



August 2026

GRACELINES

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](https://www.facebook.com/zionluthwaterloo)**

**YouTube:
[https://www.youtube.com/
@zionlutheranchurchwater-
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**Zion Lutheran Church
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 "Welcoming All. Growing in Faith. Serving with Love." 

Remember the classic song: "Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days of Summer" by Nat King Cole? It seems like we have been having some of those Lazy-Hot-Humid-Hazy-Crazy days of summer around here. Hope everyone has been able to be a little lazy, and not too hot. Because the next conversation starter one hears is "Where did the summer go?" and "It can't be August yet!"

Well, August is here! The stores are filled with aisles of Back-to-School supplies. One hates to admit that there are even Halloween and a few Christmas items on display. That means school will be starting at the end of the month, ready or not! Remember to bring your Back-to-School supplies by August 16th.

We at Zion also can't believe it is August already! Our regular activities will be returning soon. Thank you for supporting the Zion Rummage Sale by your generous donations and volunteering your time. We are also grateful for our Sunday morning volunteers that bring us the gospel, message, and music each week, and everyone that works behind the scenes.

Now back to that summer song.....Here comes the crazy! We have not had a pastor since January, but the Call Committee continues to meet and will keep us updated in the call process commitment.

Please keep Zion in your prayers as we move ahead in our faith journey. Enjoy the last unofficial month of summer and..."See You in September."

****Enjoy a Root Beer Float on August 16th, following worship****

Study

August 2

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

August 9

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

August 16

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:[10-20], 21-28

August 23

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

August 30

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Pray

O God our defender,
storms rage around and
within us and cause us to
be afraid. Rescue your people
from despair, deliver your
sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us in the faith
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



The Back-to-School Collection will provide **new** school supplies to the schools in need for the 26-27 school year.

Collection will go until Sunday, August 16th.

Requested Supplies

Crayons - Boxes of 24 (Crayola works best)

Dry Erase Markers - BLACK (Expo works best)

Washable Colored Markers (Crayola works best)

Scissors (Fiskars works best)

Glue Sticks

Elmer's Glue

#2 Wooden Pencils w/Erasers (Ticonderoga works best)

Pink Erasers

Highlighters

Hard-Sided Supply Box - 5 x 8 inches

Sticky Notes

Plain/Solid Spiral Notebooks - Wide-Ruled, Red, Yellow,
Green, Black, Blue, 70-100 pages

Plain/Solid Plastic Pocket Folders - Red, Yellow, Green,
Black, Blue

Composition Notebook

Loose Leaf Paper (Wide Rule)

1" - 3-Ring Binder w/Clear Front View Sleeve

Kleenex Tissues * Sanitizer * Copy Paper * Clorox Wipes

More information is posted on the Missions cross.

There are also flyers located on the round table
in the Coffee Area by the couches.

Celebrating our Church Community

August Birthdays

1	Gloria York
7	Michele Kindschi
13	Shirley Davis
15	Jackie Shatzer
	Bonnie Varney
16	Linda Graves
20	Laura Martin
21	Calla Olson
23	Janet Faust
	Trevor Wilcox
26	Kendall McDonald
29	Ross Jones
30	Barbara Ehrig
31	Nancy Carpenter
	Taylor Odekirk D'Eliseo
	Michele Peck



Happy 95th Birthday to Bonnie Varney!!

Your Zion family wishes you a
Happy Birthday on August 15th.

If you'd like to send Bonnie
a birthday card and wish her

a Happy Birthday,

her contact information is:

7511 University Ave.,

Rm# CA 207,

Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

Wedding Anniversaries this Month

5	Greg and Lisa Bergman
15	David and Carol Odekirk
20	Clare and Karen Reed
31	Larry and Laura Martin



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



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.

Being the Church

Our Mission Ministry this month is:

Personal Care Drive (NEIA Food Bank)

Many families struggle to provide themselves or their families with food and/or personal care items. No access to personal care items leads to poor hygiene, health issues, and more.

Donations Needed:

Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Tissues, Toilet Paper, Feminine Hygiene, Baby Wipes, Diapers and Deodorant.



Here is an AMAZON Wish List QR Code you can purchase items on as well.



Thank you for your Donations and Support!

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.

Zion Book Club

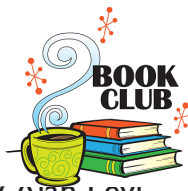
Next meeting August 19th @ 9:30am.

All are welcome!

Upcoming Dates & Books:

August 19th - "Theo of Golden" by Alan Levi

September 16th - "The Kitchen House"
by Kathleen Grissom



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) 269-6153,
Kathy Jones - kltjones57@gmail.com (319) 231-4278,
and Jen Wedeking (church office) - (319) 235-7045
office.zionluthwaterloo@gmail.com.



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

August
Pasta and
Instant Potatoes

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



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



Zion's Rummage Sale will be on
Thursday, August 6th from 9am-4pm,
Friday, August 7th from 9am-4pm, and
Saturday, August 8th from 9am-11am.

We will need Volunteers during the sale.
The Sign-Up is on the long table
outside the Sanctuary doors.



Should you have any questions, please contact
Kathy Jones at (319) 231-4278,
or Mary Nicholas at (319) 230-3219!



Join us on Sunday, August 23rd,
during Worship we will have
a Back-to-School Blessing.
Let's pray that all students will
have a safe and fun school year!



Tuesday, August 4th
6:30-8:00pm
WASHINGTON PARK

**Bring your own chair and enjoy music,
food, crafts, and local agency booths
while meeting your neighbors!**



Join us on Sunday, August 16th,
Zion will be serving
Root Beer Floats
following the Worship service!!
We hope to see you there.



Supporting the Church

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of July 30, 2026)

TOTAL OFFER- ING TO GENERAL FUND	MISSION PLAN YEAR-TO-DATE \$74,675.00	ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE \$70,559.00
Total General Fund Expenses	Mission Plan Year-to-Date \$72,472.00	Actual Year-to-Date \$65,857.00

Support the Church

You may provide financial support to Zion:

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

Offering Contributions for June/July

June 28

Total General Fund: \$1,449.00

July 5

Total General Fund: \$1,720.00

July 12

Total General Fund: \$688.00

July 19

Total General Fund: \$2,572.59

July 26

Total General Fund: \$687.00

TOTAL OF ALL GIVING: \$7,116.59

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
August**

Sundays	2	9	16	23	30
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Sherry Crowley				
<u>VAN DRIVERS</u>	Janet Keister	Mike Simbric	Mike Grimson	Tim Davis	Dave Hamilton
<u>Lectors</u>	Tim Sprengeler	Joann Mackin	Sharon Droste	Brad Shatzer	Michele Peck