



November 2025

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## Zion Lutheran Church

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Worship 8:30am In-Person & Live-streamed on YouTube Posted to Facebook after Worship.**

**Church Office Hours:**  
Mon - Fri 9:00am - 1:00pm

**Contact Zion:**

**Church Office: 235-7045  
Pastor Erika: 319-504-2630**

**Please leave a message and we'll get back to you.**

**Email Addresses:**

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**Facebook Page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/zionluthwaterloo>

**YouTube:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@zionlutheranchurchwaterloo5011>

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Waterloo, IA 50702**

November is always a liminal space. Liminal space is that time between events or places. Liminal spaces are great gifts in that they are those in between times where we hold on to what has been even as we lean into what might yet be. Summer has held on into a long and beautiful lingering fall. If nothing else, November promises to bring more significant changes not only in weather but in our scenery. The final stubborn leaves will drift to the ground. One kind of beauty yields to another.

November is that space, Halloween is done. Thanksgiving comes later in the month. It can often feel like a space for us to breathe before the busyness of the holiday season really comes. In the church, we take the time to remember those who have joined the choir eternal in the previous year. I hope that you will be able to join us on November 2<sup>nd</sup> for our annual All Saints Day service.

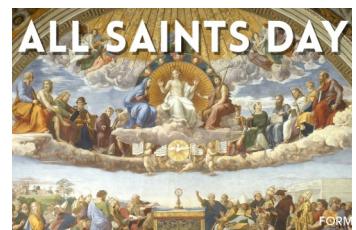
The end of November also marks the end of our church year. Advent always kicks off the new church year. Advent has the power to leave the stress and tension of whatever happens in November and the year that is ending to drift to the ground like all the dead and dried out leaves are doing now. Advent begins a new church year with hope, peace, love, and joy. Advent rightly turns our attention to the power that has the true and profound bearing on the lived reality of our lives – God’s love in Jesus. Advent invites us to allow earthly power to yield to God’s power, justice, and mercy.

One of the gifts of being in the in-between of liminality is that we know a new future is coming. We will once again spend Advent practicing waiting, engaging story, and gathering together - all that we might in the coming year even more deeply remember who we are and to whom we belong.

If during the coming month you feel stressed or tense or worried or overwhelmed, remember that you are not alone. Reach out to me or to anyone in our church and we will make it through like we always do, together.

With the Greatest of Hope!

*Pastor Erika*



# Study

## November 2

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

## November 9

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

## November 16

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

## November 23

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

## November 30

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

# Pray

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## Key Club

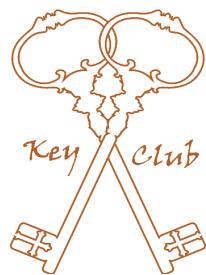
## (Keep Everyone Young)

Key Club will have a Winter Potluck on **Thursday, November 20th, at 11:30am** in the Upper Fellowship Hall in the basement.

All tableware will be provided along with coffee and water.

Should you wish to attend, please find the sign-up sheet in the Coffee Area.

Please sign-up to bring a dish or dessert to share.



Should you have any questions, please contact Diana Hawker at (319) 269-7229.



Youth Sunday School is at 9:30am, following the Worship Service. The kids will meet in the Lower Fellowship Hall in the basement.

## ATTENTION ALL Music Lovers!!

Bell Choir and Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday nights.

Bells @ 6:00pm  
Choir @ 7:00pm



# Celebrating our Church Community

## November Birthdays

- 3 David Byvank
- 5 Colin Lesyhen
- 6 Larry Baumann
- 9 Kathy Elgas
- 11 Bonnie Guetzlaff
- 12 Diane Solberg
- 16 Ethan Akin
- 17 Mike Simbrić
- Julie Zell
- 19 Jessica Kindschi
- 21 Larry Martin
- 23 Meladee Rokusek
- 24 Korbin Drape
- 26 Jody Rasmussen
- Isabel Davis
- 28 Lourdes DeMaris
- John Solberg
- 30 Rachele Kindschi



**Happy 70th Anniversary  
to Jim & Dar Robbins!!**

Your Zion family wishes you a Happy Anniversary on November 5th. If you'd like to send them an anniversary card, their contact information is: 3382 Mt. Vernon Dr., Waterloo, IA 50701.

## Wedding Anniversaries this Month

- 5 Jim and Darlene Robbins
- 16 Mike and Julie Simbrić
- 22 Jeff and Pam Kutz
- 25 Keith and Ann Whittemore
- 26 Francis and Sandy Meyer



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

To all who participated and supported our renewed Trunk-or-Treat - Thank you!

We considered it a big success when we realized we treated upwards of 400 kiddos and their parents. We really gave everyone our "Come and See" attitude and had the opportunity to interact with so many.

### Pen Pal Volunteers Needed!

Irving Elementary School is looking for Pen Pals for their classrooms. If any of our Zion members are interested, please let Mary Nicholas, Kathy Jones, or Vickie Hamilton know, and we will send your information on.



The office will be Closed on  
Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ADVENT BEGINS  
SUNDAY, November 30th!**  
Join us for our Sunday Advent  
Worships at 8:30am.



# Being the Church

Our Mission Ministry this month is:

## The Mitten Tree & The Adopt-A-Family

The Mitten Tree is up in the Coffee Area and ready for children's mittens, gloves and hats. These will be distributed at Lowell School in Waterloo during the winter months.

### COMING SOON!

Pick a tag(s) on the Christmas Tree in the Coffee Area. Please print your name on the correct family page so we know who took that tag. Please return your wrapped gift and place in the Fireside Room in the correct Family box.



Volunteer to bring Snacks/Treats for Fellowship following Worship on Sundays. You can find the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Area on the bulletin board. Many dates are available.



Please call the office, if you have any questions.

## Zion Book Club

Next meeting November 19th @ 9:30am.

All are welcome!



### Upcoming Dates & Books:

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - "The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride" by Joe Siple

December - NO Meeting

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> - "The Inmate" by Freida McFadden

## You are important to our church family!

If you need prayer, or have suffered a family loss, please contact the church office at (319) 235-7045. All requests will be treated with confidentiality, and information will be forwarded appropriately.



### The PRAYER TREE contacts are:

Sheila Gardiner - [gardinergarry28@gmail.com](mailto:gardinergarry28@gmail.com) (319) 291-8404,  
Deb Grimson - [hrgbear@mchsi.com](mailto:hrgbear@mchsi.com) (319) 233-2179,  
Kathy Jones - [kljones@mchsi.com](mailto:kljones@mchsi.com) (319) 231-4278,  
and Jen Wedeking (church office) - (319) 235-7045  
[office.zionluthwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:office.zionluthwaterloo@gmail.com).



Please place items in the SHOPPING CART by the Mission Cross in the sanctuary.

We will be collecting for the NEIA Food Bank for the month of:

**November**  
**Flour, Sugar, Spices,  
Chocolate Chips, etc.**



## Brown Baggers - Wednesdays at Noon

Bring your own lunch or snack (if you want) and join us for an hour or so of conversation and study of the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. Discussions are held in the Fireside Room.



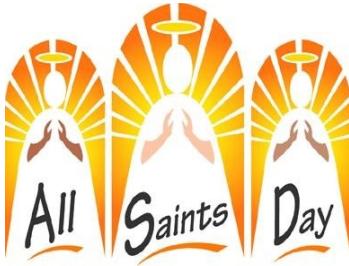
## Caffeinated Conversations

Every Thursday morning from 9-11am  
Fat Cup Coffee (37 Fletcher Ave.).  
This is a time of open discussion about the church, faith, life, whatever you want.



# Being the Church

On Sunday, November 2, we will observe **All Saints Sunday** by lighting candles for the following Zion members who have died in the past year:



Jane Buls  
Bob Engelmann  
Hovey Brom  
Evalyn Ashline  
Bruce Perrin  
Velda Sterrett  
Donna Collins

*May all the faithful departed,  
by the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



**★ Veterans Day: ★**  
Thank You for Your Service!

Veteran's Sunday will be on  
Sunday, November 9.

If you were in the Military, Army, Navy, etc. and you would like to submit your name and/or picture to Jen, please do so by Mon., Nov. 3 or Tues., Nov. 4, at the latest by 12pm.

She will insert them into the PowerPoint like last year.

Zion will be a voting poll for the Election on Tuesday, November 4th from 7:00am-8:00pm.



Thank you to all who have served or all that are serving.

## Veterans Day

Signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the Armistice of 1918 ended the horrendous slaughter of World War I. Today, over 100 years later, we honor all veterans including the following members of Zion who served honorably in the armed services of our nation.

John Solberg  
Paul Fisher  
Kenneth Pike  
Gene York  
Duane Meyerhoff  
William Ottesen  
Francis Meyer  
Dennis Sommers  
Hovey Brom  
Bob Harken  
John Naylor  
Sommer Budke  
Cory Elefsrud

Kyle Kirchhoff  
Larry Spragle  
Mike Simbric  
Jim Graves  
Jim Robbins  
Schawn Wilcox  
Howard Kinnetz  
Keith Whittemore  
Daniel Buhr  
Charlie Watson  
Isaac Graham  
Ron Keister  
Doyle Miller

# Being the Church



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FALL BAZAAR

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Please come in and join the fun on **Friday, November 7th at 10:00am** to help set up for the craft sale and price items for the bazaar. Don't forget bake sale items.

**Raffle Tickets** will be available for purchase at:

**\$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10.00.**

**Quilt & Armoire Raffle Tickets:**

**\$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00.**



Lunch Menu:

Sloppy Joes \$4.00

Sloppy Joes, Chips, & Drink \$6.00

Chicken Noodle Soup: Bowl \$4.00,

PT \$7.00, QT \$13.00

Slice of Dessert \$4.00

Meal Package \$10.00 (Includes Sandwich, Soup, Pick Your Pie, and chips).

Drinks: Lemonade, Water, and Coffee



**2025 Offering Envelopes**  
coming soon!



Reminder to set your clocks back on Sunday, November 2.



# Being the Church

The Youth Sunday School children would like to thank Tim Wedeking for giving them little white & orange mini pumpkins. The children had fun decorating their homes with them. Tim is Ashton Wedeking's grandfather.

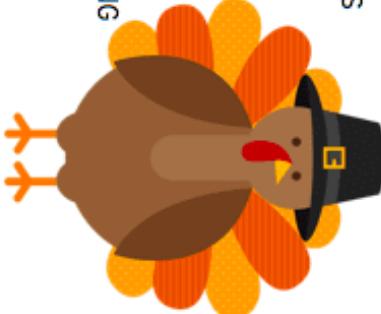


Deadline for newsletter items  
will be **November 10th**.



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CELEBRATION	CORN
FALL	CRANBERRIES
GOBBLE	FEAST
HOME	HOLIDAY
NOVEMBER	MAYFLOWER
PILGRIM	PIE
STUFFING	PUMPKIN
TRADITION	THANKSGIVING
WISHBONE	VOYAGE



### *Challenging*



# Supporting the Church

## FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of October 31, 2025)

<b>TOTAL OFFERING TO GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>MISSION PLAN YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE</b>
	<b>\$105,900.00</b>	<b>\$112,654.00</b>
Total General Fund Expenses	Mission Plan Year-to-Date <b>\$130,939.00</b>	Actual Year-to-Date <b>\$125,419.00</b>

### Support the Church

You may provide financial support to Zion:

- **In-person Giving**
- **By Mail**
- **Online: - Tithe.ly OR - VANCO**

### Offering Contributions

#### for October

##### October 5

Total General Fund: \$2,946.00

##### October 12

Total General Fund: \$1,031.98

##### October 19

Total General Fund: \$2,093.59

##### October 26

Total General Fund: \$1,890.00

**TOTAL OF ALL GIVING: \$7,961.57**

Council Minutes and complete Treasurer reports

are available on the bulletin board in the Coffee Area  
and in the Church Office upon request.

• **Serving in November**

<b>Sundays</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>
<b><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></b>	Roberta Madland				
<b><u>VAN DRIVERS</u></b>	Craig Hawker	Dave Hamilton	Mike Simbric	Mike Grimson	Tim Davis
<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>	Jackie Shatzer	Kathy Jones	Janet Keister	Sharon Droste	Sherry Crowley