



February 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)

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Zion Lutheran Church
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February - The Beginning of the Lenten Season

From the "Christ in Our Home" booklet, for Ash Wednesday:

"On Ash Wednesday, millions of people will pause to hear the words, "remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return" as the mark of a cross with ashes is made on foreheads. The Ash Wednesday ritual is an annual invitation to take stock of what matters most in the precious few years the Lord has granted each of us.

We cannot know how long we will live, or what triumphs, joys, sorrows, disasters, and accomplishments we will encounter along the way. We do get to decide our priorities and what we most treasure. Our hearts – that is, our attention and energy – follow our priorities whether those are accumulating wealth and things, achieving goals, or spending time with loved ones.

Ash Wednesday is when we wear a visible outward expression of an invisible inner conviction. God grants us control over these unseen convictions. May we choose to treasure things of lasting and eternal value. Treasures of this life come and go. The love of God is everlasting."

At Zion, our Lenten Journey will begin on February 18th, Ash Wednesday, and for the next five Wednesdays following, (February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25) our evenings will begin with a Fellowship Supper provided by the various groups of the church, beginning at 5:00pm until 6:00pm with worship services to follow at 6:30pm. May we, as a congregation journey through Lent together to state our convictions and live out our priorities as a community.

Study

February 1

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

February 8

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalms 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

February 15

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

February 18

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 22

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Lutheran Day on the Hill

Thursday, February 26, 2026,

9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

For more information, please reference
this website: <https://lsiowa.org/ldh/>.



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

Pray

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Here is the updated
address for:

Bonnie Sommer
1405 Columbus Dr.,
Waterloo, IA 50702.

Here is the updated
address for:

Pastor Erika Breddin
1321 O’Keeffe Ave.,
Apt. #302,
Sun Prairie, WI 53590.



Celebrating our Church Community

February Birthdays

- 1 Karen Reed
Kris Hirsch
- 2 Conner Frey
- 3 Alannah Olson
- 4 Barb Bierstedt
Dave Hamilton
- 6 Bruce Barnett
Kathy Tarr
- 7 Rick Nissen
- 10 Greg Bergman
Ashton Wedeking
Elizabeth Voigt
- 16 Brenda Eilers
Hanna Grimson
- 17 Sarah Jones
Sandra Mahlstedt
- 20 Dan Olson
- 21 Dylan Whittemore
- 24 Lisa Bergman

Wedding Anniversaries this Month

18 Carrie & Derek Gleiter

Zion's ANNUAL MEETING

will be held on
Sunday, February 8,
following the
Worship Service.



Your attendance is important!

2026 Offering Envelopes are here!

There are still some Offering Envelopes to be picked up. If you know anyone that still hasn't picked them up and would be able to deliver the envelopes to them, that would be greatly appreciated.



tacklehunger.org

SM Super-Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Beginning on Sunday, February 1st you may bring in your soup/cracker donations for the Soup-er Bowl and place on the table behind the couch in the Coffee Area.

Monetary Donations are accepted as well. Monetary donations should be clearly marked on the envelope or put on Jen's desk in the office marked "Soup-er Bowl Donation".

All Donations are due by
Sunday, March 1st.

Thank-you and
GO Team Zion!!!



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:

February
Pasta &
Boxed Meal Mixes



Zion Book Club

Next meeting February 18th @ 9:30am.

All are welcome!

Upcoming Dates & Books:



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.



Wednesday Night Lenten Supper
-ASH Wednesday - February 18-
**Youth Sunday School, Teachers,
& Families Serving**

Lasagna, Garlic Toast, Salad, and Dessert.

Free-will Offering Lenten Suppers will be held from 5:00-6:00pm. All are welcome!



ASH Wednesday
Worship Service

Zion's ASH Wednesday
Worship Service will be on
Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30pm.
Ashes and Communion will be available.
All are welcome!

The Lenten Meals & Worship Schedule
will be posted on the Main Church
Entrance Door, Zion's Facebook Page,
and the Bulletin Board.



If you need a ride for any Wednesday
Lenten Worship Service at
Zion, the van will be available.
Please call the office at
(319) 235-7045 to let us know.

Supporting the Church

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of January 30, 2026)

TOTAL OFFERING TO GENERAL FUND	MISSION PLAN YEAR-TO-DATE \$12,530.00	ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE \$5,354.00
Total General Fund Expenses	Mission Plan Year-to-Date \$9,978.00	Actual Year-to-Date \$7,135.00

Support the Church

You may provide financial support to Zion:

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

Offering Contributions for January

January 4

Total General Fund: \$782.00

January 11

Total General Fund: \$1,563.00

January 18

Total General Fund: \$1,807.59

January 25

Total General Fund: \$1,374.00

TOTAL OF ALL GIVING: \$5,526.59

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 February

Sundays	1	8	15	ASH Wed - 18	22
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Michele Peck				
<u>VAN DRIVERS</u>	Mike Grimson	Mike Simbric	Craig Hawker	Mike Simbric	Tim Davis
<u>LECTORS</u>	Dave Hook	Joann Mackin	Kris Hirsch		Sherry Crowley