

Wayne Zion Lutheran Church

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June 2026 Newsletter

The Family of God

And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (Mark 3:33-35)

When I was a child in grade school, my brother, who was often in the same class as me, was often embarrassed when I answered the questions my teachers asked. I am not sure why, but he would rather I keep quiet. Maybe he was trying to protect me from saying something stupid or that would cause other kids to make fun of me. I often felt the need to express myself in school, especially when my teachers were seeking discussion in class. His judgmental tone caused me to keep quiet more often than I wanted to. After I went to seminary and became a pastor, my brother was proud and enjoyed hearing me speak. He wanted to hear my sermons and listened while I taught.

There are times the people around us feel embarrassed because of our relationship in the church and with Jesus our Lord. They might want to distance themselves from us because of our message. It might be implied in Mark 3 that the family of Jesus felt this way about him. Jesus was ministering to many people and was becoming popular because of the things he was doing. Jesus also caused a stir because he claimed to be the Son of Man which was equivalent to claiming to be the Son of God.

The family of Jesus asked to see him. Some were saying that he was deranged or beside himself. They called him a blasphemer. The family of Jesus wanted to rescue him from himself and take him home. Our Lord responded in a way that makes us wonder. The people in the crowd said, "Your family wants to see you." Our Lord's family was on the outside while his disciples were on the inside. Jesus declares that his family is those that believe in God and do the will of the Father. This definition would exclude his brothers and sisters who did not believe in him and may have been embarrassed by him. It would also exclude those that would seek to destroy him and his ministry.

You and I are the family of God as we search for a closer relationship with the Lord. We are the family of God as we do God's will and as we teach others to do the same. What are the things that divide us in the body of Christ? Are there some that have cut themselves off from the church because of misunderstanding or not wanting to understand the mission of the Lord? Jesus offers the invitation to become brothers, sisters and mothers. He invites us to do the will of God and to share in the ministry our Lord places before us. Jesus invites us to be on the inside of God's family and to enjoy the blessing of life that comes with being in the family of God.

In Christian service

Pastor Phil



**“Peace Be With You”
Synod Assembly
May 15 and 16, 2026
delegates from Wayne Zion
Pastor Lynn Banderob,
Isabella Shepherd and Annette Smith
at First Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids**



*There are still a few
radio spots available
July 19*

*November 8 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*



Table Talk
May 14th, 2026
at Lubben’s
Winery
Pastor Lynn talking
about perseverance

NEW and EXCITING CHANGES

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!



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!

Cheryl Hall presented Pastor Lynn with a small gift of gratitude, a silver cross for her serve with Wayne Zion.





- 1st Abby Taylor
- 2nd Sonya McCormick
- 3rd Dawn Johnson
Jan Toenjes
- 5th Cammie Greif
- 6th Kaleigh Stecklein
- 7th Lynn Banderob
Jasper Nietert
- 9th Cheryl Hall
- 11th Janette Harms
- 12th Chance Hall
Shane Lloyd
Rhonda Weers
- 13th Parker Schulte
- 15th LuAnn Wolken
- 17th Todd Barkema
Brenton Greif
- 18th Lisa Rickels
- 21st Jody James
Wade Johnson
Bruce Telleen
Karen Wheeler
- 24th Brian Wolken
- 26th Linda Mardorf
- 29th Judy Danneman
Garry Zumbach
- 30th Mark Farley

- 1st Steve & Laurie Jansen
- 2nd Rex & Diane Andrews
- 4th Ethan & Shasta Ehrisman
Brenton & Katie Greif
- 9th Scott & Debra Behrends
- 10th Griffin & Kayla Gravel
- 12th Larry & Marty Scharff
- 13th Vic & Marcia Kray
- 17th Steve & Kim Carlson
Dan & Kelly Roher
- 18th Steve & Jane Schwartz
Al & Kalinda Stadtmueller
- 19th Bruce & Jani Telleen
- 20th Randy & Sandy Antons
Blake & Emily Schulte
- 21st Eric & Laura Schmitt
- 22nd Chad & Ashley Rohdy
- 23rd Randy & Debbie Toenjes
- 25th Britt & Mikinzie Smith
- 27th Jim & Junelle Benter
- 28th Dennis & Michelle Frazier
Chance & Lily Hall
- 30th John & Deb Lacock
Eugene & Nancy Poppe

Jordan "JoJo" Dirks placing flag at her Great Grandfather's grave for Memorial Day.



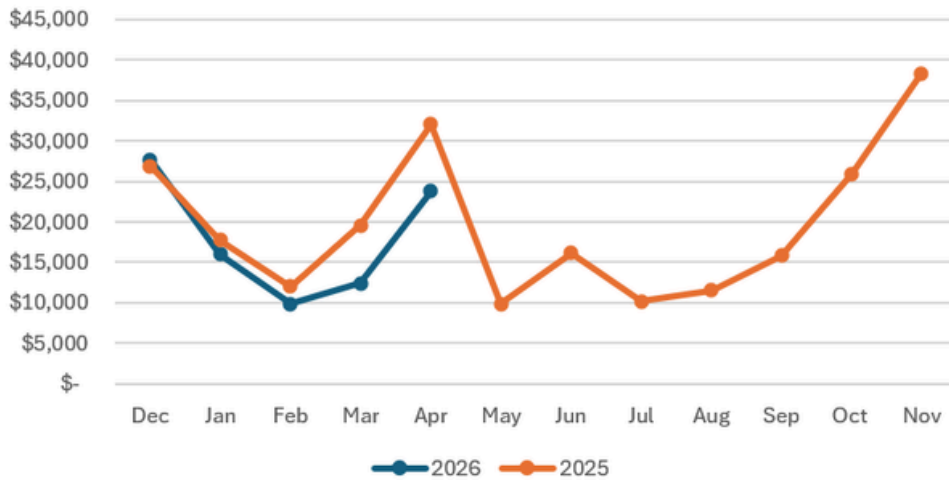
Special thanks to the group of men and ladies that helped with the Memorial Day Avenue of Flags in the cemetery.

Call the church office 319-465-4834 if you need Pastoral care or would like to speak with a Pastor.

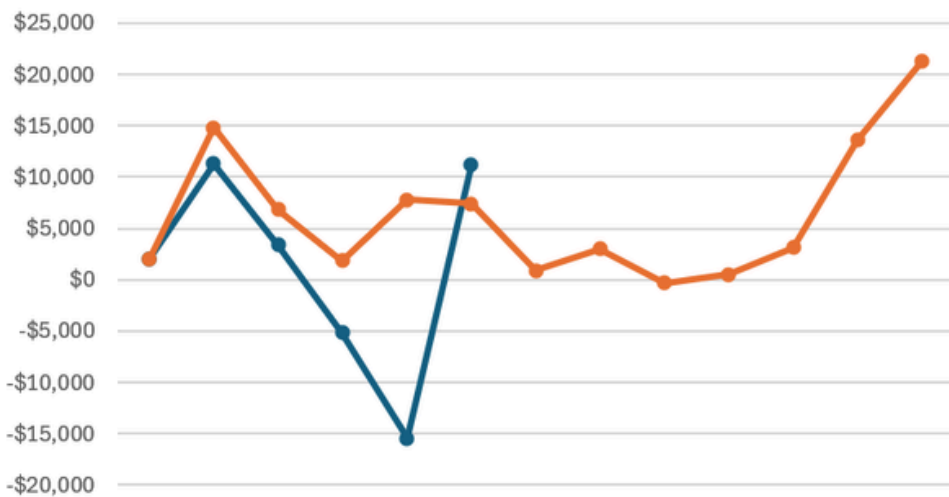


Office Manager working hours are changing Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Wayne Zion Monthly Revenue 2026 vs 2025



Wayne Zion Income Minus Expenses 2026 vs 2025



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.

CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Kurt Andreesen | Pauline Antons |
| Rollin Banderob | Dorreean Bohlken |
| Mark Dirks | Darrick Hall |
| Ashley Kray | Rick Meyer |
| McKinzie Smith | Amie Stadtmueller |
| Garry Zumbach | |

COUNCIL CORNER

The graph on the left is provided by our council treasurer.

Note: revenue is lower than last year and expenses are higher. Resulting in a much smaller surplus compared to last year.

Year to date \$5,183 (2026) compared to \$38,673 (2025)

- Council approved tuckpointing for the parsonage.
- Council made changes to the insurance policy.
- Discussion began on healthy and fun activities for our young adults. Ashley Kray is spearheading.

Reminder

Semi-Annual Meeting
 Sunday
 July 19th, 2026
 following
 communion service



Farewell Celebration

Sunday

June 14th, 2026

following worship service

Social Hall

for

Pastor Lynn and Rollin Banderob

light refreshments

meat/cheese/crackers

vegetable and fruit trays

coffee and lemonade

Need a few volunteers to bake cookies or bars and in the kitchen to help serve and clean up, please call the office 319 465-4 if you are volunteering

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 June 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 and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

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.



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

Monticello Community Vacation Bible School

August 3rd-7th

9am-12pm

3 year old (potty trained)-6th grade

Youth Registration:

<https://forms.gle/4m3Zya3Cd a6ZKVsd8>

Volunteer Link:

<https://forms.gle/rTRPK34QztG PKDTD8>





**FOR
JUNE**

pasta ~ pasta sauce
canned fruit
monetary donations accepted
always

REMINDER

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

Rollin and I are immensely grateful for the love and support WZLC has given to us over the last 4 years. God moved through you, to rekindle my passion for preaching and serving His church. You allowed us the opportunity and privilege to share in your life moments and you in ours. Words will never express what a special place you all hold in our hearts. Leaving is nothing less than gut wrenching, but you have helped us prepare for the next chapter that God is calling us to, and we are so excited for what lies ahead.

If you travel to Florida we expect to hear from you!!! We would love to share our new worshipping community with you if you are ever in the Tampa/Gulf Coast area. So to that end, here is our forwarding address and the church you will find us at:

Rollin & Lynn Banderob
1319 Hoversham Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34655
Pr Lynn 319-329-4799
Rollin 319-329-3849

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
1555 Windmill Pointe Road
Palm Harbor, FL 34685
727-785-1117



May God bless you with an abundance of grace, mercy and love.

Yours in Christ,

Pr Lynn & Rollin Banderob

Help Formulate Our Vision for WZ Worship Technology!

Did you know that our sanctuary projector desperately needs replacing & our sound system needs upgrading? Your WZ Council & the Property Committee have started grappling with these issues. But what's our overall vision?? Do we plan to livestream our services which requires purchasing video cameras? Does only one projector still meet our needs or do we need multiples or perhaps TV displays instead? The Council has decided to create a short-term Worship Technology task force to answer these questions and define our needs in accordance with the "Build a Sustainable Future" goal of our Strategic Plan. We need to find a half dozen volunteers to help lay out the plan. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact any Council member or Kim in the church office.