



April 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**

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www.zionluthwaterloo.com

Facebook Page:

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

YouTube:

**[https://www.youtube.com/
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**Zion Lutheran Church
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Waterloo, IA 50702**

Greetings to All

He is Risen Indeed!

This exclamation is most associated with Easter. While this phrase, or a form of it can be found in each of the Gospels, it is a phrase that we can and should remember daily, not just during the Lenten and Easter season. The phrase, "He is risen" is always followed by "He is risen Indeed" in our church and other churches around the world. What does it mean when we use and affirm this phrase?

In the Old Testament, it is the fulfillment of prophesy from many of the prophets, including Isaiah and David. Isaiah boldly said that upon the mountain that God would swallow up death forever. David's Psalm (16) predicted that the One would come and bring salvation and save our bodies from decay. It is also the confirmation given by an angel to Joseph that the baby born unto Mary would save people from their sins.

It is the resurrection of living hope. In 1 Peter 1:3-4, we are reminded, "In His great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade." He lives. Hope lives.

It is the definitive declaration that God's Love is alive in us. Romans 8:39 "...neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

It is acknowledgement that we have been reconciled to God. He satisfied the wrath of the holy and just Father, reconciling us to God, Romans 5:6-11. As death came through Adam, Life has come through Jesus Christ.

May this season of hope, life, love, renewal, and reconciliation through Christ be with us during this season and every day.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Study

April 5

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

April 12

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 19

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 26

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10



There will be NO Sunday School after Worship on Sunday, April 5th, due to Easter Sunday.

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, April 12th.



Deadline for newsletter items will be **April 13th.**

Pray

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Happy Easter from the Zion Staff!

Celebrating our Church Community

April Birthdays

3 Teri Hook
7 Diane Hunemuller
8 Raelynn Beem
10 Mary DeMaris
11 Sheila Gardiner
13 Darlene Robbins
14 Evelyn Gordon
18 Marcia Cutsforth
Dave Goss
Ed Ottesen
22 David Odekirk
23 Wes Akin
24 David Michelsen
27 Bette Powell
28 Robert Harken

Wedding Anniversaries this Month

5 Bob & Patti Harken
8 Eddie & Kathy Entz
11 Jerry & Deb Ketels
20 Mike & Michele Kindschi
24 Tim & Vicki Stuber
25 Rick & Vicki Nissen

Bread Making with Eleanor!



Being the Church

Our Mission Ministry this month is:

The Job Foundation

The Job Foundation is a financial literacy & asset building program for students living in low-income households in the Waterloo School District. Our mission is to equip K-12 students and their families for economic advancement.

Donations Needed:

Purses, Snacks, Hair Products, Games, 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 - 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.



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

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



April
Any Canned Goods



Zion Book Club

Next meeting April 15th @ 9:30am.

All are welcome!

Upcoming Dates & Books:



April 15th - "Family Drama" by Rebecca Fallon

May 20th - "Boat Baby: A Memoir"

by Vicky Nguyen

June 17th - "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans

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



Mary Odekirk, a long-time member of Zion, passed away on March 2, 2026.

The funeral was held at Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 28th, at 12:00pm.

Memorials may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church.

More information may be found on the bulletin board in the Coffee Area or on Locke's website

Please remember Mary's family in your prayers.

Thank you to those that purchased Easter Lillies!

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

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| -Mary Lou Garms & Matthew Garms
(All former Altar Committee Members) | -Mary Nicholas
(Charlene Matthews) | (Leo & Edna Droste) |
| -Joann Mackin Wilson
(Family & Friends) | -Eleanor Meyerhoff (Duane Meyerhoff) | -Francis & Sandy Meyer
(Elaine Dolan) |
| -Sherry Crowley
(Bill & Crystal Crowley) | -Ross & Kathy Jones (Our Family Members) | -Kris Hirsch
(Paul & Blythe Hirsch) |
| -Mike & Julie Simbric &
Adam & Jen Wedeking
(All our Family Members) | -Bob & Michele Peck
(Rev. Walter & Helen Laughlin) | -Charles Payne
(Carol Fossum) |
| | -Lester Reab (Glennavon Reab) | -Gloria York
(Gene York) |
| | -Sharon Droste | |



Being the Church

Church Row's Spring Clothing Drive

The Church Row Neighborhood Coalition's Annual Spring Clothing Give-Away will be on Saturday, April 18th from 9am to 11am at Sacred Heart, 620 W. 5th St., Waterloo.

Donations Needed:

(Clean & in Good Condition) ALL Spring & Summer clothing (men, women, children and babies), Bedding, Sheets, and Towels.

If you bring bedding of any kind, please tape it together and indicate the size (Queen, Twin, etc.). Please also indicate the size on any bedspreads. Painter's tape works well.

Set up and sorting of clothing will be on Friday, April 17th, beginning at 9:00am.

Bigger bags of clothing can be taken to the basement, stored in the area where the freezer is, and they will get transported.

If you are interested in helping either of the two days at Sacred Heart, please let Vickie Hamilton, Kathy Jones, or Mary Nicholas know.



Karl & Bonnie are getting rid of their Home Phone and have provided their Cell #'s below so you are able to reach them.

Here is the updated
Phone Number

for Karl Guetzlaff:

Cell Phone: (319) 269-0400.

Here is the updated
Phone Number

for Bonnie Guetzlaff:

Cell Phone: (319) 239-1343.

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

OFFICER INSTALLATION SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, April 12th, as we will be installing the new Church Council Members. We will also recognize the out-going Council Members.

Congregation Council Officers

President: Mary Nicholas
Vice-President: Tammy Byvank
Secretary: Shirley Davis
Treasurer: Jackie Shatzer

New Council Members

Sharon Droste
 Deb Grimson

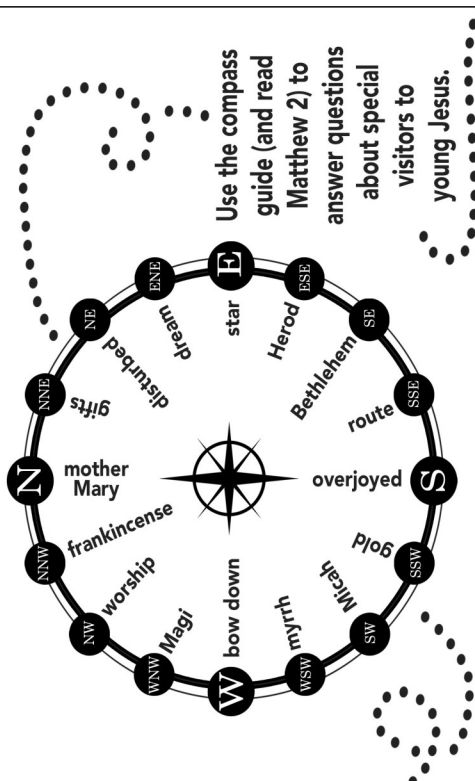
Out-Going Council Members

Lisa Bergman
 Diana Hawker

Returning Council Members

Kathy Jones
 Michele Peck
 Dave Hamilton

Puzzle!



- Who was king at the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
- Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews?
 _____ (W/NW)
- How did King Herod feel about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
- Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
- In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
- King Herod lied to the wise men, telling them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
- What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
- When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
- Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
- Before they worshiped the child, what did the Magi do? _____ (W)
- Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus.
 _____ (SSW) _____ (NNW) _____ (WSW)
- These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as _____ (NNE)
- What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
- The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod; 2. Magi; 3. disturbed; 4. Michah; 5. Bethlehem; 6. worship; 7. star; 8. overjoyed; 9. mother Mary; 10. bow down; 11. gold; frankincense, myrrh; 12. gifts; 13. dream; 14. route

Supporting the Church

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of March 31, 2026)

TOTAL OFFERING TO GENERAL FUND	MISSION PLAN YEAR-TO-DATE \$33,580.00	ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE \$43,738.00
Total General Fund Expenses	Mission Plan Year-to-Date \$29,486.00	Actual Year-to-Date \$28,106.00

Support the Church

You may provide financial support to Zion:

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

Offering Contributions for March

March 1

Total General Fund: \$820.00

March 8 (Lenten Offering Included)

Total General Fund: \$6,524.00

March 15 (Lenten Offering Included)

Total General Fund: \$1,132.16

March 22 (Lenten Offering Included)

Total General Fund: \$2,433.00

March 29 (Lenten Offering Included)

Total General Fund: \$2,095.00

TOTAL OF ALL GIVING: \$13,004.16

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
April**

Sundays	5	12	19	26
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Mary Nicholas			
<u>VAN DRIVERS</u>	Tim Davis	Mike Grimson	Tim Davis	Dave Hamilton
<u>LECTORS</u>	Brad Shatzer	Tim Sprengeler	Sherry Crowley	Jackie Shatzer