers: Needed

May 12th:

Reader: Bob Grant

Ushers: Needed

May 19th:

Reader: Helen Grant

Ushers: Needed

May 26th:

Reader: Wes Hagen

Ushers: Needed

Altar Guild: Needed

Organist: Julie Deaver



Fellowship during the month of May 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

*80+ Recognition will take place at Zion on
May 12th during the 9am Worship.*

*Let us celebrate all those who have dedicated
their service to Christ's church and who are
blessed in being 80 and older!*

Arnold Berg

Joyce Buen

Allie Deaver

Dick Debertin

Sharon Inman

Norris Kjellberg

Alan Lee

Peggy Schweitzer

Myrna Stredwick

LuVerne Tufto

Pat Berg

Elaine Cuddigan

Judy Deaver

Billy Greenlee

Margie Kjellberg

Joan Laumb

Gaynard Schweitzer

Neadene Schwoppe

Grace Thompson

Gordon Ulberg

Harlan Ulberg

CLCW

We are putting together the Personal Care Kits totaling around 40-50 kits. Along with that, the group served lunch for Dale Graff's funeral on April 15th. We will also be serving a lunch for an upcoming funeral service on April 26th.



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.

ZION CHURCH COUNCIL

APRIL 14TH, 2024, Zion Church Council Meeting is at NOON in the Fellowship Hall

Meeting Called to Order by President Chad Schweitzer.

President Chad Schweitzer

Council members present: Drew Bryantt, Janet Gregory, Rachel Schieve, Chad Schweitzer, Kyle Schepp, Seth Gravesen and Nicki Shelkey, Gary Gathman, Kylene Hornberger, Pastor George. Member absent: Klint Hanson.

REVIEW CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MARCH 10TH: Motion by Janet to accept the minutes from March 10th as written. Second by Rachel. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer Kylene Hornberger

March:

General fund beginning Balance: \$67,927.57

March income: \$7,263.82

March expenses: \$8,122.03

General Fund ending balance: \$67,069.36

Pastoral account beginning balance: \$2,061.98

Pastoral account ending balance: \$2,961.82

Motion to approve the March financial report by Seth, Second by Drew. Motion Carried.

TEAM REPORTS:

Worship & Music: Met on Mar. 27TH to select Worship Hymns

Janet Gregory & Klint Hanson

Evangelism:

Nicki Shelkey

Stewardship & Finance:

Kyle Schepp

Board of Ed.: Metigoshé in Motion Apr. 21ST Sunday school & Worship

Rachel Schieve & Drew Bryantt

Luther League: We had a busy March and April. Luther League served soup for Lent, Lead the Easter Sunrise service and served breakfast. We went shopping to help the church women with their kits. We are going to have a year-end party with the Sunday school. More details to follow on that.

Kyle Schepp

Maintenance & Property:

Gary Gathman, Klint Hanson, Seth Gravesen

Nicki said that Lorelei and Ally will mow the church yard for the summer. We will have them submit a bid. Gary said he is going to organize a work day to clean up the church yard before summer.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

A. Mar. 1ST – 31ST Fifty Four in-person contacts.

B. Mar. 3RD Carpio cancelled worship and Zion had worship at 11am.

C. Mar. 12TH – 17TH Pastor makes trip to Wis. To see Mom in Hospital.

D. Mar. 19TH Burke/Bachmeier Wedding Prep for Oct. 19TH, 2024.

E. Apr. 1ST – 8TH Pastor makes trip to Wis. For Mom's Funeral Service.

F. Apr. 28TH Officiate a Baptism for Lali Jean Blasquez during 11am Worship in Zion.

G. May 5TH Will Host Berthold Baccalaureate Service at 7pm in Zion.

H. May 19TH Officiate two Baptisms, Wayne Patrick and Jack Garrett Picard in Zion.

I. May 27TH Will participate in Berthold Memorial Day Service.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. May March 12-17 be approved as Vacation Time for Pastor George? Motion by Rachel to approve March 12-17 vacation for Pastor George, second by Nicki. Motion Carried. (This will account for 28 vacation days including 5 Sundays.)
2. Motion by Rachel to let Pastor George take April 1-8 off as a gift of bereavement, Second by Seth. Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Kyle to approve joint worship service for the summer months, Second by Gary. Motion Carried. Use your offering envelopes if you would like your offering to come to Zion. Worship time will be at 9:00 am.

4. Motion by Seth to have Rev. John Nilsen lead Holy Communion Worship on June 9TH at Zion and Mr. Ron Dahl lead Worship at Zion on June 23RD, Second by Drew. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Janet to approve that we transfer in Easton Gallagher as a baptized member from First Lutheran in Minot to Zion in Berthold, Second by Nicki. Motion Carried.
6. Motion by Rachel to approve that Abby Finke and Sawyer Neubauer have met all the requirements to become confirmed members of Zion Lutheran Church and will participate in affirmation of baptism on May 5th, Second by Seth. Motion Carried.
7. We had discussion on how we would like to move forward with the Parish agreement between Carpio Lutheran and Zion Lutheran. We went through the old agreement line by line making changes were needed. The main topic of the discussion was how we would like to handle the financial obligations of each congregation. Gary made the motion to have each congregation pay 50% of the pastor's salary and benefits, second by Janet. Motion carried. Motion to approve the new proposed parish agreement by Seth, Second by Drew. Motion carried unanimously. We are going to meet with the Carpio council on April 21st at noon to come to an agreement on how we would like to move forward.
8. We talked about loaning out tables and we decided to not let people take anything from the church.

NEXT ZION COUNCIL MEETING: MAY 8TH at 7 pm. (Joint Church Councils at Noon, Apr. 21ST)

Adjournment & The Lord's Prayer



LIVE STREAMING INFORMATION
BOTH CARPIO & ZION LUTHERAN CHURCHES
ARE LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP

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

Zion Worship is on You Tube by way of Zion Web page.

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

The names and addresses of both Financial Secretaries are listed below:

CARPIO FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

Erica Moen
PO Box 129
Carpio, ND 58725

ZION FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

Connie Hagen
6101 310TH Street NW
Berthold, ND 58718



CARPIO CHURCH COUNCIL

The council meeting was held on April 21st, 2024 following the joint council meeting with Berthold. The meeting was called to order by President, Jeff Moen.

The Secretary's report was given by Tammi Moen. Cathy Armstrong motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Jeff Moen seconded, motion carries.

The Treasurer's report was given by Heather Feland. Kenny Trail motioned to accept the report as presented. Crystal Eide seconded, motion carries.

The current account balances are:

Checking Account – General	\$52062.52
Checking Account – Special Projects	\$1675.00
Thrivent Contingency Fund	\$4023.18
Thrivent Lindberg Endowment	\$5464.51

CLCW Report – The CLCW served lunch for the Dale Graff funeral on April 15th. Thank you to all who worked, provided food, and donations. Personal care kits will be put together and delivered.

Pastor's Report – Pastor George made 51 in-person contacts between March 1st – 31st. On March 3, Carpio Lutheran cancelled worship due to weather and Zion had worship service at 11:00am. Pastor George travelled to Wisconsin to see his Mother in the hospital from March 12th to March 17th. On March 19th, the pastor worked on wedding prep for the Burke/Bachmeier wedding that will be on October 19th, 2024 at Zion. Pastor travelled to Wisconsin on April 1st – April 8th for his Mother's funeral. On April 28, the Pastor officiated the Baptism for Lali Jean Blasquez during 11:00am worship at Zion. On May 5th, the Berthold Baccalaureate service will be held at Zion at 7:00pm. On May 19th, the Pastor will officiate two Baptisms for Wayne Patrick and Jack Garrett Picard at Zion. On May 27th, the Pastor will participate in the Berthold Memorial Day Service.

Old Business: The Christian Motorcycle Association Band will be coming to Carpio on July 14th and September 15th.

New Business: Jeff Moen motioned for Abigail Huizenga, Ellie Michel, and Daylon Yanish to participate in the "Affirmation of Baptism" on May 5th if all class requirements are met. Cathy Armstrong seconded, motion carries. Kenny Trail motioned to approve vacation time for March 12th – 17th when the Pastor was in Wisconsin. Cathy Armstrong seconded, motion carries. Crystal Eide motioned to gift bereavement time off for April 1st – 8th while the Pastor was in Wisconsin for his Mother's funeral. Kenny Trail seconded, motion carries. Summer worship will be alternating with Zion during the months of June, July, and August. The services will be at 9:00am starting with Carpio on June 2nd. Jeff Moen motioned to have Ron Dahl lead worship at Carpio on June 16th and June 30th. Cathy Armstrong seconded, motion carries. Kenny Trail will check with Gary Peterson and Wes Peterson about possibly turning off the boilers during the summer months. Jeff Moen motioned to have a Congregational Meeting on May 12th at the 11:00 service. The changes to the Parish Agreement will be discussed and voted on. Kenny Trail seconded, motion carries. The changes are for the Parish Council to meet a minimum of one time each year during September, each congregation's treasurer will pay stipulated funds into Parish account by the 15th of each month, and the termination of the Parish Agreement may be by either congregation and gives a 3 month notice to leave the Parish Agreement.

The next council meeting will be July 14th, 2024 after church. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Meeting Adjourned
Tammi Moen
Recording Secretary



WE WELCOME LALI JEAN BLASQUEZ into the “Body of Christ” since she was baptized on April 28TH in Zion Lutheran. Lali is the daughter of Rafael & Jordyn Blasquez. Sponsors were, Clay Hornberger, Madison Bartsch, and Jennifer Aguilar.

JACK GARRETT PICARD & WAYNE PATRICK PICARD will be Baptized on May 19TH at 3:30pm in the Zion Lutheran Church. Jack and Wayne are the sons of Garrett Picard and Lyvia Roark. Sponsors for Jack are Lauren Picard and Mason Roark and the sponsors for Wayne are Hallie Skabo and Tanner Rauschenberger. Please welcome these children into the “Body of Christ” at Zion when you see them.

BERTHOLD ZION FOOD PANTRY

Tuesday, May 14th
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



Dear Congregation:

We would like to thank everyone for calls, cards, plants, flowers, food, and continued support during this difficult time. We have done our best to personally thank as many as we can, but a few items came to us separated from the cards. We appreciate all your kindness, generosity, and prayers.

Sincerely, Carolyn Graff and Daughters



CARPIO - ZION JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

4/21/2024

Members present: Drew Bryantt, Gary Gathman, Seth Gravesen, Heather Feland, Crystal Eide, Kenny Trail, Tammy Moen, Rachel Schieve, Nicki Shelkey, Jeff Moen, Chad Schweitzer, Kyle Schepp, Kathy Armstrong, Kylene Hornberger and Pastor George. Members absent: Klint Hanson and Janet Gregory.

Read and review minutes from September 24, 2023 meeting in Carpio. Motion to approve the minutes as written by Kenny Trail, Second by Jeff Moen. Motion Carried.

Pastor George led us in a word of prayer.

We gathered to discuss the parish agreement between Carpio Lutheran and Zion Lutheran churches. We began our discussion by talking about the share that each congregation can afford to pay on new pastor. Carpio is proposing a 75% – 25% split with Carpio paying 25% and Zion paying 75%. Zion would like to keep the split at 50% - 50%.

We had some discussion about the value of the parsonage. The question is does Carpio continue to pay half of the upkeep but not pay rent? We talked about the parsonage value being \$2000/month. With Carpio paying half. Zion feels like they are paying 60%-40% of the pastor's salary and benefits currently, even though the agreement says we are at 50%-50%. Considering that Carpio is not currently paying monthly for housing. Carpio does pay half of major repairs on the parsonage.

The councils of Carpio and Zion agreed upon a 50%-50% parish agreement. Where each council pays half of the pastor's salary and benefits. We agreed upon a 3 month time frame to terminate the parish agreement. Zion would retain ownership of the parsonage. Zion will not charge Carpio rent. Carpio will be responsible for half of the upkeep.

We would like to make an update to section 2 subsection B subsection b; the parish agreement would like to designate the month of September to meet every year. Additional meetings can be scheduled accordingly.

Joint councils would like to make an update to section 2 sub section G subsection g; we would like this to read, the pastor is responsible for basic lawn care and snow removal @ parsonage.

We would like to make an update to section I sub section 5 of the parish agreement. This should read both churches shall pay the funds into the joint fund by the 15th of the month.

Joint councils also removed any area of the parish agreement that had to do with Youth Ministry because we are not planning on employing a separate youth minister.

Motion by Jeff Moen to approve the new parish agreement by Rachel Scheive. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Joint worship for June July August at 9:00 am. Worship will alternate between locations. Motion by Kenny Trail, Second by Seth Gravesen. Motion carried. Use your offering envelopes to ensure offering will go to your preferred church. Cash that is given will be split 50/50.

We adjourned the joint council meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Kyle Schepp, Zion Lutheran Secretary



ZION – CARPIO LUTHERAN PARISH

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1. PREAMBLE:

In the belief that the advance of the Kingdom of God and the needs of the Church can best be attained through closer cooperation and a shared ministry in the Church, we hereby set forth the plans and the agreement in consultation with the WND-Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for such a cooperative venture between the following congregations:

Zion Lutheran Church of Berthold, ND
Carpio Lutheran Church of Carpio, ND

2. THE AGREEMENT:

A. NAME: The Parish shall be known as the “Zion – Carpio Lutheran Parish” with an address of 413 Dewey Street, P.O. Box 98, Berthold, ND. 58718 and email of zionberthold@gmail.com .

B. PARISH COUNCIL:

- a. The Officers of each Congregation shall be the governing body of the Parish. Presidents, Vice Presidents, congregation council Secretaries are voting members with Treasurers, Pastor(s) being Ex-officio non-voting members of the Parish Council.
- b. The Parish Council shall meet a minimum of one time each year this meeting shall be held in the month of September. Meetings alternate between congregation locations.
- c. A Special Parish Council meeting may be requested by any President, Congregation Council, and Congregation at a regularly called meeting, or Pastor.
- d. A record of all proceedings shall be kept of each meeting and forward to all Cong. Councils.
- e. Duties of the Parish Council:
 1. Advise and assist the Pastor.
 2. Draw up a Parish Budget consisting of Pastoral expenses as Salary, Pension, Medical, Mileage, Continuing Education, Synod Assembly, Roster Ministers Gathering, Parsonage Utilities, Parsonage repair and maintenance expenses.
 3. Make changes to congregational percentage of covering Pastoral expenses.
 4. Conduct an annual review of the Pastor at the time of the meeting in September.
 5. Consider any other business and matters pertaining to the Parish and Pastor.

C. EACH CONGREGATION SHALL MAINTAIN:

Its present independence, identity, and individual programs. The Congregations are linked only in sharing Pastoral leadership and. The Parish Agreement cannot, and will not, supersede any of the constitutional powers of member congregation(s).

D. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH SHALL ISSUE A LETTER OF CALL on behalf of the member congregations to a minister of Word and Sacrament (Pastor) or a candidate for the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Pastor) who has been recommended by the synodical bishop to serve the congregations of the Parish. Such a call shall be approved prior to issuance by a two thirds vote at a regularly called congregational meeting of each congregation in the Parish. If any congregation should fail to approve the call, the other congregation(s) of the parish shall have the right to immediately terminate the Parish Agreement.

E. PARISH CALL COMMITTEE: Will consist of each Congregation’s Officers or a committee elected by each Congregation’s Councils that shall join together as a group to recommend a Letter of Call after seeking the advice and help of the Bishop of the WND-Synod who will recommend a roster Minister of Word and Sacrament (Pastor) to serve the congregations of the Parish.

F. TERMINATION OF THE PASTOR is provided for in s14.18d of the synodical constitution and in C9.05 of the Congregation constitution. In any case, the other congregation(s) of the Parish shall have the right to immediately terminate the Parish Agreement.

G. PASTOR LEADERSHIP WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- a. Worship leadership including baptisms, weddings, funerals, & other pastoral acts.
- b. Youth ministry.
- c. Confirmation instruction. (Classes will alternate among Congregation locations.)
- d. Hospital, Care Facility, and home visitation.
- e. Bible Study groups as determined by the Pastor.
- f. Ministerial records, parochial records, and Synod reports.
- g. Basic lawn care and snow removal at the parsonage.

H. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF EACH CONGREGATION:

While each Congregation is remaining financially independent of one another.

1. Zion will budget _50_ % for its shared portion of Pastoral ministry expenses.
2. Carpio will budget _50_ % for its shared portion of Pastoral ministry expenses.
3. Above percentages may be adjusted by recommendation of the Parish Council and agreed upon by each Congregation Council.
4. All Parish expenses are paid through a Parish Account maintained by the Zion Treasurer, who will itemize all expenses and forward them to each Congregation Treasurer.
5. Each Congregation Treasurer shall pay stipulated funds into Parish Account by the 15TH of each month.

I. CHANGING OF THIS AGREEMENT:

1. The Parish Council may recommend changes that are ratified by each Congregation Council.
2. Any Congregation Council may recommend changes that are to be ratified by each Congregation Council.
3. Any Congregation in a regularly called meeting may make changes that are then ratified by each Congregation in a regularly called meeting by a simple majority vote.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARISH AGREEMENT:

- A. This Parish Agreement shall be approved by all Congregation Councils.
- B. This Parish Agreement shall be ratified by each Congregation in a regularly call meeting by a simple majority vote.
- C. The signatures below bear witness to the acceptance of this Parish Agreement.

4. TERMINATION OF THE PARISH AGREEMENT:

May be by any congregation in a regularly called meeting that desires to give a ___3___ month notice to leave the Parish Agreement. After the ___3___ months have passed the Parish Agreement is terminated with all of its obligations.

5. WHENEVER THE PARISH AGREEMENT IS TERMINATED, the call of any rostered minister of Word and Sacrament (Pastor) serving the member Congregations is terminated. Should any congregation that was formerly part of the Parish Agreement desire to issue a new call to that roster minister of Word and Sacrament (Pastor), it may do so in accordance with the call process of this church (ELCA).

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH of Berthold:

President signature: _____

Date: _____

Secretary signature: _____

Date: _____

CARPIO LUTHERAN CHURCH of Carpio:

President signature: _____

Date: _____

Secretary signature: _____

Date: _____

ZION FINANCIALS - MARCH 2024

Chad Schweitzer – President	Gary Gathman	Rachel Schieve
Seth Gravesen– Vice President	Klint Hanson	Nicki Shelkey
Kyle Schepp – Secretary	Janet Gregory	Drew Bryantt
General Account Beginning Balance		\$ 67,927.57
INCOME:		
	Offerings:	
	03/03/2024	\$ 789.00
\$6,523.00	03/10/2024	\$ 1,424.00
Offering Total	03/17/2024 (no church)	\$ 200.00
	03/24/2024	\$ 1,044.00
	03/31/2024	\$ 3,066.00
	Carpio Luth Reimbursement – Utilities	\$ 342.52
	Simply Giving – Vanco	\$ 382.80
	State Bank and Trust – Interest	\$ 5.50
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 7,263.82
EXPENSES:		
	Western ND Synod	\$ 652.30
	Church Mutual – Insurance	\$ 515.19
	MDU (Church - \$318.38; Parsonage - \$88.76)	\$ 407.44
	Xcel Energy (Church - \$273.86; Parsonage - \$71.56)	\$ 450.62
	SRT (Church - \$98.98; Parsonage - \$113.47)	\$ 212.45
	City of Berthold (Church - \$45.25; Parsonage - \$59.95)	\$ 105.20
	1517 Media (Christ in Our Home Qtr 2)	\$ 46.50
	Visa Card (newsletter mailing stamps)	\$ 11.04
	Metigoshe Ministries (Day Camp Deposit)	\$ 50.00
	Dawna Helfrich – piano	\$ 75.00
	Julie Deaver – piano	\$ 75.00
	Kristin Berg – piano	\$ 300.00
	Curt Schumaier (Custodian & Cleaning Supplies)	\$ 471.29
	Kylene Hornberger (Treasurer)	\$ 650.00
	Kershawn Michel (Secretary)	\$ 500.00
	Transfer to Pastor Account	\$ 3,600.00
Total Expenses		\$ 8,122.03
General Account Ending Balance		\$ 67,069.36



PASTOR PAYROLL ACCOUNT
(JOINT WITH CARPIO) FEBRUARY 2024

Pastor Acct Beginning Balance		\$ 2,061.98	
Zion Deposits	\$ 3,600.00		
Carpio Deposits	\$ 3,600.00		
Total Deposits		\$ 7,200.00	
Expenses:			
Portico (Pastor's Benefits)	\$ 1,725.03		
Pastor George Payroll	\$ 4,575.13		
Total Expenses:		\$ 6,300.16	
Pastor Acct Ending Balance			\$ 2,961.82



FROM THE CARPIO LUTHERAN
TREASURER'S DESK

For the Month of		<u>April 2024</u>
<u>Bills Paid:</u>		
Zion Church	\$ 3,600.00	
Propane	\$ 1,511.40	
SRT	\$ 95.73	
MDU	\$ 76.95	
NPRWD	\$ 68.27	
Payroll	\$ 1,200.00	
Zion Housing	\$ 201.76	
City of Carpio	\$ 145.60	
Organist	\$ 250.00	
Insurance	\$ 1,311.75	
Total	\$ 8,461.46	
Total Offering:	\$ 5,339.51	
Bank Balance	\$ 47,184.93	
Thrivent Contingency Fund	\$ 4,023.18	
Thrivent Lindburg Fund	\$ 5,464.51	



SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS MAY 19TH

For all our High School Graduates as we recognize and pray for them as individual congregations.

Zion Lutheran Church Graduates are invited to wear their gowns at the 9am Zion worship service.

Alexis Bauer
Mya Neshem

Cooper Bredahl
Mason Roark
Mystika Wallace

Kaleb Neshem
Benit Sorenson

Carpio Lutheran Church Graduates are invited to wear their gowns at the 11am Carpio worship service.

Reidun Askvig
Jaden Metcalf

Samuel Babinchak
Baylie Michel

We are proud of your accomplishment to Graduate in 2024 and hope for the best in your new adventures in life after High School.

Berthold High School Graduation will be May 19TH at 2pm in the School Gym. All are invited to attend.



Baccalaureate

A BACCALAUREATE SERVICE is a gathering of the Berthold and Carpio Communities to gather together to recognize and celebrate the High School Graduates of 2024 and to pray for and bless them as they begin new ventures in life after High School. This year we will gather at 7pm on May 5TH in Zion Lutheran Church of Berthold for this community service. All Graduates are invited to wear their gowns for this service. The Ecumenical Quilters will be presenting a personalized quilt to each Graduate as part of this service. A brief fellowship reception with bars and coffee will follow the service. All are invited and welcome to attend this festive worship service.

BERTHOLD MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE is May 27TH at 11am in the Berthold School Gym. Jerome Behm, a former Guard Aviator, will be this year's speaker. Following the service at the school full military rites will be performed at the Wildrose Cemetery in Berthold and a scalloped potatoes and ham lunch will be served in the Berthold American Legion Hall on Main Street for a free will offering to cover service expenses and the remainder given to the Berthold American Legion. All are welcome to attend as we remember and recognized our military personnel and the many who gave the ultimate price of their life for our freedom and quality of life in the United States of America.



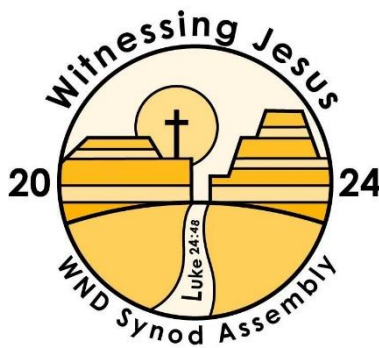


IN WARM APPRECIATION Pastor George & Ladora Thank You for the many prayers, cards, and memorials offered in the passing of George's mother, Charlotte Schuessler.

A SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING has been called for both Zion and Carpio Lutheran Churches in regards to an Up-Dated and New Parish Agreement for Zion and Carpio Lutheran Churches. The brief meetings will be during worship times on Mother's Day, May 12TH, with Zion meeting at 9am and Carpio meeting at 11am. All Confirmed Members are encouraged to be in attendance and have voice and vote. At a Special Congregation Meeting the only business to be discussed is for the New Parish Agreement, no other business may be brought up during this meeting of the Congregation. Please read the copy of the New Parish Agreement in this Newsletter to be prepared to discuss it for Ratification.



Special Congregation
Meeting



May 31 - June 2 | Wafford City, ND

THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY is the annual gathering of all 159 congregations of the Western North Dakota Synod. We gather together for worship, education, celebration, and to do the business of this synod. The 2024 Synod Assembly will be held in Watford City, ND for the very first time. The beautiful RoughRider Center will be our host.

METIGOSHE CAMP HAPPENINGS



National Youth Gathering News! Receive 50% off your youth camp registration fee if you also are attending the National Youth Gathering.
Email registrar@metigosheministries.com for more details!

Camp Work Day – Join us on Saturday, June 1st to help us prepare Camp Metigoshe for the upcoming camp season. Cleaning, building, renovating and repairing are some of the things we will be doing. The fun begins at 9am with yummy caramel rolls.

Questions? Call Ricky at 701-263-4788 or email site@metigosheministries.com.

Quilt Auction – Plan to attend our annual quilt auction on Saturday, June 29th beginning at 10am at the Christian Center. Over 150 quilts will be auctioned as well as a silent auction. Lunch will be available for purchase. Unable to attend? You can view the quilts and live stream the auction wherever you are and big just like you are there is person! The web address is https://www.icollector.com/Metigoshe-Ministries_ae2567.

Questions? Call Jess at 701-263-4788 or email retreats@metigosheministries.com.

MOTHER THE CAMP AND SHAPE UP THE SHOP LISTS ARE BELOW

You can drop your items off at camp, the Christian Center or give us a call at 701-263-4788 and we can make a plan. Thanks for your continued support!

Breakfast Cereal	Duct Tape
Old-Fashioned Oatmeal	Sunscreen
Tomato Sauce	Permanent Markers
Canned Vegetables	Reams Of 8.5"X 11" Paper
Canned Fruit	Batteries (Aa, 9v)
Brown/White Sugar	Cenex Gift Cards (Or Other Bottineau
Powdered Sugar	Or Minot Area Gas Stations)
Flour	Walmart Gift Cards
Gluten-Free Flour	Target Gift Cards
Gluten-Free Mixes	Marketplace Foods Gift Cards
Chocolate Chips	Amazon Gift Cards
Butterscotch Chips	Temp/Cylence
Peanut Butter	Leaf Rake
Jelly	1 Lb. Propane Bottles
Pancake Syrup	20v Dewalt Tools
Honey	Shop Towels
Mayonnaise	Paint Drop Cloths
Pickles	Paint Rollers
Hershey Kisses®	Planer (Hand And Bench)
Pasta	Floor Jack
S'mores Ingredients	Kerosene
Granola Bars	Runnings Gift Cards
Napkins	Tape Measures
Paper Towel	Drill Bit Set
Paper Cups	50:1 Fuel
Paper Plates	Paint Trays
Toilet Paper	Paint Brushes
Dish Soap	Premixed Roundup
Mosquito Spray	Golf Carts
Wasp Spray	Garden Carts
.08 Trimmer Line	Sawmill Lumber Gift Cards





Zion Sunday School
Singing on Palm Sunday



Carpio Sunday School
doing their Easter
Program
"The Empty Egg"



Some of the Sunshiners 4H Club
Presenting a check totaling \$1050 to the
Carpio Council as a thank you for allowing
the club to use their church for their
monthly meetings

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MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JOINT WORSHIP 9am in June, July & August Alternating between Carpio & Zion Beginning June 2 nd at 9am at Carpio Lutheran with Holy Communion			1 7pm Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures in Zion 8pm Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures at Carpio	2 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	3	4
5 Confirmation Sunday 9am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/NO Sunday School 11am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion 7pm Baccalaureate at Zion, Berthold	6 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	7	8 10am Ecumenical Council at St. Ann's 7pm Zion Church Council	9 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	10	11
12 Mother's Day Soup Pot Sunday in Carpio 9am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion & Special Congregation Meeting/80+ Recognition 10am Fellowship/Last Day of Sunday School 11am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion & Special Congregation Meeting	13 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	14 10am-12pm Food Pantry Open 5pm-7pm Food Pantry Open	15	16 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	17	18 Peter Kleven Memorial in Zion Lutheran Fellowship - Meal in Berthold Sportsman's
19 9am Worship at Zion with Graduating Senior Recognition 10am Fellowship 11am Worship at Carpio with Graduating Senior Recognition 2pm Berthold High School Graduation 3:30pm Baptism at Zion	20 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion 6pm-8pm Carpio VBS	21 6pm-8pm Carpio VBS	22 6pm-8pm Carpio VBS 7pm Mary/Martha Circle	23 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio 6pm-8pm Carpio VBS	24 6pm-8pm Carpio VBS	25
26 9am Worship at Zion 10am Fellowship 11am Worship at Carpio	27 Memorial Day 11am Berthold Memorial Day Service in the High School Gym	28	29	30 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	31 Pre-Assembly Event in Watford City	