



January 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:

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

YouTube:

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

Zion Lutheran Church
810 Kimball Ave
Waterloo, IA 50702



Study

January 4

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:10-18

January 11

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 18

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

January 25

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Pray

Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



**The Office will be Closed on
Thursday, January 1, 2026 and
Friday, January 2nd, 2026 due to the holiday.**

Here is the updated address for:

Pastor Erika Breddin

1321 O'Keeffe Ave.,
Apt. #302,
Sun Prairie, WI 53590.



Here is the updated address for

Kris Engelmann:

5017 Millenium,
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
Phone: (319) 490-1404



Celebrating our Church Community

January Birthdays

2	Steve Pierce
5	Bob Faust
6	Aubrey Tieskoetter
7	Mary Lou Garms
9	Diana Hawker
10	Nicole Carlson Amy Lesyshen Brad Shatzer
12	Kathy Jones
13	Thomas Byvank
14	Beverly Larson Carol Mitchell
17	Adam Wedeking
18	Alex Matthias
19	Diann Campbell
20	Jim Graves Spencer Odekirk
23	Bill Williamson
24	Susan Price
26	Steven Ketels Tim Stuber Hadley Guetzlaff
27	Bob Peck
28	Kristine Martin
29	Shawn Caslavka
30	Dixie Elefsrud
31	Matthew Campbell

Wedding Anniversaries this Month

25	Doug & Nancy Carpenter
26	Dean & Marcia Olson



Happy 96th Birthday to Mary Lou Garms!!

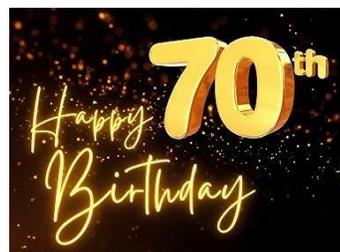
Your Zion family wishes you a Happy Birthday on January 7th. If you'd like to send Mary Lou a birthday card and wish her a Happy Birthday,

her address is:

2651 St Francis Dr., Room # E 22,
Waterloo, IA 50702.

2026

Offering Envelopes
are Here!



Happy 70th Birthday to Brad Shatzer!!

Your Zion family wishes you a Happy Birthday on January 10th. If you'd like to send Brad a birthday card and wish him a Happy Birthday,

his contact information is:

2631 Feather Ridge Drive,
Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

Being the Church

Our Mission Ministry this month is:

Americans for Independent Living (AFIL)

These donations will help our Veterans make a difference in their lives in the Cedar Valley.

Donations Needed:

Toilet Bowl Cleaners and Brushes, Towels, Bed Sheets, Floor Lamps, Pillows, Blender, Stock Pots, Pasta Pots, Manual & Electric Can Openers, Small Kitchen Appliances (Toasters, Toaster Ovens, Microwaves, Coffee Makers, Hand & Stand Mixers, etc.), Dog Food (Dry), and Non-Perishable Foods.



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:

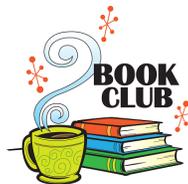
January
Soup & Crackers



Zion Book Club

Next meeting January 21st @ 9:30am.

All are welcome!



Upcoming Dates & Books:

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

Feb. 18th - "The Bookclub for Troublesome Women" by Marie Bostwick

Mar. 18th - "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn

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

* * * 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.



Deadline for newsletter items will be **January 12th.**



There will be NO Sunday School on Sunday, January 4th.

Budget Forums

The 2026 Budget Forums will be held on Sunday, January 18th and Sunday, January 25th, following the Worship Service. Your attendance is important!



Zion's ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, February 8th, following the Worship Service. Your attendance is important!

Supporting the Church

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of December 31, 2025)

TOTAL OFFERING TO GENERAL FUND	MISSION PLAN YEAR-TO-DATE \$133,440.00	ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE \$132,485.00
Total General Fund Expenses	Mission Plan Year-to-Date \$157,287.00	Actual Year-to-Date \$155,390.00

Support the Church

You may provide financial support to Zion:

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

Offering Contributions for November/December

November 30

Total General Fund: \$90.00

December 7

Total General Fund: \$1,455.00

December 14

Total General Fund: \$1,480.59

December 21

Total General Fund: \$2,970.00

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Total General Fund: \$600.00

December 28

Total General Fund: \$6,930.35

TOTAL OF ALL GIVING: \$13,525.94

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
January**

Sundays	4	11	18	25
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Jackie Shatzer			
<u>VAN DRIVERS</u>	Mike Simbric	Tim Davis	Mike Grimson	Dave Hamilton
<u>LECTORS</u>	Gloria Clough	Tim Sprengeler	Father Jon Anderson	Sherry Crowley