

Our Christian Stewardship:

Attendance: 119

General: \$5,524.15

Mission: \$55.00

Glory to God Giving: \$7,370.00

Operating Debt Balance: \$83,413.63

Glory to God Match: \$68,039.00

SERVANTS at Zion, Today:

9:00am PAX

GREETERS Jan Zierke/ Suzie Wachter

ELDER Rick Sirek

USHERS Bergin Gossman
Deacon Watts

ACOLYTES Carter Wachter
Shaylie Wachter

ELDER SERVICE

LAYREADER

SERVANTS (Next Week) - JUNE 7

**9:00am Worship/ VBS Closing
Service**

GREETERS Todd/ Linda Stonacek

ELDER Brandon Hamilton

USHERS Trever Montgomery
Payton Montgomery

ACOLYTES Hannah Hickman
Zach Hickman

PASTOR Rev. Bernhard Huesmann

LAYREADER Melinda Stelling

Zion Lutheran School Pierce

2026-2027

**Zion BPE Meeting is Sunday, May
31st at 6 p.m.**

**First Day of School for 2026-27 is
Wednesday, August 12th**

**Thank you for a great school year;
enjoy the summer break!**

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May 31st, 2026

The Holy Trinity

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Shawn Dozy, Dawn Tucker, Lavonne Fler, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtell, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Natalie Retzlaff, Josie Richmond, Laurita Nitz, Gerald Hixon (turned 90 on 4-23-26)

FORWARD IN FAITH UPDATE: Commitment Sunday for our Forward In Faith Campaign, was held two weeks ago. To date the total amount of pledges to the campaign is \$1,203,273. If you were not able to attend commitment Sunday, and are moved by the Holy Spirit to pledge to the campaign you can place your commitment card in the offering plate or leave it at the Church Office. Commitment cards are located in the back of the church or in the church office. Thank you to all those who were moved by the Holy Spirit to contribute to the campaign.

QUILTING: The Quilting Ladies have ended their weekly sessions in May and will resume again in Oct. We were able to construct 73 quilts this year. We donated 82 to Orphan Grain Train and 6 were donated to the Zion Wild Game Feed and locally. We would like to thank everyone who donated sheets, fabric, or batting. Your support is appreciated. We meet once a week on Thursday afternoons and welcome anyone who is interested to join us next fall.

ZION 101: is a new ADULT MEMBERSHIP CLASS that will begin on **Sunday June 14 at 10:30 a.m.** This class is open to anyone desiring to become a member of Zion Lutheran Church. It is also open to long-time members who want a "refresher" on what it is we believe. (In fact - current Zion members are *encouraged* to attend!) This will be a 4-5 week class. If interested, please let Pastor Huesmann know.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Please join Jerald and Suzie Wachter as they host the Adult Bible Study today at 6pm at their home (54434 853 Rd Pierce, NE 68767).

LWML AGAPE CIRCLE: THANK YOU! The LWML Agape circle would like to express our gratitude to all who have supported and continue to support us with mite offerings in church. With your offerings you are helping us to spread the word that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior in our country and around the world. God's Blessings to all!

THANK YOU: A sincere thank you to Magdanz Hardware for generously donating the paint used in the church office update. Their kindness and support is greatly appreciated and have helped brighten and refresh our space.

ALTER FLOWERS: Please join us in wishing Marlyn and Laurita Nitz a very happy 70th Wedding Anniversary! We celebrate this incredible Platinum milestone alongside them, thanking God for their lifelong commitment to one another and to our church family.

SUNDAY- MAY 31st	9:00am	PAX Worship
	12:00pm	VBS Mtg.
MONDAY- JUNE 1st	9:00am	VBS
TUESDAY- JUNE 2nd	9:00am	VBS
WEDNESDAY- JUNE 3rd	7:00am	Women's Bible Study
	9:00am	VBS
	7:00pm	Youth Nights
THURSDAY- JUNE 4th	6:30AM	Men's Bible Study
	9:00am	VBS
FRIDAY- JUNE 5th	9:00am	VBS
SUNDAY- JUNE 7th	9:00am	Worship/ VBS Closing Service



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.

VBS: Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow! Again VBS will be taking place during the first full week in the month of June, June 1st through June 5th, 2026. As always, this event takes a lot of planning and preparation, and so we greatly appreciate your continued time, attention, and support in the lead up to this endeavor. Get excited for a radical trip up the snow covered slopes this summer!

VBS VOLUNTEERS: Ready or not, VBS is soon to begin! As in previous years, we would like to invite all volunteers, including group leaders, assistants, and stations leaders, to plan to attend our major VBS training and decorating day today, May 31st, beginning at 12PM. We will plan to meet in the church fellowship hall to eat lunch, which will be provided, and discuss relevant information pertaining to VBS for this year. After the meeting concludes, we will then plan to move around the church and finish with any decorating that remains at this time. If you are a volunteer this year, especially if you have not attended our planning meets up to this point, please plan to attend this meeting. As always, we appreciate any help that anyone is able to offer. We will look forward to seeing everyone this afternoon!

Also, if you are still interested in helping at this point and have not yet had a chance to register, please feel free to let Mr. J know at your earliest opportunity.

VBS COOKIE HELP: Also, to help with the Snack Station, a signup sheet for cookie and snack donations is still currently featured in the church narthex and online using our church website/Facebook page. We have just a few spots left open, so if you would like to assist, plan to sign up today. You can also call the church phone number (402-329-4313) to signup throughout the week, Friday or before. For those interested in making cookies, we would like to offer a reminder that peanut products (including peanuts and peanut butter) are strictly prohibited.

VBS NEEDS: It truly is a wonderful and humbling opportunity to be able to offer VBS to this church and community, but truthfully, offering a VBS of this size does come with an associated cost each year. With that in mind, we do rely on the generosity of this congregation and community to be able to provide an experience of this quality, so if you feel so moved to donate to help support our VBS program, an offering box is currently featured in the church narthex for this purpose. Donations can also be brought to the church office, Monday through Thursday from 9AM to 4PM. For those who are already planning to donate this year through their time, talents, and treasures, please know that we really do appreciate everyone who has worked to continually support our VBS program. Thank you!

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 1st. 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!

VBS CLOSING SERVICE: Reminder, all students involved in VBS this year are welcome and encouraged to participate in the VBS closing service during the 9AM church service on Sunday, June 7th, 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 8:45AM, 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.

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 church lawn care needs. If you would like to serve in this way, please scan the QR code featured on our flyers in the church narthex 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!**

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE: During the summer months Fusion Youth Group meetings at Zion Lutheran Church will be held on Wednesday evenings! A Bible Study will take place from 7PM - 8PM, and our bonfire and fellowship time will take place from 8PM - 9PM, both here at Zion. We'll gather around the Solo Stove Fire Pit, weather permitting, after Bible Study for fellowship, s'mores, fun, and faith-filled conversations! Bring your Bible and a lawn chair! All Zion youth in grades 7th-12th and their friends are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring a friend and join us for a great night of faith, friendship, and fun!

HANDS FOR CHRIST: With the month of June fast approaching, 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 19th-20th at various times and locations with several activities, meals, and service opportunities incorporated within. For those participating, 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. J. Zion Lutheran Church is blessed to have several congregation members on the planning committee for this endeavor, so if he is unable to provide an answer, he will certainly plan to work with someone who can.

CHRISTIAN CROSS FEST: The Christian Cross Festival will be taking place from 2PM to 11PM on Saturday, June 6th, at Skyview Lake in Norfolk, NE. This is a free public event featuring Christian music, various activities, and other types of entertainment, but please be advised, although admission is free, many activities, shops, and vendors will require payment.