

# Wayne Zion Lutheran Church

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## April 2026 Newsletter

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### **Christ is Risen**

*His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. (Matthew 28:3-6)*

It was still relatively dark when the women made their way to the tomb. It was dawn on the first day of the week. Death was very much on their hearts and minds. The sting of death brought them back to the tomb of our Lord. The women went to the tomb because they loved the Lord Jesus. The disciples also loved Jesus, but their fear kept them away. The women must have also been afraid but their love for Jesus was stronger than their fears. The Sabbath had come quickly giving them little time to honor Jesus with a funeral. They had little time to care for the body of Jesus with the proper spices and ointments but now Sabbath was over, and they went back. Could it be there was something else drawing them to the tomb? Could it be that there was something drawing them that did not even come to mind as they made their way to that garden tomb? The teachings of our Lord were in their minds somewhere. The words our Lord taught them about the third day must have been somewhere in the back of their minds. Even though the reading from Matthew 28 does not tell us, the Holy Spirit led them to the tomb of our Lord.

Jesus told about going to Jerusalem where he would be handed over and crucified. Jesus spoke of death, but he also spoke about life. Death is a real experience yet; resurrection is also real.

Easter comes to us revealing God's power over death. God also reveals that there is life. We are drawn to worship services because we believe in the Lord of life. We want to and need to hear the message of resurrection. The angels proclaimed the message of resurrection. They invited the women to not be afraid. They proclaimed the message of life. The angel said that Jesus was not there but had been raised. The women were invited to come and see the place where Jesus's body had been.

You and I are invited to not be afraid but to experience the risen Jesus. We are invited to embrace the blessing of life instead of dwelling on death. Allow yourself to believe the good news of God's love. Allow yourself to cling to the promise and hope contained in God's word and in God's love. Proclaim and believe that "Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed."

Blessed Easter

Pastor Phil



APRIL 2026

SCHEDULE

Music @ 10:15 am

Class @ 10:30 am

5~Easter Sunday~No Sunday School

12~Service Project~Holly's Helping Hands

Monticello Parks - meet by Willow Park

near the old Pizza Ranch location/Oak Street

19~Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35

26~Early Believers Acts 2:43-47; 4:32-37

MAY 3~Bowling @ Legacy Lanes



Confirmation students

*will meet*

*each Wednesday*

*6:00 pm in the library*

Youth Group meets

each Wednesday

6:00 pm

High School Sunday School

each Sunday 10:30 am





*There are still some radio spots available for May 3 and 31, June 14 and 21, July 12 and 19, August 23 and 30, September 20, November 1, 8, 15 and 29 December 6, 20 and 27 in 2026.*

*Please sign up or call the office, staff will add to the board in the entryway.*

**COST \$45.00**

## ***MONTICELLO BLOOD DRIVE***

**Berndes Center**

**766 N Maple Street**

**Monticello**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

**11:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**appointments are encouraged,**

**call Nicole 563-275-0597**

**walk-in's welcome**



### **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!



- 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Luke Welter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Charlotte Johnson
- 4<sup>th</sup> ..... Todd Lambert  
Liam Reyner  
George Walters
- 5<sup>th</sup> ..... Vicky Farmum
- 6<sup>th</sup> ..... Sonya Behrends  
Warren Hall  
Hayden Newhard
- 7<sup>th</sup> ..... Lianna Iben
- 8<sup>th</sup> ..... Kelli Johnson
- 9<sup>th</sup> ..... Landon Hall
- 10<sup>th</sup> ..... Duane Jr Harms  
Randy Miller
- 11<sup>th</sup> ..... Mya Toenjes
- 12<sup>th</sup> ..... Tyson McCormick  
Carleen Sievertsen
- 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Drea Burkle  
Kayla McCormick  
Clift Soper
- 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Britt Smith
- 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Katie Hatfield  
Larry Scharff
- 17<sup>th</sup> ..... Eric Schmitt
- 18<sup>th</sup> ..... Grace Cooksley
- 19<sup>th</sup> ..... Lilly Hall
- 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Deb Lacock  
Kacie Rickels  
Blake Schulte  
Steve Schwartz
- 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Sheralyn Schultz
- 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Linda Bohlken  
Glenn Tobiason
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... Luke Leytem
- 24<sup>th</sup> ..... Ivan Eden
- 25<sup>th</sup> ..... Rose Gillmore  
Taylor Toenjes
- 26<sup>th</sup> ..... Randy Toenjes
- 28<sup>th</sup> ..... Elsie Behrends  
Ryker Ehrisman  
Nic Weers  
Rich Wolken
- 29<sup>th</sup> ..... Raquel Reddy  
Jeff Weers
- 30<sup>th</sup> ..... Neil Dierks  
Carla Hermanson

- 6th ..... Ryan & Makenzie Roling
- 13th ..... Darrick & Holly Hall
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... Kevin & Kathi Sprau

**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!**

**FOCAL POINT**

*Ministries*

Women's  
Conference

Saturday, April 18, 2026

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Calvary Church  
4700 53<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Moline, IL 61265

**VBS**

**VOLUNTEER  
MEETING**

**Monday**

**April 13, 2026**

**6:30 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian**

**Church**

**Monticello**

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"*



**WORK DAY SCHEDULE**

- 8:00 am Arrival, Breakfast at Creation Center
- 9:00 am Work Projects
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Work Projects
- 4:00 pm Departure

For more information:  
call 563-933-4700  
[www.ewalu.org/event/spring-work-day](http://www.ewalu.org/event/spring-work-day)

**CALL COMMITTEE**

The call committee is requesting prayers asking for a called pastor. A friendly reminder that if you know of a pastor in need of a church to get their name to the call committee chairs (Rick Meyer or Darrick Hall.)

Matthew 7: 7-8

7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

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

## TRANSITION PRAYER GROUP/TEAM

All members are invited to join the Transition Prayer Group/Team following worship 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.

A copy of the LSI April Newsletter is attached to the Social Hall bulletin board



### Friendly Reminder:

Giving donations to LSI by mail use this address:  
Lutheran Services in Iowa  
3125 Cottage Grove Ave  
Des Moines, IA 50311

*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).*

## 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!



The Council would like to thank Gail Harms for her dedication and support of the Sunday School program. In 2023 when the program needed guidance, Gail graciously agreed to take on the Sunday School Superintendent position and nurture it until such time as we hired someone to take it over. Her steady guidance grew it to a thriving program.

Gail will begin transitioning the role to Isabella. With Gail's guidance, Isabella will begin by taking over the Preschool/Kindergarten class and parent communications. Gail will be retiring from the Sunday School Superintendent position effective May 4. We will forever be grateful for her love and attention to the program.



*Those members that purchased  
Easter lilies  
may take after the Easter  
Sunday Church Service*

Please join us to celebrate  
Warren Hall's  
80th birthday  
Sunday, April 12th  
1 - 4 pm  
Fawn Creek Country Club  
1601 130th Street  
Anamosa IA 52205

MILE MARKER  
80



**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER****March 29, 9:00 am Palm Sunday**

The joyful entry with a procession of the palms led by choir and Sunday School children, special music, and a dramatic reading of Christ's Passion.

**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.

**FOOD PANTRY  
NEEDS****for April**

Cream of chicken soup,  
chicken noodle soup  
pork and beans  
monetary donations  
accepted always

**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

**EASTER PRAYER****Thank you for paying my wages**

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for creating me  
Thank you for making everything around me  
Thank you for my family and my friends  
Easter is here again and we remember  
the ultimate sacrifice you made for us.  
Thank you for thinking of my salvation  
Thank you for saving me from eternal  
damnation  
Thank you for preserving my life  
Thank you for paying my wages  
Thank you for taking away my transgressions  
Help me live in truth for you  
Help me live in appreciation for what you did  
for me  
Help me love others just as you have loved me  
In Jesus' name I pray,

*Amen*  
THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

**4th Annual  
Farmers Market  
and Bazaar**

Scotch Grove Country Church  
15791 95<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Scotch Grove IA 52310

baked goods, crafts, homemade cards,  
handcrafted soaps, farm fresh eggs, walker  
aprons, bowl koozie, plants, odd and ends  
and more to come including  
food from the grill

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 11 am - 6 pm  
Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 9 am - 4 pm  
Worship service will be held  
Shirley and Wayne Eiben  
319.551.7123