

**SERVANTS - Feb. 11**

**TIME** 8:00am PAX  
**GREETERS** Jan Zierke  
 Jacque Falter  
**ELDER** John Meier  
**USHERS** Champion White  
 Creighton Simpson  
**ACOLYTES** Camassia White  
 Mckenna Deiterman

**TIME** 10:00am  
**ELDER** Blaine Bockelman  
**USHERS** Bo Bockelman  
 Lauren Ueding  
**GREETERS** Ryan & Brooke  
 Collison  
**ACOLYTES** Elliot Vanness  
 Destiney Watts

**Feb. 12**  
**TIME** 7:00pm  
**ELDER** Tom Weinrich  
**ACOLYTES** Cooper Hansen  
 Maelee Hamilton  
**ORGANIST** Celine Fehringer

**SERVANTS - Feb. 14**

**TIME** 12:15pm  
**ELDER** Rick Sirek  
**TIME** 7:00pm  
**ELDER** Jerald Wachter  
**ACOLYTES** Brody Kesting  
 Kohle Koehler

**Feb. 18**  
**TIME** 8:00am PAX  
**GREETERS** Blaine & Lisa  
 Bockelman  
**ELDER** Eric Retzlaff  
**USHERS** Scarlet Babl  
**ACOLYTES** Arriah Ludden  
 Easton Price

**TIME** 10:00am  
**GREETERS** Marlys Bockelman  
 Marilyn Altwine  
**ELDER** Fred Marks  
**USHERS** Jaya Wachholtz  
 Nora Herian  
**ACOLYTES** Darcy Watts  
 Ethan Claussen

**Rev. Gordon W. Bruce**  
 Senior Pastor

**Vicar Wesley Johnson**

**Mr. Derek Jareske**  
 Director of Christian Ed

**Mrs. Amy Weber-Podany**  
 Church Secretary

**Mrs. Jennifer Snodgrass**  
 Principal

**Mrs. Stacy Johnson**  
 Academic Coordinator

**Mrs. April Anson**  
 School Secretary

**Mrs. Sierra Fleer**  
 7th/8th Grade

**Mrs. Lavonne Fleer**  
 5th/6th Grade

**Mrs. Kelly Stonacek**  
 3rd/4th Grade

**Ms. Elizabeth Harris**  
 2nd Grade

**Mrs. Jennifer Rohrich**  
 1st Grade

**Mrs. Kathy Test**  
 Kindergarten

**Mrs. Misty Steffen**  
 Preschool

**Mrs. Tara Oestreich**  
 Para-educator

**Mrs. Carol Lutz**  
 Para-educator

**MONDAY- Feb. 12** 6:00pm Trustee Meeting  
 7:00pm VESPERS  
 8:00pm Elders Meeting

**WEDNESDAY-Feb. 14** 7:00am Women's Bible Study  
 8:10am Chapel  
 12:15pm Ash Wed. service  
 1:30pm Katherine Circle  
 4:00pm Confirmation  
 5:15pm Faith Weavers  
 6:00pm Lenten Meal/PTLS  
 7:00pm Ash Wed. service

**THURSDAY- FEB 15** 6:30am Mens Bible Study  
 1:00pm Quilters  
 7:00pm Agape Circle

*February 11, 2024*

# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

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PAX Worship	8:00AM
Traditional Worship	10:00AM
Monday Vespers	7:00PM

## Midweek Lenten Series- "Tears Tell the Story"

### Lenten Midweek #1- Ash Wed, Feb. 14

Pastor Bruce- "Longing Tears"  
 (Zion School Choir & Handbells)

### Lenten Midweek #2- Wed, Feb.21

Vicar Johnson- "Impossible Tears"

### Lenten Midweek #3- Wed, Feb. 28

Pastor Tuma- "Coming Tears"

### Lenten Midweek #4- Wed, March 6

Vicar Johnson- "Guilty Tears"

### Lenten Midweek #5- Wed, March 13

Pastor Tuma- "Garden of Tears"

### Lenten Midweek #6- Wed, March 20

Pastor Bruce- "Bowl of Tears"  
 (Confirmation Questioning following the service)

### LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

**TIME: February 14th**

The **Lamb of God** is the new devotional booklet provided by Lutheran Hour Ministries for your devotional meditation



during the Lenten season. The Zion LLL-MC will have these booklets available in the narthex for your spiritual growth in Christ. In **Lamb of God**, we have God's Son come to earth as the eternal Word, Jesus Christ. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus is made known to us as *both God and Man, full of grace and truth.* He has come into the world to seek us out- you and me- to rescue us from the power of evil, and to make us His beloved children forever.

**OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: Feb. 11 Pax- 124 Traditional- 79 Vespers- 45**  
**Direct Deposit- \$ 3,309.78 General- \$6,851.00 Mission- \$215.00 Debt Drive- \$370.00**  
**Operating Debt Balance- \$9,410.57**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Those continuing to battle various afflictions: Rhonda Shipman, Colton Beacom, Brenda Roberts, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy & Dawn Tucker, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Ivy Clausen, Jolene Buss

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** The Lutheran Hour—"Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church" on WJAG (780 AM & 105.9 FM) each Sunday at 7:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M Today: February 11 **"What Is Evangelism?"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) How do you encourage someone to receive the gift God has for them? That's what evangelism is all about. (Mark 9:7-8)

**TEACHER OPENINGS FOR 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR:** Do you have a love for teaching children and sharing the word of God? We have an opportunity for you! Zion Lutheran School is looking for a Preschool teacher and a teacher for Grades 5 & 6. Our beloved teachers Mrs. Kathy Test (Kindergarten) and Mrs. Lavonne Fleer (Grades 5 & 6) are retiring at the end of the school year. We thank them for their many years of faithful service to our students and school! Mrs. Misty Steffen, our current Preschool teacher will be moving to Kindergarten starting the 2024-2025 school year. Please submit your resume with references to Jennifer Snodgrass, Zion Lutheran School, 520 E. Main St. Pierce NE 68767.

**PART TIME AIDE POSITION:** Do you love sharing God's word and working with children? Zion Lutheran School has a part-time aide position opening just for you at the present time. The position would be approximately 29 hours a week. Please send your resume to Zion Lutheran School Attention: Jennifer Snodgrass. If you have any questions call 402-329-4658.

**OFFERING/CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT:** Please contact the office if you'd like a statement of your 2023 contributions. Amy can email or print these at any time for church members.

**SAVE THE DATE-WILD GAME FEED:** March 16th- 5:00 to 7:30 Wild Game Feed Buffet 7:45 Live Auction 8:00 Silent Auction closes- bid online at Handbid.com. DJ music to follow. The Wild Game Feed committee is now accepting donations of Wild Game (Fish, Deer, Pheasant and Spoonbill) All donations can be dropped off at the Pierce Locker. Auction Items are also much appreciated! Please contact Ashley Halsey, Lynsey Herian or Lydee Jo Krueger to get on the list! We thank everyone for their continued support and can't wait to see you at Zion Lutheran School's annual Wild Game Feed.

**ALTAR GUILD:** Looking for new/additional members. Please contact Jacque at 402-750-7785

**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS:** The Lutheran Witness renewal and new subscription for the year 2024 is \$20.65. Please use your offering envelope to submit your payment, or drop it off at the church office for 2024. Deadline is March 1, 2024.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** February sign-up sheet is in the narthex or call the office to sign up. Meal pick up time is 11:30am at the Senior Center. Great way to serve others in the community.

**FEB. 21 LENTEN MEAL:** WE NEED SOUP! If anyone would be willing to donate soup and/or dessert bars for the February 21st midweek Lenten meal, please contact the office. We have a family willing to serve the meal.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** Eligible benefit members (age 16 and older) of Thrivent Financial, can help choose where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable funds each year. Call 1-800-847-4826 and say "Thrivent Choice" or visit [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice). The deadline to designate for 2023 is March 29, 2024. You do not need any certificate number or birth date. It is very simple. Zion Lutheran Church or School both can receive these choice dollars.

**FAITH WEAVERS:** Parents/guardians can find information and register on our church website under "Educational Ministries" and "Faith Weavers." If you would like to answer the call to serve by helping with Faith Weavers, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. Jareske (402-329-4313) as soon as possible. To ensure the continued success of this ministry for the future, we are still looking for several volunteers to help in various areas. Barring inclement weather, Faith Weavers will continue on Wednesday evenings from 5:15PM to 6:45PM. Please remember to check our website for program and weather related updates. Again, if the public school cancels due to weather, or other factors, on a particular Wednesday, Faith Weavers will be likewise canceled for that evening. Also, please be advised that with the start of the Lent season on February 14th, there will be church services taking place at 7:00PM for the six weeks of Lent, directly following the conclusion of Faith Weavers each week. Students and parents should use extra caution during pickup. **Please put donations in the kitchen with a note (from who, for who) and alert church staff about your donation. Frozen items should be placed in the freezer. Your support is greatly appreciated!**

**For February**

1. 32oz container of chicken broth
2. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese
3. 24oz jars of spaghetti sauce
4. 16oz packages of penne pasta
5. Large packages of frozen chicken nuggets
6. Regular cans of corn
7. Regular bottles of ketchup
8. Packages of hamburger buns
9. Large packages of frozen french fries

**ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL: Mark your calendars now for Preschool Enrollment for 2024-2025!**

**February 1 – End of February:** Siblings of currently enrolled Zion students and/or members of Zion Lutheran Church may enroll during this time. **ALL PAPERWORK NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN – please see the enrollment form for required paperwork. You can also find the enrollment sheet on our school website at <http://www.zionlutheranpierce.com/school.html>.**

**March 1 and following:** Open enrollment

**We strongly encourage you to register as soon as your registration window opens.** This is on a first come, first serve basis. **All** paperwork will need to be completed and submitted in order to enroll your child in preschool for the next school year. Incomplete paperwork brought to school office will not be accepted. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Steffen at (402) 329-4658.

**MISSION CENTRAL TRIP:** The LWML Norfolk Zone is sponsoring a bus trip to Mission Central on Tuesday, April 9th. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. The bus will leave the Wal-Mart Parking Lot at 8am and return around 5pm. Everyone is welcome to come. If you would like to go send your money to Annie Rumsey 56128 826th Rd. Madison, NE 68748. Must have the money by March 15th. Any questions you can call Margo Dawson at 402-860-1706.

**CAMP LUTHER TRIP:** We are planning a fellowship retreat with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to Camp Luther April 26-28. For anyone who would like to contribute to a scholarship fund for camp attendees, there will be a donation box in the Narthex, or you may contribute through the offering plate in a plain white envelope marked "Camp Luther trip".

**FUSION YOUTH MEETING:** Our monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th through 12th grade students is scheduled to take place **Sunday**, February 18th, from **5PM to 8PM in the Zion gym/fellowship hall**. If you are considering joining us for the fun, consider bringing a friend along, as well! A meal will be served, and no money is needed for this portion of the meeting.

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER:** To raise money for our upcoming Camp Luther trip and other events, we will be hosting another fundraising event on **Monday, February 26th, at the Pizza Ranch in Norfolk, NE from 5PM to 8PM**. Just like in previous times, our youth will be serving as the waitstaff, and interested parties can show their support by leaving a tip for our group. Pizza Ranch has also committed to donating a portion of the sales generated between 5PM and 8PM to our group, so we hope you will choose to help both Pizza Ranch and our youth group by staying for a meal, as well. For any youth and/or parents that would like to assist with this endeavor, please speak to Vicar/Mr. J about signing up to help as soon as possible.