

SERVANTS - April 7

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Mike & Miriam Krueger
ELDER Brian Blecher
USHERS Miley Gnirk
 Ben Bolling
ACOLYTES Mason Gnirk
 Avery Brunckhorst

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Jerald & Suzie Wachter
ELDER John Meier
USHERS Abby Watts
 Champion White
ACOLYTES Alyvia Marks
 Destiney Watts

April 8
NO VESPER

SERVANTS - April 14

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Dan & Melinda Stelling
ELDER Tom Weinrich
USHERS Brecken/Bradyn/
 Brynn Schwartz
ACOLYTES Cooper Hansen
 Maelee Hamilton

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Travis & Gretchen Riggert
ELDER Jerald Wachter
USHERS Cayden Holan
 Grace Behmer
ACOLYTES Keegan Holan
 Kohle Koehler

April 15
ELDER Fred Marks
ACOLYTES Jaxon Koerting
 Arriah Ludden
ORGANSIST Celine Fehringer

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 Flear
 7th/8th Grade

Mrs. Lavonne Flear
 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- April 8**NO VESPER**

6:00pm Trustee Meeting
 8:00pm Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY-April 10

7:00am Women's Bible Study
 8:10am Chapel
 1:30pm LWML Katherine
 5:15pm Faith Weavers
 7:00pm LWML Agape

THURSDAY- April 11

6:30am Mens Bible Study
 1:00pm Quilters
 2:00pm LLL-MC

SUNDAY- April 14

8:00a PAX Worship/COMM
 9:00am Bible Classes
 10:00am Trad Worship/COMM
 5:00pm Fusion Youth Group

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

HEARING IMPAIRED PARISHIONERS: Personal hearing receivers are available in the guest book podium. Please take the case with you and remember to put them back in their case and return them to the podium, or usher, when you are done. If you are having a problem with one of them, please turn it in to an Elder or Usher and let them know of the problem.

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.

COOKIES WANTED: To help welcome Missionary Gary Thies to Zion and promote general fellowship, we would like to serve cookies and cookie bars along with our regular coffee refreshments on Sunday, April 21st, following both services. If you would be able to help with this by baking a dozen, or two, of these treats, please contact Mr. Jareske to let him know within this next two weeks. For those willing to help, cookies can be delivered to the church kitchen/Mr. J's office in a labeled container anytime before April 21st. Thank you!

LWML MITES: LWML will be collecting mites today, April 7. Some ideas to consider in supporting LWML to proclaim the Gospel: Put your pennies in the box at the end of each day or say "thank you" with an appropriate amount whenever calamity or misfortune has been averted.

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: March 31: Pax-317 Traditional- 223 Vespers-
Direct Deposit- \$1,044.58 **General-** \$10,268.00 **Mission-** \$100.00 **Debt Drive-** \$400.00
Operating Debt Balance- \$47,025.10 **Maundy Thur-** \$1,284.02 **Good Friday-** \$2,269.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those continuing to battle various afflictions: Sharon Brockemeier, Mike & Kim Baumann, Brenda Roberts, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy & Dawn Tucker, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, 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: April 7
"Raise the Flag" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world. (Acts 1:1-11)

ZION SCHOOL NEWS

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.

CHURCH NEWS

LLL—MC will meet on Thursday, April 11th at 2:00 P.M. Join us for a Bible Study at 2:00 p.m.; followed by a short meeting, and ending with refreshments as we socialize. Listen to The Lutheran Hour on WJAG 780 AM or at 105.9 FM each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast of The Lutheran Hour on WJAG, please contact Bonnie Begeman at 402-371-4433, Norfolk, NE.

NEW PROJECT CONNECT BOOKLETS---Zion's LLL—MC is bringing you some new Project Connect booklets for your reading pleasure, faith strengthening, and/or your personal needs. The new April booklets will be found at the TOP LEVEL of the Project Connect display rack. The PC display rack is located in the narthex by the west entry door. The New Booklets are: A GREIF LIKE NO OTHER; A TREASURE REVEALED; THE TRUTH ABOUT ANGELS; and HOPE AND HEALING. Throughout the summer months you will be receiving four new booklets each month.

LLL ZONE 11 RALLY: Zone 11 will have its zone rally today April 7 at Christ Norfolk beginning at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. The Zone has begun planning for the 2025 District Convention proposed to be held at Christ Lutheran Church, Norfolk on March 29, 2025. More details to follow.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/YOUTH GROUP

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. **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 April

1. Roll of 85/15 or 80/20 ground beef
2. 32 oz containers of chicken broth
3. 24 oz jars of spaghetti sauce
4. Large packages of frozen chicken nuggets
5. Packages of hamburger buns
6. Large packages of frozen French fries

CAMP LUTHER RETREAT: If your child is set to attend this event, and you have been receiving emails from Vicar Johnson, please continue to check your email for further information as this trip draws closer. If you have not been receiving emails about this trip, and this is in error, please let Vicar know at your earliest opportunity.

VBS: 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. If students and families would like to participate, or assist, with this amazing summer event, please continue to look for more information, and a way to register, within the next few weeks. We will look forward to seeing you soon!

FUSION YOUTH MEETING: Our next monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th through 12th grade youth is scheduled to take place **Sunday**, April 14th, 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: Thank you to everyone who supported the Fusion Youth Group by placing an order for us to decorate your yard with Easter eggs as we are continuing to fundraise toward our various events and activities, especially our upcoming retreat to Camp Luther. Your continued support and encouragement is greatly appreciated!

HANDS FOR CHRIST: With the summer months fast approaching, planning has already begun to once again provide this weekend long event for 8th through 12th grade students and adult volunteers aimed at service and community enrichment. As always, expect more information to come in the near future, but if you have any questions at this point, feel free to direct those to Mr. Jareske. Zion Lutheran Church is blessed to have several congregation members on the planning committee for this endeavor, so if Mr. Jareske is unable to provide an answer, he will certainly be able to work with someone who can. Also, if you are interested in helping, please plan to pick up your registration materials and information during the "Pizza Party" kickoff event, which is scheduled to take place on the evening of **Wednesday, April 10th, beginning at 6:30PM at Pierce High School.**