

SERVANTS - March 30

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Greg & Kathy Warneke

ELDER Andy White

USHERS Alexandria & Jesse Huwaldt
ACOLYTES Zachary Hickman Benjamin Huwaldt

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Rick & Vicki Sirek
ELDER Brian Blecher
USHERS Nora Herian Lauren Ueding
ACOLYTES Layton Lindstrom Blair Nitz

SERVANTS - March 31

TIME 7:00pm
ELDER Blaine Bockelman
ACOLYTES Alayna Herian Brecken Krueger

SERVANTS - April 6

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Mark & Bev Luebe

ELDER Tom Weinrich

USHERS Kreighton Simpson Miley Gnirk
ACOLYTES McKenna Deiterman Mason Gnirk

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Al & Jacque Collison
ELDER Eric Retzlaff
USHERS Brody Coulter Boston Krueger
ACOLYTES Cooper Hansen Brecken Krueger

SERVANTS - April 7

TIME 7:00pm
ELDER Fred Marks
ACOLYTES Teigan Warneke Jaxon Koerting

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



March 30, 2025

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

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

Midweek Lenten Series- "Hand of the Lord"

Lenten Midweek #5- Wed, April 2

Vicar Friedrich- "Raises the Dead"

Lenten Midweek #6- Wed, April 9

Pastor Bruce- "Holds all Things"

(Confirmation questioning following service)

Palm Sunday, April 13 at 8 am & Confirmation 10 am

Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 12:15 pm & 7 pm

Vicar Friedrich- "Who Serves & Feeds Us"

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

Pastor Bruce- "That Was Pierced For Us"

Sunrise Service, April 20 at 6:30 am & PAX Easter at 9 am

(Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service)

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

On Behalf of Zion Lutheran Wild Game Feed Committee: We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended, donated to, and volunteered for the Wild Game Feed. Your generosity and support for this event—and for our school—are a true gift from God. We are incredibly blessed to have such a wonderful community that comes together to make events like this a success. Whether you contributed time, resources, or prayers, your efforts are deeply appreciated and make a lasting impact on our school and students. Thank you for being a part of this special event and for your continued support of Zion Lutheran School. May God bless you abundantly!



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| SUNDAY- MARCH 30 | 8:00am 9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm | PAX Worship Bible Classes/Sunday School Traditional Worship Youth Gathering Meeting |
| MONDAY- MARCH 31 | 6:00pm 7:00pm | VBS Planning Meeting VESPERS |
| WEDNESDAY- APRIL 2 | 7:00am 12:15pm 4:00pm 5:15pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm | Women's Bible Study Lenten Service Confirmation Faith Weavers Lenten Meal Lenten Service Good Friday Choir Practice |
| THURSDAY- APRIL 3 | 6:30am 1:00pm | Men's Bible Study Quilters |
| SATURDAY- APRIL 5 | Afternoon | Youth Mercy Meals Packing |
| SUNDAY- APRIL 6 | 8:00am 9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm-8:00pm | PAX Worship Bible classes/Sunday School Traditional Worship Fusion Youth Group |

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: March 23: Pax– 103 Traditional– 120 Vespers– 30
Midweek (March 26): 12:15pm– 16 7:00pm– 49
General–\$6,817.00 Mission- \$385.00 Debt- \$70.00
Matching Debt Funds (to be matched)- \$56,704.26 Operating Debt Balance– \$65,216.07

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: The Lutheran Hour—**"The Difference Between Anger and Contempt"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God gets angry at sin, but behind that anger, God is love. We believe this only because of Jesus. (John 11:35).

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Sign up for April is in the church office. We have April 1, 8, 16, 17, 22, 24 still available to sign up if you would like to before March 31.

MERCY MEALS: The Fusion Youth Group has signed up to assist with the Spring Pack Away Hunger Day hosted by Mercy Meals on the afternoon of Saturday, April 5th. If any youth students would like to help on this date, please let us know, as soon as possible, as space is limited. Our group begins packing at 2PM, but because we have to be present 15 minutes before our start time with our entire group present, we will plan to depart from the church by 1:15PM. Our group will then spend at least 1 hour and 30 minutes packing meals, and if there is any interest, we can then spend a few hours at Skyview Park in Norfolk before returning home. To be clear, it is **not** currently our plan to eat any meals as a group in Norfolk, given the current timeframe, so no money should be needed to attend this activity. Parents will need to complete a transportation/participation form, found on our church website, for any students who have not yet attended an offsite youth event this year, August 2024 to August 2025.

PIERCE HIGH FFA STUDENTS: In support of Mrs. Lavonne Fleer, the FFA is hosting a ALS color run & walk on **Sunday, April 6 at 12:30-2:30 pm**. Proceeds will go to the Fleer family for medical expenses. To sponsor, please contact Pierce High FFA Service project managers Scarlett Babl (402) 750-8453 or Claudia Riggert (402) 649-4083.

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! The next practice will follow Lenten Services at 8 pm on **Wednesday, April 2**. Due to confirmation questioning on April 9, the practice will be held on April 10 at 7 pm. Maundy Thursday practice on Thursday, April 17, will follow the service. Please contact Sarah Endorf with any questions at 402-277-0654

PIERCE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: There is a blood drive on Tuesday, April 1 from 12pm-6pm at the Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Please contact Lori Wragge at (402)860-1441 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

127th EASTER SOCIAL: It is our pleasure to invite you to the 127th Easter Social on **Monday, April 7, at 1:30 pm** at the United Church of Christ, 303 S. Brown Pierce, NE. The program is on quilts and what to do with left overs.

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.

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.

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.

FAITH WEAVERS: Faith Weavers will continue to take place during the Lenten season at our regular time, unless otherwise announced, but we do ask that the congregation and parents use caution during student drop off and pick up with the weekly Lenten services in mind. Also, please remember 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. With that though, we will **not** plan to have Faith Weavers instruction on the evening of April 9th due to the Confirmation Questioning that will take place on that date. In addition, during this next week, while our Confirmation students are preparing for Confirmation Questioning in the church sanctuary, Faith Weavers students should plan to enter through the church office doors and then go directly into the gym for dinner. Following Confirmation, Faith Weavers will resume regular instruction on April 16th. 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:

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| 1. Bags of shredded cheddar cheese | 2. Regular bottles of mild taco sauce |
| 3. Regular jars of mild salsa | 4. Large packages of frozen chicken nuggets |
| 5. Large packages of frozen french fries | 6. Boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese |
| 7. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese | 8. 28oz jars of pizza sauce |
| 9. Regular cans of fruit cocktail | 10. Regular cans of mandarin oranges |
| 11. Regular cans of corn | |

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.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING: For those registered to attend, our next planning meeting will take place in the church fellowship hall **today, March 30th, beginning at 5:00PM**. We will be reviewing our progress, thus far, and discussing upcoming dates and events for the next four months as we look toward the planning homestretch. As always, I would highly recommend attending this meeting. Food will be served for those who wish to eat.

VBS MEETING: For anyone who might like to assist with planning, our next VBS planning meeting in the church fellowship hall will take place this **Monday, March 31st, beginning at 6:00PM** to discuss next steps in the planning process. As always, we appreciate anyone who is willing to assist as this event takes a lot of planning and preparation. For those looking forward to VBS, on the other hand, 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!

FUSION YOUTH MEETING: Our next monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th-12th grade youth students is currently scheduled to take place on **Sunday, April 6th, from 5PM to 8PM in the Zion gym/youth room**. If you are considering joining us for the fun,

EASTER EGG HUNT: Zion Lutheran Church will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning beginning at 8AM. Look for more information beginning next week, but if you might like to donate to support this event, please speak with Mr. J to learn more.