

Zion & Carpio Lutheran Newsletter October 2026



YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD.
I will be joyful
IN GOD MY SAVIOR.
HABAKKUK 3:18, NIV

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Heather Feland
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Worship Schedule:

Carpio – 9am
Fellowship/Sunday
School – 10am
Zion – 11am

Holy Communion
available the 1st & 3rd
Sunday of each month

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

FROM MINISTER HEATHER

There is something about October that makes change impossible to ignore. The days grow shorter. Mornings turn cooler. Fields that were green not long ago are changing color. Harvest is coming to a close. Gardens are being cleaned out. Summer things are put away. Before we know it, we'll be preparing for winter. Some changes are welcome. Some we've been waiting for. Others are harder. Maybe that's why these words from Psalm 46 feel especially fitting this month: **"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."** — Psalm 46:1

It's a familiar verse. We picture God as a safe place to go when life gets hard. And that's part of it. But keep reading, and you'll find the psalm isn't describing a peaceful world at all. The earth gives way. Mountains fall into the sea. Waters roar. Nations rage. Kingdoms fall. Everything shakes. And right in the middle of it, the psalm keeps pointing to one truth: **God is here.** Not, "Nothing will change." Not, "Nothing hard will happen." Not even, "Everything will work out just how you want." Instead, the promise is simpler and steadier: when everything else feels uncertain, **God remains.**

Later in the psalm come words many of us know well: "Be still, and know that I am God." We often hear this as an invitation to find a quiet corner and slow down. That's not wrong. But look at where the words appear. They aren't spoken into silence — they're spoken into chaos. Nations are raging. The earth is shifting. And God says, "Be still, and know that I am God." Maybe being still isn't only about quiet. Maybe it's about loosening our grip — remembering we don't have to hold everything together, because God still is God.

That's a word I need to hear. I suspect many of us do. Our communities change.

Our churches change. Our families change. Our plans change. Some seasons feel full and good. Others leave us wondering what comes next. As we move through October — through harvest and meetings, school activities and worship, ordinary workdays and whatever unexpected things land on our calendars — I hope we carry Psalm 46 with us.

When life feels good: **God is here.** When plans change: **God is here.** When you're not sure what's next: **God is here.**

And when something beneath your feet feels like it's shaking, you don't need all the answers. Be still. Not because nothing is happening. Not because everything is fine. But because God is God — our refuge and strength. A verse to carry with you this month: **"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."** — Psalm 46:1

May you know God's presence in all the changes this month brings.

Heather



Heather October Schedule

The Congregation will always come first:
Heather is available any day, every day.

Office hours will vary – if you plan to stop in, please let Heather know that you're coming.

Monday	Day Off
Tuesday	Office Hours (Carpio)
	Parish Bible Study (Carpio)
Wednesday	Office Hours (Zion)
Thursday	Office Hours (Zion)
	Mentor meetings and various visits as needed
Friday	Visits

FALL WORK DAY AT METIGOSHE MINISTRIES

October 24, 2026

Lakeside Christian Center

Come help with projects at the Christian Center. Painting, landscaping, cleaning and more!

Fresh caramel rolls at 8am!

*All volunteers are welcome to stay at the Christian Center on Friday night at no cost.
Call 701-263-4788 to reserve your room.*

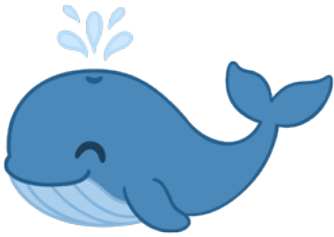


STARTING IN OCTOBER

Holy Communion will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



Date	Lesson
10/4	God is our Coach – Moses' Map
10/11	God is our Coach – Jonah's Detour
10/18	God is our Coach – Traveling Mercy
10/25	No Sunday School – Have a great long weekend!

CARPIO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Date	Lesson
10/4	God's Powerful Son
10/11	God's Proven Son
10/18	God's Plan for Forgiveness
10/25	No Sunday School



LUTHER LEAGUE

Luther League will be meeting on November 1st and going bowling and out to eat following Worship. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to attend, and bring a friend!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will meet every Wednesday at Zion unless otherwise noted | 6pm – Meal 6:30pm – Class

Date	Lesson	Meal
10/7	Old Testament – Creation Stories	Idland Family
10/14	Baptism	Faye Asmundson
10/21	Worship Wednesday	N/A
10/28	Reverse Trick or Treat - Service	N/A



SERVING IN OCTOBER AT CARPIO

Usher: Austin Moen

Altar Guild: Tammy Erickson

Piano: Tammi Moen



SERVING IN OCTOBER AT ZION

Altar Guild: Barb Cooper & Julie Deaver

Organist: Dawna Helfrich

Ushers: Harley & Nancy Neshem

Readers: 4th – Laurie Gathman

11th – Lyle Gorseth

18th – Bob Grant

25th – Helen Grant



Fellowship during the months of October will be served by the Church Women.

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

October 23rd & 24th

Western ND Women of the ELCA 2026 Biennial Convention and Camp of the Cross Women's Retreat. Everyone Welcome! See Jill for more information if interested in going, asap!



October 25th

Women's Thankoffering Service

October 28th

Mary Martha Circle at Zion, 2pm

Thank you to all who are, or will be contributing to the raffle, which will be held on November 15th. Raffle tickets are available for those who want to sell them. See Jill Brown.

CLCW



The CLCW, with the help of the Congregation and Sunday School, packed 43 backpacks to be sent overseas!!! Thank you to all that donated and/or helped!

On Halloween, October 31st, we will be having a Trick or Treat stop at Carpio Lutheran. If anyone would like to participate, please bring a bag of candy to share with anyone that stops by! If it is warm out, we will have a campfire and chairs. If it is cold, we will turn on the lights and sit inside! All trick and treaters are welcome, young and old!

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Bible Study is every Tuesday at Carpio Lutheran at 10am

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STORY</u>	<u>KEY VERSE</u>
10/6	Abraham and Faith	Romans 4
10/13	Peace with God	Romans 5
10/20	Baptized into Christ	Romans 6
10/27	The Christian Struggle	Romans 7



BERTHOLD ZION FOOD PANTRY

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

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

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 CHURCH COUNCIL ~ SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

Meeting called to order by Marvin Heller. Minister Heather Feland led a word of prayer.

Council Members present: Corine Christman, Will Burke, Lyle Gorseth, Marvin Heller, Alechia Neubauer, Karla Bredahl, Candice Asmundson, Wes Hagen

Other Present: Kylene Hornberger

Absent: Jerry Hennessy, Kershawn Michel

Read and reviewed the monthly council meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Motion by Wes Hagen to approve the minutes as written. Second by Karla Bredahl. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kylene Hornberger

Discussion: general discussion took place. Kylene will check on CD rates for any possible better rates than currently enrolled.

Candice Asmundson made a motion to accept the financial report. Second by Alechia Neubauer. Motion carried.

TEAM REPORTS:

Worship & Music:

Wes Hagen & Karla Bredahl

Music picked out through October.

Evangelism:

Lyle Gorseth

Encouragement for all to come to church.

Stewardship & Finance:

Alechia Neubauer

N/A

Board of Ed.:

Candice Asmundson

Abby Finke is taking on SS with assistance from Kelly Finke and Confirmation students. There is currently a sign up sheet by the kitchen window for those wanting to assist SS. 20 students are enrolled.

Luther League:

Corine Christman

There is a mission fund that has been dormant and they are going to roll it over to their regular account – per Amy Neshem

Maintenance & Property:

Marvin Heller & Jerry Hennessy

New light bulbs need to be installed around the church. Jerry will check on replacement of fixtures to update to LED. There is currently a hole in the dumpster. Marvin will contact appropriate people to get this taken care of.

Minister Report:

1. Pastors report – see attached report.
2. There wasn't much for the Wednesday in the Word this summer - it was kind of a bust. I am all up for ideas and want to give what is wanted.
3. I have a Theological Retreat at Metigoshe in September - Do you want a bill/receipt for those things that are shared between the churches. How do you want me to bring them?
4. The sound system is acting up - Brandon has come and looked at it and he did replace the part he thought was the problem. However, it is still acting up and he said it might be time for an upgrade. Option 1) system processor \$1000 + tax (replaces the bad EQ and adds additional stuff so he can make it sound better.) Option 2) new amp with built in processing - \$3800 + tax (replaces the EQ and the amp) Option 1 would be great in his opinion - option 2 would be good, but he doesn't think

spending that much is necessary. Numbers are close, but not exact - he would be within \$100 up or down for either option..... Motion made by Lyle to accept option 1 and take funds from the maintenance fund. Seconded by Karla. Motion carried.

5. There was a request for communion Sundays to be moved to the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Motion made by Karla to reflect this change. Seconded by Candice. Motion carried.
6. Prayer name requests will be put back in the bulletins, etc. per family approval.
7. Heather did receive a \$10,000 scholarship for schooling.

Old Business:

1. UPDATE: Patio is poured and Marvin will speak with Jerry about the steps. Deck/Patio at parsonage. Greg will tear down old deck that is falling apart. Jerry Hennessy, Klint Hanson, and Will Burke worked together to get estimates and plan what would be best to replace the existing deck. A 16x16 cement pad, steps with a landing, and all that entails was bid by Josh H out of Burlington. Candice Asmundson made a motion to have all dirt work, pouring of a stamped patio, construction of steps and a landing, and removal of all materials for a budget of \$10,000. Marvin Heller seconded the motion. Motion carried. The construction should begin the middle to end of August. Jerry H and a crew will dig out area. Greg has taken down the deck. If any more money is needed to cover costs, it will come out of the maintenance fund.
2. UPDATE: Still needs to be completed. Jerry Hennessy will speak with Klint Hanson and Greg concerning the heating and cooling in the church and the operation of each to ensure all is working properly. The air in the church office is not correctly working.
3. UPDATE: completed. Karla B moved to get rid of the landline and features at the parsonage. Marvin H seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kyleene will call SRT

New Business:

1. September 13, a Beautiful fountain was blessed and presented in memory of Hudson Bryantt. After the presentation, butterflies were released. Thank you to those who gave of their time and talents for this wonderful fountain.
2. Need to have a September communion helper. Schedule is corrected.
3. Greg will turn in cleaning supplies to Kyleene.
4. A motion was made by Wes Hagen to compensate Greg \$200.00 for church shampooing. Second by Lyle Gorseth. Motion carried.

Next Zion Council Meeting will be held on October 21 at 6:30pm

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



MINISTER'S REPORT - AUGUST 2026

1. Pastor Acts:

- Worship Leadership – 4 Sundays
- Preaching – 4 Sermons
- Rehearsal & Wedding – Kurtz/Fjeldahl – Carpio – August 8th
- Funeral for R. Smith – Thompson-Larson & burial at Wild Rose – August 12th
- Wednesday in the Word – Berthold Park – August 19th
- Wednesday in the Word – Carpio Lutheran – August 26th

2. Activities/Administration:

- Bible Study – 2
- Advisory Meetings (via Zoom)
- Office Days in Carpio – 3
- Mentor Meetings – in Minot and Kenmare
- Office Days at Zion – 8
- Board of Ed Meeting for Zion
- Working through Confirmation Schedule and Curriculum
- Planning Bible Study Guide

3. Visitation - hospital/homes/calls/other – 20

- A. Visitation (I will not request for Berthold & Carpio areas for mileage reimbursement)
- a. Minot to give communion
 - b. Donnybrook to give communion
 - c. Minot area for visits
 - d. Donnybrook area visits

Upcoming Continuing Education – all through Zoom meetings and calls

- Theological Retreat – September 20-22 (Lake Metigoshe)
- Saminary Retreat – September 22-23 (Lake Metigoshe)
- October 9-10 – SAM event – Bismarck
- October 23-24 – Women's Retreat – Camp of the Cross
- November 21 – SAM Summit

Upcoming Vacation – nothing currently planned

Requesting:

- Communion Sunday's to be moved to the 1st and 3rd – per both committees agree upon
- Prayer requests to be listed in Bulletin, Newsletter and on the Website (knowing we need a person's permission to have it listed. First initial, last name...)
- Guest Speaker on September 27th – Honey Sunday – Representative from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

Mileage for Visits

1. Minot – 48 miles round trip
2. Donnybrook – 38 miles round trip
3. Minot – 48 miles round trip
4. Donnybrook – 38 miles round trip

Total mileage = 172 miles split between Carpio & Zion



CARPIO LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 AT 5 PM

- The council meeting was held on September 6, 2026 at 5 pm. Members present were Lyndon Bloms, Stan Vangsness, Wes Peterson, Crystal Eide, and Tammi Moen. 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 held on August 2, 2026 was presented. Stan Vangsness motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Wes Peterson seconded, motion carried.
- The treasurer's report was given by Tammi Moen. Crystal Eide motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Stan Vangsness seconded, motion carried.
- The pastor's report was given by Minister Heather Feland.
- Motion made by Stan Vangsness to transfer the Luther League checking account into the Sunday School account. Motion seconded by Crystal Eide, motion carried.
- Council discussed moving Communion to the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.
- 4-H has requested to hold their meetings in the fellowship hall - First meeting Sept 12th at 10 am.
- Prayer requests to be listed in bulletin newsletter and website. Must have the person's permission to have it listed.
- Next meeting November 8, 2026 at 5pm.
- The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
- Meeting Adjourned
Crystal Eide
Recording Secretary



ZION & CARPIO LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP

RECORDING



- Both Zion and Carpio Worship Recording has been moved to our website.
- To access Zion's Sunday recordings, you will hover on Zion Lutheran, then click on Zion Worship Recording.
- To access Carpio's Sunday recordings, you will hover on Carpio Lutheran, then click on Carpio Worship Recording.
- For those who choose to use the ONLINE version of worship, your OFFERINGS may be mailed to the Financial Secretary of your congregation.
- We will no longer be using Facebook or YouTube for worship service viewing. www.zionberthold.com

CARPIO FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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ZION FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Connie Hagen
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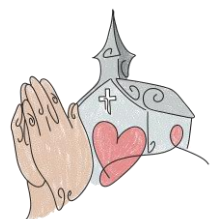
Would you find it helpful to have your offerings taken from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? At no cost to the congregation? Thrivent Financial for Lutherans sponsors a program called Simply Giving®, which offers this service for people who wish to have offerings transferred electronically 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.

NEW WEBSITE

We have a new website that joins us together as a Parish. Please note that the web address for Carpio Lutheran has not been valid for several months. Both churches are combined under: www.zionberthold.com



BEGINNING IN OCTOBER



If you have a prayer request and would like to have it listed in the bulleting, please let Heather know. There will be a spot listed in our Newsletter, Bulletin and on our Website. We need to have permission of the person in the prayer. Can be listed any way you request.

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY - OCTOBER 11, 2026





Flag Retirement Ceremony



Sunshiner's 4-H Club

October 17th | 10am
Carpio Lutheran Church Lawn

All are welcome to attend

Bring your worn, torn or soiled American Flag
to be retired properly

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony

We are also starting a Food Drive for the Berthold Food
Pantry – there will be boxes set up at Zion Lutheran in
Berthold, Carpio Lutheran and Smeltzer's house in
Donnybrook if you'd like to donate



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Take time for YOU and join us for an inspiring
afternoon focused on simple, practical ways to
support your health and well-being.



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BE INSPIRED



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Sunday, October 4th 2026
2:00 pm

📍 Carpio Lutheran Church

Led by Pam Peterson,
Certified Level I Nutrition Coach

♥ FREE EVENT ♥



Women of the ELCA + CAMP of the CROSS Ministries

Combined Convention & Women's Retreat

"What a Gift to Love One Another"

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." - John 14:34

Join us for our wonderful Annual Women's Retreat at CCM! This year, we have partnered with the Western ND Women of the ELCA (WELCA) to create a weekend filled with faith, fellowship, growth, learning, and love.

You can join us for the day of programming only for \$60 or come early on Friday night for some extra activities for \$100 total.

October 23 - 24, 2026

Retreat Highlights:

- Guest Speakers
- Invitation to WELCA convention activities
- Crafting Activity (Fri. night)
- Bible Study
- Small Group Activities
- Worship
- Great meals and lodging

For More Information

701-337-2246
info@campofthecross.com
www.campofthecross.com



ZION - CARPIO PRAYER CHAIN

Group A

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

Group B

Gayle Gorseth, Leader	833-7284
Marianne Vangness	833-8567
Barb Cooper	629-5075
Lynne Hennessy	833-9274
Faye Asmundson	240-1234
Ginger Lautenschlager	833-6648
Linda Burgard	537-9828

Group C

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

Group D

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.

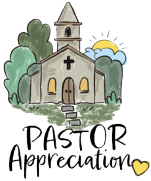
The Leaders will then start calling the individuals of their group.

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.



OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Birthday to: 3 rd - Jenna I. 9 th - Blaire G. 23 rd - Helen G.	Happy Anniversary to: 1 st - Ryan & Kershawn M. Please note that starting now Communion will be moving to the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.			1 Minister Office Hours - Zion 10am-1pm Western Prairie Conference	2	3
4 9am Carpio Worship with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Zion Worship with Holy Communion	5 Minister Heather Day Off 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	6 Minister Office Hours - Carpio 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio	7 Minister Office Hours - Zion 6pm Confirmation Class (Meal) 6:30pm Confirmation Class	8 Minister Office Hours - Zion	9	10
11 Pastor Appreciation Day Soup Pot Sunday in Carpio 9am Carpio Worship 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Zion Worship 	12 Columbus Day Minister Heather Day Off 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion 	13 Minister Office Hours - Carpio 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio 10am-12pm Food Pantry Open 5-7pm Food Pantry Open	14 Minister Office Hours - Zion 6pm Confirmation Class (Meal) 6:30pm Confirmation Class	15 Minister Office Hours - Zion	16	17 10am 4-H Club Meeting at Carpio 12-6pm Private Event at Zion
18 9am Carpio Worship with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Zion Worship with Holy Communion	19 Minister Heather Day Off 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	20 Minister Office Hours - Carpio 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio	21 Minister Office Hours - Zion 6pm Worship Wednesday at Zion 6:30pm Zion Church Council Meeting	22 Minister Office Hours - Zion	23 Women's Retreat & Convention at Camp of the Cross	24 Women's Retreat & Convention at Camp of the Cross
25 9am Carpio Worship 10am Fellowship/NO Sunday School 11am ZLCW Thankoffering Worship	26 Minister Heather Day Off 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	27 Minister Office Hours - Carpio 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio	28 Minister Office Hours - Zion 2pm Mary Martha Circle 6pm Confirmation Class (Meal) 6:30pm Confirmation Class	29 Minister Office Hours - Zion	30	31 Halloween 