

Churches are not islands unto themselves. It is critical that we are involved in the life of the community where God has planted us. Zion continues to explore avenues for strengthening our relationships and presence in Minot. We are always open to your ideas about how we can grow our community connections. Pastor Natasha leads our monthly Holy Listening events, where we intentionally listen and learn from various community groups, with an ear especially for how we can grow our awareness of needs and opportunities to collaborate and support.



We both attend our monthly ELCA Conference meetings and weekly Text studies which keep us connected with our fellow Lutheran churches. I participate in our Minot Area Pastors Prayer group weekly which is a connection with other denominations in our community and community needs. In March, I had the opportunity to tour the Project Bee downtown homeless shelter with community pastors and learn about their needs and partnership opportunities. Also in March, I was invited to offer the Prayer of Invocation at the Minot Area Chamber EDC annual meeting, and to attend the Trinity Hospital area pastors annual gathering.

Building relationships as pastors with this community is important. We desire Zion Lutheran to be visible and active in our community. Our Confirmation program provides great interaction with our community through the many service projects they participate in around our community. Twice a week a small group of special needs students come to Zion to develop their work skills. Our church houses a beautiful preschool for the community, 'Children's Garden Preschool'. We are the homebase for Scouting and Guiding troops, and Narcotics Anonymous. We provide and serve soup multiple times a year on Minot State campus through Lutheran Campus Ministries. These are important aspects of Zion's ministry that you enable with your support of Zion. This spring, May 28th-June 1st, you will have the opportunity to serve shoulder to shoulder in our community as Zion will be joining in 'City Serve' a community service week, partnering many Minot churches with opportunities to make a shared impact together.

Hebrews 13:16 reminds us, 'Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.' When you see an opportunity for your church to get involved in our community, or when God gives you an idea for expanding our impact and relationships, please share this with your church staff. There is much to be proud of at Zion and much good and faithful work ahead. Growing our connections, relationships and service in the community fits beautifully with our mission. Zion has six guiding principles. *Guiding Principles: 1) Growing spiritually to be more like Jesus, 2) Actively caring for one another, 3) Welcoming and inviting all people, 4) Giving generously to join in God's work, 5) Joyfully serving as Christ's hands and feet, 6) Living faithfully in daily life.* God bless you in your community service and your sharing of Zion with others.

-Pastor Elaine Sweet

IN MEMORY OF JANE HORNTVEDT

Undesignated: Douglas Beck



IN MEMORY OF MAYNARD HORNTVEDT

Undesignated: Douglas Beck

IN MEMORY OF ARLENE BECK

Undesignated: Douglas Beck



March 2024- Baptisms
none

February & March 2024-Funerals
Shirley Larson– 3/29/2024



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

Say 'welcome' to our newest members!

Tanner Scheig &
Mckenzie Ebert



Paul & April
Moore



Shad & Karlie
Froseth



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. Dick Butts and Rich Jensen will be hosting breakfast and Jim Robb will lead the devotions. This group meets once a month.



Next meeting is Saturday, April 20th @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, April 11 @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 Monday, April 15th @ 9am.



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, May 1st @1pm

There will be some simple games to play. Barb Jenson 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 Tuesday, April 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.

Sisterhood Retreat April 12-14

Men's Cornhole Tournament

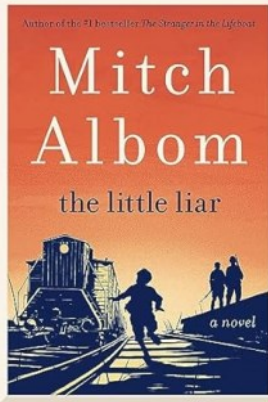


Looking ahead, our 2nd annual Men's Cornhole Tournament is coming up! More

information to come.

Sunday, May 5th





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

April's book is "The Little Liar" by Mitch Albom

Eleven-year-old Nico Krispis has never told a lie. His schoolmate, Fannie, loves him because of it. Nico's older brother Sebastian resents him for both these facts. When their young lives are torn apart during the war, it will take them decades to find each other again.

Nico's innocence and goodness is used against his tightly knit community when a German officer barter's Nico's reputation for honesty into a promise to save his loved ones. When Nico realizes the consequences of the betrayal, he can never tell the truth again. He will spend the rest of this life changing names, changing locations and identities, desperate to find a way to forgiveness—for himself and from the people he loves most.

*Excerpt from Amazon.com

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

**WESTERN PRAIRIE CLUSTER 2024
SPRING GATHERING**

"Living a Chocolate-Filled Life"

"How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

Psalm 119:103

**Zion Lutheran Church, Mohall, ND
APRIL 6, 2024, 9:30 am Registration and
Breakfast 10:00 am Music and the day
begins!**

Love Donation: Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood School Backpack Program Needed: non-perishables, canned vegetables, mac & cheese, fruit cups, pasta noodles, cereals (not sugar coated), granola bars, spaghetti, no candy.

Roll Call: Matthew 25 Project (monetary)
Worship Offering: ½ to SWO & ½ to the Bible Camps Elections for Secretary, and Mission Stewardship Food, music and singing Speakers from The Lutheran Camps Western Prairie Cluster now has a Facebook Page-be sure to check it out.
Contact Sonja Hernes with questions, to carpool, or register.

Worship Date	On-Site	Online	Total
March 2nd, 3rd, and 6th	84	196	280
March 9th, 10th, and 13th	212	260	472
March 16th, 17th, and 20th	209	259	468
March 23rd, 24th, and 27th	321	328	649



On April 9th, Sonja and Joel Hernes are celebrating their 64th Wedding Anniversary!

On April 12th, Jim and Sue Robb are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary!

Call 701-852-1872
or fill out a submission form:
<https://zionlutheranminot.org/celebration-corner-submissions>

Financials

	February	Year to Date
Income	54,089.67	99,891.21
Expenses	60,624.98	113,389.95
Net	(6,535.31)	(13,498.74)

Thank You

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

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4 ways to Give



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for one time giving or recurring giving
www.zionlutheranminot.org



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Minot ND 58701



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

Initial offering

Help support our envelope program with the Initial Offering envelope for our church.

Our Initial Offering Envelope is the first



Envelope in your offering box. This \$5 Initial Offering helps us with next years order of Offering Envelopes

Heat Update

Zion's Building and Grounds Committee recommended a bid to Council on Tues. March 26th to replace the struggling heating and cooling system for the church sanctuary. After nearly a year of work with multiple businesses for bids, the unanimous recommendation by Building & Grounds was well received by Council. Council approved the proposal to replace our current sanctuary heating system with natural gas furnaces and air conditioners. The remainder of our church building will remain on geothermal heat pumps. The Council is now calling a brief Special Congregation Meeting to approve the required funding for the sanctuary heating and cooling replacement. Any amounts over \$10,000 outside of the annual budget must be approved by the congregation.

Sunday April 14th at 10:45am will be this brief congregation meeting. A minimum of 80 voting congregation members must be present to meet quorum and approve the funding.

CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

*The Lost Coin & The Lost Sheep Rotation

***Wednesday—April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1**

***Sunday—April 7, 14, 21, 28 & May 1**

***Kids' Sabbath—WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st at 6:15pm Worship** (Kids here by 5:50pm)—there will be supper beginning at 5:15pm.



***Summer Day Camp/VBS: June 17-21**

*For all ENTERING Grades 1-6

* 9am-3pm (Mon-Thurs) & 9-11am (Fri)

***PreK/K Day Camp—June 17-19**

*For all entering Kindergarten/Preschool

*9:00 am-12:30 pm

*DAY CAMP Registration is OPEN! Registration can be found on our Zion Website under Sign-ups and Forms. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1ST

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.

***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 at Zion.

Chris's Sabbatical

Dear Members of Zion,

Sabbatical is derived from the word sabbath, meaning to rest from one's laborers. Sabbatical is often defined for pastors and other ministry workers as a time of rest, a renewal and study. Pastors typically take one every 4-7 years of ordained ministry for a period of around 3. I approached both the Personnel and the Council about the potential for a rest and renewal sabbatical. Although I am not a part of the rostered/ ordained ministry, I reached the milestone of 25 years in ministry spring of 2023 and 15 years of service to this congregation. This is quite unusual for someone who is not ordained to have tenure of such length with a congregation. I value this congregation and the ministry we do together.

After discussions with the Personnel Committee, Zion's Council graciously granted me a sabbatical for this summer during their meetings this past fall. I will begin my Sabbatical on May 6th and will return to the office Aug 5th.

The purpose of my Sabbatical will be rest and renewal. Time will be spent focused on spiritual wholeness: physical, intellectual, emotional, financial, social and vocational wellness. This prolonged period of rest will allow me time to renew and strengthen relationships with my family as well as a renewed sense of calling to the good people of Zion through the ministry we do together.

I will be sharing a more detailed plan of my time away in May's newsletter. I look forward to sharing insights I gain throughout the summer with you this fall. My hope is to offer opportunities to learn and grow together as we strive to find Sabbath in this busy world.

Blessings, Chris

*Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 9th at 7pm.** 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!

Nursery Care IMPORTANT UPDATE



We are so thankful for our Nursery Ministry. Our Nursery has been staffed by part-time paid employees in the past. Our nursery ministry will continue to operate now with volunteers.

If you would like to serve as a volunteer in the nursery, please contact Chris. **All volunteers will need to complete a background check form per Zion's Child Safety Policy.**

We are excited to continue providing this important ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact

Food Faith Family Update & Meals for April

April 3rd—Taco in a Boat (All Gluten Free)

April 10th—Hotdogs/Chips/Fruit/Salad

April 17th—Sandwich Bar

April 24th—Little Caesar's Pizza & Salad

May 1st—Taco in a Boat (All Gluten Free)

May 8th— TBD

May 15th—Burgers & Hotdogs on the Grill

*Gluten Free Options Provided

*Expenses as of March 20th—\$1,238.58

*Income as of March 19th—\$1,708.00

**We are blessed to have had several families sponsor a meal since January covering a portion or all of the food expenses for that evening.

If your family (or a group of families) would like to sponsor a meal or a portion of a Wednesday meal, please let Chris know. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

PROJECT BEE—Holy Listening Insights

Our monthly Holy Listening continues to bring insight and wonderings as we explore how we can connect with others in the community and support them as they work to better the world around us.

Sunday March 18th was no exception as we heard from Tarina Cook, Project Bee's interim director. She shared about the recent financial challenges that Project Bee faced which forced the organization to close abruptly in mid-December. The board has remained determined to work with other community partners to keep the services available to the community. The diaper service, daily shower center and warming house were all able to be made available this winter. The board has been blown away by the support from the community organizations and churches helping provide meals, diapers, supplies needed.

Project BEE's current needs includes financial support, as they have been unable to reopen their emergency family shelter units. Financial gifts are best at this point because it allows the staff to purchase specifically needed items. Other items that are accepted include diapers, wipes and personal hygiene items.

We are thankful for the dedicated board especially Tarina Cook who shared her passion for serving those who are experiencing homelessness here in the Minot area.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

We are in the final home stretch of our confirmation year! While that comes to an end, I would like to invite everyone to our Student Led Worship Service happening Wednesday, May 15th at 6:15pm. The students did so well with last years that we can't wait for them to lead another! This will also be the last Wednesday worship service until we resume in the fall. Come support our students on May 15th!

SENIOR SUNDAY



One of my favorite and tear filled service is coming up and you will want to mark you calendar.

Sunday, May 12th @ 10am is our Senior Sunday service. We will be recognizing these 22 Graduates this year: Jillian Ackerman, Claire Anderson, Lucas Beeter, Annlea Eskelson, Allison Francis, Elyssa Greenwell, Dylan Henderson, Seth Huus, Carley Kersten, Avery Lunde, Mazzie Mills, Brady Peterson, Jaxson Radke, Adam Roedocker, Jaxson Sipma, Jagger Swartwout, Kailey Teets, Conley Vetsch, Kelsie White, Cali Wilson, Kayden Wilson, & Aiden Zerr.

Congratulations Class of 2024!

CITY SERVE

This year, Zion will be joining in on City Serve Minot! This event is from May 28th-June 1st. City Serves mission is to "Mobilize churches across the state of North Dakota to serve and bless their communities." In the past, service projects such as; laundromat ministry, meals on wheels, freezer meals for fire stations and EMS, detailing police cars, landscaping, zoo clean up, Dream Catchers baseball game and the list goes on! We will have more information on how you can get involved soon!

For more information now, go to cityservend.org



YOUTH GROUP

IGNITE 9TH-12TH GRADE

Wednesdays from 8-9:30

April 3rd- Denny's Night

April 10th- Nailed It!

April 17th- Game Night

April 24th- Campfire (weather permitting)

Here's to hoping we can get back outside soon!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible study will be Tuesday April 30th! See you all soon!



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know... April 2nd is National Reconciliation Day?

-NationaldayCalendar.com

In today's society, it is easy to turn against someone, a group of people, or even a political party. We might not believe what that party has to say, don't agree with a groups decisions or are hurt by one persons actions. Turning our back to them is the easy part, but, as Christians we are called to do the hard thing and reconcile. Called to turn to each other and learn from each other, work together and love above everything else. A phrase that I've heard on and off lately is "I love you, even if I don't like you right now." This sums up how we are to live as Christians. Jesus calls us to love everyone, even when we don't necessarily like or agree with everyone. Reach out to those have hurt you or you have turn away from and reconcile. Not just April 2nd, but everyday.

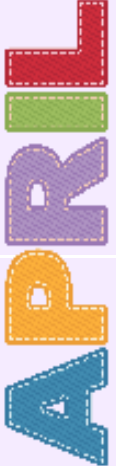
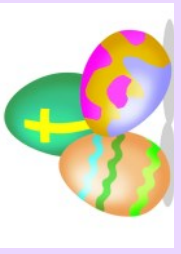


God, you say to love everyone. Help to love those that I differ from, even when I don't like them. Amen

KORTNI'S CORNY CORNER

Q: What do you call a group of bunnies hopping away from you?

A: A receding hareline!

Joke: Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. Spring apparently wasn't bad either!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 9am: Church School 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Baptism- Atley Stromberg 10am: Worship 7pm: Cub Scout Mtg.	1 Easter Monday  Office Closed	2 1pm: Watercolor Group	3 9am: Moms on a Mission-Crazy Busy 4:30pm: Church School 5pm: Men's Cornhole Planning Mtg 5:30pm: Food Faith Family 6:15pm: Worship 7pm: 6th-8th Grade Confirmation & Church School	4 6pm: Girl Scout Troop 10319 Mtg. 7pm: SOUL Sister-Crazy Busy 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon. Mtg.	5 Marion Hambek Funeral	6 5pm: Baptism- Camden Sperling 5pm: Worship
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14 9am: Church School 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Baptism-Lane Troxel 10am: Worship 3:30pm: Order of the Arrow Mtg	15 9am: Sewing Day	16 1pm: Watercolor Group 6:30pm: Council Mtg	17 9am: Moms on a Mission-Crazy Busy 4:30pm: Church School 5:30pm: Food Faith Family 6:15pm: Worship 7pm: 6th-8th Grade Confirmation & Church School 8pm: Ignite	18 6pm: Girl Scout Troop 10319 Mtg. 7pm: SOUL Sister-Crazy Busy 7pm: Cub Scout Pack Mtg. 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon. Mtg.	19 	20 9am: Men's Breakfast 5pm: Worship
21 Variety Show 9am: Church School 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship 6:30pm: Holy Listening	22	23 1pm: Watercolor Group 6:30pm: Trust Mtg.	24 9am: Moms on a Mission-Crazy Busy 4:30pm: Church School 5:30pm: Food Faith Family 6:15pm: Worship 7pm: 6th-8th Grade Confirmation & Church School 8pm: Ignite	25 7pm: SOUL Sister-Crazy Busy 7pm: Cub Scout Pack Mtg. 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon. Mtg.	26	27 5pm: Worship
28 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship 6:30pm: Holy Listening (Last one until fall)	29 Pastor Elaine's Birthday! 	30 1pm: Watercolor Group 6:30pm: High School Bible Study				



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“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.” That’s where the Gospel of Mark originally ended. And it just seems so odd to me. It’s so abrupt. I mean, the women had seen the angel. He’d announced that Jesus was raised from the dead, and then he tells them all this good news and wants them to go on their way. And they just are not going to say a single word.

There are three words in that passage that really stand out for me, especially in the Greek. One is fear — phobos. We get phobia from that. The other one is amazement — ekstasis. We get ecstasy from that. And the other one has to do with being seized. It actually means “being possessed.” So we take a look at these women, and they’ve had this miraculous appearance by an angel. They’ve heard the good news that Jesus has raised from the dead, and they’re too afraid to do anything about it, and they just are going to be silent. It seems that nothing changed. They came to take care of Jesus’ dead body because on the Sabbath they could not work. But on the first day of the week, they were there. They have this announcement, and then it’s all the same.

Sometimes I think we feel like nothing’s changed. Sometimes I think that the events in our country, in our church, around the world are just so terrifying and so overwhelming that it seems like the resurrection really didn’t make a difference. But these three words really say something about the women, and I think about us and, most especially, about Easter. When they said that they were filled with amazement — this is this ecstasy, ekstasis — they were really standing. It means literally standing in a different place. So though they were still in the tomb and they hadn’t reacted yet, nevertheless, everything had changed. And because of the resurrection, we, all of us, are standing in a different place. The whole of creation is standing in a different place. And the word for fear, phobos, phobia we get from that. But it’s really a sense of trembling in the presence of God, of awe that they were actually filled with awe — not paralyzed by fear but filled with awe. And I hope this Eastertide and all year round, we have a sense of the presence of God that fills us with awe.

And it also says that they were seized with fear. Well, the word means “possessed.” And yes, we believe that in baptism because of the resurrection, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and we now are all Spirit-possessed.

When things seem to be staying the same, when things seem to be happening and coming at us so quickly, I think it’s very important to take time to be a little amazed, to be standing in a different place, to have a sense of this awe and trembling before the Lord, and to allow ourselves to be possessed by the Spirit, who will give us power and courage in these times.

My favorite hymn is “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song.” It’s ELW 808. And the last verse goes like this: “I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of his steps by my side. And with all of the family Jesus saved by his love, we’ll sing to his dawn at the end of our journey.”

Be well, dear church. Happy Easter.

Easter Word Search

G S N O I T P M E D E R Y Y M
J J U Y K I R Y T T F X E O L
R L K F W E E C I O J E R C K
X Y N G Q C U W V U P C M C K
R C R O S S H R E D P H M N E
I F V A I B Q U I R G P Q R N
S A Q Z M T M I R A C L E T S
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APOSTLES
CROWN
LAMB
PRAYER
RESURRECTION
SON

CHURCH
FAITH
MARY
REDEMPTION
RISEN
SUNDAY

CROSS
JESUS
MIRACLE
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SAVIOR
TOMB



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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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