



'September Wishes and Prayers'

As we launch into September, and all the changes that come with the season of Fall, it seemed like an ideal time to offer a prayer for you and us together.

Dear Zion congregation, I pray you find your way into your beautiful church so many times this fall that your vehicle could *DRIVE* here by memory. I pray your face lights up as you pass through the doors. I pray in worship you hear a song that *UPLIFTS* you, a sentence in Scripture that startles you awake in *FAITH*, a phrase in prayer that comforts you, and a handshake from a fellow Zion lover that makes you feel at home. I pray *LAUGHTER* finds you daily, and you bring that joy to your church. I pray you *EAT* with us this month; at a Wed. night meal, the Lutefisk and Meatball supper, or around our campfire. I pray you *CONNECT* with someone in our church and a friendship is deepened or a new one begun. I pray you feel seen and *VALUED*, and you find a way to contribute to God's mission through Zion. I pray that our children and teens' love of God and church is deepened. I pray September is a month of *STRENGTHENING* your faith and hope. God bless Zion, the bonds between us, and the good worship and service we offer to God's glory. Amen.

There are so many terrific events and worship opportunities happening at Zion this month. We hope to see you lots! Here are a few highlights: Wednesday worship begins for the school year Sept. 3rd; Church School, Confirmation and Youth Group also begin the first week of September; Lukefisk and Meatball Dinner is Sat. Sept. 20th 3-7pm; and the first Camping at Zion event is Sat. Sept. 27th! God bless our church and one another as we seek to live out our mission 'Loved by God - Living out the love of Jesus'.

Hebrews 10:22-25 'So let's do it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. [God] always keeps [God's] word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.'

-Pastor Elaine Sweet



Pastor Rachel will lead worship once a month and teach confirmation monthly.

Hi, I'm Rachel Simonson and I'm the pastor with Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State University. I've lived in Minot for the last five years with my husband, John, and two kids, Anna (12) and Charlie (9). I'm excited to join the staff at Zion this year and have the chance to get to know you all better. Leading worship and teaching are my favorite things, so I'm feeling pretty lucky to get to do that with all of you.

- Pastor Rachel Simonson

Pastor Mike Parker (Retired trinity hospital chaplain) will also provide back-up pastoral care



Blake Vetter will lead confirmation once a month.



I am a Minot native who has been teaching math to middle schoolers for 16 years. I taught 2 years out in Surrey but am currently in town at Jim Hill starting year number 17. My wife is Kasie Vetter and we have three kids, Andrew, Lyvia, and Malina. They all keep me very busy in their activities and interests. Besides school, jiu-jitsu, and church; I like spending time with my family. We like to play games, ride bikes, be outside, and go for hikes. I am excited for this year at church and am really looking forward to being a part of so many students' confirmation journey.

-Blake Vetter

Memorials & Upcoming Events

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August 2025- Baptisms

August 2025- Funerals

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mark your calendars for these great social events at Zion.
Who will you invite to join you?

September	-Lutefisk Supper	-Sat. Sept. 20th 3-7pm
October	-Bingoween (BINGO)	-Sat. Oct. 4th
November	-Confirmation Sunday	-Sun. Nov. 2nd
November	-Time & Talent Auction	-Sun. Nov. 2nd
December	-Yummy for the Tummy	-Sun Dec. 7th

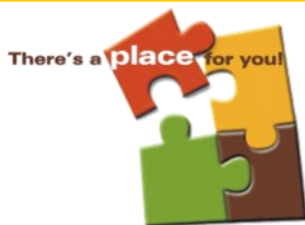
CAMP at ZION!

Join in our first-ever end of season Camping Night at Zion! **Sat. Sept. 27th 6pm - Sun. Sept. 28th 10am.** You are invited to pitch your tent on our beautiful north lawn. There will be activities available and everything is optional, so participate in whatever you would like: Campfire and S'mores, Gaga Ball, Corn Hole, Uno and Jenga by lantern, Bed-time Story and Prayer time. Quiet hours 11pm-6am. Bathrooms in the church will be available for use. Breakfast will be served inside Zion 8:30-9:30am. Worship bookends this event, so you could choose to attend Sat. at 5pm or Sun. at 10am. Join Pastor Elaine. Sign up will be provided so we can plot out campsites for everyone. Campers may park along the north fence on the street. Each tent must have an adult responsible for all in attendance.

Worship Refreshments?

Keep your eyes peeled. Coffee and iced refreshers might be coming to your worship service later this month! Lucky, lucky you!!!

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



Men's Breakfast

Come and have breakfast with Zion dudes/fellows/gentlemen where you will eat, pray, and talk.



Next meeting is Sat. October 18th @9am



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, Sept. 11th @2pm

Meets every Tuesday 1pm in the North Boardroom



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.

Widows & Widowers

Support & Treats with Pastor Elaine.

The next meeting is
Wed. September 3rd @1pm



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. Sept. 9th @5:30pm

Sisterhood Ministry

Meets monthly



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

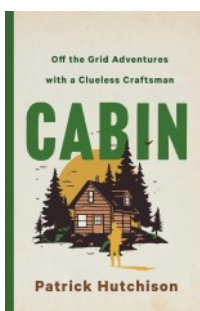
projects throughout the year.

- Monday, September 8th 5:45-8:00
volunteer to help at Matthew 25

- Sunday, September 14th at 11:00
Sisterhood planning meeting at Zion



Know a student going to MSU this fall? Invite them to find Pastor Rachel Simonson in her office and she'll give them a free drink card for the Starbucks at the Beaver Dam (after she catches them for a moment to chat, of course). She's on the second floor of the Wellness Center, between the skyway and the Dome door.



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

September's book is a Cabin by Patrick Hutchison Wit's End isn't just a state of mind. It's the name of a gravel road, the address of a run-down off-the-grid cabin, 120 shabby square feet of fixer-upper Patrick Hutchison purchased on a whim in the mossy woods of the Cascade Mountains in Washington state. To say Hutchison didn't know what he was getting into is no more an exaggeration than to say he's a man with nearly zero carpentry skills. Well, used to be. You can learn a lot over six years of renovations. *Excerpt from Amazon.com

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

Financials

	Year to Date
Income	383,120.94
Expenses	386,638.21
Net	(\$3,517.27)

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Worship Date	On-Site	Online	Total
July 26th & 27th	94	144	238
August 2nd & 3rd	93	168	261
August 9th & 10th	97	134	231
August 16th & 17th	100	130	230

One Good Sermon

We've had a request to repeat our 'One Good Sermon' program. This is an opportunity to try your hand at preparing one sermon. Everyone has a message within them. We'd love to help you write yours. You'll receive specific tips for structuring your sermon, presentation ideas, and worship leadership training. You'll be guided and encouraged all along the way. There will be hand-outs and training will be recorded for those who may miss a session. There will be an opportunity to discuss your sermon together and learn from each other. Zion members (adults and teens are welcome) as well as members from other churches. There is a high need for pulpit supply preachers. You could choose to make yourself available to Zion, or to other neighboring churches. Come try writing a sermon, then decide if you'd like to share it in worship with others.

Sun. Sept. 21st 6-7:30pm, Sun. Oct. 5th 6-7:30pm, Mon. Oct. 20th 6-7:30pm

CYAZ - Connect with Young Adults away from Zion

If you are a parent who recently launched a child to college, military service, or work away; this new group is for you! Each year Zion hosts a wonderful Senior Sunday. We celebrate our graduating high school students and bless them in their next adventure. This year we'd like to connect with our young adults in their time away. Think of them as missionaries out in the world. What could we send in a care package from their church? How can we hear their stories? What can we specifically pray for them? We'd like to gather a group of parents (Moms and Dads) who have launched a child who is now away at college, working away from home, or has entered military training/service. We'd like to meet perhaps 4 times a year (Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar.) and plan active ways we can stay supportively connected with Zion's young adults in this next chapter of their lives. We'd also like to support parents in this new chapter of parenting. Let's continue our mission 'Loved by God - Living out the love of Jesus'. **First meeting Tues. Sept. 9th 7-8:30pm at Pastor Elaine's home.** Bring your own beverage.

Looking Ahead



LUTEFISK



Zion's Lutfisk and Meatball dinner will be Sat. September 20th from 3pm-7pm. Dinner will include desserts and lefsa served family style. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 child (6-12), Under 6 is free. *Volunteer sign up for specific jobs and shift times are available at the church.



Time & Talent Auction Sun. Nov. 2nd 6pm



Start planning your submissions for Zion's 3rd Annual Time & Talent Auction. We are excited for this year's fun and fabulous auction.

Please begin planning what you can contribute. **We are wanting items that are homemade, handcrafted, or a service.** Here are some Auction Donation **Ideas:** Fresh caught frozen Walleye, Lawn Mowing or Snow Plowing 4 times a season, Cookies of the Month, Casserole of the Month, Lefse for the Holidays, Cottage Rental for a week, House Cleaning monthly for 6 months, Private Concert, Painting a room, Crocheted blanket, Handmade dog toys, Math Tutoring x3 sessions, 4 Piano or Voice Lessons, Pet Sitting x2. What are you hoping to see at this year's Time and Talent Auction?

Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Gathering

The annual Western North Dakota LYO Gathering is coming up quick!



- **9th-12th Graders**—October 16th & 17th
- **6th-8th Graders**—October 17th & 18th
- Dickinson
- Transportation Provided
- Interest Meeting—COMING THE END OF SEPTEMBER —WATCH FOR DETAILS

2nd Food Faith Family Kitchen Prep Team Needed!

Looking for a second team to take on food prep every other month.

Needing individuals who are available to help prepare food during the day on Wednesdays for our FFF teams who will serve the meal that evening.

Please Contact the Church Office for any questions 701-852-1872

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities.



- Fall Bible Studies will begin in October
- Holy Listening—watch for details as we plan for our time to gather with people from different community organizations and hear about how we can partner and walk alongside each other. We meet Sunday evenings at Bootleggers.
- Look through The Visitor for times of fellowship and study (Prayer Circle, Hannah Bible Study, Widows/Widowers, OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans))

Join Scouts!

Calling all Boys & Girls K-5th grade interested in getting outdoors, fun camps, learning new skills, and helping others! Join us here at Zion Thursday September 11th at 6:30pm. Any Questions? Contact Brian Lenhart @brian.lenhart@scouting.org or join scouting online at BEASCOUT.ORG

CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

- Rotation—**The Good Samaritan**
- Wednesdays: Sept 3, 10, 17, 24, & Oct 1
- Sundays: Sept 7, 14, 21, 28 & Oct 5 (Wednesday, Oct 1st for Kids' Sabbath)
- Kids' Sabbath—**Wednesday, Oct 1st during 6:15pm Worship**—just come to worship and the students will be called up during the opening song.

What are Kids' Sabbaths?

- Following each rotation our students will share with the congregation the story they have learned during a worship service. The students will sing a few songs, share the story (through reading, skit, puppets, etc) and help throughout the worship service.

Fall Church School Training for all Caring Adults

- Tuesday, Sept 2nd at 7pm.** This will be an IN-PERSON event...all should plan to attend to kick off our year!

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Wednesday Sept 3rd—First night for 6th-8th Gr

Wednesday, Sept 24th—First night for 9th Gr

Sunday, Sept 28th-11th Gr Mentor Celebration & How to Write Your Faith Statement @11am

Thurs-Fri, Oct 16th-17th—High School Youth Gathering in Dickinson

Fri-Sat, Oct 17th-18th—Junior High Youth Gathering in Dickinson

Sun, Oct 19th—11th Grade Faith Statements DUE

Sun, Oct 26th—11th Grade Faith Conversations

Sun, Nov 2nd—10am Worship with the Affirmation of Baptism Service/ Confirmation Sunday for 11th Gr)

Food Faith Family Meals for Sept.

Sept 3rd: Taco in a boat, Salad bar
Sept.10th: Shredded BBQ Chicken Sandwiches, Salad Bar
Sept. 17th: Baked Potato Bar, Salad Bar
Sept 24th: Potato Hotdish, Salad Bar
Oct. 1st: Kids Sabbath,- Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Salad Bar



Bible Workshop Tuesday, Sept 9th 6:30pm

This is for all 3rd Graders and any 4th/5th Graders who have not been gifted a Bible from Zion. Students AND Parents should attend the workshop. The students will be presented their Bibles during the Wed, Sept 10th 6:15pm service OR Sunday, Sept 14th 10am service. Registration form is available on our website.

Please register before Sunday, Sept 7th



Fed and Forgiven

Join us for our Holy Communion Education Event on **Tues, Sept 30th from 6:30– 7:30 pm.** This 2-part inter-generational event will

be a time of exploring and learning about the sacrament of Holy Communion through a variety of hands on activities. We hold one event in the fall and one event in the spring. These 2 events together bring a broader understanding to Communion from a Lutheran perspective. The events can be done in any order but families are encouraged to attend both events. The second event will be Wed, April 1st. If you or your child(ren) have not had any previous Communion instruction or would like to learn a little more, join us! Please contact Chris if you would like materials to preview prior to the event. Age appropriate resources are available for preschool-adults that can be used to enhance the understanding and appreciation of Holy Communion.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

4:30-5:30—Church School Session I
5:15-6:15—Food Faith Family (FFF) Supper
6:15-7—Worship—Camp Style
7-8—Church School Session II/Confirmation

YOUTH GROUP-9th-12th Grade meets every Wednesday from 8-9:30pm

All 9th-12th graders are invited to come hangout, play games, eat snacks, have discussion and grow together from 8-9:30pm every Wednesday.

September 3rd—Come for our first official night for a campfire, smores, and a time to decide what YOU want to do with YOUR youth group this coming year!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Trust Envelope Month 7 9am Church School 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship	1 Office is Closed for Labor Day  8	2 1pm Watercolor Grp 7pm Church School Training	3 1pm: Widows and Widowers 4:30pm Church School 5:15pm: Food Faith Family 6:15pm: Worship 7pm Church School, Confirmation & Yard Clean-up 8pm HS Youth Grp	4 1pm Funeral Team mtg 7:30pm Narcotics Anon	5  13 10am Western Prairie Cluster Fall Gathering 5pm Worship	6 5pm:Worship
14 Synod Pastors Conference 9am Church School 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship– Bible Presentation	15 6pm Finance Mtg	16 1pm Watercolor Grp 6:30pm: Council Mtg	10 4:30pm Church School 5:15pm: Food Faith Family 6:15pm: Worship 7pm Church School Confirmation 8pm HS Youth Grp 17 Chris's Birthday! 4:30pm Church School 5pm: Youth Led Worship @ Oak Park 5:15pm: Food Faith Family 6:15pm: Worship 7pm Church School & Confirmation 8pm HS Youth Group	11 2pm: Hannah Circle 7:30pm Narcotics Anon	12 19 20 3pm: Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner  5pm: Worship	27 5pm Worship 6pm Camping at Zion
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Our Purpose:

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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