

SERVANTS - August 17	
TIME	9:00am PAX
GREETERS	Mark & Bev Luebe
ELDER	Doug Cromwell
USHERS	Camassia White Maelee Hamilton Logan Kuether Cooper Collins
ACOLYTES	Brecken Krueger Parker Suckstorf
PASTOR	Pastor Leon Rosenthal
NO VESPERS on August 18	

SERVANTS - August 24	
TIME	9:00am Trad (Comm.)
GREETERS	Al & Lee Homan
ELDER	Brian Blecher
USHERS	Adrienne Riggert Nora Herian
ACOLYTES	Cecelia Babl Stella Riggert
PASTOR	Pastor Leon Rosenthal
ORGANIST	Alice Mittelsdorf
NO VESPERS on August 25	

SUNDAY-- AUGUST 17	9:00am	PAX Worship
	9:00am	National Youth Group Service
	10:00am	National Youth Group Breakfast
	11:00am	7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Mtg.
	5:00pm	Fusion Youth Group
WEDNESDAY-- AUGUST 20	7:00am	Women's Bible Study
	5:00pm	Faith Weavers Meal Mtg.
	6:00pm	Faith Weavers Volunteers Mtg.
THURSDAY-- AUGUST 21	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
SUNDAY-- AUGUST 24	9:00am	Traditional Worship (Comm)
	10:00am	Sunday School Teacher Mtg.
	5:00pm	High School Youth

Pastor Leon Rosenthal
Guest Pastor for August

Mr. Derek Jareske
Director of Christian Ed.

Mr. David Beikmann
School Principal

Mrs. April Anson
School Secretary

Mrs. Sierra Fleer
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. Brooke Kilcoin
Para-educator

August 17, 2025



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SERVICE SCHEDULE:

AUGUST 24: TRADITIONAL 9 AM (**Communion**) with Pastor Rosenthal

AUGUST 31: PAX 9 AM with Pastor Rosenthal

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: August 17. "**The Stuttering Man of Destiny**". Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Moses. (Exodus 4:10-12)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Mari Ortmeier, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy, Dawn Tucker, Lavonne Fleer, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtell, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Pastor Bruce & family, Gerald Henzler

CADDY FOR CHRIST TOURNAMENT: Rescheduled to August 23, 2025 at the Pierce Community Golf Course. Please check the Zion Lutheran School Facebook page for more information. Registration ends on August 15 at 12pm. Come join in on fun and prizes before school starts! All proceeds go towards classroom and playground equipment.

CONFIRMATION: There will be a must attend introductory Confirmation meeting today, August 17th, beginning at 11AM in the Zion gym for all 7th and 8th grade students who are eligible for Confirmation this fall and their parents. If you are unable to attend on this date, you must contact the church about scheduling a different date and time for this to take place. For questions, please contact a member of our Zion Board of Elders. Also, a copy of Luther's Small Catechism is needed for class each week, so if your child does not yet have a copy of this resource, copies can be purchased from the church for \$20.00 each.

CHURCH OFFICE: If you need to schedule an event, please contact the church office first for availability. The calendars need to be checked if the dates and times are open before scheduled.

Our Christian Stewardship: August 10: TRADITIONAL: 211
General: \$5574.80 **Mission:** \$455.00 **Debt:** \$595.00
Matching Debt Funds (to be matched): \$90,679.74 **Operating Debt Balance:** \$37,240.59

CHURCH CARE CREW: The **last Tuesday of the month @ 6pm**. What is the Church Care Crew??? A group of people getting together to take care of the Church... from deep cleaning the kitchen, to organizing storage spaces, to adding things needed in the pews... EVERYONE is welcome to come open their Hearts & Hands to make Zion Shine!

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!

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 lawn care needs. If you would like to serve in this way, please scan the provided QR code 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!**

The next open sign up date for mowing is **August 21**



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH: Join us for the 38th Annual Homemade Pie and Ice Cream Social. Sunday, August 17, from 4pm-7pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Foster, NE. Free will donation will be designated to mission projects.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH: Ark Encounter/Creation Museum Bus Tour. October 13-17, 2025. Join us for a tour at the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. For more information, and where to register, please refer to this link: <https://oursav.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3028925>

LLL WORSHIP SERVICE: Going to the NE State Fair? The Lutheran Laymen's League is hosting a worship service at the fair on Sunday, **August 31st, beginning at 10:30 AM** on the ACP Park Stage. Preaching is Rev. Lee Weander of Our Savior, Norfolk, with music provided by Shawn Pfanstiel of Grace, Grand Island. Start your day at the fair with God's Word. Worship with friends from around the state of NE.

YOUTH GATHERING THANK YOU: The individuals who attended the LCMS Youth Gathering and their families are holding a free thank you breakfast in the Zion gym today, August 17th, to immediately follow the 9AM church service wherein which the youth students will be running the service based on their experience at the Gathering. The students and adult leaders are also be prepared to share some of their experiences from the Gathering at the beginning of the breakfast, along with a slideshow of pictures and memories, before joining different groups at their table to enjoy the food offerings and share more about their time in New Orleans. All said, we are hoping that this will be a time of sharing and appreciation for this wonderful congregation, and we hope you will make a plan to join us!

FUSION YOUTH MEETING: Our next monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th through 12th grade youth students is scheduled to take place **today**, August 17th, from **5PM to 7PM in the Zion gym/youth room**. 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.

FAITHWEAVERS: With school right around the corner, it is time to think about another year of Faith Weavers at Zion Lutheran Church, beginning on Wednesday, September 10th. 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. We have several volunteers who have put in many years of faithful service, and although no station or group leader has yet expressed interest in moving out of their current role, adding a group of new volunteers would be beneficial to the continued success of this ministry. Even if you would be willing to substitute for one of our group leaders from time to time to get started, this would be greatly appreciated. We are also looking for a few new people to join our cooking volunteers for this year, and although you would only need to cook once a month, you do need to be able to manage a simple meal for, about, 80 people. For those planning to serve this year, a volunteer meeting has been planned to take place on Wednesday, August 20th, from 5:30PM to 6:00PM, for those volunteering to cook, and 6:00PM to 7:00PM, for those volunteering to guide students and/or teach, in the church fellowship hall, for both groups. At this meeting we will discuss any new updates concerning our Faith Weavers program for this year, so if you are planning to serve, please plan to attend. If you would be interested in donating to support this program, besides monetary donations, included later this month will be a list of requested food items. As always, your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated as we look forward to seeing as many students as possible at Faith Weavers this year!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Although Sunday School classes for children will not resume until September 7th, we are currently looking a bit ahead in our planning and organizing efforts. With that in mind, we are currently planning to hold a Sunday School planning meeting on Sunday, August 24th, beginning at 10AM in the church fellowship hall for all new and returning Sunday School teachers and substitutes. We are also looking for several new substitute teachers to assist in the event of teacher absences. If you are interested in helping with Sunday School during this year, or you would just like to inquire at this point, please let Mr. Jareske know, as soon as possible.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MEETING: Coming off of our LCMS Youth Gathering planning meetings last year and the Gathering itself last month, we have decided to begin offering a regular youth meeting specifically for 9th through 12th grade youth students. Our first monthly meeting for these youth students is scheduled to take place on **Sunday**, August 24th, from **5PM to 7PM in the Zion youth room**. If you are considering joining us for this new opportunity, consider bringing a friend along, as well! A meal will be served, and no money is needed for this portion of the meeting.