



March 23, 2025

# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

520 E. Main Street Pierce, NE

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

### SERVANTS - March 23 (Comm.)

**TIME**      **8:00am PAX**  
**GREETERS** Scott & Danielle  
 Peekenschneider

**ELDER**      Eric Retzlaff

**USHERS**    Emily & Natalie Endorf  
**ACOLYTES** Mason Gnirk  
 Lenox Beacom

**TIME**      **10:00am**  
**GREETERS** Andy & Tami White  
**ELDER**      Tom Weinrich  
**USHERS**    Draydin & Bergin  
 Gossman  
**ACOLYTES** Raegan Lambrecht  
 Carter Wachter

### SERVANTS - March 24 (Comm.)

**TIME**      7:00pm  
**ELDER**      Rick Sirek  
**ACOLYTES** Shaylie & Carter  
 Wachter

### SERVANTS - March 30

**TIME**      **8:00am PAX**  
**GREETERS** Greg & Kathy Warneke

**ELDER**      Andy White

**USHERS**    Alexandria & Jesse  
 Huwaldt  
**ACOLYTES** Zachary Hickman  
 Benjamin Huwaldt

**TIME**      **10:00am**  
**GREETERS** Rick & Vicki Sirek  
**ELDER**      Brian Blecher  
**USHERS**    Nora Herian  
 Lauren Ueding  
**ACOLYTES** Layton Lindstrom  
 Blair Nitz

### SERVANTS - March 31

**TIME**      7:00pm  
**ELDER**      Blaine Bockelman  
**ACOLYTES** Alayna Herian  
 Brecken Krueger

**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 Flee**  
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

<u>SATURDAY- MARCH 22</u>	5:00pm	Wild Game Feed
<u>SUNDAY- MARCH 23</u>	8:00am	PAX (Communion)
	9:00am	Bible Classes/Sunday School
	10:00am	Traditional Worship (Comm.)
<u>MONDAY- MARCH 24</u>	7:00pm	VESPERS
<u>WEDNESDAY- MARCH 26</u>	7:00am	Women's Bible Study
	12:15pm	Lent Service
	4:00pm	Confirmation
	5:15pm	Faith Weavers
	6:00pm	Lenten Meal
	7:00pm	Lent Service
<u>THURSDAY- MARCH 27</u>	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
	1:00pm	Quilters
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>VOTER'S MEETING</b>
<u>SUNDAY- MARCH 30</u>	8:00am	PAX Worship
	9:00am	Bible classes/Sunday School
	10:00am	Traditional Worship
	5:00pm	Youth Gathering Meeting

## Midweek Lenten Series- "Hand of the Lord"

### 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 26:

**MEAL HOSTED BY  
FUSION YOUTH GROUP**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Those continuing to battle various afflictions: Mari Ortmeier, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy & Dawn Tucker, Lavonne Flee, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtella, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Paul Hixson, Gayle Sporleder, Callum, Betty Henzler, Paul Hixson family, Logan Ryan Miner, Thanks to those who help with the Wild Game Feed every year

**VOTER'S MEETING** There will be a special voter's meeting on **Thursday, March 27 at 7pm.** Agenda of the meeting is to extend a call to a potential teacher-principal.



**OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: March 16: Pax-** 112 **Traditional-** 119 **Vespers-**28  
**Midweek(March 19): 12:15pm-** cancelled **7:00pm-** cancelled  
**General-**\$6,706.00 **Mission-**\$205.00 **Debt-** \$735.00  
**Matching Debt Funds (to be matched)-** \$56,634.26 **Operating Debt Balance-** \$65,286.07

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** The Lutheran Hour—**"Even me, Even You"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others (John 10:1-21).

**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](http://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.

**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.

**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.

**EASTER LILLIES:** If anyone would like to donate or bring in an Easter Lilly in memory of a loved one or for the Glory of God, please drop them off in the office. Let the office know if you want your name listed in the bulletin.

**BAPTISM:** Logan Ryan Miner, son of Andy & Lesley Miner. Sponsors are: Amanda & Ricky Dispefano

**5th & 6th Grade Fundraiser:** They are selling ready to bake pizzas from Pizza Ranch for their upcoming trip in May to Ponca State Park. The fundraiser ends on **April 28**. Also, if anyone has a propane camping stove that could be used for their trip, please contact/let the Vicar know.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Sign up for April is back in the church office & the NARTHEX. We still have a few open days.

**MERCY MEALS:** The Fusion Youth Group has signed up to assist with the Spring Pack Away Hunger Day hosted by Mercy Meals on the afternoon of Saturday, April 5th. If any youth students would like to help with this endeavor on this date, please let us know, as soon as possible, as space is limited. More information about start and end times will be announced once we receive our information packet from the Mercy Meals planning team, so please continue to check back for more details.

**PIERCE HIGH FFA STUDENTS:** In support of Mrs. Lavonne Fleer, the FFA is hosting a ALS color run & walk on **Sunday, April 6 at 12:30-2:30 pm**. Proceeds will go to the Fleer 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)

**GOOD FRIDAY CHOIR:** We are forming a choir to sing on **Good Friday, April 18!** All are welcome and all singing abilities! We need voices! Practices will be following Lenten Services at 8 pm on Wednesday, March 26 & April 2. Due to confirmation questioning on April 9, the practice will be held on April 10 at 7 pm. Maundy Thursday practice on Thursday, April 17, will follow the service. Please contact Sarah Endorf with any questions at 402-277-0654

**PIERCE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:** There is a blood drive on Tuesday, April 1 from 12pm-6pm at the Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Please contact Lori Wragge at (402)860-1441 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment.

**VBS MEETING:** For anyone who might like to assist with planning, our next VBS planning meeting in the church fellowship hall will take place on **Monday, March 31st, beginning at 6:00PM** to discuss next steps in the planning process. As always, we appreciate anyone who is willing to assist as this event takes a lot of planning and preparation. For those looking forward to VBS, on the other hand, please check back in a few weeks for more information, including ways to register, so you can plan to join us on an "Epic Australian Adventure," which will be our VBS theme for this year. Get excited for an awesome trip down under this summer!

**YOUTH LENTEN MEAL:** The Fusion Youth Group will be hosting the midweek Lenten meal for Wednesday, March 26th, starting at 6PM. This will be a baked potato bar, and to assist with this, Mr. J is asking youth families to please plan to make yourself available, if possible, to help with preparing, organizing, managing, and cleaning up for this event. If assisting, youth and families should plan to arrive to the Zion kitchen by 5:30PM to help with set up. Otherwise, if you are not able to help on Wednesday, but you would still like to assist, please speak with Mr. J about aiding with potato preparation on the evening of Tuesday, March 25th. As always, thank you for your help and support, and we hope to see you there!

**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 mornings, 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. Training can be provided.

**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, as this week once again showed us. 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. Large packages of frozen chicken nuggets
2. Regular cans of mandarin oranges
3. Boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese
4. Regular cans of fruit cocktail
5. Regular cans of corn

**FAITH WEAVERS HELP:** If you feel called to help with Faith Weavers in 2025, weekly, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. J (402-329-4313). Although there are only two months left for this academic year, you could always jump in now, so you have some training for next year. At this time, we are specifically looking for, at least, one new volunteer to assist by cooking, several volunteers to help by serving the meal without cooking, and several volunteers to assist with the Crafts Station. For details, please contact Mr. J to inquire.

**UPDATES:** If you would like to be receiving updates and notifications from the church, please call the church office to let us know what kinds of notifications you would like to be receiving, and which means of communication work best for you. For instance, Mr. J sends out weekly reminders about our various youth endeavors through both email and text message, so if any youth parents have not been receiving those notifications, and would like to, please let us know.

**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.

**The Nebraska District LLL 79<sup>th</sup> Convention:** It is coming up and will be held at Christ Lutheran School, Norfolk on March 29th. Those interested in a tour of the new Orphan Grain Train Service Center are welcome to come Friday, March 28, at 5:00 PM to the OGT facility.

**PUFFIN PASTRIES:** If you have yet to pick up your orders, either as a seller or buyer, please call the church office to arrange a time to receive these items. Unreceived orders are currently being stored in the freezer in the vicarage garage.