

# Wayne Zion Lutheran Church

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## March 2026 Newsletter

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**1 “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love, according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.” [Psalm 51:1-2 NRSV]**

We have arrived at another Lenten season. You are personally invited to join us as we explore this year’s Lenten theme, “A Road to Repentance – Our Lenten Journey” and ultimately praising God for the salvation and forgiveness that has been afforded to us through the death and glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ for our transgressions, our iniquity, our sin.

Psalm 51 is the cornerstone Lenten psalm that is not just about Israel or King David, it is also about us! It is about who we are and how we are as individuals, families, and congregations **“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” [Romans 3:23 NRSV]**

It along with the six other penitential psalms (Ps’s 6, 32, 38, 102, 130 & 143) in our bible, provide a template for us to give voice to our recognition of our sin, to give voice to our lament or complaint of how things are in our life, to give voice to our need for forgiveness and to express our trust in God through praise and thanksgiving.

These psalms reflect our journey from Ash Wednesday where our sin is quite literally before us with a cross of ashes on our forehead, through to Maundy Thursday where we receive full absolution of our sins through the laying on of hands and receiving Holy Communion.

Lent is a time for us to fully restore our relationship with God, and I pray that you will join us on this journey to repentance and absolution by attending our Wednesday mid-week services and Sunday worship! See you there!

In Christ’s Love

Pastor Lynn Banderob



MARCH 2026

SCHEDULE

Music @ 10:15 am

Class @ 10:30 am

1~Abram's Call Genesis 12: 1-9

8~Woman at the Well John 4:5-42

15~Service Project Singing @ MNRC

22~Lazarus John 11: 1-45

29~Holy Week/Palm Sunday

Matthew 21: 1-11, 26: 14-27, 6



*There are still some radio spots available for 2026.*

*Please sign up on the board in the entryway.*

**COST \$45.00**

### **NEW and EXCITING CHANGES**

As you can see the monthly newsletter has changed. The software office staff was using is being eliminated. Wayne Zion Lutheran Church would like to offer our members the option of receiving the monthly newsletter electronically which will save paper (trees) and postage costs.

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically please contact the office at 319 465-4834 or waynezionlutheranchurch@gmail.com and verify/provide your email address. Thank you very much!



Confirmation students are encouraged to attend **Wednesday Lenten Services** and will meet following the Lenten Services each Wednesday

### **Youth Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser**

The youth group made and sold 121 pizzas

on early Sunday morning

February 8, 2026

Thanks to everyone that donated items and purchased pizzas

Profited approximately \$1300



### **Inclement Weather Policy**

In case church/activity must be cancelled due to bad weather, please visit one of the following sources:

Wayne Zion's Facebook page

KGAN Channel 2 TV

KWWL Channel 7 TV

KCRG Channel 9 TV

# march Birthdays



Youth Group meets each Wednesday following Lenten Service  
 High School Sunday School each Sunday 10:30 am  
 NEEDED: cake mixes, ready to frost, and birthday candles for the Food Pantry  
 Birthday Kits

- 1st ..... Alex Carlson
- 3rd ..... Todd Hermanson  
 Deanna Owen, Rod Toenjes
- 4<sup>th</sup> ..... Vickie Miller
- 5<sup>th</sup> ..... Nolan Keeney
- 7<sup>th</sup> ..... Janet Rickels
- 8<sup>th</sup> ..... Deb Behrends  
 Kay Jamison
- 9<sup>th</sup> ..... Dorrean Bohlken  
 Gary Rickels
- 11<sup>th</sup> ..... Robin Andreesen  
 Nathan Eiben, Kendra Recker
- 12<sup>th</sup> ..... CJ Burkle
- 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Linda Eden  
 Cash Smith, Debbie Toenjes
- 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Levi Temple
- 16<sup>th</sup> ..... Cindy Austin  
 Jack Wernimont
- 17<sup>th</sup> ..... Lin Meyer
- 18<sup>th</sup> ..... Heather Weers
- 19<sup>th</sup> ..... Alberta Boysen
- 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Ashley Zumbach
- 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Jordyn Keeney
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... Jake Behrends  
 Kael Owen, Ellie Roller
- 24<sup>th</sup> ..... Kelly Roher
- 25<sup>th</sup> ..... Katie Greif
- 26<sup>th</sup> ..... Judy Tuetken
- 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Greg Bodeker
- 29<sup>th</sup> ..... Alecia Kraus  
 Bryce McCormick
- 30<sup>th</sup> ..... Ron Andreesen  
 Everett Rohdy
- 31<sup>st</sup> ..... Holly Hall

## Anniversaries

- 3rd ..... Virgil & Rhonda Weers
- 11th ..... Bill & Dorrean Bohlken  
 Dan & Diana Stadtmueller
- 20th ..... Doug & Carrie Yates
- 24th ... Dale & Marilyn Christiansen  
 Kurt & Cindy Gunther

## 2026

**Summer Camp Registration**  
**Discounts are available**  
**visit EWALU's website**  
**to register online or call**  
**563-933-4700**



Wayne Zion will assist with camp fees, contact the church office for details



**VBS 2026**  
**August 3 - 7, 2026**  
**9 am to 12:00 pm**  
**Youth Development Center**  
**Monticello fairgrounds**  
**Mark your calendar**  
**More information to follow**  
**Registration will be online**  
**again this year!**



**REMINDER**

Daylight Saving Time Begins

**March 8, 2026**

Change your clocks



2026 Council Installation  
by Pastor Lynn Banderob

Debbie Hein, Jeanine Dirks, Steve Carlson, Brandy Nietert, Ashley Kray, Cammie Greif, Darrick Hall, Rod Toenjes and Steve Schwartz  
*Missing* Shawn Leytem and Shannon Moine

*Wayne Zion Lutheran Church  
has the option to receive your weekly,  
biweekly or monthly offerings  
(contributions) electronically.  
Contact the church office  
319 465-4834 for more details.*

**Offering Envelopes**  
or  
**Electronic Offering Option**  
contact the church office  
**319 465-4834**



**Proverbs 19:17** "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed"

**Thrivent Members-**  
A friendly reminder that those eligible for Thrivent Choice donations, the deadline for distribution of your 2025 amounts is March 31, 2026. This will not effect your investments and/or insurance.  
  
If you have questions, contact your Thrivent representative.  
  
Also consider applying for an Action Team Gift Card to be used for a project in the church or a community fund. If you are not eligible for the Choice dollars you might be eligible for the action team gift card. Thank you!  
Byron Freese

**2026 Lent Soup Suppers**

Soup Supper Dates:



- March 4
- March 11
- March 18
- March 25

**First Communion**

Pastor Lynn will meet with parents and children on March 15, 22 and 29 for communion instruction.

First Communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 pm

Reminder . . .  
have you contributed your Thrivent Choice Dollars?



### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Seeking members to engage with our children the second Sunday of the month for 5 to 10 minutes sharing God's message. Please let Pastor Lynn or Phil know. The office staff will provide that Sunday's scripture readings.

**NOTE**  
Reducing office hours  
Please call the office first if you plan to stop  
319 465-4834

### CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Call Committee Meeting  
Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
immediately after service  
in the lounge

### TRANSITION PRAYER GROUP/TEAM

All members are invited to join the Transition Prayer Group/Team following worhsip every Sunday morning in the sanctuary.....praying for the council, staff and call committee also Pastor Lynn Banderob and Pastor Phil Jorgensen as they provide pulpit supply.

### Fellowship

Do you like to try new recipes? Have a special occasion - birthday, anniversary etc. Wayne Zion is looking for more people to volunteer for fellowship following our church services. Please see the clip board in the entryway!

### Did You Know?

Did you know that Byron Freese edits the Sound Cloud church service broadcasts. Did you know that Byron assembles the carts used during the Harvest Festival for the pies. He has used his trailer to transport the church's lawn mowers for maintenance and repairs. Byron has served as a council member several times. Byron keeps an eye (cameras) on the church, parsonage and cemetery during the evening and weekends. He will collect the mail on Saturday and packages/supplies left outside after working hours. Byron helps with locating burial plots in the cemetery and displaying the flags for our veterans. He volunteers once a month to count on Monday morning the church offerings. And will fill in for another counter if they are ill or cannot help. Thanks Byron for ALL you do for Wayne Zion church and staff.

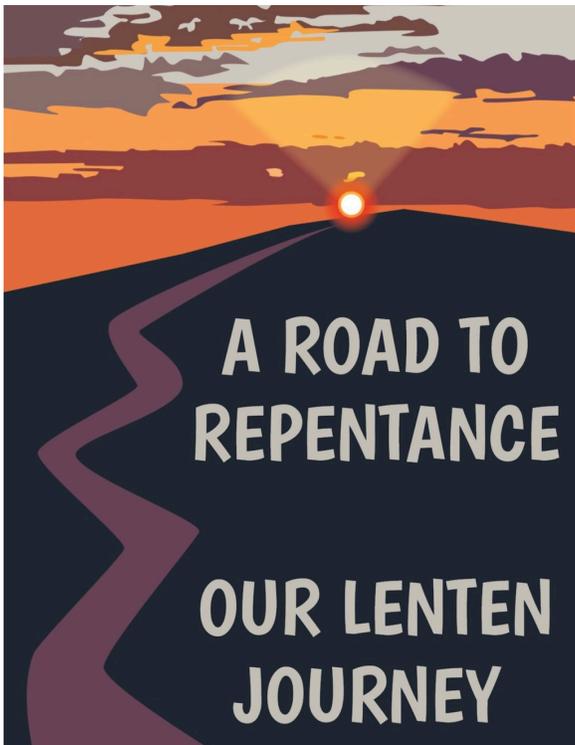
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Easter Lilies are given for Easter Service in memory of loved ones or a specific family member. Please return this slip with \$10.00 by March 27, 2026 to Etta Dirks or the church office.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Easter Lily in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





**REMINDER**

the bulletin board in the Social Hall has current information regarding LSI (Lutheran Services of Iowa), EWALU camp information, Focus Point Ministry Conferences, Monticello Food Pantry needs and other resources

**JOIN US ON THE ROAD TO REPENTANCE:  
OUR LENTEN JOURNEY 2026**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**IN THE SOCIAL HALL**

**MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25**

**5:15 PM MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP**

**6:00 PM WORSHIP**

Confirmation and Youth Group will meet  
following Lenten Services

6:45 pm Handbell Choir practice

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

**March 29, 9:00 am Palm Sunday**

**April 2, 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship**

Join with those celebrating their first communion and come to the Cross, receiving the Lord's glory through Holy Communion in a truly unique and meaningful way!

**April 3, 6:00 pm Good Friday Worship**

Journey to the Cross, leave your worries and prayers at the foot of Jesus and be restored in hope and wholeness!

**April 5, 9:00 am Easter Worship**

A celebration of life and hope!  
Join us for Holy Communion followed by coffee and fellowship.