

Our Christian Stewardship: **Attendance: 160**
General: \$5,578.15 **Mission: \$85.00** **Glory to God Giving: \$1,210.00**
Operating Debt Balance: \$44,233.63 **Glory to God Match: \$64,219.00**

SERVANTS at Zion, Today:

9:00am PAX

GREETERS Jerald/ Suzie Wachter

ELDER Eric Retzlaff

USHERS Boston Krueger
Ethan Claussen

ACOLYTES Brecken Krueger
Cecelia Babl

PASTOR Lonnie Jacobsen

LAYREADER Jolene Smith

SERVANTS (Next Week) - May 24

9:00am Traditional

With the Lord's Supper

GREETERS Ryan/ Brooke Collison

ELDER Tom Weinrich

USHERS Makenna Blecher
Draydin Gossman

ACOLYTES Cutter Krueger
William Blank

ELDER SERVICE

LAYREADER

Zion Lutheran School Pierce

2026-2027



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SUNDAY- MAY 17th	9:00am	PAX Worship
MONDAY- MAY 18th	2:00pm	VBS Decorating
TUESDAY-MAY 19th	2:00pm	VBS Decorating
	7:00pm	Council Mtg.
WEDNESDAY- MAY 20th	7:00am	Women's Bible Study
	2:00pm	VBS Decorating
	6:00pm	VBS Planning Mtg.
THURSDAY- MAY 21st	6:30AM	Men's Bible Study
	2:00pm	VBS Decorating
SUNDAY- MAY 24th	9:00am	Traditional Worship

May 17th, 2026
7th Sunday of Easter
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Shawn Dozy, Dawn Tucker, Lavonne Fler, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtell, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Natalie Retzlaff, Josie Richmond, Laurita Nitz

PASTOR LONNIE JACOBSEN BIO: Rev. Lonnie "Jake" Jacobsen serves as the Executive Assistant to the President for Mission and Ministry for the Nebraska District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. In this role, he is honored to come alongside pastors, congregations and ministry leaders as they engage in God's Kingdom work in their community. He has a passion for ministry among those who might be seen as the "least of these" and celebrates the fact that Jesus calls, heals, equips and sends the "least" to be and become His disciples engaged in the great commission. God has provided a variety of ministry leadership experiences that include church planting, international partnerships, revitalization, and congregational partnerships/mergers. Jake and his wife Penny enjoy serving Jesus together, camping, spending time with family and extended family, and spending time with their twelve grandchildren and great grandson.

QUILTING: The Quilting Ladies have ended their weekly sessions in May and will resume again in Oct. We were able to construct 73 quilts this year. We donated 82 to Orphan Grain Train and 6 were donated to the Zion Wild Game Feed and locally. We would like to thank everyone who donated sheets, fabric, or batting. Your support is appreciated. We meet once a week on Thursday afternoons and welcome anyone who is interested to join us next fall.

CARE CREW TEAM: Will **NOT** be meeting the month of May.

ZION 101: is a new **ADULT MEMBERSHIP CLASS** that will begin on **Sunday June 14 at 10:30 a.m.** This class is open to anyone desiring to become a member of Zion Lutheran Church. It is also open to long-time members who want a "refresher" on what it is we believe. (In fact - current Zion members are *encouraged* to attend!) This will be a 4-5 week class. If interested, please let Pastor Huesmann know.



ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you have announcements or upcoming events you would like announced, please contact the church office **by noon on Wednesday**. Also, if anyone has updates to their address, phone number, email, or member status, please notify the church office of any changes.

SCRIP: Mrs. Anson is taking orders for scrip. They are due every Monday by midnight. If she doesn't have what you need on hand, orders may take up to one week before they are available.

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.

VBS: Vacation Bible School is under a month away! The theme for this year will be a winter games themed VBS called "Snowball Mountain Challenge" by Cokesbury Kids, 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 1st through June 5th, 2026, so mark your calendars. Also, as we begin to anticipate our station needs, please consider assisting and donating with these areas, if you feel so called.

Speaking of callings, our next VBS planning meeting for anyone who would like to be involved in this process will take place this Tuesday, May 19th, beginning at 6PM in the Zion fellowship hall. 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. Get excited for a radical trip up the snow covered slopes this summer!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our last week for regular Sunday School classes for children for this school year, before our summer break, took place last Sunday, May 10th. We will now be taking a brief break for the summer months, and then we will look forward to seeing our students again next fall. As always, thank you to everyone who provided their time and talents to make this program possible, and thank you to all of our devoted families for making Sunday School instruction a priority!

LAWN HELP: To care for the needs of this congregation and provide new opportunities to serve, we are looking for individuals who might be able to help with our church lawn care needs. If you would like to serve in this way, please scan the QR code featured on our flyers in the church narthex to be directed to a website where you can learn more about this process and sign up to mow and trim on a particular week, or several, during the next six months. Feel free to also reach out to a member of our Board of Trustees for more information. **Please keep in mind that the parsonage will also need to be mowed as part of the weekly mowing along with the church. Thank you for all your help!**

FAITH WEAVERS: As of Wednesday, April 29th, another year of Faith Weavers instruction 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 and closing presentation. 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. That said, 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. For details, please contact Mr. J at the church phone number to inquire.

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!

For families with students who attended Faith Weavers this year, please take some time to complete the brief survey linked on our church website by, or before, Wednesday, June 10th, 2026, so our planning team can work to review your feedback at our next meeting, evaluate our current program, and work to continue to improve for next year. The survey can be found under "Educational Ministries" and "Faith Weavers." See you next fall!

USHER TRAINING: We would really like for any of our previously confirmed youth students, and newly confirmed youth students, to assist during church services on Sunday mornings by serving as an usher and/or technology booth assistant. With that, although we recently completed a formal training session, we would absolutely be willing to offer more training sessions for students who would like to assist but were unable to make it to our last training opportunity. If this sounds like you, please feel free to contact the church office (402-329-4313), so we can work to get another training scheduled. We are currently looking for both ushers and technology booth assistance, so whatever your ability, we would love to have you!

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE: Starting May 20th, Fusion Youth Group meetings at Zion Lutheran Church will be held on Wednesday evenings! A Bible Study will take place from 7PM - 8PM, and our bonfire and fellowship time will take place from 8PM - 9PM, both here at Zion. We'll gather around the Solo Stove Fire Pit, weather permitting, after Bible Study for fellowship, s'mores, fun, and faith-filled conversations! Bring your Bible and a lawn chair! All Zion youth in grades 7th-12th and their friends are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring a friend and join us for a great night of faith, friendship, and fun!

