



September 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.

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They say that when you are busy, time goes quicker. We were certainly busy in August!

As most everyone knows, Zion held a rummage sale in August. It took many volunteer hours, a ton of donated goods, and stamina to pull it off. Thanks, and appreciation cannot be expressed enough for all the time given to this project. Also, in August the Mission Committee continued to provide lunches to the participants of the One City United Momentum program.

Both of these activities were (and are) so much more than the time and work involved in planning, executing and serving. What I observed with both was the beautiful interaction and service to others. Isn't that what we are called to do? Serve others with a glad and joyful heart? That is happening at Zion.

All persons coming to the rummage sale were greeted and then served by the many volunteers that "worked the floor". Connections. Connecting with our neighbors was what most would say was the most rewarding aspect of the two and a half days of being open. I saw assistance being given, conversations being held, laughter and listening ears as people poured out thoughts and feelings. It wasn't just once or twice, it was all the time, day after day. As folks left the sale with bags and items, they were given a warm send off as well. Some stopped to share what treasures they found or what they had planned for the items in hand. Connections. Brief but meaningful. It's pretty safe to say that most left Zion with a positive experience to remember.

The same kind of meaningful connections have been happening at the One City United Momentum program lunches. Attendees are being served and then the members sit among the participants to hear about their goals, struggles and why they are in the program. The folks that attend the program are working toward changing their lives and/or their past lifestyles. Individuals' backgrounds vary but there is definitely one thing in common – we are all a part of the human condition and struggle and succeed the same. To offer attendees encouragement is food for the soul. It's so much more than just serving a lunch.

That is what we are called to do – be more, give more, see more, hear more. Yes, indeed, it was a good August. Let's look forward to what September brings with joy and gladness!

Study

September 6

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 13

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7], 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 20

Jonah 3:10--4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 27

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Pray

God of love, giver of life,
you know our frailties and
failings. Give us your grace
to overcome them, keep us
from those things that harm
us, and guide us in the way
of salvation, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Happy Birthday to Joann Mackin (75)
and Tammy Byvank (50) who share
the same birthday on September 9th.
These special birthday twins will
be celebrating milestone birthdays in
London this year. We wish them many
exciting adventures and safe travels!



The church office
will be Closed on
Monday, September 7th, 2026,
in observance of Labor Day.



Join us in celebrating
Grandparents Day on
Sunday, September 13th!



Cedar Valley Hospice is pleased to announce this year's 15th Annual
Release and Remember fundraising event on Sunday, Sept. 13th,
from 1-3pm at the RiverLoop Amphitheatre, downtown Waterloo.

Join in on the kid's activities, lunch, live music, and the opportunity to
purchase and dedicate a butterfly in honor or in memory of someone
you love for a \$30 donation. T-shirts are also available for purchase
before the event at the Cedar Valley Hospice Office in Waterloo
or on the day of the event. T-shirts are \$20.

For more information, please ask the church office or you can contact
the Cedar Valley Hospice office at (319) 272-2002 or their website
www.cvhospice.org.

Hope to see you at the Release on Sunday, Sept. 13th!

Celebrating our Church Community

September Birthdays

1	Daniel Buhr
3	Alison Peck
4	Eric Gleiter Lester Reab
5	Kathy Entz
7	Doug Carpenter Emily Tieskoetter
9	Joann Mackin Tammy Byvank
12	Gloria Clough Carol Walker
14	Ann DeBerg
16	Isaac Davis
17	Elizabeth Voves
20	TJ Nissen
22	Deb Grimson
23	Mark DeBerg
24	Riley-Ann DeMaris
25	Avis Nelson
26	Austin Martin
27	Jim Waring
30	Clifford DeMaris

Wedding Anniversaries this Month

10	Mike & Deb Grimson
12	Ryan & Sommer Budke
19	Phil & Diann Campbell



Happy 45th Anniversary to Phil & Diann Campbell!!

Your Zion family wishes you a
Happy Anniversary on September 19th.

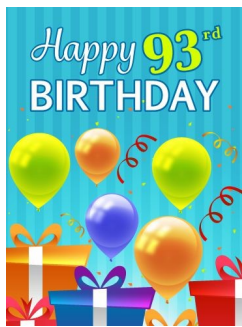
If you'd like to send them an anniversary card,
their contact information is:

737 E. San Marnan Dr., Waterloo, IA 50702.

Happy 91st Birthday to Daniel Buhr!!

Your Zion family wishes you a
Happy Birthday on September 1st.
If you'd like to send Daniel a birthday
card and wish him a Happy Birthday,
his address is:

735 Lynkalee, Waterloo, IA 50701.



Happy 93rd Birthday to Lester Reab!!

Your Zion family wishes you a
Happy Birthday on September 4th.
If you'd like to send Lester a birthday
card and wish him a Happy Birthday,
his address is:
2726 Crestline Avenue,
Waterloo, IA 50702.



Happy 92nd Birthday to Avis Nelson!!

Your Zion family wishes you a
Happy Birthday on September 25th.
If you'd like to send Avis a birthday card
and wish her a Happy Birthday,
her contact information is:
3212 Greenhill Circle,
Building 2, Rm #15,
Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

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 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:

September
64oz. Juice



Zion Book Club

Next meeting September 16th @ 9:30am.

All are welcome!

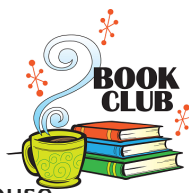
Upcoming Dates & Books:

September 16th - "The Kitchen House"

by Kathleen Grissom

October 21st - "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

Items collected for the School Supplies for Waterloo Schools:

6 Boxes of Crayons, 2 pairs of Teacher Scissors,
1 Box of Markers, 10 pairs of Kids Scissors, 8 Small Glue Sticks,
2 Bottles of Glue, 44 Pencils, 3 Erasers, 4 Pkgs of Refill Paper,
20 Folders, 4 Highlighters, 5 Notebooks, 4 Sticky Notes,
4 Dry Erase Markers, 4 Composition Notebooks,
2 Pkgs of Index Dividers, 2 Supply Boxes,
1 3-Ring Binder, 16 Boxes of Kleenex,
2 Containers of Sanitizer,
and 2 Cans of Clorox Wipes.



**A huge "Thank you" to
those that donated!**



ATTENTION ALL "Ding-a-Lings" and "Sing-a-Lings"!!

Come & join the Bell Choir and/or
Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are
on Wednesday nights starting
Wednesday, September 2nd.

Bells @ 6:00pm

Choir @ 7:00pm

It's a great mid-week boost
for your schedule!



The information for the Back-to-School
Supplies for the Lutheran World Relief
Kit Bags is on the Missions Cross and on
the round table, both in the Coffee Area.

Deadline: Sunday, September 13th.



Youth Sunday School will start
on **Sunday, September 27th.**

They'll meet at 10:00am,

following the

Worship Service

in the

Lower Fellowship Hall

in the basement.



"God's Work, Our Hands"

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday (GWOH) is next
Sunday, September 13th, 2026, this year.

We plan to continue our mission projects, which consist of:

Preparing School Kit Bags, Tying Quilts,
and preparing Ghost Suckers
for Trunk-or-Treat.

We are providing a light lunch
for those that stay and help.

Activities will be held after Worship
in the Basement Fellowship Area.



***Sign-up by Wed., Sept. 9th by 12:00pm,
so we know how many sack lunches to prepare***



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

Trunk Sign-Up coming soon!

Supporting the Church

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of August 31, 2026)

TOTAL OFFERING TO GENERAL FUND	MISSION PLAN YEAR-TO-DATE	ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE
	\$84,700.00	\$80,282.00
Total General Fund Expenses	Mission Plan Year-to-Date	Actual Year-to-Date
	\$84,932.00	\$77,772.00

Support the Church

You may provide financial support to Zion:

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

Offering Contributions for August

August 2

Total General Fund: \$2,232.00

August 9

Total General Fund: \$1,653.00

August 16

Total General Fund: \$1,277.59

August 23

Total General Fund: \$1,850.00

August 30

Total General Fund: \$11,970.00

TOTAL OF ALL GIVING: \$18,982.59

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
September**

Sundays	6	13	20	27
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Vickie Hamilton			
<u>VAN DRIVERS</u>	Dave Hamilton	Mike Grimson	Mike Simbric	Tim Davis
<u>Lectors</u>	Deb Grimson	Kris Hirsch	Sherry Crowley	Jackie Shatzer