



November 2024

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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

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and we'll get back to you.

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Dear Friends,

Sometimes I feel frustrated with the world. There's so much anger and hate, so much focus on personal gain and power at the cost of others. When I read the news, it often feels like we've forgotten the call to care for each other, to show compassion to our neighbors—and even our enemies. I feel like few take seriously the responsibility to care for the earth and all of creation. I struggle with policies and political positions across the globe that seem indifferent to the environment and insensitive to people.

It seems there's a thirst for hate and an eagerness for conflict, which worries me as elections approach. I sometimes fear what we do to one another and how civility is fading. I believe this stems from fear. People see others' lifestyles and worry that they're falling behind, that their families won't have the same chances, or that they have no say in what it means to be a citizen today. Fear seems to manifest in destructive ways in our relationships and communities.

But fear is a poor motivator. It leads only to more harm. The psalmist faces suffering from enemies but remembers who he is, saying, "The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" If we believe we are secure in God's love, then why are we afraid? Paul tells us in Romans 8 that nothing can separate us from God in Christ—not even ourselves. If we truly believe this, why are we so consumed by fear? Fear is used by those in power to control others, but it cannot last; it will destroy itself eventually. So, what do we do?

We live out God's call each day. We love God and others because we are secure in God's love. The psalmist ends by saying, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord." We can live in love and service through the courage we find in a God as close as our breath. We can live boldly amidst those who wish to instill fear and stand ready to help those in need because this is what it means to follow Jesus. So, take courage, fellow believers, and live for others. In loving and serving, our fears fade—no matter who is President.

With the Greatest of Hope!

Pastor Erika

Study

November 3

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

November 10

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

November 17

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

November 24

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

Pray

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

November Calendar

Saturday, Nov. 2

9:00am - Fall Clean-Up
(Outside/weather permitting)

Sunday, Nov. 3

Daylight Savings (Fall Back)

8:30am - All Saints Day Worship

9:30am - Youth Sunday School

9:30am - Worship Meeting

12:00pm - Church Row Meeting

@ First United Methodist Church

1:00pm - Rain Date for Fall Clean-Up

Monday, Nov. 4

Newsletter Articles Due

Tuesday, Nov. 5

12:00pm - **Last Day-Submit Veteran's Pics**

6:00am-9:00pm - **Election Day**

Wednesday, Nov. 6

12:00pm - Brown Baggers

6:00pm - Bell Choir

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, Nov. 7

9:00am - Coffee & Conv. @ Fat Cup

Friday, Nov. 8

9:30am - Mahjonn (Fireside)

Sunday, Nov. 10

8:30am - Veteran's Day during Worship

9:30am - Youth Sunday School

Tuesday, Nov. 12

8:30am-12:00pm - PEO (Fireside)

8:30am-9pm - Goodwill Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 13

12:00pm - Brown Baggers

5:00pm - Missions Committee Meeting

6:00pm - Bell Choir

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, Nov. 14

9:00am - Coffee & Conv. @ Fat Cup

6:00pm - Council Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 17

8:30m - Worship

9:30am - Youth Sunday School

Wednesday, Nov. 20

9:30am - Book Club

12:00pm - Brown Baggers

6:00pm - Bell Choir

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, Nov. 21

9:00am - Coffee & Conv. @ Fat Cup

11:30am - Key Club Winter Potluck
(Upper Basement)

Friday, Nov. 22

9:30am - Mahjonn (Fireside)

Sunday, Nov. 24

8:30am - Worship

9:30am - Youth Sunday School

Wednesday, Nov. 27

NO Brown Baggers

6:00pm - Bell Choir

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, Nov. 28

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 29

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Celebrating our Church Community

November Birthdays

3	David Byvank
5	Hovey Brom Colin Lesyshen
6	Larry Baumann
7	Monica Caslavka
9	Kathy Elgas
11	Bonnie Guetzlaff
12	Diane Solberg
16	Ethan Akin Jason Stuber
17	Mike Simbric Julie Zell
19	Jessica Kindschi
21	Larry Martin Brandon Reyes
23	Jane Buls Meladee Rokusek
24	Korbin Drape
26	Jody Rasmussen Isabel Davis
28	Lourdes DeMaris Gary Kruse John Solberg
30	Rachele Kindschi

Wedding Anniversaries this Month

5	Jim and Darlene Robbins
16	Mike and Julie Simbric
22	Jeff and Pam Kutz
25	Keith and Ann Whittemore
26	Francis and Sandy Meyer
29	John and Diane Solberg

Happy 55th Anniversary

to John & Diane Solberg!!

Your Zion family wishes you a
Happy Anniversary on November 29th.
If you'd like to send them an anniversary
card, their contact information is:



830 Clough Street,
Waterloo, IA 50701.

Happy 98th Birthday to Hovey Brom!!

Your Zion family wishes you a
Happy Birthday on November 5th.

If you'd like to send Hovey a
birthday card and wish him a

Happy Birthday,

his contact information is:
5301 Caraway Lane, Apt. 312,
Cedar Falls, IA 50613.



The Youth Sunday School children
would like to thank Tim Wedeking
for giving them little white & orange
mini pumpkins. The children

had fun decorating
their homes with them.

Tim is Ashton Wedeking's
grandpa.



Being the Church

Our Mission Ministry this month is:

The Mitten Tree & The Adopt-A-Family (Coming Soon)

The Mitten Tree is up in the Coffee Area and ready for children's mittens, gloves and hats. These will be distributed at Lowell School in Waterloo during the winter months.



When the tree goes up, pick out a tag(s) on the Christmas Tree in the Coffee Area. Please print your name on the correct family page so we know who took that tag.

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.

The office will be closed
on Thursday, November 28th
and Friday, November 29th.



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:

November
Baking Products (Flour, Sugar, Spices, Chocooate Chips, etc.)



Zion Book Club

Next meeting November 20th @ 9:30am.

All are welcome!



Upcoming Dates & Books:

Nov. 20th - "The Women" by Kristin Hannah
Dec. 18th - "The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocumb

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 Coffee Area.



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



ST. ANSGAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

FALL BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please come in and join the fun on Friday, **November 1st at 10:00am** to help set up for the craft sale and price items for the bazaar. You Can bring in the bake sale items from **3:00pm-6pm**.

Raffle Tickets will be available for purchase at: **\$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10.00.**

Quilt Raffle Tickets:
\$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00.



Bazaar Lunch Menu:

Pulled Pork \$3.50, Egg Salad Sandwich \$3.25, Chicken Noodle or Vegetable Beef Soups - Bowl \$3.50, PT \$6.50, QT \$12.50, Slice of Pie \$3.50, Meal Package \$9.50 (Includes Sandwich, Soup, Pick Your Pie).



Volunteers Needed

Zion's Annual Spring Clean-Up Outside is on Saturday, November 2nd at 9:00am. All are welcome to join. Please bring a rake (if you have one).
Hope you see you on this day!

On Sunday, November 3rd, we will observe **All Saints Sunday** by lighting candles for the following Zion members who have died in the past year:

Judy Moser	Judy Dawson
Mary Spragle	Betty Strubel
Larry DeMaris	Sandy Suhr
Larry Spragle	Don Heeren
Jeannine Dawson	

*May all the faithful departed,
by the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



Being the Church

Veteran's Sunday will be on
Sunday, November 10th.

If you were in the Military, Army,
Navy, etc. and you would like to
submit your name and/or picture
to Jen, please do so by
Mon., Nov. 4th or Tues., Nov. 5th at the
latest by 12pm. She will insert them
into the PowerPoint like last year.



★ **Veterans Day:** ★
Thank You for Your Service!

Bell Ringers

**More information
and
the Sign-Up sheet
coming soon.**



Thank you to all
who have served
or all that are serving.

*Signed on the 11th hour of the
11th day of the 11th month, the
Armistice of 1918 ended the horrendous
slaughter of World War I, Today, over
100 years later, we honor all veterans
including the following members of
Zion who served honorably in the
armed services of our nation.*

<i>John Solberg</i>	<i>Kyle Kirchoff</i>
<i>Paul Fisher</i>	<i>Larry Spragle</i>
<i>Kenneth Pike</i>	<i>Mike Simbric</i>
<i>Gene York</i>	<i>Jim Graves</i>
<i>Duane Meyerhoff</i>	<i>Jim Robbins</i>
<i>William Ottesen</i>	<i>Schawn Wilcox</i>
<i>Francis Meyer</i>	<i>Howard Kinnetz</i>
<i>Dennis Sommers</i>	<i>Keith Whittemore</i>
<i>Hovey Brom</i>	<i>Daniel Buhr</i>
<i>Bob Harken</i>	<i>Charlie Watson</i>
<i>John Naylor</i>	<i>Isaac Graham</i>
<i>Sommer Budke</i>	<i>Ron Keister</i>
<i>Cory Elefsrud</i>	<i>Doyle Miller</i>

Key Club

(Keep Everyone Young)

Key Club will have a
winter potluck on
Thursday, November 21st,
at 11:30am in the Upper
Fellowship Hall in the
basement. St. Ansgar
is invited to join
this gathering.

All tableware will be
provided along with
coffee and water.

Should you wish to attend,
please find the sign-up
sheet on the Bulletin
Board in the Coffee Area.

Should you have any
questions, please contact
Diana Hawker at
(319) 269-7229.

Being the Church

Reminder to set your clocks
back on Sunday, November 2nd.



Deadline for newsletter items
will be **November 4th**.

ELECTION DAY

Prayer Service & Vigil

Tuesday November 5th | 7pm
St. Ansgar Lutheran Church

All too often what we experience, whenever we go to the polls, is a sense of disunity among us. The cultural context of American elections has become one of winning or losing. Political elections have become an arena of competition, rather than a process of choosing public servants.

Gather together in the presence of God, to remember that our identity is not rooted in political affiliations, but in our covenant with God who created us in God's own image; that we are one through Jesus Christ and

2025 Offering Envelopes
coming soon!



ADVENT BEGINS

SUNDAY, December 1st!

Join us for our Sunday Advent
Worships at 8:30am.



Zion will be a voting poll
for the Election on
Tuesday, November 5th
from 7:00am-8:00pm.



Supporting the Church

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of November 1, 2024)

TOTAL OFFERING TO GENERAL FUND	MISSION PLAN YEAR-TO-DATE	ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE
	\$109,450.00	\$109,045.00
Total General Fund Expenses	Mission Plan Year-to-Date \$129,646.00	Actual Year-to-Date \$127,007.00

Support the Church

You may provide financial support to Zion:

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

Offering Contributions for September/October

September 29
Total General Fund: \$1,431.01

October 6
Total General Fund: \$2,831.43

October 13
Total General Fund: \$10,662.00

October 20
Total General Fund: \$1,667.94

October 29
Total General Fund: \$1,792.30

TOTAL OF ALL GIVING: \$18,384.68

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
November

Sundays	3	10	17	24
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Bert Madland			
<u>VAN DRIVER</u>	Dave Hamilton	Mike Grimson	Mike Simbric	Tim Davis
<u>GREETERS</u>	Joann Mackin	Diane Solberg	Janet Keister	Vickie Hamilton
<u>Lectors</u>	Brad Shatzer	Tim Sprengeler	Janet Keister	Sharon Droste