

Our Christian Stewardship: NOV. 30 – **PAX:** 103 **ADVENT 12:15pm:** 15 **ADVENT 7pm:** 103
General: \$4308.00 **Mission:** \$1540.00 **Debt:** \$3626.96
Operating Debt Balance: \$54,784.63

SERVANTS - December 7

TIME **9:00am PAX**

GREETERS Mark & Bev Luebe

ELDER Jerald Wachter

USHERS Camassia White
 Kaelyn Halsey

ACOLYTES Lenox & Logan Beacom

PASTOR Rev. Bernhard Huesmann

LAYREADER PAX Group

SERVANTS– Dec. 14 (Comm.)

TIME **9:00am TRAD.**

GREETERS Andy & Tami White

ELDER Andy White

USHERS Makenna Blecher
 Draydin Gossman

ACOLYTES Annabel Rasmussen
 Hannah Hickman

PASTOR Rev. Bernhard Huesmann

LAYREADER Jolene Smith

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SUNDAY– DECEMBER 7

9:00am PAX Worship with Pastor Installation
10:00am Sunday School/Bible Class
5:00pm-6:45pm PTLs/Youth Group Soup Supper
7:00pm PAX Christmas

MONDAY– DECEMBER 8

6:00pm Trustee Meeting

TUESDAY– DECEMBER 9

12:00pm-6:00pm Community Blood Drive

WEDNESDAY– DECEMBER 10

7:00am Women’s Bible Study
12:15pm Advent Service
4:00pm Confirmation
5:15pm Faith Weavers
7:00pm Advent Service

THURSDAY– DECEMBER 11

6:30am Men’s Bible Study
1:00pm Quilters
7:00pm Agape Circle

SATURDAY– DECEMBER 13

10:00am-12:00pm Cookie & Candy pickup in kitchen

SUNDAY– DECEMBER 14

9:00am Trad. Worship (Communion)
10:00am Bible Class/Sunday School
2:00pm Children’s Program
5:00pm Fusion Youth/Christmas Party
Cookie & Candy pickup after both services

Advent Services:

December 10: 12:15pm & 7pm

December 17th: 12:15pm & 7pm

December 24th: 6:00pm

December 25th: 9:30am

December 31st: 6:00pm

December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent &
Installation of Pastor Huesmann
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Mari Ortmeier, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy, Dawn Tucker, Lavonne Fleer, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtell, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Natalie Retzlaff, Darrel Garber, Josie Richmond, Parker Suckstorf

LUTHERAN HOUR: December 7. "Chosen for What?". Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God calls believers to trust and follow Jesus--chosen, but chosen for what? (Romans 15:7).

PASTOR INSTALLATION: Our interim Pastor, Pastor Bernhard Huesmann, will be installed during the service today at 9am.

SOUP SUPPER AND PAX CHRISTMAS: The Zion Lutheran School PTLs and Zion Lutheran Church Youth Group invite everyone to join us for a special evening of food, fellowship, and Christmas celebration at our Sounds of the Season event on Sunday, December 7th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The evening will start with a Free Will Donation Soup Supper from 5:00pm–6:45 p.m., featuring warm soups, good company, and the welcoming of our Interim Pastor, Pastor Bernhard Huesmann. Following the meal, the ZION PAX Team will present their annual Christmas concert, “Light of the World!” — a joyful celebration of Christ’s birth through music and message.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: The youth students will be once again hosting their yearly Christmas card sale to fundraise for their various events and trips during the four Sundays in Advent, which began last Sunday, November 30th, so please look for our table in the narthex if you need to re-fill your supply of Christmas cards this year. Christmas cards can also be purchased during the week by speaking with Mr. J.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation classes for public school 7th and 8th grade students resumed last Wednesday, December 3rd, and will continue through December 17th. Reminder, if the public school does decide to cancel school for inclement weather on a Wednesday, it is likewise our policy to cancel public school Confirmation classes, as well.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: The Christmas Eve service has been moved from **7pm to 6pm** this year. The Christmas Day service will be at 9:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you have announcements or upcoming events you would like posted or 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 still 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.

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!

COOKIE AND CANDY FUNDRAISER: Need cookie and candies for Christmas? Let us help! We are proud to announce that the Fusion Youth Group will be offering their Christmas Cookie and Candy Fundraiser once again this year. As before, pre-order items will be available for pickup on either December 13th, 10AM-12PM in the Zion kitchen, or December 14th, following the 9AM church service and the 2PM Children's Christmas service in the narthex. In addition, a limited number of pre-made platters and plates will be available in the church narthex for those who did not pre-order, as well. All funds will go toward paying for youth activities. For more information, please check the flyer on our church website or call Derek Jareske.

Pre-Made Options Include: Dozen Decorated Sugar Cookies (\$15), Large Platters of Cookies and Assorted Candy (\$45), and Small Platters of Cookies and Assorted Candy (\$35)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MEETING: A meeting for 9th through 12th grade youth is currently being planned to take place on Sunday, December 21st, from 5PM to 8PM at Zion Lutheran Church. This will be a Christmas party for our high school students, and although food will be provided, please feel free to bring holiday themed snacks to share. We will also have a White Elephant gift exchange, and although this is completely optional, if you would like to participate, gifts should be church appropriate, kind, and no more than \$20, if purchased. Homemade gifts are welcome, but please be aware of allergies when baking/buying.

PIERCE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, December 9th, from 12:00pm-6:00pm. The last blood drive of the year is at Christ Lutheran's fellowship hall. Please contact Lori Wragge at (402) 860-1441 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Pierce to schedule an appointment.

FAITH WEAVERS: Faith Weavers takes place every Wednesday evening from 5:15PM-6:45PM as long as school is in session, or otherwise announced. To that end, Faith Weavers did resume normal classes last Wednesday, December 3rd, and will continue through December 17th, barring unforeseen circumstances. Again, if the public school does decide to cancel school for inclement weather on a Wednesday, it is likewise our policy to cancel Faith Weavers, as well. Also, with the season of Advent here, we are instituting a new policy that students must be picked up from the church by a parent/guardian each week. As it gets dark far earlier during this time of year, and our Advent midweek services have started once again, we want to work to reduce the risk of accidents as much as possible. Otherwise, if your child is between Kindergarten and 6th grade, please consider having them join us for another year of faith building, fun, and fellowship! Parents can find more information and register on our church website under "Educational Ministries" and "Faith Weavers." We hope to see you soon!

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.

FAITH WEAVERS FOR DECEMBER:

1. Packages of hamburger buns
2. Rolls of 85/15 or 80/20 ground beef
3. Jars of pizza sauce
4. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese
5. Jars of apple sauce

FAITH WEAVERS HELP: As this weekly event is dependent on the teamwork of volunteers and supporters, we are once again putting out the call for assistance. If you feel called to help this year by serving in some capacity, week to week, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. Jareske (402-329-4313) in the near future. Volunteers can be 7th grade and older. We are still looking for individuals to assist with our various stations, cooking meals, and helping with serving the meals, without cooking. As such, if you believe that you might be able to help in one of these ways, please let us know as soon as possible

YOUTH FUNDRAISER HELP: The youth group will be working to assemble cookie and candy plates and platters on Friday, December 12th, after school on that date. If any youth and parents are available to assist, please let Mr. J know, and your help would be greatly appreciated. We will meet in the Zion kitchen.

FUSION YOUTH MEETING: A meeting for 7th through 12th grade youth is scheduled to take place next Sunday, December 14th, from 5PM to 8PM at Zion Lutheran Church. This will be our annual Christmas party meeting, and to help with this, the plan is to have everyone planning to attend contribute to a potluck to provide for the meal for this evening. Please speak with Mr. J, or check our church website, for a way to sign-up to bring a food item to help with this meeting currently. We will also have a White Elephant gift exchange, and although this is completely optional, if you would like to participate, gifts should be church appropriate, kind, and no more than \$20, if purchased. Homemade gifts are welcome, but please be aware of allergies when baking/buying.