

Focus

Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI

June 2019



*Come and enjoy a special worship experience with
Heavenly Harp
at all 3 services June 29 & 30.*

Karin Gunderson's inspiring and peaceful music featuring harp and vocals along with wonderful stories of God's presence and provision, will make this is a great worship experience!

From an early age, Karin's life has been filled with music and faith. A graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, she is an accomplished vocalist, harpist, pianist and flutist. Her musical career has included work as a public school music teacher, a private music instructor, a church musician, and a performer. Singing songs is her passion and she has performed as a vocal soloist in concert halls and churches alike.

Karin served as a Harp Practitioner in hospice facilities for over ten years, where she was fondly known as the "singing harpist." Her ministry has brought peace and comfort to nearly 25,000 patients and their families in times of sorrow and pain. She has often been privileged to share in the amazing experiences of these patients as they cross over into heaven.

**You can get a free, downloadable copy of her book,
*Encounters with Heaven ~ Stories of God's Surprising
Presence* at <https://christianharpmusic.com/>**



Take advantage of this truly unique worship opportunity and invite friends, neighbors and coworkers!

Father's Day Celebration!

FAMILY FRIENDLY

UGLY APRON

CONTEST

Saturday & Sunday

June 15 & 16

at all 3 worship services!



- ◆ All males are invited to compete!
- ◆ We will vote on the ugliest!
- ◆ 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Awards will be given!

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



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

Jerusalem Worship Services at 11:00 a.m.
Sundays... ~ July 7 ~ September 1



Share your gifts and talents of music with us this summer at worship services.

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

Please notify Winnie Preston 715-526-5018 or Karen Childs 715-526-2445.

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.



Sunday School Youth Feed Refugee Families



Early in the Sunday School year, the students voted to have their offering money go towards supporting refugee families through ELCA Good Gifts disaster response.

As stated on the ELCA Good Gifts website, “The world is in the middle of a refugee crisis unlike anything we’ve seen in recent history, with the number of worldwide refugees exceeding 60 million people. From managing some of the world’s largest refugee camps to leading resettlement efforts, Lutherans are known for actively providing lifesaving care for refugees from Syria, South Sudan, Somalia and other countries. After a long and dangerous journey, food, water and other survival supplies are critical to help families recover their strength and prepare for a fresh start. Supplies include bedding, personal hygiene necessities, kitchen items and jerry cans to collect and store water.”

From the Sunday School offerings, \$625 will go towards feeding refugee families. This will feed six families for a month. Thank you for teaching your children to help others in need.

Happy Birthday



Larry Trevarthen... 70 on June 2
N7050 N. Forest Haven Rd, Shawano 54166

Peter Scheinert... 70 on June 8
145 S. Franklin St., Shawano 54166

Gerald Bartline... 80 on June 21
W9079 Cty. A, Shawano 54166

Jan Dillenburg...70 on June 30
W9894 Cty. M, Shawano 54166

Gene Hoppe... 85 on June 30
W6843 Curt Black Rd., Shawano 54166

Happy birthday to the 49 other members celebrating in June!

The Parish Records

Transferred Out:

† Sharlet Maas to Emmanuel Lutheran, ELCA, Seymour, WI.



☪☪☪ Thank you! ☪☪☪

Dear Zion Members and Friends,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and words of concern for my husband David and me during his illness and recovery. It means so much to us.

There is a saying, “God never gives us more than we can handle.” I don’t believe that... God’s people often get more than we can handle as individuals. What God does give us is family, friends, and a faith community to help us handle what comes our way. Thank you for helping us. Bless you all. ~ *Debbie Bernard*

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for all of your support of my Eagle Scout Project. Thanks to you, my project was a success and people will be able to enjoy the raised garden beds for years to come! ~ *Jackson Smits*



Church in Society is asking the congregation to support SAFPARC and fill the cart June 15-16

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!*





“As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.” – Matthew 9:9

Two clergy serving parishes in the same town happened to meet while walking down the street. One was a Lutheran pastor, the other a Roman Catholic Priest. During their chat, the Lutheran pastor was just bubbling over with enthusiasm as he described his congregation’s decision to build an enlarged sanctuary to accommodate their growing worship attendance.

The priest offered his congratulations. But then the Lutheran pastor, half joking, asked the priest, “Wouldn’t you like to make a contribution to our building fund?” With little hesitation, the priest responded, “I’m sure my bishop would never approve of my contributing to the building of a protestant church.”

A few days later, the Lutheran pastor received a letter from the Roman Catholic priest, along with a check for two hundred dollars. In the letter the priest said, “Although my bishop would never consent to my making a contribution to the building of a protestant church, there surely must be some expense involved in tearing your old sanctuary down. I’m sure he would never object to that.”

Aside from the humor in this story, there is a sense of wisdom displayed by the priest. In nearly every addition to an existing facility, there is some demolition work that needs to be done. We will rediscover this truth this summer as parts of our church building will need some special attention to stop the many leaks when it rains.

We also see this principle playing out in Jesus’ call to Matthew, a tax collector, sitting at his booth plying his trade, and inviting him to be one of his disciples. Jesus simply said, “Follow me,” and Matthew did just that! He got up from his booth, left a very lucrative, although despised occupation from the point of view of the Jewish community, and followed Jesus.

Later, perhaps even that night, Jesus was having dinner with his disciples. The implication is that Matthew was with them, and perhaps because of his being among Jesus’ disciples, many tax collectors, and known sinners, were drawn to share in this meal. And did that arouse the scorn of the Pharisees, those who prided themselves on being righteous, and upholding all those laws from the Torah, designed to set Israel apart from the Gentiles, sinners and pagans, laws that gave them their unique identity. “Does Jesus know what he is doing, by sitting in table fellowship with these tax collectors and sinners?” they asked. “If he is a rabbi, if he is from God, surely he should know better. He is tearing down the walls that set us apart, distinguish us as God’s people in this world. It’s bad enough to call a tax collector as a disciple, but to sit and eat, to share a table with such a bunch as this, is like joining the enemy of our faith. It is scandalous.”

To the Pharisees, Jesus responded, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” – Matthew 9:12b-13a

God’s new kingdom was being built, taking form around the table with Jesus. But the old walls of Israel’s past were hard to tear down. And as a result, Jesus encountered tremendous resistance from those who considered themselves, not only be a part of the established faith of Israel, but to be the defenders of their faith. What walls would have to come down in each of our lives before we started to reach out beyond our congregation? What are we doing to share our faith with others, especially those who could benefit from the redeeming grace of God in Jesus the Christ? Have we built a defensive wall around our faith, which prevents us from reaching out to invite our friends and neighbors, even those who differ from us, to join in fellowship with our crucified and risen Lord?

Jesus gives us an example of the mission of his church – to reach out to those around us with the light of the Gospel. And through the power of the Holy Spirit, God took these persons who were considered sinners and ignored by the religious people of Jesus’ day, and made them disciples.



May God’s Spirit work within each of us, that we might break down the walls that inhibit us from reaching out to others with the healing power of the Gospel. For to witness to the grace of God in Jesus the Christ is the true mission of the church.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Scott Ludford

From Your Parish Nurse...

June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

Alzheimer's disease is a global epidemic. Worldwide 50 million people are living with dementia. The annual global cost of dementia is \$818 Billion in U.S. dollars. The number of people living with dementia worldwide is set to skyrocket to 75 million by 2030. Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. More than 5 million Americans are living with the disease. More than 16 million family and friends provide care to people with Alzheimer's and other dementias in the United States. In the United States someone develops Alzheimer's every 65 seconds. In 2018, more than 16 million caregivers of people living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias provided an estimated 18.5 billion hours of unpaid care, a contribution to the nation valued at nearly \$234 billion. In 2019, Alzheimer's disease will cost the United States \$290 billion. This number is projected to rise to more than \$1.1 trillion in 2050. These facts can be found at <http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr>.

Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month is a chance for the Alzheimer's Association to hold a global conversation about the brain, Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Everyone is at risk to develop Alzheimer's disease which is the only leading cause of death that cannot be prevented, cured or slowed.

During June, the Alzheimer's Association asks people to wear purple and participate in one of the many events held throughout the month including "The Longest Day" on June 21, 2019. A sunrise to sunset

event to honor those facing Alzheimer's with strength, passion and endurance.

One of my roles as a Parish Nurse is to be involved in community programs. I am a member of the Wolf River Dementia Care Network and Caregiver Coalition serving Shawano, Menominee, and Oconto Counties and the Menominee and Stockbridge Tribes. We are a group of committed individuals working together to improve the services and options not only for individuals with dementia related disorders but also for care providers from all aspects of life. We sponsor trainings, health fairs, learning opportunities and support groups for our targeted individuals.

On June 21 starting at 8:00am until 8:00pm the Forget-Me-Knot-Fund Inc. will be sponsoring Dementia Live. Dementia Live offers a unique inside-out understanding of dementia and aging. Participants will gain a heightened awareness of the challenges faced by those who live with dementia. You will learn valuable tips and tools to improve communication and care. This opportunity is being offered at no charge to participants. This event is being held at the Quality Inn & Suites, 104 Airport Rd. Shawano, WI. 54166. This experience takes one hour to complete. Participants can register by calling Alexandra Hartwig at 920-370-2178 or sign up at bit.ly/FGMNFdementialive.



FGMNFdementialive.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 *That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever.*

~ 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.



Become a "Friendly Visitor"

New Visitors are always welcome. Come join, experience the rewards of providing this ministry!

Health Ministry Dates At A Glance...

Monday, June 3: Health Ministry Committee

1:00 p.m. Room 101. New members welcome!

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Exercise Class 4:00-5:00 pm.

No class June 4. *No registration required!*

Thursday, June 6: 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 22 after service and Sunday, June 23 between services.

Free screening! Everyone welcome!



Book Club's Current Read...

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Club meets 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, June 12** in the church library. 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.

Healing Touch

Thursday, June 6

4:00-7:00 p.m. in the nursery.

Free of charge. By appointments only...

call JoAnne Bartz at 715-584-7080.





Financial Stewardship Update

General Fund as of April 30, 2019

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Variance</i>
YTD Total Receipts	\$ 114,679	\$ 123,260	-\$ 8,581
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 126,996	\$ 126,888	\$ 108
YTD Total Net Revenue	-\$ 12,317	-\$ 3,628	

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 April shows revenue still negative, but has recovered some ground. With Easter and Lenten services, revenue showed some welcome improvement. We are pleased to see that expenses are very close to budget so far.



With the summer vacation season approaching, 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.



Join the Building & Grounds Committee

We need your time and talents!
Contact Russ Wise with any questions.

May Memorial Gifts

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

Endowment Fund

By: Sharon Erickson

In memory of Phil Erickson

General Fund

By: Ted & Yvonne Wolf

In memory of Dick Johnson

Steve & Renee Elertson gave a gift in memory of Merlyn Hanson to the Jerusalem Cemetery Association (not a Zion account).



Aluminum Can Collection Bin behind the garage!

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

Visit Zion's Library!

Secrets of the Castleton Library: On Pens and Needles by Sandra Orchard. The spine-tingling scene is set at Castleton Manor in Lighthouse Bay, Massachusetts, when the grand mansion plays host to a retreat for horror writers and fans. Librarian Faith Newberry feels unusually ill at ease about the event celebrating frightening stories, and all the talk of superstitions and bad omens makes her apprehensive. Her sense of foreboding only grows when the retreat organizer devises a series of hair-raising stunts to keep the guests constantly on edge. But then something happens that no one could have predicted. One of the stunts turns deadly. As Faith and her friends in the Candle House Book Club investigate the suspicious death, another mystery develops. Horror novelist Pierce Baltimore becomes the victim of pranks inspired by his latest book. Will they be able to solve them both before Pierce's luck runs out?

The Reason by William Sirls. What does God look like? Welcome to the southeast Michigan and the small town of Carlson where faith, hope, and struggle are defined by the different faces of those who live there. An addict that sits at a bar to forget. A mother whose five-year-old son has leukemia. Two doctors. An atheist haunted by his past and a brilliant young oncologist that places all her hope in the power of modern medicine. A blind pastor whose son hasn't spoken a single word in thirty-eight years. But the minister sees by faith. He knows there are answers and believes that someone who cares is watching – someone with a greater purpose. Yet there is something he doesn't know...that none of them know. In the midst of the ordinary and the devastating, there is a reason these lives will be changed forever. Lightning is about to strike. The answer each character receives will astound readers while offering an unforgettable call to hope, to change, and to believe.



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

Zion's Annual

Aug 1, 2, 3



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

Rummage donations may be brought to Zion's fellowship hall starting Tuesday, June 4.

Donations deadline Monday, July 29.
No telephones or electronics accepted!
 Please do not bring computers, monitors, TVs, fax machines, VCR players, etc.



Please volunteer **July 29, 30, & 31** for set-up, pricing, and selling.

Help needed Monday, June 3 starting at 10a.m. for setup and Monday, August 5 for take-down!

Direct questions to Donna Milbauer.



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

Stop in the office during regular business hours!



This year along with the Lutheran World Relief quilts the Zion Quilters are Focusing on School Kits!



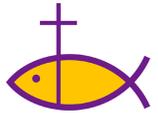
There is a plastic tote near the basement steps labeled for school kits where you may put your donations.

We thank you in advance for any donations you make!

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To connect with our youth visit
www.facebook.com/ZionYouthShawano



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

www.shawanozion.org

Our thanks to the AMVETS Post 10 of Shawano for the Honor Guard at our Park Worship Service Sunday, May 26.



Pastor Scott, and Dorothy & Mike Eidahl show off the Global Barnyard display Zion provided for the ECSW Assembly held May 17-18.