

**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 VESPER** on August 25

**SERVANTS - August 31**

**TIME**        **9:00am PAX**

**GREETERS**   Tyler & McKayla Krueger

**ELDER**        Blaine Bockelman

**USHERS**      Burkley Collison  
Deacon Watts

**ACOLYTES**   Keelan Claussen  
Brylie Benes

**PASTOR**       Pastor Leon Rosenthal

**NO VESPER** on Sept. 1

***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 24, 2025***

***Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church***  
***Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod***

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**SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

**AUGUST 31**: PAX @ 9AM with  
Pastor Rosenthal

**SEPTEMBER 7**: EDUCATION  
SUNDAY. PAX @ 9AM

**SEPTEMBER 14**: TRADITIONAL  
(COMMUNION) @ 9AM

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR**: August 24. "**Gideon, the Farmer General**". Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Gideon, an unlikely military leader. (Judges 6:1-8:27)

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

**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.

**VICAR'S ADDRESS**: If you would like to keep in touch with our former Vicar, his new address is: 1st Mound Place, Jacksonville, Illinois 62650.

**LAY READERS**: If you would like to be added to our list of Lay Readers, please reach out to the church, or talk to a member of our Zion Board of Elders. For the month of September, there will be a schedule to sign up in the church office or in the NARTHEX.

**CONFIRMATION**: Confirmation classes for public school 7th and 8th grade students will be once again taking place on Wednesday afternoons, from 4:00PM to 5:30PM, beginning on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025. These classes will continue at that time on most Wednesday evenings into the spring, unless otherwise announced. As of now, the 7th and 8th grade students will be learning from our DCE, Derek Jareske, in the old 7th/8th grade school classroom. Both 7th and 8th grade students will need a copy of Luther's Small Catechism for class each week, so if students have not yet received a copy of this resource, it can be purchased from the church for \$20 a copy. For more information, please contact the church office.

**CARDS**: Many of our selection of greeting cards have been recently re-stocked, so if you have been waiting to buy your thank you cards, birthday cards, or sympathy cards, the wait can officially be over!

**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 **today**, 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.

<b><u>SUNDAY-- AUGUST 24</u></b>	9:00am	Traditional Worship (Comm.)
	10:00am	Sunday School Teacher Mtg.
	5:00pm	High School Youth
<b><u>TUESDAY-- AUGUST 26</u></b>	6:00pm	Church Care Team
<b><u>WEDNESDAY-- AUGUST 27</u></b>	7:00am	Women's Bible Study
<b><u>THURSDAY-- AUGUST 28</u></b>	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
<b><u>SUNDAY-- AUGUST 31</u></b>	9:00am	PAX Worship
<b><u>MONDAY-- SEPT. 1</u></b>	LABOR DAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Our Christian Stewardship: August 17: CONTEMPORARY: 223**  
**General:** \$7660.50 **Mission:** \$85.00 **Debt:** \$590.00  
**Matching Debt Funds (to be matched):** \$91,269.74 **Operating Debt Balance:** \$36,650.59

**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!

**CHURCH CARE CREW:** The Church Care Team will be meeting to help clean the Parsonage on **Tuesday, August 26, at 6:00pm.**

**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 **September 4**



**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.

**FAITH WEAVERS:** School has begun for all students, and so it is now, officially, time to start thinking about joining us for another year of Faith Weaver Friends at Zion Lutheran Church! Faith Weavers will begin on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025, and it will take place every Wednesday evening from 5:15PM-6:45PM as long as school is in session, or otherwise announced. Just a reminder, if the public school cancels for any reason on a particular Wednesday, Faith Weavers will be likewise canceled for that evening. 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." 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 as we look forward to seeing as many students as possible at Faith Weavers this year!

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 September and October**

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| 1. Regular packages of hamburger buns  | 7. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese  |
| 2. Rolls of 85/15 or 80/20 ground beef | 8. Regular cans of peaches             |
| 3. Regular bottles of ketchup          | 9. Regular packages of hotdog buns     |
| 4. Regular bottles of mustard          | 10. Boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese |
| 5. Regular cans of corn                | 11. Regular cans of mandarin oranges   |
| 6. Regular jars of pizza 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. We have several volunteers who have put in many years of faithful service, and although no one has 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. Volunteers can be 7th grade and older. We are currently looking for individuals to assist with the Crafts station, cooking meals, and helping with serving the meals, without cooking.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School classes for all ages will resume beginning on Sunday, September 7th, unless otherwise announced. If families are considering Sunday School classes for their students for this year, please take some time to fill out a registration sheet, found in the church office and narthex, and then return them to Mr. J, or the church office, at your earliest opportunity. Once classes start, students should start in the Zion Lutheran Church gym and wait for their teacher to take them to their classroom. Going into this new school year, please consider making Sunday School classes part of your weekly routine. Also, we will be holding a Sunday School planning meeting today, 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.

**USHERING:** If any newly confirmed, or previously confirmed, 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.