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OCTOBER





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Council Corner

Birthdays Over 80
*** 80-89 Years Young**
**** 90-99 Years Young**
*****100 Years Young**

October Birthdays
***Janice Pohl 10/01**

October Birthdays
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
Noah Wolf 10/9
Wendy Holladay 10/09
Kent Egel 10/12
Julie Haage 10/13
Maggie Kiddoo 10/13
Lexie Dornbush 10/17
Carolyn Kemper 10/18
Jenna Kiddoo 10/19
Georgia Stange 10/19
Marilyn Briscoe 10/20
Albert Ames 10/27
Vivien Halloran 10/29
Tonya Armstrong 10/30
Jackson Brendel 10/30
Roy Schnedler 10/30

Altar Guild:
Week 1: Richardsons
Week 2: Perishos
Week 3: Pusateris
Week 4: Starkweathers
Sub: Hansons

ZION LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. New LED parking lot lights were installed.
2. A bid was accepted from Zimmerman's Landscape and Irrigation to replace the retaining wall at the end of the parking lot on 5th Street.
3. Council approved the Facility Use Agreement for Denise Bulcke for September 20th for her mother's 90th birthday.
4. Trunk or Treat will be Wednesday, October 28th, at Grace Lutheran. Congregation members will be asked to donate candy or trinkets for the kids.
5. The Sauerkraut Committee is low on food donations for the Sauerkraut Supper to be held on September 24th.
6. The Social Ministry Committee's "God's Work, Our Hands" project will be working at MCSA with boxing up summer clothes in their donation closet and getting out winter wear. In addition, church volunteers will cook a spaghetti meal for the residents for dinner on Sunday, September 13th.



FAITH.FAMILY COMMUNITY

Birthdays Over 80
*** 80-89 Years Young**
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November Birthdays
*Donna Williams 11/23

November Birthdays
Wendi Meerdink 11/04
Lincoln Othmer 11/04
Jackson Evans 11/06
James Hyink 11/07
Tucker Dornbush 11/10
Laurie Noah 11/10
Sharon Stadtwald 11/11
Joleen Schnedler 11/16
Preston Schroeder 11/18
Naomi Young 11/20
Bailey Othmer 11/21
Tricia Jacobsen 11/22
David Reusswig 11/29
David Harms 11/29
Scott Richardson 11/30

Ushers

October
Jim & Julie Haage
Susan Smith
Bill Toyne

November
Tom Welk
Mike Watson
Mark & Sarah Perisho

Contact News Newsletter information and articles for the next Contact are due by November 5

Z BOOK CLUB

The Woman Who Ran Away from Everything
by Fiona Gibson

October 27 | 5:30PM

@ Diamond Dave's

563-263-5074
Zion Lutheran Church

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP with Matilda

sign up or call the office!!

New Era Dinner Theater &
Pearl City Players Theatrical Society Present

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
The Musical

Book by
DENNIS KELLY
Music & Lyrics by
TIM MINCHIN

Friday, Oct. 16 – Meal 6:00; Show 7:00

Saturday, Oct. 17 – 2:00 (no meal)

Saturday, Oct. 17 – Meal 6:00; Show 7:00

Sunday, Oct. 18 – 2:00 (no meal)

New Era Community Building
3445 New Era Road, Muscatine

Presented through special arrangement with
Music Theatre International (MTI)
www.mtishows.com

Meal and Show
Adults $35
Children (thru age 10) $20

Show Only
Adults $15, Children $10

Order Tickets Online
Scan QR code to start

or call
563-299-4710 - Joan

Menu
Chicken Breast
New Era Green Beans
Salad, Parsley Potatoes
Chocolate Cake
Beverage

FAITH.FAMILY COMMUNITY

25+
****50+**
October Anniversaries

*Mildred & James Hyink 10/4
*Richard &
Cheryl Jacobsen 10/6
**Terri & David Hanson 10/9
Jenna & Dustin Kiddoo 10/14
Shawn Baars-Schafer &
Todd Schafer 10/18
Toby & Karla Sander 10/14
*Roger &
Brenda Roskens 10/28
*Michael &
Leslie Watson 10/29

*** November Anniversaries**

*Rose Marie & Manley Doyle 11/8
Mike & Chris Owens 11/18
Rosendo & Stacey Ramos 11/24
**Jan & Charlie Drumm 11/25

Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM
October 8 All American Diner
November 12 Pizza Ranch

OFFERING

Total Offering Received For Week 10/03/26	$3,239
YTD Offering Received	$152,282
Remaining Weekly Offering Required to meet Weekly Budget	$6,351

YTD MCSA	YTD Laundry Love	YTD Quarters for Hunger
$900	$1,310	$392
YTD Sauerkraut Supper	YTD CROP Walk	YTD Youth
$1,222	$277	$1,556



FAITH.FAMILY COMMUNITY

Reminders:
Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 7:00 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:
6:30 PM
Joy Circle
October 22
November 19

1:00 PM
Group 5
October 20
November 17



Please Pray for Faith McCleary, Judy Sebbert, Martha Carley, Carolyn Kemper, Eric Pohl, Tammy Welk, Maria Gui, Rick Weiss, Dick & Ann Stange, Loryann Eis, Cindy & Mary Devick, Melissa Slaughter, Noah Jerson.



FINANCIALS

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
BUDGET TO ACTUAL - General Fund
Month Ended September 30, 2026

	General Fund Sep 30, 2026 Actual	General Fund Sep 30, 2026 Budget	% of Budget	General Fund 9 months ended Sep 30, 2026 Actual	General Fund 12 months ended Dec 31, 2026 Budget	% of Annual Budget
Revenue						
Offering	$ 15,581	$ 19,420	80%	$ 149,206	$ 235,045	63%
Other Budgeted Income	263	750	35%	8,465	9,000	94%
Parsonage Fund Income	-	6,250	0%	-	25,000	0%
Total Revenue	**15,844**	**26,420**	**60%**	**157,671**	**269,045**	**59%**
Operating Expenses						
Staffing Expenses	10,636	14,229	75%	84,955	171,222	50%
Property & Office Expenses	6,089	5,086	120%	51,314	61,026	84%
Program Expenses	318	1,058	30%	3,743	12,700	29%
Budgeted Benevolence Expenses	1,519	1,908	80%	15,615	24,097	65%
Total Operating Expenses	**18,562**	**22,281**	**83%**	**155,627**	**269,045**	**58%**
Operating Income (Loss)	**(2,718)**	**4,140**	**-66%**	**2,044**	**-**	
Other Income						
Unbudgeted Income	239	-		1,473	-	
Total Other Income	**239**	**-**		**1,473**	**-**	
Other Expenses						
Unbudgeted Expenses	8	-		80	-	
Total Other Expenses	**8**	**-**		**80**	**-**	
Net Income (Loss)	**$ (2,488)**	**$ 4,140**	**-60%**	**$ 3,437**	**$ -**	

Fund Balances	As of Sep 30, 2026
Unified Fund	$ 121,590
Building Fund	77,745
Memorial Fund	24,218
Fellowship Hall Fund	4,685
Youth Fund	10,750
Designated Benevolences	135
Quilters Fund	2,555
Innovative Ministries Fund	191,618
Flower Fund	842
Garden Fund	2,660
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	1,416
Total Fund Balances	**$ 438,214**

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NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS 2026 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.

For more information Contact

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

Or

ZION OFFICE HOURS

- 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- MONDAY-FRIDAY

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zionmuscatine@gmail.com

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NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS

2026

MISSION OUTREACH GRANTS



The Zion Lutheran Church Trust Fund will be awarding grants as part of our mission outreach program.

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FAITH TOGETHER MUSCATINE INVITES YOU TO OUR 2026

TRUNK or TREAT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
6:00PM - 7:30PM
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2107 CEDAR STREET



We will be collecting non-perishable food items for our local food pantry.



Our Trunk or Treat event is family friendly and is here to add a dash of magic and a whole lot of treats to your spooky season. If you would like to host a Trunk, please sign up via this QR code and plan to arrive by 5:30 to set up your space.

SCAN ME!

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GRACE / NEW ERA / ZION
SHEPHERD OF THE CROSS

LUNCHTIME POTLUCK

Get together



Zion Lutheran Church

Tuesday October 13

Signup is on the narthex bulletin board

Shepherd of the Cross

3300 Hwy. 38 N. Muscatine, IA

HOMEMADE SOUP, BREAD & PIE!



Soup Fest

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Cost: Adults - $10
Youth - $5 (5-10 years old)
Under 5 - Free

TAKE OUT MEALS AVAILABLE

SOTC Call: 563-264-0784
office@shepherdofthecross.org

PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE ALMONER'S FUND & MISSION SUPPORT 50/50









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You shared your Kindness

SISTER CHURCHES













Be kind and compassionate to one another.
— Ephesians 4:32











THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2026 Pastors, Lay Leaders, & SAM Candidates

Susan Bantz
Aleese Kenitzer
Dr. Vicki Pedersen
Martha Lang
Tyler Baars
Dan Kuckuck

Phil Borleske
Maddy Carroll
John Meyer
Dianne Prichard
Wade Reddy
Mackenize Gilbert

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 6:30 PM ALL COMMITTEE	**2** 6:30 PM AA	**3**
4 TRUNK OR TREAT 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP 11:00 AM WORSHIP 1:30 ADULT BIBLE STUDY @GRACE **2:00 PM CROP WALK @ DISCOVERY PARK**	**5** **3**PM KITCHEN USAGE 6:30 PM AA	**6 CONTACT INFO DUE** 9:30 AM QUILT GROUP 7:00 PM SCOUTS	**7** **7**:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:00 CHRISTIANS UNDERGROUND 6:15 PM FFN@GRACE LUTHERAN 6:15 PM BELL CHOIR 7:00 PM CHOIR 6:30 PM AA	**8** 11:30 AM LUNCH BUNCH@ ALL AMERICAN DINER 6:30 PM ALL COMMITTEE	**9** 6:30 PM AA	**10**
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25 TRUNK OR TREAT 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP/CONFIRMATION 11:00 AM WORSHIP 1:30 ADULT BIBLE STUDY @GRACE	**26** 3PM KITCHEN USAGE 6:30 PM AA	**27** 9:30 AM QUILT GROUP 5:30: Z BOOK CLUB @ DIAMOND DAVE'S 7:00 PM SCOUTS	**28** 7:00 A.M. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 12:00 CHRISTIANS UNDERGROUND 6:00 PM TRUNK OR TREAT@GRACE LUTHERAN 6:15 PM BELL CHOIR 7:00 PM CHOIR 6:30 PM AA	**29**	**30** 6:30 PM AA	**31**

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