

## WELCOME TO ZION

We're so glad you're here! We celebrate Holy Communion at every weekend service at ZION, and invite all baptized and communing Christians to partake. At the Shawano County Park services we have Communion the second Sunday of the month. Children are always welcome in worship and are invited to come forward for a blessing during communion! Our services have children's messages, and if your little one needs a break, Noah's Ark Nursery is behind the Sanctuary. Kids in Church activity bags are located in the Narthex.

**Restrooms** are near the Union Street entrance, in the lower level, and inside Noah's Ark Nursery.

**Welcome Pads** Whether you're a ZION member or visiting for the first time, please take a moment to sign the Welcome Pad located in your pew.

We'd love you to *make ZION your church home!* Fill out a Welcome Card and drop it in the offering plate, or simply scan the QR Code to access ZION's Membership App. You can also reach out to our church office any time. We're excited to welcome you and look forward to growing together on our faith journey!



# ZION News

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

**SAT., OCT. 24**

Megan Fischer Wedding in LaCrosse  
Worship Service | 5 PM

**SUN., OCT. 25** *Reformation Sunday*  
ZLCW Silent Auction ends at 10:30 AM

Worship Service | 8 AM (*Joyful Ringers*)  
Choir Rehearsal & Kids of the Kingdom | 9:15 AM  
Worship Service | 10:30 AM (*Confirmation*)

**MON., OCT. 26**

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM  
Staff Meeting | 10 AM

**TUES., OCT. 27**

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM  
Men's Breakfast | 8 AM  
LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM

**WED., OCT. 28**

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM  
GriefShare Class | 4:30 PM  
Joyful Ringers Rehearsal | 5 PM  
Confirmation Class (*Halloween Party*) | 6 PM  
Youth Group | 6:30 PM

**THURS., OCT. 29**

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM

**SAT., OCT. 31** *All Saints Weekend*

Worship Service | 5 PM  
Girl Scout Leaders Meeting | 6 PM

**SUN., NOV. 1**

Worship Service | 8 AM  
Choir Rehearsal & Kids of the Kingdom | 9:15 AM  
Worship Service | 10:30 AM  
Education Committee | 11:30 AM

## PRAYER & CARE AT ZION

*Need prayer? Prayer is powerful!*

Our Prayer Chain is here to pray with and for you. Requests go to our Prayer Chain Co-Captains:  
Renee Elertson | 715.851.2548 | [elertson3@hotmail.com](mailto:elertson3@hotmail.com)  
Winnie Preston | 715.851.9576 | [lorinpreston34@icloud.com](mailto:lorinpreston34@icloud.com)

**Pastoral Care** Need to speak with Pastor or request a pastoral visit? Contact the ZION office.

*Lift In Your Prayers ...*

Don Anderson, Richard Bahr, Alan Barnick, Gerald Bartline, Dale Bergsbaken, Leslie Buckbee, Bob Burdick, Audrey Ganzel, Larry Gueths, Pete Hintz, Joanne Horn, Bob Janicki, Lois Korth, Dorothy Kunst, Wendy Nead, Anita Stubenvoll, Judy Wendt, and in the military: Drake Herm, Aschton Pitts, and Mitchell Vanderpoel.

## WORSHIP & MINISTRY

**Attendance** Online~114  
Sat. 5 PM~49 Sun. 8 AM~71 Sun. 10:30 AM~77

**Weekly Offering** General \$8,084 (*Budget \$9,115*)  
Building \$401 Restricted \$1,947 **Total \$10,432**

**Roof Fund** \$27,714.74 (*as of 9/30/2026*)

**Van Fund** \$7,090.00 (*as of 9/30/2026*)

**Altar Guild** Dorothy Eidahl & Diane Rugalski

*New ZION Church Directories are Here!*

Directories are available to pick up. Please check your family's information. If you see errors, or corrections, contact the church office or a member of the Life & Growth Committee. A few additional directories will be available for purchase soon. Members who joined ZION after photographs were taken in May 2025 will be offered a complimentary copy. Additional copies are \$17, our cost, when they arrive.

~ Life & Growth Committee

*Worship Live-stream at 8 AM This Sunday!*

Please note that ZION's worship service will be live-streamed and recorded at 8 AM this Sunday instead of Saturday evening service. Join us online as we gather in worship and share God's Word! Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/@zionlutheran1478/streams>

# BINGO and PIZZA

Intergenerational Event

**Sun., Oct. 25**

11:30 AM - 2 PM

Packer Game is later in the afternoon!

**All Ages Welcome!**

Register by calling Nancy at

**715 390-4540**

or email at

[health@shawanozion.org](mailto:health@shawanozion.org)

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

# BLOOD DRIVE

*Give Blood  
Give Hope*



**Mon., Nov. 16  
1-5:50 PM**

Many appointment times are already filled, but there are still openings!



To reserve your donation time, call Ginny Vraney at 715-799-3507.

*Your donation saves lives!*   
THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

## ZLCW Silent AUCTION

**OCT. 17-25**

BASKETS • QUILTS • GIFTS  
GIFT CERTIFICATES  
HANDMADE ITEMS & MORE!

**Bidding ENDS AT 10:30 AM**

*Generosity Builds Community*

Supports **LOCAL CHARITIES**  
chosen by ZLCW

Wedding Blessings

Congratulations to **Megan Fischer** and **Cullen Patterson**, who will be married on **Sat., Oct. 24, 2026, at 4 PM** at Celebrations on the River in **La Crosse**, with **Pastor Ludford** officiating. Megan is the daughter of **Gene and Kristine Fischer** and the granddaughter of **June Peters**. May God bless them with a lifetime of love, joy, and faith as they begin this beautiful new chapter together!



FALL INTO FITNESS

Week 4

We are getting close to the finish line! You have made it through three weeks of Fall into Fitness. This week, finish strong while listening to your body. Enjoy a fall walk, Strong Bodies, time with family or friends, yard work, stretching, dancing, or another activity you enjoy. Celebrate the days you have already completed. Every checkmark represents a choice to take care of yourself. If you haven't reached 25 days yet, keep going, there is still time! Enjoy these beautiful fall days and keep moving!

~ Nancy Schultz, Health & Wellness Coordinator

Youth Lock-In: Weekend of Nov. 7-8

Join us for a fun and memorable **Middle and High School Youth Lock-In** on **Nov. 7-8!** We're seeking chaperones and donations to ensure the event's success. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board or use the link sent by Kristin WhiteHorse. Your support makes a difference for our youth ... thank you!

Lay Volunteer Schedule

| October                     | Saturday 5 pm            | Sunday 8 am                       | Sunday 10:30 am                         |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Greeter</b>              | Debra Larson             | Lisa Onesti<br>Ginny Vraney       | Mike Eidahl                             |
| <b>Reader</b>               |                          | Kris Johnson                      | Michael Sleeper                         |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b> | Dean & Christine Fellman | Brian & Kris Johnson              | Confirmands                             |
| <b>Usher</b>                | Diane Rugalski           | Tom & Judy Laude<br>Kraig Rosenow | Rhonda Hoemke<br>Kal & Cheryl Boettcher |
| <b>Slide Operator</b>       | Randy Steffen            | Julie Effenberger                 | Randy Steffen                           |

Youth Halloween Party & Fellowship

Middle and high school youth are invited to ZION's **Halloween Party** on **Wed., Oct. 28**. Come dressed in your best costume and bring a friend for an evening of games, treats, and fun!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

**Thurs., Nov. 26 at Noon**  
ZION Lutheran Church

Thanksgiving Volunteers & Planning Meeting

**Volunteers are needed** to help with our Thanksgiving dinner! We'll meet **Mon., Nov. 2 at 2 PM** in ZION's **Fellowship Hall**. If you can help with preparations or spare a few hours, we'd greatly appreciate it. Everyone interested in lending a hand is encouraged to attend. If you can't attend but would still like to help, contact **Joyce Phalen** at **715.584.1778**. Thanks for making this Thanksgiving celebration possible!

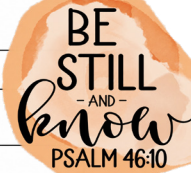
Thank You, Lay Minister Scott Glysch!

A big thank you to **Lay Minister Scott Glysch** for stepping up to the plate as our guest worship leader at **Saturday's 5 PM service**. Just like he Brewers in the World Series, he's ready for the big moments! We're grateful for his willingness to share God's Word and lead us in worship. We appreciate his time, dedication, and faithful service to ZION.



A Special Thank You to D&D Lawn & Snow

Pastor Ludford extends his sincere thanks to **Dan Zittlow** of **D&D Lawn & Snow** for taking excellent care of his lawn while he was on Sabbatical. The Ludfords greatly appreciate the quality of Dan's work and highly recommend his lawn care services!



The holidays are challenging when you're grieving a loss.



GriefShare

Surviving the Holidays

provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this holiday seminar

**Thurs., Nov. 19 | 4:30-6:30 PM**

**715.390.4540**

**health@shawanozion.org**

[griefshare.org/holidays](http://griefshare.org/holidays)



**SOCKTOBER**  
**OCTOBER 1-31**



**DONATE NEW SOCKS!**

**FOR SAFE HAVEN AND SAM25**

Old-Fashioned Christmas



at the Historic **Jerusalem Lutheran Church** in Lunds

**Sat., Dec. 5 at 1 PM**

Try to imagine Christmas 123 years ago in a little county church ... Memories of Christmases long ago and the ever-new story of the birth of Jesus our Savior celebrated. Children reciting (perhaps reading) pieces memorized by great-great grandparents. Piano and guitar blending with the voices of children and adults. The soft glow of lights and very, very old ornaments and garland adorning the beautiful Christmas tree. Sharing memories as you enjoy Christmas cookies and beverages served in the historic "stable" cross the road.

May your heart be filled with the Wonder and Joy of Christmas!



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A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Pastor Scott Ludford**, Senior Pastor

**Jill Sousek**, Organist & Music Director | **Kay Kristof**, Administrative

**Kristin WhiteHorse**, Family & Youth | **Nancy Schultz**, Health & Wellness

**Randy Steffen**, Worship Coordinator | **Ann Johnson**, Custodian

**John Phalen**, Maintenance | **Kendra Kristof**, Groundskeeper