



# Zion & Carpio Lutheran Newsletter

## February 2026



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Carpio, ND 58725  
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**Minister:**

Heather Feland  
(701) 721-4595

Carpio Worship: 9am  
Fellowship/SS: 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*

Valentine's Day celebrates love with gifts and expressions. Lent responds to love with prayer, fasting, and service. Both are about love, just expressed differently. Lenten practices aren't obligations; they're love responses. When you love someone, you want time with them (prayer), you'll sacrifice for them (fasting), and you serve others in their name (almsgiving).

As we close, I want to leave you with three simple truths to carry into this Lenten season: You are loved. Not because of what you do, but because of who God is. Not because you've earned it, but because He first loved you. Not conditionally, but completely. God's love for you was demonstrated at the cross and is as real today as it was two thousand years ago. You are forgiven. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Your past doesn't disqualify you. Your mistakes don't define you. Your failures don't have the final word. In Christ, you are forgiven, cleansed, and made new. You are sent. God didn't love you and forgive you just so you could feel good. He loved you and forgave you so you could become a conduit of that love to others. You're sent into your family, your workplace, your neighborhood, your community to be a living demonstration of God's love. This February, let the love we celebrate on Valentine's Day flow seamlessly into the love we contemplate during Lent. Let the hearts and flowers remind you of the heart of God and the flower that bloomed from a borrowed tomb. Let the ashes on your forehead be a mark not of condemnation but of belonging. You belong to the God who loved you enough to die for you and who loves you enough to transform you. We love because He first loved us. That's the story of Valentine's Day. That's the story of Lent. That's the story of our lives. May this be our most love-filled Lenten journey yet. In Christ's love, Heather

### FROM MINISTER HEATHER

Dear Church Family, February gives us a beautiful gift: Valentine's Day flows right into Ash Wednesday, reminding us that human love points us toward divine love. What if the hearts and flowers aren't separate from ashes and fasting, but part of one seamless story? This February, I invite you to see Lent not as a departure from love, but as a deeper dive into it.

"We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). God's love comes first before we ever thought of Him, He was thinking of us. As we enter Lent, remember: we're not fasting or praying to earn God's love. We're responding to a love already poured out, already given, already secured.

"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). God didn't just say He loved us, He proved it at the cross. Notice the timing: while we were still sinners. Jesus didn't die for us because we were lovely; He died to make us lovely. The ashes we receive remind us we are dust that God loves enough to die for.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...not to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:16-17). Lent isn't about guilt or condemnation it's about receiving extravagant grace. We confess because we're safe to confess. We repent because we're loved enough to be welcomed home.



## ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

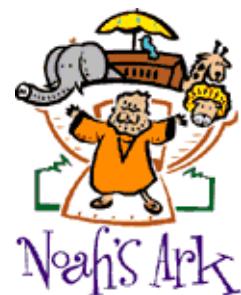
Sunday School will meet every Sunday at 10am unless otherwise noted

Date	Lesson
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fruits of the Spirit – Week 5
8 <sup>th</sup>	Fruits of the Spirit – Week 6
15 <sup>th</sup>	Fruits of the Spirit – Week 7
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fruits of the Spirit – Week 8

## CARPIO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Date	Lesson
1 <sup>st</sup>	Noah's Ark
8 <sup>th</sup>	Jonah and the Whale
15 <sup>th</sup>	No Sunday School
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jonah and the Whale



## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will meet every Wednesday at Zion unless otherwise noted

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

Lenten Worship

6pm – Meal

6:30pm – Class

Date	Lesson	Meal	Location
4 <sup>th</sup>	Intro to Faith Statements	Bonnie Schepp	Zion
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year of Confirmation Review	Candice Asmundson	Zion
18 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday	N/A	Zion
25 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Worship	N/A	Carpio

## LUTHER LEAGUE

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

February 18<sup>th</sup> –

1. Abby F.
2. Anny F.
3. Carson S.
4. Lorelei C.
5. Ally C.
6. Kaspynn I.
7. Ella B.

March 4<sup>th</sup> –

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

March 18<sup>th</sup> –

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



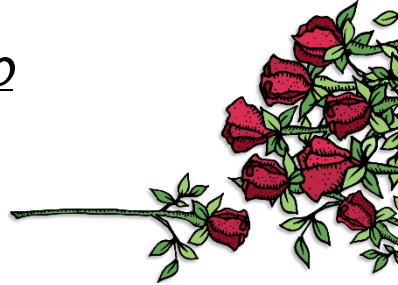


## SERVING IN FEBRUARY AT CARPIO

**Usher:** Austin M.

**Altar Guild:** Tammy E.

**Piano:** Tammi M.



## SERVING IN FEBRUARY AT ZION

**Altar Guild:** Darla S. & Ginger L.

**Organist:** Julie D.

**Ushers:** Drew & Lisa B. & family

**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Laurie G.

8<sup>th</sup> – Lyle G.

15<sup>th</sup> – Bob G.

22<sup>nd</sup> – Helen G.



Fellowship during the month of February will be served by the ZLCW.

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

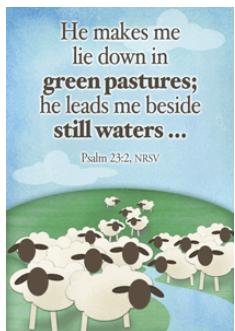
We will start collecting items for the Personal Care Kits during Lent.

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



Mary Martha Circle will be February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Adele Haaland's home. All women are welcome to attend.



## CLCW

Thank you to all the women that joined us in our study of Psalm 23. It is our hope and prayer that in this chaotic and frightening time, you continue to return to the quiet places that Christ prepares for you. That you rest and bring the peace that comes with it back to the world of which you are a part. We will begin our next study after the business of the Lenten season.

Thank you to all the women who signed up to help with Lenten Suppers. If you would like to help with soup or serving, please contact Katie. 701.818.0500.

## SAM HEATHER FEBRUARY 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.
- \*Office in Berthold on Wednesdays.
- \*Confirmation on Wednesdays.
- \*Ash Wednesday begins on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Zion. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month).
- \*1<sup>st</sup> 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 - JANUARY 4, 2026

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

Council Members present: Curt Schumaier, Alechia Neubauer, Jerry Hennessy, Marvin Heller, Kyle Schepp, Corine Christman, Lyle Gorseth, Chad Schweitzer

Other Present: Kylene Hornberger, Treasurer

Absent: Klinton Hanson

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

Discussion: Financial Report and budget were discussed together in new business.

### Minister Report:

1. Pastors report – see attached report
2. Heather's paperwork is fully into the seminary for her schooling.

### Old Business:

1. Parsonage – Flooring will get completed as soon as a contractor is able to finish the job.
2. 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. More discussion will take place on the phone and voicemail vs an answering machine.
3. Board of Education – Continued discussion will take place.
4. Applicants for Treasurer, Custodian and Secretary

### New Business:

1. Budget – discussion took place. A motion was made by Chad Schweitzer and seconded by Jerry Hennessy to accept the December 25 budget and the 2026 budget. Motion carried.
2. Bids for Treasurer, Secretary and Custodian were read and discussed. A motion was made by Jerry Hennessy to accept the bid by Greg Feland for church custodian at \$500/month and keep Carson Schumaier on as an hourly position to assist in needed projects. Greg will be responsible for all grounds work to parsonage and church. Seconded by Lyle Gorseth. Motion carried. A motion was made by Chad Schweitzer to accept the bid by Kershawn Michel for church secretary at \$650/month. Alechia Neubauer seconded the motion. Motion carried. A motion made by Jerry Hennessy to accept the bid by Kylene Hornberger for church treasurer at \$650/month. Seconded by Marvin Heller. Motion carried.
3. Heather is accepted as the official SAM through December 31, 2026. This paperwork must be submitted annually.
4. 4H quilting club will use the church for their events.
5. Metigoshe Ministries. Continued discussion has taken place and Zion will ask Metigoshe to place us on the Day Camp list for 2026.
6. A motion was made to move the Annual Meeting to February 1 by Jerry Hennessy and seconded by Alechia Neubauer. Motion carried.
7. February 8th will be installation of new council members.

Next Zion Council Meeting will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at noon.

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



December 2025 Monthly Schedule

Advent Season started November 30 <sup>th</sup> – 2 services		
Sunday Services	2 services (except 14 <sup>th</sup> )	
	12/7	Advent
	12/14	Advent – Children's Program
	12/24	Christmas Eve
	12/28	Regular Service
Office Hours	12/3	Zion – 9:30-5:30
	12/4	Carpio – later afternoon
	12/10	Zion – 10-5:30
	12/11	Carpio – 12-5:30
	12/17	Zion – No Office Hours
	12/18	Carpio – 12-5:30
	12/19	Zion – 12-4:30
Confirmation Classes	12/3	6-7:30
	12/10	6-7:30
	12/17	6-7:30
Funerals	12/17	Carpio
Weddings/Rehearsals	12/12	Leah & Jaxton – Zion
	12/12	Toni & Patrick – Carpio
	12/13	Leah & Jaxton – Zion
	12/13	Toni & Patrick – Carpio
Bible Study	12/11	10-11:30
	12/18	Canceled due to weather
Extra Events		Western Prairie Conference – Christ Lutheran in Minot
	12/2	Text Study
	12/9	Text Study
	12/16	Text Study
Visitations were throughout the whole month	12/2	In Minot Area
	12/4	Around Carpio
	12/9	In Minot Area
	12/16	Around Carpio & Berthold Area
	12/20	In Minot – Communion was given
<b>Total of 50 visits over the month</b>		
Mileage for December		
	Is my gift during this beautiful holiday season	
	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!	

# CARPIO CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes not available at printing.



## 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**

Erica Moen  
PO Box 129  
Carpio, ND 58725

### **ZION FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Connie Hagen  
6101-310<sup>th</sup> St NW  
Berthold, ND 58718



## BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

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

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>STORY</u></b>	<b><u>BIBLE TEXT</u></b>	<b><u>KEY VERSE</u></b>
2/12	Gerasene Demoniac	Matthew 8:28-34 Mark 5:1-20 Luke 8:26-39	Luke 8:39
2/19	The Transfiguration	Matthew 17:1-8 Mark 9:2-8 Luke 9:28-36	Luke 9:34-35
2/26	Parables of the Lost & Found	Luke 15:1-32	Luke 15:31-32





## CARPIO FINANCIALS - DECEMBER

Not available at printing.

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## FROM THE PEPPERS 4-H CLUB

A huge Thank You to the Church Women for the help with the Peppers 4-H January Activity Day. They led one of the sections on quilting. There were 10 students and the kids loved it!!!



## 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.

# BERTHOLD ZION FOOD PANTRY

The Berthold Food Pantry is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month



Tuesday, February 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



## Minister Visits

## 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.



## ZION EMAIL ADDRESS

Starting now, our old email address from SRT can no longer be forwarded to our new email. Moving forward, if there is something that you need to send to the Zion Office Secretary, please use the following email:

[zionberthold@gmail.com](mailto:zionberthold@gmail.com)



## 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!



## UPCOMING WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Starting March 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of May, our Worship times will change:

Zion – 9am

Fellowship/Sunday School – 10am

Carpio – 11am



*Bethel Home Auxiliary*  
**LOVE OFFERING LUNCHEON**

All proceeds benefit the residents of Mountrail Bethel Home

SUNDAY      FEBRUARY 15th    11:00 - 1:00

**GOLDEN AGE CLUB**

007 MAIN STREET S, STANLEY

*Roast Beef Sandwiches\*\*Potato Salad*

*\*\*Baked Beans\*\*Pie*

Free Will Offering

**Dine In or Take Out**

Raffle Tickets

  
**Metigoshe  
Ministries**

*Metigoshe Ministries Expo*

Vendor Show and Kids Activities

Shop and Play Event

*February 21, 2026*

*9 am to 3:00 pm*

**Lakeside Christian Center**

165 Lake Loop Road - Bottineau, ND 58318

# Lent Schedule

Soup Supper at 6pm | Worship at 7pm

2/18	Ash Wednesday	Zion
2/25	Lenten Worship	Carpio
3/4	Lenten Worship	Zion
3/11	Lenten Worship	Carpio
3/18	Lenten Worship	Zion
3/25	Lenten Worship	Carpio
3/29	Palm Sunday	Zion
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Joint Service	
4/2	Maundy Thursday	Zion
4/3	Good Friday	Carpio
4/5	Easter Sunday	At each Church



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### Thrive! Choice<sup>®</sup>—Generosity strengthens communities

Thanks to Thrive! and its clients with membership,

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
has received **\$8,936.00** Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup> grant funds since **2015**

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To learn more, visit [thrive.com/thrivechoice](http://thrive.com/thrivechoice) or contact:

**Kylene Hornberger**

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## Zion - Carpio Prayer Chain

<u>Group A</u>	
<b>Helen Grant, Leader</b>	<b>340-8083</b>
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>	
<b>Gayle Gorseth, Leader</b>	<b>833-7284</b>
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>	
<b>Julie Deaver, Leader</b>	<b>500-0352</b>
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>	
<b>Jerrolyn Wirtz, Leader</b>	<b>629-0588</b>
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
<b>1</b> SAM on Vacation ZLCW "First Sunday Gifts" 9am Worship at Carpio/Annual Meeting 10am CLCW Monthly Fellowship Breakfast 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Worship at Zion/Annual Meeting	<b>2</b> Groundhog Day SAM on Vacation 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	<b>3</b> 10am-5:30pm Minister Office Hours - Carpio	<b>4</b> 10am-5:30pm Minister Office Hours - Zion 6pm Confirmation Class (Meal) 6:30pm Confirmation Class	<b>5</b> 10am-1pm Western Prairie Conference 12-5pm SAM Mentor Meeting	<b>6</b> Heather Visitation Day	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Soup Pot Sunday in Carpio 9am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion 12pm Zion Church Council 6pm Sunshiners 4-H Meeting at Carpio	<b>9</b> Minister Heather Day Off 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	<b>10</b> 10am-5:30pm Minister Office Hours - Carpio 10am-12pm Food Pantry Open 5-7pm Food Pantry Open	<b>11</b> 10am-5:30pm Minister Office Hours - Zion 6pm Confirmation Class (Meal) 6:30pm Confirmation Class	<b>12</b> 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio 12-5pm SAM Mentor Meeting	<b>13</b> Heather Visitation Day	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day 
<b>15</b> 9am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/Sunday School at Zion (No SS in Carpio) 11am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion 11am-1pm Bethel Home Auxiliary Love Offering Luncheon in Stanley	<b>16</b> President's Day Minister Heather Day Off 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion 	<b>17</b> 10am-5:30pm Minister Office Hours - Carpio	<b>18</b> Ash Wednesday 10am-5:30pm Minister Office Hours - Zion 6pm Lent Soup Supper at Zion 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion at Zion 	<b>19</b> 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio 12-5pm SAM Mentor Meeting	<b>20</b> Heather Visitation Day	<b>21</b>
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