



The Zion & Carpio Church Newsletter

May 2023

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Pastor:

George Schuessler
(701) 453-3121
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Worship at Carpio: 9am
Fellowship: 10am
Worship at Zion: 11am

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

"Affirm Faith"

Rev. George Schuessler

When it comes to the month of May, I think of Confirmation Sunday and the opportunity of youth standing before their congregation for the "Affirmation of Baptism." A time when our youth have come of age in their life of faith that has grown within them since their Baptism, and now boldly stand tall and taking responsibility for their faith.

But this faith has been nurtured and did not grow on its own. Certainly our Heavenly Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit has worked miracles. Parents, Sunday School teachers, Bible Camp counselors, and Pastors have all done their part in sharing the "Gospel." Yet, we dare not forget the Church with its doctrines and liturgical expressions to guide and build up the body of Christ for the good of all.

Doctor and Pastor Martin Luther in 1529 developed two catechisms to help teach and guide God's people within the Church family. The Large Catechism was for adults and it included a large section on marriage as well as other adult pieces for discussion and direction. The Small Catechism was for youth and it was devoid of expressing any strong critical attacks on controversial things. Both Catechisms were built around five main points of teaching: The Ten Commandments stressing direction for the best possible life and as a mirror to show sin, The Apostles' Creed as a proclamation of the forgiveness of sin, The Lord's Prayer as an acceptance of mercy, and the two Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are seen as channels of

grace. Indeed, these powerful teachings of God's Good News lead to a powerful affirmation of faith.

For example look at the section on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that stresses not the substitution of penalty but the triumph over all the forces of evil. "He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness (goodness), innocence (sinlessness), and blessedness (happiness), just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true." (Page 15)

Martin Luther said, "Do not think the catechism is a little thing to be read hastily and cast aside." Luther's intention was that the catechism would be taught and reviewed weekly in the home with the Father in the household leading the time of instruction. It truly is important for not just youth, but all of us, to be occupied with God's Word and the Church's teachings to help us against the ways of the world, the flesh, the Devil, and all bad thoughts. The Catechism is not just for two short years in one's life. It is for a lifetime of living with the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, trusting we are forgiven our sins, freed from death, and knowing the devil has no power over us. So this May, read the Small Catechism and again affirm your faith!

CAMP METIGOSHE 2023 DAY CAMP



Zion Sunday School

Day Camp with Metigoshe Counselors will be held at Zion
June 26th - 30th.

Times are 9am-3pm Monday through Thursday and
9am-11:30am on Friday.

This is open to all kiddos entering 1st through 6th Grade in the Fall.

Carpio Sunday School

Carpio Vacation Bible School will be May 22nd - 26th
from 6:00-8:00 every evening.

Contact a member of the Carpio Board of Ed to sign
up or volunteer!

This is open to all kiddos preschool through entering
6th grade.



Luther League

Luther League will be serving Fellowship
during the month of May:

May 7th - Group 2

May 14th - Group 3

May 21st - Group 4

May 28th - Group 5

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.





Serving in April at Carpio:

Usher:
Austin Moen

Altar Guild:
Cathy Armstrong



Serving in April at Zion:

May 7th:

Reader: Bonnie Schepp

Ushers: Schumaier Family

May 14th:

Reader: Randi Schumaier

Ushers: Schumaier Family

May 21st:

Reader: Barb Cooper

Ushers: Schumaier Family

May 28th:

Reader: Wes Hagen

Ushers: Schumaier Family

Altar Guild:

Susan Haaland & Melissa Schepp

Organist:

Julie Deaver



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

*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
Billy Greenlee
Sharon Inman
Norris Kjellberg
Alan Lee
Neadene Schwoppe
Grace Thompson
Gordon Ulberg

Pat Berg
Elaine Cuddigan
Marilyn Deaver
Thelma DeBilt
Bob Inman
Margie Kjellberg
Joan Laumb
Gaynard Schweitzer
Myrna Stredwick
LuVerne Tufto
Harlan Ulberg



Berthold Graduation is May 21st at 3pm at the School

Congratulations to all our Seniors!!

May God Bless you on your new adventures!!

Laney Brown
Autumn Haaland
Kenzie Kurtz

Carter Eide
Lyle Hochhalter
Riley Miller

Adler Haaland
Cale Ibach
Koda Vrieze

ZLCW

May 7 – ZLCW meeting at 10:00 in Crossroads room

May 14 – Recognition of 80+ members during service at 11:00

May 17 & 18 – LWR quilt and kit shipment – Thank you Julie and Laurie for packing and delivering them to Midwest Motors.

Thank you to all who donated items for the Personal Care Kits and to those who have worked on and/or donated to the quilts. We will be sending 84 kits to Lutheran World Relief. The quilters have made 77 mission quilts since October. Some will be sent to LWR and others distributed locally. Just for fun, the quilters kept track of how many people came each Monday. Averaging three hours per person, which includes a portion of the time they worked at home, they estimated that 537 hours have been spent on making quilts in the past six months.

Congratulations from the ZLCW to those being confirmed and those graduating from high school!

CLCW

Meeting brought to order by President Heather with an opening prayer.

Secretary report: given by Heather Feland Kathy McGuire gone.

Treasure report: \$1786.91 in account

\$5701.50 in garden. Given by Tammy Moen

Old business: putting up the quilt that was donated by Ethel Vangsness. Spoke about the food Pantry in Minot, being low on food. Finishing up the personal kits.

New business: date set for Quilt to be displayed, 4-16. Then bring to Lake Metigoshe for the auction. Linda Burgard to receive a pink book. Ladies will no longer be making quilts, will give one to the graduating Senior this year. Set date to finish the personal kits to be blessed by the pastor on Easter Sunday. Spring gathering information is found in the newsletter.

Next meeting to be in May date yet to be determined due to confirmation and graduations.

Our Lord's Prayer was spoken

Meeting dismissed by Heather Feland



Berthold Zion Food Pantry Schedule

Open the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Tuesday, May 9th – 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



APRIL 12TH, 2023, Zion Church Council Meeting at 7pm in Zion Fellowship Hall

Meeting Called to Order by President Seth Gravesen.

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

March 8TH Council Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Chad to approve the minutes as written.

Second by Gary. Motion Carried.

Secretary Kyle Schepp

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer Kylene Hornberger

March

General fund beginning Balance: \$55,347.11, February income: \$4,455.09.

February expenses: \$7,850.94, General Fund ending balance: \$51,951.26.

Pastoral account beginning balance: \$3,252.08, Pastoral account ending balance: \$2,992.99.

Motion to approve the February financial report by Drew, Second by Kyle. Motion Carried.

TEAM REPORTS:

Worship & Music: Should we have a team to help plan worship services. We could use members of alter guild, board of education, organists, Pastor George, members of Church council. We will continue to look at this and may put together a committee by next fall.

Janet Gregory & Klint Hanson

Evangelism:

Nicki Shelkey

Stewardship & Finance: We may have to look at helping to pay for vacation bible school. We may also need funding for a youth gathering in Minneapolis. The gathering will be held in mid-July.

Kyle Schepp

Board of Education: Board of Education will meet in April to make plans for the summer and next fall.

Rachel Schieve & Drew Bryantt

Luther League: Served Lenten Soup & Easter Breakfast, led Easter Sunrise Worship service. The youth did a great job. We talked about getting the youth more involved in the worship services.

Kyle Schepp

Maintenance & Property:

Gary Gathman, Klint Hanson, & Chad Schweitzer

1. Explore Automatic Door Opener. We checked with Fargo Paint and Glass on the opener. We talked about installing a new door to make sure everything works well together. Fargo Glass estimated \$4,000.00 for the opener. That does not include a new door, electrical and a ramp to get in the building.
2. Lawn care at Zion for summer 2023. Lorelei and Ally Chapin submitted a bid to mow the church yard. \$50/time with a projected total of \$1000 for the summer. They will mow the yard as needed based on the growing season. We will only pay for the times that they mow. Motion to accept the bid by Rachel, Second by Gary. Motion Carried.
3. Windows above the Sanctuary need some attention. They need to be scraped and sealed and wrapped in brick mold covering. We will check with Travis Sorenson to see if he has time to finish the windows.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- A. Feb. 27TH – Mar. 26TH Sixty Eight in-person contacts.
- B. Mar. 3RD Live Streamed Laine Deaver Funeral.
- C. Mar. 6TH Food Truck Delivery & Hamburger Donation to Food Pantry.
- D. Mar. 8TH Chaired Ecumenical Council meeting in Carpio.
- E. Mar. 9TH & 10TH Trinity Hospital visit requests.
- F. Mar. 11,12,13 Blizzard & Snow clean up. (Live Streamed Sermon on Mar. 12TH)
- G. Mar. 19TH Erickson/Leier Wedding Planning for Oct. 7TH Wedding in Carpio.
- H. Mar. 20TH Trinity Hospital ER visit.

- I. Mar. 26TH Christianson/Schweitzer Wedding Planning for June 10TH Wedding in Zion.
- J. April 19TH & 26TH Will be completing Confirmation Class Sessions.
- K. April 24TH WND Boundaries Training in Minot.
- L. May 3RD Confirmation Rehearsals & Pictures. (7pm Carpio & 8pm Zion).

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Did Rescind Pastor's Mileage Verification and Signature by Church Councils until the next Joint Church Councils meeting.
- 2. Carpio did Approve Joint Summer Worship Services at 10am for June, July, & Aug.
- 3. Carpio did Approve Pastor to remain at Synod Assembly on June 4TH.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Motion to approve that Megan Schepp can use the church for a bridal shower on April 15th by Janet, Second by Rachel. Motion Carried.
- 2. Motion to approve that Jeff Moen leads Worship on June 4TH by Kyle, Second by Chad. Motion Carried.
- 3. Pastor George asked to approve his vacation July 17-August 3rd and August. Motion to approve Pastor George's vacation by Chad. Second by Drew. Motion Carried.
- 4. Motion to approve that Heather Feland lead Worship on July 30TH & Aug. 27TH by Nicki, Second by Janet. Motion Carried.
- 5. Kyle made a motion to pay guest speakers to thank them for helping us out, Second by Gary. Motion Carried.
- 6. Motion by Kyle to allow Brennan Asmundson, Kashtyn Bredahl, & Elyssa Lindahl participate May 7TH in "Affirmation of Baptism", if all requirements are completed. Second by Nicki. Motion Carried.
- 7. Motion by Janet to approve that Pastor George officiate the wedding of Lisa Brooks and Alfredo Deleon wedding at the Ward county Jail on April 17th. Second by Chad. Motion Carried.

NEXT ZION COUNCIL MEETING is MAY 10TH at 7pm.

Adjournment & The Lord's Prayer

Carpio Lutheran Church Council Minutes

The Carpio Lutheran Church council meeting was held on April 2, 2023 at noon. The meeting was called to order by President, Stan Vangsness.

The Secretary's report was given by Tammi Moen. Jeff Moen motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Stan Vangsness seconded, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Sarah Babinchak. The checking account ending balance as of March 31, 2023 is \$12,137.96. Stan Vangsness motioned to approve the report as presented. Jeff Moen seconded, motion carried.

CLCW Report: The Valentine's party was held on February 12th with 30 people attending. The CLCW held their meeting on February 26th. Patsy Anderson will organize the Soup Supper for Lenten services in Carpio. The personal care kits are completed and will be delivered.

Pastor's Report: The Pastor has made 60 in-person contacts from February 6th to February 27th and 68 in-person contacts from February 28th to March 26. The Pastor helped host the Valentine's Extravaganza in Carpio. On February 6th, and March 8th, the Pastor chaired the Ecumenical Council meetings in Carpio. The Pastor officiated the Jeraldine Stromberg Memorial service on February 14th. The ELCA Parochial Reports were completed and filed on February 19th. The WND Synod Pastoral Reports were completed and mailed on

February 20th. Ash Wednesday was Feb 22nd and the preparations for the Lenten series "Where's Noah" were completed. The Pastor met with the Carpio Board of Education to plan the 2023 Vacation Bible School for May 22nd thru May 26th. The funeral for Laine Deaver was live streamed on March 3rd. On March 6th, the Food Pantry received a hamburger donation and food truck delivery. The services at Carpio were cancelled for March 12th but were live streamed on Facebook. The Pastor spent time at the hospital on March 9th, 10th, and 20th. The Pastor is working with four couples planning their upcoming weddings. The Erickson/Leier wedding on October 7th, the Christianson/Schweitzer wedding on June 10th, the Fjeldahl/LaMotte wedding on September 23rd, and the Gregory/Emerson wedding on June 17th. The Pastor will attend the WND Synod training in Minot on April 24th. Confirmation classes will be completed the end of April. On May 3rd, Confirmation rehearsals and pictures will be held at 7pm at Carpio and 8pm at Zion.

Old Business: Joint Lenten Worship Services began February 22nd. Jeff Moen motioned for Carpio's Lenten service offerings to go toward the general fund. Maury Askvig seconded, motion carried.

New Business: The WND Synod Assembly is June 2nd thru June 4th in Bismarck. Maury Askvig motioned for the Pastor to stay at the Assembly on Sunday, June 4th and Jeff Moen will lead worship. Tammi Moen seconded, motion carried. Stan Vangsness motioned to receive Bret and Jacey Erickson along with their children, Ryan, Cameron, and Hayden as members of Carpio Lutheran Church, transferring from Trinity Lutheran of Carrington. Jeff Moen seconded, motion carried. Stan Vangsness motioned to hold joint Sunday worship services with Zion at 10am during June, July, and August. Maury Askvig seconded, motion carried. Maury Askvig motioned for Pastor George to take vacation on July 17th thru August 13th and August 24th thru August 27th. Stan Vangsness seconded, motion carried. Jeff Moen will lead worship on July 23rd and Heather Feland will lead worship on July 30th and August 27th. Reverend Chris Lenning will be on call July 20th thru August 3rd and August 24th thru August 29th. Stan Vangsness will check with Emily Burkett about continuing to care for the church lawn this year. Jeff Moen motioned for Cimarron Askvig, Augustus Engelhard, Ingrid Haaland, and Kylie Michel to participate in the "Affirmation of Baptism" on May 7th. Stan Vangsness seconded, motion carried.

The next Carpio Lutheran Church council meeting will be June 11th at 11:00am. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Meeting Adjourned
Tammi Moen
Recording Secretary



Metigoshe Ministries Bible Camp

Registration now Open!!

For more information and to register, go to:

www.metigosheministries.com

Campships are available - talk to Pastor George or Kershawn for more information.

Zion Financials – March 2023

Seth Gravesen - President
Chad Schweitzer - Vice President
Kyle Schepp - Secretary

Gary Gathman
Klint Hanson
Janet Gregory

Rachel Schieve
Nicki Shelkey
Drew Bryantt

General Account Beginning Balance

\$ 55,347.11

INCOME:

	Offerings:	
	03/05/2023	\$ 1,196.00
\$4,058.00	02/12/2023 – No Church	\$ -
Offering total	03/19/2023	\$ 2,135.00
	03/26/2023	\$ 727.00
	Simply – Vanco	\$ 392.80
	State Bank and Trust – Interest	\$ 4.29

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 4,455.09

EXPENSES:

Western ND Synod	\$ 324.64
Church Mutual - Insurance	\$ 460.92
MDU (Church - \$548.70; Parsonage - \$157.71)	\$ 706.41
Xcel Energy (Church - \$267.33; Parsonage - \$65.79)	\$ 333.12
SRT (Church - \$86.80; Parsonage - \$113.42)	\$ 200.22
City of Berthold (Church - \$42.50; Parsonage - \$58.40)	\$ 100.90
1517 Media (Christ in Our Home, Qtr 2)	\$ 46.50
Visa – stamps, paper, canned air, palms, Yola.com	\$ 187.96
One Write – Weekly Offering Books	\$ 196.00
Nancy Hanson – Reimb. Kitchen Supplies	\$ 84.34
Chris Lenning – mileage	\$ 134.93
Julie Deaver – piano	\$ 75.00
Kristin Berg – piano	\$ 300.00
Curt Schumaier (Custodian)	\$ 350.00
Kylene Hornberger (Treasurer)	\$ 650.00
Kershawn Michel (Secretary)	\$ 500.00
Transfer to Pastor Account	\$ 3,200.00

Total Expenses

\$ 7,850.94

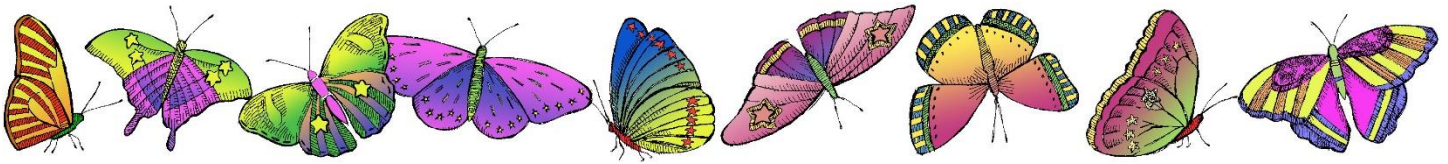
General Account Ending Balance

\$ 51,951.26



Pastor Payroll Account (Joint with Carpio)

PASTOR ACCT BEGINNING BALANCE		\$	3,252.08
Zion Deposits	\$	3,200.00	
Carpio Deposits	\$	3,200.00	
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$	6,400.00
EXPENSES:			
Portico (Pastor's Benefits)	\$	1,781.04	
Mileage – Feb.	\$	303.92	
Pastor George Payroll	\$	4,575.13	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$	6,659.09
PASTOR ACCT ENDING BALANCE		\$	2,992.99



Carpio Financials – as of April 26, 2023

Bremer Bank Checking Account:	\$11,928.52
Thrivent Contingency Fund:	\$ 3,830.80
Thrivent Lindberg Fund:	\$11,086.22

BUDGET SUMMARY 2023

Month	Offering needed to Meet the Budget	2023 Offering for the Month	2022 Offering for the Month	2023 Attendance/FB	2022 Attendance/FB
January	\$7,720.83	\$10,299.85	\$11,823.30	787	135 751
February	\$7,720.83	\$4,414.00	\$3,908.10		114 505
March	\$7,720.83	\$3,325.72	\$5,145.01		254 503
April	\$7,720.83	\$5,611.00	\$5,787.22		94 1216
May	\$7,720.83		\$5,535.31		138 711
June	\$7,720.83		\$3,402.20		82 516
July	\$7,720.83		\$5,156.19		147 673
August	\$7,720.83		\$3,969.67		139 536
September	\$7,720.83		\$3,116.29		617
October	\$7,720.83		\$11,385.29		942
November	\$7,720.83		\$7,698.15		749
December	\$7,720.83		\$10,459.87		1033
TOTAL	\$92,650.00	\$23,650.57	\$77,386.60	787	1103 8752

TOTAL FUNDS: \$50,496.11



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.

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Org Central

Helpful tools to grow donations for your organization

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>

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

Social media tools
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.

How does AmazonSmile work?

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.

Confirmation is Sunday May 7th

Confirmation Rehearsal and Pictures is Wednesday, May 3rd:

Carpio Students at Carpio at 7pm

Zion Students at Zion at 8pm

"Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God."

1ST John 5:5

Zion

Brennan Asmundson

Kashtyn Bredahl

Elyssa Lindahl

Carpio

Cimarron Askvig

Augustus Engelhard

Ingrid Haaland

Kylie Michel

May God Bless you in your public confession of Faith!!



Camp Metigoshe Shape up the Shop and Mother the Camp

Help us fill the camp kitchen and shop with things needed for summer camp.

Donations can be dropped off at the Christian Center or at summer camp on Pelican Lake. Thank you for your generosity, as your donations add up to a significant cost savings.

breakfast cereal
old fashioned oatmeal
tomato sauce
canned vegetables
brown/white sugar
powdered sugar
flour
gluten-free flour
gluten-free baking mix
chocolate chips
peanut butter/jelly
canned fruit
pancake syrup

honey
mayonnaise
pickles
Hershey Kisses®
s'more ingredients
pasta
granola bars
napkins/paper towels
toilet paper
dish soap
mosquito spray
paper cups/plates
sunscreen

reams of paper
paint brushes/rollers
paint trays/drop cloths
work gloves
garden carts
kerosene
golf carts
floor jack
chain saws
rolls of screen
peg board hooks
socket sets (standard & metric)
wrenches (standard & metric)

Gift Cards to:
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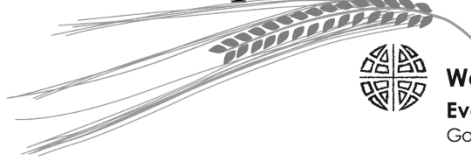
We also have a wish list on Amazon. To access, go to: <https://a.co/7IJvGoA>



• Remember and Honor •



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10am Ken Roark Funeral at Zion 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	2	3 7pm Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures at Carpio 8pm Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures at Zion	4 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	5	6
7  Confirmation Sunday 9am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship 11am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion 7pm Baccalaureate at St. Ann's Catholic Church	8 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	9 10am-12pm Food Pantry Open 5pm-7pm Food Pantry Open	10 10am Ecumenical Council at Carpio 7pm Zion Church Council	11 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio	12 11am Morris Flaten Memorial Service - First Lutheran Chapel, Williston	13
14  Mother's Day Soup Pot Sunday in Carpio 9am Worship at Carpio with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship 11am Worship at Zion with Holy Communion - 80's+ Recognition	15 Pastor George is attending the Festival of Homoletics in Minneapolis 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	16 Pastor George is attending the Festival of Homoletics in Minneapolis	17 Pastor George is attending the Festival of Homoletics in Minneapolis	18 No Parish Bible Study in Carpio Pastor George is attending the Festival of Homoletics in Minneapolis	19 Pastor George is attending the Festival of Homoletics in Minneapolis	20 2pm-4pm Graduation Reception for Koda Vrieze at Carpio Lutheran
21 9am Worship at Carpio 10am Fellowship 11am Worship at Zion 3pm Berthold High School Graduation 	22 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion 6pm-8pm Carpio VBS	23 6pm-8pm Carpio VBS	24 6pm-8pm Carpio VBS 7pm Mary/Martha Circle	25 10am Parish Bible Study in Carpio 6pm-8pm Carpio VBS	26 6pm-8pm Carpio VBS 7:00pm VBS Program	27
28 9am Worship at Carpio 10am Fellowship 11am Worship at Zion	29  Memorial Day 11am Memorial Day Service in the School Gym 12pm Memorial Day Lunch at the Berthold Legion	30	31	Joint Parish Worship Services begin on June 4th at 10am at Zion Lutheran in Berthold Fellowship to follow at 11am.		



Come Celebrate a Double Church Birthday!

The Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Cameroon and Central African Republic are 100 years old this year, and we are throwing a double birthday party of them. On July 7-9, 2023, Lutherans from the United States and Canada will be gathering in the Twin Cities to mark the event, and we'd like you to be there.

It was March 8, 1923, actually, when they landed in Douala, Cameroon — Norwegian-Americans with names like Adolphus Gunderson from Stoughton, Wisconsin, his bride Marie Gunderson from Bode, Iowa, and Anne Olsen and Olette Berntsen, Lutheran deaconesses from Brooklyn. Troubled by the lack of Christian witness across a wide band of African geography known as “the Sudan,” they set out to share their faith with those who had not yet heard. After 26 days of walking bush trails and exploring places to begin their work, they settled down in a town called Mboula. Soon dozens, then hundreds, then thousands of African believers joined them, and our Lutheran World Federation companion churches in Cameroon and Central African Republic are the result.

And it all began 100 years this year. How often do you get to celebrate an event like that? This summer is the time.

We'll be arriving in the Twin Cities Friday, July 7th, and staying in the Hilton Garden Inn in Minneapolis, just across the street from Central Lutheran Church. Saturday morning we'll be bused to Luther Seminary for A Day of Song and Seminar. The five North American companion synods have invited Cameroonian church president Baïguele Jean, Central African church president Ngoe Joseph, and two women's leaders, Sodea Joëlle Kyria and Francine Grace Yaimann, to be present. You will hear them talk about current opportunities and challenges in their home churches. You will get to ponder how they do evangelical outreach so effectively in their context and wonder how we might do it better in ours. You will have a chance to be part of a missionary supper that evening before being bussed back to the Hilton. Sunday morning festal services at Central Lutheran will include ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as preacher. And we will conclude our weekend over coffee and fellowship at Central before saying our farewells.

It's the event of a century. Again, we'd like you to be there. Two online registration sites are available: <https://sdsynod.org/sudanmissioncentennial> for general registration, and <https://sdsynod.org/glocalyouth2023> for a unique program for youth. Check them out. And welcome!

Pastor Mark Nygard, retired ELCA missionary
on behalf of the organizing committee



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