

**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

**SERVANTS - Feb. 11**

**TIME** 8:00am PAX  
**GREETERS** Jan Zierke  
 Jacque Falter  
**ELDER** John Meier  
**USHERS** Champion White  
 Creighton Simpson  
**ACOLYTES** Camassia White  
 Mckenna Deiterman

**TIME** 10:00am  
**ELDER** Blaine Bockelman  
**USHERS** Bo Bockelman  
 Lauren Ueding  
**GREETERS** Ryan & Brooke Collison  
**ACOLYTES** Elliot Vanness  
 Destiney Watts

**Feb. 12**

**TIME** 7:00pm  
**ELDER** Tom Weinrich  
**ACOLYTES** Cooper Hansen  
 Maelee Hamilton  
**ORGANIST** Celine Fehringer

**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*

**MONDAY- Feb. 5**

7:00pm  
 8:00pm

VESPERS  
**COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY-Feb. 7**

7:00am  
 8:10am  
 4:00pm  
 5:15pm  
 7:00pm

Women's Bible Study  
 Chapel  
 Confirmation  
 Faith Weavers  
 Agape Circle

**THURSDAY- FEB 8**

6:30am  
 1:00pm  
 7:30pm

Mens Bible Study  
 Quilters  
**VOTERS MEETING**

**SUNDAY- FEB 11**

8:00am  
 9:00am  
 10:00am  
 5:00pm

PAX  
 Bible classes  
 TRADITIONAL  
 Fusion Youth Group

*February 4, 2024*

# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

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**Zion Lutheran School**

**402-329-4658**

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**PAX Worship 8:00AM**

**Traditional Worship 10:00AM**

**Monday Vespers 7:00PM**

## Midweek Lenten Series- *"Tears Tell the Story"*

### Lenten Midweek #1- Ash Wednesday, February 14 (COMMUNION)

Pastor Bruce- *"Longing Tears"*  
 (Zion School Choir & Handbells)

### Lenten Midweek #2- Wednesday, February 21

Vicar Johnson- *"Impossible Tears"*

### Lenten Midweek #3- Wednesday, February 28

Pastor Tuma- *"Coming Tears"*

### Lenten Midweek #4- Wednesday, March 6

Vicar Johnson- *"Guilty Tears"*

### Lenten Midweek #5- Wednesday, March 13

Pastor Tuma- *"Garden of Tears"*

### Lenten Midweek #6- Wednesday, March 20

Pastor Bruce- *"Bowl of Tears"*  
 (Confirmation Questioning following the service)

**OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: Jan. 29 Pax- 92 Traditional- 75 Vespers- 220**  
**Direct Deposit- \$1,050.00 General- \$11,958.00 Mission- \$205.00 Debt Drive- \$130.00**  
**Operating Debt Balance- \$47,580.57 Matching Funds Debt Drive- \$50,253.78**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those continuing to battle various afflictions:** Rhonda Shipman, Jodi Beacom, 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: February 4 "**Nature Abhors a Vacuum**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) What fills the heart that has no room to forgive? (Ephesians 4:32)

**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 Fler (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.

**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.

**ALTAR GUILD:** Looking for new/additional members. Please contact Jacque at 402-750-7785

**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS:** The Lutheran Witness renewal and new subscription for the year 2024 is \$20.65. Please use your offering envelope to submit your payment, or drop it off at the church office for 2024. Deadline is March 1, 2024.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** February sign-up sheet is in the narthex or call the office to sign up. Meal pick up time is 11:30am at the Senior Center. Great way to serve others in the community.

**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.

**CAMP LUTHER TRIP:** We are planning a fellowship retreat with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to Camp Luther April 26-28. For anyone who would like to contribute to a scholarship fund for camp attendees, there will be a donation box in the Narthex, or you may contribute through the offering plate in a plain white envelope marked "Camp Luther trip".

**FAITH WEAVERS:** Parents/guardians can find information and register on our church website under "Educational Ministries" and "Faith Weavers." If you would like to answer the call to serve 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. Also, please be advised that with the start of the Lent season on February 14th, there will be church services taking place at 7:00PM for the six weeks of Lent, directly following the conclusion of Faith Weavers each week. Students and parents should use extra caution during pickup. **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 February**

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| 1. Large bags of plain tortilla chips | 6. 24oz jars of spaghetti sauce             |
| 2. Regular bottles of mild taco sauce | 7. 16oz packages of penne pasta             |
| 3. Jars of mild salsa                 | 8. Large packages of frozen chicken nuggets |
| 4. 32oz container of chicken broth    | 9. Regular cans of corn                     |
| 5. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese | 10. Regular bottles of ketchup              |

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

**First day of Second Semester – January 31<sup>st</sup>:** 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> or have attended at least 1 year of preschool. Child needs to be potty-trained to attend this class.

**YOUTH THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who purchased cards and cookies and donated toward the youth group during the month of December. Thanks to the generosity of this congregation the youth were recently able to take our regular ski trip to Sioux Falls, SD. The youth had a great time, and they are already looking forward to more exciting opportunities in the future. With that, we would also like to thank everyone who assisted with this recent youth trip, especially to our amazing group of chaperones.

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