



October 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**

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"Welcoming All. Growing in Faith. Serving with Love."



"I see you"

How powerful those words from Jesus must have meant to the crippled man at the pool. Or the woman at the well. Or the lepers. Or the widows. Or the blind man. Or the bleeding woman. Or the sick and dying. There are multitudes of examples of where Jesus saw the unseen. Where he lifted them up out of their oppression. Where he gave them eyes to see and ears to hear. When he saw them, they saw him in return for who he was, God in human form.

We are called to "see" others from a personal perspective and also from a congregational perspective. There are no fewer people today who feel unseen than there were in Jesus' time; who feel helpless or hopeless. Is it not our calling today to carry out missions of "seeing" others?

On September 16th, the mission committee members (Kris, Eleanor, Gloria, Vickie, Bonnie, and myself) were invited to attend a volunteer appreciation luncheon hosted by One City United. At the luncheon, we were "seen" and also offered appreciation for the lunches that have been provided to the participants of their Momentum program. That was very nice, however, if you ask any of the members, they would say that us being seen was not as important as our seeing others. It was a pleasure to be amongst others who support the organization as well as; Love Inc., the JOB Program, and Workforce Development, to name a few.

We learned at the luncheon that the Momentum program is going to open a second location. They see the need to provide services to more people, so they are renting the building on West 4th, where the Amani organization used to be. My first thought was, "Great! Another opportunity for Zion members to come together to provide a lunch!"

If you are at all interested in being involved in providing lunch, once per month, to folks that are working hard to change the course of their life, please contact me. A group of 5 or 6 people is all that is needed. The time spent will be approximately 90 minutes a month, on a Friday. We would meet for about 20 minutes to determine what to bring and who will bring it and then take the lunch to their site, serve it, and join the participants in eating it. For the participants to know that Zion Lutheran Church "sees" them, gives them encouragement and gives them nourishment, and that is a perfect example of the ways we are called to join Jesus in seeing the unseen.

Mary Nicholas

Study

October 4

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

October 11

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

October 18

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9, [10-13]

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

October 25

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

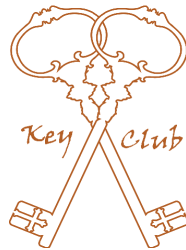
John 8:31-36

Pray

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Mitten Tree is up in the Coffee Area and ready for children's mittens, gloves and hats. We will distribute these to Lowell School in Waterloo during the winter months for the kids.



Diana Hawker has submitted a note indicating her need to resign as chair of the Key Club. Diana deserves our deep appreciation for her leadership in organizing Key Club activities. We thank you Diana!

As a result, there is a need to fill this leadership position with one or a small group of folks that would like to maintain the Key Club initiatives and activities. Key Club has become an important opportunity for folks to get together, deepen relationships, participate in activities and learn about history and events in our community.

If you are interested, please call the church office. If you and/or a few others would like to take it on, please express that interest soon.

THANK YOU FROM THE HAWKERS

During the last several weeks, both Craig and myself have endured medical experiences that have altered our lives in the present. We are both home and working towards positive goals every day and are making great progress. Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, food and visits during this time. Our church family means so much to us and we have felt that love from each and everyone of you. May you all be blessed by the love of God.

Blessings
Craig & Diana Hawker



All Saints Sunday

Please join us on Sunday, November 1, 2026, during worship as we remember our Zion members who passed away during the last year, and your loved ones as well.

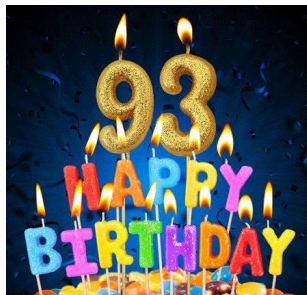


Following the worship service we will have a Pancake Breakfast for all Zion members to gather and meet for fellowship. Please plan to attend.

Celebrating our Church Community

October Birthdays

4	Patti Sorge
6	Jeff Kutz
7	Sherry Crowley
8	Kathryn Koob Jessica Wilcox
9	Carolyn Mehus Vicki Nissen
10	Eldoris Seidel
12	Larry Zell
14	Natalie Graves
15	Carter Caslavka
17	Rhonda Hayes
18	Kevin Graves Kayla Reyes Abigail Snyder
19	Matthew Michaels
20	Karl Guetzlaff
24	Steve Cutsforth Carrie Gleiter Keith Whittemore Cole Troester
26	Jennifer Wedeking
27	Bethany Barnett Eleanor Meyerhoff Ava Snyder
29	Francis Meyer
30	Jeff Carlson



Happy 93rd Birthday to Eldoris Seidel!!

Your Zion family wishes you a
Happy Birthday on October 10th.
If you'd like to send Eldoris a birthday
card and wish her a Happy Birthday,
her contact information is:
1117 Maxhelen Blvd., Apt. 331,
Waterloo, IA 50701-9327.

Wedding Anniversaries this Month

1	Jim & Barb Bierstedt
8	Dennis & Bonnie Sommer Dave & Vicki Hamilton
18	Jeff & Nicole Carlson



Happy 60th Anniversary to Jim & Barb Bierstedt!!

Your Zion family wishes you a
Happy Anniversary on October 1st.
If you'd like to send them a card,
their address is:
4534 Sonoma Dr.,
Cedar Falls, IA 50613.



Happy 88th Birthday to Kate Koob!!

Your Zion family wishes you a
Happy Birthday on October 8th.
If you'd like to send Kate a birthday card
and wish her a Happy Birthday,
her contact information is:
3720 Village Place, Apt. #6308,
Waterloo, IA 50702.

Being the Church

Our Mission Ministry this month is:

Lumicent (formerly The Job Foundation)

Lumicent is a financial literacy & asset building program for students living in low-income households in the Waterloo School District. Our mission is to equip them with the knowledge, tools, and assets to become financially independent adults.

Donations Needed:

Purses, Snacks, Hair Products, Games, Cards, etc.



(Students will be able to "purchase" during supervised shopping trips)

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) 269-6153,
Kathy Jones - kltjones57@gmail.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:



October
Canned Meats & Canned Vegetables



Zion Book Club

Next meeting October 21st @ 9:30am.

All are welcome!



Upcoming Dates & Books:

October 21st - "The Kitchen House"

by Kathleen Grissom

November 18th - "The House of Lincoln"

by Nancy Horan

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



Saturday, October 31st

Cities of Waterloo & CF
Trunk-or-Treat, 6-8pm



Candy Donations go in the tote under the Missions Cross and Monetary Donations go in the basket on the offering table.

The Trunk-or-Treat will be held in Zion's Parking Lot on Sunday, October 25th from 2:00-4:00pm.

Kids wear your costumes! All are welcome!

Trunk sign-up sheet is Here!

Youth Sunday School meets

at 10:00am, following the Worship Service.

The kids will meet in the Lower Fellowship Hall in the basement.



Our Mission Ministry this month is:

Church Row's Fall Clothing Drive

The Church Row Neighborhood Coalition's Annual Fall Clothing Give-Away will be on **Saturday, October 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) Fall clothing (men, women, children and babies), coats, shoes, bedding, sheets, blankets, towels, belts, hats & gloves (men, women, children and babies), and baby items as well.

Please label bedding with what size (ex. Twin, etc.)

Please place your items in the tote under the cross in the Coffee Area. Donations can also be taken to First Baptist between October 20-22 from 9:30am-1:00pm, and on Friday, October 23 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Volunteers needed Friday, October 23 starting at 9:00am. More information in Noiz and in the October Newsletter.



Thank you all for your donations & support!

Join Us for Trunk-or-Treat at St. Ansgar Church!

Date: Saturday, October 31st

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: St. Ansgar Church

Come out and enjoy a spooky evening filled with fun as we hand out candy to all the ghosts and goblins in our community! We can't wait to see you there!



Supporting the Church

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of September 30, 2026)

TOTAL OFFERING TO GENERAL FUND	MISSION PLAN YEAR-TO-DATE \$94,725.00	ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE \$98,468.00
Total General Fund Expenses	Mission Plan Year-to-Date \$97,564.00	Actual Year-to-Date \$88,574.00

Support the Church

You may provide financial support to Zion:

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

Offering Contributions for September

September 6

Total General Fund: \$1,083.00

September 13

Total General Fund: \$1,780.59

September 20

Total General Fund: \$1,691.00

September 27

Total General Fund: \$1,470.44

TOTAL OF ALL GIVING: \$6,025.03

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
October**

Sundays	4	11	18	25
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Kathy Jones			
<u>VAN DRIVERS</u>	Mike Grimson	Tim Davis	Mike Simbric	Dave Hamilton
<u>Lectors</u>	Eleanor Meyerhoff	Bonnie Guetzlaff	Janet Keister	Tim Sprengeler