

Wayne Zion Lutheran Church

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October 2026 Newsletter

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." (John 14:23)

What does it mean for us to keep the word of the Lord? Jesus says that those who love him will keep his word. Keeping the word of Jesus is about loving. It might also mean we do the work God calls us to do. It might mean supporting the various ministries Wayne Zion is part of. It might also mean contributing when we receive an offering for those facing disasters. There are many ministries we are part of, but the idea is that we do the work of God inspired by the Holy Spirit. Our work is done because of our love for God and our love for our neighbor.

John 14 talks about Jesus teaching his disciples that he will be going away. Several of the disciples questioned the meaning of the teaching of Jesus. They wondered about where Jesus was going and why they will see him, but others won't. They were also concerned about staying connected to God. Jesus teaches that they will stay connected if they are about love. They will know the Father's love and live in God's presence if they share the love of God. Since God is love, the way to have God present and for them to be present with God is to also be about love. The most important Christian quality is that of love. Jesus says other places, "Because God loves us, we also ought to love one another." We love God and we love neighbor. God is present with us as we love.

The disciples had so much to learn about Jesus and about his love. They would eventually understand but that would come as they experienced the Holy Spirit. You and I might seek a closer walk with Jesus so that we know how to minister to people in our communities. We often do not know where to start. We know that love is part of the answer, but we get confused about how we should love and whom we should love. Jesus provides the answers to our questions but then there are more questions. There were more questions, but love was always part of the answer. Jesus was eager to teach them, but he taught as they could understand. As we continue in fellowship with God and each other the answers to our questions become clearer. As we continue to study the word of God and come to church, we also grow in our understanding and in our ability to know the will of God for our lives. The teaching about love for God and neighbor comes into the light. We can share love even when we have nothing else to share.

In Christian love
Pastor Phil

Pastor Phil Jorgensen contact number 319-329-7900

Dear church,

In an interview after I was elected, I reflected on my experience as a mission developer, saying, "It is not about what you think you're bringing into the community. It's who you are in the community. The minute we showed that we cared is really when the community adopted us. People don't care about what you know till they know that you care, and that was the biggest learning for me."

Faithful. Informed. Engaged. This refrain captures a vision for Lutheran Christians living out their baptismal calling in the election season and beyond. Faith grounds us in God's promises, and Christ sends us forth to love our neighbors and serve the world. Being informed equips us to address complex issues with wisdom, discernment and integrity. Being engaged reminds us that our participation in civic life is a key way we love and serve our neighbors. Our public witness is rooted in faith, guided by honesty and expressed through active citizenship. ELCA ministries and leaders already play vital roles during election seasons. You register voters, provide rides to the polls, open your buildings as polling places and advocate for voting rights. Thank you! This year, I invite you to embrace an additional role to help strengthen our democracy: serving as trusted messengers in your communities.

Our church can be "all together in one place" as a powerful witness for truth, love of neighbor and honesty. False information remains a persistent challenge during elections. It can spread rapidly, undermining confidence in the electoral process and discouraging participation. Grounded in the commandment not to bear false witness, our churches and faith leaders are uniquely positioned to help address this challenge by seeking out and sharing accurate information and correcting misinformation when it arises. In a time when trust is often in short supply, serving as trusted sources of wisdom and guidance is a meaningful form of Christian witness. By helping our neighbors access accurate information and engage confidently in the democratic process, we live out our faith through responsible civic engagement and service to the common good.

"Healthy civic engagement depends on clear distinctions between fact and all forms of falsehood, ranging from partial misstatements to intentional disinformation to outright lies. ... Our church, then, encourages us all to ask, in every personal interaction and on social media, whether our words or those we repeat represent the best possible understanding of our neighbor."

— ELCA social statement Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All (p. 62)

The ELCA offers a variety of resources to help congregations and individuals be trusted messengers. The new "ELCA Election Engagement Toolkit" provides guidance on topics that include serving as trusted messengers, engaging in election protection and modeling love of neighbor in polarized communities. (A tool kit launch webinar on Thursday, Sept. 3, at 12:30 p.m. Central time will provide an introduction to action steps and themes grounded in our Lutheran tradition.)

Through the "ELCA Civic Engagement Guide," you can access materials on voter education, voter registration, candidate forums, legal guidelines for congregations, voting rights and ways to encourage participation in local communities.

I invite you to take faithful steps this election year:

- Register to vote if you have not already done so and check your registration to make sure it is up-to-date. Use the "Prepared to Vote Checklist" to think through local voting requirements.
- Learn about the issues, ballot measures and candidates that will shape your community. Participate in respectful conversations.
- Check sources of information before sharing it in conversations or online.
- Pray for those who serve in public office, for election workers and for all who will exercise the privilege of voting. Create spaces for faithful, open conversation with voters, candidates or neighbors in your community.
- Encourage your family members, friends and neighbors to take part in the democratic process.

Be faithful, informed and engaged as disciples of Jesus seeking the well-being of our neighbors and the common good of the communities God has entrusted to our care. Every act of informed participation, every conversation marked by grace and every vote cast with prayerful discernment is an opportunity to bear witness to God's love in the world.

In Christ, The Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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	Sophia Moine
3 rd	Al Stadtmueller
4 th	Sandy Antons
	Bill Greif
	Kim Miller
	Eugene Poppe
5 th	Diane Temple
7 th	Jeff Engelbart
	Piper Wolken
8 th	Jim Benter
11 th	Gerry Clements
	Charlie Roller
13 th	Debbie Hein
	Lisa Monk
	Mike Nietert
14 th	Conner Andreesen
	Teresa Engelbart
	Maeleigh Monk
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17 th	Rachel Manternach
19 th	Kalinda Stadtmueller
20 th	Ryan Roling
22 nd	Marilyn Streeper
23 rd	Rayna Recker
24 th	Pam Eiben
	Ben Keeney
25 th	Kathy Harms
	Ashley Kray
27 th	Lianna Iben
	Breckin Zumbach
30 th	Sophie Meyer

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	Mark and Lisa Farley
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	Steve and Barb McCormick
	Eric and Vicki Starn
	Preston and Abby Taylor
16 th	Paul and Linda Siebels
17 th	Nic and Shannon Moine
19 th	Doug and Pat Adams
	Todd and Cheyanna Lambert
20 th	Carl and Deb Keating
22 nd	Dave and Kim Miller
	Ken and Marilyn Streeper
24 th	Brian and Jody James
27 th	Bill and Barbara Catlett
	Dale and Jeanne Heeren

CROP HUNGER WALK

Chickens, Beans and Big Dreams

Sunday – October 11th, 2026

registration 1:30 pm

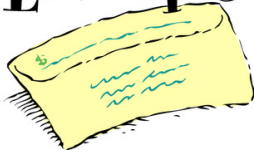
Walk 2:00 pm

meet at the Monticello swimming pool
shelter



*Inspire and equip people of all generations to invest their time, talents and treasure in
ways that deepen their relationships with Christ.*

Offering Envelopes



Please contact the office if you need a box of Offering Envelopes

OR

Easy Electronic Offering Option

contact the church office

319 465-4834

or waynezionlutheranchurch@gmail.com

Proverbs 19:17

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed"

Wayne Zion Lutheran Church has the option to receive your weekly, biweekly or monthly offerings (contributions) electronically.

Safe Halloween
offered at
Edinburgh Pioneer Village

Sunday
October 18, 2026
1-4 pm



November 1st, 2026

Please contact the office

319 465-4834

if you have a deceased family member you would like Wayne Zion to recognize on Sunday, November 1st

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

"Table Talk Thursday"
is back!!

Where: Lubben's Winery 13504 Hwy 151, Anamosa

When: Thursday, October 8th @ 6:30 pm

Casual gathering for conversation and building community and faith.

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 Phil Jorgensen as he provides pulpit supply.



FOR OCTOBER

- pasta (noodles)
- pasta sauce
- soup

monetary donations accepted always

Useful Hands (Quilter's Group)



Requesting donations of plain flat bed sheets of any color

(without holes or stains)

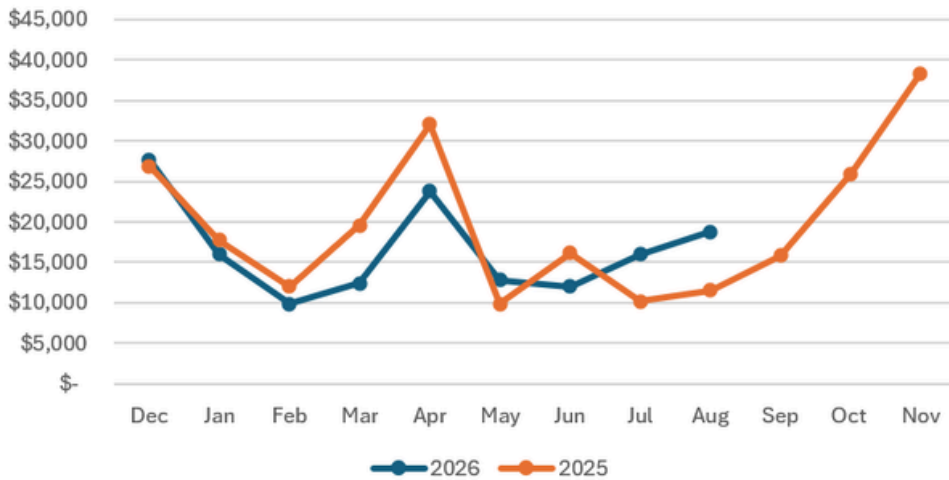
Please drop off in the sewing room.

Thank you very much!

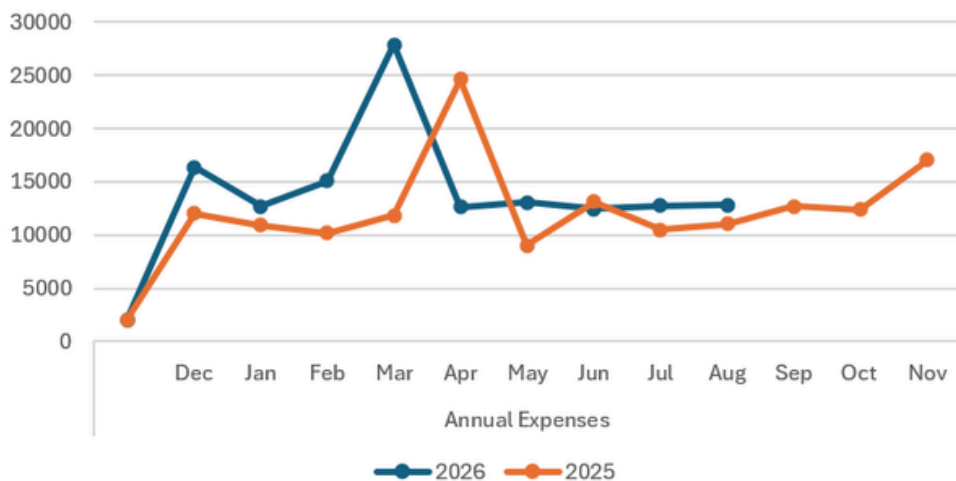
Call the church office 319-465-4834 if you need Pastoral care or would like to speak with a Pastor.



Wayne Zion Monthly Revenue 2026 vs 2025



Wayne Zion Monthly Expenses 2026 vs 2025



COUNCIL CORNER

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

Other highlights from the September meeting

- Seeking a part-time Sunday School/Youth Director following Isabella Shepherd's resignation
- Brandy Nietert will lead the Youth group on Wednesday evenings
- 5 window blinds will be installed in west facing rooms
- Town Hall meetings will be in November regarding the "Future Direction of Wayne Zion"



Items Needed
for the
Harvest Festival
bars/cookies
jams/jellies
breads
snack mix
deliver on
October 21st

Harvest Festival Wednesday

October 21st, 2026

4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Chicken and Ham
with all the fixings

\$18.00

Children's meal: drummy,
mashed potatoes,
applesauce & pudding
\$7.00



Are you caring for someone with Dementia?

If you or someone you know could benefit from this volunteer-based respite care program . . .
see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Social Hall



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 Phil know. The office staff will provide that Sunday's scripture readings.



October 7th - Jesus' Teachings on Love
October 14th - Faith formation speaker
October 21st - Harvest Festival service project
October 24 - rehearsal and photos for 8th grade students ~ family brunch to follow
October 25th - Confirmation followed by reception in Social Hall
October 29th - Jesus' Miracles



See the bulletin board in the Social Hall for a listing of EWALU's October activities/events.

Join the Adult Bible Study

Sunday mornings - 8:00 am

"Meeting the Spirit"

by Douglas Connelly

Learn how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. Study group will provide a guide to each person at **no cost**. Please contact the office by **October 12** if you are attending this study.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

World Hunger Day
October 16th, 2026

World Food Day is one of the most celebrated days on the United Nations calendar, with opportunities in more than 150 countries and more than 50 languages to raise awareness of hunger. This year's theme, "**Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow.**," highlights how we can combine traditional knowledge with forward-thinking solutions to ensure that everyone has access to nutritious food.

ELCA World Hunger has been at work for more than 50 years, addressing root causes of hunger around the world and here in the United States through innovative, sustainable projects. Your gifts connect people with training and resources so they can enjoy a fruitful harvest, access clean water, send their kids to school, get adequate healthcare and strengthen their income streams. This World Food Day, your congregation or community is invited to join ELCA World Hunger in taking action. When we work together, we can build a just world where all are fed.



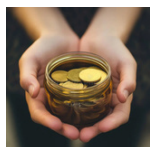
Donate at the ELCA World Hunger website or by using your offering envelope and adding an amount to the HUNGER line.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Music 10:15 am

Class 10:30 am

NOTE: Service Project with
Kendi Monk ~ October 4th, 2026



CHILDREN

Remember to bring your coins
for the Sunday School
Offering/Collection
your coins help
Ashly in Ecuador



Church Volunteers



REMINDER

for all volunteers Child/Youth Safety Policy

please complete the policy
form if you are volunteering
for infant/child/youth
activities

and events the church office
has paper copies
of this required form.

Thank you
very much!



Bring a friend
for snacks
and
fun

Youth Group meets each Wednesday
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

SEEKING

Christian Youth Director

Part-time position

- Leading, developing and coordinating Wayne Zion's Christ-centered ministry for children and youth
- Develop and lead retreats, mission trips, service projects and youth outreach events
- Communicating ministry activities and events through social media, the church website, newsletters and other platforms
- Working beside church staff and volunteers to coordinate events including music, Sunday School and VBS.
- Participate with other Christian ministry professionals in the community as opportunities arise within the church's purpose, mission and vision.
- Recruit, train and supervise adult volunteers and leaders to support youth ministry activities.
- Communicate regularly with parents regarding programs, events and their students' involvement
- Perform other duties and special projects as assigned by Pastor or Council

For complete job description see our website or Facebook

***Mark your calendar
Wednesday, October 21th, 2026
Wayne Zion Lutheran Church
hosts their annual***



Dinner

**fried chicken and ham
with all the fixings**

**Children's meal: drummy, mashed potatoes,
applesauce & pudding \$7.00**

**Come anytime between 4:30-7:00 pm
for a sit-down meal, or you can
pick up carry-outs during that time.**

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$18.00.

NO reservations required.



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