



March 2026

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Zion Lutheran Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Worship 9:00am 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**

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

Email Address:

**Church Office:
office.zionluthwaterloo
@gmail.com**

Web Page:

www.zionluthwaterloo.com

Facebook Page:

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**Zion Lutheran Church
810 Kimball Ave
Waterloo, IA 50702**

We have gone two months now without a Pastor. As you have seen, at least once a month, we have brought in leadership from organizations in our community that particularly focus on the needs of others as Jesus calls us to do. The church offers a small monetary donation to each along with donations from the congregation. Bringing others in to share their stories, their missions and their passions absolutely does a heart good, not to mention opens our eyes to all of the good things that the agencies are doing in this community, as well as their needs.

At least once a month, we are trying to bring in a Pastor so that we have connection through their voices, messages, and sermons. There is great competition in our community for the "supply" pastors since there are three other churches that are also scheduling their time.

In between time, we are taking care of worship from within our own congregation. People have stepped up and participated in ways they have never done before. So that to maintain the involvement and momentum that is occurring at Zion, you may be asked to help. As Christians that follow Jesus, we are called to share God's word. Service within is still serving our Lord. Sometimes that means outside of our comfort zone. Our church family is very forgiving when helping where we have never helped before.

At the March Council meeting, we will elect our Call Committee. We anticipate the process to be a long one, but praying a good match is made soon. Until then, please consider helping out in big ways or small ways – all ways keep our congregation worshipping together!

Study

March 1

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 8

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 15

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 22

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

March 29

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 27:11-54

Pray

O God of mercy and might,
in the mystery of the passion of
your Son you offer your infinite
life to the world. Gather us
around the cross of Christ,
and preserve us until the
resurrection, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

**Reminder to set your
clocks ahead on
Sunday, March 8th.**



Deadline for newsletter items
will be **March 9th.**



There will be NO Sunday
School after Worship on
Sunday, March 15th and
Sunday, March 22nd,
due to Spring Break.



**Tuesday,
March 17th**

Celebrating our Church Community

March Birthdays

5	Sandy Watson
6	Carol Pierce Clare Reed
7	Ben Jones
9	Jerry Camarata
10	Riley Wilcox
11	Steve Clough
12	Ron Keister
14	David Martin
16	Timothy Sprengeler Brandon DeMaris
22	Shelly Barnett
23	Dorothy Ingham
25	Corey Beem
26	Marcia Olson
28	Garry Gardiner Kacey Beem
29	Ryan Budke

Bread Making with Eleanor!

Remember years ago when Eleanor would gather us together and we would bake cinnamon rolls, hot cross buns, tea rings, etc. for Easter? Even though it was a lot of work we have great memories, so we are planning a day to bake with Eleanor on Monday, March 16th, at 11:00am. Everyone will need to bring a sack lunch and a drink. We will make the dough first, and while it's rising, we will enjoy our lunch together and share memories of the years we used to gather for this project. If you have any pictures from this time, please bring them to share. Even if you haven't participated in this activity, please come and join in the fun with other members of our Zion family.



DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 11th, by 12:00pm.

Cost: \$2.00.

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

KEY CLUB

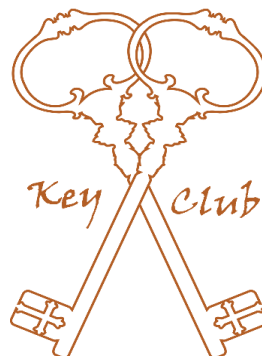
"Keep Everyone Young"

Key Club will be holding a game day on Thursday, March 26th, at 1:00pm. We will have several games there, but we encourage everyone to bring their favorite game to share.

Bring your own drink and a snack to share.

If you're interested in attending, a Sign-Up sheet will be posted in the Coffee Area. You can also call the church office if you are interested in attending.

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Being the Church

Our Mission Ministry this month is:

ELCA World Hunger

ELCA World Hunger envelopes are on the Offering table as you enter the Sanctuary. Place in with the regular offering tray.



Donations Needed:

Monetary Donations

Thank you for your support & donations.

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 host Coffee or bring Snacks/Treats for Fellowship following Worship on Sundays. You can find the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Area on the bulletin board.



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:

March
Soaps - Dish, Shampoo, Washing, Personal Hygiene



Zion Book Club

Next meeting March 18th @ 9:30am.

All are welcome!



Upcoming Dates & Books:

Mar. 18th - "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn
April 15th - "Family Drama" by Rebecca Fallon
May 20th - "Boat Baby: A Memoir"
by Vicky Nguyen
June 17th - "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans

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

**Lilies may be ordered for Easter Morning.
Cost is \$14.00. Please pay when you sign up.**

Write checks to Zion.

**Forms and envelopes are on the
round table in the Coffee Area.**

**DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 25th,
by 12pm.**



Join us for Palm Sunday on
Sunday, March 29th at 9:00am.

Holy Week

Sunday, March 29th — Sunday, April 5th



Being the Church



MID-WEEK LENTEN CALENDAR

The Lenten supper — 5:00-6:00pm (Free-Will Offering)

Lenten Worship — 6:30pm

All are welcome!

Zion's Van will be available. Please call Diana Hawker or the office if you need a ride.

Wednesday Night Lenten Supper

-March 4-

Missions Committee Serving

Tater Tot Casserole, Salads,
Rolls, and Dessert.

Wednesday Night Lenten Supper

-March 11-

Bell & Chancel Choirs Serving

Scalloped Potatoes & Ham,
Salads, and Dessert.



Wednesday Night Lenten Supper

-March 18-

Council Committee Serving

Soup (Variety), Bread, and Dessert.

Wednesday Night Lenten Supper

-March 25-

Caffeinated Coffee Group Serving

Walking Tacos and Dessert.

Being the Church

* * * Notice of Zion Constitution Review * * *

The ELCA has amended the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and has given notice for us to make required and recommended changes to our Constitution. A requirement within the Constitution is to give at least 60 days' notice to the congregation that the Constitution will be undergoing review and edits to comply with the ELCA Model. An Ad Hoc committee will be meeting to review, contrast, and compare our current Constitution to the required changes that have been sent. The final edit of the Zion Constitution will be first sent to the Synod for approval and then brought to the Annual Congregational Meeting in February for a vote to approve.

A prayer chain is one of the simplest yet most powerful ways a church community can stay spiritually connected. We are in the process of updating and adding people that would be interested in being a part of Zion's Prayer Chain.

We have a few ways you can join the prayer tree groups. The Prayer Tree Branches are: email, phone call, and group text.

If you would like to join Zion's Prayer Tree Chain or if you have any questions, please call Diana Hawker at (319) 269-7229.



Lenten Wednesday Worship Service Offerings

In January/February we had some very unexpected expenses come up. As many of you might know already, we had to have 3 toilets replaced. The Zion Van glass in the door shattered, rendering it unusable. The cost to fix it will almost deplete the van fund. And to add to the expenses, the elevator must have a new laser eye screen installed in order for it to get relicensed for the year. Therefore, due to these expenses, the Council voted to apply all Wednesday worship service offerings to go toward these expenses. Please find it in your heart to maybe give a little extra, as all three of these added expenses are critical to our mission and need.

Additional Expenses

Church Row's Spring Clothing Drive

The Church Row Neighborhood Coalition's Annual Spring Clothing Give-Away will be on Saturday, April 25th from 9am to 11am at the First Baptist Church, 434 Baltimore St., Waterloo. There is an elevator for those that need it.

Donations Needed:

(Clean & in Good Condition) ALL Spring & Summer clothing (men, women, children and babies),
Bedding, Sheets, and Towels.

If you bring bedding of any kind, please tape it together and indicate the size (Queen, Twin, etc.). Please also indicate the size on any bedspreads.

Painter's tape works well.

Set up and sorting of clothing will be on Friday, April 24th, beginning at 9:00am.

Bigger bags of clothing can be taken to the basement, stored in the area where the freezer is, and they will get transported.

If you are interested in helping either of the two days at Sacred Heart, please let Vickie Hamilton, Kathy Jones, or Mary Nicholas know.



Supporting the Church

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of February 28, 2026)

TOTAL OFFERING TO GENERAL FUND	MISSION PLAN YEAR-TO-DATE \$22,550.00	ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE \$31,266.00
Total General Fund Expenses	Mission Plan Year-to-Date \$19,639.00	Actual Year-to-Date \$17,905.00

Support the Church

You may provide financial support to Zion:

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

Offering Contributions for February

February 1

Total General Fund: \$4,205.00

February 8

Total General Fund: \$2,822.30

February 15

Total General Fund: \$6,280.59

February 22 (Lenten Offering Included)

Total General Fund: \$3,312.60

TOTAL OF ALL GIVING: \$16,620.49

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
March**

Sundays	1	8	15	22	29
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Janet Keister				
<u>VAN DRIVERS</u>	Craig Hawker	Mike Grimson	TBD	Tim Davis	Dave Hamilton
<u>LECTORS</u>	Mary Nicholas	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD