

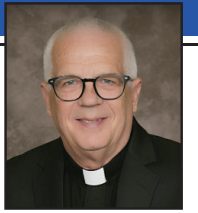
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FOCUS JUNE JULY 2026

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

PASTOR'S COLUMN



“The LORD is with you, while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you abandon him, he will abandon you.”

~ 2 Chronicles 15:2b

On the Fourth of July, we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. Our roots as a nation go back to the historic expanse of colonization from Western Europe. There is little that we, as Americans, can claim as exclusively our own. Our language is not our own, nor are our tables of weights and measures. Our most beloved proverbs and our most familiar nursery rhymes have been inherited from others. Our concept of trial by jury originated abroad. Indeed, the whole structure of our legal system, with its guarantees of liberty and provisions for constitutional government, is the product of a longer history than ours. Even in our “Declaration of Independence,” we are reminded of our connection with Europe.

We grew as a nation reading the works of European poets, studying the writings of European philosophers, listening to the music of European composers, using the discoveries of European scientists, reaping the benefits of European capital invested in our railroads and mines, and recruiting European workers for our mills and factories. In almost every respect, we have been part of Europe. This is as true in religion as in literature, law, philosophy, art or science.

While visiting the historical sites of Boston this past month, I was reminded of our links to Europe. There I saw Anglican (Protestant Episcopal), Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Methodist, and Roman Catholic churches. Throughout the city, synagogues were present. Closer to our roots here in Wisconsin, German, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian and Finnish immigration brought the Lutheran Church. The list of religious institutions in America has grown steadily over the past 250 years as people sought to raise their families

in faith within our borders. The diversity of religions in our country has made us stronger as a nation.

But I do have a concern as we move forward in remembering our nation’s rich heritage this year. No matter the religion from which we get our spiritual growth, the following story from the Hasidic tradition should make us reflect:

“A sage who came home from the synagogue one day and found his nine-year-old daughter crying bitterly. He asked her what was wrong, and she told him, between sobs, that she and her friends had been playing hide-and-seek. When it was her turn to hide, she hid so well that they had given up on finding her and went off to play another game. She waited and waited for them to find her, and finally, after an hour, came out to find herself all alone.

As the sage comforted her, he mused to himself, “I wonder if this is how God feels. He threatened that if we abandoned

If we are having a hard time finding God in our nation during this 250-year celebration, we might want to ask how we got into this situation. There is so much division and problems – loneliness, moral confusion, the point-lessness of so much of our lives, our fear of death – problems to which religion has traditionally provided the answers.

The Bible contains multiple warnings about those who live without God or reject Him. Romans 1:18-32 presents an extended warning about God’s wrath against those who suppress the truth, noting they become “without excuse” despite knowing God’s eternal power and divine nature. Paul explains that God “gave them up” to impurity because they exchanged truth about God for a lie and worshiped creation rather than the Creator (Romans 1:18-32). Ephesians 2:12 directly addresses those “without Christ” as “strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world”—a stark description of spiritual alienation. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 warns that in the last days people will be “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,” holding to outward godliness while denying its power.

These passages consistently link living without God to moral corruption, spiritual blindness, and ultimate judgment, presenting a sobering picture of humanity’s condition apart a relationship with the divine. Let these words be a wake-up call to us and a reminder that, as we celebrate our 250th anniversary this Fourth of July, we also keep our relationship with God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit strong in our lives! celebrate our 250-year anniversary this 4th of July, we also keep our relationship with God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit strong in our lives! R ~ Pastor Scott Ludford



His ways, He would hide His face from us and deprive us of His presence. I wonder if God has managed to hide from us so successfully that we have given up looking for Him and have gone off in other directions. And I wonder if God feels lonely and abandoned.”

ZION ENDOWMENT Applications OPEN!

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE.
INSPIRED BY FAITH. SUPPORTED BY ZION.

The ZION Endowment Fund is now accepting scholarship applications for the next school year. Applications are available online or through the church office.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: FRI., AUG. 7

APPLICATION LINK: ZION Endowment Scholarship Application

SCAN TO APPLY!

Take Me Out to the BALLGAME

June 24 6:35pm

All Zion Youth and families are invited to join us for a night at the ballpark!

Meet at the “Will Call” window at 6pm and we’ll buy tickets together.

Great opportunity to bring a friend!

Capital Credit Union Park
2231 Holmgren Wy, Green Bay, WI 54304
Contact Kristin (youth@shawanozion.org) with questions

**REMEMBERING WITH LOVE:
UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S
& SUPPORTING CAREGIVERS**

June is **Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month**, a time to recognize not only those living with dementia but also the caregivers who walk beside them with deep love and dedication. Alzheimer's disease affects memory and daily life, but it also reshapes the lives of spouses, children, and friends who provide ongoing care.

Caregiving can bring meaningful moments of connection, but it is often exhausting and uncertain. Many caregivers quietly carry the weight of appointments, safety concerns, and emotional stress. They need encouragement and the reminder that they are not alone.

As a church family, we are called to support and uplift our caregivers. A simple phone call, a meal, a visit, or a prayer can make a meaningful difference. Here are a few gentle reminders for caregivers. Keeping routines simple and consistent can provide comfort and reduce stress for both you and your loved one. Using a calm voice and offering reassurance helps ease anxiety and fosters a sense of safety. Instead of focusing on mistakes, find joy in shared smiles and small victories — connection is more important than correction. Accepting help and taking time to rest are essential; you do not have to do this alone, and looking after yourself allows you to continue caring for others. Staying grounded in faith and community can give you strength and hope, reminding you that support and encouragement are always within reach. Remember, caring for yourself is not selfish; it's essential. God's presence remains steady through both the difficult and the beautiful moments.

One of the most helpful things caregivers can do is to keep routines simple and consistent. This predictability provides comfort and reduces stress for both the caregiver and the person living with dementia.

Speaking calmly and offering reassurance can help ease anxiety and foster a sense of safety. Simple words and a gentle tone go a long way in these moments.

Focusing on connection rather than correction allows for meaningful moments together. Instead of pointing out mistakes, cherish shared smiles and small victories.

Accepting help and taking time to rest are vital for caregivers. Remember, you do not have to do this alone, and caring for yourself ensures you can continue to care for others.

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Caring for yourself is not selfish; it's essential. God's presence remains steady through both the difficult and the beautiful moments. Let's continue to walk alongside those affected by Alzheimer's, offering compassion, understanding, and hope. R

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." ~ Matthew 11:28

**KEEP YOUR BRAIN SHARP:
HEALTHY HABITS FOR BRAIN HEALTH**

Our brains are incredible gifts from God, and caring for them is part of caring for our whole selves. While memory changes can come with age, simple daily habits can help support brain health and overall well-being.

The encouraging news? Small choices add up over time. Here are some healthy habits to keep your brain strong. Staying active with walking, stretching, or light exercise helps keep your brain and body healthy. Even gentle movement each day can make a difference. Eating well by including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and healthy fats supports both brain and overall health.

Thoughtful nutrition builds a strong foundation for well-being. Keeping your mind engaged with reading, puzzles, or learning something new can stimulate brain activity and help maintain memory and cognitive skills. Staying connected with friends, family, and church fosters emotional well-being and combats loneliness, both of which are important for a healthy mind. Getting good sleep and managing stress through prayer and quiet time allows your brain to rest and recharge, helping you face each day with renewed energy. Keeping up with regular health checkups ensures that any changes in memory or health can be addressed early, giving you the best chance to maintain wellness.

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Brain health isn't just about memory; it's about staying engaged, connected, and living with purpose.

A walk with a friend, time in Scripture, or sharing a meal can strengthen both mind and spirit. R

"Beloved, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you." ~ 3 John 1:2

SAFE HAVEN NEEDS OUR HELP



Help provide essential items for individuals and families in need.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Paper towel
- Toilet paper
- Garbage bags
- Dryer sheets
- Kitchen cleaner spray
- Dishwasher pods
- Shaving cream
- Q tips
- Contact lens cleaner
- Coffee / creamer
- Brownie Mix
- Cake Mix
- Frosting container



DONATION BOX
located in the Narthex

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
THE HEALTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

ZION Youth Summer of Fun

Summer Outings:

- June 24- Green Bay Rockers Game 6:35
- June 29- Shawano Mini Golf 6pm
- July 22- J Doggs 6pm **
- Aug 5- J Doggs 6pm **
- Aug 17- Shawano Mini Golf 6pm

See the NEWS for more details on events.

** RSVP Needed- Contact Kristin if attending

GET READY FOR FUN

BINGO NIGHT

Join us for a thrilling game night!
Bring your family and friends!

Cost is \$25

Includes a meal, bingo, & prizes!

**THURSDAY JUNE 25, 2026
FROM 4:30PM - 7:00PM**

Zion Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall

CALL NANCY AT 715 390-4540 OR KRISTIN AT 715-390-4580 TO SIGN UP

Vendors Wanted

Handmade Holiday Marketplace & Kidpreneur Event

Sat. November 14
9am-2pm

Zion Lutheran church
1254 S. Union St SHAWANO, WI

If you are interested in showcasing your products, please consider joining us!

We will have a separate Kidpreneur event for kids 6-17 who have handmade items they would like to sell.

For more information regarding registration and exhibitor details, email dklspeechlady1@gmail.com or call Deb at 320.493.0284 or visit <https://www.shawanozion.org/forms>

We'd love to have you join us!

A LASTING GIFT OF FAITH

These striking new wood crosses now adorn the south and east entrances of ZION, serving as a vivid reminder of Christ's presence and hospitality to all who enter. These installations were generously gifted by **Marcalene Rosenow in honor of her 90th birthday**, celebrated on March 3. Each cross was crafted by **Tom Laude**, whose skill and artistry made this meaningful gift possible, and was installed by **Tom, Steve, and Lane Laude**. We give thanks for this enduring symbol of faith, and commitment to welcome and inspire our ZION for generations to come. R



ROOF AND VAN FUNDS

As of May 31, the **Roof Fund** balance stands at **\$22,572.34** and the **Van Fund** stands at **\$5,104**. R

SUPPORT ZION: CHARLIE'S RED BARN

ZION will be serving at **Charlie's Red Barn** on **July 23-July 25**, as a fund-raiser for the church's General Fund. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, grilling, serving, cashiering, and cleanup throughout the event. Even stopping by for lunch helps support the ministry and mission of ZION. Sign-up at the Info Desk. Thank you for helping make this fundraiser a success! R

WEE CARE BRAT STAND FUNDRAISER

The **Wee Care Foodpacks** fundraiser at **Charlie's Red Barn** on **Sept. 21-23**. Funds raised will support Wee Care's ongoing ministry of providing weekend food bags for local children in need. Volunteers are needed for a variety of shifts and positions, including grilling, serving, cashiering, setup, and cleanup. Sign-up sheets at the Info Desk. Your time and support make a difference for families throughout our community. R

OUR PRAYERS TO THE WEGNERS

Dennis Duane Wegner ~ We hold Doug Wegner and family in prayer as they mourn the loss of his father, Dennis, who entered eternal life. His funeral was at 11 AM on Sat., June 13, at Swedberg Funeral Home where Pastor Ludford officiated. Military Honors followed the service by the Shawano VFW Post #2723. Visit: swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituaries/dennis-wegner R

MUSIC TALENT WANTED

ZION is looking for people to share their musical talents during the **9:30 AM Sunday park services** this summer. Contact **Jill Sousek** or the church office to help. R

HEALTH continued

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We extend our deepest thanks to everyone who contributed to the **Baby Shower Drive**. Your kindness and generosity have made a meaningful difference in the lives of families in our community.

Because of you, our **Giving Closet** is filled with essential items that will be shared with families in need. Each gift, whether big or small, is a reminder that no family walks alone during life's most important moments.

Your compassion reflects the very heart of our mission, serving one another and lifting up those in need. We are truly grateful for your support and for the spirit of giving that continues to shine so brightly in our community. With sincere appreciation, thank you for making a difference. R

90th BIRTHDAY Celebration

Mary Ann Wilharm-Rudie

Sun., July 26 • Shawano County Park Shelter
10:30 AM – Noon

No Gifts Please • Refreshments will be served

JEREMY CAMP, HOPE IN THE PARK

The **Hope in the Park** festival will again take place in Wausau in August. We are looking to put together a group to go see **Jeremy Camp** in concert on **Aug. 30**. More info to come, **save the date** if you're interested. R

PENTECOST & MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

Expressions of gratitude to those who attended, including a special thank you to the **AMVETS** for providing the **Color Guard** at the Shawano County Park service, the **ZION Choir** for leading outdoor music, **Becky Van Buren** for singing the *National Anthem*, and **Bev Heling** and **Jill Sousek** for their patriotic piano duets. Also, thanks to **Ava Retzlaff** for gracing us with her beautiful voice in June at the Park worship service. R

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

The July edition of *Christ in Our Home* devotional books is now available. Pick up your copy at ZION or during Sunday worship at Shawano County Park. These daily devotions provide Scripture readings, reflections, and prayers to encourage your faith each day. Large print editions are also available while supplies last. R



THE LORD WILL REIGN FOREVER,
YOUR GOD, O ZION, FOR ALL GENERATIONS

PRAISE THE LORD!

PSALM 146:10, NRSV

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

R **Saturdays** at 5 PM at ZION
R **Sundays** at 8 AM at ZION
R **Sundays** at 9:30 AM at Shawano County Park
R **Jerusalem Church** in Lunds on **July 5**, and **Aug. 30** at 11 AM with potluck to follow.

OFFERINGS

R **May Total** \$33,334

IN REMEMBRANCE

R **Richard "Dick" Sperberg**
R **Dennis Duane Wegner**
R **Daniel S. Koral**

PRAYER LIST

Alan Barnick, Anita Stubenvoll, Audrey Ganzel, Bob Burdick, Bob Janicki, Dale Bergsbaken, Dale Schultz, Dorothy Kunst, Gerald Bartline, Joanne Horn, Judy Wendt, Larry Gueths, Leslie Buckbee, Marilyn Dahl, Patricia Beck, Pete Hintz, Richard Bahr, Roberta Bunting, Wendy Nead, and in the military: Drake Herm, Ashton Pitts, and Mitchell Vanderpoel. R

SUMMER LAY SCHEDULE

JULY	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8am	Lake Park 9:30am
Greeter	Diane Rugalski	Rhonda Hoernke	Greeter & Offering Collection
Reader	Bob Bartelt	Scott Glysch	(Communion Assist the 2 nd Sunday)
Communion Assist	Diane Rugalski	Scott Glysch	Sue Lemke
Usher	Bob Bartelt	Jerry Donath Lauren Donath	Joanne DeFere
Projectionist	Randy Steffen	Noreen Christianson 7/5 & 12 Julie Effenberger 7/19 & 26	Dawn Brock Donna Milbauer
AUGUST	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 8am	Lake Park 9:30am
Greeter		Marcie Rosenow	Greeter & Offering Collection
Reader	Bob Bartelt	Brian Johnson 8/2 Al Wichmann 8/9, 16, 30 Kris Johnson 8/23	(Communion Assist the 2 nd Sunday)
Communion Assist	Bob Bartelt	Brian Johnson 8/2 Al Wichmann 8/9, 16, 30 Kris Johnson 8/23	Steve Dalke
Usher	Diane Rugalski	Marge Wichmann Kraig Rosenow	Joy Dalke
Projectionist	Randy Steffen	Noreen Christianson 8/2 & 9 Julie Effenberger 8/16, 23, & 30	Lori Jacobs
			Rick Jacobs



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5 Ultimate Washes

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GET YOURS NOW!

Prices increase Sept. 1

ZION Church Office

MEMORIALS TO ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

In Honor of Al Teetzen's Birthday R

Wes & Toni Bucholz..... Wee Care

In Memory of Jim Yeakey R

Al & Marge Wichmann..... Youth
 Marilyn Steffen..... Endowment
 Bill & Jill Grosskreutz..... Library
 Faith Webster..... Youth
 Bonnie Wolf..... Youth
 Steve & Renee Elertson..... Youth
 Jeannie & Finley Calloway & Family..... Youth
 Mike & Dorothy Eidahl..... Youth
 Dennis & Nancy Schultz..... Youth
 Sandra Rhode..... Youth
 Kay Rosenow Kristof..... Van

In Memory of Marilyn Dahl R

Mike & Dorothy Eidahl..... Music
 Mary Ann Rudie..... Music
 Dennis & Nancy Schultz..... Music
 Marilyn Steffen..... Music
 Kay Rosenow Kristof..... Van
 Bonnie Wolf..... Wee Care
 Bonnie Wolf..... VBS
 Karen Childs..... Music
 Barbara & Gene Hoppe..... Music
 Sandra Rhode..... Music

In Memory of Nancy Goode R

Steve & Renee Elertson..... Youth
 Al & Marge Wichmann..... Youth
 Mike & Dorothy Eidahl..... Youth
 Brian & Jenny Hanson..... Youth
 Kay Rosenow Kristof..... Van
 Michael Sleeper..... Youth
 From Family..... Youth

In Memory of Alan Marquart R

Steve & Renee Elertson..... Music

In Memory of Annette Rosenberg R

Mary Ann Rudie..... Van
 Kay Rosenow Kristof..... Van

In Memory of Dennis Wegner R

Bonnie Wolf..... Wee Care
 Mike & Dorothy Eidahl..... Roof
 Kay Rosenow Kristof..... Van

In Memory of Terry Fusek R

Mike & Dorothy Eidahl..... Roof
 Russ & Nancy Wise..... Wee Care
 Mary Ann Rudie..... Van
 Richard & Virginia Vraney..... General
 Al & Marge Wichmann..... Health
 John & Joyce Phalen..... Health
 Diane Rugalski..... Roof
 Dennis & Nancy Schultz..... Health
 Michael Sleeper..... Music
 Marilyn Steffen..... Endowment
 Peggy Ray..... Wee Care
 Susan Blohm..... General
 S.M. & J.E. Golubic..... Wee Care
 Kenneth & Mary Kuester..... Health
 Jerry & Donna Milbauer..... Wee Care
 Lorin & Winnie Preston..... Music
 Sandra Rhode..... Music
 Kay Rosenow Kristof..... Van
 Bob & Dolly Burdick..... Health
 Karen Childs..... Health
 Steve & Renee Elertson..... Health
 Linda Burrack..... Health
 Mila Waukechon..... Health
 Bob Bergum..... Health
 Judy Kilbourn..... Health
 Lon & Ellen Swedberg..... Wee Care
 Tom & Judy Laude..... Health
 Peggy Woehler..... Health
 Randy Steffen..... Health

In Memory of Yvonne Wolf R

Marlene & Steve Brath..... General
 Jane Wallukait..... Misc
 Steve & Renee Elertson..... Youth
 Kay Rosenow Kristof..... Van
 Dennis & Nancy Schultz..... Building

COME AND JOIN
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH'S
KIDCO MEETUPS
 Faith-Filled Fun for
 Tots and Parents:
 Crafts, Stories,
 Snacks, and Sun!
July 23
Aug 13
10-11am
 Memorial Park
 Lincoln Street side.
 Look for the KIDCO sign
 For more info call 715.390.4580 or
 visit shawanozion.org/momco
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RAINFOREST FALLS
 Exploring the Nature of God
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 3-6, 2026
9AM-NOON
 New friends * Amazing experiments * Creative games
 Super-fun snacks * Surprising adventures * Incredible music
 VBS is open to all 3K-5th
 Grade Students
 Volunteer and child
 registration found at
 www.shawanozion.org/vbs
 Zion Lutheran Church,
 Shawano WI

ZION church -
 Thank you so much
 for your continued
 support through the Wee
 care bags every week!
 you have helped so many
 students and families
 this year with snacks for
 the week or extra snacks for
 the weekend.
 Thank you again for
 helping the families of our
 district!
 - Shawano Schools school
 social workers
 Elizabeth, Dani, Elizabeth, and Tay



MEMORIAL GARDEN BLOOMS AT ZION

A beautiful new addition to the ZION grounds was planted recently under the bell tower on the southeast corner of the church in loving memory of longtime member **Yvonne Wolf**. The flowering shrub, a vibrant **Trilogy Weigela**, was donated by Yvonne's neighbors as a lasting tribute to her life and faith. The **Memorial Garden** serves as a place of beauty and remembrance for those who have touched our lives. Congregation members who would like to honor a loved one with a memorial shrub are invited to contact the ZION church office for more information. We give thanks for this meaningful gift that will bloom for years. R



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 Up to three free smoke alarms
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SCAN TO REQUEST YOUR FREE SMOKE ALARMS!
 Be prepared. Save lives. We're here to help.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

In celebration of **Father's Day**, all men and boys attending worship this weekend are invited to receive a special gift from ZION through a **Thrivent Action Grant**. We thank God for fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, godfathers, mentors, and all men who share their faith, love, and guidance, with others. R

HELP ONLINE WORSHIP

ZION is looking for a volunteer to assist with our **YouTube Live Recording ministry**. You would be trained to help record and live stream an occasional Saturday or Sunday worship service. **No previous experience is needed — training provided.** Help with this ministry, please contact the church office or speak with **Nancy Schultz** or **Chris Dalke**. R

LAY SCHOOL CELEBRATES!

On **Sat., May 23**, the **ECSW Lay School of Ministry** celebrated with 12 students who completed the lay school certificate program here at **ZION Lutheran Church**. Heartfelt congrats and God's abundant blessings be yours as you engage your communities in new ways through all you have experienced and learned. R



CELEBRATING TWO SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Anniversary to **Jim and Pat Kasten** as they celebrated their **62nd wedding anniversary** on **June 8**. We give thanks to God for the many years of love, faithfulness, and blessings they have shared together and for sponsoring the bulletin that week in their honor.

Happy Anniversary to **Bob and Ginny Hass** on their **63rd wedding anniversary** on **June 15**. We thank God for the gift of their enduring love and faithful witness. Congratulations and continued blessings! R



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

The **Executive Board of ZLCW** will be collecting items for **School Kits** to be sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) in October. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Some things to remember when collecting supplies for School Kits:

- Give new items only, shows the greatest respect and care for the recipient.
- Do not donate any items with religious symbols, messages, or your congregation's name.
- Do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Items needed in each School Kit include:

- Four 70-80 sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide-or college-ruled paper approximately 8"x10.5"; no loose-leaf paper.
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpener.
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) secure together with a rubber band.
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons.
- One 2.5 inch eraser.



There will be a container under the bulletin board by the elevator to put the items in you are donating to this worthwhile cause. Thank you. R

~ **Karen Childs/Dorothy Eidahl**
ZLCW Co-Stewardship Chairs



YOUTH SERVICE TRIP IN MILWAUKEE

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Members of ZION's **High School Youth Group** recently returned from the **Serve Boldly** program in Milwaukee, where they spent four days growing in faith, building relationships, and serving alongside local ministries and organizations. Throughout the week, youth participated in hands-on service projects, worship, devotions, and learning experiences that helped them connect their faith with serving others. Their service opportunities included working in the urban garden and kitchen at **All Peoples Church**, assisting at a **St. Vincent de Paul** meal site, serving at **Tricklebee Café** — a pay-what-you-can community café — and preparing casseroles at **Hope Ministries**, which operates a food pantry and clothing closet. Through these experiences, students witnessed God's love in action while developing compassion, leadership skills, and a deeper understanding of Christ's call to serve their neighbors. The trip also provided meaningful opportunities for fellowship, reflection, and learning about the needs and strengths of the Milwaukee community. Those who helped from ZION included **Jack Grieves, Cooper and Peyton Boucher, Callie Otto, Arica Preston** and **Grady Krone**, and special thanks to chaperones **Aidan Preston** and **Kristin WhiteHorse**. ZION extends its sincere thanks to the congregation for its prayers, encouragement, and financial support, which made this faith-filled experience possible for our youth. R



