



May 2025

# G RACELINES

## Zion Lutheran Church

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship 8:30am 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  
Pastor Erika: 319-504-2630

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

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One of the nice things about Easter is that it just keeps going.

We are given the “twelve days” of Christmas and then the tree and decorations come down, the candles are extinguished, and we are left with the cold of winter.

Easter, however, lasts for fifty days in the springtime of the year. Those of you who are familiar with the calendar of the church year know that Easter is a “season” stretching from Easter Sunday until the day of Pentecost (when we celebrate God’s gift of the Holy Spirit). With the arrival of Easter, we enter into seven weeks of reflection on the meaning of the resurrection for our lives and our world.

And, really, that’s just the beginning. Each Sunday in the year is actually a “little Easter”—an occasion to celebrate God overcoming death in Jesus Christ and the small and large ways God continues to overcome death in our lives and in our world. Each week we are reminded of God’s powerful, life-giving love.

In one of my favorite parts of Bach’s Easter Oratorio, Peter and John sing: “Laughter and merriment attend our hearts, for our Salvation is risen.” Now is a time for rejoicing together and laughing together and worshipping together.

With the Greatest of Hope!

*Pastor Erika*



# Study

## May 4

Acts 9:1-6  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

## May 11

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

## May 18

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

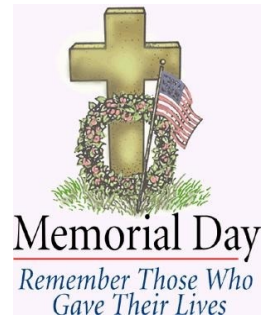
## May 25

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5  
John 14:23-29

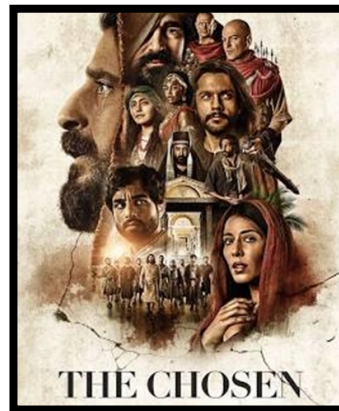


Congratulations to our  
2025 High School Seniors!

Hailee Budke  
David Byvank



*In observance,  
Zion's Office will  
be Closed on  
Monday, May 27.*



Are you interested  
in watching  
The Chosen?

**The Chosen** is an American [Christian historical drama](#) television series. Created, directed, and co-written by filmmaker [Dallas Jenkins](#), it is the first multi-season series about the [life](#) and [ministry](#) of [Jesus of Nazareth](#). Primarily set in [Judaea](#) and [Galilee](#) in the 1st century, the series depicts the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people who interacted with him, including the [apostles](#) and [disciples](#) of Jesus, Jewish religious leaders, [Roman](#) government and military officials, and ordinary people.

There are 2 ways in which you can watch.

1. Amazon Prime carries the first four seasons of The Chosen with the fifth season being released later this summer or early fall.
2. If you have a "smart" TV, you can download the app, The Chosen. All four seasons are on the app as well as many other opportunities to learn about the filming, the actual writing of the episodes and commentary from a variety of religious leaders on how the stories are portrayed.

If there is additional interest, we could meet as a group to discuss each season and what was gleaned from the show.

Please contact Diana Hawker if you would be interested in partaking in a discussion group, or Mary Nicholas if you have questions about how to access it.



# Pray

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Celebrating our Church Community

## May Birthdays

- 1 Kellen Tieskoetter
- 2 Mike Kindschi  
Madison Martin
- 3 Sharon Droste
- 4 Hailee Budke  
Helen McClain  
Debra Williamson
- 6 Julie Rogge
- 7 Nick Graves  
Nolan Tieskoetter
- 9 Emerson Elefsrud  
Chris Uhland
- 11 Riley Orr
- 15 Jean Camarata
- 17 Donna Collins
- 18 Sommer Budke
- 19 Seth Orr
- 20 Janice Fisher  
Roberta Madland  
Velda Sterrett  
Addilyn Guetzlaff
- 21 Kaylene Orr  
Lacey Barkema
- 26 Phillip Campbell
- 31 Maddox Elefsrud

### Happy 80th Birthday to Jan Fisher!!

Your Zion family wishes you a Happy Birthday on May 20th. If you'd like to send Jan a birthday card and wish her a Happy Birthday,

her address is:

2001 Heath St., Apt. #212,  
Waterloo, IA 50703.



### Happy 99th Birthday to Velda Sterrett!!

Your Zion family wishes you a Happy Birthday on May 20th.

If you'd like to send Velda a birthday card and wish her a Happy Birthday,

her contact information is:

535 Glencoe Ave., Waterloo, IA 50701.



## Wedding Anniversaries this Month

- 2 Steve & Sandy Mahlstedt
- 6 Garry & Sheila Gardiner
- 17 Steve & Gloria Clough
- 23 Steve & Carol Pierce
- 23 Jerry & Jean Camarata
- 26 Steve & Marcia Cutsforth
- 28 Karl & Bonita Guetzlaff

### Happy 95th Birthday to Helen McClain!!

Your Zion family wishes you a Happy Birthday on May 4th.

If you'd like to send Helen a birthday card and wish her a Happy Birthday,

her contact information is:

239 Upland Dr.,  
Waterloo, IA 50701-3815.



### Happy 95th Birthday to Donna Collins!!

Your Zion family wishes you a Happy Birthday on May 17th.

If you'd like to send Donna a birthday card and wish her a Happy Birthday,

her contact information is:

Iowa Veterans Home, 1301 Summit Street,  
Marshalltown, IA 50158-5485.



### Happy 45th Anniversary to Steve & Gloria Clough!!

Your Zion family wishes you a Happy Anniversary on May 17th.

If you'd like to send them an anniversary card, their contact information is:

218 N. Raymond Rd., Waterloo, IA 50703-9319.

### Happy 55th Anniversary to Steve & Carol Pierce!!

Your Zion family wishes you a Happy Anniversary on May 23rd.

If you'd like to send them an anniversary card, their contact information is:

450 Derbyshire Road, Waterloo, IA 50701.



# Being the Church

Our Mission Ministry this month is:

## Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)

“Welcome” is something LSI has been expressing to refugees since World War II. LSI’s Immigrant and Refugee Community Services continue to welcome Iowa’s newest neighbors by providing education, family services, and economic development programs to help them get started on their path to citizenship and building a new life in Iowa.

### Donations Needed:

Cleanings Products, Men’s Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper, and Walmart Gift Cards.

(Please NO Toothbrushes or Women’s Deodorant)



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](mailto:gardinergarry28@gmail.com) (319) 291-8404,  
Deb Grimson - [hrgbear@mchsi.com](mailto:hrgbear@mchsi.com) (319) 233-2179,  
Kathy Jones - [kltjones@mchsi.com](mailto:kltjones@mchsi.com) (319) 231-4278,  
and Jen Wedeking (church office) - (319) 235-7045  
[office.zionluthwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:office.zionluthwaterloo@gmail.com).

Volunteer to bring Snacks/Treats for Fellowship following Worship on Sundays. You can find the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Area on the bulletin board. Many dates are available.



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:

May  
**Cereal**



## Zion Book Club

Next meeting May 21st @ 9:30am.

All are welcome!



### Upcoming Dates & Books:

May 21<sup>st</sup> - “When We Meet Again”

by Kristin Harmel

June 18<sup>th</sup> - “The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah

July 16<sup>th</sup> - “The Frozen River” by Ariel Lawhon

## 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

We will once again be showing pictures on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to celebrate Mother's Day. If you'd like to submit your mother's picture, please send it to Jen via email or drop one off. Make sure that if you drop off a picture it is marked clearly with the name of the person in the photo and whose mother it is.

Please contact the office, if you have any questions.

**Deadline to submit:**  
**TOMORROW, Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.**



Happy 80th Anniversary, Zion!

January 5, 1945 - January 5, 2025

We will celebrate on Sunday, May 4th, following the service. We're celebrating Zion's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and we will also celebrate our Zion members who are 80 plus years young this year!



Here is the updated address for:

Avis Nelson  
737 E. San Marnan Dr.,  
Waterloo, IA 50702-5607.



Here is the updated address for:

Connie Stroh  
1044 9th St., Apt. 11,  
Jesup, IA 50648-1093.



**Thank you to those that purchased Easter Lillies!**

**Easter Lilies that were given in Honor Of or In Memory Of are:**

-Mary Lou Garms & Matthew Garms  
(All former Altar Committee Members)  
-Joann Mackin Wilson  
(Lanny Wilson & Parents)  
-Lourdes DeMaris (Larry DeMaris)  
-Sherry Crowley  
(Bill & Crystal Crowley)  
-Mike & Julie Simbric &  
Adam & Jen Wedeking  
(All our Family Members)

-Mary Nicholas  
(Charlene Matthews)  
-Dave & Vickie Hamilton (Our Parents)  
-Eleanor Meyerhoff (Duane Meyerhoff,  
Michelle, David, Rachel, Anna,  
Grace Kempf, and Marsha Meyerhoff)  
-Ross & Kathy Jones (Don Tweet)  
-Bob & Michele Peck  
(Rev. Walter & Helen Laughlin)  
-Kris Engelmann (Bob Engelmann)

-Sharon Droste  
(Leo & Edna Droste)  
-Francis & Sandy Meyer  
(Elaine Dolan)  
-Kris Hirsch  
(Loved Ones)



# Supporting the Church

## FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of May 2, 2025)

<b>TOTAL OFFERING TO GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>MISSION PLAN YEAR-TO-DATE</b> \$54,800.00	<b>ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE</b> \$51,820.00
Total General Fund Expenses	Mission Plan Year-to-Date \$65,146.00	Actual Year-to-Date \$53,536.00

### Support the Church

You may provide financial support to Zion:

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

## Offering Contributions for March/April

### March 30

Total General Fund: \$1,699.00

### April 6

Total General Fund: \$2,088.45

### April 13

Total General Fund: \$11,199.15

### April 20

Total General Fund: \$3,033.45

### April 27

Total General Fund: \$1,211.00

**TOTAL OF ALL GIVING: \$19,231.05**

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  
May**

Sundays	4	11	18	25
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Vickie Hamilton			
<u>VAN DRIVERS</u>	Mike Grimson	Mike Simbric	Dave Hamilton	Tim Davis
<u>LECTORS</u>	Jackie Shatzer	Deb Grimson	Bonnie Guetzlaff	Sharon Droste