

Focus

Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI

February 2021

Our 2021 Lenten Theme is GOD'S LOVE IS SHOWN

Join us
Wednesday
evenings
at 6:00pm
starting
Ash Wednesday
February 17
for
communion
and
imposition of
ashes.



Wednesday
Lenten services
will have
in-person
worship
and be
live-streamed on
YouTube
lead by
Scott Glysich
and
Nancy Schultz.



THE COMMUNITY
BLOOD CENTER
connecting lives | sharing life

will be at Zion!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22
2:30PM – 6:00PM

Blood
DRIVE

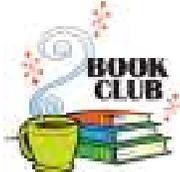
To schedule your
life-saving appointment
call 800-280-4102.
Or register online at
www.save3lives.org
Use sponsor code OT71



**The complete
2020 Financial Report
is available in the
Annual Report.**

Extra copies are on the literature cart
near office.

**Thank you Zion members
for your support!**



Book Club's Current Read...

◆ **February 10 book:**
Plain Truth
by Jodi Picoult.

Club meets the second Wednesday of each month in the commons at 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in reading and discussing the books, please join us! Questions? Suggestions? Contact Joni Shebuski 715-526-6453 or Sharon Erickson 715-524-4280.



**The stage is set to welcome
campers and families back to
Crossways Camps this summer!**

We can't wait to feel the refreshing chill of the lake, see the stunning colors of the sunsets, hear the excitement of the newest gaga ball champion and build community in faith, which is what we do best. We offer Youth Programming for completed Grades 1-12 at each of our three sites (Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake Camp, Waypost Camp) throughout the summer and Family Programs at each site as well.

Visit CrosswaysCamps.org!



**Confirmation
Classes
start Wednesday,
February 17**



- **Confirmation students are encouraged to attend the Wednesday Lenten services**
 - in person at Zion
 - or at home via YouTube.
- **We will meet after the Lenten service for discussion of the sermon...**
 - in person at Zion with Scott Glysch, Karen Preston or Deb DeFere
 - or at home via Zoom with Nancy Schultz. Zoom meeting invitation will be emailed.
- You will not be required to have a mentor.

Happy Birthday



Bob Voss... 101 on February 1
103 Madison Way, Apt 105, Shawano 715-916-3747

Kay Wiegert... 60 on February 1
N5999 Old Keshena Rd, Shawano

Anita Hartman... 90 on February 10
405 W. Richmond St., Shawano

Marilyn Chizzo... 80 on February 19
301 Madison Way, Apt. 4, Shawano

Happy birthday to 57 others in February!

The Parish Records

Deaths:

- † Alfred R. Teetzen January 3, 2021
Memorial service held at funeral home. January 13.
- † Barbara F. Schmidt January 20, 2021
Private service held.



New Members:

- † Gail Hoffmann 923 S Prospect St., Shawano
715-851-551 hoffmangail22@gmail.com
Transferred from St. Paul Stoney Hill LCMS, Shawano

Removal and Transfer Requests:

- † Owen Poole
Moved to an Assisted Living place in Beaver Dam.
- † James & Marie-Luise Lowey
- † Ross & Amber Fischer and children Addison & Hailey
Transferred to St. Jakobi Lutheran LCMS, Shawano



God's Work, Our Hands



**Pastor Ludford had
knee replacement surgery
Wednesday, January 27.**

Mailing address:
1147 S. Union St. Shawano

During Pastor's absence...

Rev. Phil Bogen will be here on Sundays.

**Scott Glysch and Nancy Schultz will be leading
Wednesday evening Lenten services at 6:00pm.**



- ▶ **Saturday evening service will be suspended until after Easter.**
- ▶ **Only evening service on Lenten Wednesdays.**



“²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.”
-Galatians 5:22-24

In a back yard there once lived an apple tree and a thorn bush. The apple tree produced nice juicy apples that everyone liked to eat. Kids would climb up the tree and pluck the apples. Worms would eat the ones that fell on the ground. Birds would peck away at the fruit from the top. The owner would also prune and spray the tree to make sure it produced lots of fruit for the neighborhood.

In the corner, about 50 yards from the apple tree stood a thorn bush. Nobody messed with the thorn bush. One day old Jimmy Johnson ran his bike into it, but after he got all cut up, he never made the same mistake again. Nobody picked any fruit from it, everyone left it alone.

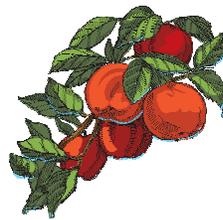
At first the apple tree liked all the attention. But after about ten years, it started becoming envious of the thorn bush. It said to the thorn bush, “you know, I’m sick of everyone always climbing on me and picking my fruit. The master is always trimming me, putting smelly manure around my trunk, and making a fuss over me. I wish they would go somewhere else. Better yet, I wish I were a thorn bush, then everyone would leave me alone.”

The thorn bush then looked at the apple tree and said, “don’t be a fool! Bite your bark! Look at me! I don’t do anyone a bit of good. I feed nobody. I look ugly. All I do is harm. The master didn’t plant me here, I’m just a wild weed. The only good I do is to fill up some space in the yard. I would trade all the thorns in the world to have one child climb my branches - to have the Master trim my branches - and produce some fruit.”

As Christians, we are sometimes like the apple tree. It seems like we are taken advantage of by the world. People ask us for our fruit, and then walk away without saying thanks. People climb us, abuse us, and do all sorts of things to us, and expect us just to take it all the time. The Master even removes our thorns by saying, “the fruit of the Spirit is peace.” But that’s part of being a fruit tree.

That is what God planted us here for - to produce fruit! Sometimes people do not appreciate us. Sometimes people take advantage of us. Sometimes people do not like us. In the end, however, we have the peace of knowing that we are producing good fruit - the type that God wants out of us. We have the pleasure of knowing that God cares for us. We know that God is using us for good. So, forget about what you can understand and what you can feel, and just have the peace of knowing that God loves you and He is using Him for His purpose. That is the fruit of the Spirit - the fruit of peace - that passes all understanding.

The theme for this mid-week worship services is, “God’s Love is Shown...” You are invited to these worship services by attending 6:00pm worship in person or by live/recorded YouTube Worship Service. Let us produce the kind of fruit Master wants for us, by learning about the depth of love the God has for us!



In God’s ministry,
Pastor Ludford

Dear Zion Lutheran Church of Shawano,

The Operation Christmas donations to Homme was a success! It was wonderful to see hearts so giving towards others when it probably in many cases was a bigger sacrifice than it was in the past due to COVID.

Christmas was a true blessing to our kids this year and that is all because of those who care for us and the work we do, this is shown by the prayers and gifts we receive. A lesson that our kids came away with this Christmas.



We would like to thank you for your donations to Operation Christmas gifts to Homme Home Youth and Family Programs.

~ Monte Smith
Spiritual Counselor/Chaplain

Dear Zion,

Thank you! Both Debra and I are thankful for the many gifts and cards that we received this Christmas. We could never express what your kindness and thoughtfulness means to us. Thank you all and we pray you all have a wonderful, blessed 2021!

~ Pastor Scott & Debra Ludford

From Your Parish Nurse...

2021 February is Heart Healthy Month

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States for both men and women. Heart healthy living begins with understanding your risks, making choices, and taking steps to reduce your chances of getting heart disease, including coronary heart disease, the most common type. Coronary and other types of heart disease cause heart attacks, but by taking preventive measures, you can lower your risk of developing heart disease and also improve your overall health and well-being. Some risk factors cannot be changed. These include your age, sex, and a family history of early heart disease. But many others can be modified.

Women generally get heart disease about 10 years later than men do, but it's still women's number one killer. Risk factors such as high blood pressure or cholesterol generally don't have obvious signs and symptoms, so it is important to have an annual physical and risk assessment. If your blood pressure is high your doctor will suggest lifestyle changes and may prescribe medicines.

High blood cholesterol is a condition in which your blood has unhealthy levels of cholesterol a waxy, fat-like substance. If you have unhealthy cholesterol levels, your doctor may suggest the lifestyle changes and may prescribe a statin or other medicine to help manage your cholesterol levels.

Choose heart healthy foods such as fruits and vegetables, while limiting saturated and trans fats and added sugars and salt. Protein rich foods include lean meats and fish, eggs, nuts, legumes and seeds.

Getting regular physical activity helps lose weight, improves physical fitness, lowers heart disease risk, lowers stress and improves mental health.



People with cardiovascular disease, including high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity, should be particularly careful about ways to avoid catching the corona virus. They should be careful to avoid crowds, to social distance, wear a mask, wash their hands frequently, and to minimize the number of times they need to go out shopping. People with cardiovascular disease need to keep up with their usual treatment and if you're having symptoms of a heart attack call 911 immediately. For more information on heart disease go to <http://www.heart.org/en/news>.

Proverbs 4:23 Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

~ Jennifer Greiert, Parish Nurse

Health Ministry Committee
will meet via ZOOM and in Room 101
on Monday, March 1 at 12:00 pm.
New members are always welcome!



Blood Pressure Checks!

Due to COVID there has not been the monthly Blood Pressure Clinics on weekends. However, if you would like to have your blood pressure checked please call Jennifer at 715-526-2017 to make an appointment or email nurse@shawanozion.org.



Parish Nurse Office Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



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.



Thank you!

Dear Zion,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and phone calls for Shirley Teetzen. It was appreciated and very comforting. Especially thanks to Marah Nelson for all the support throughout this whole past year! Thank you to Pastor Ludford for delaying his vacation to do the funeral service.

~ Family of Shirley Teetzen

Dear Friends and Members of Zion,

I just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to all who offered condolences, sympathies, prayers, you name it... on the passing of my Grandma Schultz, which happened the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

I can honestly say I had an awesome 40 years with her and have many memories to cherish! Yes, she is the grandma who taught me how to iron, use a can of starch, put drapery hooks in and thread a needle at the age of three! Bless you all!

~ Jill Sousek, Organist & Music Director

Memorial Gifts Dec. 1, 2020—Jan. 31, 2021

Special gifts “in honor of” or “in memory of” to:

Church in Society Fund (Wee Care)

By: Ted & Mary Ann Rudie
in honor of Randy Steffen
and in honor of Scott Glysch

Endowment Fund

By: Lorin & Winnie Preston
In memory of Jim Zimmerman
By: Laurel Marquardt in memory
of Richard & Lois Marquardt
By: Helen Kaurala
in memory of Bernadine Wendt

Good Neighbor Fund

By: Harlan & Mary Martin
in memory of Jim and Debbie

Music Fund

By: Marilee Duquaine
in memory of her sister Pat Hau

Youth Fund

By: Ginny & Steve Boehmke in memory
of Cindy Dalke’s mother Rose Paiser

In Memory of Shirley Teetzen:

- **General Fund**
by Ruth Korth, Marlyn Teetzen
Randy & Tammy Burr, Georgia Page
Dejon Polzin, Julie Effenberger
Dennis & Frances Johnson, Patty Burr
Gordon & Nadine Barkow
Dean & Donna Bratz, Ronda Nolan
Dan & Shirley Krueger
Ted & Mary Ann Rudie
Family of Shirley Teetzen
- **Music Fund**
by Mila Waukechon, Eileen Elertson

In Memory of Al Teetzen:

- **Building Fund**
by Steve & Renee Elertson
Julie Effenberger
- **Church in Society Fund (Wee Care)**
by Ted & Mary Ann Rudie
Ken & Bonnie Wolf
- **Music Fund**
by Mila Waukechon

In Memory of Jill Sousek’s Grand- mother Janice Schultz:

- **Church in Society Fund (Wee Care)**
by Dejon Polzin & family
- **Music Fund**
by Dejon Polzin, Sandra Rhode
Eileen Elertson, Barb & Gene Hoppe
Mike & Dorothy Eidahl
Al & Marge Wichmann
Steve & Renee Elertson

In Memory of Dolores Paulson:

- **General Fund**
by Ted & Mary Ann Rudie
Eileen Ebel

In Memory of Clayton Buettner:

- **Endowment Fund**
by Lorin & Winnie Preston
- **Youth Fund**
by Lois Buettner & family
Mike & Dorothy Eidahl

In Memory of Barbara Schmidt:

- **Music Fund**
by Mike & Dorothy Eidahl
Ted & Mary Ann Rudie
Harlan & Mary Martin

Our Cupboard is bare! Fill the Cupboard



Church in Society is asking the congregation to support SAFFARC and “fill the cupboard.”

The cupboard is located in the Commons.

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 feed God’s people!

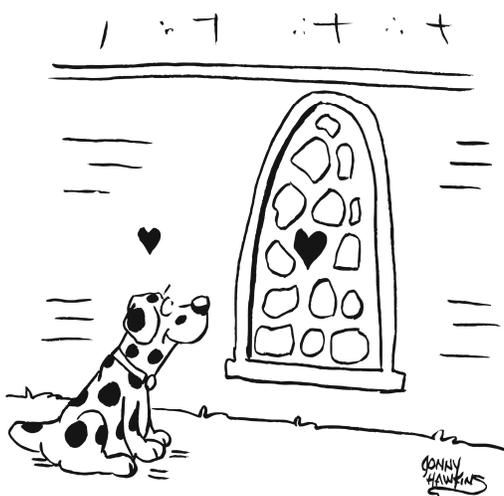
Thank You for the Quilting Donations!



Thank you
to those who
have brought

in donations for Zion’s Quilters to use! We’ve received many nice fabrics, sheets and blankets. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) does not want fleece used in quilts or sent as separate quilts because of particles that get in the water when they are washed. If you have fleece blankets/throws/etc. you know longer need/want, wash them and consider donating them to another organization that can use them. Again, thank you for your donation of fabric, sheets and blankets. Karen Childs and Dorothy Eidahl, Co-Stewardship Chairs.

If you have any questions contact Karen or Dorothy!



Our calendar is available on our website. You can always stay up-to-date!

www.shawanozion.org



Zion's Elected Officers, Council Members, and Committees

President	Vacant (2023)
Vice-President	Al Wichmann (2022)
Secretary	Julie Effenberger (2023)
Treasurer	Mike Eidahl (2023)

Council Members:

Church in Society	Vacant (2023)
Education	Vacant (2022)
Health Ministry	Ginny Vraney (2023)
Life & Growth	Bobbi Krozell (2022)
Property	Steve Laude (2023)
Stewardship	Scott Glysch (2022)
Worship & Music	Nancy Schultz (2023)
Youth	Dan Krone (2022)

Committees:

Endowment Fund	Karen Preston (2022)
	Leigh Welander (2023)
	Dennis Nelson (2023)
	Mary Ann Rudie (2024)
	Sharon Erickson (2024)
Personnel Comm.	Renee Elertson (2022)
	Nancy Syndergaard (2023)
	Michael Sleeper (2024)
Homme Home Rep.	Faith Webster (2022)

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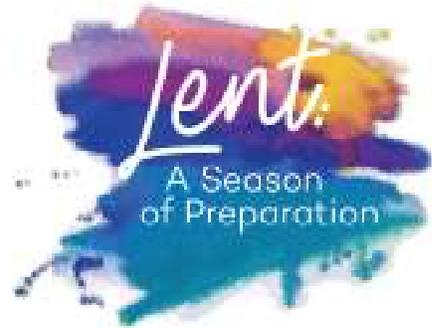


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**To connect with our youth visit
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ZionYouthShawano](http://www.facebook.com/ZionYouthShawano)**



The Health Ministry Committee served a meal to Sam 25 Homeless Shelter on January 21. Ten guests were served chicken tenders, mac & cheese, carrots, grapes, Cuties, cookies and milk by Ginny Vraney, Joni Shebuski, Jennifer Greiert, Kathy Beyer, and Dolly Burdick.



On January 20 Dolly Burdick, Health Ministry Committee member, and Parish Nurse Jennifer Greiert, delivered 400 Kind mini bars to ThedaCare for their two rejuvenation rooms. An announcement was made to ThedaCare staff that the bars are available and have been donated by Zion Lutheran Church HMC as a way of thanking them for their continuous care for our community, especially during these trying times.



**God's Work,
Our Hands**