

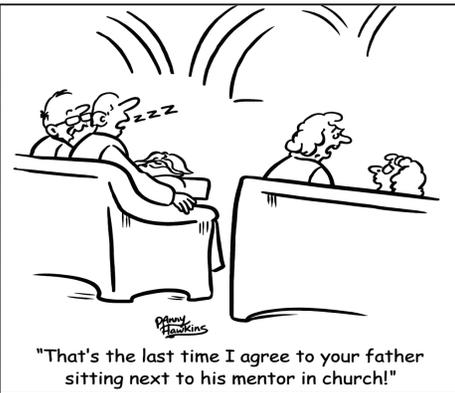
RELAY FOR LIFE ZION WALKERS

The American Cancer Society **Relay for Life of Shawano – Menominee** will be held on **Sat., April 18**, from **9 AM – 3 PM** at Shawano Community High School. You are invited to join the ZION Walkers or stop by to show your support.

To register or donate, go to: relayforlife.org/shawano-menominee.wi. Donation envelopes will be in the March **FOCUS** and bulletins. Drop them in the offering plate or in the ZION Office. Questions: **Kathy Beyer 715.853.2464** or **Dolly Burdick 715.799.4029**.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

March 1	8am	Lane Laude Levi Effenberger
	10:30	Audrey Moeller
March 8	8am	
	10:30	Olivia Phalen Bella Krone
March 15	8am	Lee Wolff
	10:30	Kyle Huebner Jonah Glysch



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**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

ZLCW

PERSONAL CARE KITS

This year during Lent Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW) would like to provide this opportunity for all members of Zion to contribute to Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

When families find their homes destroyed or must flee for their safety, soap, and a towel rarely what they carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other safe place, they are scared, vulnerable, and dirty from the travel. The items included in a **Personal Care Kit** provide much-needed self-care, critical germ-fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

When choosing items for personal care kits, please follow these guidelines:

- ✓ Give new items only.
- ✓ Do not donate items that have any religious symbols, messages, or ZION's name on any item.
- ✓ Do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

The following are needed for each Personal Care Kit:

- ✓ One light-weight bath-size towel (20"x40" to 27"x52")
Dark-colored recommended.
- ✓ Two or three bath-size bars of soap (8-9 oz.) of any brand, in original wrap, no mini or hotel-size bars.
- ✓ One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ✓ One sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs)
- ✓ One metal nail clipper.

A plastic container is provided for items to be placed in, under the bulletin board near the elevator. Thank you for your contributions to this worthwhile cause. If you have any questions, contact **Karen Childs** or **Dorothy Eidahl**.

MARCH 1, 2026

ZION NEWS

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

THIS WEEK AT ZION

SAT., FEB. 28

Worship Service | 5 PM

SUN., MARCH 1 *Second Sunday of Lent*

Worship Service | 8 AM

Choir Rehearsal & Kids of the Kingdom | 9:15 AM

Worship Service | 10:30 AM

MON., MAR. 2

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM

Staff Meeting | 10 AM

Health Ministry Committee | Noon

Worship & Music Committee | 5 PM

TUES., MAR. 3

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM

Men's Breakfast | 8 AM

LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM

WED., MAR. 4

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM

Worship Service | 11 AM

Lenten Lunch | Noon

Joyful Ringers Rehearsal/Lenten Supper | 4:30 PM

Confirmation Class & Worship Service | 6 PM

Confirmation & Youth Group Discussions | 7 PM

THURS., MAR. 5

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM

MomCo/KidCo | 10 AM

Girl Scout Troop 4139 | 5:30 PM

FRI., MAR. 6 *World Day of Prayer*

SAT., MAR. 7

Worship Service | 5 PM

SUN., MAR. 8 *Third Sunday of Lent*

Worship Service | 8 AM

Choir Rehearsal & Kids of the Kingdom | 9:15 AM

Worship Service (ZION Choir Sings) | 10:30 AM

Youth Committee | 11:30 AM

Stephen Ministry – Continuing Education | Noon



WELCOME

We're so glad you're here! We celebrate **Holy Communion** at every weekend service at ZION, and we invite all baptized and communing Christians to partake. **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. We provide **Kids in Church** activity bags in the Narthex.

RESTROOMS

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

WELCOME PADS

Whether you're a long-time member or visiting for the first time, please sign the **Welcome Pad** in your pew.

CARE TO JOIN

If you're new or would like to make ZION your church home, fill out a **Welcome Card** and place it in the offering plate. We'd be honored to have you in our faith family! Please scan the QR Code for ZION's **Membership Application** or contact the office. We can't wait to get to know you and walk alongside you in our faith!



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Scott Ludford, Sr. Pastor | **Jill Sousek**, Organist & Music Director | **Kay Kristof**, Admin. Asst.
Kristin WhiteHorse, Family & Youth Director | **Nancy Schultz**, Health & Wellness Coordinator | **Deb Maier**, Guest Organist
Randy Steffen, Worship Coordinator | **Ann Johnson**, Custodian | **John Phalen**, Maintenance



CHURCH DIRECTORY CONTACT INFO DUE MARCH 1

If you prefer your **email** address and/or **phone number** not be published in the **upcoming church directory**, please notify the church office by **March 1, 2026**. You may email zion@shawanozion.org or call 715-526-2017 Ext. 0. Thank you for your prompt response as we prepare the new directory. ~ *Life & Growth Committee*

OFFERING ENVELOPES MAILED

The remaining 2026 offering envelopes have now been mailed. Even if you participate in eGiving, envelopes were included at the request of members who like to use them for special or additional offerings throughout the year. Thank you for supporting ZION!

NEW ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND ESTABLISHED

A **new Roof Replacement Fund** has been established to help prepare for the future care and maintenance of ZION Lutheran Church's facility. Over time, roof replacement is one of the most significant expenses for any building, and this designated fund allows members to give directly toward this important need. If you feel called to contribute, you may write "**Roof Fund**" on your offering envelope. Thank you for helping care for ZION's church home for generations to come. ~ *Dawn Seiltz, Treasurer*

CHURCH VAN FUND ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

New pew envelopes for the **Church Van Fund** are now available. Pastor Scott challenges each member to give \$75 in honor of ZION's 75th Anniversary as we work toward replacing our church van. Be sure to view the display board at the Info Desk.

PRAYER LIST

Pete Hintz	Richard Bahr
Joanne Horn	Alan Barnick
Bob Janicki	Gerald Bartline
Marlene Johnson	Patricia Beck
Helen Kaurala	Dale Bergsbaken
Al Marquardt	Leslie Buckbee
Wendy Nead	Lily Cornelius
Ken Spreeman	Marilyn Dahl
Jackie Weier	Terry Fusek
Judy Wendt	Nancy Goode
Russell Wise	Larry Gueths
Jim Yeakey	

ATTENDANCE

Wed. 11 AM ~ 48	Sun. 8 AM ~ 48
Wed. 6 PM ~ 106	Sun. 10:30 AM ~ 48
Sat. 5 PM ~ 38	In-Person ~ 288
YouTube Wed. ~ 144	YouTube Sat. ~ 112

OFFERINGS

Lent General	\$3,430
Lent Restricted	\$25
LENT Total	\$3,455
Weekend General	\$11,272
Weekend Building	\$510
Weekend Restricted	\$1,650
WEEKEND Total	\$13,432
Weekly Budget	\$9,115



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Education Committee invites members to join the conversation about educational opportunities at ZION. While the committee is currently made up mostly of Sunday School teachers, its goal is to support the educational needs and interests of the entire Congregation. ZION offers men's and women's Bible studies, Sunday School for children through fifth grade, Confirmation classes, and youth group.

We are asking: Is there more we could do to better serve the educational interests of our members? You are invited to share your ideas and be part of the discussion. The **Education Committee** meets on the **second Mon. of each month at 5 PM** in the ZION Library.

If you are interested but unable to attend, please contact **Cheryl Boettcher** by phone or text at **715.851.1004** (please leave a message), email cheryl.boettcher@gmail.com, or leave a note in the Education mailbox located down the hallway from the Comfort Room.

WEE CARE SALE SUCCESS

Wee Care had another successful cookie sale thanks to the generosity of our Congregation.

The recent sugar cookie sale netted **\$594**, which will help provide food for children's weekend food bags. Our next sale will be **March 21-22** featuring **maple syrup cookies**, just in time for spring. Wee Care was also blessed with monetary donations from the **SAYPro** group and **Hope Community Church**. With the program costing **\$1,128** each week, these gifts are essential to continuing this important ministry. Thanks to all who supports Wee Care and helps care for local children.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our local food pantry is in need of items such as canned goods, pasta, rice, peanut butter, cereal, and boxed meals. Donations may be dropped off at ZION during office hours or placed in the cupboard by the staircase. Thank you for helping care for our neighbors.



LENTEN MEALS SIGN UP

Sign up sheets for **Lenten lunches** and **dinners** are now available on the bulletin board.

God so loved the world

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

What you need:

- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible



What you do:

1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.