

Zion & Carpio Lutheran Newsletter February 2025



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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*

From Minister Heather Feland

"If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." (1 Corinthians 13: 1-3)

Stop.... February is already here, which is the longest, shortest month there is. There isn't much to in February to celebrate. For most of us, by the time February rolls around we are so tired of winter and ready for spring, and that makes it the shortest month of the year but it feels that much longer. But wait, we don't want to say there is nothing to celebrate, come on sports fans. We have the upcoming Super Bowl on the 9th, we have Daytona 500 coming up on the 16th, then we have the excitement of spring training games beginning towards the end of the month. Outside of sports, let us not forget Valentine's Day. This is a day in which we celebrate romantic love, named after a 3rd century saint who was martyred for his care of the faithful during times of persecution. How a 'holy day' commemorating him became associated with romantic love is something of a historical question, but nevertheless, that's what's happened.

As I've been thinking about Saint Valentine, and Valentine's Day, and all that is going on around us this year and last, I'm reminded of what Jesus said when asked what is the greatest commandment:

"Jesus answered, 'The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all

your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

Yup, that what it all comes down to for us. Maybe we can take this month and bring back the love and happiness. Let us take the time to hear the hymn, They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love.

It states: We are One in the Spirit, We are One in the Lord, We pray that our unity will one day be restored. We will work with each other, We will work side by side. They'll know we are Christians by our love.

As Paul writes in the passage quoted at the beginning of this letter, if we don't have love, we're just making noise, having nothing, gaining nothing. The way to truly experience and share the love of God in our homes, neighborhoods and world is through love.

Loving God (Mark 12:30), loving one another (John 15:12), loving our neighbors (Mark 12:31); "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:25-37), even loving our enemies (Mathew 5:44). Pretty sure that covers most everyone in our lives...at least, I can't find any exceptions in there. Loving others day in and day out is hard...but the path of love is relatively straightforward. Simply ask yourself, in each conversation and action, "Is this word or act, a way to show the love of Christ to this person?" Again, it's an easy thing to think and ask ourselves — it's in the doing it that becomes more difficult. But wouldn't it be nice if we were known for our love rather than our anger or disrespect. This might just be enough to change the world. Well if anything, we might smile and laugh and just fill our days with such goodness, it would be harder to find the bad. Let us rejoice in all God give us.

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. (1 John 4:19-21)

ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is every Sunday at 10am unless otherwise noted



Baby Moses

2/2	Old Testament – Baby Moses
2/9	Old Testament – Exodus
2/16	No Sunday School – President's Day
2/23	Old Testament – The Stone Tablets

CARPIO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is every Sunday at 10am unless otherwise noted

2/2	"Unity"
2/9	"Spread the Good News"
2/16	No Sunday School – President's Day
2/23	"You Are Enough"



CONFIRMATION

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

Date	Location	Lesson	Memory Work
2/5	Carpio	Session 7: The Neighbor	Luke 10:36-37
2/12	Zion	Session 8: Grace	Ephesians 2:4-5
2/19	Carpio	Session 9: The Word	John 1:1
2/26	Zion	Session 10: Bondage of the Will	Luke 22:42

LUTHER LEAGUE

There will be an event on Sunday, February 23rd – more details to follow!





SERVING IN FEBRUARY AT CARPIO

Usher:	Altar Guild:
Austin Moen	Cathy Armstrong



SERVING IN FEBRUARY AT ZION

February 2nd:			
Reader:	Lorna Hansen	Usher(s):	Gary Neshem
February 9th:			
Reader:	Amy Neshem	Usher(s):	Gary Neshem
February 16th:			
Reader:	Carol Rovig	Usher(s):	Gary Neshem
February 23rd:			
Reader:	Bonnie Schepp	Usher(s):	Gary Neshem
Altar Guild:			
Darla Schweitzer & Ginger Lautenschlager			
Organist:			
Julie Deaver			



Zion Fellowship during the month of February will be served by the Zion 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

February 9th - ZLCW Meeting during Fellowship

February 22nd, 10am - All Zion women are invited to a brunch come and welcome Heather Feland to our congregation.



CLCW

This past month, some of the younger and newer members of the CLCW got together and played a Women of the Bible game. It was fun!

February 16th – Valentine Extravaganza from 3-5:30pm.

BERTHOLD ZION FOOD PANTRY

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

Tuesday, February 11th
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

CARPIO LUTHERAN CHURCH IS LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP



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

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

CARPIO FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Erica Moen
PO Box 129
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ZION FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Connie Hagen
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Berthold, ND 58718

ZION CHURCH COUNCIL

January 8, 2025, 7:30pm

Meeting called to order by Chad Schweitzer. Minister Heather Feland led a word of prayer.

Council Members present: Alechia Neubauer, Gary Gathman, Curt Schumaier, Drew Bryantt, Nicki Shelkey, Rachel Schieve and Klint Hanson.

Absent: Corine Christman

Read and reviewed the monthly council meeting minutes from the previous meeting on December 11th. Motion by Gary Gathman to approve the minutes as written, Second by Curt Schumaier. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kylene Hornberger

December

General Fund beginning Balance: \$ 73,397.74

December Income: \$ 11,259.47

December Expenses: \$ 12,663.95

Pd \$10,000 in Benevolence

General Fund ending Balance: \$ 61,993.26

Pastoral Account beginning Balance: \$ 461.82

Pastoral Account ending Balance: \$ 324.32

Discussion: Reminder for everyone to put in Thrivent Money. Synod % discussed/voted at annual meeting.

Motion to approve the financial report by Alechia Neubauer. Second by Curt Schumaier. Motion Carried.

TEAM REPORTS:

Worship & Music:

Curt Schumaier & Klint Hanson

Music picked out through February 2nd. Checking with Brandon on screen/projector.

Evangelism:

Nicki Shelkey

Nothing to report.

Stewardship & Finance:

Alechia Neubauer

Nothing to report.

Board of Ed.:

Rachel Schieve & Drew Bryantt

Nothing to report.

Luther League:

Corine Christman

Planning to go to Escape Room on January 26th.

Maintenance & Property:

Gary Gathman & Klint Hanson

OLD: Boards loose in ceiling. WiFi thermostats, checking on what may be needed to install and if there are any insurance discounts for monitoring other items within the church. Motion was made to purchase system by Curt Schumaier and seconded by Alechia Neubauer. Motion carried. Speaker system to be put back on to be able to hear church in kitchen.

MINISTER REPORT:

1. Report given verbally – Funerals, Confirmation classes and going to start visitations.
2. Heather would like to know the expectations and concerns/questions that everyone has.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Information: 2025 Zion Church Calendar Bookings -
Jan 19th - 5pm Ecumenical Soup & Prayer Services at Zion.
Jun 14th - Shirley Ann Morrison Memorial/Burial at Wildrose Cemetery, back-up at Zion.
Sep 20th - Clay Hornberger & Madison Bartsch wedding at Zion.
Oct 18th - Ally Bauer & Trever Hanlan wedding at Zion.
2. Copier: Mitch's Mother in law passed away so the copier has not been delivered yet.
3. Custodial duties discussion. Starting 2025 Carson Schumaier will be a 1099 employee for the custodian position with a written letter of approval from his parents allowing him to work.
4. Pastor/SAMS, etc. job description and discussion. A call must be placed for a Pastor and then schooling for SAM's would start in the fall. The mentor is matched by the synod.
5. Pastor to stay in the house. Pastor has asked to stay in the house in January. A motion by Klint Hanson. Seconded by Gary Gathman and carried is to allow pastor to stay until January 31, with a rent price of \$1500 and he would be responsible for all utilities. Chad will reach out to Pastor George about being out of the parsonage by the end of January.
6. A motion was made by Curt Schumaier to allow Heather and her family to move into the parsonage during the SAM agreement (beg. Feb. 1st) and she will be responsible to pay utilities. This agreement will be readdressed in the future. Seconded by Rachel Schieve.
7. Center Mutual would like to provide the water sensors for free to the church. The WIFI thermostat app will be added to the maintenance person. Boiler checks will be added to the duties of the maintenance person next contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Shelly Marum will be the new co-director along with Carol Rovig for the Food Pantry. Council approval is needed for her to be placed on the checking account. A motion made by Rachel Schieve to approve adding Shelly to the checking account. Seconded by Drew Bryantt. Motion approved.
2. Nominations for new council members:
3. SAM program.
4. Annual Meeting January 26, 2025 at 9am.

Next Zion Council Meeting will be held on January 8, at 7:30pm.

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

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.

CARPIO LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

The Council meeting was held on January 5th, 2025 at 12:00pm. The meeting was called to order by President, Jeff Moen. Pastor Heather opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

The Treasurer's report was given by Heather Feland for December. Tammi Moen will take over the position as treasurer. Jeff Moen motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Kenny Trail seconded, motion carries.

The current account balances as of December 31st:

Checking Account	\$ 49,862.57
Current Special Fund	\$ 100.00
Thrivent Endowment Fund	\$ 5,606.60
Thrivent Contingency Fund	\$ 4,127.78

The CLCW Report was given by Heather Feland. The CLCW is looking for a new chairman. The CLCW served lunch for the Darrel Block funeral on January 3rd.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Heather officiated the Darrel Block funeral on January 3rd. She will be doing visitations, bible study, and confirmation.

Old Business: Kenny Trail is checking on gaming funds. Marianne Vangsness and Crystal Eide will be auditing the treasurer's books today, January 5th. All reports for the annual congregational meeting are due by January 13th.

New Business: The annual congregational meeting will be January 26th, during worship service. The nominating committee, Stan Vangsness and Gary Knutson, will find candidates to fill expiring positions. We need 1 church council member for a 3 year term. Sarah Babinchak will run for the board of education, a 3 year term. We need 2 candidates for the nominating committee, 2 representatives for the WND Synod Assembly, and 1 representative for the Metigoshe Ministries Bible Camp.

The next council meeting will be February 2nd, 2025 at 12:00pm. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Meeting Adjourned

Tammi Moen

Recording Secretary

**For God
so loved
the world.**

JOHN 3:16



ZION FINANCIALS - DECEMBER 2024

Chad Schweitzer – President	Gary Gathman	Alechia Neubauer
Curt Schumaier – Vice President	Klint Hanson	Nicki Shelkey
Corine Christman – Secretary	Rachel Schieve	Drew Bryantt
General Account Beginning Balance		\$ 73,397.74
INCOME:		
	Offerings:	
	12/01/2024	\$ 1,456.00
\$6,463.00	12/08/2024	\$ 1,013.00
Offering Total	12/15/2024	\$ 684.00
	12/22/2024	\$ 1,202.00
	12/24/2024 – Christmas Eve	\$ 1,518.00
	12/29/2024	\$ 590.00
	Carpio Luth Reimb – Utilites/Pastor	\$ 595.30
	Simply Giving - Vanco	\$ 295.30
	State Bank and Trust – Interest	\$ 5.87
	Harvest Fest Sunday	\$ 1,500.00
	Donations	\$ 2,400.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 11,259.47
EXPENSES:		
Western ND Synod	\$ 646.30	
Church Mutual – Insurance	\$ 687.50	
MDU (Church - \$161.55; Parsonage - \$60.04)	\$ 221.59	
SRT (Church - \$95.82; Parsonage - \$115.37)	\$ 211.19	
SRT (Church - \$95.82; Parsonage - \$113.64) pd twice this month	\$ 209.46	
City of Berthold (Church - \$45.25; Parsonage - \$46.75)	\$ 92.00	
Xcel Energy (Church - \$299.45; Parsonage - \$75.42)	\$ 374.87	
Kristin Berg – piano	\$ 375.00	
1517 Media (Christ in Our Home 2025 Qtr 1)	\$ 60.00	
Visa (USPS)	\$ 11.11	
Farmers Union Oil – Snowblower clutch & labor	\$ 174.93	
Curt Schumaier (Custodian)	\$ 350.00	
Kylene Hornberger (Treasurer & stamps)	\$ 650.00	
Kershawn Michel (Secretary)	\$ 500.00	
Transfer to Pastor Account	\$ 3,100.00	
Anne & Willie Langdi	\$ 1,000.00	
ELCA World Hunger	\$ 1,000.00	
Metigoshe Ministries	\$ 800.00	
Mountrail Bethel Nursing Home	\$ 1,200.00	
Minot Area Homeless Coalition	\$ 1,000.00	
Sub-Total Expenses		\$ 12,663.95
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Anne Carlsen Center	\$	420.00	
Kids Academy	\$	225.00	
Berthold Ecumenical Council	\$	225.00	
Berthold Food Pantry (ICHF – Twice Blessed)	\$	1,025.00	
Bethel Home Auxiliary	\$	425.00	
Central African Republic – ELCA Synod	\$	420.00	
Christ Lutheran Soup Kitchen	\$	220.00	
Dakota Hope Clinic (ICHF – Twice Blessed)	\$	520.00	
Domestic Violence Crisis Center (ICHF – Twice Blessed)	\$	520.00	
ELCA Good Gifts – Purchased a cow & honeybees	\$	520.00	
First Lutheran Soup Kitchen	\$	220.00	
Great Plains Food Bank	\$	520.00	
Lutheran Campus Ministry – Minot State Uni. (ICHF – Twice Blessed)	\$	420.00	
Men’s Winter Refuge (ICHF – Twice Blessed)	\$	520.00	
Metigoshe Ministries (Camper Scholarships) (ICHF – Twice Blessed)	\$	220.00	
Minot Area Homeless Coalition (ICHF – Twice Blessed)	\$	420.00	
Minot Special Olympics	\$	420.00	
Mission Trust Fund of Our Synod	\$	420.00	
Metigoshe Ministries – Ojibwa Kids for Bible Camp	\$	420.00	
Opportunity Foundation (Stanley)	\$	420.00	
Matthew 25 Project (ICHF – Twice Blessed)	\$	420.00	
Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat	\$	420.00	
The Welcome Table – Faith United Soup Kitchen	\$	220.00	
Lutheran Campus Ministry – Food Pantry	\$	420.00	
Total Bernhard Wold Mission Support	\$	10,000.00	
Total Expenses			\$ 22,663.95
General Account Ending Balance			\$ 61,993.26



PASTOR PAYROLL ACCOUNT
(JOINT WITH CARPIO) DECEMBER 2024

Pastor Acct Beginning Balance		\$	461.82	
Zion Deposits	\$ 3,100.00			
Carpio Deposits	\$ 3,100.00			
Total Deposits		\$	6,200.00	
Expenses:				
Pastor George Payroll	\$ 4,575.13			
Total Expenses:		\$	4,575.13	
Pastor Acct Ending Balance				\$ 2,086.69

CARPIO FINANCIALS

Not available at publication.



MEALS ON WHEELS - CARPIO

The Meals on Wheels is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11am-12:30pm at the Carpio Senior Citizen's Center. You can call Tyrell Jung at 701-389-2627 to either reserve or cancel a meal. The cost to prepare a meal is \$11.80 – a donation of \$6.00 is suggested and appreciated. To Go meals are available on request.

Menus include 8 oz. milk, margarine and 2 slices of whole wheat bread unless otherwise indicated.

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
3 Swedish Meatballs Noodles House Salad w/ dressing Peas Banana Bread	5 Pork Roast and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Roll	7 LS Ham Hash Browns Waxed Beans Peaches Bread
10 Turkey & Gravy Dressing Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Cherry Crisp Roll	12 BBQ Pork Ribs Roasted Potato Capri Veggies Apple Bread	14 Chicken Noodle Broccoli Carrots Apricots Breadstick
17 MCA CLOSED	19 Lasagna Salad w/ dressing Mixed Veggies Peaches Garlic Toast	21 Lemon Pepper Cod Herb Potatoes Corn Apple Bread
24 Chili w/ Meat Carrots Cornbread Apple Crackers	26 Tator Tot Hotdish Beets Pineapple Bread	28 Chicken Breast on Bun Sweet Potato Fries Cinnamon Applesauce Lettuce, Tomato, Onion garnish

****Menu Subject to Change****

REMINDER! Meal Reservation or Cancellation is preferred by 5pm the day before, or by 8:30am the day of!
Thank you!



VALENTINE EXTRAVAGANZA

Carpio Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 16th

3:00-5:30pm

Games, Prizes, FUN!

Bingo

Taco Bar & Dessert

OFFERING ENVELOPES



Offering Envelopes for 2025 and Annual Statements for 2024 are in your church mailboxes. If you didn't receive envelopes and wish to have some, let me know. If you know of someone who is unable to get Offering Envelopes or Annual Statements, it would be appreciated if you would deliver these items to them. Thanks! Any questions? Talk to Connie Hagen, Zion Financial Secretary

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Lutheran Campus Ministry is hiring a Treasurer! Work from your home office & on your own schedule. List of general duties include attending the monthly board meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM, pay bills on a monthly basis, do monthly payroll, file quarterly payroll reports, make monthly deposits, compile reports for each board meeting. Must be familiar with Quickbooks. \$150/month, averaging around 10 hours each month. Please contact Pastor Rachel at 701-261-7318 or Rachel.Simonson@MinotStateU.edu for more information or to apply.





BETHEL HOME AUXILIARY LOVE OFFERING LUNCHEON

All proceeds benefit the residents of Mountrail Bethel Home

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 16th

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

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FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Groundhog Day 9am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion 12pm Carpio Church Council Meeting	3 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	4	5 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 6:30pm Confirmation Class in Carpio	6 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	7 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio	8
9 Soup Pot Sunday in Carpio 9am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion	10 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	11 10am-12pm Food Pantry Open 5pm-7pm Food Pantry Open	12 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 6pm Zion Worship & Music Team 6:30pm Confirmation Class at Zion 7:30pm Zion Church Council	13 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	14 Valentine's Day 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio	15
16 9am Worship at Zion 10am Fellowship/No Sunday School 11am Worship at Carpio 11am-1pm Love Offering Luncheon at Mountrail Bethel Home 3-5:30pm Valentine Extravaganza in Carpio	17 President's Day 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	18	19 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio 6:30pm Confirmation Class in Carpio	20 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	21 11am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels in Carpio	22
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