

SERVANTS - March 10

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Mark & Bev Luebe
ELDER Blaine Bockelman
USHERS Alexandria & Jesse Huwaldt
ACOLYTES Alyvia Marks
 Destiney Watts

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Todd & Lisa Stonacek
ELDER Rick Sirek
USHERS Lucea Miller
 Brock Collison
ACOLYTES Camassia White
 Avery Brunckhorst

March 11

TIME 7:00pm
ELDER Andy White
ACOLYTES Erin Hilkemann
 Brody Kesting
ORGANIST Celine Fehring

SERVANTS - March 13

TIME 12:15pm
ELDER Doug Cromwell
PIANIST Dottie Ahlers

TIME 7:00pm
ELDER Brian Blecher
ACOLYTES Kohle Koehler
 Arriah Ludden

March 17

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Greg & Kathy Warneke
ELDER John Meier
USHERS Tate Reinke
 Brody Coulter
ACOLYTES Easton Price
 Darcy Watts

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Al & Jacque Collison

ELDER Blaine Bockelman
USHERS Brayden Lambrecht
 Max Weber
ACOLYTES Ethan Claussen
 Mason Gnirk

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 Flear
7th/8th Grade

Mrs. Lavonne Flear
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- March 11

6:00pm Trustee Meeting
 7:00pm VESPERS
 8:00pm Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY-March 13

7:00am Women's Bible Study
 8:10am Chapel
 12:15pm Midweek 4
 1:30pm Katherine Circle
 4:00pm Confirmation
 5:15pm Faith Weavers
 6:00pm Meal/Youth Group
 7:00pm Midweek 4

THURSDAY- March 14

6:30am Mens Bible Study
 1:00pm Quilters
 2:00pm LLL-MC Meeting
 7:00pm Agape Circle

March 10, 2024**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church****Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod**

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Midweek Lenten Series- "Tears Tell the Story"

*Lenten Midweek #5- Wed, March 13
 Pastor Tuma- "Garden of Tears"

*Lenten Midweek #6- Wed, March 20
 Pastor Bruce- "Bowl of Tears"
 (Confirmation Questioning following the service)

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

PALM SUNDAY/CONFIRMATION MARCH 24 @ 10:00am

Maundy Thursday- March 28 @ 12:15pm and 7:00pm (COMMUNION)

Good Friday- Tenebrae Service - March 29 @ 7:30pm

Easter Sunday- March 31 @ 6:30am and PAX 9:00am (COMMUNION)

ZION SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP: t's time for Kindergarten Round Up at Zion! Students that will be of Kindergarten age for the 2024-2025 school year are invited to attend an Open House with Mrs. Steffen in the Kindergarten classroom on Monday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Steffen looks forward to seeing you!

ZION TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND: If you would like to help provide students with a Christian education, please consider donating to the Zion tuition assistance fund. It is easy to donate! Make checks payable to Zion Lutheran School and just write in the memo tuition assistance. Have a special student in mind for assistance? Contact the school office at 329-4658 to set up a donation for them.

What are the Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska?

The Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska are offered to students entering a nonpublic school for grades Kindergarten, 9th grade, or transferring from a public school from any grade level. Please visit nebraskaoportunity.org for more information about these scholarships.

Nebraska Tax Opportunity

This year brings a terrific opportunity for you to benefit students who attend private schools and receive a dollar-for-dollar income tax credit for up to 50% of your Nebraska income tax liability for 2024. For more information, please visit the school website www.zionlutheranpierce.com and click on the Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska link.

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: March 3: Pax- 125 Traditional- 109 Vespers- 35
Direct Deposit- \$ 3,504.78 General- \$11,029.10 Mission- \$720.00 Debt Drive- \$250.00
Operating Debt Balance- \$ 31,510.10 Midweek- \$855.00 12:15- 23 7:00- 39

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those continuing to battle various afflictions: Jodi Beacom, Marcy Zierke, Cory Bockelman, Dee Rathjen, Beth Guenther, Mike & Kim Baumann, Rhonda Shipman, 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: March 10 **"All Bets Are Off"**
Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) Jesus engages his opponents in a battle of wits and wins—for us. (Mark 12:13-34)

WILD GAME FEED: The Zion Lutheran Wild Game Feed is on SATURDAY! (3/16)! The Wild Game Feed has become a cherished tradition and all are invited to come join in the food, the fun and the fellowship! If you cannot make it, but are still interested in the silent auction or donating online, you can see all of the items online at <http://events.handbid.com/auctions/2024-zion-lutheran-pierce-wild-game-feed-auction/>

SWEET TREATS SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please pick up your offering envelopes in the narthex. If you prefer not to have envelopes to online giving or for any other reason, please contact the office.

LADIES/GENTS/TEENS: We need help in the following areas— communion prep and clean up as well as taking care of the altar. 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.

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 Amy know if you want your name listed in the bulletin.

LLL—MC MEETING will be held on Thursday, March 14th at 2:00 p.m. Come and join us for the meeting....Bible study, brief business meeting, and social time. **Has your family taken advantage of the 2024 Lenten Devotions?** There are devotional booklets on the desk to your right on the narthex desk as you leave the worship center. Lutheran Hour Ministries, the home of The Lutheran Hour, provides these each year. The devotions are excellent for family devotional time. They are brief, but the spiritual message powerfully points you to the Easter event. COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR MEETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH AT 2:00 P.M.

MISSION CENTRAL TRIP: The LWML Norfolk Zone is sponsoring a bus trip to Mission Central on Tuesday, April 9th. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. The bus will leave the Wal-Mart Parking Lot at 8am and return around 5pm. Everyone is welcome to come. If you would like to go send your money to Annie Rumsey 56128 826th Rd. Madison, NE 68748. Must have the money by March 15th. Any questions you can call Margo Dawson at 402-860-1706.

TRUSTEE/ELDER MEETINGS: The Trustees will be meeting Monday, March 11 @ 6:00pm. The Elders will be meeting Monday, March 11 @ 8:00pm.

FAITH WEAVERS: 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. Also, please be advised that during the Lenten season there will be church services taking place at 7:00PM for the next few weeks of Lent, directly following the conclusion of Faith Weavers each week. Students and parents should use extra caution during pickup. We will **not** plan to have Faith Weavers instruction on the evening of March 20th due to the Confirmation Questioning that will take place on that date. In addition, during the next several weeks, while our Confirmation students are preparing for Confirmation Questioning in the church sanctuary, Faith Weavers students should plan to enter through the church office doors and then go directly into the gym for dinner. Faith Weavers will resume instruction on March 27th. **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. Gift cards or monetary donations are also welcome. Your support is greatly appreciated!**

For March

1. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese
2. Packages of hamburger buns
3. Large packages of frozen French fries

YOUTH EVENT: The Fusion Youth Group will be hosting a Board Game, Movie, and Spaghetti Feed event for 7th through 12th grade youth students at the church, unless otherwise stated, today, March 10th, from 5PM to 8PM. Youth participants are not required to bring anything, but they can bring a board game to share, a friend, and their appetite for a fun evening of food and fellowship!

CAMP LUTHER RETREAT: Planning is well underway for a 5th through 12th grade youth retreat to take place this spring at Camp Luther. While the date of the event is still a few months away, we are working to finalize participants and chaperones, so we can work to get everything organized with Camp Luther. As such, if youth are interested in attending this event, **please make sure that a completed registration form is turned in to Vicar Johnson as soon as possible.** Only a few spots are remaining! If you need a registration form, or you have questions about this event, please speak to Vicar, as soon as possible. While registering does not bind youth to attending, it is helpful for planning.

YOUTH LENTEN MEAL: The Fusion Youth Group will be hosting the midweek Lenten meal for Wednesday, March 13th, starting at 6PM. This will be a soup supper, and to assist with this, Mr. J is asking youth families to take the opportunity to go to our church website, under Youth Ministries, and sign up to bring either a crock-pot of soup or a pan of bars. If assisting, youth and families should plan to arrive to the Zion kitchen by 5:30PM to help with set up. As always, thank you for your help and support!

EGG MY YARD FUNDRAISER: Need to hide Easter eggs? Let us help! The Zion Fusion Youth Group is hosting an "Egg My Yard" fundraiser. Order your pre-filled plastic eggs to be hidden in your yard on the Saturday evening before Easter by filling out, and returning, the bottom portion of our event flyer or by completing the online form located on the homepage of our church website. If interested, reserve your spot by, or before, March 27th, 2024, and addresses must be residential properties in the city of Pierce, NE. Prices include: \$15 for 25 eggs, \$30 for 50 eggs, and \$60 for 100 eggs. All proceeds will go to support our youth students as they raise money for their upcoming Camp Luther retreat and other events. For more information, please check out a copy of our flyer in the church narthex or on our church website homepage.

UPDATING INFORMATION/NEWSLETTERS: Please be sure to include a phone number and an email address on your attendance cards, as well as a new address if you have one. We are diligently trying to keep records up to date and want to have the most recent information for newsletters and future communications either by text or email. Also, please let the office know or write on the comments if you'd like an email version of the Zion News rather than a hard copy in the mail. Due to rising postage costs, if you're able to view online that would be appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation.