



April 6, 2025

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

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Website: www.zionlutheranpierce.com

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

Midweek Lenten Series- "Hand of the Lord"

Lenten Midweek #6- Wednesday, 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, Gary Zierke

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: The Lutheran Hour—"Better than I Deserve!" Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker. Rev. Keith Haberstock. Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve. (John 12:1-11).

CONFIRMATION: Please join us for our upcoming opportunities to celebrate with our 8th grade students as they prepare to complete the rite of Confirmation. Confirmation Questioning will take place following the 7:00PM Lenten service on Wednesday, April 9th, and our students will be formally confirmed during the 10:00AM church service on Sunday, April 13th.



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



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

SERVANTS - April 13 (Comm.)

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Tyler & McKayla
Krueger

ELDER Blaine Bockelman
USHERS Lauren Ueding
Maya Reed

ACOLYTES Baylie Podany
Brecken Krueger

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Al & Lee Homan
ELDER Andy White
USHERS Grace Behmer
Cayden Holan
ACOLYTES Blake Kesting
Keegan Holan

SERVANTS - April 14 (Comm.)

TIME 7:00pm
ELDER Doug Cromwell
ACOLYTES Deacon Watts
Zachary Hickman

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

MONDAY- APRIL 7

7:00pm

VESPERS

WEDNESDAY- APRIL 9

7:00am
12:15pm
1:30pm
6:00pm
7:00pm

Women's Bible Study
Lenten Service
Katherine Circle
Lenten Meal
Lenten Service & Questioning

THURSDAY- APRIL 10

6:30am
1:00pm
2:00pm
7:00pm
7:00pm

Men's Bible Study
Quilters
LLL
Agape Circle
Good Friday Choir Practice

FRIDAY- APRIL 11

5:00pm

Vicar Ponca State Park Meeting

SUNDAY- APRIL 13 (PALM SUNDAY)

8:00am
9:00am
10:00am
10:00am

PAX Worship (Communion)
Bible School/Sunday School
Traditional Worship (Comm.)
Confirmation (Communion)

**OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: March 30: Pax- 260 Traditional- 49 Vespers- 31
Midweek (April 2): 12:15pm- 18 7:00pm- 21
General- \$6,886.00 Mission- \$882.00 Debt- \$360.00
Matching Debt Funds (to be matched)- \$56,834.26 Operating Debt Balance- \$74,086.07**

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.

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! Due to confirmation questioning on April 9, the next 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

EASTER BREAKFAST HELP: Any men who would be willing to help out with the Easter Breakfast on April 20 (the breakfast follows the Sunrise Service), please be here at 5 am that day.

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.

FUSION YOUTH MEETING: Our next monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th-12th grade youth students is currently scheduled to take place **today**, April 6th, from **5PM to 8PM in the Zion gym/youth room**. If you are considering joining us for the fun, consider bringing a friend! A meal will be served, and no money is needed for this portion of the meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Reminder, there will be **no** Sunday School classes for any grade or age on Easter Sunday, April 20th, and classes will resume the following week, April 27th. Plan to attend the Zion Easter Egg Hunt and/or Easter Breakfast on Easter morning instead!

VBS: For those looking forward to VBS, 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! We would also like to invite you to begin saving the cardboard rolls from your used gift wrapping paper and donating them to the church as we begin to anticipate our Craft Station needs. Thank you!

ALS FAMILY COLOR RUN & WALK: Today from 12:30 pm- 2:30 pm at Gilman Park. In support of Lavonne Fler. Please come and join us!

FAITH WEAVERS: Reminder, we will **not** plan to have Faith Weavers instruction on the evening of April 9th due to the Confirmation Questioning that will take place this Wednesday. Following Confirmation, Faith Weavers will resume regular instruction on April 16th, and we will plan to continue regular instruction until the first part of May, unless otherwise announced. Please remember, though, 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. 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:

1. Large packages of frozen chicken nuggets
2. Large packages of frozen french fries
3. Boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese
4. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese
5. 28 oz jars of pizza sauce
6. Regular cans of fruit cocktail
7. Regular cans of mandarin oranges

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.

UPDATES: If you would like to be receiving updates and notifications from the church, please call the church office to let us know what kinds of notifications you would like to be receiving, and which means of communication work best for you. For instance, Mr. J sends out weekly reminders about our various youth endeavors through both email and text message, so if any youth parents have not been receiving those notifications, and would like to, please let us know.

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Zion Lutheran Church will be hosting a various ages Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 20th, on the Zion grounds beginning at 8AM. Hunts include an easy hunt for Kindergarten through 2nd graders (beginning at 8AM), an intermediate hunt for 3rd through 6th graders (beginning at 8:15AM), and a letter game hunt for 7th through 12th graders (beginning at 8:30AM). For those who wish to participate, meet us at the Zion Lutheran Church front narthex doors, and please bring your own basket to hold eggs. Be advised, while this event is open to the public, candies with known allergens, or were produced in a facility with known allergens, may be used for this event, and participation does not guarantee a prize. If you would like to donate to support this event, please speak with Mr. J to learn more.

Raising Cane Fundraiser: Tuesday, April 8, 4pm-8pm at 1150 S 13th St, Norfolk, NE. Mention the fundraiser and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to Zion Lutheran Church.

Baptism: Lawrence Dean Carlson, son of Tyler & Nicole Carlson. Sponsors are Caleb Sullivan & Jessica Ziemer

