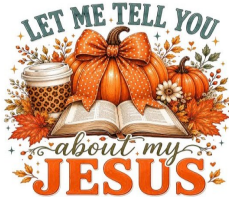


<u>Our Christian Stewardship:</u>	<u>Attendance: 231</u>	
<u>General: \$10,903.80</u>	<u>Mission: \$285.00</u>	<u>Glory to God Giving: \$380.00</u>
<u>Operating Debt Balance: \$96,384.63</u>		<u>Glory to God Match: \$94,568.00</u>

<u>SERVANTS at Zion, Today:</u>	
<u>9:00am Traditional Worship Service</u>	
<u>GREETERS</u>	Scott/ Danielle Peekenschneider
<u>ELDER</u>	Eric Retzlaff
<u>USHERS</u>	Brenna Benes
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	Cutter Krueger Brylie Benes
<u>PASTOR</u>	Rev. Bernhard Huesmann
<u>LAYREADER</u>	Sandra Vanness

<u>SERVANTS (Next Week) OCT. 18</u>	
<u>9:00am PAX</u>	
<u>GREETERS</u>	John/ Jodi Beacom
<u>ELDER</u>	Rick Sirek
<u>USHERS</u>	Luke Endorf Natalie Endorf
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	Megan Meier Braxton Wachter
<u>PASTOR</u>	Rev. Bernhard Huesmann
<u>LAYREADER</u>	Jolene Smith

<u>Zion Lutheran School Pierce</u>
<u>2026-2027</u>
<u>Tuesday Oct. 13th</u>
4:30pm JH FB @ Cedar
4:30pm JV Volleyball vs. Trinity Madison
<u>Wednesday Oct. 14th</u>
8:15pm 5th & 6th Grade Chapel
12:30pm Dismissal
<u>Thursday Oct. 15th</u>
4:30pm Volleyball vs. CLS
Parent's Night
<u>Friday Oct. 16th</u>
NO SCHOOL
David Beikmann at principal@zionlutheranpierce.com
School Office (402) 329-4658



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<u>SUNDAY– OCT. 11th</u>	<u>Pastor Appreciation Day</u>
9:00am	Trad. Worship
9:00am	K-8th Sing
10:30am	Bible Class
10:30am	Sunday School
4:30pm	Fusion Youth
<u>MONDAY– OCT. 12th</u>	6:00pm Trustee Mtg.
	7:00pm Elders Mtg.
<u>WEDNESDAY– OCT. 14th</u>	7:00am Women’s Bible Study
	4:00pm Confirmation
	5:00pm Youth Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
	5:15pm Faith Weavers
	7:00pm Agape Circle
<u>THURSDAY– OCT. 15th</u>	6:30AM Men’s Bible Study
	1:00pm Quilters
<u>SUNDAY– OCT. 18th</u>	9:00am PAX Worship
	10:30am Bible Class
	10:30am Sunday School

October 11th, 2026 **Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost** **Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church** ***Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod***

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Shawn Dozy, Dawn Tucker, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtell, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Josie Richmond, Lindsay Svehla

PRAYER FOR TIME OF TRANSITION: God, please prepare us for our next settled pastor. Give to him, and to us, a heart and a vision to reach and minister to people beyond our own walls. Teach me to be the kind of church member who encourages and supports our pastor so discouragement and disillusionment does not lead to his departure.

DONATION BOX: A donation box has been placed in the Narthex to help support the Svehla family during this difficult time. You can also drop donations off at the church office Monday—Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm Please keep Lindsay and the entire Svehla family in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

THANK YOU: Dear family of God at Zion - Thank you so very much for the love and kindness shown to Gretchen and me in recognition of my 35th Anniversary in Pastoral Ministry last Sunday! The cake was beautiful, and wonderfully delicious! Your gifts were generous and warmed our hearts. May the Lord bless you! - Pastor & Gretchen Huesmann

ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers on the altar are placed by LWML’S at Zion recognizing their mission organization.



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 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. Based on our current roster of students, we are looking to add another Sunday School teacher to our ranks, so if you feel called to serve our Sunday School program in this way, please let Mr. J know at your earliest opportunity. We are also still currently looking for several substitute teachers to assist in the event of teacher absences, so if you are interested in helping with Sunday School during this year in that way, or you would just like to inquire at this point, please let Mr. Jareske know, as soon as possible. Mr. J 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, October 11th, 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 first 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.

BLOOD DRIVE: Pierce community blood drive will be held at Christ Lutheran Church fellowship hall on Tuesday, October 13th from 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Please contact Lori Wragge at 402-860-1441 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Pierce to schedule an appointment.

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!

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. Please continue to check for regular updates through our church website, 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." As always, 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, so if you have not yet completed this step, please work to do so in the very near future.

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.

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 this **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.

QUILTING: Our Zion Quilting Guild meets weekly on Thursday afternoons 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. We would love to have you!

FOR OCTOBER

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| 1. Regular packages of hamburger buns | 6. Jars of alfredo sauce |
| 2. Rolls of 85/15 or 80/20 ground beef | 7. Boxes of spaghetti noodles |
| 3. Bottles of ketchup | 8. Cans of green beans |
| 4. Bottles of mustard | 9. Cans of peaches |
| 5. Packages of frozen french frie | 10. Packages of brown sugar |

