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September Calendar

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **September 5th** for Labor Day. Please plan any visits accordingly.

RALLY DAY

Sunday School starts with Rally Day on **September 11th** at 10:15 a.m. following the 9 a.m. worship service. Sunday School will use the *Whirl* curriculum. If you have kiddos who would like to participate talk with Stacey Ramos!

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS

Teachers and helpers for Sunday School and Family Faith Night will be installed on **September 11th** during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

ZION CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR

Bell Choir will hold rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. First week of rehearsal is **September 7th**! If you are interested in playing talk with Charles Potter.

Choir will hold rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. First week of rehearsal is **September 7th**! If you are interested in singing join us and/or talk with Sue Robinson

FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

Family Faith Night, a collaborative faith formation ministry with Zion, Shepherd of the Cross, and Grace Lutheran Churches, will begin a regular schedule on **September 7th**. We will meet weekly at Grace Lutheran Church from 6-7:30 p.m. We offer faith formation for elementary, junior high, and adult ages. You do not have to be members of these congregations to participate. We will offer a meal every week at 6 p.m. and then break into our separate groups. Some of the adult groups will meet on a night other than Wednesday night. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email us at: faithtogethermuscatine@gmail.com

Zion Lutheran Church Family—greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

I know that everyone probably says that it's hard to believe that September is here already, but I am wondering where the summer went as we slip into the fall schedule.

As we move into a new season of “firsts” as I serve with you in God’s ministry here at Zion, I look forward to meeting more of you in person at worship, congregational events, and in the community. I know that we have MANY Zion members whom I have not yet met - due to a combination of starting in the middle of the school year, continued COVID concerns, and the challenge of getting back to a new normal after more than two years of adjusting to COVID and over a year without a regularly called pastor. If you are among those who have not returned to worship or congregational events, I would LOVE to meet you! Whether that is at worship, a congregational event, in the office, or at your home, please do not hesitate to stop in the office, give me a call, or send me an email. We serve with a lovely congregation and I want to meet you!

The changing of seasons means that school has started, summer rec is over, the pool is closed, and we can see the crops in the fields maturing quickly. As we look forward to fall, that means we look forward to change.

Here at Zion that means that we see the return of the Zion Bell Choir and Zion Choir as they resume rehearsals on September 7th at 6:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively, and we will start to hear their music in worship again as soon. Rally Day for Sunday School is on September 11th and we will start regular Sunday School AND an Adult Bible Study on September 18th. Both of these begin at 10:15 a.m.

Another change involves a new education and congregational collaboration experience. Zion is partnering with Grace Lutheran and Shepherd of the Cross Lutheran on Family Faith Nights. The kickoff for this partnership happened on August 31st and involves opportunities for elementary and adult faith formation groups, as well as a combined middle school faith formation group as we go through the confirmation experience together. If you are a part of Family Faith Night - or if you want to be a part of Family Faith Night as a participant or volunteer - please join us at Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday evenings beginning with a meal at 6 p.m. We will break into our different groups at 6:30 p.m. and wrap up at 7:30 p.m.

I look forward to a whole new experience of “firsts” with Zion as we enter a new season together. Come in and find out what God is up to here at Zion Lutheran Church!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Willie Rosin

PRAYERS AROUND ZION

"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs."

FOR THOSE REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Elaine Van Grievenhof, Butch Doyle, Bill Dyar, Karolyn Subbert, Bill Rueckert, Christy Keith, Patty Lange, Roger Roskens and Gary Sebbert.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE:

To the family and friends of Larry Meyer
Carl Carlson

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

* = 90+ yrs., ** = 100+ yrs.
Anniversaries = 50+ yrs.

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Carol Giovanazzi | 9/9 |
| Dick & Evie Marr | 9/1 |
| Roy & Joleen Schnedler | 9/2 |

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will join in Family Faith Night at Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. A meal will be provided beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions talk with Pastor Willie!

Family Faith Night will start with a kickoff event on Wednesday, **August 31st** at 6:00 p.m. and regular session will begin on Wednesday September 7th.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Third Grade Bible Review will take place on **September 18th, 23rd and October 2nd and 9th** during Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. Individuals will then receive their Bibles during 9:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, **October 23rd**.

If you have any questions please speak with Stacey Ramos or Pastor Willie.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Sunday School students are participating in Operation Christmas Child Project and will be putting together the kits on **October 30th**. There is a list of items that are needed for this project posted outside the office on the bulletin board. Please place the donations in the tote outside the church office.

Sales on schools supplies are a great time to purchase school items.

Some items include:

- Crayons and coloring books
- Play-Doh®
- Silly Putty®
- Socks (plain)
- Large piece puzzles
- Dolls
- Small stuffed animals
- Stickers
- Small balls
- Animal figurines

Electronic Giving

We receive electronic contributions through **Ti.thely**. If you are interested in joining this program to help with consistency and ease of contributions, please contact Kathleen Schippers.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

All Committee: 6:30 p.m. - 9/1

Council: 6:30 p.m. - 9/8

CONTACT NEWS:

All newsletter information and articles are due by **September 21 @ 12 p.m.**

2022 CROP HUNGER WALK

Mark your calendars to join us on Sunday October 2nd at the Muscatine Riverfront for the annual Crop Walk. This is the 51st year of the Crop Walk in Muscatine! Lets make it the biggest we have seen!

There are many ways you can get involved!

- Sign up to be a walker
- Make a donation (in the offering plate or online!)

Follow the link: <https://bit.ly/3dKN3JT> to make an online donation under the Zion Lutheran page!

For more information on becoming a walker please talk with Vivien Halloran.

ZION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Zion Lutheran Church Trust Fund is ready to receive college scholarship applications for 2022. The number of applicants and available funds will determine the number of awards.

The scholarship award will be for \$1,200.

Application Rules:

- Applicants must have been members of Zion for at least two years.
- Applicants must be full-time students at an accredited college or university.
- Applicants must have completed at least one semester of post high school study at the time of application. Post high school means classes taken after the student has graduated from high school.
- Applicants can only receive one Zion Lutheran Trust Fund scholarship.

Applications are available in the church office, may be requested by email, or on Zion's website – www.zionmuscatine.org.

Applications must be returned to the Trust Fund by November 6, 2022. Please bring them to the Zion Lutheran Church office

SEPT USHERS:

Riley Padgett, Mike Watson,
Mark Perisho

ALTAR GUILD:

Week 1: Richardsons
Week 2: Sheryl, Stacey, Sarah
Week 3: Pusateris
Week 4: Starkweathers
Sub: Hansons

ACOLYTES:

9/4 Jackson Evans &
Mason Smith
9/11 Naomi Young &
Bailey Othmer
9/18 Max Brendal &
Mason Smith
9/25 Dalton Bozarth &
Hayden Cantrell

LUNCH BUNCH:

September 8th @11:30 a.m.
Lunch Bunch will meet at
Boonies. Sign up on the
nursery bulletin board or
call Dorothy at 299-2995.

Z-BOOK CLUB:

September 26th 5:30 p.m.
at Diamond Daves with
"Foliage and Fatality"
by Karen Musser Norman.

GROUP 5:

Will meet September 20th in
the MPR.

GROUP 6:

We will meet on September
22nd at 6:30 p.m. Thank
you to Sue Wilder for
hosting!

ZION OUTREACH GRANTS

The Zion Lutheran Church Trust Fund is ready to begin the process of Outreach grant applications for 2022. The number of grant applicants and available funds will determine the number of awards.

The Trust Fund will host a Temple Talk in early September to update the congregation of the grant process.

Although there are several agencies that we have continually assisted in the past, the Trust Fund Committee wants to make sure that agencies that may be of special interest to the congregation are also considered.

In the past we have not typically awarded grants larger than \$500 for any one single project. However, we are open to responding to larger needs if a strong case is presented. Agencies may also submit more than one project grant application.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

| | July '22 Actual | July '22 Budget |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bdg Inc | \$18,266 | 21,623 |
| Bdg Exp | <u>\$23,072</u> | <u>22,688</u> |
| Net Ord Inc | (4,806) | - |
| Unbdg Inc | 452 | - |
| Unbdg Exp | <u>0</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Net Income | 452 | - |

Fund Balances

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Unified | \$182,525 |
| Building | \$59,211 |
| Memorial | \$38,275 |
| Fellowship | \$2,446 |
| Youth | \$5,606 |
| Quilters | \$2,593 |
| Innovative Ministries | \$95,033 |
| Flower Fund | (\$1,564) |
| Gateway | \$9,096 |

CAMP EWALU ANNOUNCES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Ewalu Camp & Retreat Center, a Lutheran ministry serving Eastern Iowa since 1961, announces a \$2 million capital campaign to renovate Cedar Lodge, a 60-year-old building at the main camp site that serves as the hub of activity for campers, summer staff and visitors, and to strengthen the organization's ministry.

"For 60 years, Cedar Lodge has served us well, but its layout no longer meets our needs, and its aging infrastructure is in need of overhaul," said Frank Johnson, Ewalu executive director. "Our plans to renovate Cedar will improve both the look and function of the lodge so that we might serve our guests, our campers, and our staff more fully."

Updating Cedar Lodge will help the camp minister to the needs of the wide variety of groups that use the facilities, including newer programs like Grandparent Camp and Hope Camp, which ministers to children with an incarcerated parent. Now, more than ever, accessible and adequate facilities have an impact on who can experience camp and how Ewalu can serve them.

The campaign aims to strengthen the camp and retreat center's ministry in four key areas:

Greater hospitality, by creating ADA-accessible restrooms on the main floor, adding space for gatherings, adding air conditioning and upgrading technology for retreats and conferences. An addition will also enhance the main entrance to the building.

More efficient food service and dining experience, by remodeling and expanding the commercial kitchen and streamlining the food preparation and serving areas.

Enhanced living conditions for summer staff, with a new HVAC system to address moisture issues in the lower level of the building, remodeling the lower-level restroom and shower areas and remodeling the summer staff break room.

Improved environmental stewardship, by increasing energy efficiency in the building and installing new solar energy collectors.

The Ewalu Board of Directors has already pledged to meet 10% of the \$2 million goal, and donors may give a one-time gift or pledge over a three-year period. The campaign plans to break ground when 90% of the goal has been committed. Building plans, details about the renovation and a donation link can be found at ewalu.org/cedar-lodge-project.

HOPES HOUSE

For decades, the Hopes House at the east edge of our property has served as a space for Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) to do their work of ministry. During those years, the house has fallen into a condition where it would be excessively expensive to make it usable to continue as a space for LSI or residential/rental housing. It sits on the church property and is zone for general commercial use.

The Zion Church Council has been in conversation with the Muscatine Fire Department (MFD) about using it for several different training exercises that will conclude with a controlled practice burn.

The MFD is excited about the opportunity to use the structure for training purposes and we have the opportunity for this house to serve the community in one more capacity to help improve and maintain the skills of our fire department.

This opportunity will provide benefit to the congregation, the community, and the Muscatine Fire Department because it will reduce the cost to remove the house while serving as a training structure. We give thanks for the service this structure has provided to the community for many years and for the ways in which it will serve the community one more time.

FREE BOOKS

The Zion library is planning a Book Give-Away! This will take place on a TBD Sunday in September and a TBD Sunday in October, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

The books for the give-away are some that have not been read/checked out for many years. The library shelves have limited space. We are making room for newer book additions/contributions.

We are asking for a free-will donation. Any money collected from this event will be given to the local food pantry.

Please check the weekly bulletins for the dates of the two give-aways.

Any questions? Please ask Gail Pusateri.



SEPTMBER
2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28 9 a.m. Worship <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> 10 a.m. Fellowship 3:30 p.m. Hymns and Hot Dogs | 29 6:30 a.m. AA | 30 7 p.m. Scouts | 31 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. Family Faith Night Kickoff @ Grace 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. Zion Choir | 1 6:30 p.m. All Comm. Night | 2 6:30 p.m. AA | 3 10:30 a.m. Carl Carlson Funeral |
| 4 9 a.m. Worship <i>Bags of Blessing</i> <i>Baptism of Quinn Henry Garrett</i> 10 a.m. Fellowship 5 p.m. AA | 5 Labor Day Office Closed 6:30 p.m. AA | 6 7 p.m. Scouts | 7 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. Family Faith Night @ Grace 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. Zion Choir | 8 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch @ Boonies 6:30 p.m. Council | 9 6:30 p.m. AA | 10 |
| 11 RALLY DAY! 9 a.m. Worship <i>SS Teachers Installation</i> 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 5 p.m. AA | 12 6:30 p.m. AA | 13 7 p.m. Scouts | 14 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. Family Faith Night @ Grace 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. Zion Choir | 15 | 16 6:30 p.m. AA | 17 |
| 18 9 a.m. Worship <i>Quarters for Hunger</i> 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 5 p.m. AA | 19 6:30p.m. AA | 20 1p.m. Group 5 in MPR 7p.m. Scouts | 21 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. Family Faith Night @ Grace 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. Zion Choir | 22 6:30 p.m. Group 6 Sue Wilder, hostess Location TBD | 23 6:30p.m. AA | 24 |
| 25 9 a.m. Worship <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 5p.m. AA | 26 5:30 p.m. Z-Book Club @ Diamond Daves 6:30p.m. AA | 27 | 28 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. Family Faith Night @ Grace 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. Zion Choir | 29 | 30 6:30p.m. AA | |