

**SERVANTS - May 5**

**TIME** 8:00am PAX  
**GREETERS** Sandy Buckendahl  
 Marilyn Altwine  
**ELDER** Blaine Bockelman  
**USHERS** Shaylee & Cailyn  
 Gardner  
**ACOLYTES** Brody Kesting  
 Erin Hilkemann

**TIME** 10:00am  
**GREETERS** Lynette & Holly  
 Koehler/ Willie Wesemann  
**ELDER** Tom Weinrich  
**USHERS** Claudia & Adrienne  
 Riggert  
**ACOLYTES** Maelee Hamilton  
 Brooke Podany  
**ORGANIST** Alice Mittelsdorf

**May 6**

**ELDER** John Meier  
**ACOLYTES** Camassia White  
 Cole Snodgrass  
**ORGANIST** Celine Fehringer

**SERVANTS - May 12**

**TIME** 8:00am PAX  
**GREETERS** Scott & Danielle  
 Peekenschneider  
**ELDER** Jerald Wachter  
**USHERS** Champion White  
 Creighton Simpson  
**ACOLYTES** Mason Gnirk  
 Ethan Claussen

**TIME** 10:00am  
**GREETERS** Andy & Tami White  
**ELDER** Eric Wachter  
**USHERS** Bo Bockelman  
 Lauren Ueding  
**ACOLYTES** Elliot Vanness  
 Destiney Watts  
**ORGANIST** Alice Mittelsdorf

**May 13**

**ELDER** Fred Marks  
**ACOLYTES** Cooper Hansen  
 Maelee Hamilton  
**ORGANIST** Celine Fehringer

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

**Vicar Wesley Johnson**

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

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

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*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*

**Misty Steffen**  
*Preschool*

**Mrs. Tara Oestreich**  
*Para-educator*

**Mrs. Carol Lutz**  
*Para-educator*

# May 5, 2024

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<b>PAX Worship</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>Monday Vespers</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>

**ROGATION SUNDAY:** Please join us for a brief prayer service between services today— out east doors.

**BACCALAUREATE/8<sup>th</sup> GRADE GRADUATION:** Today at the 10am service, **May 5th** we will honor and celebrate the Senior Class of 2024 as well as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates of Zion School.

**LWML MITES:** LWML will be collecting mites today, May 5th.

**LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY:** In July of 1917 a small group of men at an LCMS convention in Wisconsin began a new organization within the LCMS. Today, it became known as Lutheran Hour Ministries. In 1930 Rev. Dr. Walter A Maier began a new radio ministry, The Lutheran Hour. The Lutheran Hour broadcast lead to the development of a world-wide ministry. In the USA and Canada the LH broadcast is on over 1800 radio stations. For over 100 years Lutheran Hour Ministries has been committed to sharing the Gospel. Today, LHM energizes, equips, and engages Christians to share the Gospel throughout North America and around the world. LHM is supported financially by lay-people in the USA and Canada. **On Sunday, May 12 Zion will observe Lutheran Hour Sunday.** Review the information provided and then consider a financial gift to The Lutheran Hour Ministries. You may place your gift in the offering and Zion's LLL-- Mission Connection group will forward your gift to LHM in St. Louis, MO. REMEMBER to listen to The Lutheran Hour on WJAG, Norfolk each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 P.M at 780 AM or 105.9 FM. You may also listen to The Lutheran Hour on your computer, cell phone, etc. at anytime. Go to Lutheran Hour Ministries. Com.

**ZION NEWS:** If we have an email address on file, we will be emailing you rather than sending out a hard copy in the mail due to rising costs of postage. You can view the Zion News on the church website as well. If you would still like a hard copy mailed out to you, please let the office know. Thank you.

<b>MONDAY- May 6</b>	7:00pm	VESPERS
<b>WEDNESDAY-May 8</b>	7:00am 8:10am 1:30pm 7:00pm	Women's Bible Study Closing Chapel LWML Katherine LWML Agape
<b>THURSDAY- May 9</b>	6:30am 1:00pm	Mens Bible Study Quilters
<b>SUNDAY- May 12</b>	8:00am	PAX Worship/COMM
<b>LUTHERAN HOUR</b>	9:00am	Bible Classes
<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00am	Trad Worship/COMM
<b>MONDAY- May 13</b>	6:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Trustee Meeting VESPERS Elders Meeting

**OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: APRIL 28: Pax– 120 Traditional– 81 Vespers– 13**  
**Direct Deposit- \$ 995.99 General– \$6,269.00 Mission- \$185.00 Debt Drive- \$3,735.00**  
**Matching Debt Drive total- \$8,840.00 Operating Debt Balance- \$38,085.10**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those continuing to battle various afflictions:** Cory Bockelman, Ruth Weinrich, Gerald Hixson, Dee Rathjen, 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: May 5  
**"Rejoicing On the Way"** Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. John Nunes](#) God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. (Acts 8:28-39)

## **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](http://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](http://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**

**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 May 2024 booklets will be found at the TOP LEVEL of the Project Connect display rack. The PC display rack is located in the narthex to your right as you exit the west narthex door. The New Booklets for MAY are: SURVIVING BREAST CANCER; YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN; FORGIVENESS IS A CHOICE; and HOW TO TALK ABOUT YOUR FAITH. The April New Booklets remain in the top level of the display rack. They are: A GREIF LIKE NO OTHER; A TREASURE REVEALED; THE TRUTH ABOUT ANGELS; and HOPE AND HEALING—SURVIVING BREAST CANCER. Throughout the summer months you will be receiving four new booklets each month. Booklets pages are 4 x 8 inches and from 16 to 32 page of reading material.

**CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE:** Are you interested in full-time church work? Now is the time to apply for an LLL Scholarship Grant available from the Nebraska District of the Lutheran Layman's League! Contact Virginia Von Seggern at email [virginia.vonseggern251@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.vonseggern251@gmail.com) or phone 402-655-2254. They are also available on the website of the Nebraska District LC-MS ([www.ndlcms.org](http://www.ndlcms.org)). Applications are due in mid-May of 2024. We are grateful for those students interested in full-time church work. Have you had an LLL Scholarship Grant previously? You MUST RE-APPLY to extend your grant each year.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/YOUTH GROUP**

**CAMP LUTHER RETREAT:** The Camp Luther youth retreat took place last weekend, and everyone had an absolutely amazing time learning, growing, and having a lot of fun. Although the weather was not always ideal, we were still able to partake in many types of activities, and like always, we were sad when it was time to depart. Thank you to everyone who assisted with, supported, or donated toward this trip. I can honestly say that this type of retreat would not be possible without the generosity of this congregation, the commitment of our parents, and the help of an amazing team of drivers and chaperones.

**FAITH WEAVERS:** Another year of Faith Weavers instruction here at Zion Lutheran Church is in the books. As always, our faithful group of students and volunteers had a year full of fun crafts, exciting games, memorable music, and enriching lessons that ultimately concluded with our end of the year picnic on May 1st. At this time I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents that cooperated with our Faith Weavers program by sharing their children with this church on Wednesday evenings, so that we can work to learn and grow by diving into the Bible each week. I would also like to thank our amazing group of volunteers who truly and absolutely make this program possible. We sincerely would not be able to provide this type of instruction if it not for the amazing commitment of our gifted leaders and guides. With that in mind, if you would like to answer the call to serve by helping with Faith Weavers next year, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. Jareske (402-329-4313). To ensure the continued success of this ministry for the future, we would like to find a few additional volunteers to help in various areas next year. Finally, we would like to thank this congregation for their support, encouragement, prayers, and generosity. Your collaboration with this program this year has been truly and greatly appreciated!

**VBS:** Vacation Bible School is just about a month away! The theme for this year will be an underwater VBS called “Scuba” by Group Publishing, and **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!** If students and families would like to participate, or assist, with this amazing summer event, please complete and return a paper registration, which can be found in the church office or narthex, or complete the online registration form using our church website, under “Educational Ministries” and “Vacation Bible School,” for either participants and/or volunteers. Again VBS will be taking place during the first full week in the month of June, June 3rd through June 7th, 2024, so mark your calendars now. As always, this event takes a lot of planning and preparation, and so we greatly appreciate your continued time, attention, and support in the lead up to this endeavor. Catch you on the next wave!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The final week of Sunday School for children for the summer will take place on Sunday, May 12th, at our usual time and locations. Although Sunday School classes for children will pause for the summer months at that time, Vicar will be continuing with his class, and Mr. J is more than happy to continue instruction for any youth who would like to proceed with our study and discussion of the Bible on Sunday mornings over the next few months.

**FUSION YOUTH MEETING:** Our next monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th through 12th grade youth is scheduled to take place **today**, May 5th, 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 EVENT:** All youth, 7th through 12th grades, are invited to attend a traditional Pentecost feast on Sunday, May 19th, from 6PM to 9PM at Zion Lutheran Church. To help facilitate this, the youth group will be providing a sign-up sheet through our church website, under “Educational Ministries” and “Youth Ministries,” so that youth families can sign up to bring an item, or two, to share with the group. If weather allows, we will also plan on enjoying the evening around a fire pit, so participating youth should plan to bring along a lawn chair for their own personal use.

**CARDS:** The youth group has graduation cards, in addition to our other available cards, in the church office. If anyone needs cards in the next several weeks, payment can be placed in the lockbox by the cards.