

<u>Our Christian Stewardship:</u>	<u>Attendance: 225</u>	
<u>General: \$8,115.06</u>	<u>Mission: \$150.00</u>	<u>Glory to God Giving: \$1,816.41</u>
<u>Operating Debt Balance: \$59,779.63</u>		<u>Glory to God Match: \$92,673.00</u>

<u>SERVANTS at Zion, Today:</u>		
<u>9:00am PAX</u>		
<u>GREETERS</u>	Greg/ Kathy Warneke	
<u>ELDER</u>	Tom Weinrich	
<u>USHERS</u>	Adrienne Riggert Stella Riggert	
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	Megan Meier Parker Suckstorf	
<u>PASTOR</u>	Rev. Bernhard Huesmann	
<u>LAYREADER</u>	Jolene Smith	

<u>SERVANTS (Next Week)-AUG. 23</u>		
<u>9:00am Traditional Worship Service</u>		
<u>GREETERS</u>	Blaine/ Lisa Bockelman	
<u>ELDER</u>	Brandon Hamilton	
<u>USHERS</u>	Maelee Hamilton Sadie Hamilton	
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	Wesley Brovont Ryan Tietgen	
<u>PASTOR</u>	Rev. Bernhard Huesmann	
<u>LAYREADER</u>	NEEDED	

<u>Zion Lutheran School Pierce</u>	
<u>2026-2027</u>	
* Curriculum Night	
Aug. 17th	
5:30pm Kindergarten	
6:00pm 1st & PreK3	
6:30pm 5th—8th & PreK4	
Aug. 18th	
6:00pm 2nd Grade	
6:30pm 3rd & 4th Grade	
* Athletic Meeting	
Aug, 17th at 7:00pm	
* Zion BPE Meeting	
Monday Aug, 24th	
At 5:30pm	
David Beikmann at <u>princi- pal@zionlutheranpierce.com</u>	
School Office (402) 329-4658	

<u>SUNDAY– AUG. 16th</u>	9:00am	PAX Worship
	10:30am	Adult Bible Class
	10:30am	Family Bible Study
	4:30pm	Fusion/HS Youth Mtg.
<u>TUESDAY– AUG. 18th</u>	7:30pm	Council Mtg.
<u>WEDNESDAY– AUG. 19th</u>	7:00am	Women’s Bible Study
	4:00pm	Confirmation
<u>THURSDAY– AUG. 20th</u>	6:30AM	Men’s Bible Study
<u>SATURDAY– AUG. 22th</u>		Caddy for Christ
		Golf Tournament
<u>SUNDAY– AUG. 23rd</u>	9:00am	Trad. Worship
	10:30am	Adult Bible Class
	10:30am	Family Bible Study

<u>Website:</u> www.zionlutheranpierce.com
<u>Zion Lutheran School:</u> 402-329-4658
<u>Zion Church Office:</u> 402-329-4313
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August 16th, 2026	
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost	
<u>Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church</u>	
Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod	
<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</u> Shawn Dozy, Dawn Tucker, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtell, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Natalie Retzlaff, Josie Richmond, Laurita Nitz	
<u>USHER AND ACOLYTE SIGN-UP:</u> The Usher and Acolyte sign-ups are posted on the church Facebook page. Please take a moment to sign up for at least two service oppor- tunity. If all positions are not filled, individuals will be assigned as needed to ensure each service is covered. Thank you for your willingness to serve and support our church ministry!	
<u>USHER TRAINING:</u> : We would really like for any of our previously confirmed youth students, and newly confirmed youth students, to assist during church services on Sunday mornings by serv- ing as an usher and/or technology booth assistant. With that, although we already completed a for- mal training session, we would absolutely be willing to offer more training sessions for students who would like to assist but were unable to make it to our last training opportunity. If this sounds like you, please feel free to contact the church office (402-329-4313), so we can work to get another training scheduled. We are currently looking for both ushers and technology booth assistance, so whatever your ability, we would love to have you! Adult technology booth volunteers would also be welcomed and appreciated, as well.	
<u>BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEER:</u> Would you like to make a difference in the life of a young lady who may be experiencing an unplanned pregnancy? Birthright of Norfolk is hop- ing to expand its list of volunteers and we would love to have you join us. We ask that you volunteer in our office one day a month for about 3 hours. We will provide you with the train- ing you need to be a well-informed volunteer. If this sounds like something you would like to try, please contact Cindy Dinkel at 402-841-1414 and we will be happy to visit with you about becoming a Birthright volunteer. We plan to hold the training sessions in September.	
<u>EDUCATION SUNDAY:</u> Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fellowship and food BRUNCH potluck on Sunday, September 13th, beginning at 11AM in the Zion gym in honor of EDUCATION SUNDAY. To assist with this, we are asking each individual to bring one dish to share and each family to bring two dishes to share. Plates, cutlery, and drinks will be provided. Sunday School will begin on this Sunday at 10:30AM, and tables will be set up if you would like to register your child(ren) for either Sunday School classes and/or Faith Weavers at this time.	

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.

BOWL/ PAN PICK-UP: Thank you to everyone who brings salads and desserts to church, just know how much it is appreciated by the families. Don't forget to pick up your bowls/ cake pans. They are located in the narthex. One again thank you for all you do!

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation classes for public school 7th and 8th grade students will resume for this year beginning this Wednesday, August 19th, at 4PM, so please be aware of this earlier starting date for this year. The public school 7th grade students will be taught by Mr. J in the former Zion 7th/8th grade classroom, and the 8th grade students will be taught by Pastor Huesmann in the current youth room, former 5th/6th grade classroom. If you already have a Bible and copy of Luther's Small Catechism, please bring these to class. All other materials will be provided.

FAITH WEAVERS: With school here again it is time to think about another year of Faith Weavers at Zion Lutheran Church, beginning on Wednesday, September 16th. For parents, a flyer with information about registering online for this program will be sent to school age students next week, and paper registrations, for individuals who would prefer to register in this way, will be featured in the church narthex/office starting next week. 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. We hope to see you soon!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Although Sunday School classes for children will not resume until early September, we are currently looking a bit ahead in our planning and organizing efforts. With that in mind, we are currently planning to hold a Sunday School planning meeting on Sunday, August 30th, beginning at 10:30AM in the Zion youth room for all new and returning Sunday School teachers. We are also 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.

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.

Alternatively, if you would be interested in donating to support this program, besides monetary donations, included later this month will be a list of 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!

YOUTH MEETINGS: Our next youth meeting will take place today, August 16th, 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! Due to other events for this month, this will be the only meeting for August, but we do plan to hold these types of meetings twice monthly in addition to our typical monthly youth events and occasional fundraisers. If you have any questions/concerns about this new plan, please contact Mr. J by email at your earliest opportunity.

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY: Mr. J is continuing his study over the movie "David" this week at 10:30AM in the youth room. This study will continue over the next few weeks as the group works to complete the rest of the movie before the beginning of September. If you would still like to jump in, feel free to join us, and we would love to include you in some great conversations! All are welcome!

AWAKEN WORKSHOP: Gain confidence and creativity in sharing your faith story with others! Learn practical tools at the next Awaken workshop, Aug. 29-30, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Norfolk. The workshop will be 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, and 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30. Meals and materials provided with \$20 registration fee. [Register now](#) or contact [Greg Schatz](#) to learn more.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Trinity Lutheran Foster will be hosting a free will donation ice cream social today, August 16th from 4-7pm. All donations will go for seminary student Jeff Goetz.

