

# Focus

Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI

June 2018



## Pulled Pork Fundraiser

**Sunday, June 10**

**Shawano County Park \* 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Meal includes:  
pork sandwich, chips, dessert,  
and bottled water.

**\$5 per meal**

*Additional sandwiches \$2.00 each*



Funds go to support the  
10 youth and 4 chaperones  
attending the 2018 ELCA  
Youth Gathering in  
Houston, Texas  
June 27-July 1.

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

## Father's Day Celebration!



### UGLY TIE CONTEST

Saturday & Sunday  
June 16 & 17

at all 3 worship services!

- ◆ All males are to wear an ugly tie!
- ◆ We will vote on the ugliest!
- ◆ Awards will be given!

*So, men and boys  
find your ugly tie  
or make one and be  
ready for the fun!*

## April 2018 Financial Update

April's General Fund revenue was about \$32,600 and spending was \$30,900 increasing our surplus by \$1,700 to a **positive** balance of \$30. This is quite amazing since an April blizzard cancelled one entire weekend of services. Thrivent Choice contributions also helped our revenue picture this month.

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

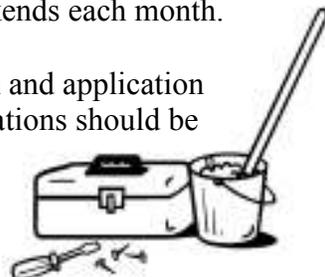
Gordon Holten, Treasurer



## Evening Custodian Needed

Zion is seeking a part-time evening custodian. This position is 20-24 hours per week. Must be able to lock doors in evening and work 1 or 2 weekends each month.

Pick up a job description and application at Zion's office. Applications should be returned to Zion's office, marked: Custodian  
Attn: Mike Eidahl.



## Healing Touch Ministry

**Thursday, June 7**  
(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).

## Loud Offering June 24

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

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



Share your gifts and talents of music with us in the upcoming summer worship services.

We are looking for soloists, groups, and Instrumentalists for our services at Zion and the Park.

Please notify Winnie Preston 715-526-5018 or Karen Childs 715-526-2445 to get on the schedule.

## Youth Sponsored Upcoming Events



### Pulled Pork Fundraiser

Sunday, June 10 ~ 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the County Park!

\$5 per meal. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial. Funds support the Youth Gathering attendees.



### 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:

- † Laura M. Slechta May 2, 2018  
Non-member service held May 8 at funeral home.
- † Harvey A. Ebelt May 16, 2018  
Funeral held at Zion, May 21, 2018.



### Members Transferred Out:

- † Julene Pettis to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran ELCA, Shoreview MN.



## A Lighted World Cost More

As a boy I had a wooden boomerang, just like the ones I saw in my Youth *National Geographic* magazine. Ever thrown a boomerang? Mine came with instructions and history, and I would practice throwing it in the back yard. People assume that the function of the boomerang is to return to the thrower. But this isn't true. The boomerang returns to the thrower only when it misses the target.

The same is true in life; that we return to ourselves to become self-centered and self-absorbed when we failed to find meaning in life. If we live for ourselves, spend money only on ourselves, squander our time, and exert our strength only for ourselves...life will boomerang on us and we will pay the price of a meaningless existence.

In essence that is what Jesus taught his disciples when he said, "For those who want to save their life will lose it and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it (Mark 8:35). You lose if you win; you win if you lose. Life can boomerang; life is a paradox.

The paradox grows out of the fact that there is sacrifice involved in the Christian life. Jesus put it this way, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (V. 34). In attempting to avoid sacrifice, to save one's life, you lose.

Jesus knew he must be put to death. He could have avoided it. He could have fled before they came to seize him in the garden. He could have called on twelve legions of angels to fight his battles for him and spare him from death. He could have saved himself, but then he could not have saved the world. He could not have lived with himself if he had forsaken the purpose for which he was sent into the world.

A missionary who had come home from her field of service to recuperate went shopping in search of a globe of the world to take back with her to her mission. A clerk in one store showed her a moderately priced globe. Then he pointed to another one with a light that switched on inside. That would be much nicer, he told the missionary. "But, of course," he said, "a lighted world cost more."

He was right, more than he knew. A lighted world does cost more. Jesus says to all would follow him, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). To light the world so that its people may see the love of Christ in our lives can be costly. But to seek to gain the world of things, to save our lives, could be much costlier. There is no profit in that, Jesus would remind us. But to lose our lives for his sake and the gospel's is to save it.

While few of us anticipate finding ourselves in a situation comparable to that of a Dietrich Bonhoeffer or Mother Theresa, we do have opportunities to lose ourselves for the sake of the gospel and let our lights shine. A widow living in the humblest of circumstances, not expected to have anything to contribute to her congregation's building fund...nonetheless cheerfully handed an envelope to her pastor filled with money she saved through sacrificing things she might have bought herself. The "House of the Lord" took priority over her own humble dwelling.

A single parent who was struggling to make ends meet received a financial gift from her congregation at a critical time. Later she received some money from the settlement of an insurance claim that she might have used to meet some desperate needs, to pay some debts, or even to set aside for future expenses. But she came to her pastor with a gift of several hundred dollars; many times more than she had received from her congregation to be used in helping others in need...in bringing light to their lives. She lost herself in gratitude, the grace of gratitude. But of course, such grace means that she didn't really lose at all.

A woman accepts a volunteer position to serve the church and the community in a position that demands so much that it consumes most of her time and interest. A generous salary wouldn't begin to compensate her commitment, but she receives nothing. She has lost herself in service, but paradoxically enough, such people don't lose at all.

We have a strong and vital faith community that continues to challenge and grow in serving God's ministry. This is only possible by your dedication and sacrifices for the sake of the gospel. We need people who will dedicate themselves to worship, serve and financially support the church. Fortunately there are some who do deny themselves extra sleep, or a day at the beach, or who battle inclement weather to let their lights shine in their neighborhoods, here at Zion Lutheran and among the people who count on them. It cost more, but those who lose their lives for the sake of the gospel will save them. An amazing paradox empowered by amazing grace.

~ Pastor Scott Ludford

## From Your Parish Nurse...

**June is National Safety Month!** The National Safety Council Mission is to eliminate preventable deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the road through leadership, research, education and advocacy. Below I listed information and tips to keep you safe.

**Workplace:** Prevent slips, trips and falls by keeping work areas clean and orderly and in a sanitary condition. Keep aisles and exits clear of items.

**Know your Emergency Preparedness:** Here at Zion Lutheran Church an Emergency Action Plan has been developed for the purpose to establish guidelines to follow and promote life safety in the event of an emergency situation on Zion's property or at Zion's County Park worship service. If you do not have a copy of this plan, there are extras at the Informational Desk in the pamphlet wall holder.

**Home:** Prevent falls in your bathroom by placing a non-slip mat both inside and outside of the tub. Place nonslip decals on the bottom of your shower or tub. Plug in nightlights in and around the bathroom for increased visibility. Clean up any condensation or puddles on the floor. Install grab bars by the toilet and in or near the shower and tub to assist older adults.

**Community safety –** Here are a few tips for keeping your home and surroundings safe.

- Know the people within your neighborhood. Recognize who lives around you.

- Keep your vacation dates off of social media.
- Lock all doors and windows and use timers.
- Utilize blinds and curtains.
- Install motion-sensored lights outside of your home.
- Start a neighborhood watch.

**Safety on the roads:** If you want to increase your chances of staying safe on the road review these safety tips:

- Stay Alert – Actively pay attention to your actions and those of the drivers around you.
- Use turn signals and follow traffic light signals and obeying stop signs.
- Buckle Up – Wearing your seatbelt is essential. For your safety and preventing a fine.
- Do not text & talk on the phone when driving - It is never acceptable when operating a vehicle.
- Obey speed limits – It is important to stick to the posted limit at all times.
- Never drive under the influence – This includes alcohol, certain prescription or non-prescription drugs and illegal drugs.



For more safety tips on driving go to [http://safety.lovetoknow.com/20\\_Safety\\_Tips\\_for\\_Driving](http://safety.lovetoknow.com/20_Safety_Tips_for_Driving) and <http://www.nsc.org/act/events/Pages/national-safety-month.aspx>

*Proverbs 2:11 Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.*

*~ Jennifer Greiert, Parish Nurse*



### Parish Nurse on Vacation!

Jennifer will not be in the office June 6-11.

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

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

**Blood Pressure Checks: Saturday, June 2 after service and Sunday, June 3** from 9:00—9:30am.  
Free screening! Everyone welcome!

**Wednesday, June 13: Book Club 3:30 pm.** Library

### Join Health Ministry Committee!

The mission of Health Ministry is "To share Christ with others through loving care, inspiration and encouragement" by working to promote wholeness of body, mind and spirit in the congregation and the community. Our committee meets the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm in Rm 101. Interested? Come to our meeting on June 4.



*God's Work, Our Hands*



**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).

## Books in Zion's Library

**The Berenstain Bears School Time Blessings** by Mike Berenstain. It's time for school! Brother and Sister are ready to get busy with all of the things they enjoy about school – but they are nervous about challenges like math and history class. And Honey Bear will be going to nursery school for the first time. Will the cubs be too nervous to do their best or will they remember that prayer and God's love are always to guide them no matter how big the challenge?

**The Berenstain Bears God Bless Our Country** by Mike Berenstain. The Bear family and their Bear Country neighbors celebrate the Fourth of July with a big parade. But not before the cubs get a lesson about the blessings of freedom for their country.

**The Berenstain Bears God Shows the Way** by Stan & Jan Berenstain is an *I Can Read! Book*. This three-book-collection of popular Berenstain Bears *Living Lights I Can Read!* Titles will provide readers with valuable reading skills practice as well as lessons about serving and caring for others. The books are *Faith Will Get You Through, Do Not Fear, God Is Near, and Piggy Bank Blessings*.

**Listen to the Voices of Your Heart** by Anna Hart. This is the story of the life of Sarah, who became a loving Christian woman by listening to her family members, friends, and students. Despite many challenging events that could have influenced her to become a cynic, she used her core values of love, honor, strength, compassion, loyalty, faith, and integrity to become the Christian that God meant her to be. This book will open your heart if you are willing to build bridges instead of walls to others with unconditional love. Listen to the voices of their hearts, and God will give you peace.

**Where Courage Calls** by Janette Oke and Laurel Oke Logan is Book 1 of the *Return to the West* series. Beth Thatcher has spent her entire life in the safe, comfortable world of her family, her friends, and the social outings her father's wealth provides. But Beth is about to leave it all behind to accept a teaching position in the rugged foothills of western Canada. Inspired by her aunt Elizabeth, who went west to teach school several years ago, and gently encouraged by her father, Beth resolves to put her trust in God and bravely face any challenge that comes her way.

**Where Trust Lies** by Janette Oke and Laurel Oke Logan is Book 2 of the *Return to the West* series. After a year of teaching in the Canadian West, Beth Thatcher returns home to her family. She barely has time to settle in before her mother announces plans for a family holiday – a luxurious steamship tour along the eastern coast of Canada and the United States. Hoping to reconnect with her mother and her sisters, Beth agrees to join them, but she quickly realizes that things have changed since she went away, and renewing their close bond is going to be challenging.

**Where Hope Prevails** by Janette Oke and Laurel Oke Logan is Book 3 of the *Return to the West* series. Elizabeth Thatcher's anticipated return to her beloved Coal Valley after a summer with her family back east is filled with surprises. . .and not all of them good ones. Maybe the worst one of all relates to her treasured students. Beth attempts to do her best with each obstacle she faces.



### 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



### ZLCW Opportunity!

The Zion Lutheran Church Women wished Carna Zimmerman safe travels and blessed days as she and husband Jim moved to their new home in Arkansas!

**Carna's leaving has created an opportunity for another Zion woman to become the ZLCW's Treasurer and/or Service Group Leader!**

Interested? Contact Barb Ash or Karen Childs.

*We'd love to have you join us!*

**Future Women of the ELCA Programs/Events:**

- Advocating for Justice in Today's World  
Sept. 8 at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Plover
- Take Up Your Cross and Walk God's Justice  
Sept. 21-22 at Imago Dei Village, Clintonville

## Memorial Gifts April 30—May 27, '18

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



### Building Fund

By: Mike & Dorothy Eidahl and  
Ted & Mary Ann Rudie  
In honor of John Phalen's  
Years of Service to Zion

### Camp Scholarship Fund

By: Ted & Mary Ann Rudie  
In memory of Stan Kleiss

### Endowment Fund

By: Sharon Erickson  
In memory of Phil Erickson  
By: Lorin & Winnie Preston  
In honor of Ellen Heideman's  
mother, Patricia Jeffries

### Music Fund

By: Eileen Elertson  
In memory of Sharon  
Erickson's sister,  
Kristi Hipenbecker  
By: Sharon Erickson  
In memory of Phil Erickson

### Youth Fund

By: Fred & Kathy Beyer  
In honor of Ellen Heideman's  
mother, Patricia Jeffries

### In Memory of Roger Schultz:

- **General Fund** by Marian Teckam
- **Health Ministry Fund** by  
Ted & Mary Ann Rudie
- **Library Fund** by  
Family & friends of Roger Schultz
- **Youth Fund** by  
Family & friends of Roger Schultz

### In Memory of Barb Ash's brother, Charles Wescott:

- **Church in Society Fund** by Mitzi Moesch
- **Endowment Fund** by Mike & Dorothy Eidahl
- **Worship Appointments Fund** by Karen Childs
- **Youth Fund (NYG)** by Anita Hartman,  
Roberta Buenting, Mila Waukechon

### In Memory of Harvey Ebelt:

- **Church in Society Fund (Wee Care)** by  
Ken & Bonnie Wolf, Peggy Ray  
Jerry & Donna Milbauer, Mitzi Moesch  
Family & friends of Harvey Ebelt
- **Endowment Fund** by  
Maralyn Steffen, David Steffen
- **Health Ministry Fund** by  
Ted & Mary Ann Rudie
- **Library Fund** by Marian Teckam
- **Worship Appointments Fund** by  
Dorothy & Mike Eidahl
- **Youth Fund** by Diane Rugalski  
(NYG) by Family & friends of Harvey

Have a special event  
or anniversary,  
or would you like to  
honor someone's  
memory?



### *Chancel flowers*

are a wonderful way to  
share your celebration  
with our congregation!  
A sign-up flower calendar  
is posted near the office.



### *Sponsor a worship bulletin*

*in honor or  
in memory of someone!*

The \$20 sponsorship fee  
goes into the General Fund  
to offset the bulletin cost.

Contact the office to  
reserve your sponsor date!



*God's Work,  
Our Hands*



### Zion's Prayer Chain

If you have a telephone prayer chain request,  
please call Co-Chairs, Winnie Preston  
715-851-9576 or  
Eileen Ellertson 715-526-3500.

Happy  
Birthday



**Doug Wegner... 50 on June 7**  
W9399 Cty. A, Shawano

**Ken Kubeny.... 75 on June 13**  
367 Hogan St., Cecil • 715-745-4338

**Lyle Kreier.... 75 on June 15**  
W718 Twin Oaks Rd, Keshena • 715-799-6008

**Marcella Hafferman... 90 on June 26**  
Meadow View Care Facility, 400 W Mill Street,  
Bonduel • 715-758-1992

*Happy birthday to the 53 other members  
celebrating this month!*

## Fill the Cart Weekend June 16 & 17



### Book Club's Current Read...

*The Great Alone*  
by Kristin Hannah

Club meets **Wednesday, June 13**  
(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.

July: *The Girl with Pearl Earrings*  
by Tracy Chevalier

# 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 starting Tuesday, June 5.*

**No telephones or electronics accepted!**

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



Please volunteer **July 30, 31, Aug. 2-4** for set-up, pricing, and selling.

*Help needed Monday, June 4 starting at 10a.m. for setup and Monday, August 6 for take-down!*

Direct questions to Donna Milbauer.

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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



Larry Rose, Senior Wealth Advisor at Harbor Wealth Management, shared his knowledge of the

Tax Reform Act and how it could affect our members at the Financial Health Forum held April 29 at Zion.

*The forum was sponsored by the Health Ministry Committee.*



Our thanks to the AMVETS Post 10 of Shawano for the Honor Guard at our Park Worship Service Sunday, May 27.



Pastor Scott Ludford lead the prayers at Shawano's Annual Veterans Memorial Day Service Monday, May 28 at the Woodlawn Cemetery.