

**SERVANTS - May 26**

TIME 8:00am PAX  
 GREETERS Mark & Bev Luebe  
 ELDER Doug Cromwell  
 USHERS  
 ACOLYTES 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 VESPER**

**SERVANTS - June 2**

TIME 8:00am PAX  
 GREETERS Tyler & McKayla  
 Krueger  
 ELDER Blaine Bockelman  
 USHERS Brenden Bolling  
 Jackson Fischer

ACOLYTES Keegan Holan  
 Teigan Warneke

TIME 10:00am  
 GREETERS Al & Lee Homan  
 ELDER Tom Weinrich  
 USHERS Trevor & Payton  
 Montgomery  
 ACOLYTES Natalie Endorf

June 3  
 TIME 7:00pm  
 ELDER Jerald Wachter  
 ACOLYTES Kaelyn Halsey  
 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*

**Misty Steffen**  
*Preschool*

**Mrs. Tara Oestreich**  
*Para-educator*

**Mrs. Carol Lutz**  
*Para-educator*

# May 26, 2024

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod



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**BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL:** As both Mr. J and Vicar will be out of town this weekend, there will be no Bible classes for youth or adults on Sunday, May 26th. Mr. J will resume his class on Sunday, June 2nd, but Vicar will not resume classes until Sunday, June 9th.

**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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar were given by Marlyn & Laurita Nitz in loving memory of their beloved children Gerald LaRay Nitz and Laurie Wilson, and also in celebration of their 68th wedding anniversary.

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

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

<b>MONDAY- May 27</b>	<b>NO VESPER- MEMORIAL DAY</b>	
<b>TUESDAY May 28</b>	5:30pm	VBS Planning Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY-May 29</b>	7:00am	Women's Bible Study
<b>THURSDAY- May 30</b>	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
<b>SUNDAY- June 2</b>	8:00am	PAX Worship/COMM
		<b>NO BIBLE CLASSES</b>
	10:00am	Trad Worship/COMM
<b>MONDAY- June 3</b>	7:00pm	Vespers/COMM
<b>JUNE 3-7 VBS</b>		

**OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: MAY 19: Pax- 89 Traditional- 114 Vespers- 20**

**General- \$8,247.00 Mission- \$360.00 Debt Drive- \$6,000.00**

**Matching Debt Drive total- \$19,469.80 Operating Debt Balance- \$38,455.30**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those continuing to battle various afflictions:** Family of Sharon Broekemeier, Dave Ruge, Danny Anderson, Cory Bockelman, Dee Rathjen, 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 26  
**"Penultimate Sacrifice"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) Memorial Day honors those who made "the ultimate sacrifice" in service to country, but there was one Sacrifice infinitely greater. (Acts 10:1-2)

**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 [ne-braskaopportunity.org](http://ne-braskaopportunity.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](http://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.

**FUSION YOUTH MEETING:** Our next monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th through 12th grade students will take place **Sunday, June 9th, from 5PM to 8PM in the Zion gym/fellowship hall.** If you are considering joining us for the fun, consider bringing a friend along, as well! Food will be provided, and no money is needed. Also, this meeting will involve water activities, so please plan to wear clothing that is church appropriate, can get wet, and could get dirty, including shoes. Participating youth will also need to bring along a towel, dry clothes, and any other items needed for outdoor water activities.

**VBS:** Vacation Bible School is only a few weeks 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. VBS will be taking place during the first full week in the month of June, June 3rd through June 7th, from 9AM to 12PM each day, and the VBS closing service will take place during the 10AM church service on Sunday, June 9th. Mark your calendars now! All students going into Pre K through 6th grade are welcome to join as participants, and anyone 7th grade and older is encouraged to volunteer. Reminder, all students involved in VBS this year are welcome to participate in the VBS closing service, so we can really show the congregation what we learned throughout the week. If students are planning to participate in this service, please plan to arrive to the church and meet in the Zion gym by 9:45AM, so we can practice and assemble in groups. The students will sit with their class for the duration of the service as they will sing several times throughout.

**VBS STATION NEEDS:** Speaking to our Science, Games, and Craft Station leaders for this year, we have put together a list of a few items that can be claimed, purchased, and donated by anyone who might like to assist VBS by donating items this year, as we know this congregation loves to be able to support VBS even if they cannot donate their time during the week. If you are one of those people, and you would like to donate to help with the purchasing of needed items, claiming and donating one of the suggested items from the board in the narthex would be a huge help. The list of needed items can also be found and claimed, online, using our church website and church Facebook page. If you would be willing to do so, please either plan to take and return one of the cards from the Zion Lutheran Church narthex bulletin board with the suggested donation, contact the church office (402-329-4313) to let us know which card you would like to claim, or sign up online using our website/Facebook page. The cards and donations can be returned to the basket sitting by the VBS display table in the church narthex Monday through Thursday during regular business hours and on Sunday mornings. Donations can also be dropped off at the church office. For monetary donations, checks can be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church, and they can be sent to Zion Lutheran Church (520 E. Main Street, Pierce, NE 68767).

**VBS COOKIE HELP:** Also, to help with the Snack Station, a signup sheet for cookie and snack donations will be currently featured in the church narthex and online using our church website/Facebook page. You can also call the church phone number (402-329-4313) to signup throughout the week, Monday through Thursday. For those interested in making cookies, we would like to offer a reminder that peanut products (including peanuts and peanut butter) are sticky prohibited.

**VBS SUPPORT:** Donations for the Snack Station should be brought to the church on, or before, the requested date included. Supplies for the Craft, Games, and/or Science Station should be brought to the church by, or before, Monday, June 3rd. Please continue to keep our students and volunteers in your prayers, and as always, we appreciate any and all help. We sincerely thank everyone for their generosity and support!

**HANDS FOR CHRIST:** With the summer months here at last, the planning for this event, Hands for Christ, is well underway to once again provide this weekend long event for 8th through 12th grade students and adult volunteers aimed at service and community enrichment. This event will take place over the weekend of June 14th-15th at various times and locations with several activities, meals, and service opportunities incorporated within. Please check the specific details for this event against what you received at the time of registration. Otherwise, if you have any questions at this point, feel free to direct those to Mr. Jareske. Zion Lutheran Church is blessed to have several congregation members on the planning committee for this endeavor, so if Mr. Jareske is unable to provide an answer, he will certainly be able to work with someone who can.