

January 28, 2024

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

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PAX Worship	8:00AM
Traditional Worship	10:00AM
Monday Vespers	7:00PM

Welcome Our New Officers 2024

Chairman:	Tom Weinrich
Vice-Chairman:	Todd Stonacek
Secretary:	Sherri Krueger
General Treasurer:	Greg Warneke
Financial Secretary:	Rodney Voelker/Mark Luebe
Mission Treasurer:	Mike Baumann
Board of Elders:	Rick Sirek, John Meier, Brian Blecher, Doug Cromwell, Andy White, Blaine Bockelman
Board of Trustees:	Dennis Watts, Brady Bretschneider, Ruth Weinrich, Tami White, Eric Vanness, Travis Podany
Board of Education:	Tyler Krueger, Ryan Babl, Jodi Beacom, Laura Benes, Jeff Meier, Andrew Wolff

Rev. Gordon W. Bruce
Senior Pastor

Vicar Wesley Johnson

Mr. Derek Jareske
Director of Christian Ed

Mrs. Amy Weber-Podany
Church Secretary

Mrs. Jennifer Snodgrass
Principal

Mrs. Stacy Johnson
Academic Coordinator

Mrs. April Anson
School Secretary

Mrs. Sierra Fleer
7th/8th Grade

Mrs. Lavonne Fleer
5th/6th Grade

Mrs. Kelly Stonacek
3rd/4th Grade

Ms. Elizabeth Harris
2nd Grade

Mrs. Jennifer Rohrich
1st Grade

Mrs. Kathy Test
Kindergarten

Mrs. Misty Steffen
Preschool

Mrs. Tara Oestreich
Para-educator

Mrs. Carol Lutz
Para-educator

SERVANTS - Jan. 28

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Mike & Miriam Krueger
ELDER Fred Marks
USHERS Emily Endorf
 Noah Fuerhoff
ACOLYTES Brenna Benes
 Natalie Endorf

TIME 10:00am
ELDER Mike Krueger
USHERS Hadleigh Collison
 Boston Krueger
GREETERS Rick & Vicki Sirek
ACOLYTES Burkley Collison
 Kaelyn Halsey

Jan. 29
TIME 7:00pm
ELDER Rick Sirek
ACOLYTES Deacon Watts
 Lucas Weber
ORGANIST Celine Fehringer

SERVANTS - Feb. 4

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Dan & Melinda Stelling
ELDER Andy White
USHERS Shaylee Gardner
 Cailyn Gardner
ACOLYTES Maelee Hamilton
 Erin Hilkemann

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Travis & Gretchen Riggert
ELDER Doug Cromwell
USHERS Claudia Riggert
 Adrienne Riggert
ACOLYTES Keegan Holan
 Jaelyn Jensen

Feb. 5
TIME 7:00pm
ELDER Brian Blecher
ACOLYTES Avery Brunckhorst
 Cole Snodgrass
ORGANIST Celine Fehringer

MONDAY- JAN 29 7:00pm VESPERS/COMM
KIDS SING

WEDNESDAY-JAN 31 7:00am Women's Bible Study
8:10am Chapel
4:00pm Confirmation
5:15pm Faith Weavers

THURSDAY- FEB 1 6:30am Mens Bible Study
1:00pm Quilters

SUNDAY- FEB 4 8:00am PAX
9:00am Bible classes
10:00am TRADITIONAL

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: Jan. 21 Pax- 94 Traditional- 76 Vespers- 48
Direct Deposit- \$2,085.00 General- \$5,642.00 Mission- \$585.00 Debt Drive- \$205.00
Operating Debt Balance- \$38,915.57 Matching Funds Debt Drive- \$50,253.78

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those continuing to battle various afflictions: Rhonda Shipman (daughter of Joann Strelow, sister of Julie & Sheri), Colton Beacom, Brenda Roberts, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy & Dawn Tucker, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Ivy Clausen, Jolene Buss

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: The Lutheran Hour—"Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church" on WJAG (780 AM & 105.9 FM) each Sunday at 7:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M Today: January 28 **"Forgiveness Is a Gift from Far Away"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola Forgiveness is a gift Christ won for us on a cross, thousands of miles away and two thousand years ago. (Psalm 103:11-12)

LLL-MC MEMBERS: A Thank You Note from the Pierce Community Food Pantry for the LLL—MC Christmas Gift- Thank you for the donation you gave (financial and various products) to Pierce Community Food Pantry. Donations (\$280.00), such as yours, allows me to purchase items that are very much needed. Blessings, Betty Leisner---Pierce Community Food Pantry. If anyone would like to make a financial contribution, you may send it to: Pierce Community Food Pantry; %Betty J. Leisner; 420 S. Pleasant St.; Pierce NE 68767--1460 There was also food, paper products, health related items, etc. delivered this past week.

TEACHER OPENINGS FOR 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR: Do you have a love for teaching children and sharing the word of God? We have an opportunity for you! Zion Lutheran School is looking for a Preschool teacher and a teacher for Grades 5 & 6. Our beloved teachers Mrs. Kathy Test (Kindergarten) and Mrs. Lavonne Fleer (Grades 5 & 6) are retiring at the end of the school year. We thank them for their many years of faithful service to our students and school! Mrs. Misty Steffen, our current Preschool teacher will be moving to Kindergarten starting the 2024-2025 school year. Please submit your resume with references to Jennifer Snodgrass, Zion Lutheran School, 520 E. Main St. Pierce NE 68767.

PART TIME AIDE POSITION: Do you love sharing God's word and working with children? Zion Lutheran School has a part-time aide position opening just for you at the present time. The position would be approximately 29 hours a week. Please send your resume to Zion Lutheran School Attention: Jennifer Snodgrass. If you have any questions call 402-329-4658.

OFFERING/CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT: Please contact the office if you'd like a statement of your 2023 contributions. Amy can email or print these at any time for church members.

COUNCIL/VOTERS MEETING: Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5th @ 8:00pm and Voters Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th @ 7:30pm.

SCHOOL UPDATE: Steel construction is scheduled to begin around the first part of February.

SAVE THE DATE-WILD GAME FEED: March 16th- 5:00 to 7:30 Wild Game Feed Buffet 7:45 Live Auction 8:00 Silent Auction closes- bid online at Handbid.com. DJ music to follow. The Wild Game Feed committee is now accepting donations of Wild Game (Fish, Deer, Pheasant and Spoonbill) All donations can be dropped off at the Pierce Locker. Auction Items are also much appreciated! Please contact Ashley Halsey, Lynsey Herian or Lydee Jo Krueger to get on the list! We thank everyone for their continued support and can't wait to see you at Zion Lutheran School's annual Wild Game Feed.

FAITH WEAVERS: Parents/guardians can find information and register in the new year on our church website under "Educational Ministries" and "Faith Weavers." If you would like to answer the call to serve in the new year by helping with Faith Weavers, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. Jareske (402-329-4313) as soon as possible. To ensure the continued success of this ministry for the future, we are still looking for several volunteers to help in various areas. Barring inclement weather, Faith Weavers will continue on Wednesday evenings from 5:15PM to 6:45PM. Please remember to check our website for program and weather related updates. 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. **Please put donations in the kitchen with a note (from who, for who) and alert church staff about your donation. Frozen items should be placed in the freezer. Your support is greatly appreciated!**

For January

1. Large packages of frozen chicken nuggets
2. Regular cans of corn

For February

1. Large bags of plain tortilla chips
2. Regular bottles of mild taco sauce
3. Jars of mild salsa
4. 32oz container of chicken broth
5. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese
6. 24oz jars of spaghetti sauce
7. 16oz packages of penne pasta

ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL: Mark your calendars now for Preschool Enrollment for 2024-2025!

First day of Second Semester – January 31st: Enrollment for currently enrolled preschool students ONLY. You will only need to complete the registration form AND include a deposit.

February 1 – End of February: Siblings of currently enrolled Zion students and/or members of Zion Lutheran Church may enroll during this time. ALL PAPERWORK NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN – please see the enrollment form for required paperwork. You can also find the enrollment sheet on our school website at <http://www.zionlutheranpierce.com/school.html>.

March 1 and following: Open enrollment. Open House date will be announced at a later date.

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 school office will not be accepted. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Steffen at (402) 329-4658.

Prek3	Tuesday/Thursday	8:00-11:15 am	Your child must be the age of 3 years old by August 1 st and potty-trained to attend this class.
Prek4	Monday/Wednesday/Friday	8:00-11:15 am	Your child must be the age of 4 years old by August 1 st and potty-trained to attend this class.
Prek5	Monday/Wednesday/Friday	12:15-3:20 pm	Your child must be the age of 5 years old by October 1 st or have attended at least 1 year of preschool. Child needs to be potty-trained to attend this class.

BLOOD DRIVE: Give the gift of life! Give blood at the next Red Cross blood drive in Pierce. Tuesday, February 6: 12:00pm– 6:00pm @ Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Contact Lori Wragge (402) 860-1441 to register or with questions.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please pick up your new 2024 offering envelopes in the Narthex. If you don't see yours or would like some envelopes, please contact the office.