

SERVANTS - March 17

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Greg & Kathy Warneke
ELDER John Meier
USHERS Tate Reinke Brody Coulter
ACOLYTES Easton Price Darcy Watts

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Al & Jacque Collison

ELDER Blaine Bockelman
USHERS Brayden Lambrecht Max Weber
ACOLYTES Ethan Claussen Mason Gnirk

March 18

TIME 7:00pm
ELDER Tom Weinrich
ACOLYTES Jaelyn Jensen Cooper Hansen
ORGANIST Celine Fehringer

SERVANTS - March 20

TIME 12:15pm
ELDER Rick Sirek
PIANIST Dottie Ahlers

TIME 7:00pm
ELDER Jerald Wachter
ACOLYTES Brooke Podany Keegan Holan

March 24
TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Tyler & McKayla Krueger
ELDER Eric Retzlaff
USHERS Brecken/Bradyn Brynn Schwartz
ACOLYTES Jaxon Koerting Caybri Monroe

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Al & Lee Homan
ELDER Rick Sirek
USHERS Boston Krueger Deon Watts
ACOLYTES Lucas Weber Kendyl Olson

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- March 18 5:30pm Camp Luther Meeting
6:30pm Kindergarten Roundup
7:00pm VESPERS
8:00pm Elders Meeting

TUESDAY- March 19 5:30pm Camp Luther Meeting

WEDNESDAY-March 20 7:00am Women's Bible Study
8:10am Chapel
12:15pm Midweek 6
5:00pm Confirmation Pictures
6:00pm Meal/Council
7:00pm Midweek 6
Confirmation Questioning/Reception

THURSDAY- March 21 6:30am Mens Bible Study
1:00pm Quilters

March 17, 2024

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Midweek Lenten Series- "Tears Tell the Story"

*Lenten Midweek #6- Wed, March 20 @ 12:15pm and 7:00pm
Pastor Bruce- "Bowl of Tears"

(Confirmation Questioning following the service)

PALM SUNDAY/CONFIRMATION MARCH 24 @ 10:00am

Maundy Thursday- March 28 @ 12:15pm and 7:00pm (COMMUNION)

Good Friday- Tenebrae Service - March 29 @ 7:30pm

Easter Sunday- March 31 @ 6:30am and PAX 9:00am (COMMUNION)

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

ZION SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP: It's time for Kindergarten Round Up at Zion! Students that will be of Kindergarten age for the 2024-2025 school year are invited to attend an Open House with Mrs. Steffen in the Kindergarten classroom on Monday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Steffen looks forward to seeing you!

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.

What are the Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska?

The Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska are offered to students entering a nonpublic school for grades Kindergarten, 9th grade, or transferring from a public school from any grade level. Please visit nebraskaopportunity.org for more information about these scholarships.

Nebraska Tax Opportunity

This year brings a terrific opportunity for you to benefit students who attend private schools and receive a dollar-for-dollar income tax credit for up to 50% of your Nebraska income tax liability for 2024. For more information, please visit the school website www.zionlutheranpierce.com and click on the Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska link.

SCRIP: If you would like to purchase Scrip, order forms are available in the Narthex. Order forms and/or RaiseRight purchases need to be submitted before Tuesday of each week. Contact the school office at 329-4658 with any questions.

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: March 10: Pax– 94 Traditional– 146 Vespers– 32
Direct Deposit- \$ General– \$7,340.00 Mission- \$165.00 Debt Drive- \$1,220.00
Operating Debt Balance- \$ 30,290.10 Midweek- \$876.00 12:15– 26 7:00– 45

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those continuing to battle various afflictions: Jodi Beacom, Marcy Zierke, 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: March 17 "**The Strangest Request**" Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe](#) God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way. (Genesis 22:1-14)

Heartfelt Thanks to the Zion Lutheran Church Congregation: Dear Members of the Zion Lutheran Church: As we reflect on the success of the recent Wild Game Feed, it is clear that the Zion Lutheran Church congregation and Zion Families support has been the cornerstone of this achievement. Your involvement goes beyond mere participation; it is a demonstration of your commitment to the values and mission that bind us together as a community. The entire Zion Wild Game Feed committee expresses our deepest gratitude for the unwavering support we have received from the congregation. Your generous contributions, from the incredible auction items to the delectable sweet treats, and the free will offering donations to the trinity and table sponsor, all have played a pivotal role in making the Zion Wild Game Feed a tremendous success. Your dedication and commitment to this event have not only made it enjoyable for everyone involved but have also significantly contributed to the strength and vitality of the Zion School and Church. May the Lord continue to shower his blessings upon each one of you, and may our collective efforts continue to strengthen the Zion School and Church for years to come.

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.

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.

LADIES/GENTS/TEENS: We need help in the following areas– communion prep and clean up as well as taking care of the altar. Looking for new/additional members. Please contact Jacque at 402-750-7785

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.

ELDERS MEETING: The Elders will be meeting Monday, March 18 @ 8:00pm.

NOTICE! WE NEED YOU! This is one last plea for help to serve funerals. Last month I received one call. One never knows when death will knock on our door step. Unless we receive more help in serving the lunch at funerals in our congregation they will have to be catered in the near future. Please call the church office 329-4313 or Sharolyn Buss 329-6992.

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.**

CONFIRMATION QUESTIONING: All are welcome to attend the questioning after the midweek service this Wednesday, March 20th. Help us rejoice and witness the testament and preparation of these students for Confirmation Sunday.

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 this year, or next, 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. We will not plan to have Faith Weavers instruction on the evening of March 20th due to the Confirmation Questioning that will take place on that date. Faith Weavers will resume instruction on March 27th. **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 March and April

1. Packages of hamburger buns
2. Large packages of frozen French fries
3. Large bags of tortilla chips
4. Regular bottles of mild taco sauce
5. Regular jars of mild salsa
6. Rolls of 85/15 or 80/20 ground beef

YOUTH EVENT: The Fusion Youth Group will be hosting a Board Game, Movie, and Spaghetti Feed event for 7th through 12th grade youth students at the church, unless otherwise stated, today, March 10th, from 5PM to 8PM. Youth participants are not required to bring anything, but they can bring a board game to share, a friend, and their appetite for a fun evening of food and fellowship!

CAMP LUTHER RETREAT: We have officially met our participant cap, and as such, we will not be taking any additional registration forms for attending this retreat, at this time. If your child has successfully turned in their registration sheet, and you have been receiving emails from Vicar Johnson, please continue to check your email for further information as this trip draws closer. In the meantime, if your child will be attending this trip, please plan to attend one of our two informational meetings on either Monday, March 18th, or Tuesday, March 19th, beginning at 5:30PM in the Zion fellowship hall, on both dates. Attending this meeting is required as we need you to fill out necessary documents at that time, so if you are unable to attend one of these dates, please speak to Vicar Johnson about scheduling an individual meeting, as soon as possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be **no** Sunday School instruction for any groups, including Adult Bible classes, on Easter morning, Sunday, March 31st.

EGG MY YARD FUNDRAISER: Need to hide Easter eggs? Let us help! The Zion Fusion Youth Group is hosting an “Egg My Yard” fundraiser. Order your pre-filled plastic eggs to be hidden in your yard on the Saturday evening before Easter by filling out, and returning, the bottom portion of our event flyer or by completing the online form located on the homepage of our church website. If interested, reserve your spot by, or before, March 27th, 2024, and addresses must be residential properties in the city of Pierce, NE. Prices include: \$15 for 25 eggs, \$30 for 50 eggs, and \$60 for 100 eggs. All proceeds will go to support our youth students as they raise money for their upcoming Camp Luther retreat and other events. For more information, please check out a copy of our flyer in the church narthex or on our church website homepage.

VBS MEETING: It is a little bit hard to believe, but it is once again time to start looking forward to Vacation Bible School for this upcoming summer! The theme for this year will be an underwater VBS called “Scuba” by Group Publishing. Mr. J is already beginning to plan, but if you would like to be involved in this process, please come to our upcoming planning meeting on Tuesday, March 26th, beginning at 5:00PM in the church fellowship hall. This event takes a lot of planning and preparation, and so we appreciate any help that anyone is able to offer. We will look forward to seeing you soon!

UPDATING INFORMATION/NEWSLETTERS: Please be sure to include a phone number and an email address on your attendance cards, as well as a new address if you have one. We are diligently trying to keep records up to date and want to have the most recent information for newsletters and future communications either by text or email. Also, please let the office know or write on the comments if you'd like an email version of the Zion News rather than a hard copy in the mail. Due to rising postage costs, if you're able to view online that would be appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation.