# Wayne Zion Lutheran Church



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## November 2026 Newsletter

*Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.* (Matthew 25:2-4)

Jesus told the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids while teaching near the Temple. He had his triumphal entry which the church celebrates on Palm Sunday. Jesus cleared the temple of money changers and merchants. Jesus taught concerning the kingdom of God.

In Matthew 24 Jesus taught about being prepared for the coming of the Lord. Jesus taught about two grinding their meal. One is taken and one is left. He taught about the hour of the Lord's second coming is not known by anyone except God. Jesus talks about being ready. He talks about being prepared for the Lord's coming. This teaching from Jesus is in response to the disciples' questions concerning the second coming. They heard our Lord's teachings and they had questions. Jesus taught them so that they would understand how to remain alert, prepared and awake. Jesus told parable about the bridesmaids that went out to greet the bridegroom. Preparation for a wedding event would have included enough oil for a delay in the coming of the bridegroom. As we read in these verses, there were five wise and five that were foolish. They were divided according to their preparation for the coming of the bridegroom. As Jesus tells this parable he teaches about how we might prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord.

How might we prepare ourselves for the Lord's coming? We might wonder what we need to do. I believe that preparation is not as much about doing as it is about being. Being prepared means staying alert to those that are in need to a kind word or a caring presence. Being prepared is about listening to the cries of those facing life decisions and struggles. It is about sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in the things we are doing. When the five foolish bridesmaids were locked out it was because they were not known by the master of the house. They were not known to the master because they were not faithful to the needs of the bridegroom. They did not bear the fruits of faith. You and I are prepared for the Lord's coming when we allow faith to guide us. The fruits of our faith mean we follow where Jesus leads us. It means allowing ourselves to be ready through our times of worship and our times of study. We learn the ways of the Lord and we nurture the gifts of the Lord. Being prepared for our Lord's coming means being little Christs to many.

Serving the Savior

Pastor Phil

Pastor Phil Jorgensen contact number 319-329-7900



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st . . . . . Colt Smith
2nd . . . . . Marcine Gillmore
3rd . . . . . Mike Bowman
Tim Guyer
4th . . . . . James Strickell
5th . . . . . Gracie Edwards
Nora Schulte
6th . . . . . Deb Bowman
Diane Clements
Melvin Dirks
Judy Freese
7th . . . . . .Paige Rickels
10th . . . . . Linda Bohlken
11th . . . . . .Terry Smothers
13th . . . . . Rex Rickels
15th . . . . . Clara Zumbach
16th . . . . . Annette Smith
17th . . . . . .Mikinzie Smith
Ken Streeper
18th . . . . . Peyton Kraus
Zach Yates
19th . . . . . Rextyn Recker
Judy Weers
20th . . . . . .Nolan Weers
21st . . . . . Mitch Monk
27th . . . . . Amie Stadtmueller
28th . . . . . Kellan Zumbach
30th . . . . . Rex Andrews
Margaret Behrends

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

Wayne Zion Lutheran Church
Mission Statement 2025




5th . . . . . Gary and Linda Bohlken
14th . . . . . Kevin and Vicki Adamson
15th . . . . . Neil & Kristie Dierks
17th . . . . . Robbie and Laura Coppess
18th . . . . . Wade and Dawn Johnson
26th . . . . . Dave and Janeece Lasley




The Harvest Festival Committee offers a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the event such a success. It takes lots of hands to make this event work and it's always good to have our Wayne Zion family come together for this tradition.




## GIVING TREE

Wayne Zion is participating with HACAP




You will find tags to choose from on the Christmas tree in the Social Hall.
Remember to attach the tag to the item(s) you purchase.
Please DO wrap toy(s) or clothing item for the child.
Food items, personal care items and cleaning supplies DO NOT need to be wrapped.
Please deliver all items to the church on or before Sunday, December 13th, 2026.
If you have questions contact Rhonda 319 480-3504 or rhondamichelsrmb@gmail.com subject line GIVING TREE

## FOR NOVEMBER




- jelly - NO grape
- cereal - No oatmeal or Cheerios
- cake mixes and frosting

monetary donations accepted always




## DECEMBER FOOD PANTRY

Mondays 5-7 pm
Thursdays 2-4 pm
2 adult volunteers are needed for each date; there is heavy lifting involved
see the sign up sheet in the entryway

## FALL FESTIVAL

Zion Lutheran Church
Wyoming Iowa
November 7, 2026
10 am to 2 pm
Menu (al cart)
Beef & noodles $6
sandwiches $4 each
Maidrites
Homemade Rye Bread
with Cheese/Ham
Ham on a Bun
Salad $1
Pie $3
and Beverages
Carry Outs Available
Call 563 488-3905

## "Table Talk Thursday"

**Where:** Lubben's Winery 13504 Hwy 151, Anamosa
**When:** Thursday, November 12th @ 6:30 pm

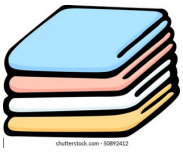
Casual gathering for conversation and building community and faith.

## 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.

**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

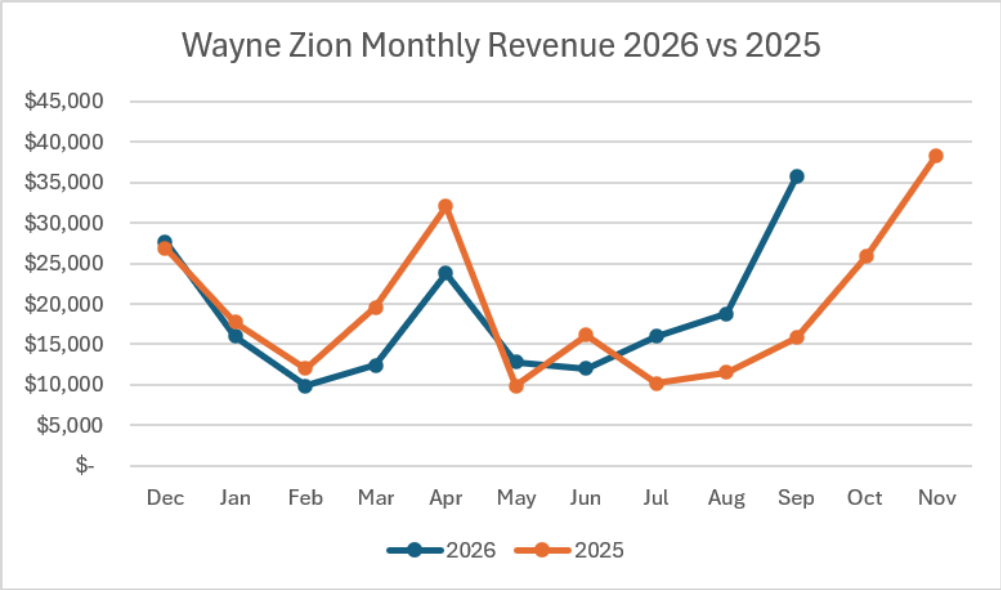
## Useful Hands (Quilter's Group)

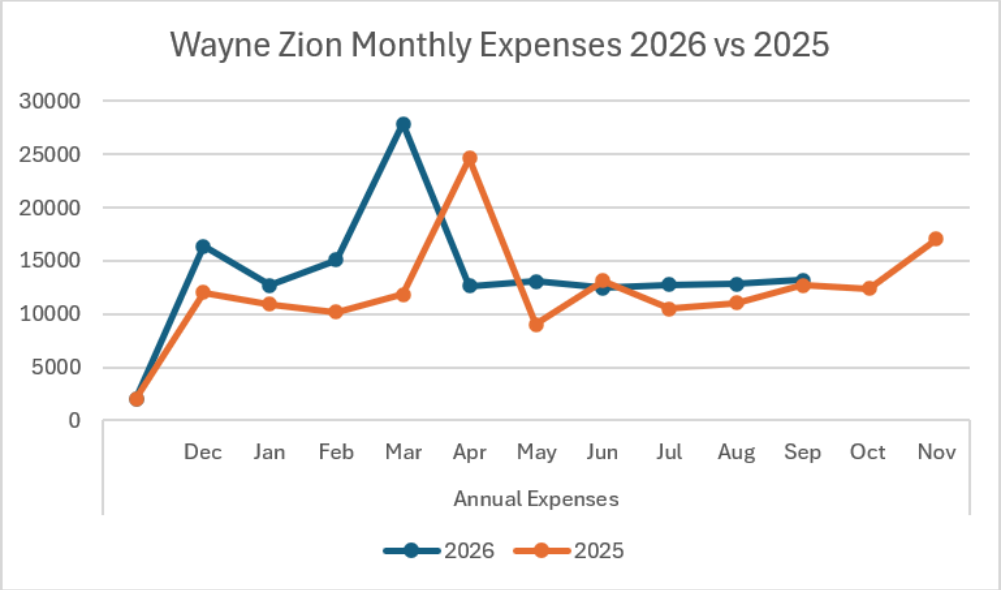


Requesting donations of plain flat bed sheets
of any color
(without holes or stains)
Please drop off in the sewing room.
Thank you very much!

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






## COUNCIL CORNER

The graph on the left is provided by our council treasurer.
Other highlights from the October meeting

- Cord Nietert has accepted the interim part-time Sunday School/Youth Director position
- Town Hall meetings will be November 8th and 22nd ; December 6th and 13th immediately following worship service in the Social Hall
- Seeking a person to lead Confirmation beginning in January 2027

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All are Welcome to Join the Adult Bible Study Sunday mornings – 8:00 am

Sunday Morning Bible Study

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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"

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

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

# Confirmation Class

November Schedule 2026

4 ~ Jesus' Parables
11 ~ Jesus' Death and Resurrection
18 ~ Following Jesus Today
25 ~ Living a Life of Foregivness
*Last fall class ~ Thanksgiving Youth Group Service

Wayne Zion is seeking a person(s) to instruct our confirmation students beginning in January 2027. Please contact the office 319 465-4834



Be a Teacher



Gracen Hein, Conner Andreesen, CJ Burkle and Liam Reyner

Confirmation Sunday
October 25, 2026






## 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.

# Children's Sunday School

Music 10:15 am
Class 10:30 am
NOTE: Service Project Children's Hospital ~ November 8th, 2026



Cord Nietert sharing the Children's Lesson on October 11, 2026

## Youth Group News

Bring a friend for snacks and fun

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



Harvest Festival 2026
dinner room



Ladies cutting pies for
the Harvest Festival



Carry out group busy packaging
meals to go



Harvest Festival clean up crew



Bake Sale - new location this year

## Harvest Festival 2026

Information

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| Dine In | **123** | **163** (2025) |
| Carry Out | **213** | **222** (2025) |
| Kid's Dine In | **5** | |
| Kid's Carry Out | **9** | |


















Fields of Faith
Christian Rally
Cornell College
Mt. Vernon IA





# BEST OF CEDAR RAPIDS
# GOSPEL CONCERT

The Wayne Zion Handbell Choir
will be part of this year's concert

Please Join Us

**Friday**
**November 6th, 2026**
**7:00 pm**
**St. Paul's United Methodist Church**
**1310 Third Ave SE, Cedar Rapids**

ANCHORED BY THE HARMONY HAWKS, THIS CONCERT WILL FEATURE MANY OTHER ARTISTS AND GROUPS FROM THE EASTERN IOWA AREA.

A FREE-WILL offering will be taken to benefit
"His Hands Free Clinic" in Cedar Rapids