

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE



“O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.”



— Psalm 136:1

## HEALTH MINISTRY

### DIAPER DRIVE

The Health Ministry team would like to thank everyone who donated to the Diaper Drive in the month of October. It was a great success! We collected 3,275 diapers to support families in need here in Shawano County. Way to go! R



### SOCKTOBER

ZION collected 438 pairs of socks which were divided up and donated to Safe Haven and SAM25. R



### BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all blood donors who gave blood at our ZION drive! Our goal was 20 and we got 33 good donations. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! R



Al Wichman (above), and Winnie Preston (left) donating blood at ZION.

## ZLCW

### SILENT AUCTION

November 11-19, the ZION Church Women (ZLCW) will be having a **Basket Raffle** to raise money for their year end benevolence giving. We wanted to give everyone an opportunity to think about the kind of basket they'd like to donate. It could be crafts for children, assorted games for children/families, pasta, baking, etc. It's time to get creative! Questions, contact Karen Childs at 715.526.2445. R

### FESTIVAL OF TREES

*Invitation to you ...* We will be organizing a **Christmas Festival of Trees** this year at ZION in our Narthex. You, and your committee, class, can participate by trimming an artificial tree with any theme, or in any way you'd like to. Give this some thought and consider how you can be a part of this. More info at Info Desk. Call Karen Child with questions at 715.526.2445. R



## WEE CARE

### COOKIE SALE THANK YOU

Wee Care sends a big thank you to all who bought our peanut butter cookies last month. We hope you liked them. If you baked, donated, purchased or just plain ate our cookies, you have helped to make our sale a success. A total of \$552 was made, which purchased: a case of chocolate pudding cups, a case of Chewy granola bars, three cases of cereal bowls, a case of fruit snacks and nine cases of fruit cups for the children's weekend food bags. **YOU** have made a difference in the lives of 74 Shawano school students! This is the number of bags we pack each week. The cost of each bag increased to over \$7. Wee Care is grateful for your support. Other items packed are soups, canned pastas, mac and cheese, vegetable cups, peanut butter, crackers, oatmeal, yogurt, applesauce and juice and a milk voucher from Charlie's County Market. Thank you! Wee Care is proud of you. R



**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”**

— *Philippians 4:6*



It is good to be reminded about gratitude because it is not always in our hearts or on our minds. No, instead of gratitude, anxiety is. St. Paul wrote something very similar in his letter to the Christians in Philippi, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Anxiety, by definition, is an overwhelming sense of apprehension about the events in our lives and our ability to cope with them. A survey conducted by the National Institute of Health reported that nearly 50 percent of us deal with anxiety almost every day. Worries, doubts, fears, insecurities and like enter our hearts and minds and stay there, causing us to live uncertain, unhappy lives.

Anxiety, if you will, should concern us because it is a First Commandment issue. When we worry, doubt, fret, and become apprehensive about the people and circumstances in our lives, we stop trusting that our Heavenly Father will care for us. We assume that role for ourselves. And, when God is gone, so is gratitude.

When you read Paul’s letter, you will note that there was discord, division, self-centeredness and arrogance among the disciples. Many looked to their own interests and not that of others. And, when they looked chiefly at themselves, they stopped looking at God. It is difficult to be grateful to God when He holds little to no place in our life.

Our situation has some similarities but is not the same. Yes, there are self-

centered people around us. Yes, some are vainly arrogant and rude. But, even more, we worry about the economy and our ability to pay our bills. We worry about our country, unending wars, and political gamesmanship. We fret about Covid, RSV, the flu and health issues. We are concerned about our children. Like the Philippians, God is present in our thoughts but not usually in His rightful place. And, gratitude is gone.

Instead, St. Paul urges us, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Allow me to give you an example that helps us understand. A man invited a friend to go hear a preacher, saying, “I want you to hear the most thankful preacher I’ve ever heard.” The two men weathered a ferocious storm to hear the man deliver a sermon. On the way to the church, they thought no one would be there; they doubted if even the preacher would be present. Happily, for them, when they arrived, they found the preacher sitting in a chair near the pulpit. The stranger said to his friend, “He has no one to listen. There’s a storm outside. It looks like we will have a flood. He certainly will not have anything to be thankful for tonight!” “Let’s listen and see,” said the friend. When the preacher finally stood up, he asked to begin with a prayer and said, “Dear Lord, it is stormy outside. It looks as if the roads will wash away before we can get out of the church tonight. It’s an awful storm. But we who are here, are thankful that it’s not always this way.” A prayer of thanksgiving even in the middle of turbulence!

It is a reminder of Jesus’ prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of Judas’ betrayal and Jesus’ eventual arrest and crucifixion. He asked with great passion, “Father, let this cup of suffering pass from Me if it be Your will ... but, let Your will be done.” Then, strengthened by His Father amid horrible circumstances and a waiting cross, Jesus embraced the circumstances and sacrificed Himself so that we might have forgiveness, life, and hope — no matter what. Through faith in Him, we have every reason to be grateful. Every day. In every circumstance. And, to express it with prayers of thanksgiving like the one you know well: “Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endures forever.”

One of my favorite cartoons in the newspaper is Family Circus, drawn by Bill Keane. One year near Thanksgiving, Keane included the Grandmother and Billy, the oldest of the children. With a turkey sitting on the table in the background, Grandma looked down at Billy and said with a warm smile, “Billy, always remember to count your blessings!” Billy looked back at Grandma and said sincerely, “But, I’m not good at arithmetic.”

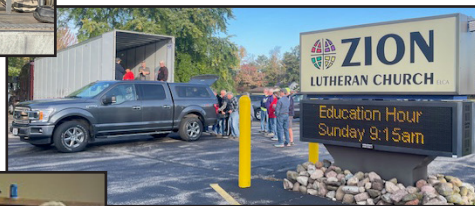
Neither are we when it comes to counting the innumerable blessings our Heavenly Father gives us — faith, family, food, friends, health, home, church, community, country. All are His gifts to us by grace. Let us remember them not only on Thanksgiving Day, but every day of our lives.

In God’s ministry ~ *Pastor Scott*

## LWR INGATHERING THANK YOU

Fri., Oct. 6, what a marvelous morning ... a great day to welcome people from area churches who brought boxes of quilts, blankets, school kits, personal care kits, baby care kits and fabric kits for the Fall Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering. ZION was blessed to have 32 volunteers plus Confirmation students to help. The Confirmation students brought the boxes of quilts, blankets, school kits and personal care kits upstairs and taped the boxes shut to be ready for Friday morning. That was a tremendous help for ZION's Mission Quilters. From all churches participating, we sent a total of 2,083 quilts, six blankets, 572 school kits, 400 personal care kits, 220 baby care kits and two fabric kits. ZION's share was 203 quilts, 3 blankets, 50 school kits and 43 personal care kits. The semi-trailer was half full! It was a privilege to be instrumental in doing our part in getting these items to the LWR Minneapolis warehouse to be shipped throughout the world wherever there is need. Thank you to each of the volunteers for giving up their time to help and the Confirmation students for helping in this stewardship event. R

~ Karen Childs & Dorothy Eidahl,  
Co-Stewardship Chairs of ZLCW



## OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.



## NEW BOOKS

Swindoll's *Living Insights New Testament Commentary Matthew 1-15* by Charles R. Swindoll.

What a profound and powerful message to kick off the opening pages of the New Testament! After 400 years of prophetic silence, many of God's waiting people may have wondered whether He had forgotten His promises and deserted them. But then Jesus arrived with an offer of the kingdom, based on one condition – faith. Faith in a Messiah who met very few people's expectations. Faith in a kingdom advancing through peace rather than war. Faith in a God who cared not only for His people, Israel, but for the whole world! Get ready to meet your God!

*Rock on Kindness! Pass It On!* by Stephani Curran\* is about a 7-year-old girl named Ally whose favorite hobby is painting and hiding rocks to bring happiness to others. In the story, Ally, creates opportunities for the reader to make predictions and learn new vocabulary as she introduces the reader to her five best friends who will be receiving her painted rocks. The best friends include Ty, Katie, Noah, Latifa and Max. Ally explains how she met every friend and notes how she met every friend and notes their uniqueness as these friends differ in race, preferred language, religion, etc. Despite these differences, Ally finds similar ties between herself and every her friends. The theme of moving past differences to find common interests and create friendships is reiterated throughout the story.

*Rock On, Kindness! Even When Your Heart Hurts!* by Stephani Curran\* is the second children's book in the Rock On, Kindness! Series. This story is about a 9-year-old boy named Ty who wants to do something special for his grandpa's birthday, as his grandpa recently passed away. In the story, Ty takes the reader on an adventure by painting kindness rocks for four of his friends in celebration of his grandpa's birthday. These four friends include Luke, Stacey, Zane, and Lily. Ty has chosen to paint kindness rocks for these friends so each friend is experiencing a personal challenge, such as moving to a new city, giving a class presentation while having a fear of public speaking, dealing with the deployment of a parent, and having a parent who is battling cancer. Ty teaches the reader about the importance of kindness, compassion for others, friendship, expressing emotions, positive coping strategies, diversity, and inclusion. This story takes difficult topics and embeds them into an engaging, interactive, and thought-provoking read for children ages six through 12, with opportunities for personal discussions along the way! R

\*Stephani Curran lives in Gresham WI and is the author of the *Rock On, Kindness!*, a children's series. Her books are available locally at *Til the Cows Come Home*, 154 S. Main Street, Shawano, and *Bayshore Books*, 302 Collins Ave., Oconto. The books may also be purchased on-line through *Amazon*, *Barnes & Noble*, *Ingram Content Group*, *Orange Hal Publishing*, *Target* and *Walmart*. There is a copy of an article about the author displayed in ZION's library.

# AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM ~ OCT. 29, 2023



Front row, l-r: Lilien Tonn, Claire Wegner and Callie Otto. Back row: Emma Effenberger, Zachary Schultz, Micah Welander, Arica Preston and Pastor Ludford.

- **Emma Lynn Effenberger**  
Parents: Joshua & Heather Effenberger  
Godparents: Gale Grosskreutz & Tammy Curtin
- **Callie Lou Otto**  
Parents: Jason & Katie Otto  
Godparents: Jesse Otto & Sara Boucher
- **Arica Joy Preston**  
Parents: Curtis & Karen Preston  
Godparents: David & Leigh Welander
- **Zachary Daniel Schultz**  
Parents: Bradley & Sharie Schultz  
Godparents: Donald, Krueger, Trina Briggs & Steven Soik
- **Lilien Rose Tonn**  
Parents: Shawn & Jennifer Tonn  
Godparents: Alan & Katheryn Morris, Mary Pockat
- **Claire Margaret Wegner**  
Parents: Douglas & Christina Wegner  
Godparents: Amy Dillenburg & John Schmidt III
- **Micah David Welander**  
Parents: David & Leigh Welander  
Godparents: Joseph & Jennifer Walljasper



## CHURCH RECORDS

### HOLY BAPTISM

Oct. 29, 2023

- **Landon James Hoffman**

Parents:  
Jedediah & Jennifer Hoffman

Godparents:  
Blair Christianson  
& Ava Hoffman



## IN MEMORY

### MEMORIALS WERE GIVEN BY:

- Helen Kaarala given in memory of Carol Webster (Tom Webster's Mother) to Library fund. R

## GIFTS & MEMORIALS

At ZION, you may give a gift or memorial, or honor someone, by contributing to any of the following funds.

- Education Fund
- Church in Society Fund
- Health Ministry Fund
- Music/Sound System
- Youth Fund
- Camp Scholarship Fund
- Computer Fund
- Library Fund
- Undesignated Fund
- Worship Appointments





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>NOVEMBER</h1> <p>as of 11/1/2023</p>						
5 8:00 AM -Worship Service 9:15 AM -NO Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM -Sunday School 10:30 AM -Worship Service <b>All Saints Weekend</b> <b>Stewardship Sunday!</b>	6 8:30 AM -Strong Bodies 12:00 PM -Health Ministry Committee - Rm 101 5:00 PM -Worship & Music Committee - Library 6:00 PM -Stewardship Committee Meeting-Library	7 7:30 AM -Strong Bodies 8:00 AM -Men's Breakfast - Shawano's Cafe 9:00 AM -LWR Mission Quilting 7:00 PM -AA & AL-Anon	8 8:30 AM -Strong Bodies 1:00 PM -ZLCW Board Meeting 5:00 PM -Bell Rehearsal 6:00 PM -Confirmation Class 6:00 PM -SS Teacher's Meeting 6:00 PM 5-Part Bible Study	9 7:30 AM -Strong Bodies 4:30 PM -Girl Scouts #4723-Rm B24 6:30 PM -Girl Scouts #4717	10 Veterans Day Weekend ZLCW Silent Basket Auction!	11 5:00 PM -Worship Service <b>Veterans Day Weekend</b> <b>ZLCW Silent Basket Auction!</b>
12 8:00 AM -Worship Service 9:15 AM -Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM -Sunday School 10:30 AM -Steichen Baptism 10:30 AM -Worship Service <b>Veterans Day Weekend</b> <b>ZLCW Silent Basket Auction!</b>	13 8:30 AM -Strong Bodies 5:30 PM -Girl Scouts Leader's Meeting 6:00 PM -Youth & Family Committee Meeting <b>ZLCW Silent Basket Auction!</b>	14 7:30 AM -Strong Bodies 8:00 AM -Men's Breakfast - Shawano's Cafe 9:00 AM -LWR Mission Quilting 10:00 AM -Finance Committee 6:00 PM -Property Committee 7:00 PM -AA & AL-Anon <b>ZLCW Silent Basket Auction!</b>	15 8:30 AM -Strong Bodies 5:00 PM -Bell Rehearsal 6:00 PM -Confirmation Class 6:00 PM -SS Teacher's Meeting 6:00 PM 5-Part Bible Study <b>ZLCW Silent Basket Auction!</b>	16 7:30 AM -Strong Bodies 4:30 PM -Girl Scouts #4723-Rm B24 <b>ZLCW Silent Basket Auction!</b>	17 9:00 AM -Library Committee Meeting <b>ZLCW Silent Basket Auction!</b>	18 5:00 PM -Worship Service <b>ZLCW Silent Basket Auction!</b>
19 8:00 AM -Worship Service 9:15 AM -NO Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM -Sunday School 10:30 AM -Worship Service <b>ZLCW Silent Basket Auction!</b>	20 8:30 AM -Strong Bodies 3:30 PM Women's Evening Bible Study - Library <b>Focus Deadline</b>	21 7:30 AM -Strong Bodies 8:00 AM -Men's Breakfast - Shawano's Cafe 9:00 AM -LWR Mission Quilting 3:30 PM Women's Evening Bible Study - Library 6:00 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM -AA & AL-Anon	22 8:30 AM -Strong Bodies 5:00 PM -NO Bell Rehearsal 6:00 PM -Confirmation Class <b>ZLCW Silent Basket Auction!</b>	23 <b>Thanksgiving Day!</b> 	24 	25 5:00 PM -Worship Service <b>Christ the King Weekend</b>
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