

<u>Our Christian Stewardship:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u> 214	
<u>General:</u> \$7,150.80	<u>Mission:</u> \$30.00	<u>Glory to God Giving:</u> \$280.00
<u>Operating Debt Balance:</u> \$74,244.63		<u>Glory to God Match:</u> \$94,208.00

SERVANTS at Zion, Today:	
9:00am Traditional Worship Service	
GREETERS	Todd/ Linda Stonacek
ELDER	Blaine Bockelman
USHERS	Ethan Claussen Lenox Beacom
ACOLYTES	Cutter Krueger Tyson Suckstorf
PASTOR	Rev. Bernhard Huesmann
LAYREADER	Jolene Smith

SERVANTS (Next Week) OCT. 4	
9:00am PAX	
GREETERS	Gale/ Paula Bretschneider
ELDER	Jerald Wachter
USHERS	Nora Herian Alayna Herian
ACOLYTES	Parker Suckstorf Autumn Vanness
PASTOR	Rev. Bernhard Huesmann
LAYREADER	Melinda Stelling

Zion Lutheran School Pierce	
2026-2027	
Tuesday Sept. 29th	
4:30pm JH FB vs Boone	
4:30pm Volleyball vs. St. John's	
Wednesday Sept. 30th	
8:15pm 3rd and 4th Grade Chapel	
Champs for Christ	
Thursday Oct. 1st	
4:30pm XC @ Stanton	
5:15pm JV Volleyball Triangular	
David Beikmann at principal@zionlutheranpierce.com	
School Office (402) 329-4658	

		
SUNDAY– SEPT. 27th	9:00am	Trad. Worship
	10:30am	Bible Class
	10:30am	Sunday School
	4:30pm	Fusion Youth
WEDNESDAY– SEPT. 29th	6:00pm	Church Care Team
WEDNESDAY– SEPT. 30th	7:00am	Women’s Bible Study
	4:00pm	Confirmation
	5:15pm	Faith Weavers
THURSDAY– OCT. 1st	6:30AM	Men’s Bible Study
	1:00pm	Quilters
SUNDAY– OCT. 4th	LWML SUNDAY	
	9:00am	PAX Worship
	10:30am	Bible Class
	10:30am	Sunday School

	
Website: www.zionlutheranpierce.com	
Zion Lutheran School: 402-329-4658	
Zion Church Office: 402-329-4313	
Zion Lutheran School Email: zlsoffice@zionlutheranpierce.com	
Zion Church Office Email: churchoffice@zionlutheranpierce.com	

September 27th, 2026 <i>Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i> <u>Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church</u> <i>Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod</i>	
PLEASE PRAY FOR: Shawn Dozy, Dawn Tucker, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtell, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Josie Richmond, Joann Strelow	
PRAYER FOR TIME OF TRANSITION: Lord, remind me that I am to be a Great Commission Christian in a Great Commission church. Remind me that in Your strength, I am to do whatever it takes to reach out into my community with the transforming power of the gospel.	
YOUTH FUNDRAISER: The Zion Lutheran Church youth students will be once again selling discount cards to fundraise for their various events, activities, and initiatives beginning today, September 20th. Just like last year, these cards are full of discount offers with the generous support from many local businesses from around this area. If you would like to purchase one of these cards to support both our youth students and our local area businesses, please speak with a youth student, Mr. J, or call the church office, Monday through Thursday, to inquire soon. The cost of each card is \$10, they are only valid for one calendar year, and limitations and exclusions do apply. See card for details. At this time, we can only accept cash or checks, and checks can be made out to "Zion Lutheran Youth." In addition, we are only planning to print a limited amount, so if you would like a discount card, please don't hesitate to inquire. Also important to remember, these cards are not one and done, and each deal can be used multiple times throughout the year.	
CHURCH OFFICE DESK: We are looking for donations toward a safer, sturdier desk and base cabinets for our church office. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 to purchase a new desk and cabinets that will provide a more secure and functional workspace. Every donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated!	
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Eligible benefit members (age 16 and older) of Thrivent Financial, can help choose where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable funds each year. Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" or visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice. The deadline to designate for 2026 is December 31st, 2026. You do not need any certificate number or birth date. It is very simple. Zion Lutheran Church or the School both can receive these choice dollars.	
DISCOUNT CARDS: The Zion Lutheran Church youth students are currently selling discount cards to fundraise for their various events, activities, and initiatives. Just like last year, these cards are full of discount offers with the generous support from many local businesses from around this area. If you would like to purchase one of these cards to support both our youth students and our local area businesses, please speak with a youth student, Mr. J, or call the church office, Monday through Thursday, to inquire. The cost of each card is \$10, they are only valid for one calendar year, and limitations and exclusions do apply. See card for details. At this time, we can only accept cash or checks, and checks can be made out to "Zion Lutheran Youth." In addition, we are only planning to print a limited amount, so if you would like a discount card, please don't hesitate to inquire. Also important to remember, these cards are not one and done, and each deal can be used multiple times throughout the year.	

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you have announcements or upcoming events you would like announced, please contact the church office **by noon on Wednesday**. Also, if anyone has updates to their address, phone number, email, or member status, please notify the church office of any changes.

SCRIP: Mrs. Anson is taking orders for scrip. They are due every Monday by midnight. If she doesn't have what you need on hand, orders may take up to one week before they are available.

HEARING IMPAIRED PARISHIONERS: Personal hearing receivers are available in the guest book podium. Please take the case with you and remember to put them back in their case and return them to the podium, or usher, when you are done. If you are having a problem with one of them, please turn it in to an Elder or Usher and let them know of the problem.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday School classes for all ages have started for the year, and classes will continue every Sunday morning from 10:30AM-11:30AM throughout the school year, unless otherwise announced. If families are considering Sunday School classes for their students for this year, please take some time to fill out a registration sheet, found in the church office and narthex, and then return them to Mr. J, or the church office, at your earliest opportunity. Students should start in the Zion Lutheran Church gym each week and wait for their teacher to take them to their classroom. This year, Kathy Test will be teaching the Kindergarten through 3rd grade class, Adrienne Riggert will be teaching the 4th through 6th grade class, and Mr. Jareske will be teaching the 7th through 12th grade class. With that in mind, though, we are still currently looking for several substitute teachers to assist in the event of teacher absences. If you are interested in helping with Sunday School during this year, or you would just like to inquire at this point, please let Mr. Jareske know, as soon as possible. He can be contacted at the church by phone (402-329-4313) or email (dcejareske@zionlutheranpierce.com). Going into this new school year, please consider making Sunday School classes part of your weekly routine!

YOUTH MEETINGS: Our next youth meeting will take place today, September 27th, from 4:30PM to 8PM in the Zion youth room/gym. Youth for **7th and 8th** grade students will take place from **4:30PM to 6PM**, a meal for **all youth students** will take place from **6PM to 6:30PM**, and then youth for 9th-12th grade students will take place from 6:30PM to 8PM, all at the church. If youth are considering joining us for these meetings, they should consider bringing a friend along, as well! This will be our second of two meetings for this month. If you have any questions/concerns, or would like to help assist with our youth program, please contact Mr. J by email at your earliest opportunity.

FAITH WEAVERS ASSISTANCE: As this weekly event is dependent on the teamwork of volunteers and supporters, we are once again putting out the call for assistance. If you feel called to help this year by serving in some capacity, week to week, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. Jareske (402-329-4313) in the near future. We have several volunteers who have put in many years of faithful service, and although no station or group leader has yet expressed interest in moving out of their current role, adding a group of new volunteers would be beneficial to the continued success of this ministry. Even if you would be willing to substitute for one of our group leaders from time to time to get started, this would be greatly appreciated. We are also looking for a few new people to join our cooking volunteers for this year, and although you would only need to cook about once a month, you do need to be able to manage a simple meal for, about, 80 people.

YOUTH GATHERINGS: If middle high, 6th-8th grade, students and/or senior high, 9th-12th grade, students, are interested in attending an upcoming District Youth Gathering in November, please take the time to check our church website, under "Educational Ministries" and "Youth Ministries," for more information as soon as possible. Deadlines for final registration for both opportunities are coming up quickly!

QUILTING: Our Zion Quilting Guild plans to resume quilting on Thursday, October 1st, beginning at 1PM in the church narthex. All skills and talents are welcome, and you do not need to know how to sew to participate!

FAITH WEAVERS: Faith Weavers will take place every Wednesday evening from 5:15PM-6:45PM as long as school is in session, or otherwise announced. Just a reminder, although it is typically our policy to cancel Faith Weavers classes when the public school cancels on a particular Wednesday, there may be a few instances where we still hold class despite a public school cancelation. With that in mind, it is even more important than ever to check for updates through formal letters, emails, Facebook posts, and announcements in church for the latest information, especially as we are trying to do a few new and exciting things with our Faith Weavers program this year. As always, if your child is between Kindergarten and 6th grade, please consider having them join us for another year of faith building, fun, and fellowship! Parents can find more information and register on our church website under "Educational Ministries" and "Faith Weavers." For families planning to take part, students should typically plan to enter through the church narthex each week, wait to be dismissed for the meal at, or quickly around, 5:15PM, and then head into the gym for the opening meal. Students will then progress through our scheduled activities, and Faith Weavers classes will conclude at 6:45PM. It is our preference that all parents/guardians pick up their children inside the church each week, so that way we know they are going home with the correct individuals. Thank you, and we hope to see you soon!

Paper registrations, for individuals who would prefer to register in this way, are currently featured in the church narthex/office. Registration is required for all students attending our Faith Weavers program, and for any students fully registered by September 30th, we will be giving away free t-shirts this year as part of our Faith Weavers program to all students registered by, or before, that date.

Also, if you would be interested in donating to support this program, besides monetary donations, included below is a list of some requested food items. As always, your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated as we look forward to seeing as many students as possible at Faith Weavers this year!

Please put non-perishable donations in the marked bin in the kitchen with a note (from who, for who) and alert church staff about your donation. Cold items should be put in the refrigerator, and frozen items should be placed in the freezer. For more information, contact Mr. Jareske.

YOUTH MEETING: Our next youth meeting will take place next Sunday, September 27th, from 4:30PM to 8PM in the Zion youth room/gym. Youth for **7th and 8th** grade students will take place from **4:30PM to 6PM**, a meal for **all youth students** will take place from **6PM to 6:30PM**, and then youth for 9th-12th grade students will take place from 6:30PM to 8PM, all at the church. If youth are considering joining us for these meetings, they should consider bringing a friend along, as well! This will be our second of two meetings for this month. If you have any questions/concerns, or would like to help assist with our youth program, please contact Mr. J by email at your earliest opportunity.

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER: To raise money for upcoming youth activities, trips, and other events, the Zion youth group will be hosting their next fundraising event on **Wednesday, October 14th, at the Pizza Ranch in Norfolk, NE from 5PM to 8PM**. Just like in previous times, our youth will be serving as the waitstaff, and interested parties can show their support by leaving a tip for our group. In the past Pizza Ranch has also committed to supporting our group through a portion of the sales generated between 5PM and 8PM, so we hope you will choose to help both Pizza Ranch and our youth group by staying for a meal, as well. For any youth and/or parents that would like to assist with this endeavor, please speak to Mr. J about signing up to help as soon as possible. Both a paper sign-up and an online sign-up sheet are available for those who would like to assist.

FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Regular packages of hamburger buns | 7. Packages of hotdog buns |
| 2. Rolls of 85/15 or 80/20 ground beef | 8. Boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese |
| 3. Bottles of ketchup and mustard | 9. Cans of green beans |
| 4. Packages of brown sugar | 10. Cans of peaches |
| 5. Packages of frozen french fries | 11. Packages of frozen chicken nuggets |
| 6. Cans of mandarin oranges | 12. Cans of baked beans |