

SERVANTS - April 13 (Comm.)

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Tyler & McKayla Krueger
ELDER Blaine Bockelman
USHERS Lauren Ueding
Maya Reed
ACOLYTES Baylie Podany
Brecken Krueger

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Al & Lee Homan
ELDER Andy White
USHERS Grace Behmer
Cayden Holan
ACOLYTES Blake Kesting
Keegan Holan

SERVANTS - April 14 (Comm.)

TIME 7:00pm
ELDER Doug Cromwell
ACOLYTES Deacon Watts
Zachary Hickman

SERVANTS - April 20 (Comm.)

TIME 6:30am Easter Sunrise
GREETERS Mike & Miriam Krueger
ELDER Eric Retzlaff
USHERS Hayden Bauer
Jax Bauer
ACOLYTES Brenna Benes
Keelan Claussen

TIME 9:00am PAX Easter
GREETERS Jerald & Suzie Wachter
ELDER Fred Marks
USHERS Jackson Fischer
Maya Reed
ACOLYTES Brenna Benes
Keelan Claussen

SERVANTS - April 21

TIME 7:00pm
ELDER NO VESPERS
ACOLYTES NO VESPERS

Rev. Gordon W. Bruce
Senior Pastor

Vicar Jacob Friedrich

Mr. Derek Jareske
Director of Christian Ed.

Miss Amanda Jareske
Mrs. Amy Weber-Podany
Church Secretary

Mrs. April Anson
School Secretary

Mrs. Sierra Flear
7th/8th Grade

Mrs. Susan Harstad
5th/6th Grade

Mrs. Kelly Stonacek
3rd/4th Grade

Mrs. Elizabeth Gleason
2nd Grade

Mrs. Jennifer Rohrich
1st Grade

Mrs. Misty Steffen
Kindergarten

Miss Sydney Slater
Preschool

Mrs. Tara Oestreich
Para-educator

Mrs. Carol Lutz
Para-educator

Mrs. Brooke Kilcoin
Para-educator

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

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

2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Brenna R. Benes, daughter of Kevin & Laura Benes

Burkley Donald Collison, son of Beau & Traci Collison

McKenna Faith Deiterman, daughter of Bridget Meyer

Mason Matthew-Kenneth Gnirk, son of Matthew & Heather Gnirk

Cooper C. Hansen, son of Joe & Emily Hansen

Keegan James Holan, son of Jake & Jennifer Jensen & Jason & Melissa Holan

Jaxon Thomas Koerting, son of Luke & Cassie Koerting

Caybri Lea Monroe, daughter of Tiffany Botsko & John Doak

Kendyl Lei Olson, daughter of Randy & Mandy Olson

Teigan Rose Warneke, daughter of Chase & Alyssa Warneke

Deacon Watts, son of Devin & Misty Watts

Lucas James Weber, son of Jim Weber & Amy Weber-Podany

CONFIRMATION: Please join us for our upcoming opportunities to celebrate with our 8th grade students as they prepare to complete the rite of Confirmation. With that in mind, our students will be formally confirmed during the 10:00AM church service today, April 13th.

VOTER'S MEETING: The next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm & the Voter's Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 pm.

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| SUNDAY- APRIL 13 (PALM SUNDAY) | 8:00am 9:00am 10:00am 10:00am | PAX Worship (Communion) Bible School/Sunday School Traditional Worship (Comm.) Confirmation (Communion) |
| MONDAY- APRIL 14 | 6:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm | Trustee Meeting VESPERS Elders Meeting |
| WEDNESDAY- APRIL 16 | 6:00am 7:00am 4:00pm 5:15pm | Community Prayer Breakfast Women's Bible Study Confirmation Faith Weavers |
| THURS- APRIL 17 (MAUNDY THURS) | 6:30am 12:15pm 1:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm | Men's Bible Study Lent Service (Communion) Quilters Lent Service (Communion) Good Friday Choir Practice |
| FRIDAY- APRIL 18 (GOOD FRIDAY) | 7:30pm | Tenebrae Service |
| SUNDAY- APRIL 20 (EASTER) | 6:30am 8:00am 9:00am | Sunrise Service (Communion) (Breakfast follows service) Easter Egg Hunt PAX Easter (Communion) |
| MONDAY- APRIL 21 | NO VESPERS | NO VESPERS |

Our Christian Stewardship: April 6: Pax– 105 Traditional– 105 Vespers– 29 Midweek (April 9): 12:15pm– 19 7:00pm– General–\$12,250.55 Mission- \$1,150.00 Debt- \$9,980.00 Matching Debt Funds (to be matched)- \$65,567.74 Operating Debt Balance– \$55,352.59

Maundy Thursday Service, April 17, at 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm (Vicar Jacob Friedrich)

Good Friday (Tenebrae), April 18, at 7:30 pm (Pastor Gordon Bruce)

Easter Sunrise Service, April 20 at 6:30 am (Pastor Gordon Bruce) (Breakfast after Service)

PAX Easter, April 20, at 9:00 am (Pastor Gordon Bruce)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those continuing to battle various afflictions: Mari Ortmeier, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy, Dawn Tucker, Lavonne Fleeer, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtell, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Betty Henzler, Gary Zierke

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: The Lutheran Hour—“In The Middle!” Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In Jesus, God showed up smack in the middle of life with forgiveness, love, and a promise never to leave us. (John 19:18).

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

TUITION ASSISTANCE: If you would like to donate to the tuition assistance account at Zion Lutheran School, please send donations to the school marked for tuition assistance. Any questions contact the school office at 402-329-4658. Thank you for helping students have a Christian education!

SCRIP: If you would like to purchase Scrip, order forms are available in the NARTHEX. Order forms and/or Raise Right purchases need to be submitted before Tuesday of each week. Contact the school office at 402-329-4658 with any questions.

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 the office know if you want your name listed in the bulletin.

5th & 6th Grade Fundraiser: They are selling ready to bake pizzas from Pizza Ranch for their upcoming trip in May to Ponca State Park. The fundraiser ends on **April 28**. Also, if anyone has a propane camping stove that could be used for their trip, please contact/let the Vicar know.

GOOD FRIDAY CHOIR: We are forming a choir to sing on **Good Friday, April 18!** All are welcome and all singing abilities! We need voices! Maundy Thursday practice will be on **Thursday, April 17**, following the service. Please contact Sarah Endorf with any questions at 402-277-0654

EASTER BREAKFAST HELP: Any men who would be willing to help out with the Easter Breakfast on April 20 (the breakfast follows the Sunrise Service), please be here at 5 am that day.

PIERCE COMMUNITY 19th ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST: St. Joseph's Parish Center, **Wednesday, April 16th**, at 6 am. The breakfast provided by Taylor Made Catering with program to follow. Program will consist of music, prayer, speaker & fellowship. Join us as we celebrate the most Holy Week in the community. Please turn registration into **Midwest Bank by Friday, April 11**. The cost is \$12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Reminder, there will be **no** Sunday School classes for any grade or age on Easter Sunday, April 20th, and classes will resume the following week, April 27th. Plan to attend the Zion Easter Egg Hunt and/or Easter Breakfast on Easter morning instead!

VBS: For those looking forward to VBS, please check back in a few weeks for more information, including ways to register, so you can plan to join us on an “Epic Australian Adventure,” which will be our VBS theme for this year. Get excited for an awesome trip down under this summer! We would also like to invite you to begin saving the cardboard rolls from your used gift wrapping paper and donating them to the church as we begin to anticipate our Craft Station needs. Thank you!

FAITH WEAVERS: Faith Weavers will resume regular instruction this Wednesday, April 16th, and we will plan to continue regular instruction until the first part of May, unless otherwise announced. Please remember, though, to check our website, Facebook page, and News Channel Nebraska for program and weather-related updates and cancellations. 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. Parents can find more information and register on our church website under “Educational Ministries” and “Faith Weavers.”

Please put non-perishable donations in the marked bin in the kitchen with a note (from who, for who) and alert church staff about your donation. Cold items should be put in the refrigerator, and frozen items should be placed in the freezer. For more information, contact Mr. Jareske.

For April:

1. Large packages of frozen chicken nuggets
2. Large packages of frozen french fries
3. Boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese
4. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese
5. 28 oz jars of pizza sauce
6. Regular cans of fruit cocktail
7. Regular cans of mandarin oranges

FAITH WEAVERS HELP: If you feel called to help with Faith Weavers in 2025, weekly, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. J (402-329-4313). Although there is only one month left for this academic year, you could always jump in now, so you have some training for next year. At this time, we are specifically looking for, at least, one new volunteer to assist by cooking, several volunteers to help by serving the meal without cooking, and several volunteers to assist with the Crafts Station. For details, please contact Mr. J to inquire.

UPDATES: If you would like to be receiving updates and notifications from the church, please call the church office to let us know what kinds of notifications you would like to be receiving, and which means of communication work best for you. For instance, Mr. J sends out weekly reminders about our various youth endeavors through both email and text message, so if any youth parents have not been receiving those notifications, and would like to, please let us know.

USHERING: If any youth students would be willing to assist during church services on Sunday mornings, please call 402-329-4313 to let the church office know. We are currently looking for both ushers and technology booth assistance, and training will be provided for anyone willing to serve in either capacity.

TECH HELP: If you have a general interest in sound, video, or computers, and would like to use those talents to help on Sunday mornings, please call the church office (402-329-4313) to inquire. We are currently looking for a few new people who would like to assist in the technology booth running the sound board, managing the video camera, and/or running the slides. Training can be provided.

EGG MY YARD FUNDRAISER: Need to hide Easter eggs? Let us help! The Zion Fusion Youth Group is once again 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, April 16th, 2025, and addresses must be residential properties in the city of Pierce, NE. Prices include: \$20 for 25 eggs, \$40 for 50 eggs, and \$60 for 100 eggs. All proceeds will go to support our youth students as they raise money for their activities and trips. For more information, please check out a copy of our flyer in the church narthex or on our church website homepage.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Zion Lutheran Church will be hosting a various ages Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 20th, on the Zion grounds beginning at 8AM. Hunts include an easy hunt for Kindergarten through 2nd graders (beginning at 8AM), an intermediate hunt for 3rd through 6th graders (beginning at 8:15AM), and a letter game hunt for 7th through 12th graders (beginning at 8:30AM). For those who wish to participate, meet us at the Zion Lutheran Church front narthex doors, and please bring your own basket to hold eggs. Be advised, while this event is open to the public, candies with known allergens, or were produced in a facility with known allergens, may be used for this event, and participation does not guarantee a prize. If you would like to donate to support this event, please speak with Mr. J to learn more.

GREETING CARDS: Come check out our selection of Easter & Confirmation cards. Our sympathy cards have been restocked as well!

HANDS FOR CHRIST: If you are in 8th-12th grade and would like to assist with Hands for Christ this summer, please make a plan to attend the Pizza Party kickoff event on **Wednesday, April 23rd, beginning at 6:30PM** in the high school commons. This is a wonderful chance to learn more about participating in this opportunity to serve in within this community, bond with others, and of course, enjoy some pizza!

PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS: There are still openings for the 3 yr old Tuesday/Thursday class from 8am-11:15 am & the 4 & 5 yr old class on Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 12:15 pm-3:20 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Slat-ter at (402) 329-4658.