

Our Christian Stewardship: **Attendance: 160**
General: \$6,177.55 **Mission: \$20.00** **Glory to God Giving: \$19,033.59**
Operating Debt Balance: \$61,561.04 **Glory to God Match: \$90,891.59**

SERVANTS at Zion, Today:

9:00am PAX

GREETERS Al/ Lee Homan

ELDER Jerald Wachter

USHERS Carter Wachter
Shaylie Wachter

ACOLYTES

PASTOR Rev. Bernhard Huesmann

LAYREADER Melinda Stelling

SERVANTS (Next Week)-AUG. 9

9:00am Traditional Worship
Service

GREETERS Andy/ Tami White

ELDER Eric Retzlaff

USHERS NEEDED
NEEDED

ACOLYTES NEEDED
NEEDED

PASTOR Rev. Bernhard Huesmann

LAYREADER Sandra Vanness

Zion Lutheran School Pierce

2026-2027

Back to school Sunday
Sunday, Aug 9th



First day of School
Wednesday, Aug 12th

David Beikmann at principal@zionlutheranpierce.com

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August 2nd, 2026

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

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

USHER AND ACOLYTE SIGN-UP: The Usher and Acolyte sign-ups are posted on the church Facebook page. Please take a moment to sign up for at least two service opportunity. If all positions are not filled, individuals will be assigned as needed to ensure each service is covered. Thank you for your willingness to serve and support our church ministry!

USHER TRAINING: We would really like for any of our previously confirmed youth students, and newly confirmed youth students, to assist during church services on Sunday mornings by serving as an usher and/or technology booth assistant. With that, although we recently completed a formal training session, we would absolutely be willing to offer more training sessions for students who would like to assist but were unable to make it to our last training opportunity. If this sounds like you, please feel free to contact the church office (402-329-4313), so we can work to get another training scheduled. We are currently looking for both ushers and technology booth assistance, so whatever your ability, we would love to have you! Adult technology booth volunteers would also be welcomed and appreciated, as well.

ALTER FLOWERS: The fresh altar flowers adorning our sanctuary today were lovingly provided from the wedding of **Seth and Abbey Valverde**, who were united in marriage on **August 1st**. We give thanks to God for their marriage and pray that He richly blesses Seth and Abbey as they begin this new chapter together. May the beauty of these flowers remind us of God's love, faithfulness, and the joy of Christian marriage.

BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEER: Would you like to make a difference in the life of a young lady who may be experiencing an unplanned pregnancy? Birthright of Norfolk is hoping to expand its list of volunteers and we would love to have you join us. We ask that you volunteer in our office one day a month for about 3 hours. We will provide you with the training you need to be a well-informed volunteer. If this sounds like something you would like to try, please contact Cindy Dinkel at 402-841-1414 and we will be happy to visit with you about becoming a Birthright volunteer. We plan to hold the training sessions in September.

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.

5TH AND 6TH GRADE YOUTH EVENT: Based on feedback, we are currently planning to hold our youth lock-in for 5th and 6th grade students here at Zion Lutheran Church on the evening of Friday, August 7th, to the morning of Saturday, August 8th. This event will start at 7PM on August 7th and conclude at 7AM on August 8th. Continue to check our church website, Facebook page, and emails from Mr. J for more details, but if your 5th/6th grade student would be interested in attending, please let Mr. J know by email (dcejareske@zionlutheranpierce.com) as soon as possible. Otherwise, a link to officially register for this event is currently available through email and on our church Facebook page. That being said, if any parents and high school age youth would be able to help with this opportunity as volunteer assistants, your availability and service would be greatly appreciated, and Mr. J would love to hear from you by email as soon as possible. Training will be provided for any high school youth that would like to assist.

FAITH WEAVERS: Our Faith Weavers leaders and teachers are planning to get together to coordinate plans for offering this ministry once again this year on Tuesday, August 11th, beginning at 6PM, and if you would like to assist with this process, we invite you to meet us in the Zion fellowship hall at that time. We hope to see you soon!

YOUTH CARWASH: We are excited to announce that the Fusion Youth Group is holding their carwash fundraiser today, August 2nd, beginning at 11AM with the help of TLC Carwash located at 333 East Main Street here in Pierce. TLC has generously agreed to host and help facilitate this endeavor, so that the youth students will be able to provide quality car washing, drying, and vacuuming services to anyone who would like to support our youth students this afternoon. In regards to a manual car wash, drying, and vacuuming services, this will be a freewill donation fundraiser, but as the automatic car wash requires a specific method of payment, TLC is planning to donate a portion of any automatic car wash sales during the event to the Fusion Youth Group. As always, all fundraisers go to support the youth of Zion Lutheran Church as they fundraise toward their various events and activities. See event flyer for more details. All said, we appreciate your continued support and encouragement, and we hope to see you down there!

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE: All through the summer Fusion Youth Group meetings at Zion Lutheran Church have been held on Wednesday evenings, and this Wednesday, August 5th, will be our final "Burn Bright Youth Night" to close out the summer months! Per usual, a Bible Study will take place from 7PM - 8PM, and we are planning to offer one more bonfire, weather permitting, to go with our fellowship time from 8PM - 9PM, both here at Zion. We'll gather around the Solo Stove Fire Pit, again weather permitting, after Bible Study for fellowship, s'mores, fun, games, and faith-filled conversations! Bring your Bible and a lawn chair! All Zion youth going into grades 7th-12th and their friends are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring a friend and join us for this last hurrah of summer as we grow in our faith, friendship, and fun! After this point, Fusion Youth and High School meetings will return to their previous, Sunday, schedule, so please look for an announcement in a few weeks as to when that will be taking place for the month of August.

BLOCK CLEAN-UP: Join us on Sunday, August 9th at 5:00pm as we work together to spruce up the church and school grounds and get everything ready for the new school year. Many hands make light work, and your time and help are greatly appreciated as we prepare to welcome students, families, and visitors for another wonderful school year.

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Family Bible Study today, August 2nd, as Mr. J will be at TLC Carwash assisting with the youth fundraiser. He will plan to resume class next Sunday, August 9th, and continue this current study over the next few weeks to finish up the movie and lessons.

CONFIRMATION FORUM: We will be holding a brief Confirmation Forum for all parents of incoming 7th and 8th graders and their student(s) who wish to participate in our Confirmation program this year this Wednesday, August 5th, from 6PM to 7PM in the Zion fellowship hall/ lunchroom. Reminder, we are planning to resume Confirmation classes for public school 7th and 8th grade students beginning on Wednesday, August 19th, at 4PM, so please be aware of this earlier starting date for this year.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: Give the gift of life by donating blood at the **Pierce Community Blood Drive!**

Tuesday, August 11
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

To schedule your appointment, please contact **Lori Wragge** at **402-860-1441** or visit **Red-CrossBlood.org** and enter the sponsor code **Pierce**.

Every donation can help save lives. Thank you for considering this important opportunity to serve your neighbors and make a difference in our community!