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| <u>Our Christian Stewardship:</u>          | <u>Attendance:</u> 183  |                                        |
| <u>General:</u> \$5,515.55                 | <u>Mission:</u> \$35.00 | <u>Glory to God Giving:</u> \$350.00   |
| <u>Operating Debt Balance:</u> \$74,779.63 |                         | <u>Glory to God Match:</u> \$93,483.00 |

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| <u>SERVANTS at Zion, Today:</u> |                                |
| <u>9:00am PAX</u>               |                                |
| <u>GREETERS</u>                 | Jacque Collison                |
| <u>ELDER</u>                    | Andy White                     |
| <u>USHERS</u>                   |                                |
| <u>ACOLYTES</u>                 | Lilly Backus<br>Hannah Hickman |
| <u>PASTOR</u>                   | Rev. Bernhard Huesmann         |
| <u>LAYREADER</u>                | Melinda Stelling               |

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| <u>SERVANTS (Next Week)-SEPT 13</u>       |                                  |
| <u>9:00am Traditional Worship Service</u> |                                  |
| <u>GREETERS</u>                           | Ryan/ Brooke Collison            |
| <u>ELDER</u>                              | Beau Collison                    |
| <u>USHERS</u>                             | Burkley Collison<br>Brenna Benes |
| <u>ACOLYTES</u>                           | Brylie Benes<br>Kadence Beltz    |
| <u>PASTOR</u>                             | Rev. Bernhard Huesmann           |
| <u>LAYREADER</u>                          | Sandra Vanness                   |

Zion Lutheran School Pierce
2026-2027

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| <u>SUNDAY– SEPT. 6th</u>    | 9:00am  | PAX Worship                       |
|                             | 10:30am | Bible Class                       |
| <u>MONDAY– SEPT. 7th</u>    |         | Labor Day<br>Church Office Closed |
| <u>TUESDAY– SEPT. 8th</u>   | 7:00pm  | Council Mtg.                      |
| <u>WEDNESDAY– SEPT. 9th</u> | 7:00am  | Women’s Bible Study               |
|                             | 4:00pm  | Confirmation                      |
|                             | 7:00pm  | Agape Circle                      |
| <u>THURSDAY– SEPT. 10th</u> | 6:30AM  | Men’s Bible Study                 |
| <u>SUNDAY– SEPT. 13th</u>   | 9:00am  | Trad. Worship                     |
|                             | 9:00am  | K-8th Sing                        |
|                             | 10:30am | Bible Class                       |
|                             | 10:30am | Sunday School                     |
|                             | 11:00am | Potluck                           |
|                             | 4:30pm  | Fusion Youth                      |

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September 6th, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Shawn Dozy, Dawn Tucker, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtell, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Natalie Retzlaff, Josie Richmond, Laurita Nitz

**PRAYER FOR TIME OF TRANSITION:** God, give me the conviction and the courage to be like the heroes of Hebrews 11. Teach me not to hold on to things in my church that are my personal preferences and styles. Show me not only how to let go, but where to let go so that I may heed Your commands more closely.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY:** Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fellowship and food BRUNCH potluck next Sunday, September 13th, beginning at 11AM in the Zion gym in honor of EDUCATION SUNDAY. To assist with this, we are asking each individual to bring one dish to share and each family to bring two dishes to share. Plates, cutlery, and drinks will be provided. Sunday School will begin on this Sunday at 10:30AM, and tables will be set up if you would like to register your child (ren) for either Sunday School classes and/or Faith Weavers at this time.

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER:** The Zion Lutheran Church youth students will be once again selling discount cards to fundraise for their various events, activities, and initiatives **beginning on Sunday, September 20th**. Just like last year, these cards are full of discount offers with the generous support from many local businesses from around this area. If you would like to purchase one of these cards to support both our youth students and our local area businesses, please speak with a youth student, Mr. J, or call the church office, Monday through Thursday, to inquire soon. **The cost of each card is \$10, they are only valid for one calendar year, and limitations and exclusions do apply. See card for details.** At this time, we can only accept cash or checks, and checks can be made out to "Zion Lutheran Youth." In addition, we are only planning to print a limited amount, so if you would like a discount card, please don't hesitate to inquire.

**YOUTH MEETING:** Our next youth meeting will take place next Sunday, September 13th, from 4:30PM to 8PM in the Zion youth room/gym. Youth for **7th and 8th** grade students will take place from **4:30PM to 6PM**, a meal for **all youth students** will take place from **6PM to 6:30PM**, and then youth for **9th-12th** grade students will take place from **6:30PM to 8PM**, all at the church. If youth are considering joining us for these meetings, they should consider bringing a friend along, as well! This will be our first of two meetings for this month. If you have any questions/concerns, or would like to help assist with our youth program, please contact Mr. J by email at your earliest opportunity.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If you have announcements or upcoming events you would like 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 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** Sunday School classes for all ages will resume beginning next Sunday, September 13th, at our special timeframe of 10:30AM to 11AM for just this Sunday, due to the Education Sunday potluck already planned for this day, and classes will continue every Sunday morning after at the usual time of 10:30AM to 11:30AM throughout the school year, 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. This year, Kathy Test will be teaching the Kindergarten through 3rd grade class, Adrienne Riggert will be teaching the 4th through 6th grade class, and Mr. Jareske will be teaching the 7th through 12th grade class. With that in mind, though, we are still currently looking for several 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. He can be contacted at the church by phone (402-329-4313) or email ([dcejareske@zionlutheranpierce.com](mailto:dcejareske@zionlutheranpierce.com)). Going into this new school year, please consider making Sunday School classes part of your weekly routine.

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**YOUTH EVENT:** Our next event for youth students in 7th through 12th grades is currently scheduled to take place on **Sunday**, September 20th, from **4PM to 6PM at Zion Lutheran Church**. If youth are considering joining us for the fun, they should consider bringing a friend along, as well! Given the earlier timeframe, there will be **NO** planned meal served for this event. Also, this event will involve water games, so please have youth attending plan to wear clothing that is church appropriate, can get wet, and could get dirty, **including shoes**. Participating youth will also need to bring along a towel, dry clothes, and any other items needed for outdoor water activities. See you soon!

**FAITH WEAVERS:** School has begun for all students, and so it is now, without a doubt, 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 16th, 2026, 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, although it is typically our policy to cancel Faith Weavers classes when the public school cancels on a particular Wednesday, there may be a few instances where we still hold class despite a public school cancellation. That being said, it is even more important than ever to check for updates through formal letters, emails, Facebook post, and announcements in church for the latest information, especially as we are trying to do a few new and exciting things with our Faith Weavers program this year. As always, 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." For families planning to take part, students should typically plan to enter through the church narthex each week, wait to be dismissed for the meal at, or quickly around, 5:15PM, and then head into the gym for the opening meal. Students will then progress through our scheduled activities, and Faith Weavers classes will conclude at 6:45PM. It is our preference that all parents/guardians pick up their children inside the church each week, so that way we know they are going home with the correct individuals. Thank you, and we hope to see you soon!

In addition, a flyer with information about registering online for this program has been sent out to all elementary school age families, and paper registrations, for individuals who would prefer to register in this way, are currently featured in the church narthex/office. Registration is required for all students attending our Faith Weavers program, and for any students fully registered by September 30th, we will be giving away free t-shirts this year as part of our Faith Weavers program to all students registered by, or before, that date.

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 & OCTOBER**

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| 1. Regular packages of hamburger buns  | 9. Boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese |
| 2. Rolls of 85/15 or 80/20 ground beef | 10. Boxes of spaghetti noodles        |
| 3. Bottles of ketchup & mustard        | 11. Jars of alfredo sauce             |
| 4. Packages of brown sugar             | 12. Cans of peaches                   |
| 5. Packages of frozen french fries     | 13. Bags of shredded cheddar cheese   |
| 6. Cans of mandarin oranges            | 14. Jars of mild salsa                |
| 7. Packages of hotdog buns             | 15. Bottles of mild taco sauce        |
| 8. Cans of green beans                 | 16. Cans of corn                      |

**FAITH WEAVERS ASSISTANCE:** 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 about once a month, you do need to be able to manage a simple meal for, about, 80 people.