

Pastor Natasha's Sabbatical 2022 Update

In a couple short months when the sun will set later and the temperatures more conducive to wearing flip flops and t-shirts I will be starting a three-month sabbatical. (May 2-Aug. 2) The word 'sabbatical' is derived from the word sabbath, to rest from one's laborers. Sabbatical according to the dictionary "is a period of paid leave granted to a university teacher or other worker for study or travel, traditionally one year for every seven years worked." Pastoral sabbaticals are typically taken every 5 to 10 years of ordained ministry for a period of 3 to 6 months.

In the fall of 2020, Pastor John encouraged me to apply for a Lilly Clergy renewal grant for the Sabbatical I was to take in the summer of 2021. "Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs seek to strengthen Christian congregations through renewal and reflection. National Renewal Programs provide an opportunity for pastors to step away from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and engage in a period of renewal and reflection. Renewal periods are not vacations but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for drinking again from God's life-giving waters, for regaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry."

I quickly formed a sabbatical committee consisting of 4 congregational members and got to work on researching and writing an 8-10 page proposal. On average, clergy have a year to prepare for this grant application. I had less than three months to complete and send in my proposal. With the guidance of the sabbatical committee, Pastor John, and even Pastor Nathan Mugaas, I proposed a sabbatical based on travel and exploring the home of my ancestors. Where have I come from, where am I, and where am I going. This was no easy task as I had set particular high goals of traveling overseas with Jared and the kids in tow. Everything had to be laid out. A narrative, a detailed budget, comments from the sabbatical committee and senior Pastor, and general paperwork. In October of 2020, I received an email from the Lilly Endowment congratulating me on receiving a clergy renewal sabbatical grant. Even Eric heard my surprise and joy from the sanctuary. The press release from the Lilly Endowment is available in the office. 140 grants were rewarded in 2020. This is a highly competitive program and not all receive funding. It is an honor and privilege to receive this grant.

As you may have guessed my sabbatical and grant were put on hold due to the pandemic and an extension was granted. Here we are eagerly waiting to take an adventure of a life time. To walk the places where my ancestors lived and died, where Martin Luther started the Reformation, and to meet people who inhabit places not familiar to us. The thing I am looking most forward to is unplugging. Part of my grant proposal was that no electronics except for one Ipad and a cell phone where to be taken with. That means no kids or adults will have their face glued to a screen. Instead card games, reading, taking in the scenery around you, and so much more.

You'll be able to follow along with us on Kolles Kronicles YouTube channel starting around June 13th. Because what happens on Sabbatical doesn't stay on sabbatical. I hope you have fun watching us explore all the highs and lows of what this adventure will be.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Natasha Kolles





Stay Connected

We have many ways for you to keep updated on Zion and Zion's events.

Weekly Z-Mail: Every Friday a newsletter is emailed out with the latest updates and announcements. It includes weekly bible readings that follow our narrative lectionary.

Website: Check out our website for an updated calendar, links to services, resources for bible study and other information. Go to www.zionlutheranminot.org

Facebook: We keep our Facebook page updated with last minute changes or announcements. Look for us at @zionlutheranminot

Instagram: Zion can also be found on Instagram. Visit us at zlcminot

Seasonal Newsletter "The Visitor": We send out by email or regular mail with more in-depth information about up coming events and a recap on past events.

Weekly In-Person Service: Our service times are Wednesday at 6:15pm, Saturday @ 5:00pm and Sunday @ 10:00am.

Weekly On-Line Service: We have two services that we live stream for you to watch on Facebook or YouTube. Join us for our Wednesday Service @ 6:15pm and Sunday @ 10:00am.

*If you are not receiving the weekly Z-Mail or seasonal Visitor by email and would like to, call the church office to be sure we have an updated email.

**If you do not have access to email, you can request paper copies of both the weekly Z-Mail and Visitor.

***Contact the Church Office: (701) 852-1872 or email zlc@srt.com

**For Easter, the sanctuary will be decorated with spring flowers.
Your contribution may be designated as
a memorial for or in honor of someone.
Suggested donation is \$5.**

Please print clearly.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

From _____

To have your loved one(s) name listed in the Easter bulletin, please return this form to the church office by Monday, April 11th.

IN THE MEAN TIME



I have been blessed to be with you for about six weeks now as interim pastor and it has been a real joy. This is the third church I have served as interim pastor and I really enjoy the work because I get to meet wonderful new people, new staffs, new church councils, and get to see how a new church operates. Of course,

each church is unique, but it is also surprising how similar all churches are. I deeply appreciate how warm and welcoming you have been to me.

Your church **leadership** is now taking a very important step in moving Zion forward: they are working to form a call committee which will be charged with the important job of finding your next lead pastor. People always ask, "How long does it take to call a pastor?" and I always answer, "As long as it takes!" Sometimes the right person comes along quickly and sometimes a church looks at several people before choosing. It is important to be patient and make sure that the new pastor will be a good fit. Although waiting can be frustrating, once things fall in place, it is clear what God had in mind and the wait is always worth it. Please pray for God's guidance in finding the right person.

Zion has experienced God's faithful presence for well over a century, and I know that God has a wonderful future in store for this church. In the meantime we need to keep our eyes on the future, always looking for where God might be leading. One of my favorite prayers from the Evening Prayer service in our ELW hymnal is perfect for this time of transition:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go our in good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve Sathre



April 10 Palm Sunday

10:00 am
Worship– Kids'
Sabbath



April 14 Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm -
Worship -
Jesus' Last
Word: Between Table and
Tomb



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 15 Good Friday

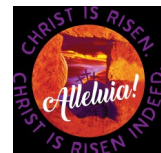
12:00 pm
Worship - "Way
of the Cross"



7:00 pm
Worship– Jesus is Dead: A
Contemplative Service
incorporating funeral
traditions and sensory
reflections

April 17 Easter Sunday

8:00 am Worship-
Traditional
Service
10:00 am
Worship–
led by
Praise Band



CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

*Kids' Sabbath-April 10th Palm Sunday



* All kids should arrive no later than **9:40am** for our 10am Worship. The students will process in with palm branches and share a few songs with the congregation.

*MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- * **NO CHURCH SCHOOL-April 13th/April 17th**
- * **April 20th/24th**—Doubting Thomas #1
- * **April 27th/May 1st**—Doubting Thomas #2
- * **May 4th/8th**—Doubting Thomas #3
- * **May 11th**—Doubting Thomas #4
- * **Kids' Sabbath—May 15th**—Join us for 10am Worship
- * **Wednesday—May 18th**—End of the Year Celebration BBQ

* **5:15pm**
BBQ

* **6:15pm**
Worship



* **7:00pm Outdoor Games!!!!**



Zion Day Camp 2022

*Entering Grades 1-6

***June 27-July 1**—Camp Metigoshe is BACK! We are so excited to have the summer camp staff back for an exciting week of camp games, music, and much more!

*Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

*Friday 9-11am

*Cost \$40



*Preschool & Kindergarten

***June 27-30**—The littlest ones amongst us are invited to join us for three mornings 9am-12:30pm

*Cost \$35

CAMP METIGOSHE



* For any Zion student who would like to attend Camp Metigoshe or any other ELCA Bible Camp- Zion Trust is offering 1/2 scholarships to any Zion member wanting to attend camp.

* **If you would like to “adopt” a camper and help provide a portion of their campership—please contact Chris.**

* Any Zion Youth attending Camp Metigoshe (or another Bible Camp in Western ND) is encouraged to let us know. We are putting our Annual Summer—Who's at Camp Board so you can see who is going to camp and when!

Youth Ministries

by Kortni Plorin

CONFIRMATION UPDATES

Just like that, then end of another year of confirmation is quickly approaching! But the fun isn't over just yet! Here are some final dates to watch out for:

April 6th– Islamic Society Visit– 6th-8th graders

April 20th– Funeral Home Visit– 9th graders

May 11th– End of the year



SENIOR SUNDAY

I can't believe it is already that time of the year again to start congratulating our 2022 Seniors! On Sunday, May 8th we will be congratulating the Class of 2022 as they receive their beautiful quilts made by the ZLC Quilters. Details will be sent out to the seniors and their families, so be on the lookout for that!

Below is a list of the class of 2022:



Peyton Andes, Abigail Braun, Cambry Frantsvog, Easlyn Grosche, Andrew Huettl, Kylie Johnson, Alexander Randash, Maegan Sitter, Kinley Soine, Matilynn Vollmer, Sienna Weigel, Andrew Woodbeck.

Congratulations Class of 2022!

YOUTH GROUP

IGNITE

9th-12th Grade

8-9:30pm



This group of high schoolers have done so many great things this year and I can't wait for the fun to continue! Here are some dates to put on your calendar!

April 6th– Card and Boardgame night

April 20th– Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry

April 27th– TBA

May 4th– TBA

Can't wait to see you at Ignite!

J-WALKERS

6th-8th Grade

7-9pm

You won't want to miss this last event! Mark this date on your calendar for more J-Walker fun!

May 20th– End of the year Party!



Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to everyone that has and



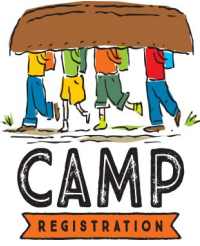
continues to support our Zion students with their fundraising efforts! Their upcoming trip would

not be possible without you!

Kortni Plorin
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Announcements & Upcoming Zion Events

Zion Members Camp Registration Reimbursement Policy



If your child(ren) are planning to attend a Western North Dakota Bible Camp, this year the Trust Committee is generously paying for 1/2 of the registration cost for members (1 camp/year).

To qualify, a copy of the *invoice* from the camp must be forwarded to zlc@srt.com by the following deadlines:

June camps by May 1st
July camps by June 1st
August camps by July 1st

Elected on February 20th



Congratulations to the following who were elected at the annual meeting and thank you for your service to Zion.

Council (3 for a 3-year term)

Melissa Helgeson ♦ Derek Buss ♦ Richard Jensen ♦
 Annlea Eskelson (*Youth for 1 year term*)

Trust Committee (3 year term)

Kent Kirkhammer (2nd term) ♦ Bill Thomas (2nd Term) ♦ Sally Butereit (2nd Term) ♦ John Gruenberg ♦
 Ginger Quam

Nominations Committee (3 year term)

Amy Edwards ♦ Sarah Eichhorn ♦ Carrie Lewis

Upcoming Events

April:

April 10th, 9am– Carmel Roll Breakfast

10am– Palm Sunday Service, Kid’s Sabbath



April 13th– No Wednesday Activities

April 14th- 7pm Maundy Thursday Service– Jesus’ Last Word– Between Table & Tomb

April 15th– 12pm– Way of the Cross Service

7pm - Good Friday Service– Jesus is Dead– A contemplative service incorporating funeral traditions and sensory reflections



April 17th– 8am– Easter Traditional Service

10am– Easter Contemporary Service



April 18th– Office Closed

April 22nd– 5:30pm Family Movie Night “Sing 2”

April 23rd– Women’s Cluster Gathering

May:

May 1st, 10am– New Member Sunday

May 3rd, MSU Soup Day

May 8th, 10am– Senior Sunday

May 15th, 10am– Kids’ Sabbath

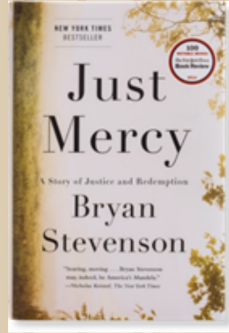


Movie Night for Teens and Adults

Saturday, April 9th @ 6:00pm



Bring your own beverage. A light supper will be served. Popcorn will also be provided. Come for the movie, fellowship and discussion.



Bryan Stevenson, the defense attorney in this case was a presenter at the Houston National Gathering. He was a dynamic speaker who was one of the favorites of the youth!



• 2022 YOUTH MONTANA SUMMER MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER •

CARAMEL ROLL BREAKFAST

• SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH 9:00AM - 12:00PM •

PALM SUNDAY KIDS' SABBATH @ 10:00AM SERVICE



You're Invited!



ZION FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND, 5:30PM

SING 2

PIZZA & POPCORN TO BE SERVED

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE

We need your HELP!

We have many openings for worship assisting to be filled

HELP!

You can sign up on our website at

www.zionlutheranminot.org or click here.

Would you consider how you can help?

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday
8am- 4pm
Friday
8am- 12pm



Effective starting June 3rd

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Pastor
Natasha
will be on
sabbatical
from
May 2nd
to
August 2nd



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Camp Metigoshe is Hiring!



After 2 years of hiring a smaller summer staff of around 30, we would like to return to a summer staff of nearly 50 young women and men in 2022.

We are now able to be back on college campuses – but our relationships aren't quite as strong after 2 years of not being onsite. There is an understandable hesitancy among many college-aged young adults right now to make big commitments because of how much has been lost or put on hold over the past few years. And even with a “normal” returning-staff rate of around

50%, we are a little behind because...well...because of math. Half of 30 is significantly less than half of 50!

Here is my request to each and every one of you. Can you take a half-hour and try to think of 3-5 young adults who you think would make great camp counselors? Once you have that list, would you be willing to call them or – even better – have an in-person conversation to encourage them to think about working at camp? Finally, and most importantly, would you ask them if you could pass their contact information along to our Program Director, [Katie Vogel](mailto:katie.vogel@metigosheminiistires.com) [program@metigosheminiistires.com] so that we could follow up and tell them more about working on summer staff? Thank you!

The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry Garden 2022



In the spring of 2019, Duane Brekke, who has a farm north of Velva, donated raised garden beds on his farm to The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry so that a Pantry Garden could be developed. Cucumbers, tomatoes, cabbage, carrots, and squash are some of the vegetable grown in the raised garden beds! Duane's neighbors, Alex & Robert Kasowski, donated potatoes from their fields. In the first year, over 9,000 pounds of vegetables from the two gardens were distributed at the Lord's Cupboard. Additional beds were added in the spring of 2020 and production increased to over 13,000 pounds of vegetables. Volunteer gardeners are able to sign up and tend garden two mornings each week from June—September, taking care of the planting, weeding and harvesting. Many individuals, church groups, as well as businesses participate. Everyone is welcome to volunteer. It is because of these volunteers that The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry Garden can be successful. Contact The Lord's Cupboard at (701) 839-1990 to volunteer.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 24th

Elect a Call Committee

- Held after 10am service
- In Person or Zoom





**Join our Faith Family—
Attend New Member Orientation Sunday, May 1st
from 8:30 -9:45 am
in Zion's Fellowship Hall**

New members will be received at the 10:00am worship service. If you are interested in joining our Faith Family, please contact the office (852-1872 or zlc@srt.com) to be added to the new member list. Information regarding orientation will be mailed the middle of April.

We look forward to meeting you!



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

Zion General Fund ♦ Building Fund ♦ Community Outreach
♦ Education ♦ Global Missions ♦ Music Ministry ♦ Play-
ground ♦ Prayer Shawl ♦ Trust ♦ Youth Ministry ♦ ZLCW

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

In memory of Allen Butz



General Fund

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Undesignated Memorial Fund

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Joel & Sonja Hernes

Marlyn & Virginia Korslien

Gayle Lee

Donna Jean Stuck

Marlys Sundbakken

Trust Fund Mike & Pam Uran

Pat White

Undesignated Memorial Fund

Bob & Connie Knudson

Jason & Melody Sundbakken

In memory of Karen Sutter

ZLCW Family of Karen Sutter



Summer Events

June

15th- Wednesday Night

Worship:

5:15 Hotdogs, chips & cookies

6:15 Worship

7:00 Bingo with Prizes

29th- Metigoshe Day Camp

Program:

5:15 Hamburgers & chips

6:15 Worship

7:00 Ice Cream Sundaes,
Outdoor games, chat with
Metigoshe Staff

July

20th- Wednesday Night

Worship:

5:15 Sloppy Joe's, chips, apples
& caramel

6:15 Worship

7:00 Photo Scavenger Hunt
with S'mores

August

17th- Wednesday Night

Worship:

5:15 Meat & Cheese, pasta &
Potato salads & Ice cream bars

6:15 Worship

7:00 Slip & Slide

31st- Back Pack Blessing:

5:15 Hotdogs & Hamburgers,
Chips, Pasta & Potato Salads & Ice
cream bars

6:15 Worship

7:00 Bingo & Prizes

Ignite Summer Calendar

**June 22nd- High Ropes @
Metigoshe**

**July 13th- Raging Rivers
in Mandan**

**August 17th- Slip & Slide
and Kickball**

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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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