



The Zion & Carpio Church Newsletter

March 2023

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

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

“Always A Friend”

Rev. George Schuessler

When was the last time you chatted with your friend Christ Jesus? I delighted in reading a “Children’s Letter to God” from Simon.

“Dear God,

My name is Simon. That’s from the Bible. I am eight and a half. We live across the street from the park. I have a dog named Buster. I used to have a hamster but he got out and ran away. I am small for my age. My hobbies are swimming, bowling, my chemistry set, reading, coin collecting and tropical fish. Right now I have three kinds. Well I guess I said a mouthful. Goodbye.

*Always a friend,
Simon”*

Wow, what a beautiful prayer with a friend!

Jesus’ disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, as John the Baptist taught his disciples to pray. Jesus said, “So I say to you, Ask and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.” (Luke 11:9) We are great at prayers that have a shopping list or an enormous task list for God to fulfill. We’re not to bad at prayers of searching for answers, seeking out information, or giving directions. Yes, these important prayers are very welcome to God. Jesus is very interested in helping us in any way we need the help. But, when was the last time you simply chatted with your friend, Jesus?

I think even your best of friends would soon tire of giving you things and advice if that was all your communications required. Not many friends would remain if all you did was ask questions of one sort or another. Oh yes,

friends are ready to help in times of need and are very tolerant but, friends like to simply relax and have fun chatting at times. As Jesus puts it, to “knock, and the door will be opened for you.” Fellowship is an important aspect of friendship.

No doubt, your best friend Jesus loves a fellowship prayer like “Simon’s” from you and me every now and then.

During this Lenten month of March it would be nice if we took serious Joseph Scriven’s words:

“What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief’s to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!”

Forget not to have some prayers of fellowship with your best friend, Jesus, who gave his life to be your Redeemer. After all, he is interested in All of who you are!

Zion Sunday School

Sundays at 10am unless noted below



March 5th - Easter #3

March 12th - Easter #4

March 19th - No Sunday School - Spring Break

March 26th - New Testament #1

Carpio Sunday School

Sundays at 10am unless noted below

March 5th - Easter Program Practice

March 12th - Easter Program Practice

March 19th - No Sunday School - Spring Break

March 26th - Easter Program Practice



Confirmation

Students are to be attending the Joint Lenten Worship services in place of Wednesday Classes. Also, do not forget to sign up with Pastor George to complete your seven Sunday Worship Assistant obligations before the end of April.



March 1st - Lenten Worship at 7pm in Carpio

March 8th - Lenten Worship at 7pm at Zion

March 15th - Lenten Worship at 7pm in Carpio

March 22nd - Lenten Worship at 7pm at Zion

March 29th - Lenten Worship at 7pm in Carpio

Luther League

Serving soup suppers at Zion during Lent:
Supper will be at 6:00pm on the following dates.



Each family please bring:

1. One crockpot of soup, AND
2. Either a pan of bars, OR buns, sandwich meat, crackers cheese, etc.

March 8th - Carter & Abby F., Martin & Adela H., Lorelei C., Aubree & Lily S., Izzy & Abby M.

March 22nd - Cooper & Kashtyn B., Benit S., Tika W., Laurella B., Cale I., Brennan & Hank A.



Serving in March at Carpio:

Usher:

Austin Moen

Altar Guild:

Cathy Armstrong



Serving in March at Zion:

Readers:

March 5th – Amy Neshem

March 19th – Jill Brown

March 12th – Bob Grant

March 26th – Lyle Gorseth

Altar Guild:

Laurie Gathman

Lynne Hennessy

Ushers:

March 5th – Helfrich Family

March 12th – Needed

March 19th – Bryantt Family

March 26th – Bryantt Family

Organist:

Kristin Berg



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

March 5th – Group 3

March 19th – Group 5

March 12th – Group 4

March 26th – Group 1

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all who are ill.

CONTINUED PRAYERS for all nursing home residents and home-bound 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



The 2023 addendum to the women's booklet is available.

March 3 – World Day of Prayer – no information has been received as to time or location

March 5 – ZLCW meeting during fellowship

April 22 – Western Prairie Cluster Gathering at Bethel in New Town

Season of Hope for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) - Personal Care Kits

We continue to collect items for Personal Care Kits during Lent, Items needed for each kit include:

1 lightweight, dark color, bath towel 20"x40" to 52"x27"

2- 4 oz bars of soap

1 adult-size toothbrush

1 metal nail clipper

Combs have been provided by ZLCW

If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, it can be given to Julie Deaver or Laurie Gathman our Mission Coordinators.

CLCW – February 19, 2023

Meeting called to order with a word of Prayer by Heather Feland. Secretary minutes read and approved as read, by Kathy McGuire. Treasurer's Report unavailable at this time. (Members stated only one funeral, served by Work Group One, held since January meeting.)

Old Business:

Valentine's Extravaganza – 40+ kids and adults attended. Sunshiner's 4H Club (7 members) helped with party activities, registrations and participation. They were gifted with pizza gift certificates for all their help. Lunch provided by CLCW and over 60 prizes donated and awarded to those at party. Prizes not received by participants will be donated to Domestic Violence.

Personal Care Kits – collection site in parlor. Baskets and items to be collected gathered there. Site and poster labeled. Thrivent sponsored. CLCW and Sunday School help assemble the items, when all collected by the church community. Items to be collected are toothbrushes, clippers, sturdy comb, bath towel, 2 bars of soap. Item card provided at site.

New Business:

St. Jude's Cards Collection Project – Kathy M. moved that cards collected be mailed and postage reimbursed. Cathy A. seconded. Motion carried.

Food Pantry Pictures of Lord's Cipboard discussed and need continues there. Thanks for donations as reported by Kathy M. as well as monthly church donations to Berthold pantry. The church response to Back Pack Ministry was over 60 dollars from CLC this month, thank you. Items were donated to Ladora as well as items too from people.

Patsy Anderson volunteered to be Lenten Chairman for meals at Carpio Lutheran Church Services. Katie F. seconded. Meal food donations discussed. Church members will be contacted to bring items and help serve.

Quilt donated by Ethel Vangsness will be displayed after Easter to Congregation before it is brought to Metigoshe for their fundraiser. It has been discussed and proper storage and care for it has been determined by the CLCW members. It is a gorgeous, large quilt she handmade! A true blessing donated to us.

Next meeting scheduled for March 12th at 10am. Meeting adjourned.

Carpio Lutheran Church Council Minutes



No February Carpio Council Meeting – next meeting is March 5th.

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2023, Zion Church Council at 7pm in Zion Fellowship Hall

Meeting Called to Order & Correspondences. We had a Thank you from the Berthold Food Pantry for the donation we made. We also had a Thank you from the Dakota Hope clinic for a donation that we made.

President Seth Gravesen

Pastor George led us in a word of prayer to start the meeting.

ORGANIZE THE NEW CHURCH COUNCIL: Committee Assignment/Holy Communion Month

Klint Hanson – Worship and Music, Maintenance and Property. August Communion Assistant.

Drew Bryantt – Board of Education. March and January 24 Communion Assistant.

Seth Gravesen – Exofficial on all committees. June Communion Assistant.

Nicki Shelkey – Evangelism. November Communion Assistant.

Kyle Schepp – Luther League, Stewardship & Finance, Mission Trust. February Communion Assistant.

Rachel Schieve – Board of Education. September and December Communion Assistant.

Janet Gregory – Worship and Music. April Communion Assistant.

Gary Gathman – Maintenance and Property. May Communion Assistant.

Chad Schweitzer – Maintenance and Property. July Communion Assistant.

REVIEW MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 11TH MEETING. Motion to approve the minutes from the

January 11TH Council Meeting by Chad, Second by Drew. Motion Carried.

Secretary Kyle Schepp

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer Kylene Hornberger

January

General fund beginning Balance: \$62,777.11, January income: \$11,848.25.

January expenses: \$9,278.45, General Fund ending balance: \$55,346.91.

Pastoral account beginning balance: \$1168.45, Pastoral account ending balance: \$3,545.58.

Motion to approve the January financial report by Drew, Second by Rachel. Motion Carried.

TEAM REPORTS:

Worship & Music: Place “With One Voice” Blue Hymnal in Pews. Pastor George let us know that he is going to try something new during Lenten services. We are going to read some of the hymns instead of singing. We are going to try this to encourage congregation participation.

Janet Gregory and Klint Hanson

Evangelism:

Nicki Shelkey

Stewardship & Finance:

Kyle Schepp

Board of Education:

Rachel Schieve and Drew Bryantt

Luther League: We volunteered at Mathew 25 project on 1/5/23. We had 11 youth. We worked for about 2 hours helping organize and stock shelves and it was very rewarding.

Kyle Schepp

Maintenance & Property: We are looking for someone to mow the church yard. We are open for bids for mowing the yard. Make a bid with or without using your equipment. Gary and Laurie Gathman have been mowing the yard recently. We would like to thank them for all of their hard work. Have your bid submitted to the office by April 15th. Klint made a motion to accept bids for the lawn care at the church. Second by Gary. Motion Carried.

Klint is going to check with the contractor that is doing to windows to see when he can finish up the project.

Gary Gathman, Chad Schweitzer, Klint Hanson

PASTOR’S REPORT:

A. Jan. 8TH - Feb. 5TH - 54 in-person contacts. Low due to being a care giver for Ladora.

B. Early January - Completed Year End Reports for Congregation Annual Reports.

- C. Jan. 17TH - Attended Ardis Neshem Funeral.
- D. Jan. 22ND - Participated in Ecumenical Prayer Service in Berthold Baptist Church.
- E. Fjeldahl/LaMotte Wedding Planning for Sept. 23RD in Zion.
- F. Christianson/Schweitzer Wedding Planning for June 10TH in Zion.
- G. Rescheduled Gregory/Emerson Wedding for June 17TH in Zion.
- H. Complete Lenten Series, "Where Is Noah?" Holy week will be "Where is Jesus?"
- I. Help with Carpio Valentine Extravaganza on Feb. 12TH.
- J. Complete ELCA and WND Synod Report by end of February.

Motion by Klint, Second by Nikki. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Joint Lenten Worship with Carpio alternating places. (Offering for Special Projects).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. April 9TH - Easter Worship Schedule.
2. 7am Sunrise (L.L.) 8am Easter Breakfast (L.L.) 9am Worship no fellowship. Chad Schweitzer made the motion to have 7:00 am Sunrise service by the Luther League, followed by Easter breakfast by the Luther League. 9:00 am worship to follow with no fellowship after, Second Klint. Motion Carried.
3. Pastors mileage - 475 miles at \$.65/mile were submitted by Pastor George for mileage for January 2023. Motion to approve the mileage by Klint, Second by Nicki. Motion Carried.
4. Letter from Ladora Schuessler. She is requesting that we improve the church's handicap accessibility. She would like to add an electronic opening door. We are going to check into price and availability for a new door.

NEXT ZION COUNCIL MEETING is MARCH 8TH at 8pm. (After Lenten Worship)

Adjournment & The Lord's Prayer



Unique AmazonSmile link

Always share your unique link in your email, social media and on your website. When customers sign up for AmazonSmile, they're asked to select one of over a million charities to support. When customers click on your unique link, they skip this charity selection process. Instead, they're taken to smile.amazon.com and are automatically asked if they want to support Zion Lutheran Church.

Your unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-0377884>

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You have access to a web banner that you can post in social media, email, and on your website.

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You have access to ready-to-use Facebook and Twitter posts. These tools will help you spread the word on your organization's social media accounts in seconds.

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When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from over one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.



Kid's Academy Daycare Pancake Breakfast

April 2nd, 9am-1p

Berthold American Legion



Western Prairie Spring Cluster Gathering



Saturday, April 22, 2023 9:30am

Bethel Lutheran in New Town, ND

THEME: God's Earth – Our Home!!

More information coming...

“Where's Noah?”

A Lenten Adventure

It is a fact that *It takes an Ark to save a child.* This year's Lenten series is an adventure for people of all ages, as we embark on a quest to find “*Noah*”, the Noah of the Holy Bible. As we seek to discover the person, the life, and the unique experiences of Noah, this Old Testament legendary character, we will more clearly define and understand ourselves. We will find we are a people caught in the web of sin, rescued and preserved in our Baptism covenant relationship with God through Christ, and called into obedience. We will see ourselves in Noah as preservers of creation and as God's contemporary environmentalists, stewards of the earth, conservers of endangered animal species, and champions for an improved quality of life. We, like Noah, are called to be builders of Arks and Altars. Below is the Lenten Worship Schedule and weekly themes:

“Where's Noah?”

Ash Wednesday	Feb 22 ND	at ZION	“In The Swill”
Lent 2	Mar. 1 ST	at CARPIO	“On the Path of Faithfulness”
Lent 3	Mar. 8 TH	at ZION	“Building An Ark and An Altar”
Lent 4	Mar. 15 TH	at CARPIO	“Saved On The Ark”
Lent 5	Mar. 22 ND	at ZION	“Receiving A Rainbow”
Lent 6	Mar. 29 TH	at CARPIO	“Near The Saving Flood”

“Where's Jesus?”

Maundy Thursday	April 6 TH	at ZION	“In the Upper Room”
Good Friday	April 7 TH	at CARPIO	“At Golgatha”
Easter	April 9 TH	at ZION & CARPIO	“In the Garden of Resurrection”

JOINT LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS will be offered each Wednesday during Lent at 6pm in the Congregation that is hosting for that night. At Zion in Berthold the Zion Luther League will be serving the 6pm Soup Suppers. The Carpio Lutheran Church Women will be serving the 6pm Soup Suppers. These Lenten Soup Suppers will be available for a FREE WILL OFFERING. Special thanks to the Zion Luther League and the Carpio Lutheran Church Women for these delicious meals!

CARPIO FINANCIALS

Report not available at time of publication.

Zion Financials – January 2023

Seth Gravesen - President

Gary Gathman

Rachel Schieve

Chad Schweitzer - Vice President

Klint Hanson

Nicki Shelkey

Kyle Schepp - Secretary

Janet Gregory

Drew Bryantt

General Account Beginning Balance

\$ 52,777.11

INCOME:

	Offerings:		
	01/01/2023	\$	1,060.10
\$5,928.10	01/08/2023	\$	1,780.00
Offering total	01/15/2023	\$	1,033.00
	01/22/2023	\$	1,100.00
	01/29/2023	\$	955.00
	Carpio Luth Reimbursement – Utilities	\$	473.18
	Simply – Vanco	\$	442.17
	State Bank and Trust – Interest	\$	4.80
	Donations	\$	5,000.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 11,848.25

EXPENSES:

Western ND Synod	\$	472.25
Church Mutual - Insurance	\$	460.92
MDU (Church - \$559.31; Parsonage - \$156.06)	\$	715.37
Xcel Energy (Church - \$276.39; Parsonage - \$80.45) Jan.	\$	356.84
SRT (Church - \$86.80; Parsonage - \$113.22) Jan.	\$	199.82
City of Berthold (Church - \$42.50; Parsonage - \$57.60)	\$	100.10
Xcel Energy (Church - \$290.73; Parsonage - \$77.09) Dec 2022	\$	367.82
SRT (Church - \$86.31; Parsonage - \$113.02) Dec 2022	\$	199.33
Laurie Gathman – reimb. Confirmation picture reprints	\$	18.25
Farmers Union Oil – ice melt	\$	29.78
1517 Media – Church year calendar	\$	11.95
Gary Neshem – reimb. for Parsonage dishwasher	\$	1,021.02
WSI	\$	250.00
Dawna Helfrich – piano	\$	300.00
Julie Deaver – piano	\$	75.00
Curt Schumaier (Custodian)	\$	350.00
Kylene Hornberger (Treasurer)	\$	650.00
Kershawn Michel (Secretary)	\$	500.00
Transfer to Pastor Account	\$	3,200.00

Total Expenses

\$ 9,278.45

General Account Ending Balance

\$ 55,346.91

Pastor Payroll (Joint with Carpio)

PASTOR ACCT BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 1,168.04
Zion Deposits	\$ 3,200.00	
Carpio Deposits	\$ 6,900.00	
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 10,100.00	
EXPENSES:		
Portico (Pastor's Benefits)	\$ 1,754.83	
Mileage – Dec.	\$ 193.75	
Mileage – Nov.	\$ 1,198.75	
Pastor George Payroll	\$ 4,575.13	
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 7,722.46	
 PASTOR ACCT ENDING BALANCE		 \$ 3,545.58



BERTHOLD ZION FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

Open the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 - 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:

Barb Cooper - 701-629-5075 Ladora Schuessler - 701-562-0041



JEFF WRETILING BENEFIT is March 19TH from 9am until 1pm in the Garrison City Auditorium. Breakfast is served for a Free Will Offering. A Silent Auction will run from 9am until 12:30pm. Jeff is a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association and plays in the Band as a bongo drummer. On October 20TH he had a motorcycle accident as a result of a bee sting that caused him to black-out. Jeff is paralyzed from the chest down. Thanks for your support of this Motorcycle Friend!

MORRIS FLATEN MEMORIAL SERVICE is May 12TH at 11am in the First Lutheran Chapel in Williston, ND. All are welcome!



World Day of Prayer
March 3rd, 2023 9:30AM
Little Methodist Church
Des Lacs, ND

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,
www.zionberthold.com



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

Marlis Peterson
4230 74TH Street NW
Carpio, ND 58725

ZION FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Connie Hagen
6101 310TH Street NW
Berthold, ND 58718

SPECIAL PROVISIONS have been made concerning Holy Communion to allow individuals in their homes who are worshipping virtually by Live Stream, to have bread and grape juice or wine available to be used during the time of Communion during the Live Streamed worship service. During Holy Communion follow the directions of the Pastor. The first two Sundays of each month is usually Holy Communion.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6pm Soup Supper at Carpio 7pm Joint Lenten Worship - Carpio	2 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	3 World Day of Prayer 	4
5 9am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion 12pm Carpio Church Council Meeting	6 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	7	8 10am Ecumenical Council at Carpio 6pm Soup Supper at Zion 7pm Joint Lenten Worship - Zion 8pm Zion Church Council	9 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	10	11 Turn Clocks Ahead One Hour at Bedtime
12 Daylight Savings Begins Soup Pot Sunday in Carpio 9am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion	13 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	14 10am-12pm Food Pantry Open 5pm-7pm Food Pantry Open	15 6pm Soup Supper at Carpio 7pm Joint Lenten Worship - Carpio	16 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18
19 9am Worship at Zion 10am Fellowship/No Sunday School 11am Worship at Carpio	20 First Day of Spring 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion 	21	22 6pm Soup Supper at Zion 7pm Joint Lenten Worship - Zion 8pm Mary/Martha Circle	23 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	24	25
26 9am Worship at Zion 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Worship at Carpio	27 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	28	29 6pm Soup Supper at Carpio 7pm Joint Lenten Worship - Carpio	30 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	31	