

# Focus

Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI

August 2019

## Confirmation Camp 2019

Connor Neumann Sleeper was one of the counselors at Imago Dei this summer! He is pictured with Elias Popp and Jack Grieves in the picture on the left. In the picture below Connor shows off his camp outfit!



## The New Basketball Hoop is Busy!

The hoop was donated by Lorin & Winnie Preston and we thank them for their generosity!



We also thank Dylan Sparks and Steve Laude for installing the basketball hoop!

## Parking Lots Sealed & Striped!

The parking lots were done July 10-11-12.



## Youth Fundraiser!

### Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards

We have cards available for sale!

**\$36 for 5-Count Card.** Save \$2.60 per car wash with the Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Wash Card!  
Contact or Stop in the office weekdays.



# USHERS

## Ushers Needed!

Please contact the office if you would be able to usher in August—or any month!

*Check the schedule available on the website.*

## ☪☪ Thank you! ☪☪

Dear Zion Church,

Just a note to thank everyone who sent me Get Well cards and for all the prayers—they really worked.

*~ Jack Weldon, Sr.*

Dear Zion and ZLCW,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to confirmation camp at Imago Dei. It was a really fun experience. It helped me grow my faith. My favorite activities were climbing the rock wall, the bike trip, and meeting new friends. Thank you for your generosity.

*~ Elias Popp*



**This year along with the Lutheran World Relief quilts the Zion Quilters are**

### Focusing on School Kits!

There is a plastic tote near the basement steps labeled for school kits where you may put your donations.



*We thank you for any donations you make!*



### Ladies of Zion!

Please make plans to attend the

## Women of the ELCA Fall Retreat September 20-21 at Imago Dei

Kay Zastrow will speak on the Power of Unity and Mary Jo Mettler will give an update on the Current for Curran Hospital in Liberia Project

**Registration forms due September 12**  
are available on the literature stand near the office.

# Happy Birthday



**Nancy Syndergaard... 80 on August 2**  
7 Cherry Court, Shawano 54166

**Ken Lounsbury... 90 on August 10**  
325 E. 5th Street, Shawano 54166

**Duanne Watter... 90 on August 13**  
Cedar Community Rehab Center Rm 2330  
5595 County Z, West Bend, WI 53095

**Joanne DeFere... 80 on August 28**  
N5505 Bischoff Bay Lane, Shawano 54166

*Happy birthday to the 54 other members celebrating in August!*

## The Parish Records

### Deaths:

† Donna J. Weishoff June 29, 2019  
Memorial service held July 6.

† Rita Lemke July 10, 2019  
Memorial service held July 24.



### Baptisms:

† Milo James Gilling July 14, 2019  
Son of Aaron C. & Amanda C. Gilling  
Sponsors: Erik & Caitlin Gilling and  
Lianna Stewart

† Apollo Anthony Thompson July 28, 2019  
Son of Antonio Thompson and Justina M. Revall  
Sponsors: Terrence Gray and  
Brandon & Ryann Law



### Member Transferred Out:

† Holly Zimmerman to Trinity United Church of Christ, Shiocton.



**God's Work, Our Hands**



**Church in Society is asking the congregation to support SAFPARC and fill the cart August 17 & 18**

The shopping cart is located in the Commons.  
**Suggestions: Pork & beans, kidney beans, tuna, cereal, tomato sauce, mac 'n cheese, hearty soups, and peanut butter.**

Please bring a non-perishable food item to help *fill the cart!*





## Dear members and friends of Zion Lutheran Church:

Two years ago I was elected by our conference to attend the ELCA Churchwide Assembly. I so much wanted to attend an assembly sometime during my career as a pastor. I use my space in this newsletter to share with you a message from Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton of what takes place during this event. The week following the event Debra and I will use this time to recharge our batteries before the busy fall calendar.

In God's ministry,  
*Pastor Scott Ludford*



The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. Finding ourselves in Christ, the fifteenth Churchwide Assembly will be a time for us to be the living body of Christ guided by the Spirit and conformed to God's will.

We will meet at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 5-10, 2019 to discuss and make decisions about how to go about God's work as a church. This year the assembly will gather under the theme "We are church."

When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- ◆ Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units;
- ◆ Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies;
- ◆ Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws;
- ◆ Establish ELCA churchwide policy;
- ◆ Worship together;
- ◆ Adopt a budget; and
- ◆ Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

Let me also highlight one of the important responsibilities of the assembly -- the election of the Presiding Bishop and Secretary as well as persons to the Church Council and to churchwide boards and committees. Voting members will receive information regarding nomination and election processes in early 2019. Please think about gifted people willing to serve this church.

As we prepare ourselves for the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, let's remember that it is a process of communal spiritual discernment to bring about God's will for God's people. Together, we will worship, pray, engage in Bible study, deliberate and conduct business in plenary sessions.

When members of the assembly participate in and make decisions about the mission and ministry of the ELCA: We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world.

God's blessings,  
*Elizabeth A. Eaton*  
Presiding Bishop





## Financial Stewardship Update

General Fund as of June 30, 2019

|                              | <i>Actual</i>     | <i>Budgeted</i>   | <i>Variance</i>   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>YTD Total Receipts</b>    | <b>\$ 170,776</b> | <b>\$ 185,075</b> | <b>-\$ 14,299</b> |
| <b>YTD Total Expenses</b>    | <b>\$ 189,137</b> | <b>\$ 190,352</b> | <b>-\$ 1,215</b>  |
| <b>YTD Total Net Revenue</b> | <b>-\$ 18,361</b> | <b>-\$ 5,277</b>  |                   |

This report does not include special offerings such as Building Funds, Restricted/Special Funds, memorial gifts, etc.

### Treasurer's Report by Gordon Holten, Council Treasurer

As these figures show our General Fund picture through June, actual net revenues remain seriously negative.

With the arrival of the summer vacation season, we encourage members to consider the convenience of direct deposit for your contributions. If interested, stop in the office and we can help get that established for you.



### Aluminum Can Collection Bin behind the garage!

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

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!



## July Memorial Gifts

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



### In Honor of Harlan Martin's 90th Birthday:

- **Building Fund** by Mike & Dorothy Eidahl
- **General Fund** by Al & Marge Wichmann  
Ted & Mary Ann Rudie
- **Music Fund** by Al & Marge Wichmann

### In Memory of Donna Weishoff:

- **Building Fund** by Mike & Dorothy Eidahl
- **Church in Society Fund** by Donna & Jerry Milbauer  
Dejon Polzin
- **General Fund** by Ted & Mary Ann Rudie
- **Library Fund** by Marian Teckam
- **Music Fund** by Ted & Yvonne Wolf

### In Memory of Rita Lemke:

- **Building Fund** by Mike & Dorothy Eidahl
- **Church in Society Fund** by Donna & Jerry Milbauer  
Helen Kaurala, Dejon Polzin
- **Education Fund** by VM & SK Boehmke  
Tom & Sandy Rhode
- **General Fund** by Ted & Mary Ann Rudie  
Vera & David McAdow  
Eileen Elertson
- **Health Ministry Fund** by Robert Voss
- **Library Fund** by Marian Teckam

### In Memory of Ginny Vraney's mother, Ruth Johnson:

- **Building Fund** by Julie Effenberger
- **Health Ministry Fund** by Mike & Dorothy Eidahl  
Jerry & Donna Milbauer  
Joni Shebuski

### In Memory of John Polzin:

- **Church in Society** by Eunice Berg  
Jerry & Donna Milbauer  
Mike & Dorothy Eidahl  
Maralyn & Lisa Steffen
- **Education Fund** by Marlene Johnson
- **Endowment Fund** by Ted & Yvonne Wolf  
Helen Kaurala
- **General Fund** by Ted & Mary Ann Rudie  
June Peters, Marian Teckam  
Dolores Paulson

### In Memory of Chad Waukechon:

- **Church in Society** by Ted & Yvonne Wolf
- **General Fund** by Dolores Paulson  
Ted & Mary Ann Rudie
- **Worship Appt. Fund** by Mike & Dorothy Eidahl



## From Your Parish Nurse...

### “What’s the Buzz?”

National Honey Bee Day is celebrated the third Saturday in August. This sweet day was declared by Thomas J. Vilscek, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, on August 11, 2009. It is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Agriculture, Inc. This day was first established for beekeepers, as a way to promote honey and to encourage educational programs. It was also, decided that the hard working honey bees need to be appreciated and recognized as well. This special day is also, called “National Honey Bee Awareness Day” which will be celebrated on August 17, 2019.

Busy as a bee facts: The honey bee has been around for millions of years. The bees are environmentally friendly and are vital as pollinators. It is the only insect that produces food eaten by man. Honey is the only food that includes all the substances necessary to sustain life, including enzymes, vitamins, minerals, antioxidant and water. The average worker bee produces only about 1/12 teaspoon of honey in her lifetime. A honey bee visits 50 to 100 flowers during a collection trip. Honey bees have six legs, two compound eyes made up of thousands of tiny lenses (one on each side of the head), three simple eyes on the top of the head, two pair of wings, a nectar pouch, and a stomach. A colony of bees consists of 20,000-60,000 honeybees and one queen. Worker honey bees are female, live for about six weeks and do all the work. The queen bee can live up to five years and its role is to fill the hive with eggs. She lays 2,500 eggs



per day. Only worker bees sting, and only if they feel threatened and they die once they sting. For many more interesting facts on honey bees go to [www.benefit-of-honey.com/honey-bee-facts.html](http://www.benefit-of-honey.com/honey-bee-facts.html).

Bees are having a hard time. The honey bee population in the United States has been decreasing at an alarming rate. This decline could be due to parasite, climate change, loss of habitat, use of insecticides, or a number of other reasons. But, the drastic decline in population is an undisputed fact. Since 2006, one half of the honey bee colonies have disappeared. From 2007-2013 over 10 million hives have been lost, over two times the normal rate. <http://gardenersnet.com>.

Gardeners can help save the bees by using caution when using insecticides. Insecticides do not discriminate. They kill almost all insects. If using them during pollination periods, the pollinator bees will be killed along with the bad insects. Gardeners should use only when necessary, and only in the amounts and frequency recommended by the manufacturer. Planting the right flowers, over a long season with nectar and pollen rich flowers for bees and other pollinators to feed on can provide them with the needed source of energy. Have a supply of water, in the form of a small wildlife pond, and mud are useful. Some bees hibernate in hollow stem. If you need to tidy away your hollow stems, leave them in a pile at the back of the garden so the bees can escape instead of burning the stalks.

Proverbs 16:24 Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

~ Jennifer Greiert, Parish Nurse



### 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.



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

*The Dry Grass of August* by Anna Jean Mayhew. Club meets 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, August 14** in the church library. Anyone interested in reading and discussing this book, please join us! September's book will be *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie. Questions? Suggestions? Contact Joni Shebuski 715-526-6453 or Sharon Erickson 715-524-4280.

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

**Tuesdays & Thursdays: Exercise Class 4:00-5:00 pm.**  
Low impact, balance focused. *No registration!*

**Monday, August 5: Health Ministry Committee 1:00 p.m.** Room 101. New members welcome!

**Blood Pressure Checks: Saturday, August 10 after service and Sunday, August 11 from 9:00—9:30am.**  
Free screening! Everyone welcome!

**Wednesday, August 14: Book Club 3:30 p.m.** Library.

**Tuesday, August 20: Wolf River Dementia Meeting 8:30 a.m.** Room B25/27



**Northcentral Wisconsin Blood Drive**  
**Monday, September 23**  
2:00pm – 6:00pm

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





# 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**  
September 1 at 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, September 1**  
is the last service at the Park!  
Regular fall/winter service schedule  
starts September 8.

Zion Lutheran Church  
1254 S. Union St., Shawano WI 54166-3461

Rev. Scott Ludford, Senior Pastor  
Debbie Bernard, Administrative Assistant  
Jill Sousek, Organist and Music Director  
Jennifer Greiert, Parish Nurse

Phone: 715-526-2017  
E-mail: [zion@shawanozion.org](mailto:zion@shawanozion.org)  
Web site: [www.shawanozion.org](http://www.shawanozion.org)



### E-mail address:

Pastor Scott..... [sludford@msn.com](mailto:sludford@msn.com)  
Debbie / Office ..... [zion@shawanozion.org](mailto:zion@shawanozion.org)  
Jennifer Greiert..... [nurse@shawanozion.org](mailto:nurse@shawanozion.org)



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



Our Goggle calendar  
available via our website.  
Stay up-to-date!

[www.shawanozion.org](http://www.shawanozion.org)

## Visit Zion's Library!

### **The Journals of Corrie Belle Hollister Book**

**Six Into the Long Dark Night** by Michael Phillips. The War Between the States has escalated into a full-scale conflict threatening to tear the nation apart. Corrie has been invited by President Lincoln to come to Washington D.C. to assist in his re-election campaign. So she finds herself in a most unusual situation – a young woman from the Wild West, with little education and experience, in the seat of power at the nation's capital. And it's a long way from her home in Miracle Springs, California. While writing and reporting from the battlefields, Corrie unwittingly uncovers a plot that could change the country's course forever. But taking action puts her very life at risk.

### **Ellie's People Book 5 An Amish Family Saga**

**Polly** by Mary Christner Borntreger. Book Five: Polly Miller doesn't want to move to Texas. No other Amish families live in Lone Prairie, and Polly loves her family and friends in Ohio. But her father's mind is made up. As Polly settles into her new life, she gains a non-Amish friend, Rose Ann, who shares her dresses and makeup with Polly. She also earns the attention of a young hired hand named Tom, who takes her to a rodeo and tells her how pretty she is. Will Polly commit herself to God by following her family's Amish ways, or will a budding Texas romance set her feet on a different path altogether?

Open during business hours  
weekdays, Saturday evenings,  
and Sunday mornings.



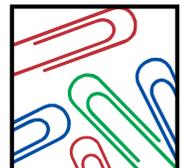
**A Wee Care  
Cookbook  
makes a great  
gift! \$10 each**

Stop in the office during regular  
business hours!



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

**Office Hours Aug. 6-8**  
Monday thru Thursday  
8:30 am - 12 pm; 1 - 4 pm  
Closed Friday, Aug. 9



The church office  
will be closed  
**Labor Day Monday,  
September 2**

Have a safe and fun  
holiday!