

Our Christian Stewardship: **Attendance: 198**
General: \$15,405.60 **Mission: \$2,035.00** **Glory to God Giving: \$1,500.00**
Operating Debt Balance: \$44,853.63 **Glory to God Match: \$63,599.00**

SERVANTS at Zion, Today:

9:00am Traditional
With the Lord's Supper

GREETERS Dan/ Melinda Stelling

ELDER Blaine Bockelman

USHERS Elliot Vanness
Kaelyn Halsey

ACOLYTES Alayna Herian
Makinna Watts

PASTOR Lee Weander

LAYREADER Sandra Vanness

SERVANTS (Next Week) - May 17

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

Zion Lutheran School Pierce

2026-2027



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SUNDAY- MAY 10th	9:00am	Trad. Worship
	10:15am	BC/Sunday School
	5:00pm	HS Youth Mtg.
MONDAY- MAY 11th	6:00pm	Trustee Mtg.
	7:00pm	Elders Mtg.
WEDNESDAY- MAY 13th	7:00am	Women's Bible Study
	7:00pm	8th Grade Graduation
	7:00pm	LWML Agape
THURSDAY- MAY 14th	6:30AM	Men's Bible Study
SUNDAY- MAY 17th	9:00am	PAX Worship



May 10th, 2026

6th 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

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!**

8TH GRADE GRADUATES: Zion Lutheran School 8th Grade Graduation will take place in a special service on **Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Come and celebrate our graduates! A Reception will follow.

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.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: Please join us as we celebrate **Commitment Sunday on May 17th**, with a family-centered Commitment Celebration. The event kicks off at the **9:00 a.m. service**, where we will give thanks to God for His guidance of Zion Lutheran Church's mission work taking place right here at Zion Lutheran School.

Together, we will gather as a congregation to seek God's blessing and direction as we bring forward our individual monetary commitments to the Forward in Faith campaign, which is dedicated to retiring the remaining debt on the new school. **Commitment cards will be available in the church office at any time, or in the narthex prior to the service.**

Following the service, all are invited to enjoy face painting, bounce houses, and lunch outdoors in the area south and west of the church and school.

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 just 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 now. Also, as we begin to anticipate our Craft and Snack station needs, please continue to check back for ways to assist and donate, 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 on 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!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MEETING: Our next monthly meeting for high school youth students, 9th through 12th grades, is scheduled to take place **today**, May 10th, from **5PM to 7PM in the Zion gym/youth room**. As always, if youth are considering joining us for this great opportunity, they should consider bringing a friend along, as well! A meal will be served, and no money is needed for this portion of the meeting.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Confirmation classes for both 7th and 8th grade public school students have concluded for this school year. Congratulations to our newly confirmed 8th grade students, and we look forward to seeing our current 6th and 7th grade students for classes in the fall. Please look for information regarding our acolyting program and policies as we look toward phasing out our current 8th graders at the end of the summer and adding in our current 6th graders in July, both public school and Zion.

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our last week for regular Sunday School classes for children for this school year, before our summer break, will take place today, May 10th. After today, we will 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!

