

SERVANTS - Feb. 25

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Sandy Bucknedahl
 Marilyn Altwine
ELDER Doug Cromwell
USHERS Jax & Haden Bauer
ACOLYTES Erin Hilkemann
 Mckenna Dieterman

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Willie Wesemann
 Lynette & Holly Koehler
ELDER Brian Blecher
USHERS Mackenna Blecher
 Maya Reed
ACOLYTES Brenna Benes
 Burkley Collison

Feb. 26
TIME 7:00pm
ELDER John Meier
ACOLYTES Lucas Weber
 Brooke Podany
ORGANIST Celine Fehringer

SERVANTS - Feb. 28

TIME 12:15pm
ELDER Rick Sirek
PIANIST Dottie Ahlers
TIME 7:00pm
ELDER Blaine Bockelman
ACOLYTES Jaxon Koerting
 Kendyl Olson

March 3
TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Scott & Danielle
 Peekenschneider
ELDER Mike Krueger
USHERS Brenden Bolling
 Jackson Fischer
ACOLYTES Deacon Watts
 Teigan Wareneke

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Andy & Tami White
ELDER Tom Weinrich
USHERS
ACOLYTES Natalie Endorf
 Kaelyn Halsey

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. 26 5:00- 8:00pm CAMP LUTHER
 FUNDRAISER @
 PIZZA RANCH
 7:00pm VESPER

WEDNESDAY-Feb. 28 7:00am Women's Bible Study
 8:10am Chapel
 12:15pm Midweek 2
 4:00pm Confirmation
 5:15pm Faith Weavers
 6:00pm Meal/LWML
 7:00pm Midweek 2

THURSDAY- FEB 29 6:30am Mens Bible Study
 1:00pm Quilters

February 25, 2024

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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 #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)

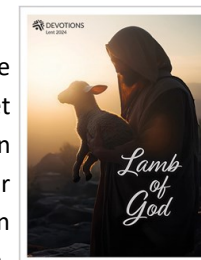
**Maundy Thursday- April 6 @ 12:15pm
 and 7:00pm (COMMUNION)**

**Good Friday- Tenebrae Service - April 7
 @ 7:30pm**

**Easter Sunday- April 9 @ 6:30am and
 PAX 9:00am (COMMUNION)**

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

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



son. 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. 18 Pax- 125 Traditional- 86 Vespers- 34
Direct Deposit- \$ 919.55 General- \$85,571.00 Mission- \$223.00 Debt Drive- \$220.00
Operating Debt Balance- \$ 9,010.57 Midweek 12:15pm- 34 7:00pm- 58

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those continuing to battle various afflictions: Cory Bockelman, Dee Rathjen, Beth Guenther, Mike & Kim Baumann, 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 25 "**When Winning Is Losing**" Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. John Nunes](#) In Christ, losing is winning and winning is losing. Dr. John Nunes explains what that means. (Mark 8:35-37)

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. **SWEET TREATS SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX**

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.

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.

EASTER LILLIES: If anyone would like to donate or bring in an Easter Lilly in memory of a loved one or for the Glory of God, please drop them off in the office. Let Amy know if you want your name listed in the bulletin.

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. 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.

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.

FW LENTEN MEAL: The Faith Weavers program will be offering the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 6th, but because many of our regular volunteers will be busy managing, teaching, and supervising for Faith Weavers during this time, any of our Faith Weaver parents who would be willing to assist with serving, assisting, and cleanup for this event would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help in this way, please contact Mr. J by email (dcejareske@zionlutheranpierce.com) or phone (402-329-4313) within the next few weeks. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are in honor of the Marriage of Meg Ronspies & Riley Siffring (granddaughter of Gerald & Betty Hixson).

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. Also, please be advised that during the Lenten season there will be church services taking place at 7:00PM for the next few 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. Gift cards or monetary donations are also welcome. Your support is greatly appreciated!**

For February and March

1. Packages of hamburger buns
2. Large packages of frozen french fries
3. Large bags of plain tortilla chips
4. Regular jars of mild salsa
5. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese

Zion Lutheran Preschool: We still have openings for Preschool Enrollment 2024-2025: We currently have openings in our **Prek5** preschool class. Our Prek3 and Prek4 preschool classes are FULL. You can find more information and the enrollment sheet on our school website at <http://www.zionlutheranpierce.com/school.html>. **All** paperwork will need to be completed and submitted in order to enroll your child in preschool for the next school year. If you have any questions please contact the school office at (402) 329-4658.

ZION TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND: If you would like to help provide students with a Christian education, please consider donating to the Zion tuition assistance fund. It is easy to donate! Make checks payable to Zion Lutheran School and just write in the memo tuition assistance. Have a special student in mind for assistance? Contact the school office at 329-4658 to set up a donation for them.

SCRIP CARDS: We have Scrip giftcards available in the school office. By purchasing Scrip giftcards you're getting your shopping done and you're helping our school and students of Zion Lutheran. Scrip order forms can be found in the Narthex. If you any questions, please call the school office at 402-329-4658 and ask for April.

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 next monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th through 12th grade youth is scheduled to take place **Sunday**, March 3rd, from **5PM to 7PM 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 this **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.

GOOD FRIDAY CHOIR: Anyone interested in singing at the Tenebrae Service please contact the office. First practice will be after Lenten service on February 28th. All are welcome and encouraged to come!

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please pick up your offering envelopes in the narthex. If you prefer not to have envelopes to online giving or for any other reason, please contact the office.