

<u>SERVANTS - August 31</u>	
<u>TIME</u>	<u>9:00am PAX</u>
<u>GREETERS</u>	Tyler & McKayla Krueger
<u>ELDER</u>	Blaine Bockelman
<u>USHERS</u>	Burkley Collison Deacon Watts
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	Keelan Claussen Brylie Benes
<u>PASTOR</u>	Pastor Leon Rosenthal
<u>LAYREADER</u>	Melinda Stelling
 <u>NO VESPERS</u> on Sept. 1	
 LABOR DAY	

<u>SERVANTS - Sept. 7</u>	
<u>TIME</u>	<u>9:00am PAX</u>
<u>GREETERS</u>	Mike & Miriam Krueger
<u>ELDER</u>	Jerald Wachter
<u>USHERS</u>	Cooper Hansen Kaelyn Halsey
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	Dagen Halsey Tate Hansen
<u>PASTOR</u>	Pastor Leon Rosenthal
 Education Sunday Zion Students Sing during 9am service	
 <u>NO VESPERS</u> on Sept. 8	

SUNDAY– AUGUST 31	9:00am	PAX Worship
MONDAY– SEPT. 1	LABOR DAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY– SEPT. 3	7:00am	Women’s Bible Study
THURSDAY– SEPT. 4	6:30am	Men’s Bible Study
SUNDAY– SEPT. 7	EDUCATION SUNDAY	
	9:00am	PAX Worship
	9:00am	Zion Students Sing
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Bible Class

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Pastor Leon Rosenthal
Guest Pastor for August

Mr. Derek Jareske
Director of Christian Ed.

Mr. David Beikmann
School Principal

Mrs. April Anson
School Secretary

Mrs. Sierra Fleer
7th/ 8th Grade

Mrs. Susan Harstad
5th/ 6th Grade

Mrs. Kelly Stonacek
3rd/ 4th Grade

Mrs. Elizabeth Gleason
2nd Grade

Mrs. Jennifer Rohrich
1st Grade

Mrs. Misty Steffen
Kindergarten

Miss Sydney Slater
Preschool

Mrs. Tara Oestreich
Para-educator

Mrs. Brooke Kilcoin
Para-educator

August 31, 2025

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

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SERVICE SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER 7: EDUCATION
SUNDAY. PAX @ 9AM

SEPTEMBER 14: TRADITION-
AL (COMMUNION) @ 9AM

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: August 31. **"Life Narrows Down"**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. "Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus." (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Mari Ortmeier, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy, Dawn Tucker, Lavonne Fleer, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtell, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Vicar Jacob Friedrich- who was recently installed at his new church as Pastor

VICAR’S ADDRESS: If you would like to keep in touch with our former Vicar, his new address is: 1st Mound Place, Jacksonville, Illinois 62650.

PASTOR BRUCE’S ADDRESS: If you would like to keep in touch with Pastor Bruce, they are temporarily staying with their son Matthew at: 7144 Harvest Hills La Vista, NE 68128. We will update you if and when their address changes.

LABOR DAY: The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1, in honor of Labor Day. Thank you!

LAY READERS: If you would like to be added to our list of Lay Readers, please reach out to the church, or talk to a member of our Zion Board of Elders. We have lay readers scheduled for the whole month of September! Thank you to everyone who has helped so far! The whole month of October is almost filled as well, except for October 26. If you are available to help with that service, please let us know.

CARDS: Many of our selection of greeting cards have been recently re-stocked, so if you have been waiting to buy your thank you cards, birthday cards, or sympathy cards, the wait can officially be over!

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation classes for public school 7th and 8th grade students will be once again taking place on Wednesday afternoons, from 4:00PM to 5:30PM, beginning on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025. These classes will continue at that time on most Wednesday evenings into the spring, unless otherwise announced. A quick remember, if the public school does decide to cancel school for any reason, it is our policy to be likewise closed for Confirmation classes on that Wednesday. As of now, the 7th and 8th grade students will be learning from our DCE, Derek Jareske, in the old 7th/8th grade school classroom. Both 7th and 8th grade students will need a copy of Luther’s Small Catechism for class each week, so if students have not yet received a copy of this resource, it can be purchased from the church for \$20 a copy. Families should also work to complete a registration sheet and pick up a few information sheets at their earliest possible opportunity. For more information, please contact the church office.

Our Christian Stewardship: August 24: TRADITIONAL: 204
General: \$8370.80 Mission: \$55.00 Debt: \$25.00
Matching Debt Funds (to be matched): \$91,294.74 Operating Debt Balance: \$36,625.59

SCRIP: Mrs. Anson is still 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.

TUITION ASSISTANCE: If you would like to donate to the tuition assistance account at Zion Lutheran School, please send donations to the school marked for tuition assistance. Any questions contact the school office at 402-329-4658. Thank you for helping students have a Christian education!

LAWN HELP: To care for the needs of this congregation and provide new opportunities to serve, we are looking for individuals who might be able to help with our lawn care needs. If you would like to serve in this way, please scan the provided QR code to be directed to a website where you can learn more about this process and sign up to mow and trim on a particular week, or several, during the next six months. Feel free to also reach out to a member of our Board of Trustees for more information. **Please keep in mind that the Parsonage will also need to be mowed as part of the weekly mowing along with the church. Thank you for all your help!**

The next open sign up date for mowing is **September 4**



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH: Ark Encounter/Creation Museum Bus Tour. October 13-17, 2025. Join us for a tour at the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. For more information, and where to register, please refer to this link: <https://oursav.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3028925>

USHERING: If any newly confirmed, or previously confirmed, youth students would be willing to assist during church services on Sunday mornings, please call 402-329-4313 to let the church office know. We are currently looking for both ushers and technology booth assistance, and training will be provided for anyone willing to serve in either capacity.

FAITH WEAVERS: School has begun for all students, and so it is now, officially, time to start thinking about joining us for another year of Faith Weaver Friends at Zion Lutheran Church! Faith Weavers will begin on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025, and it will take place every Wednesday evening from 5:15PM-6:45PM as long as school is in session, or otherwise announced. Just a reminder, if the public school cancels for any reason on a particular Wednesday, Faith Weavers will be likewise canceled for that evening. 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." 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.

For September and October

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| 1. Regular packages of hamburger buns | 7. Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese |
| 2. Rolls of 85/15 or 80/20 ground beef | 8. Regular cans of peaches |
| 3. Regular bottles of ketchup | 9. Regular packages of hotdog buns |
| 4. Regular bottles of mustard | 10. Boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese |
| 5. Regular cans of corn | 11. Regular cans of mandarin oranges |
| 6. Regular jars of pizza sauce | |

FAITH WEAVERS HELP: 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 one has 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. Volunteers can be 7th grade and older. We are currently looking for individuals to assist with our various stations, cooking meals, and helping with serving the meals, without cooking.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School classes for all ages will resume beginning on Sunday, September 7th, from 10:00AM to 10:50AM, and they will continue every Sunday morning at that time 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. Once classes start, students should start in the Zion Lutheran Church gym and wait for their teacher to take them to their classroom. In addition, Adult Bible Study classes will also be resuming beginning September 7th in the Zion fellowship hall during the same Sunday School time. Going into this new school year, please consider making Sunday School classes part of your weekly routine. We are also looking for several new 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.

FUSION YOUTH MEETING: Our next monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th through 12th grade youth students is scheduled to take place **next Sunday**, September 7th, from **5PM to 8PM in the Zion gym/youth room**. If you are considering joining us for the fun, consider bringing a friend along, as well! A meal will be served, and no money is needed for this portion of the meeting. 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.