

March 9, 2025



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

520 E. Main Street Pierce, NE

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Website: www.zionlutheranpierce.com

<u>PAX Worship</u>	8:00AM
<u>Traditional</u>	10:00AM
<u>Monday</u>	7:00PM

SERVANTS - March 9 (Comm.)

TIME **8:00am PAX**
GREETERS Blaine & Lisa Bockelman

ELDER Mike Krueger

USHERS Champion White
Kreighton Simpson

ACOLYTES Cooper Hansen
Logan Kuether

TIME **10:00am**
GREETERS Marlys Bockelman
Marge Weber

ELDER Eric Retzlaff

USHERS Brody Coulter
Grace Behmer

ACOLYTES Miranda Schunk
William Blank

SERVANTS - March 10 (Comm.)
NO VESPERS
Pastor Conference

SERVANTS - March 16

TIME **8:00am PAX**
GREETERS Sandy Buckendahl
Marilyn Altwine

ELDER Brian Blecher

USHERS Trevor Montgomery
Payton Montgomery

ACOLYTES Teigan Warneke
Jaxon Koerting

TIME **10:00am**
GREETERS Lynette & Holly Koehler
Willie Wesemann

ELDER Blaine Bockelman

USHERS Makenna Blecher
Brock Collison

ACOLYTES Caybri Monroe
Keegan Holan

SERVANTS - March 17

TIME **7:00pm**
ELDER Fred Marks
ACOLYTES McKenna Deiterman
Burkley Collison

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

SUNDAY- MARCH 9 8:00am PAX (Communion)
9:00am Bible Classes/Sunday School
10:00am Traditional Worship (Comm.)

MONDAY- MARCH 10 **NO VESPERS** Pastor & Vicar Conference

WEDNESDAY- MARCH 12 7:00am Women's Bible Study
12:15pm Lent Service
1:30pm Katherine Circle
4:00pm Confirmation
5:15pm Faith Weavers
6:00pm Lenten Meal
7:00pm Lent Service
ALL DAY Youth Apparel Sale Ends

THURSDAY- MARCH 13 6:30am Men's Bible Study
1:00pm Quilters
2:00pm LLL
7:00pm Agape Circle

SUNDAY- MARCH 16 8:00am PAX Worship
9:00am Bible classes/Sunday School
10:00am Traditional Worship
5:00pm Fusion Youth

Midweek Lenten Series- "Hand of the Lord"

Lenten Midweek #2- Wed, March 12

Pastor Tuma- "Who Creates and Saves"

Lenten Midweek #3- Wed, March 19

Vicar Friedrich- "Casts out Demons"

Lenten Midweek #4- Wed, March 26

Pastor Tuma- "Heals the Sick"

Lenten Midweek #5- Wed, April 2

Vicar Friedrich- "Raises the Dead"

Lenten Midweek #6- Wed, 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 (Communion)

Good Friday (Tenebrae), April 18 at 7:30 pm

Sunrise Service, April 20 at 6:30 am & PAX Easter at 9 am (Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service)

LENT WORSHIP:

12:15PM

7:00PM

LENTEN MEAL:

6:00PM

MARCH 12 MEAL

HOSTED BY FAITH

WEAVERS



OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: March 2: Pax– 120 Traditional– 138 Vespers–23

Midweek(March5): 12:15pm– 27 7:00pm– 229

General–\$11,051.00 Mission-\$510.00 Debt- \$1120.00

Matching Debt Funds-\$55,764.26 Operating Debt Balance–\$61,156.07

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those continuing to battle various afflictions: Mari Ortmeier, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy & Dawn Tucker, Lavonne Flear, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtella, Addie Voelker, Donrel Herbolsheimer, Les Richmond

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: The Lutheran Hour—**“Unless A Grain of Wheat Dies”** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o’ beans? Hear how Christ’s death and resurrection gives us life with God that can’t be measured. (John 12:24)

PAST STUDENT FILES : Any past students that would like their cumulative file are welcome to stop by the school office to get them. If you do not want the files, they will be shredded. **Please contact the school office with questions at 402-329-4658.**

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Eligible benefit members (age 16 and older) of Thrivent Financial, can help choose where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable funds each year. Call 1-800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” or visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice. The deadline to designate for 2024 is March 28, 2025. You do not need any certificate number or birth date. It is very simple. Zion Lutheran Church or the School both can receive these choice dollars.

ZION APPAREL: The last day to place your orders for Zion apparel will be Wednesday, March 12th, so you had better act soon if you would like a few clothing items featuring our church and youth group logo. To view options and prices, make purchases, and learn more details, please check out our online store portal (<https://zionlutheran25.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>) provided by Stadium Sports. The link can also be found on our church website and Facebook page. Also, if you can’t see yourself wearing any of these items, but you would like to possibly donate to buy an item for someone else, please feel free to let Mr. J know.

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.

15th Annual WILD GAME FEED: This year’s Wild Game Feed will be held on **Saturday, March 22nd at the Pavillion on the Pierce County Fairgrounds!** All are invited to join us for the food, auction, games and fun at this family friendly and Christ centered event. The buffet will open at **5:00pm** and the live auction and music will begin around **7:30pm**. Donations are now being accepted for the Wild Game Feed Buffet (fish is always needed) and the Live and Silent Auction. If you have questions or would like to donate, please reach out to Kyle & Ashley Halsey or Lydee Jo Krueger. Please follow the Wild Game Feed on Facebook, and if you need any additional information or have questions, please reach out to on the Wild Game Feed Committee Members!

LIFE LUNCH: Norfolk Area Lutherans For Life will be meeting on March 11, 2025, at noon in the chapel at Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Feel free to bring your lunch! We will be discussing possible changes to help us move into the future and continue our ministry to defend God’s precious gift of life at all ages. All defenders of life are invited!

Letters from Zion Alumni and Friends: On the south bulletin board in the narthex, there are messages from former members, students, and friends of Zion Lutheran School and Church. We have received a couple of them within the past couples of weeks. Please take the time to read these notes from members, classmates, and friends that you may know.

LWML Agape Circle: LWML will meet at 6:30pm, Thursday, March 13, for a mission project of cutting crosses from greeting cards for missionaries to distribute. Please bring scissors. The regular meeting will begin at 7:00.

SWEET TREAT SIGNUP: Sweet Treat sign up for the Wild Game Feed is in the NARTHEX.

YOUTH LENTEN MEAL: If any youth families would like to assist with this endeavor, please look for more information, and a way to sign up to volunteer, on our church website under the “Youth Ministries” tab.

PIERCE HIGH FFA STUDENTS: In support of Mrs. Lavonne Flear, the FFA is hosting a ALS color run & walk on **Sunday, April 6 at 12:30-2:30 pm**. Proceeds will go to the Flear family for medical expenses. The deadline to signup is **March 24**. To sponsor, please contact Pierce High FFA Service project managers Scarlett Babl (402) 750-8453 or Claudia Riggert (402) 649-4083. Register to run at [HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/NE/PIERCECOLORRUNWALKFORMRSFLEER2025](https://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/NE/PIERCECOLORRUNWALKFORMRSFLEER2025)

PUFFIN PASTRIES: Thank you to everyone who placed an order to help the youth with their fundraising initiatives! Barring any other weather related delays, the Pastry Puffin orders should be available for pick up starting on March 18th. Again, thank you for your understanding and patience. If anything changes, we will make sure to keep you updated.

FUSION YOUTH MEETING: Our next monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th-12th grade youth students is currently scheduled to take place **Sunday, March 16th, from 5PM to 8PM in the Zion gym/fellowship hall**. 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.

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 morning, 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, and if you would like to help in this way, an opportunity to receive some training can absolutely be organized.

FAITH WEAVERS: Faith Weavers will continue to take place during the Lenten season at our regular time, unless otherwise announced, but we do ask that the congregation and parents use caution during student drop off and pick up with the weekly Lenten services in mind. Also, as we continue through the month of March, please remember to check our website, Facebook page, and News Channel Nebraska for program and weather-related updates and cancellations. While we do not hope for any more unplanned cancellations for the remainder of this year, it is always better to be prepared. 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 March

1. 16 oz packages of spaghetti noodles
2. 24 oz jars of spaghetti sauce
3. Large packages of frozen chicken nuggets
4. Large packages of frozen french fries
5. Boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese
6. Regular cans of fruit cocktail
7. Regular cans of mandarin oranges
8. Regular bottles of ketchup and mustard
9. Regular cans of corn

FAITH WEAVERS HELP: If you feel called to help with Faith Weavers in 2025, week to week, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. J (402-329-4313) in the near future. Volunteers can be 7th grade and older. At this time, we are specifically looking for, at least, one new volunteer to assist in the kitchen with cooking, several volunteers to help by serving the meal without cooking, and several volunteers to assist with the Crafts Station. For more information, please contact Mr. J to inquire.

Zion Lutheran Preschool: We still have openings for Preschool Enrollment 2025-2026: We currently have openings in our **Prek-3 and Prek-4 and 5**. Our Prek4 preschool classes are FULL. You can find more information and the enrollment sheet on our school website at <http://www.zionlutheranpierce.com/school.html>. **All** paperwork will need to be completed and submitted in order to enroll your child in preschool for the next school year. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at (402) 329-4658.

Kindergarten Roundup: It’s time for Kindergarten Round Up at Zion! Students that will be of Kindergarten age for the 2025 -2026 school year are invited to attend an Open House event in the Kindergarten classroom on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. Your child must be 5 years of age on or before July 31st. We look forward to seeing you! Please call the church office if you have questions!