

SERVANTS - May 19

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Greg & Kathy Warneke
ELDER Rick Sirek
USHERS Brock Collison
 Scarlet Babl
ACOLYTES Arriah Ludden
 Easton Price

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Todd & Linda Stonacek
ELDER Mike Krueger
USHERS Jaya Wachholtz
 Nora Herian
ACOLYTES Darcy Watts
 Alyvia Marks
ORGANIST Alice Mittelsdorf

May 20

ELDER Andy White
ACOLYTES Lucas Weber
 Deacon Watts
ORGANIST Celine Fehringer

SERVANTS - May 26

TIME 8:00am PAX
GREETERS Mark & Bev Luebe
ELDER Doug Cromwell
USHERS Jax & Hayden Bauer
ACOLYTES Brooke Podany
 Mckenna Deiterman

TIME 10:00am
GREETERS Al & Jacque Collison
ELDER Brian Blecher
USHERS Mackena Belcher
 Maya Reed
ACOLYTES Brenna Benes
 Burkley Collison

May 27**MEMORIAL DAY****NO VESPERS**

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

Misty Steffen
 Preschool

Mrs. Tara Oestreich
 Para-educator

Mrs. Carol Lutz
 Para-educator

May 19, 2024**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church****Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod**

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RETIREMENT RECOGNITION: We will be recognizing Kathy Test and Lavonne Fleer, two of our teachers that are retiring after many years of loyal service to our school, today, May 19th at the 10am church service. We will follow the service with a potluck dinner. Please bring 2 dishes. (1 hot and 1 cold dish) Tableware will be provided.

ZION NEWS: If we have an email address on file, we will be emailing you rather than sending out a hard copy in the mail due to rising costs of postage. You can view the Zion News on the church website as well. If you would still like a hard copy mailed out to you, please let the office know. Thank you.

ZION WEBSITE: Check out the church website <https://zionlutheranpierce.com> Mr. J has been working diligently on keeping all the church, school and youth group information all on in one place. There are monthly calendars, zion news, schedule of events, weekly bulletins, Sunday service videos, weekly updates, etc. There is also great information about the school campaign and online giving. If you have any questions or need help navigating, please contact the church office.

QUILTERS: The Quilting Ladies will be ending the weekly sessions in May and will resume again in Oct.. We were able to construct 103 quilts this year. We donated 103 to Orphan Grain Train and 9 were donated to the Zion Wild Game Feed and locally. We would like to thank everyone who donated sheets, fabric, or batting. Your support is appreciated. We meet once a week on Thursday afternoons and welcome anyone who is interested to join us next fall.

Where God's people gather...**to worship, grow, care and share.**

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

MONDAY- May 20	7:00pm	VESPERS
TUESDAY May 21	5:30pm	VBS Planning Meeting
WEDNESDAY-May 22	7:00am	Women's Bible Study
THURSDAY- May 23	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
SUNDAY- May 26	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am	PAX Worship/COMM Bible Classe Trad Worship/COMM
MONDAY- May 27	NO VESPERS	MEMORIAL DAY

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: MAY 5: Pax- 115 Traditional- 55 Vespers- 28
General- \$6,263.00 Mission- \$223.00 Debt Drive- \$895.00
Matching Debt Drive total- \$13,469.80 Operating Debt Balance- \$45,350.30

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those continuing to battle various afflictions: Danny Anderson, Sarah Endorf, Cory Bockelman, Dee Rathjen, Sharon Brockemeier, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy & Dawn Tucker, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, 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: May 19 **"Waiting, But Not Alone"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone. (Acts 2:1-21)

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 nebraskaopportunity.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.

SCRIP: If you would like to purchase Scrip, order forms are available in the Narthex. Order forms and/or RaiseRight purchases need to be submitted before Tuesday of each week. Contact the school office at 329-4658 with any questions.

NEW PROJECT CONNECT BOOKLETS: Zion's LLL-MC is bringing you some new Project Connect booklets for your reading pleasure, faith strengthening, and/or your personal needs. The new May 2024 booklets will be found at the TOP LEVEL of the Project Connect display rack. The PC display rack is located in the narthex to your right as you exit the west narthex door. The New Booklets for MAY are: SURVIVING BREAST CANCER; YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN; FORGIVENESS IS A CHOICE; and HOW TO TALK ABOUT YOUR FAITH. The April New Booklets remain in the top level of the display rack. They are: A GREIF LIKE NO OTHER; A TREASURE REVEALED; THE TRUTH ABOUT ANGELS; and HOPE AND HEALING—SURVIVING BREAST CANCER. Throughout the summer months you will be receiving four new booklets each month. Booklets pages are 4 x 8 inches and from 16 to 32 page of reading material.

CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE: Are you interested in full-time church work? Now is the time to apply for an LLL Scholarship Grant available from the Nebraska District of the Lutheran Layman's League! Contact Virginia Von Seggern at email virginia.vonseggern251@gmail.com or phone 402-655-2254. They are also available on the website of the Nebraska District LC-MS (www.ndlcms.org). Applications are due in mid-May of 2024. We are grateful for those students interested in full-time church work. Have you had an LLL Scholarship Grant previously? You MUST RE-APPLY to extend your grant each year.

FAITH WEAVERS: We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents that cooperated with our Faith Weavers program by sharing their children with this church on Wednesday evenings, so that we can work to learn and grow by diving into the Bible each week. I would also like to thank our amazing group of volunteers who truly and absolutely make this program possible. We sincerely would not be able to provide this type of instruction if it not for the amazing commitment of our gifted leaders and guides. With that in mind, if you would like to answer the call to serve by helping with Faith Weavers next year, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. Jareske (402-329-4313). To ensure the continued success of this ministry for the future, we would like to find a few additional volunteers to help in various areas next year. Finally, we would like to thank this congregation for their support, encouragement, prayers, and generosity. Your collaboration with this program this year has been truly and greatly appreciated!

VBS: Vacation Bible School is less than a month away! The theme for this year will be an underwater VBS called "Scuba" by Group Publishing, and **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!** If students and families would like to participate, or assist, with this amazing summer event, please complete and return a paper registration, which can be found in the church office or narthex, or complete the online registration form using our church website, under "Educational Ministries" and "Vacation Bible School," for either participants and/or volunteers. More information about this event can be found on our church website, as well. Again VBS will be taking place during the first full week in the month of June, June 3rd through June 7th, 2024, so mark your calendars now. Also, our next VBS planning meeting for anyone who would like to be involved in this process will take place this Tuesday, May 21st, beginning at 5:30PM in the Zion fellowship hall. As always, this event takes a lot of planning and preparation, and so we greatly appreciate your continued time, attention, and support in the lead up to this endeavor. Catch you on the next wave!

VBS DONATIONS AND HELP: If you would prefer not to be involved with the planning process, but you would still like to assist by volunteering/donating for VBS for this summer, please feel free to let Mr. J know at your earliest opportunity. We still have quite a few roles that need to be filled, so any help would be appreciated. For people who would like to assist in other ways, a list of ideas was added to the church website under the VBS tab, and a list of needed items will be featured in the narthex, along with the website and Facebook page, in the near future. Also, to help with the Snack Station, a sign-up sheet for cookie and snack donations will be featured in the church narthex beginning this weekend. You can also sign up online using the link featured on both our church website and Facebook page, or you can call the church phone number (402-329-4313) to signup throughout the week, Monday through Thursday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The final week of Sunday School instruction for children for the summer took place last Sunday, May 12th. Although Sunday School classes for children paused for the summer months and will resume next fall, Vicar will be continuing with his class each week, and Mr. J is more than happy to continue instruction for any youth who would like to proceed with our study and discussion of the Bible on Sunday mornings over the next few months.

YOUTH EVENT: All youth, 7th through 12th grades, are invited to attend a traditional Pentecost feast taking place today, May 19th, from 6PM to 9PM at Zion Lutheran Church. To help facilitate this, the youth group has provided a sign-up sheet through email and our church website, under "Educational Ministries" and "Youth Ministries," so that youth families can sign up to bring an item, or two, to share with the group. If weather allows, we will also plan on enjoying the evening around a fire pit, so participating youth should plan to bring along a lawn chair for their own personal use.

CARDS: The youth group has graduation cards, in addition to our other available cards, in the church office. If anyone needs cards in the next several weeks, payment can be placed in the lock-box by the cards.