

March 2, 2025

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

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

Midweek Lenten Series- "Hand of the Lord"

Ash Wednesday- Wed, March 5 (Communion)

Pastor Bruce- "*Hands that Freely Give*"

Lenten Midweek #2- Wed, March 12

Pastor Tuma- "*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 5 MEAL

HOSTED BY PTLS

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 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. Carol Lutz
Para-educator

Mrs. Brooke Kilcoin
Para-educator

SERVANTS - March 2

TIME **8:00am PAX**

GREETERS Jan Zierke

Jacque Falter

ELDER Fred Marks

USHERS Alexandria & Jesse
Huwaldt

ACOLYTES Burkley Collison
Keelan Claussen

TIME **10:00am**

GREETERS Ryan & Brooke Collison

ELDER Jerald Wachter

USHERS Jackson Fischer
Deon Watts

ACOLYTES Shaylie Wachter
Carter Wachter

SERVANTS - March 3

TIME **7:00pm**

ELDER Rick Sirek

ACOLYTES Blake Kesting
Zachary Hickman

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

SUNDAY- MARCH 2

8:00am

PAX

9:00am

Bible Classes/Sunday School

10:00am

Traditional Worship

3:00pm-6:00pm

Youth Event

MONDAY- MARCH 3

7:00pm

Vespers

WEDNESDAY- MARCH 5

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

THURSDAY- MARCH 6

6:30am

Men's Bible Study

1:00pm

Quilters

SUNDAY- MARCH 9

8:00am

PAX Worship (Comm.)

9:00am

Bible classes/Sunday School

10:00am

Traditional Worship (Comm.)

MONDAY- MARCH 10

NO VESPERS

Pastor Conference

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: Feb 23: Pax– 72 Traditional– 83 Vespers–35
General–\$6793.00 Mission-\$270.00 Debt- \$600.00
Matching Debt Funds-\$54,644.26 Operating Debt Balance–\$62,276.07

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those continuing to battle various afflictions: Mari Ortmeier, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy & Dawn Tucker, Lavonne Fleer, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtella, Addie Voelker, Donrel Herbolsheimer, Les Richmond, family of Kevin Bretschneider, Casen Wragge, Callum Fischel

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: The Lutheran Hour—**"It's Best to Be with Jesus"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. Life was not meant to be a do-it yourself project. We need God's help, His strength, His gifts (Luke 9:28-36).

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.

79th CONVENTION OF THE NEBRASKA LLL DISTRICT: The 79th convention will be taking place on March 28-29 at Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk, NE. Jeff Craig– Meyer will be the keynote and banquet speaker. Registration (includes lunch and banquet) is \$60 per person **by March 1**, and \$70 per person **after March 1**. Banquet only tickets are \$18. The registration deadline is **March 20**. Register at lhm.org/ne-lll. For more information, please contact Larry Silhacek at 402-329-4787 or ljsilhacek@ptcnet.net

ZION APPAREL: The youth students are currently hosting an apparel sale through March 12th with various types of clothing options 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.

VICAR NEWS: In the month of May, the Zion Lutheran 5th and 6th grade students are going on a trip to Ponca State Park. Our theme for the trip is "God is with us!" Right now, they are starting to fundraise for their trip by selling Ready to bake pizzas from Pizza Ranch. Please show your support by putting in an order and stay tuned for a second fundraiser. If you would like to donate any money for food or expenses, please see the vicar. We are also looking for a large camping stove for the trip and two female adult volunteers for the trip. Please let us know if you're interested.

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.

Baptism: Casen Jeffrey Wragge, son of Ashton & Brenna Wragge. The sponsors are Bailey Backer and Brock Collison

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/PIERCE/COLORRUNWALKFORMRSFLEER2025](https://runsignup.com/race/ne/pierce/colorrunwalkformrsfleer2025)

PUFFIN PASTRIES: Thank you to everyone who placed an order to help the youth with their fundraising initiatives! We have been informed that, barring any other weather related delays, the Pastry Puffin orders should be available for pick up starting on March 18th. Again, we apologize for the delay and thank you for your understanding and patience. If there are any other delays or schedule changes, we will make sure to keep you updated.

YOUTH EVENT: A church appropriate youth video game event is currently being planned for **today, March 2nd, from 3PM to 6PM at Zion Lutheran Church for all 7th-12th graders**. If any youth would be interested in attending, please let Mr. J know as soon as possible, so he can organize a meal and supplies. Please be advised, if any youth plan to bring gaming supplies, games, and/or devices to use during this event, they must be prepared to be personally responsible for those items. The church is **not** responsible for any lost, stolen, misplaced, and/or damaged property during the duration of this event.

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: As we look forward to the Lenten season, Faith Weavers will continue to take place at our regular time, unless otherwise announced, so 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 start into 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

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| 1. 16 oz packages of spaghetti noodles | 2. 24 oz jars of spaghetti sauce |
| 3. Large packages of frozen chicken nuggets | 4. Bags of shredded cheddar cheese |
| 5. Regular bottles of mild taco sauce | 6. Regular bottles of ketchup and mustard |
| 7. Boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese | 8. Regular jars of mild salsa |
| 9. Large packages of frozen french fries | 10. Regular cans of fruit cocktail |
| 11. Regular cans of mandarin oranges | 12. 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: Mark your calendars now for Preschool Enrollment for 2025-2026!

March 1 and following: Open enrollment. Open House date will be March 11, 2025 with time TBD.

We strongly encourage you to register as soon as your registration window opens. This is on a first come, first serve basis. **All** paperwork will need to be completed and submitted in order to enroll your child in preschool for the next school year. Incomplete paperwork brought to the school office will not be accepted. **You can also find the enrollment sheet on our school website at <http://www.zionlutheranpierce.com/school.html>.** If you have any questions, please contact Miss Slater at (402) 329-4658.