



November 2025

GRACELINES

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.**

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YouTube:

**[https://www.youtube.com/
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**Zion Lutheran Church
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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 2nd for our annual All Saints Day service.

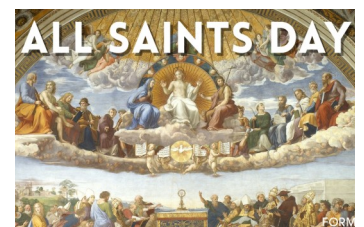
The end of November also marks the end of our church year. Advent always kicks off the new church year. Advent has the power to leave the stress and tension of whatever happens in November and the year that is ending to drift to the ground like all the dead and dried out leaves are doing now. Advent 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)

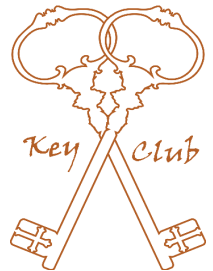
Key Club will have a Winter Potluck on **Thursday, November 20th, at 11:30am** in the Upper Fellowship Hall in the basement.

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 Lesyshen
6	Larry Baumann
9	Kathy Elgas
11	Bonnie Guetzlaff
12	Diane Solberg
16	Ethan Akin
17	Mike Simbric
	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

Wedding Anniversaries this Month

5	Jim and Darlene Robbins
16	Mike and Julie Simbric
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.



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.



The office will be Closed on
Thursday, November 27th
and
Friday, November 28th.

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.



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 (319) 291-8404,
Deb Grimson - hrgbear@mchsi.com (319) 233-2179,
Kathy Jones - kltjones@mchsi.com (319) 231-4278,
and Jen Wedeking (church office) - (319) 235-7045
office.zionluthwaterloo@gmail.com.

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.



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.**



Zion Book Club

Next meeting November 19th @ 9:30am.

All are welcome!

Upcoming Dates & Books:

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

December - NO Meeting

Jan. 21st - "The Inmate" by Freida McFadden



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.*

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:** ★
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.

*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.**



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

CELEBRATION
FALL
GOBBLE
HOME
NOVEMBER
PILGRIM
STUFFING
TRADITION
WISHBONE

CORN
FAMILY
GRATITUDE
LEAVES
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PLYMOUTH
THANKFULNESS
TURKEY

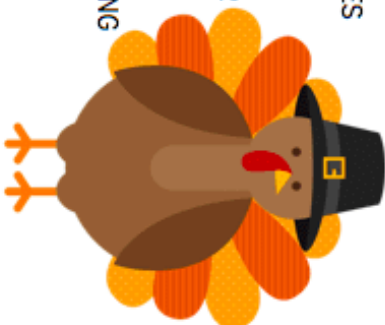
CRANBERRIES
FEAST
HOLIDAY
MAYFLOWER
PIE
PUMPKIN
THANKSGIVING
VOYAGE

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Thanksgiving Word Search

Challenging



Supporting the Church

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of October 31, 2025)

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

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

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