

# Focus

Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI

July 2018

## Zion's Annual

Aug 2, 3, 4



- Thursday 8am - 4pm
- Friday 8am - 4pm
- Saturday 8am - Noon

*Rummage donations may be brought to Zion's fellowship hall! Thank you!*

**No telephones or electronics donations accepted!**

**Please do not bring computers, monitors, TVs, fax machines, VCR players, etc.**



**Bob Voss will be throwing out the first pitch on Military Appreciation Day, Sunday, July 8 at the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers game in Appleton!**

Game time is 1:05 pm.  
Bob's service photo up will be on the big screen while they say something about his service during World War II.



*All Congregation Call to support Bob!  
A great day to go to a ball game!*

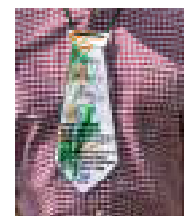
## UGLY TIE CONTEST WINNERS!



*Sunday 8am Winners:* 1st Place... Ted Rudie  
2nd Place ... Al Wichmann 3rd Place... Jonah Glysch



*Saturday 5pm Winners:*  
1st Place Keith Milner  
2nd & 3rd Place Dale Konkel



*Sunday 9:30am Winners:*  
1st Place Cooper Anderson  
2nd Place Don Anderson  
3rd Place Brian Hanson



## May 2018 Financial Update

May's General Fund revenue was about \$24,500 and spending was \$27,448 decreasing our surplus by \$3,000 to a **negative** balance of -\$2,970. The General Fund started the year 2018 with a positive balance of \$7,500 but has lost \$10,000 so far this year. June is looking a little better with two strong weeks of member contributions which may reduce our deficit somewhat.

Zion members, as we enter the upcoming summer months, which can be financially challenging, we would especially appreciate your strong support.



Gordon Holten, Treasurer

## Loud Offering July 28-29

**Sunday School  
Loud Offering last  
weekend of the month!**

Please keep all your loose change and on the last weekend of each month bring it in for our collection.



**\$525 was collected the weekend of  
June 23-24 for Jacob Tomashek  
and family! Thank you!**



## Healing Touch Ministry

**Thursday, July 5**  
(the first Thursday of the month)  
**4:00-7:00 p.m.** in the nursery.

**Free of charge by appointments only**

For appointments: JoAnne Bartz 715-584-7080.

Learn more about healing touch by watching a video at [www.healingtouchprogram.com](http://www.healingtouchprogram.com).



## Book Club's Current Read...

*The Girl with Pearl Earrings*  
by Tracy Chevalier

Club meets **Wednesday, July 11**  
(the second Wednesday of each month) in the church library at 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in reading and discussing this book, please join us!

Questions? Suggestions? Contact Joni Shebuski 715-526-6453 or Sharon Erickson 715-524-4280.

## Thank You from the Youth!



- ★ You helped us raise over \$1,000 with our Pulled Pork fundraiser!
- ★ You helped us raise over \$2,800 with our Kwik Trip Car Wash cards fundraiser!

These funds helped get 10 youth and 4 adult chaperones to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston TX!

**Bless each and everyone for  
your support of our youth!**



## Aluminum Can Collection Bin behind the garage!

The Youth would appreciate your donations—which must be bagged—as a fund raiser.



## A Great VBS Problem!

This year we're hosting about 100 kids for Vacation Bible School! **However, we're also short on volunteers. If you are willing to help in any way during the week of July 23-27 from 9am-noon,** please contact Karen Preston 715-851-3253 or Betsy Henning 715-304-7378.

If you are willing to help with VBS costs, a donation of \$10 will support one camper for the entire week.

**Thank you for your support!**

*The Zion Education Committee*

## The Parish Records

### Deaths:

- † Lyle M. Kreier June 11, 2018  
Funeral held at Zion, June 15, 2018.
- † Neil L. Montour June 12, 2018  
Private funeral held at funeral home.



### Member Transferred In:

- † Rita H. Trinko from Peace United Church of Christ, UCC, Shawano.



### Members Transferred Out:

- † Harvey & Bonnie Schultz to St. Mark by the Sea, ELCA, Palm Coast FL.



*We have a beautiful photograph* in our home of a monarch butterfly with wings outstretched, in the background are flowering plants and is entitled, “Risen.” It was taken by Richard Leighty (an amateur nature photographer) who gave it to us as a thank you for standing by him as his wife was dying. We had spent the afternoon, evening, and onto early morning together as he recounted the good, bad, and ugliness of 56 years of marriage and raising a family on a teacher’s salary. I knew that their last years together had been an extreme challenge for him.

At one point in the wee-hours of the morning Richard said, “Pastor, I have to show you something.” He reached into his billfold and pulled out a black-and-white picture of his wife’s engagement picture. I remember looking at the elderly, sick and dying person in the bed before me and then at the beautiful, young lady in the picture... it didn’t seem possible that they were the same. I then looked into Richard’s eyes as he studied his wife’s labored breathing and what I saw taught me something about what true love most be. It’s about commitment, loyalty, and even caring for someone who has been unlovable.

It was the late Presbyterian Pastor Fredrick Speakman who noted in a sermon, “What if Christian love was never meant to begin in the way we feel toward people? You see there is no virtue in being naturally fond of someone, any more than there is any sin in being not at all fond of someone else. It’s what we do about these feelings that results in the sin or the virtue.”

Recently I reread a book entitled, “Army Life in a Black Regiment,” by Thomas Wentworth Higginson (Perseus Digital Library). I was reminded about Abraham Lincoln’s relationship with his Secretary of War; Edwin Stanton was often not good. Stanton opposed Lincoln on many things, especially about having a black regiment in the Union Army. You might say that he was a thorn in Lincoln’s side.

But Lincoln saw past their differences, because Stanton was the best person for the job. As the years wore on Stanton began to see President Lincoln differently. The night that President Lincoln was assassinated it was reported that Edwin Stanton’s face was bathed in tears, and as he watched him die... blurted out, “There lies the greatest ruler of men the world has ever seen.” The love of Lincoln was nurtured in obedience. It was not jealous or boastful; it was principled.

In the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew we can read about Jesus who is teaching his disciples about who will inherit the Kingdom of God – who will sit at the right hand of the King. The King *does not* say to those at his right hand, “I was hungry and you felt compassion for me. I was naked and you were embarrassed and ashamed with me; I was imprisoned and you prayed for my release. I was sick and you were sympathetic for me” Matthew 25:31-37.

Such empathic feelings are commendable, but they are not what really count in the Kingdom. What counts are the number of hungry that are fed or the naked that are clothed or the sick and imprisoned that are visited. Obedient love in the Kingdom needs to be seen as something we do!



Remember when Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Peter, do you love me?” Peter responded, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” Then Jesus said to him, “Then feed my sheep.” Have you ever wondered why Jesus asked this question three times? He knew that too often Peter’s fleeting feelings were not translated into actions. Jesus sought to implant deeply into Peter’s very being that obedient love must issue forth in action. Feed my sheep!

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**Available for sale in  
the church office!  
\$10 each**

## **Zion Endowment Fund Grant/Scholarship Applications Due!**

Forms are available in the church office or on our website homepage [www.shawanozion.org](http://www.shawanozion.org). Or click *Outreach*, then *Endowment Fund* for information and forms to apply for scholarships and grants.

**Return completed application to the  
church office by  
Friday, August 3, 2018, 12:00 p.m.**

Incomplete or late applications will be regarded as invalid.



## From Your Parish Nurse...

Getting the whole family involved in fun workouts and fitness programs can be a way to beat those lazy dog days of summer. So, grab the sunscreen and a bottle of water, and get ready for some fun in the sun. Aquatic water workouts at a pool or lake can give a great overall fitness and also, soothe sore achy muscles. The buoyancy of water reduces the weight of person by about 90%, so stress on joints, bones and muscles are reduced.

Create your own family workout. This can include family members taking turns making up the exercises and the number of repetitions. Set a time limit for the workout, depending on your family's fitness level. One person can choose their favorite activity for all family members to do.

Examples of summer fun might be a neighborhood basketball team. Playing one hour of basketball can burn 630-750 calories. Basketball can help build cardio and muscular endurance.

Golfing can be great exercise when you walk the course. Tennis and volley ball are great family competitive fun games. Take the volleyball and net to the beach. You get the benefit of exercise along with fresh air and cooling down with a swim.

Hit the trails. Take advantage of hiking the trails in local and state parks, as well as national trails. Your whole family will get some much needed cardio exer-

cise and at the same time, enjoy nature. Pack a simple picnic and bring a bug, bird, plant or animal guide to identify things you come across on the hike. Don't forget the bug spray.

Biking is a great cardiovascular exercise that strengthens several muscles, including your core, and can improve balance. While you can take the family out to have fun and be active with a bike ride in your neighborhood, biking is another activity that can be done almost anywhere. Remember to make sure everyone has properly-fitted helmets.

Gardening can be quite strenuous when pushing wheelbarrows around and hauling bags of dirt. The kids will have fun helping pick out the different flowers and plants to put in the garden, and the parents will enjoy the end results, a beautiful garden and nice landscaping.

Stay safe this summer by remembering a few rules: Protect your skin; the sun rays are strongest between 10am and 4pm. Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside using 15 SPF or higher. Wear loose fitting, light weight clothing with a brim hat and sunglasses. Staying hydrated during all activities is very important. Drinking plenty of water will help beat the heat when playing outside. For more information on summer fun go to <https://breakingmuscle.com/fitness>.

*JOB 37:14 Stop and consider God's wonders.*

*~ Jennifer Greiert, Parish Nurse*



*God's Work, Our Hands*

### Health Ministry Dates At A Glance...

**Monday, July 2 Health Ministry Committee Meeting**  
1:00 p.m. Room 101. New members welcome!

**Tuesdays & Thursdays: Afternoon Exercise Class**  
4:00-5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall. All welcome!  
No need to pre-register. Nancy Schultz, Leader.

**Thursday, July 5: Healing Touch Ministry**  
4:00-7:00 pm. By appointment... 715-584-7080.  
Provided by JoAnne Bartz in the Nursery.

**Blood Pressure Checks: Saturday, July 7 after service and Sunday, July 8** from 9:00—9:30am.  
Free screening! Everyone welcome!

**Wednesday, July 11: Book Club 3:30 pm.** Library

**Wednesday, July 18: Friendly Visitors 9:00 am.**  
Room 101.



### Blood Drive Monday, September 10

2:00pm – 6:00pm

You can safely donate  
every 56 days! Donate at Zion!

### SelfCare Awareness MiniFair Sept. 10

Vendors in the Commons

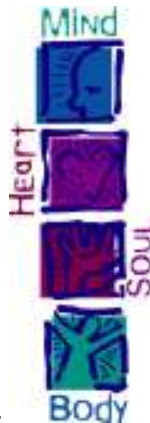
9:00am—3:00pm

Hosted by the  
Health Ministry Committee



In need of volunteers  
to be part of the  
"Need-a-Lift" program.

Volunteer Need-a-Lift drivers provide both local and out of town rides to doctor or therapy appointments for Zion members and friends. If you would like to be a volunteer driver for a Need-a-Lift program, or need a ride to an appointment, contact Jennifer Greiert Parish Nurse at 715-526-2017 or [nurse@shawanozion.org](mailto:nurse@shawanozion.org).



## **Memorial Gifts** **May 28 – June 24 '18**

*Special gifts "in honor of"  
or "in memory of" to:*

### **Camp Scholarship Fund**

By: Ted & Mary Ann Rudie  
In memory of Neil Montour

### **Church in Society Fund**

By: Jack & Dejon Polzin  
In memory of Neil Montour

### **Health Ministry Fund**

By: Helen Kaurala  
In honor of *Need-a-Lift* drivers past  
and present.  
By: Kathie Schutt  
In honor of John Phalen's Retirement

### **Sunday School Fund (VBS)**

By: Ken & Bonnie Wolf  
In honor of their 55th Wedding  
Anniversary

### **Worship Appointments Fund**

By: Bernadine Wendt  
In memory of Stanley Kleiss

### **Youth Fund**

By: Lorin & Winnie Preston  
In memory of Harvey Ebelt  
By: Mike & Dorothy Eidahl  
In memory of Paul Huebner's Father.

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## **Fill the Cart Weekend July 21 & 22**



### **Help with Support Group Meals at Safe Haven!**

 Church in Society Committee helps Safe Haven, the domestic abuse shelter, by providing their Support Group supper for 20-30 people once every other month. **The next opportunity will be Thursday, July 26** The menu is planned and the needs are posted on the bulletin board by the SafePARC grocery cart in the commons. **If you would like to help, sign up for a specific item and bring it to church kitchen by Thursday morning, July 26. Thank you for your help!**

*Pastor's Message continued.*

Jesus only commanded a love for his disciples that he would himself act out obediently. **"The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give their life for them."** The love of God did not begin with Jesus Christ, but it was revealed in a special way in Jesus Christ. Jesus did not come to make God loving, but because God has always been love. It is in the Cross of Jesus that we see obedient love. It is a love visible and vulnerable, and it is a love available to each of us. Jesus did not come to give us his sympathy. He came to give us His very life.

Author, J. Wallace Hamilton once shared a story about a medieval monk and the sermon every preacher hopes to communicate as the core of the faith we profess. Having announced that he would preach a sermon on love, the monk waited with the congregation as the last light filtered through the beautiful stained-glass windows, and then finally disappeared. Lighting a candle, the monk walked to the life-sized statue of Christ on the cross. He held the light beneath the wounds on His feet, then His hands, then His side. Then, still without a word, he let the light shine on the thorn-crowned brow. That was his sermon. The people stood in silence and wept, every one knowing that they were at the center of a mystery beyond their knowing, that they were indeed looking at the love of God; a love so deep, so wide, so eternal that no words could express it and no mind could measure it.

**"My Commandment,"** said Jesus, **"Is this: Love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love a person can have for their friends is to give one's life for them."** In obedience, let us love as God through Jesus Christ has loved us!

*~ Pastor Scott Ludford*

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## ***☪☪ Thank you! ☪☪***

Dear Zion Church friends,

Safe Haven would like to thank you for your donation of food. It was used in Shelter and was also shared with our outreach clients. Thank you for thinking of us!

*~ The Safe Haven Staff*

Greetings Zion family,

Thank you for the scholarship I received in April of 2017. I would like to update you on my first two semesters at UW- Stevens Point. I auditioned into the university's jazz band and concert band placing second chair trombone in both ensembles, and started playing lead trombone in the jazz band. In October, I declared my intent to teach with the School of Education and plan to add a general music and special education certifications to my degree alongside with instrumental music education. Though I entered school with no piano skills - by the end of the spring semester I reached level 200 piano and can play basic harmonization and chord progressions as well as all major and minor scales with both hands. Overall, my freshman year left me even more passionate about teaching young minds and I cannot wait to see where the rest of my education will take me. It is a beautiful thing when passion and a career can come together as to where the Lord will lead me.

*~ Emily Jones*



## It All Belongs to God! (A stewardship message.)

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.” - Psalm 24:1-3

When I use the word *gift* I am thinking the way my parents taught me. When we give a gift to someone, we understand that a transfer of ownership has occurred. That means if I buy a gift for someone, it belongs to me. I have paid for it, it is mine. Then say on that person’s birthday I wrap that gift (or more accurately, my wife does), and I give it to the birthday boy/girl. That person unwraps it, thanks me for the gift, and at that point, it belongs to that person. I have given up any claim to it. Whatever that person does with the gift from that point on is not in my control.

This isn’t the way it is with God and us. No such transfer of ownership occurs. God created all that is, and God continues to own all that is. Everything we have still belongs to God. We are given the privilege and responsibility to care for that which belongs to our heavenly Father.

The biblical truth (that all belongs to God) is the cornerstone of everything we have to say about stewardship. The very word *steward* describes someone who watches over that which belongs to someone else.

The language that we use every day speaks a different message than the psalmist who wrote Psalm 24. We look at a house and we ask, “Who owns this house?” We see a new car parked in a driveway and we ask, “Whose car is that?” When someone buys a new house and takes out a mortgage, they will often joke, “The bank and I own this house.”

I’m not suggesting that we need to change our language. I am suggesting that we need to recognize that the language we use is very important because it shapes the way we think. The language we use leads us to believe that we are the ultimate owners of the things that are in our control. The world in which we live, functions on the assumption that we own the things that are “ours.”



The psalmist says, “No, God made it all and God owns it all.” This radical claim is the starting point of all the Bible has to say about the world in which we live.

~ Pastor Ludford

## Books in Zion’s Library

***Ideas for Families*** by Phyllis Pellman Good and Merle Good. A virtual catalog of specific practices and traditions gathered here from “experts”: All ideas have come from parents who have either used them or observed them at work. Here are ideas for: Creating a sense of family, despite everyone’s schedule pressures; Having fun together, even though ages and interests vary; Making mealtime and bedtime occasions for building belonging; Passing the time in the car; Modeling faith and commitment; Happily occupying children at home; Inspiring responsible handling of chores; Staying in touch with grandparents and extended family members.

***An Honest Look at a Mysterious Journey*** by John & Joanna Stumbo. As the intensive care doctor gave John his release, she acknowledged the mystery of his condition, “We’ll have to call it The Stumbo Syndrome. You’ve stumped us all.” They didn’t see it coming. They would never be the same. You’ll find their story authentic, powerful, humorous, moving, insightful, riveting.

***The Watcher*** by Carole Jefferson Mysteries of Silver Peak. Sadie is excited for her friends Ardis and Mabel Fleagle, who have just purchased an amazing old “painted lady” Victorian house, with plans to restore it. Almost immediately, mysterious letters signed by “The Watcher” begin arriving, describing the Fleagles’ everyday loves and personal interactions in eerie detail. Sadie uncovers not only a web of deceit and intimidation, but also the checkered past of one of Silver Peak’s early leading citizens, who lived – and died – in the house. Meanwhile a visit with a high-school friend who has retired to a life of RV travel has Roz worrying that her bucket list of dream destinations has passed her by. When she begins looking to buy a motor home, Sadie can’t help but wonder: Will she lose her best friend to the siren song of the open road?





# Worship Schedule for the Summer

- ~ Saturdays 5:00 p.m. at Zion
- ~ Sundays 8:00 a.m. at Zion
- ~ Sundays 9:30 a.m. at the Shawano County Park

**Worship Services at Jerusalem, Lunds**  
Following Sundays at 11:00 a.m.  
July 1 ~ September 2

## Attending Confirmation Camp July 9–13



Allison Laffin  
Isaac Welander  
Faith Ugoretz

## Olga Brener Students Practice Evacuation



Zion is the designated place for the students to come in case of an emergency evacuation. They practiced this procedure on June 6—which also was practice for Pastor Scott, Debbie, and Scott Pederson!



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To connect with our youth visit  
[www.facebook.com/  
ZionYouthShawano](http://www.facebook.com/ZionYouthShawano)



Monday thru Thursday  
8am - 12pm, 1-5pm  
Fridays 8am - 12pm



The church office  
will be closed  
Wednesday the  
4th of July.



Have a safe and fun  
celebration!

*Happy  
Birthday*



**William Grosskreutz... 70 on July 11**  
W8103 Long Lake Drive, Clintonville 54929

**William Beyer... 60 on July 12**  
1520 E Lieg Ave, Shawano • 715-526-5036

**Diane Flessert... 65 on July 15**  
907 S Andrews St, Shawano • 715-526-3683

**Lorin Preston... 75 on July 18**  
W7124 St John's Church Rd, Clintonville  
54929 • 715-851-9112

Happy birthday to the 63 other members  
celebrating this month!