



March 2025

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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**

**Contact Zion:
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Pastor Erika: 319-504-2630**

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

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This month in the church calendar, we enter the season of Lent. In just a few weeks, we'll hear the story of how Jesus laid down his life for us. As we prepare to celebrate that ultimate gift of love shown on Good Friday and the victory of Easter's empty tomb, this Lenten season of preparation offers a great opportunity for us to intentionally focus on faith as we journey towards the cross.

During our Lenten services this year, I will be using the book *Turning Over Tables* by Kathy Escobar as the inspiration for our messages each week. Through the pages of this book, and through the weekly readings and messages, we will be exploring the call of Jesus to put our faith into action. I hope and pray this will be both inspiring and challenging. Offering us an opportunity to explore how we may align our lives with the way of Jesus.

For our Worship services, we will be using a service created by the Nourishing Vocation Project at St. Olaf College, in Northfield, MN. It follows the *VOCARE* spiritual practice. *Vocare* is the Latin word meaning "to call." The *Vocare* spiritual practice invites us to reflect upon values, openness, call, attentiveness, regrets, and experiences of God's presence. As baptized children of God, we have been claimed by God, named by God, and called to be a part of bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world. This liturgy invites us into reflection and contemplation to deepen our understanding of God's call upon our life and work, our labor and leisure, our being and our doing, so that we might more intentionally live life on purpose and engage in ministry on purpose for the common good.

The decision has been made to have joint Lenten services again with St. Ansgar. On ASH Wednesday, there will be a service at St. Ansgar at 3pm, and a service at Zion at 6:30pm. The rest of Lent our services will be at 6:30pm. Zion will host all the Wednesday evening services. St. Ansgar will host our Maundy Thursday service, as well as our Good Friday service; both of which will be at 6:30pm.

Please join together as the family of God in this time of meaningful contemplation and reflection on who we are, what it is God is asking of us, and what God has done for all of us through Jesus the Christ.

With the Greatest of Hope!

Pastor Erika

Study

March 2

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2
Luke 9:28-36

March 9

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

March 16

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17--4:1
Luke 13:31-35

March 23

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 30

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Pray

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

March Calendar

Saturday, March 1

9:30am Reconciling Works Meeting

Sunday, March 2

8:30am - Worship

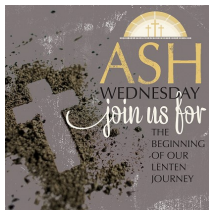
9:30am Youth Sunday School

Monday, March 3

Newsletter Articles Due

Wednesday, March 5

ASH Wednesday



12:00pm - Brown Baggers

3:00pm St. Ansgar Worship

5-6pm Lenten Meal @ Zion

5:30pm - Bell Choir

6:30pm ASH Wednesday Worship

7:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 6

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

Sunday, March 9

Daylight Savings (Spring Ahead)

8:30am - Worship



9:30am - Youth Sunday School

Tuesday, March 11

12:00pm Church Row Meeting @ Zion

Wednesday, March 12

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

12:00pm Brown Baggers

5-6pm Lenten Meal @ Zion

5:30pm - Bell Choir

6:30pm Lenten Worship

7:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

11:30am Key Club Pizza Party & Bingo @ Zion

Sunday, March 16

9:30am - Mahjongg

8:30m - Worship

Monday, March 17

NO Youth Sunday School due to Spring Break

Wednesday, March 19

Happy St. Patrick's Day



9:30am Book Club

12:00pm Brown Baggers

5-6pm Lenten Meal @ Zion

5:30pm - Bell Choir

6:30pm Lenten Worship

7:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 20

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

Sunday, March 23

6:00pm - Council Meeting

8:30am - Worship

Wednesday, March 26

NO Youth Sunday School due to Spring Break

12:00pm Brown Baggers

5-6pm Lenten Meal @ Zion

5:30pm - Bell Choir

6:30pm Lenten Worship

7:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 27

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

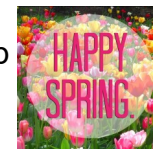
Friday, March 28

9:30am - Mahjongg

Sunday, March 30

8:30am - Worship/Installation of Officers

9:30am Youth Sunday School



Celebrating our Church Community

March Birthdays

5	Sandy Watson Lyla VanDerVeer
6	Carol Pierce Clare Reed
7	Ben Jones
9	Jerry Camarata
10	Riley Wilcox
11	Steve Clough Elaine Eckhoff
12	Ron Keister
14	David Martin
16	Timothy Sprengeler Brandon DeMaris
22	Shelly Barnett
23	Dorothy Ingham
25	Corey Beem
26	Marcia Olson
28	Garry Gardiner Kacey Beem
29	Ryan Budke
31	Summer Lewis

Wedding Anniversaries this Month

18 Mike & Cindy Mieke



*Sunday,
March 9th,
2025*



Happy 80th Anniversary,
Zion!

January 5, 1945 - January 5, 2025

We will celebrate
throughout the coming year!

KEY CLUB

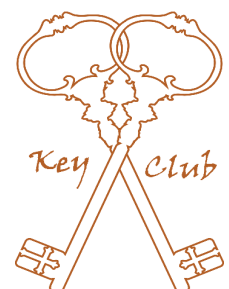
"Keep Everyone Young"
(This is a group for all seniors)

Key Club will be having a Pizza Party and Bingo on Thursday, March 13th at 11:30am in the Upper Fellowship Hall in the Zion basement.

All tableware will be provided along with coffee and water. We are requesting you donate \$5 for the pizza. There will be a White Elephant gift exchange, so come prepared.

If you're interested in attending, a Sign-Up sheet will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Coffee Area. You can also call the church office if you are interested in attending.

If you have any questions,
call Diana Hawker at 269-7229.



Being the Church

Our Mission Ministry this month is:

ELCA World Hunger & Americans for Independent Living (AFIL)



ELCA World Hunger envelopes are on the Offering table as you enter the Sanctuary. Place in with the regular offering tray.

Donations Needed for AFIL:

Toilet Bowl Cleaners and Brushes, Floor Lamps, Pillows, Blender, Space Heater, Stock Pots, Pasta Pots, Manual & Electric Can Openers, Small Kitchen Appliances (Toasters, Toaster Ovens, Microwaves, Coffee Makers, Hand & Stand Mixers, etc.)



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 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.



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:

March
Soaps - Dish, Shampoo, Washing, Personal Hygiene



Zion Book Club

Next meeting March 19th @ 9:30am.

All are welcome!



Upcoming Dates & Books:

Mar. 19th - "Miss Morgan's Book Brigade"
by Janet Sleslien Charles
Mar. 19th - "James" by Percival Everett
Apr. 16th - "The God of the Woods"
by Liz Moore

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



EWALU Summer Camp Registration is now available.

The Deadline for Registration is Friday, April 15th.

The information is located on the round table
in the Coffee Area by the couches.

It's also available online at www.ewalu.org/summer-camp
or you can scan the QR code above.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Zion is fortunate to have a van which is utilized to transport church members to and from church on a weekly basis. It is also used to take youth and adults to church-sponsored activities. In recent months, there have been two major safety related repairs made to the van to ensure the continued safety of our members - new tires and brakes. As a result, our Designated Van Fund has been depleted.

Any donation to the van fund, in addition to your regular giving, would be welcome to assist with future van repairs/expenses. As always, donations to any of our designated funds are appreciated and help conserve our General Fund for operational expenses.



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.



ASH Wednesday Worship Services



Zion's ASH Wednesday
Worship Service will be on
Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30pm.

Ashes and Communion will be available.

The Lenten Meal & Worship Schedule will be posted on the Main Church Entrance Door, Zion's Facebook Page, and the Bulletin Board.



If you need a ride for any Wednesday
Lenten Worship Service at
Zion, the van will be available.
Please call the office at (319) 235-7045
to let us know.

St. Ansgar will have ASH Wednesday Worship
Service at 3:00pm. All are welcome!
Ashes and Communion will be available.

Supporting the Church

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of February 28, 2025)

TOTAL OFFERING TO GENERAL FUND	MISSION PLAN YEAR-TO-DATE	ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE
	\$22,540.00	\$20,626.00
Total General Fund Expenses	Mission Plan Year-to-Date	Actual Year-to-Date
	\$26,218.00	\$22,168.00

Support the Church

You may provide financial support to Zion:

- In-person Giving
- By Mail
- Online: - Tithely OR - VANCO

Offering Contributions for February

February 2

Total General Fund: \$2,049.00

February 9

Total General Fund: \$2,141.45

February 16

Total General Fund: \$1,096.74

February 23

Total General Fund: \$2,842.35

TOTAL OF ALL GIVING: \$8,129.54

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
March**

Sundays	2	9	16	23	30
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Janet Keister				
<u>VAN DRIVERS</u>	Mike Grimson	Craig Hawker	Dave Hamilton	Mike Simbric	Tim Davis
<u>LECTORS</u>	Gloria Clough	Sharon Droste	Kris Engelmann	Joann Mackin	Kathy Jones