

Our Christian Stewardship: NOV. 30 – **PAX:** 215 **ADVENT 12:15pm:** 18 **ADVENT 7pm:** 25
General: \$11,601.80 **Mission:** \$535.00 **Debt:** \$350.00
Operating Debt Balance: \$67,435.63

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

SERVANTS - December 21

TIME **9:00am PAX**

GREETERS Tyler & McKayla Krueger

ELDER Blaine Bockelman

USHERS Trever & Payton
 Montgomery

ACOLYTES Cecelia Babl
 Benjamin Huwaldt

PASTOR Rev. Bernhard Huesmann

LAYREADER PAX Group

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Advent Services:

December 17th: 12:15pm & 7pm

December 24th: 6:00pm

December 25th: 9:30am

Gallery of Grace Online Art Auction:

The Gallery of Grace art auction still has art available to purchase until **December 31st**. Every dollar raised will support the Zion Lutheran School Building Fund.

The Online Auction Link:



December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

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, Scarlett Marie Emerson, Parker Suckstorf

LUTHERAN HOUR: December 14. **"Pictures of Patience"**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Patience can be practiced, tested, strained, and lost. Christians are called to return the patience God in His mercy has shown us, in Christ. (James 5:7-8)

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, 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 will continue through December 17th, but then we will take a brief break beginning on December 24th through January 7th in recognition of Christmas and New Years. We will plan to resume classes on January 14th. 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.

HOLIDAY SERVICES: The Christmas Eve service has been moved from **7pm to 6pm** this year. The Christmas Day service will be at **9:30am**. There will be **NO** service on New Year's Eve.

BAPTISM: Scarlett Marie Emerson, daughter of Spencer & Addison Emerson. Sponsors are Paige & Brody Peters.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE: The Children's Christmas service will be today at 2pm.

POINSETTIAS: If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or to the Glory of God, there is a sign up sheet in the church office. Poinsettias can be delivered at any time.

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!

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.

PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER: Join us for a festive Pampered Chef Fundraiser where every purchase helps raise funds for classroom supplies & teacher resources. Visit the link and share with friends and family at: <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/zionlutheralschool>.

COOKIE AND CANDY FUNDRAISER: Need cookies 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 today, December 14th, following the 9AM church service and the 2PM Children's Christmas service in the narthex. Otherwise, pre-order items can also be arranged for pickup at a later date by contacting Derek Jareske. In addition, a limited number of pre-made platters and plates will be available in the church narthex beginning today 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)

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 will plan to continue through December 17th, barring unforeseen circumstances, but then we will take a break beginning on December 24th through January 7th in recognition of Christmas and New Years. We will plan to resume classes on January 14th. 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! Also, if you would be interested in donating to support this program, besides monetary donations, included below is a list of some requested food items. As always, your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated!

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. Jars of pizza sauce
2. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese
3. 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.

FUSION YOUTH MEETING: A meeting for 7th through 12th grade youth is scheduled to take place today, 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. We will also have a White Elephant gift exchange, and although this is completely optional, if youth 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.