

How to Grow your Faith this Summer?

Our daily patterns change a little with the seasons. For June, July and early August many North Dakotans try to squeeze the most out of summer. How do your patterns change? I find myself trying to spend as much time outdoors as possible; more walks, meals on the back deck, time at the lake, boat rides, reading with my toes in the warm beach sand, paddle boarding, ice cream enjoyed on the lawn, and campfires. For some, summer schedules can pull us away from our regular worship routine. How can we adapt, so summer gives us an opportunity to continue growing in our faith?



Here are a few ideas to continue tilling the soil of your faith this summer!

* **Listen to faith-filled content.** Find a new **Podcast** to listen to while you drive to the lake, or while you garden. There are a number of really great faith-based podcasts that can stimulate your thinking: The Bulletin from Christianity Today, Main Street Lutherans, . There are also great **Christian Radio** stations that are worth tuning in for a change. Locally you can try: 100.7 FM.

* **Read a new faith-filled book.** Zion has a tremendous library of religious books free and open to you to explore in the Christian Education hallway. Grab one any day during summer church office hours (8am-5pm Mon-Thurs. and Friday 8am-noon.) or at worship Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 10am. Some interesting titles currently in stock include: 'God Will Carry You Through' by Max Lucado, and 'Reaching for the Invisible God' by Philip Yancey.

* **Watch Zion's worship online.** You are so fortunate that your church offers really excellent live-streamed worship Sundays at 10am during the summer. Our custodian and IT/AV expert keeps the view interesting, changing camera angles and fine-tuning the audio. The services are recorded so you can watch them anytime during the week.

* **Camps are a great chance to grow.** Many of our youth will attend camps during the summer including our beloved Metigoshe Lutheran Camp. We also host at Zion our Vacation Bible Camp Tues. June 3rd-6th for grades 1-6 at 9am-3pm and our Pre-school and Kindergarten age Camp 9-12:30 June 3-5th. Plus, this year we have mini-camps mid-June at Zion for two nights on topics like Baking, Crochet, Hockey, Soccer, or Writing. Camp experiences are shown to help young people develop their faith for a life-time and grow their connection with their church long-after they are confirmed.

* **Zion Walkers provides an opportunity to walk and socialize.** Wednesdays all summer meet at the church by the outside cross for a quick moment of prayer before we walk around the neighborhood. We take different paths each day. You'll usually find us Wednesdays at 1pm walking through the area. For those working, consider taking a late lunch break and joining us. Come once this summer or many times.

* **Try a new Devotion this summer.** Christ in Our Home is available free by the water fountain at Zion. There are also some devotions and prayer books in the church library, or in our local bookstores. Pastor Elaine wrote a new Bible Study that has been published by Next Sunday Resources, it follows the June Old Testament readings. Order link: <https://www.nextsunday.com/shop/connections-may-aug-2025/>

This summer, consider choosing one new way to strengthen your faith. You are also welcome to stop by the church any time for good faith-filled conversation with staff or to talk about the weather. Your church is here to support you in life and faith, in every season! - Pastor Elaine

Proverbs 3:5-6 'With all your heart you must trust the Lord and not your own judgment. Always let him lead you, and he will clear the road for you to follow.'



The following groups & ministries are happening now! You are invited to attend any of the following (*bring a friend*):



Meets @ 2pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Board Room.

This circle joins together for a monthly Bible study led by one of our pastors. Contact the office for more information.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 13th @2pm



Quilting Ministry

Meets @ 9am on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Fellowship Hall.

Many hands are needed to cut pieces, pin, sew and tie.

No experience necessary!

Next meeting is in the fall



Meets every Tuesday 1pm in room 407. You can use the Southwest entrance

This group meets weekly to enjoy the art of painting. You do not have to know how to paint to join. A short lesson is given at the beginning of the session,

then conversation and painting on your own continues until 4pm. Bring your own supplies and any paint medium except oil paints due to allergies.



Meets @ 5:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Youth Room.

Yarn is available if you wish to make shawls at

home. Prayer Shawls are given to people who are seriously ill or grieving.

Next meeting is Tues. June 10th @5:30pm



Sisterhood Ministry

Meets monthly

Meet other women of the church while learning, celebrating and being a servant of God through

monthly service projects throughout the year.



Zion Walkers

ZION WALKERS began mid May. This spring and summer enjoy an opportunity to gather weekly to walk our

neighborhood. Wednesdays we'll meet at the cross by our southeast door for a prayer together and then head out walking together. What a great opportunity to take care of our bodies, connect with each other and church staff, and enjoy the great outdoors. Come when you can - **Wednesdays 1pm starting May 17th!**



Zion Photo Directory

We're excited to announce that the Zion Photo Directory will be available for purchase at the end of June! Directories will be sold for just \$5 each, providing a wonderful way to stay

connected with our church family. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our local businesses who generously supported this project by purchasing ad space. Their contributions helped make this directory possible!



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Minot, ND
Membership Directory



Book Club— Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30pm.

September's book is a *Wing and a Prayer* by Julie Lessman

A street orphan abused and abandoned by an alcoholic father at age five, Gabriella (Gabe) O'Connor has never let a man stand in her way yet. So when a handsome flight officer thwarts her plans to become a WASP— Women Air Force Service Pilot — she's determined to join the war effort anyway she can. Her chance comes when she "borrows" foreign correspondent credentials from the Boston Herald—where her father is the editor—to stow away on a medical ship to the front.

*Excerpt from Amazon.com

****The Next Book Club Meeting is Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30pm**



OWLS Event was Monday May 5th at 1pm
Zion's Older Wiser Lutherans were invited to gather at the church in the north board room for refreshments and an opportunity to create gifts for Zion's graduating highschool seniors.



MINI CAMPS at ZION

Registration for all mini camps opens May 1st on zlc.org. All camps begin with prayer and conclude with a blessing. Scholarships available, so the small fee won't be a barrier for anyone.



Crochet Camp - Wednesdays-June 11th & 18th 6-8pm. Have fun learning a new skill or improving. All supplies provided. Open to all ages that can sit and follow directions. Cost \$15. Led by Kristi Asendorf & Sue Cleveland.



Hockey Skills Camp - Mon. June 23rd & Tues. June 24th 6-8pm. Perfect some stick handling skills and shooting, and finish with a fun street hockey games. Please wear running shoes and bring a helmet, gloves, shin guards, and a hockey stick suitable for outdoor use. (If equipment is needed, please mark on registration.) Athletes grouped by age/skill level. Cost \$30. Led by Coach Shaun Brentrup and High School hockey players.



Soccer Skills Camp -Tues. June 24th & Thurs. June 26th. Ideal for 4-8yr olds. Enjoy some outdoor fun in the excitement of soccer. Please wear running shoes and shin guards and bring a soccer ball if possible. Cost is \$30 Led by Coach Rich Jensen and High School athletes.



Cookie Camp - Mondays-June 9th & 16th at 6-8pm. Enjoy time in the kitchen whipping up some delicious cookie to take home. Bring an apron. Not suitable for those with peanut allergies. Ideal for ages 8-10. Limited Class Size-10. Cost is \$30. Led by Myrna DeMers with Marlys Sundbakken



Creative Writing Camp - Mon. June 23 & Wed. June 25th. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere to allow your creativity to soar with writing prompts and time to work on your own projects with tips to grow your personal writing skills. Open to all ages who can write. Cost \$15. Led by author Elaine Sweet and high school comic book and movie script writer Ethan Sweet.

Financials

	Year to Date
Income	\$261,011.44
Expenses	\$232,588.55
Net	\$28,422.89

Thank You

For your continued support of Zion Lutheran and Zion's mission!

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Worship Date	On-Site	Online	Total
April 26th, 27th, & 30th	234	235	469
May 3rd, 4th, & 7th	286	438	724
May 10th & 11th	308	224	532
May 17th & 18th	114	132	246
May 24th & 25th	84	104	188

4 ways to Give



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Cash or Check
Use giving envelope in offering plate



On-line
RebelGive
for one time giving or recurring giving
www.zionlutheranminot.org



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Sign up with your bank for recurring giving direct from your account



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Minot ND 58701

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God bless you in your giving.

IN MEMORY OF DARLENE VAN ARSDALE

Undesignated: Butch & Ruth Rexine
Angela & David Speiser

General: Kelle Olsen

IN MEMORY OF MYRON BRODEHL

Undesignated: Evelyn Schell
Gary Schell

memorials & gifts

May 2025- Baptisms

5/3 Malina Vetter
5/4 Brooks Gidley
5/10 Adelynn Naslund
5/10 Layton Naslund
5/10 Landon Naslund

May 2025-Funerals

5/7 Myron Brodehl
5/15 Roger Wheeling
5/24 Evelyn Schell
5/26 Donna Jean Stuck
5/27 Dorothy Helseth

Designated funds to which you may donate in memory/honor of someone:

Zion General Fund ~ Building Fund ~ Community Outreach ~ Education
Music Ministry ~ Outdoor Enhancement ~ Trust ~ ZLCW

If no specific fund indicated, gifts go to the

Day Camp/VBS at Zion

*Grades 1-6—June 3-6

- *For all ENTERING Grades 1-6
- * 9am-3pm (Tues-Thurs) & 9-11am (Fri)
- *Lock-in will be Thursday Night for all those ENTERING Grades 4-6
- *Cost-\$45/member & \$50/non-member



*PreK/K Day Camp—June 3-5

- *For all entering Kindergarten/Preschool
- *9:00 am-12:30 pm (Tues-Thurs)
- *Cost-\$35/member & \$40/non-member

*Program/Worship for ALL AGES will be Thurs, June 5th



CAMP METIGOSHE

- * Camp Metigoshe ½ Scholarships—The Zion Trust is once again offering a ½ scholarship to attend 1 session of Camp Metigoshe (or any ELCA Bible Camp) this upcoming summer. If you are interested, please visit with one of the staff.
- * Additional Scholarship Money is available. Contact the church office.



Summer Fellowship Events

Mark Your Calendars



*Thursday, June 5th

- *Day Camp Program and Worship

*Wednesday, June 25th

- *BINGO- “Carside Style” with prizes
- *7pm Come sit outside or in the back of your pick-up/SUV for BINGO

*Wednesday, August 6th

- *Special Fellowship Event-TBA

*Wednesday, August 27th

- *Fall Kick-off Carnival
- *Backpack Blessing Worship Service

A BIG thank you to all of our Church School Volunteers! We had the blessing of 35 adults who served our 102 Church School students! This ministry is not possible without these caring adults who share their time, patience and God’s love with our kiddos.



*Children’s Ministries Team

- *This team helps support the ministry of our children and families through helping hands for some of our projects, but also to help maintain the vision for the ministry we feel God is calling us to here.
- * This is an important ministry for our children and families. Come be a part of visioning and dreaming about how we can best serve YOU! Contact Chris for more information.



Silent Auction

By the cornhole planning team—
Supporting new carpet at Zion.
View items in person **Sunday June 8th,**

Bidding starts **Monday June 9th online** on our Zion Facebook Page. Bidding online ends June 14th at 11:59pm. In person **bidding ends Sunday May 15th at 11:30am.**

CONFIRMATION UPDATE



Thank you for another great confirmation year! A HUGE Thank You to all our confirmation adult leaders! Without loving and caring adults willing to walk with children on

their faith journey, the Zion program would not be possible. Enjoy the summer everyone and we will see you back in September!

SENIOR SUNDAY

Congratulation class of 2025! May the warmth of your quilts and the love of Zion be with you wherever your path takes you.



Top Row, left to right– Griffin Broderick, Nick Thomas, Grant Thorson, Nolan Callahan, Carter Coleman, Xander Soine, Erin McLean, Chayse Grosche. *Middle Row, left to right*– Mason Eichhorn, Carson Deaver, Kaden Henderson, Carson Brekke, Sydney Aberle, Bostyn Edwards, Kiera Torgeson, Medora Kolles, Elle Tiedman. *Front Row, left to right*– Ethan Sweet, Luke Atkinson, Jayden Thomas, Jayda Schall, Kortni Plorin, Madyson Rexine, Brooklyn Mosser, Ellie Schaefer.

YOUTH GROUP

IGNITE 9TH-12TH GRADE

Wednesdays from 8-9:30pm every other week during the Summer.



June 4th– Camp fire & outdoor games
June 18th– Camp fire & outdoor games
July 2nd– Camp fire & outdoor games
July 16th– Camp fire & outdoor games

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the very first 6th grade class I worked with at Zion is now graduating this year? *-Kortni's brain*

Let's take a trip down memory lane—about 2,453 days ago, or 6 years, 9 months, and 15 days ago, for those of us who don't like doing quick math—I started my ministry at Zion Lutheran. I was filled with a mix of excitement and nervousness, not knowing exactly what I was getting myself into teaching 6th-12th graders. Then I met this group of 6th graders, and if I'm being honest, they scared me to my core. Suddenly, I was the one in charge of guiding their faith journeys.

Little did I know, this class would teach me more than any of them could ever know. They taught me to be more curious about my faith, to serve with more joy, and—perhaps most importantly—how to defuse a disagreement quickly. This class gave me my first grey hair, my first Christmas gift as a “teacher,” and my first “OMG, you won't believe what was said in confirmation last night” story. They also gave me my first “how do I break through to this kid?” moment. I never thought the day would come when I would have to say, “See you later” to the very first class of 6th graders who helped shape the youth director I am today.

Fast forward to this past Mother's Day. There I was, standing in front of 24 kids from that first class, sending them off into the world with their new quilts. I looked out and saw those little faces that had grown into young men and women. I thought of all the stories, laughter, and even the tough moments we shared together. And when it was all said and done, I cried. Not because anything went wrong, or because I won't see these kids again, but because I am so proud of each and every one of them.

Class of 2025, always remember—you are so deeply loved, not only by our Creator but by your Zion family—and, of course, by your awkward 6th grade confirmation teacher.

God of guidance, be with all 2025 graduates as they venture out into this new world.

Amen.

KORTNI'S CORNY CORNER

Q: Did you know that, if you put sock and shoes on a bear, he'll still have bear feet! - Milt Korslien

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Synod Assembly 9:15: Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship Service	2  6pm Cookie Camp	3 Zion Day Camp 1pm: Watercolor Grp	4 Zion Day Camp 1pm Zion Walkers	5 Zion Day Camp 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon	6 Zion Day Camp	7 5pm Worship Service
8 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am Worship Service	9 6pm Cookie Camp	10 1pm: Watercolor Grp 5:30pm: Prayer Shawl 6:30pm: Book Club	11 1pm Zion Walkers 6pm: Crochet Camp	12 2pm: Hannah Circle 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon	13	14 Flag Day  5pm Worship Service
15 Fathers Day 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am Worship Service	16 6pm: Cookie Camp 6pm Finance Mtg	17 1pm Watercolor Grp 6:30pm: Council Mtg	18 1pm Zion Walkers 6pm: Crochet Camp	19 Juneteenth 7:30pm Narcotics Anon	20 	21 5pm Worship Service
22 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am Worship Service	23 6pm: Hockey Skills Camp 6pm: Creative Writing Camp	24 1pm Watercolor Grp 6pm: Hockey Skills Camp 6pm: Creative Writing Camp 6pm: Soccer Skills Camp	25 1pm Zion Walkers 2pm: Prayer Circle 7pm: Bingo	26 6pm: Soccer Skills Camp 7:30pm Narcotics Anon	27	28 5pm Worship Service
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Loved by God – Living out the Love of Jesus

Our Guiding Principles:

growing spiritually to be more like Jesus
actively caring for one another
welcoming and inviting all people
giving generously to join in God's work
joyfully serving as Christ's hands and feet
living faithfully in daily life

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