

# The Contact May

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**Reverand/Chaplain Erica Cunningham with her new green bay quilt made by the quilting ladies. Erica is the Director of Spiritual Services @ Lutheran Living.**

## CHRISTIAN DAY CAMP 2025

Following in the footsteps of Jesus

Christian Day Camp is back for its third year!  
Opportunities for elementary, middle school, and preschool youth!

Elementary	Middle School	Preschool
Completing K-5th	Completing 6th-8th	Ages 3-5
<div style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 2em;">X</div> <p><b>FULL</b></p>	<p>Special youth week!</p> <p><b>JUNE 24 - 27</b></p> <p>9:00 AM - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Registration fee: <b>\$20</b></p>	<p>Attend one or all! Kids must attend with an adult</p> <p><b>JUNE 9, 16, 23</b></p> <p>Rain date: June 30</p> <p>5:30 - 7:30 PM</p> <p>Registration fee: <b>\$10</b></p>
<p>Saulsbury Recreation Area 2007 Saulsbury Road, Muscatine</p> <p>Optional Aquatic Day June 14</p>	<p>Saulsbury Recreation Area 2007 Saulsbury Road, Muscatine</p> <p>Optional overnight June 27-28</p>	<p>Discovery Park 3300 Cedar Street, Muscatine</p> <p>Supper provided!</p>

### Activities

Activities are geared toward each age group. Full list of activities will be uploaded to our website.

- ✓ Canoeing, Fishing
- ✓ Biking
- ✓ Bible Stories
- ✓ Science Experiments

**Register Online starting March 10!**

Registration closes May 9

[christiandaycamp.org/registration](http://christiandaycamp.org/registration)

(Or scan the QR code!)

christiandaycamp.org  
563-264-0784  
christiandaycamp@gmail.com  
@christiandaycamp

More Information

## Message from Pastor Willie:

Dear siblings in Christ,

As the days grow longer, the sun grows warmer, and spring blossoms into summer, we look forward to a season of transition with May and June as the school year and Sunday School year comes to a close, families look forward to summer activities and travel, and here at Zion we prepare our hearts and hands for a new rhythm of ministry and fellowships.

### Looking Ahead to Summer Ministry

One of the highlights of summer ministry in Muscatine is Christian Day Camp. This is the third year that this local opportunity at Saulsbury Park has been offered, and it grows every year! This year we will have three weeks of Christian Day Camp plus Preschool sessions, providing opportunities for all ages. Each week of camp is filled with Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and laughter—helping children of all ages encounter Christ in a fun and meaningful way.

#### Day Camp Dates:

- **Week 1:** June 10 – June 14 (elementary, K-5)
- **Week 2:** June 17 – June 20 (elementary, K-5)
- **Week 3:** June 24 – June 27 (middle school, 6-8)

### Preschool Sessions

**June 9, 16, & 23 @ Discovery Park**

If you are an adult and would like to volunteer, fantastic! We need your help!

You can register to volunteer at the website.

Please register campers and/or volunteers at [www.christiandaycamp.org](http://www.christiandaycamp.org)

Camp is open to children from both our congregation and the wider community. We invite you to spread the word, volunteer your time, or contribute supplies. Most importantly, we ask for your prayers: that God would use this ministry to plant seeds of faith and deepen relationships with Christ.

### Worship and Fellowship

During the summer, we shift into a slightly different rhythm, though the worship service doesn't change much. Sunday worship continues at 9:00 a.m., but you may notice a more casual atmosphere as families come and go with summer plans. Wherever your summer takes you, we encourage you to stay rooted in the Word—whether that's through attending worship, tuning into the livestream, or carving out personal devotional time.

We also hope you'll join us for Worship in the Park on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at the Discovery Park picnic shelter. We will have a potluck picnic. Meat and buns will be provided. You are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert!

## Message from Pastor Willie:

### A Season of Growth

Just as the earth around us is bursting into bloom, this season is also one of spiritual growth. As we move toward Pentecost and remember the gift of the Holy Spirit, may we remain open to God's renewing power in our own lives and in our community.

Thank you for all the ways you continue to serve, support, and love one another. Whether you're a graduate, a volunteer at day camp, a faithful worshiper, or simply someone needing a little extra grace—know that you are a vital part of this body of Christ.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Willie Rosin

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Christian Day Camp Materials Needed!

### Materials needed:

- bike helmets
- granola bars (no nuts if possible)
- freezy pops
- bikes (especially for younger campers)
- acrylic paint pens
- bug spray
- sunscreen
- hand sanitizer



**BRING MATERIALS TO:**

Shepherd of the Cross Lutheran Church  
3300 N. 3300 IA-38, Muscatine, IA  
52761

## Birthdays Over 80

\* 80-89 Years Young

\*\* 90-99 Years Young

\*\*\*100 Years Young

## May Birthdays

\*Ria Meyer 05/23

## May Birthdays

Cindy Hank 05/03

Tyler Baars 05/06

Beth Batenhorst 05/08

Ella Schroeder 05/08

Jacob Dornbush 05/09

Allen Miller 05/10

Leslie Watson 05/10

Mason Smith 05/11

David Hanson 05/12

Grace Rosin 05/12

Ellie McCleary 05/14

Oliver Thompson 05/17

Briar Evans 05/18

Stacey Ramos 05/19

Asher Dornbush 05/20

Reita Driskell 05/20

Alexandria Steele 05/26

Carolyn Dittman 05/27

Braelynn Steele 05/29

Natalie Taylor 05/29

Lexi McCleary 05/30

Cheryl Jacobsen 5/31

## Lunch Bunch

**May 10 11:30 @Mamma Mia**

**June 11:30 @ Headquarters**

## Contact News

Newsletter information and articles for the next Contact are due by **June 5**

## Tithe

Total Offering Received For Week 5/4/25	\$2736
YTD Offering Received	\$80059
Remaining Weekly Offering Required to meet Weekly Budget	\$ 4006

YTD MCSA	YTD Laundry Love	YTD Quarters for Hunger
\$360	\$260	\$301.57
SHP	Synod Ben/Outreach	Youth
\$405	\$181.50	\$1,287.37



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### **Birthdays Over 80**

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### **June Birthdays**

\*\*Ralph Buster 06/01

\*Charles Meyer 06/02

\*\*Doris Watson 06/02

\*\*Barbara Buster 06/10

\*Betsy Martin 06/21

\*Joann Nelson 6/27/36

\*Jeanette White 06/27

\*Judith Sebbert 06/28

### **June Birthdays**

Mark Frye 06/01

Kathy Othmer 06/01

Carson Schroeder 06/01

Greg Gillespie 06/06

Mitchell Taylor 06/06

Michael Watson 06/08

Rosendo Ramos 06/09

Dylan Boche 06/15

Jurgen Boche 06/15

Alexander Creamer 06/15

Dustin Kiddoo 06/16

Susan Smith 6/17

Diane Emlet 06/18

Katie Harris 06/18

Sawyer Dornbush 06/19

Mark Evans 06/21

Terri Hanson 06/22

Anna Stange 06/22

Dalton Bozarth 06/26

Aidan Armstrong 06/27

Avery Schroeder 06/27

Nathan Taylor 06/27

## **Yard signs available for sale \$6**



# **HATE HAS NO HOME HERE.**

نفرت کے لئے یہاں کوئی گھر نہیں ہے

이집에는 미움이 없다 לשנאה אין בית כאן

الكره ليس له مكان هنا **El odio no tiene hogar aquí.**

# **SORRY, I HAVE PLANTS THIS SUNDAY!**



SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE PLANTING  
FLOWERS DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL

**MAY 11, 2025**

ANY ONE WILLING TO DONATE A PACK OF PLANTS  
CAN LEAVE THEM ON THE TABLE OUT SIDE THE OFFICE

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### May Anniversaries

Brandon & Kathleen Davis 5/8

\*Doreen & Neil Borde 5/14

\*\*Tim & Vivien Halloran 5/30

### June Anniversaries

\*\*Bob & Mary Danner 6/4

\*Julie & Mark Frye 6/5

Ryan & Susan Smith 6/5

\*\*Ellen & Ronald

Oostendorp 6/6

\*James & Julie Haage 6/9

\*\*Carol & Jerry Timm 6/10

Sarah & Jacob Evans 6/11

\*\*Allen & Dee Miller 6/15

\*Wendy & Trent Brendel 6/10

Braedan & Miriam Garrett 6/19

\*Bruce & Susan Miller 6/21

\*Beth & Mike Batenhorst 6/26

Allison & Zach Thompson 6/29

\*Larry & Jane Martz 6/30

\* 25+

\*\*50+

### Usher Schedule

#### May

Jim Haage/Julie Haage

Mike Batenhorst

Susan Smith

ALT-Bill Toyne

#### June

Bill Toyne

Mike Watson

Mark/Sarah Perisho

ALT Greg Bogart

### Altar Guild:

Week 1: Richardsons

Week 2: Perishos

Week 3: Pusateris

Week 4: Starkweathers

Sub: Hansons

# WORSHIP PICNIC IN THE PARK

**Sunday June 8**

10:30am - at Discovery Park



Join Zion Lutheran Church  
for Christian Worship  
@ the shelter.

Meat, Buns, Napkins

& Drink provided

**Please bring a dish to pass**



2025

TOTAL RAISED

During Lent

\$2897

*Thanks to  
Zion, Shepherd of the Cross,  
Grace & New Era Lutheran  
Churches*

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**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 Zion Lutheran church for about an hour. This invitation is open to all four ELCA congregations in Muscatine.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Joy Circle**

**May 22 6:30 p.m.**

**June 26 6:30 p.m.**

**Group 5**

**May 20 1:00 p.m.**

**June 17 1:00 p.m.**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Kristy Keith, Butch Doyle, Linda Brade, Beth Simpson, Karolyn Subbert, Faith McCleary, Sara Reusswig, Judy Sebbert & Tammy Welk.



Join us after worship  
for the blessing  
of the Garden of Eatin'!!



May 18, 2025



*LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, Global Greens, People with Disabilities, and Immigrant & Refugee Community Services. We serve individuals of all ages, from families with newborns navigating the early stages of parenthood, to Refugee and Immigrant elders, as well as children at every stage of development. Our heart beats for the people we serve. We empower families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual.*

### ***A Story of Resilience: Aime's Journey from Refugee to Entrepreneur***

*In 2010, Aime fled the war in Congo, seeking safety for herself and her future. She first found refuge in Tanzania before making her way to the United States, later that year settling in South Dakota. There, she worked with Palance Autism, dedicating herself to helping others. During this time, Aime met her husband, and together they built a family, eventually welcoming five children.*

*In 2012, Aime and her family moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where she began working with TPI, a wind energy company. For ten years, she juggled the demands of her job while raising her children. However, when TPI closed in 2022, Aime saw the chance to create a new path – one that would allow her to spend more time with her family and pursue a career more aligned with her values.*

*Determined, Aime enrolled in Lutheran Services in Iowa's childcare program in October 2022. With their support, she launched her own daycare business in 2023. Today, Aime cares for six children in her daycare, providing a safe and nurturing space for them to grow while also staying closely connected to her own family.*

*Aime's story is one of resilience, growth, and the courage to start over. From fleeing her home to building a business in a new country, she has transformed her challenges into opportunities for herself, her family and her community.*



*For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.*

*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](http://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church BUDGET TO ACTUAL - Unified Fund Month Ended April 30, 2025

	General Fund Apr 30, 2025 Actual	General Fund Apr 30, 2025 Budget	% of Budget	General Fund 4 months ended Apr 30, 2025 Actual	General Fund 12 months ended Dec 31, 2025 Budget	% of Annual Budget
<b>Revenue</b>						
Offering	\$ 19,875	\$ 22,917	87%	\$ 77,392	\$ 237,501	33%
Other Budgeted Income	2,229	500	446%	4,143	6,400	65%
Parsonage Fund Income	-	-		-	25,000	0%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>22,104</b>	<b>23,417</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>81,534</b>	<b>268,901</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
Staffing Expenses	19,422	17,615	110%	70,191	211,853	33%
Property & Office Expenses	6,539	4,996	131%	22,569	59,950	38%
Program Expenses	147	1,017	15%	1,118	7,800	14%
Budgeted Benevolence Expenses	3,641	2,025	180%	8,622	24,298	35%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>29,750</b>	<b>25,652</b>	<b>116%</b>	<b>102,500</b>	<b>303,901</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(7,646)</b>	<b>(2,235)</b>	<b>342%</b>	<b>(20,966)</b>	<b>(35,000)</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Other Income</b>						
Unbudgeted Income	966	-		2,582	-	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>2,582</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Other Expenses</b>						
Unbudgeted Expenses	52	-		52	-	
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>740</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (6,732)</b>	<b>\$ (2,235)</b>	<b>301%</b>	<b>\$ (19,124)</b>	<b>\$ (35,000)</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>As of Apr 30, 2025</b>					
Unified Fund	\$ 133,880					
Building Fund	90,725					
Memorial Fund	31,425					
Fellowship Hall Fund	4,148					
Youth Fund	9,392					
Designated Benevolences	-					
Quilters Fund	3,085					
Innovative Ministries Fund	191,618					
Flower Fund	1,509					
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	337					
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 466,119</b>					



# 2025 . MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> 6:30 PM ALL COMMITTEE	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM AA	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Q FOR HUNGER</b> 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:15 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL/ STORIES 6:00 PM WORSHIP	<b>5 PASTOR'S SABBATH CINCO DE MAYO</b> 5:30 PM Z BOOK CLUB @DIAMOND DAVE'S	<b>6 CONTACT INFO DUE</b> 7:00 PM SCOUTS	<b>7</b> 6:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:00 CHRISTIANS UNDERGROUND 6:00 PM FFN@GRACE LUTHERAN 6:15 PM BELL CHOIR 7:00 PM CHOIR 6:30 PM AA	<b>8</b> 11:30 AM LUNCH BUNCH@ MAMMA MIA'S 6:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING	<b>9</b> 6:30 PM AA	<b>10</b>
<b>11 MOTHER'S DAY LAUNDRY LOVE</b> 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:15 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANTING FLOWERS	<b>12 PASTOR'S SABBATH</b>	<b>13</b> 1:00 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE 7:00 PM SCOUTS	<b>14</b> 6:30 A.M. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:00 CHRISTIANS UNDERGROUND 6:00 PM FFN@GRACE LUTHERAN NO BELL CHOIR NO CHOIR 6:30 AA	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 PM AA	<b>17</b> <b>SELA SYNOD ASSEMBLY</b>
<b>18 SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE</b> 9:00 AM WORSHIP/GARDEN BLESSING 10:15 AM FELLOWSHIP 6:00 PM WORSHIP 6:00 PM RE-STORIED BIBLE STUDY	<b>19 PASTOR'S SABBATH</b>	<b>20</b> 1:00 PM GROUP 5 7:00 PM SCOUTS	<b>21</b> 6:30 A.M. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:00 CHRISTIANS UNDERGROUND NO BELL CHOIR NO CHOIR 6:30 AA	<b>22</b> 6:30 PM JOY CIRCLE	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM AA	<b>24</b>
<b>25 MCSA - MUSCATINE CENTER FOR SOCIAL ACTION</b> 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:15 AM FELLOWSHIP	<b>26 PASTOR'S SABBATH MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM SCOUTS	<b>28</b> 6:30 A.M. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:00 CHRISTIANS UNDERGROUND 6:15 PM BELL CHOIR 7:00 PM CHOIR 6:30 AA	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30 PM AA	<b>31</b>



# 2025 . JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1 Q FOR HUNGER</b> 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:15 FELLOWSHIP 6:00 PM WORSHIP	<b>2 PASTOR'S SABBATH</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM SCOUTS	<b>4</b> 6:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:00 CHRISTIANS UNDERGROUND 6:30 PM AA	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM ALL COMMITTEE MEETING CONTACT INFO DUE	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM AA	<b>7</b>
<b>8 LAUNDRY LOVE</b> 9:00 AM WORSHIP	<b>9 PASTOR'S SABBATH</b> PRE SCHOOL CAMP 5:30-7:30	<b>10</b> <b>ELEMENTARY CAMP 9-4</b> 12:00PM LUNCH POTLUCK 7:00 PM SCOUTS	<b>11</b> <b>ELEMENTARY CAMP 9-4</b> 6:30 A.M. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:00 CHRISTIANS UNDERGROUND 6:30 PM AA	<b>12</b> <b>ELEMENTARY CAMP 9-4</b> 11:30 AM LUNCH BUNCH@ HEADQUARTERS 6:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING	<b>13</b> <b>ELEMENTARY CAMP 9-4</b> 6:30 PM AA	<b>14</b>
<b>15 SHP</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:15 FELLOWSHIP	<b>16 PASTOR'S SABBATH</b> PRE SCHOOL CAMP 5:30-7:30	<b>17</b> <b>ELEMENTARY CAMP 9-4</b> 1:00 PM GR 5 MFR 7:00 PM SCOUTS	<b>18</b> <b>ELEMENTARY CAMP 9-4</b> 6:30 A.M. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:00 CHRISTIANS UNDERGROUND 6:30 AA	<b>19</b> <b>ELEMENTARY CAMP 9-4</b>	<b>20</b> <b>ELEMENTARY CAMP 9-4</b> 6:30 PM AA	<b>21</b>
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