

Zion & Carpio Lutheran Newsletter November 2026



FROM MINISTER HEATHER

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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*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a beautiful October we have enjoyed! The sunshine, the colors, and those wonderful fall days that make us appreciate living in rural North Dakota. Of course, November is arriving with a chill in the air, the leaves are falling fast, and winter is reminding us that it won't be far behind. I suppose we can't expect October to last forever, although I wouldn't complain if it did!

November is also a month that invites us to remember. We begin with All Saints Sunday, remembering those who have gone before us in faith. Later, many of us will gather around Thanksgiving tables, sharing meals, stories, and memories. Some will bring laughter, while others may bring a tear, especially when we think of those whose places at the table are now empty. In Scripture, remembering is more than simply looking back. It is an important part of our relationship with God.

In Deuteronomy chapter 8, Moses speaks to the Israelites as they prepare to enter the Promised Land. For forty years, they have wandered through the wilderness, experiencing hunger, uncertainty, and doubt. Yet God continued to provide. Now they are preparing to enter a land filled with good things, and Moses gives them a warning:

“Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God.” - Deuteronomy 8:11 (NIV)

Isn't that interesting? After everything they have experienced, Moses reminds them not to forget. He knows that when life is difficult, we often recognize how much we need God. But when things are going well, it becomes easier to believe we have accomplished everything on our own. I think there is an important lesson here for us, too.

We live in communities where hard work is simply part of life. But how often do we stop to think about the people who helped us along the way? The parents and grandparents who taught us, the neighbors who showed up when we needed them, the Sunday school teachers who helped us learn about Jesus, or the friends who encouraged us through difficult times?

None of us gets through this life entirely on our own. Perhaps that is the beautiful connection between All Saints Sunday and Thanksgiving. Both invite us to remember the blessings we have received, especially through the people God has placed in our lives. And on All Saints Sunday, we also hold close the promise of resurrection through Jesus Christ, a promise that gives us hope even in our grief.

As I think about our congregations in Carpio and Berthold, I see generations of faithfulness. People who have cared for our churches, served their neighbors, shared their faith, and helped build the communities we are blessed to be part of today. But remembering isn't only about the past. Moses wanted the Israelites to carry what they had learned into the future, allowing those memories to shape how they lived.

And perhaps that is our invitation this November. Take a moment to remember the people who have shaped your life and faith. Give thanks for them. Share a story, offer encouragement, or extend a little kindness to someone who may need it. And then consider this: **What are we passing on to those who come after us?**

Because someday, someone may look back and remember the kindness we showed, the faith we shared, or the simple ways we made them feel loved and welcome. What a wonderful gift that would be.

A verse to carry with you this month: “Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God.” - Deuteronomy 8:11 (NIV)

Wishing you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving!

Blessings, Heather



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	Zion Office – 1-5pm
Tuesday	Carpio Office – 9am-1pm
	Parish Bible Study in Carpio – 10am
	Bible Study at Rossen Place, Stanley – 2pm
Wednesday	Zion Office – 9am-6pm
	Confirmation/Worship Wednesday, 6pm
1 st Thursday of each month	Western Prairie Conference
Remaining Thursdays	Zion Office – 9am-12pm
	Zoom Meetings or Mentor Meetings in Kenmare – 1-4pm
Friday	Visitation Days
Saturday	Day Off
Sunday	Worship in Carpio – 9am
	Worship at Zion – 11am



ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Kids will be singing during Worship on Sunday, November 8th

Date	Lesson
Theme: MVP's of the Nativity	
11/1	Shepherds - Christmas Program Practice
11/8	Wise Men – Christmas Program Practice
11/15	Joseph – Christmas Program Practice
11/22	Mary – Christmas Program Practice
11/29	No Sunday school, have a great Thanksgiving weekend! If you're at Church, we will practice songs!

CARPIO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Date	Lesson
11/1	The Promised Savior is Coming!
11/8	Good Keeps His Promise
11/15	Jesus is the Light of the World
11/22	Christmas Program Practice
11/29	No Sunday School



LUTHER LEAGUE



November 1st - Going charity shopping, having lunch and bowling in Minot. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to attend, and bring a friend!

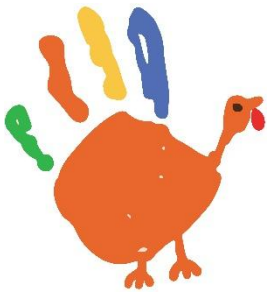
November 15th - Annual Bake Sale during coffee hour.

Serving Fellowship for the month of November. Please check the schedule or Facebook for reminders of when it is your week to serve!

CONFIRMATION

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

Date	Lesson	Meal
11/4	Intro to New Testament	Finke Family
11/11	Worship Wednesday	N/A
11/18	Communion History	Schepp Family
11/25	No Confirmation – Thanksgiving Break	N/A

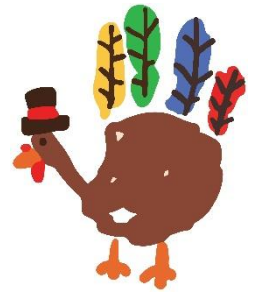


SERVING IN NOVEMBER AT CARPIO

Usher: Austin Moen

Altar Guild: Tammy Erickson

Piano: Tammi Moen



SERVING IN NOVEMBER AT ZION

Altar Guild: Barb Cooper & Julie Deaver

Organist: Julie Deaver

Ushers: Needed

Readers: 11/1 – Wes Hagen
11/8 – Lorna Hansen
11/15 – Steve Helfrich
11/22 – Marvin Heller
11/29 – N/A – 5th Sunday in Carpio



Fellowship during the month of November will be served by the Luther League.

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



11/8

ZLCW Meeting – 9:30am

If able, please bring raffle items to the church for display

11/15

HarvestFest Raffle Drawing

11/23

Mary Martha Circle at Jill's – 3:30pm

A BIG thank you to all who sold tickets, purchased tickets and donated items
for the raffle!!

So appreciative of all of you!

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Bible Study is every Tuesday at Carpio Lutheran at 10am

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STORY</u>	<u>KEY VERSE</u>
11/3	Life in the Spirit	Romans 8
11/10	God's Faithfulness	Romans 9-11
11/17	Living Sacrifices	Romans 12
11/24	Christian Living	Romans 13-16



BERTHOLD ZION FOOD PANTRY

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

Tuesday, November 10, 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

SUNSHINER'S 4-H CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

On October 17th, the Sunshiner's had a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Carpio Lutheran. Community members from Carpio and Berthold attended to observe the ceremony. Thank you to everyone who donated flags.

There is a food drive for the Berthold Food Pantry through November 14th. There are boxes available at both Carpio and Zion for food donations. Thank you!



ZION CHURCH COUNCIL ~ OCTOBER 21, 2026

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

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

Other Present: Kylene Hornberger-church Treasurer, Kershawn Michel-church Secretary

Absent: Jerry Hennessy

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: AED yearly charges-all is complete and updated and paid. Discussion took place on Bernhard & Laura Wold Mission. Candice made a motion to change giving from Matthew 25 Project to Prairie Grit. Karla seconded. Motion carried. Corine made a motion to increase the amount given to Prairie Grit to \$520.00. Candice seconded. Motion carried. There was discussion concerning the Mens winter refuge. A motion was made by Candice that if there is not a men's winter refuge the money (420.00) that would have gone to them will instead be given to Matthew 25. Seconded by Karla. Motion carried. A motion was made by Wes to approve the entire list of giving at a cost of \$7500. It was also approved to include an additional \$2500 of probable future donations. Anything above the \$10,000 will need to be approved by the council. Lyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

TEAM REPORTS:

Worship & Music:

Wes Hagen & Karla Bredahl

Meeting set for 10/22 to pick out music for upcoming months.

Evangelism:

Lyle Gorseth

N/A

Stewardship & Finance:

Alechia Neubauer

N/A

Board of Ed.:

Candice Asmundson

Thank you to the Finke family and all those that are giving of their time and talents to assist with the SS Program.

Luther League:

Corine Christman

November 1st - Bowling and lunch and charity shopping. Thank you to Amy Neshem and Bonnie and Kyle Schepp for all your hard work and caring for the Luther League of Zion and Carpio.

Maintenance & Property:

Marvin Heller & Jerry Hennessy

Property: Marvin fixed the electrical eye on the lighting. The steps were completed at the parsonage. Lyle made a motion to pay the contractor \$500 for labor. Candice seconded. Motion carried. The patio project at the parsonage is completed.

Minister Report:

1. Pastors report – see attached report.
2. Rachel Simonson Pastor from MSU will be coming on Nov 1st for the whole service. She has asked to come.
3. I would like to apologize to the council for not bringing a request to them for use of the church. A motion was made by Candice to state that usage of the church for events will not need council

preapproval and will be left up to the church secretary and the Pastor. Seconded by Karla. Motion carried.

4. Update for sound system. All work has been completed and is working properly.
5. I was asked if the course for my school work was working and if that course needed to be changed? The change would be me traveling back and forth to Wartburg. What support do I need? Heather would like to stay where she is in her course work.
6. The synod is currently working on the SAM contracts. So I don't know the date of those yet. I have submitted my application for CPE and have my interview on Wednesday prior to the meeting. I will be able to give more information on this. Heather must complete CPE for 400 hrs. This would be 20 hrs per week for 15 weeks. As of now she may be completing this via Zoom or going to Minot. She will also be working with a Minot pastor for required trainings.
7. Joint service will be November 29th. Wes made a motion to accept the service to be conducted at Carpio at 10am. (no SS that day). Lyle seconded. Motion carried.
8. December 6, Heather would like to utilize the church from 2-4 for a thank you party. This is to show her gratitude for both churches.
9. January 31, Pastor Mike-associate to the bishop and Bishop Lisa will be coming for service.

Old Business:

1. Hole in dumpster: Marvin contacted Waste Management and a new dumpster was brought to the church.

New Business:

1. Kershawn has been cleaning out the old candles that are used for the candlelight services. We are in need of new candles. Options were presented. Alechia made a motion for Kershawn to order what she feels is needed and check with Carpio if they have extras they do not need. Karla seconded. Motion carried.
2. HarvestFest November 15
3. Items to be tabled till spring: Mower for church. Air conditioning issues within the church. (Greg and Klint have had some discussions on the heating and cooling)

Next Zion Council Meeting will be held on November 11th at 6:30pm

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



MINISTER'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2026

1. Pastor Acts:

- Worship Leadership – 4 Sundays
- Preaching – 3 Sermons (Guest Speaker – DBGR)
- Rehearsal & Wedding – Schumaier/Walker – August 17 & 18
- Confirmation – 4 Wednesdays
- Worship Wednesday – 1

2. Activities/Administration:

- Bible Study – 5 days
- Advisory Meetings (via Zoom) - 3
- Office Days in Carpio – 3
- Mentor Meetings – per call - 2
- Office Days at Zion – 11
- Carpio Council Meeting – 10/6
- Zion Council Meeting – 10/16
- School Curriculum – 15 days
- Confirmation Curriculum – 6 days
- Bible Study Prep – 6 days

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

- Visitation
 - a. Minot to give communion
 - b. Donnybrook area
 - c. Minot area for visits
 - d. Minot area visits

****I will not request for Berthold & Carpio areas for mileage reimbursement****

Upcoming Continuing Education – Zoom meetings and calls and in person events

- Theological Retreat Christian Center - Lake Metigoshe
 - September 20-23
- SM Summit
 - November 21

Upcoming Vacation

- nothing currently planned

Events

- Attended boys football games
- Attended girls volleyball games

Requesting:

- Rachel Simonson – Minot State University Ministry – 11/1

Mileage for Visits

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

Total mileage = 182 miles split between Carpio & Zion





HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Don't Forget to Vote
November 3rd

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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SIMPLY GIVING® PROGRAM

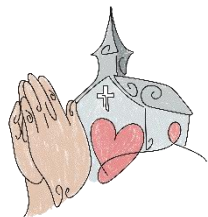
Would you find it helpful to have your offerings taken from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? At no cost to the congregation? Thrivent Financial for Lutherans sponsors a program called Simply Giving®, which offers this service for people who wish to have offerings transferred electronically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

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



PRAYER REQUESTS



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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OCC boxes will be available starting this week. If you feel called, please grab a box, fill it up and bring it back to be blessed by November 22nd. On the 23rd, the boxes will start their journey to their new homes. Thank you for donating!



UPCOMING EVENTS AT BERTHOLD SCHOOL

November 10th – Veteran's Day Program, 2pm

November 13th & 14th – High School Play, 7pm both nights

December 1st – Elementary Christmas Program, 6pm

High School Christmas Concert, 7:15pm



A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHEER & A WHOLE LOT OF THANKS!

Sunday, December 6 | 2:00–5:00 PM

The Christmas season is a wonderful time to gather, share a little laughter, enjoy some good food, and remember just how blessed we are by the people God places in our lives.

I would love to invite you to a special Christmas Open House as my way of saying thank you for the kindness, encouragement, laughter, and love you have shared with me.

There will be plenty of goodies, warm drinks, Christmas cheer, and hopefully a whole lot of visiting!

This is a casual, come-and-go afternoon. Stop by for a few minutes or stay awhile. No need to bring anything but yourself!

~ With love, Heather and Family



Thankful garland

Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)



What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

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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 Vangsness	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.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 9am Carpio Worship with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Zion Worship with Holy Communion 12pm Luther League	2 11am Carol Hanson Funeral at Zion 1-5pm Minister Office Hours - Zion 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	3 ELECTION DAY 9am-1pm Minister Office Hours - Carpio 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio 2pm Minister in Stanley for Bible Study	4 9am-6pm Minister Office Hours - Zion 6pm Confirmation Class (Meal) 6:30pm Confirmation Class	5 Minister at Western Prairie Conference	6 Minister Visitation Day	7 Minister Day Off Gary Knutson Burial
8 Soup Pot Sunday in Carpio 9am Carpio Worship 9:30am ZLCW Meeting 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Zion Worship 5pm Carpio Church Council Meeting	9 1-5pm Minister Office Hours - Zion 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	10 9am-1pm Minister Office Hours - Carpio 10am-12pm Food Pantry Open 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio 2pm Minister in Stanley for Bible Study 5-7pm Food Pantry Open	11 VETERANS DAY 9am-6pm Minister Office Hours - Zion 6pm Worship Wednesday at Zion 6:30pm Zion Church Council Meeting 	12 9am-4pm Minister Office Hours - Zion SAM Mentor Meetings in afternoon	13 Minister Visitation Day	14 Minister Day Off 10am 4-H Club Meeting in Carpio
15 9am Carpio Worship with Holy Communion 10am Fellowship/Sunday School - Luther League Bake Sale 11am HarvestFest with Holy Communion at Zion 12pm HarvestFest Potluck at Zion	16 1-5pm Minister Office Hours - Zion 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	17 9-1pm Minister Office Hours - Carpio 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio 2pm Minister in Stanley for Bible Study	18 9am-6pm Minister Office Hours - Zion 6pm Confirmation Class (Meal) 6:30pm Confirmation Class	19 9am-4pm Minister Office Hours - Zion SAM Mentor Meetings in afternoon	20 SAM Summit in Bismarck	21 SAM Summit in Bismarck
22 9am Carpio Worship 10am Fellowship/Sunday School 11am Zion Worship 6:30pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Baptist Church	23 1-5pm Minister Office Hours - Zion 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion 3:30pm Mary Martha Circle	24 9am-1pm Minister Office Hours - Carpio 10am Parish Bible Study at Carpio 2pm Minister in Stanley for Bible Study	25 9am-6pm Minister Office Hours - Zion NO Confirmation Class	26 THANKSGIVING DAY 	27 Minister Visitation Day	28 Minister Day Off
29 1st Sunday of Advent 10am 5th Sunday Joint Worship - Carpio - No Sunday School	30 1-5pm Minister Office Hours - Zion 1pm Ecumenical Quilting at Zion	<div>  Happy Birthday to: 17th - Tracy N. 30th - Virginia E. </div> <div>  Happy Anniversary to: 27th - David & Virginia E. </div>				