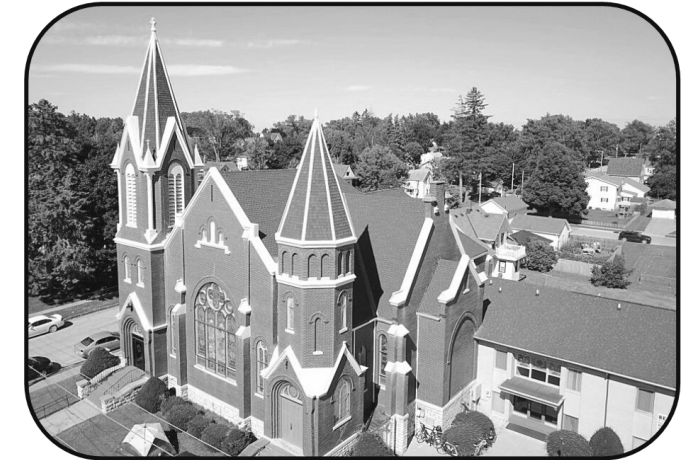


Zion United Church of Christ

TIDINGS FROM ZION

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2024 NEWSLETTER



THANK YOU to Connor and Cameron Buhl for helping their grandma, Lisa Melcher, re-decorate a couple of the church bulletin boards!

They look great!

Donna Lubahn has passed along this duty to Lisa.

THANK YOU Donna for your time decorating the bulletin boards and

THANK YOU Lisa for offering to take on this task!



CAN YOU HELP?!

At the end of July, Bill Shafer is stepping away from the position of running the computer during worship. Which means we are in need of someone to step up and take on this task! Could that be you? If you are interested and have questions about what this entails you can talk with Bill or Pastor Cathy.

And a **HUGE THANK YOU to Bill** for his many years of helping out during worship!!



I write this on my first day back in the office after a wonderful couple of weeks in Spain. I spent a few days by myself in Madrid, and then met up with 10 other UCC colleagues as we explored the life and times of St. Theresa of Avila as we traveled through Avila, Toledo, and Spain. I love traveling. I love getting the chance to explore new cultures, see new sites, and meet new people that I would have never otherwise had a chance to meet. Of course, the entire experience tends to be pretty intense, and I'm always thrilled to get back home to the "familiar" surroundings of the upper midwest.

Big trips like this, of course, take money, time, and energy that not everyone has access to. So I remain thankful that I'm able to do something like this every once and a while.

But here's the truth: none of us need to travel to the other side of the world to experience new places, people or experiences. All of us are able to do that right here in Northeast Iowa if we so desire. There are always people we haven't met, that we could meet by going into a different store than we might normally go into. There are surely places that we either haven't been or haven't been in a long time that we could see. And even going into your local favorite restaurant can be a "new" experience if you go in with a mindset to meet someone new or try a new item on the menu. Sometimes it might be as easy as going into your own backyard and really spending some time among the trees and flowers and focusing on what they bring us in this world.

It's so easy to get stuck in a routine: to convince ourselves that we can only have new and grand adventures if we hop on an airplane and visit countries unseen. But the truth is, God's creation is changing around us and doing new things every single day. We have a choice to make on whether or not we see something different, or if we see the same things we have always seen.

As followers of Christ, as people who believe in a creation by God, we have a responsibility to keep looking at life through new eyes and look for new experiences wherever we go. It is through that intentional rediscovering of God's creation that we begin to really learn what God has done and continues to do. And through that, we become more able to love God, and the entire world, as we continue to step outside ourselves.

Blessings,
 Pastor Cathy

Worship and Events for May 2024

HEALTH KITS ARE DUE THIS MONTH



Wednesday, May 1

May Breakfast, serving from 7-10 AM
Confirmation at 5:45 PM

Thursday, May 2

Esther Circle at 11:30 AM at
Lid's Bar & Grill
Lesson by: Karen Debuhr

Sunday, May 5

Confirmation Sunday
Traditional Worship at 9 AM
Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Tuesday, May 7

Anna-Ruth Circle at 2 PM in the
Fellowship Hall
Bible Study at 2 PM

Thursday, May 9

Bible Study at 2 PM

Sunday, May 12

Contemporary Worship at 9 AM
Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Thursday, May 16

Bible Study at 2 PM

Sunday, May 19

Graduation Sunday
Contemporary Worship at 9 AM

Monday, May 20

Sew Inspired at 9:30 AM in the
Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 23

Bible Study at 2 PM

Sunday, May 26

Traditional Worship at 9 AM

Thursday, May 30

Bible Study at 2 PM

Sunday, May 5th is CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

Please join us as we welcome and celebrate
our confirmands during worship at 9 AM!

This years confirmands are:

Marcus Gebel, Parker Knox, Makenna Kurth, Norah Palmer
CONGRATULATIONS!



Zion's Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Carol Eick	2 Kaitlin Lubahn	3 Don Haler Dave Prestemon Wayne & Deb Rissman	4 Olivia Enyart
			5 Stuart & Theresa Jacobs	6	7	8 Byron Peake
12 Corey & Nicole Larson	13	14 Karen Loeb Aspen Gordon Darrell & Lisa Moose	15 	16 Lyle Moose Joe Emerson	17 Rev. Shari Prestemon	18 Dan & Jody Straate Cathy & Jon Buhl Brienne & Todd Wild
19 Dale & Lynn Dahlstrom Randy & Shelly Vine	20 Pam Benjegerdes Alaina Gebel Janessa Sommer	21 Emily Prestemon-Streicher Harlan Scott	22 Knightly Rich Joe & Katelyn Frieden	23 Bev Shafer Parker Knox Pastor Dick & Carol Eick	24 Naomi Palmer 	25 Betty Decker Mary Jo Nordheim Stuart Jacobs Michelle Dee
26	27 Kathie Heck Ali Nagel	28 Linda Kruse	29	30	31	

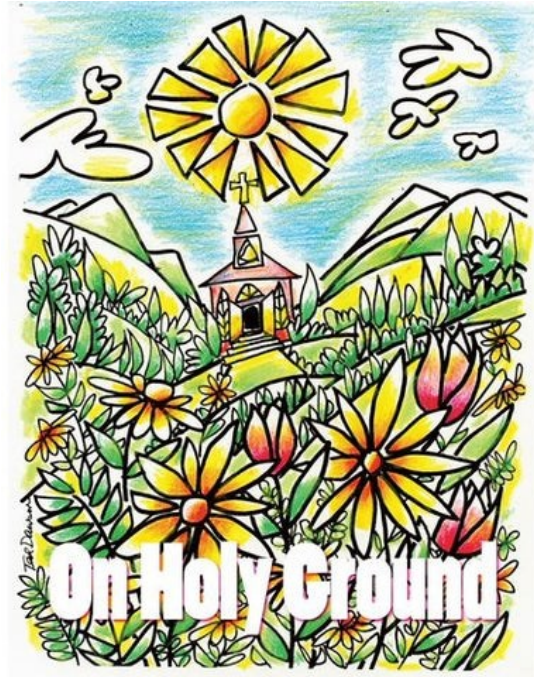


Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offering:

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

We will receive the Strengthen the Church offering on Pentecost Sunday, **May 19, 2024**



A Cordial Reminder and a Special Invitation From Zion Women's Fellowship Executive Board: The Women's Fellowship Circles are in session, and we invite All Zion Women to attend. If you would like to bring a guest, you are certainly WELCOME to do so.

Anna-Ruth Circle meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, 2:00 p.m., Church Fellowship Hall.

Esther Circle meets the 1st Thursday of each month, 11:30 a.m., Lid's Restaurant, Waukon.

The Circle Members will be pleased to WELCOME YOU. If time does not permit you to attend a Circle gathering, please join us when the opportunity arises for you. Hoping To See You Soon.

-Zion UCC Women's Exec. Board

Zion United Church of Christ Council Minutes

Monday, April 22, 2024

Members Present: Terry Oesterle, Connie Gordon, Bill Shafer, Gary Williams, Rick Larson and Brianne Wild

Terry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CD at Waukon State Bank

The Council discussed the CD at Waukon State Bank comes due on Thursday and what to do with the money now. The board discussed taking the interest and putting it into the General fund to try and help with daily expenses and then to split what was left in half and do half of the amount into a 6 month CD and half of the money into a 12 month CD. A motion to approve this was made by Rick and seconded by Bill. The motion carried unanimously.

Elevator

Cathy checked into seeing if we needed the elevator checked as much as we had and if we could move to having less checks to save us some money. The elevator company said we could have less checks and still meet the proper state regulations for inspections.

A motion to sign the new contract with the elevator company was made by Bill and seconded by Gary. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Connie and seconded by Bill the motion carried unanimously.



Waukon Community & Fire Fighter Appreciation Blood Drive

First Baptist Church

614 Rossville Rd. | Waukon

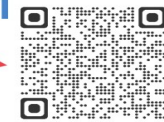
Monday, May 6, 2024

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM



APPOINTMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED

Text: LIFESERVE to 999-777 | Call: 800.287.4903
Visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org



	Attendance	Offering
March 31 Easter	100	\$4,141.00
April 7	68	\$4,160.00
April 14	60	\$7,276.08
April 15	Automatic Donations	\$1,280.00
April 21	62	\$1,262.00
April 28	75	\$3,249.00


Scriptures for May

May 5 Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 12 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 19 Acts 2:1-21 OR Ezekial 37:1-14
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27 OR Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26 Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17




Palm Sunday!
Thank you Sunday School kids for waving your palms and singing during worship!




Spring Highway Clean-Up
Saturday, May 25th at 10 AM

We will meet to clean up Zion's section of adopted highway.


Meet at the church parking lot at 10 AM. Our adopted highway begins at the intersection of Highways 9 and 51 and goes south for 2 miles.

We will share some treats after a job well done!



Highway Clean-up Project

MISSION EMPHASIS FOR MAY IS
BACK BAY MISSION



Missions

The mission offering emphasis for May is Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Zion has enjoyed a special relationship with this mission affiliated with the United Church of Christ, a mission which has served the poor on our Gulf Coast for 95 years.

Back Bay Mission has provided leadership among Gulf Coast social agencies for many years; providing feeding programs, health services, clothing distribution, emergency aid, help for the homeless and housing for the poor and veterans struggling with homelessness. Their work camp program for repair and restoration of homes owned by the poor is well-known and respected nationwide.

Please give as you are able to support this historic, effective and proven mission of our church. Thank you!

Zion Mission Committee





PARENTS

If you have a child that will be graduating from High School or College this year, please notify the office so we can include them on Graduation Sunday.

*PLEASE send a photo of the graduate to the church office, on email if possible:
x.zionunitedchurch@mchsi.com or drop one by the church office

Graduation Sunday is May 19th



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last day of Sunday School will be May 12th

Thank you to this month's Ushers and Liturgists!

Head Usher for May is Lisa Melcher

May 5th—Confirmation Sunday

Ushers: Church Council
Liturgist: none

May 12th

Ushers: Cheryl Nolting and Cayla Hennings
Liturgist: Cheryl Nolting

May 19th—Graduation Sunday

Ushers: Dave Martin and Bob Rotach
Liturgist: Dave Martin

May 26th

Ushers: Linda Siegrist and Beth Shafer
Liturgist: Linda Siegrist

Ushers - please be at Zion at least 10 minutes before service in order to greet and hand out bulletins. We need you to also pass the offering plates and after church we ask you to clean the pews of bulletins and such. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Prestemon or Lisa Melcher. Thank you.



Zion's Vacation Bible School will be on **Wednesday, May 29!**

There will be a sign up sheet available soon. Watch the church bulletin and Facebook for more details!
Come join the fun!

WEDNESDAYS Meals On Wheels Delivery Schedule

Please be at the Wellness Center Meal Site by 11:15 am

Volunteer for the Month of May: Beth Shafer, thank you Beth!

Volunteers for Zion United Church of Christ

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|---|-----------------------|
| John & Sheryl Prestemon | 568-6861 |
| Ron & Therese Snitker | 535-7265 |
| Jan Cooper & Don Dehning | 568-4478 |
| Dr. Ken & Sharon Olson | 568-4612 |
| Diane Nolting | 568-4010 |
| Rick & Cathy Larson | 568-2672 |
| Linda Siegrist (not available January - April) | 568-9027 |
| Beth Shafer (not available March - April) | 568-9994 |
| Rhonda Cahoon | (563) 380-5054 |
| Back-up Driver Only Volunteers | |
| Lollie Hirth | 568-7470 |
| Bonnie Hager | 568-3741 |



To each of you, THANK YOU for accepting the invitation to volunteer to deliver Meals On Wheels. Many Hands make light work!!

Zion Women's Fellowship is collecting **Health Kits** for the Allamakee Relief Office:

- Option 1:
1 hand towel
1 wash cloth
1 bar of soap (bath size)
1 toothbrush
1 toothpaste
1 comb



Option 2: 1 bath towel

There will be a laundry basket in the annex for your items. Health Kits are due in May.



Esther Circle - May 2nd at 11:30 am at Lid's Bar & Grill
Lesson By: Karen Debuhr

Ana-Ruth Circle- May 7th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Flower chair for May is Sharon Olson
Thank you Sharon!

Esther Circle would like to share that they held a memorial service during their April 4 meeting for circle members who have passed away : Ileta Oakland, Marcella Hansmeier, and Marilyn Bulman

Zion Church Family,
 THANK YOU so much for the care package
 you all sent earlier this year. It was a
 great surprise on a week that I had
 several exams. I always appreciate the
 love everyone shows me.
 -Bailey Shafer



Dear Zion UCC,
 Thank you so much for the care package.
 It is greatly appreciated and I am so
 blessed to have a community to send me
 a gift. I was delighted to receive all the
 goodies inside and I am very grateful.
 Thank you again!
 Sincerely,
 Ellec Armstead



Dear Zion,
 Thank you for sending
 me the snacks! I greatly
 appreciate it.
 ~Walker Hermeier

THANK YOU, JODI PEAKE
 Zion's Women's Executive Board Extends
 Its Gratitude For Your Time and Expertise in
 the organization of the Zion
 Women's Fellowship Circle Book.
 Your Expertise Is Well-noted In the
 professionally prepared book. Again,
 THANK YOU.
 -Zion's Women's
 Executive Board.



THANK YOU
 Team Two, Food Contributors, Kitchen Servers, and
 Custodial Service: THANK YOU For Providing A Christian
 Meal Of Comfort For The Family and Friends of:
 Marcella Hansmeier
 Your Time, Contributions, and Service Was
 Greatly Appreciated.
 -Zion Women's Fellowship Executive Board

Zion-
 We'd like to thank all for their cards,
 memories and words of comfort during this
 time.
 A special shout out to the group who offered/
 volunteered to serve our lunch after the
 service—there were many comments and
 compliments to your smiles and excellent help
 provided that day.
 Mom would've loved the day of sunshine and
 warmer temps.
 She was smiling on us all-
 The Clark Family

THANK YOU
 Team Three, Food Contributors, Kitchen Servers, and
 Custodial Service: THANK YOU For Providing A Christian
 Meal Of Comfort For The Family and Friends of:
 Marilyn Bulman
 Your Time, Contributions, and Service was
 Greatly Appreciated.
 -Zion's Women's Fellowship Executive Board.

**Easter Lilies/Plants that decorated the sanctuary on Easter Sunday,
 are in loving memory of:**

Emmet & Coila Nolting, Ruben & Esther Nolting, and Roland & Dorene Grotegut
 by Diane Nolting & Boy, Judy and Travis Robinson

Merlin Gesing
 by Becky Gesing

Our Parents
 by John & Sheryl Prestemon

Lloyd & Elaine Weber and George & Phyllis Haler
 by Don & DiAnne Haler

**Husband Jim, son Michael, parents Palmer & Bernice Moen, Ed & Elsie Hager, siblings Clayton Moen,
 Keith & Elsie Hager and their son Steve**
 by Bonnie Hager and family

Lois Beneke
 by Loren and Jacob Beneke and Amy Evans and families

Our parents and brother Lynn and Zion Friends
 by Randy & Karen Loeb



**PRAYER
 CONCERNS**

Ernie Lubahn as he recovers from sepsis.
The family of Marcie Hansmeier, who passed away on March 31.
The family of Marilyn Bulman, who passed away on March 31.
 Prayers for our military personnel here and abroad.

