



May 31st to June 2nd over 250 members of the Western North Dakota Synod, Pastors and members from WND synod congregations, gathered for the first time in Watford City for our annual Synod Assembly. The highlight for me was the Friday Preassembly Workshop JUST move with Joe Davis and David Scherer. More than 150 participants were invited into a “brave space” of learning about culture and living together with cultural differences. Through music, poetry, skits, and storytelling, they drew the participants into new insights and awareness. With an opening story of the man who was paralyzed and let down by his friends through the roof (Mark 2), they

wondered together where we sometimes need to “cut a hole in the roof, in the roof, in the roof?” They helped the group think about our “Why” for pursuing justice and cultural awareness, what will be compelling enough to keep us going, and what “lenses” we use to see our neighbor. And they shared a helpful definition of culture, that it’s people who have figured out how to “do life together.” They also explained results from a synod-wide cultural assessment, which I was part of, and offered tools on how we might just move as a community on an intercultural continuum. I will continue to work with Dave and Joe with 6 lunch and learn zoom workshops “Becoming Breach Repairers in a polarized world.”



The voting members of the 2024 Synod assembly passed the Western ND Synod Ministry financial plan for 2025 and the 2025 compensation guidelines for Rostered Ministers. Assembly Offerings totaled \$13,540.91! \$2,669.00 will go to ELCA World Hunger. \$7472.91 will go to our global companion synod the Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic. \$3,399.00 will go to our synods 4 Bible camp ministries. So much happens over the 48 hours that we gather. We worship together, we reconnect with colleagues, meet new people, learn together, and eat together. Every year we look for people in our congregation to be voting delegates. Over the next year take time to discern if you would like to join Pastor Natasha and Pastor Elaine for a weekend of getting to know more about your Church.



IN MEMORY OF DONNA ELGIE

Trust: Carmen and Eddie Wheeling

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memorials
& gifts



June 2024- Baptisms

Elsie Gladback 6/16

Livi Marie Moore 6/29

June 2024- Funerals

June Albrecht 6/12



Re-affirmation of Baptism

Michele Schmidt 6/17

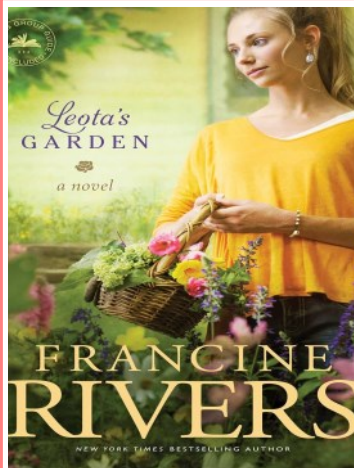
June 2024 Weddings

Bender/Schimke 6/15

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

Zion General Fund ~ Building Fund ~ Community Outreach
Education ~ Global Missions ~ Hand Bells ~ Music Ministry ~ Playground
Prayer Shawl ~ Trust ~ Youth Ministry ~ ZLCW

If no specific fund indicated, gifts go to the Undesignated Memorial Fund



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

Septembers book is “Leota’s Garden” by Francine Rivers

Leota’s garden was once a place of beauty, where flowers bloomed and hope thrived. It was her refuge from the deep wounds inflicted by a devastating war, her sanctuary where she knelt before a loving God and prayed for the children who couldn’t understand her silent sacrifices.

Now, eighty-four-year-old Leota Reinhardt is alone, her beloved garden in ruins. All her efforts to reconcile with her adult children have been fruitless, and she voices her despair to a loving Father, her only friend.

Then God brings a wind of change through unlikely means: one, a college student with an agenda all his own who thinks he has all the answers; the other, a granddaughter Leota never hoped to know. But can the devastation wrought by keeping painful family secrets be repaired before she runs out of time?

*Excerpt from Amazon.com

****The Next Book Club Meeting is Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30pm**

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 September 21st**



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, July 11th @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.



Widows & Widowers

Support & Treats with Pastor Elaine. The next meeting is

Wednesday, September 4th @1pm

Sally Butgereit will be bringing treats.



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. July 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.



Zion Walkers

Meets Wednesday Mornings

This spring and summer enjoy an opportunity to gather weekly to walk our neighborhood. **9am 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.

DAY CAMP



We had a wonderful week of Day Camp June 17-21st. Metigoshe Staff led a terrific week on the theme: Created to Be: Brave, Free, Authentic, Disruptive, and Disciples. There was a lot of Gaga ball played, crafts, snacking, songs, Bible discussions, and games. Wednesday afternoon they sang at Edgewood Nursing Home. Wednesday night they led

worship along with the Pre-schoolers & Kindergarten children from the Morning Camp. Thursday there was a Lock-in from 8pm until Friday morning for the 4-6th graders. In addition to camp staff; Joey, Reese and Lauren, we had two of our youth assisting; Kia & Ava. Thank you to all who brought snacks, and those who provided staff lunches and those who housed our counselors for the week (Bethany & Mark Jensen, Amanda Babcock). Our Wed. worship offering raised an additional \$207.25 for Camp Metigoshe.

Our Pre-school and Kindergarten children had a wonderful Day Camp experience led by wonderful people at Zion. Their theme was God of Creation Camp. They studied the stories of God creating the world, Noah's Ark, and Jesus feeding 5,000. The children learned how God provided our world, a boat during a big flood, and food when a group was hungry. The kids did awesome camping and nature themed crafts.



Story time was often inside a tent. They played outside on our new hills and tunnel. They sang, made creative snacks tied to our themes, and went home with a positive experience of church. Thank you to our leaders: Sarah Holchalter, Melissa Solper, Lesley Peterson, Pastor Elaine, and our youth leaders Ellie Schaefer, Kia Torgeson and Ava Sveet.

Financials

	Year to Date
Income	\$250,668.68
Expenses	\$281,851.80
Net	(-\$31,183.12)

Thank You

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Worship Date	On-Site	Online	Total
June 1st and 2nd	147	122	269
June 8th and 9th	95	326	421
June 15th, 16th, (Father's Day) and 19th	162	132	294
June 22nd and 23rd	80	100	180

Please remember your church over the summer. We of course look forward to seeing you in worship. We also rely on your continued financial support June-August.

The church's building expenses stay pretty constant (air-conditioning, lights, insurance, telephone, internet) even when attendance changes, and our staffing costs remain constant through summer months too. So, you know this means that we really hope you can help give an extra gift to the church before you leave for summer vacation, or get busy with activities that may pull you away from your church this time of year. Thank you for being givers Zion can count on!



Zion's Lutefisk and Meatball dinner will be Sat. September 21st from 3pm-7pm. Dinner will include desserts and lefsa served family style.

Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 child (6-12), Under 6 free.

Volunteer sign up for specific jobs and shift times will be available August 1st



CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Summer time!

Upcoming confirmation year meetings will be posted next month! Keep enjoying your summer!

MISSION TRIP UPDATES

Want to hear more about the Jr. High Mission trip to Duluth, join us in worship on Sat. July 7th at 5pm or Sun. July 8th at 10am. We will be having our youth help-out during worship and share their experience. We will be doing the same thing on July 27th at 5:00pm and July 28th at 10:00am for our High School Mission to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We are so excited to share all that we learned and express once again all our thanks during our fundraising season!

HOT TOTS

We had another great night out at the Hot Tots baseball game on June 11th! Thank you so much for everyone that bought a ticket to donate, came out and supported us and those that bought 50/50 raffle tickets. I am continually surprised by the amount of love and support that pours out from our Zion community. Thank you so much for helping us during this fundraising season. The youth and myself can not thank you enough!



KORTNI'S CORNY CORNER

- Q: Why couldn't George Washington fall asleep?
- A: Because he couldn't lie!
- Q: What was the most popular dance in 1776?
- A: The indepen-DANCE!

YOUTH GROUP

IGNITE 9TH-12TH GRADE

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

No youth group the month of July due to summer trips. See you all in August!



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know there has been some form of a youth gathering for over 100 years?

elcaymnet.blog

Hundreds of thousands of youth, over many decades have traveled all across the nation to attend church based Youth Gatherings much like the one we will be attending July 16th-23rd. Youth have been coming together to worship, service, learn in a large community dating back to the earliest record of Youth Gatherings in 1903 from the Norwegian Synod. After digging into the history of the Gathering, the fact that 16 of us from Zion Lutheran in Minot ND get to be apart of such a rich and deep history is beautiful. There are always worries about if things will go right when traveling with youth. Will our flight arrive/takeoff on time? What if someone losses their wallet? What will we do if it rains the whole time? My anxiety driven brain could go on and on about worries with this trip. One thing I don't have to worry about, is how God will continue to show God's self to us on this trip.



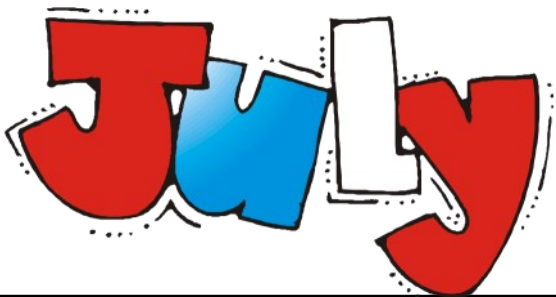
Through worship, service projects, laughter with one another, a hug when things get difficult or even a slight breeze on a hot day. God has and continues to walk with us and show God's self to us. Why do you think the church based youth gatherings have been happening for over 100 years?

*God, thank you for all the God moments in our life.
Amen.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 1pm: Watercolor Group	3 9am: Zion Walkers	4 Office Closed 	5	6 5pm: Worship	
7 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship	8	9 1pm: Watercolor Group 5:30pm: Prayer Shawl 6pm: Girl Scout Admin Mtg. 6:30pm: Council Mtg	10 9am: Zion Walkers	11 2pm: Hannah Circle 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon. Mtg.	12 	13 5pm: Worship
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28 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship	29 Pastor Natasha's Birthday!! 	30 1pm: Watercolor Group 6:30pm: Trust Mtg	31 9am: Zion Walkers			

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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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