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Reformation Day commemorates the day in 1517 when a German monk named Martin Luther (1483-1546) strode up to the church in Wittenburg and nailed his 95 'theses' (or propositions) to the church door.

Luther chose to do this on October 31st as he knew the church would be full on the next day for All Saints' Day.

Luther's intention when posting his theses was to highlight the practice of indulgences in the Roman Catholic Church. Indulgences were pardons from sin that could be bought, meaning that those who were rich enough could buy forgiveness for all manner of sins.

Luther had hoped that pinning his protestations would spark wider debate and harden public opinion against the practice.

However, so many people agreed with his ideas that they quickly spread across western Europe, helped by the recent invention of the printing press, leading to the religious revolt known as the Reformation.

The reformation led many Christians to break off from the Roman Catholic Church and establish new, independent churches of their own, such as the Lutheran Church.

In 2010, around 37% of all Christians around the world identified as Protestants, according to the Pew Research Center.

Message from Pastor Willie:

Siblings in Christ – greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

I give thanks for the opportunity to serve with you here at Zion Lutheran Church. The more I get to know the ministries of the congregation and the members of the body of Christ here at Zion, the better I can serve with you all as the pastor of this congregation. I give thanks for everyone involved in the ministries of Zion! We have an active quilting group, an active parish education group who is willing to try new things for Sunday School and faith formation, both here at Zion and with the ministry collaboration, Faith Together Muscatine, we have with Shepherd of the Cross and Grace Lutheran. The Memorial Committee has experienced significant changes in leadership and we give thanks for members of that committee who faithfully served for decades who have now passed the reins to new leadership. I am thankful for the home communion ministers and for each and every one of you who visits our sick and homebound people.

As we look ahead to Confirmation Sunday on October 29th, I am thankful for Jackson Evans, Dalton Bozarth, Mason Smith, and Elise Freberg who all experienced a significant transition, moving from confirmation classes with only Zion students and leaders to joining with Family Faith Night and new students and adult leaders. Please keep these four in your prayers as they prepare to make public affirmation of their baptisms on October 29th!

The next couple of months are traditionally known as “Stewardship Season” in many churches. This is a time when we ask you to prayerfully consider what you are able to financially contribute to God’s ministry here at Zion as we look ahead to 2024 and the financial needs of the congregation. While we do have a significant “cushion” with finances, when we look at the current budget year we are \$35,000 in the red, which is not a sustainable rate of deficit for the long-term. As you approach the final quarter of 2023, please consider an increase in your regular offering contributions to help stem the tide of this financial shortfall.

Last, and certainly not least, I know that Zion has had interns in recent years. The church council asked me to contact Wartburg Theological Seminary to see if we can serve as an internship site for a student preparing for rostered ministry. It seems strange, but the first step in the application process is for the council to appoint an Internship Committee. If you have an interest in serving on the Internship Committee, please let me or Tyler know as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your faithful service with Zion Lutheran Church! I look forward to continuing learning about and helping lead our ministries here at Zion and learning more about each of you and your gifts for ministry.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Willie Rosin

Message from Pastor Willie Cont'd):

Confirmation Retreat! For the students who will make confirmation of their faith on October 29, 2023, there is a retreat on Sunday, October 8th, beginning at 3 p.m. We will learn some of Zion's history of ministry in Muscatine, craft the worship service for October 29th, walk through what will happen in the service, make a meal together and watch the Luther movie to learn more about the history of the Lutheran Church. Please make this retreat a priority!

Blessing of the Animals – On Sunday, October 8th, you are invited to bring your animals for a short service of blessing at 8 a.m. in the Zion Lutheran parking lot. Please have appropriate restraints on your animals so that we do not have any animals taking off or getting into disputes with one another.

Adult Bible Study will resume on October 15th at 10:30 a.m. We will start an 8 week series by David Lose called Making Sense of the Christian Faith. Participant books will be provided. Bibles will be provided for anyone who needs one. Please grab some coffee and a treat and then join us in the chapel area!

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Altar Guild:

Week 1: Richardsons
Week 2: Sarah
Week 3: Pusateris
Week 4: Starkweathers
Sub: Hanson

Lunch Bunch

Oct 12 11:30 @ Guadalajara's

Contact News

All newsletter information and articles for the November Contact are due by the end of day on **October 25**.

Birthdays Over 80:

* Marilyn Briscoe 10/20

**Bob Herwig 10/24

* 80-89 Years Young

** 90-99 Years Young

***100 Years Young

Did you know?

Total Offering Received For Week 9/24/23	\$2767
YTD Offering Received	\$160640
Remaining Weekly Offering Required to Meet Weekly Budget	\$7077

YTD Food Pantry	YTD Bag of Blessings	YTD Quarters for Hunger
\$1135	\$540	\$238.65

Introducing: Sunday Spirit Stories

The newest addition to our Sunday school time will be called *Sunday Spirit Stories*.

What is it: Sunday Spirit Stories will be a time to gather together to hear a book or two, read by different congregational members. Hear about Jesus, learn how to be a good person, make some new friends, and fill our hearts with positive thoughts for the week ahead.

Who is invited: Any Zion child and their parents are welcome!

When is it: This time together will be held on the 3rd, 4th and occasionally 5th Sunday of each month.

Where will we meet: We will gather in the Zion library. Grab a snack, get a carpet square, and come ready to hear a new story.

What time will it be held: Following the service/10:30 and last 15 -20 minutes.

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Birthdays:

Janice Pohl 10/01
Paisley Dornbush 10/02
Peggy Starkweather 10/03
Mark Perisho 10/05
Sara Reusswig 10/07
Kathleen Schippers 10/07
Scott Meerdink 10/08
Aiden Stange 10/08
Kent Egel 10/12
Julie Haage 10/13
Maggie Kiddoo 10/13
Doreen Borde 10/17
Lexie Dornbush 10/17
Carolyn Kemper 10/18
Jenna Kiddoo 10/19
Patricia Chrisman 10/28
Vivien Halloran 10/29
Tonya Armstrong 10/30
Jackson Brendel 10/30
Roy Schnedler 10/30

Usher Schedule

Jim Haage
Mike Batenhorst
Julie Haage
Bill Toyne

The Zion Trust has opened the process for the 2023 Scholarship Awards and Outreach Mission Grants and the applications are on the website or you can pick up a paper copy from the office.

Z book Club's next meeting is Monday, November 13 at 5:30 pm at Diamond Daves.

Our next book choice- "The Lost Bookshop" by Evie Woods



On a quiet street in Dublin, a lost bookshop is waiting to be found...For too long, Opaline, Martha and Henry have been the side characters in their own lives. But when a vanishing bookshop casts its spell, these three unsuspecting strangers will discover that their own stories are every bit as extraordinary as the ones found in the pages of their beloved books. And by unlocking the secrets of the shelves, they find themselves transported to a world of wonder... where nothing is as it seems.

Third Grade Bibles

Third grade Bible Review will take place Oct 1, 8, & 15, during Sunday school @10:15 a.m. Individuals will then receive their Bibles during worship on Sunday Oct. 22. Please direct any questions to Stacey Ramos or Pastor Willie.

Giving Statements

Thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministries of Zion Lutheran Church! As we approach the end of the third quarter, please note that if you would like your year to date contributions statement for 2023, please contact Denise in the church office. All annual contribution statements for 2023 will be provided after the end of the year.

Confirmation Dates in October!

1st -Dalton Bozarth
8th- Jackson Evans
15th -Elise Freberg
22nd -Mason Smith



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Anniversaries:

Richard & Cheryl Jacobsen 10/6
Terri & David Hanson 10/09
Jenna & Dustin Kiddoo 10/14
Toby & Karla Sander 10/14
Roger & Brenda Roskens 10/28
Richard Sr. & Ann Stange 10/28
Michael & Leslie Watson 10/29

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Evelyn Christophersen, Billy Rueckert, Roger Roskens & Rev. Bill Dyar.

Look for more information for our joint effort with Grace and Shepherd for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28 from 4-5:30 p.m.

Food For Thought

A secret to happiness is letting every situation be what it is, instead of what you think it should be.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Muscatine CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 01, 2023

MUSCATINE, IOWA

The annual Muscatine Crop Walk will be Sunday, October 1 at 2 p.m. As a representative of Social Ministry, Vivien Halloran has registered Zion Lutheran Church of Muscatine as a team online. Please consider joining Vivien and Tim in walking this year and donating money. Every bit helps. The team can be viewed at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/zion-lutheran-church-of-muscatine>.



Calendars Wanted

Ruth Starkweather would like your help!!! Any new 2024 calendars you receive and don't want, bring to the church office and Ruth will make sure they get to Lutheran Living. The residents really appreciate them.



Congratulations

Zach and Alli Thompson on the birth of their daughter, Felicity, and son, Carver, on September 18, 2023. And congratulations to Oliver on becoming the big brother of twins!



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Upcoming Meetings:

October 17- 1:00 p.m. Group 5

October 26 -6:30 p.m. Joy Circle @ Zion MFR

Reminders:

Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the All American Diner.

Christians Underground

We have an additional Bible study/discussion group opportunity in Muscatine called Christians Underground. Pastor Aleese Kenitzer from Shepherd of the Cross leads this group in discussion about the Revised Common Lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. They currently meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Geo John's for about an hour. This invitation is open to all three ELCA congregations in Muscatine. [at Geo Johnz on 2nd Street.](#)

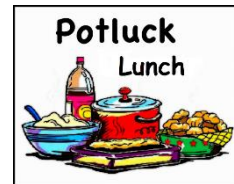
Fellowship of Christian

Athletes meets at Louisa-Muscatine High School on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in Room 109. Casey Cantrell is the local Huddle leader.

FUNERAL FOOD SERVERS

We are compiling a list of Zion's members who are willing to serve food following a funeral at Zion. This is on a rotating, as-needed basis, requiring 3-4 people. It might take place on a weekday or a Saturday. Coffee will be made, and served, catered food will be set out, tables will be wiped, and dishes will be washed. You might be called to serve 1-2 times per year. If interested in helping, please call Leslie Watson (563-299-6058) or Gail Pusateri (563-264-5719).

On **October 17** we will have a lunch time potluck upstairs in Fellowship Hall beginning at 12 p.m. The potluck is open to anyone who would like to join us and bring a dish to share. Tea and water will be provided. The next date will be Tuesday, December.



Youth Update

Hello everyone!

The older Sunday school student's 5th grade and up will be doing service projects for the people in Muscatine in need. We need donations and will place a tote outside the office. We would appreciate:

- Tuna packets
- Men's socks
- Women's socks
- Knit gloves
- Peanut butter crackers
- Plastic spoons
- Hand Warmers
- Individual Applesauce
- Individual Fruit cups
- Individual Pudding cups
- Small beef & cheese sticks
- Travel toothpaste
- Small packages of Kleenex (6 for \$1.25 at the dollar tree)
- Combs

Thank you for your continued support of our youth!

October 2023 LSI Article and Story

October 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

At LSI, we celebrate all the ways professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful connections in their communities. LSI's Host Homes program is an innovative way Direct Support Professionals serve adults with disabilities.

Through this program, an individual moves from Supported Community Living into a private family home with a carefully selected Host Homes Provider who provides 24/7 support for the client.

"Working directly with my clients to help them complete goals and work around obstacles is my favorite part of my job," said Erica Hill Murray, a Host Homes Provider at LSI. "I enjoy showing them that there are people in their lives who care about them, are proud of them, and proud to help them."

Erica has helped many clients in the five years she has provided care at LSI, but one client, in particular, has made great strides under her care. "I worked with a client who wanted to find a job or volunteer position, but she had two obstacles in her way: she had trouble using a computer, and she wasn't confident in her ability to speak in an interview," said Erica.

"I offered to look for positions on the computer with her and to call potential employers to explain what she was looking for. After working with her, we found her a volunteer position for a couple of days a week, and she was delighted."

"She thanked me for helping her and said that she was happy that, for once, someone understood her drive to want to work," said Erica. "I like to make a difference – even if it is small. Helping others, no matter at what level, is impactful. I love working at LSI, and I believe my position as a Host Homes Provider has been my favorite position in life."

Stories like these are possible through our many community partners and generous donors. If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI Host Homes, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy & Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa.

Trunk or Treat

October 29th

Call 563-263-5680 or go to
<https://bit.ly/ftmtrunks>
to sign-up your Trunk!

(Deadline October 25)

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

**Grace Lutheran Church
2107 Cedar Street - Parking Lot**

**PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE
ITEM FOR THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY.**



**SPOOKY FUN
FOR ALL AGES!**



**NOW TAKING
APPLICATIONS**

**MISSION
OUTREACH
GRANTS**

REQUIREMENTS

The Zion Lutheran Church Trust Fund will be awarding grants as part of our mission outreach program. These grants will be awarded to human service providers or ministries, at least one to an agency connected with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and at least one to a service agency with a Muscatine connection.

For more information Contact

Peggy Starkweather
563-263-3663
SamFox1979@msn.com

Or

ZION OFFICE HOURS
• 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
• MONDAY-FRIDAY
563-263-5074

zionmuscatine@gmail.com



NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Applicants must have been members of Zion for at least two years.
- 2) Applicants must be full-time students at an accredited institution of higher learning (college, university or trade school).
- 3) 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.
- 4) Applicants can only receive one Zion Lutheran Trust Fund scholarship.

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October 8th Pastor Appreciation Day



Thank You
Pastor Willie

Thank you for all
the hard work you do
Every day behind
the scenes.





2023 . OCTOBER

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