

## A CAMEL OF GRATITUDE

A heartfelt thank you to **Timeline Saloon & BBQ and the Helings** for the generous delivery and use of their beautiful camel sculpture for Pastor Scott's Lenten worship services featuring Jacob. The camel has added a meaningful and memorable visual element to our journey through Scripture, helping bring the story to life in a powerful way. We are grateful for your support and willingness to share this special piece with ZION and also to the guys from Men's Breakfast who helped bring him in the Sanctuary.



## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

March 8	8am	
	10:30	Olivia Phalen Bella Krone
March 15	8am	Lee Wolff
	10:30	Kyle Huebner Jonah Glysch



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## 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 8, 2026

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

**FRI., MAR. 6** *World Day of Prayer*  
**Kim Meyer Funeral at Swedberg | 11 AM**

**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**

**MON., MAR. 9**  
**Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM**  
**Staff Meeting | 10 AM**  
**Girl Scout Troop 4723 | 4:30 PM**  
**Education Committee Meeting | 5 PM**  
**Girl Scout Leaders Meeting | 6 PM**

**TUES., MAR. 10**  
**Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM**  
**Men's Breakfast | 8 AM**  
**LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM**  
**Finance Committee Meeting | 10:30 AM**  
**ZLCW Board Meeting | 11:30 AM**  
**Property Committee Meeting | 6 PM**

**WED., MAR. 11**  
**Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM**  
**Worship Service | 11 AM**  
**Lenten Lunch | Noon**  
**Joyful Ringers Rehearsal & Lenten Supper | 4:30 PM**  
**Worship Service | 6 PM**  
**Confirmation & Youth Group Discussions | 7 PM**



**THURS., MAR. 12**  
**Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM**  
**Girl Scout Troop 4717 | 5:30 PM**

**SAT., MAR. 14**  
**Marlene Johnson Visitation | 9:30 AM**  
**Marlene Johnson Funeral at ZION | 11 AM**

**SUN., MAR. 15** *FOCUS April Deadline*  
**Worship Service | 8 AM**  
**Choir Rehearsal & Sunday School | 9:15 AM**  
**Worship Service (Kids of the Kingdom Sing & LOUD Offering) | 10:30 AM**

### 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



# Pray for our Troops and their families

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT AT ZION

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 Library. If you are interested but unable to attend, please contact **Cheryl Boettcher** by phone or text at **715.851.1004** (leave a voicemail), email [cheryl.boettcher@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.boettcher@gmail.com), or leave a note in the Education mailbox.

## 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. 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

## PRAYER LIST

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

## ATTENDANCE

Wed. 11 AM ~ 36	Sun. 8 AM ~ 65
Wed. 6 PM ~ 72	Sun. 10:30 AM ~ 68
Sat. 5 PM ~ 34	In-Person ~ 275
YouTube Wed. ~ 218	YouTube Sat. ~ 120

## OFFERINGS

<b>LENT Total</b>	<b>\$710</b>
Weekend General	\$7,611
Weekend Building	\$1,192
Weekend Restricted	\$953
<b>WEEKEND Total</b>	<b>\$9,756</b>
Weekly Budget	\$9,115



**Don't miss this powerful Lenten series!**

**LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

Worship Services  
11 AM & 6 PM

Lenten Lunch  
Noon

Lenten Supper  
4:30-6 PM

## HONORING THE LIFE OF MARLENE JOHNSON

We remember **Marlene Joyce Johnson**, 91, passed away at home on Feb. 28, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. A lifelong daughter of Shawano County, she was blessed with deep faith and family devotion, marrying her first true love, Larry Eggert, and later Richard "Dick" Johnson at ZION. Marlene's warm hospitality and generous spirit enriched countless lives, and she is survived by stepsons, grandchildren, and great-granddaughters who will carry forward her legacy of love and kindness. Her Celebration of Life will be held at ZION on **Sat., March 14 at 11 AM.** [swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituaries/marlene-johnson](http://swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituaries/marlene-johnson).



## KIM K. MEYER FUNERAL

We also mourn the passing of **Kim K. Meyer**, 56, her service is **Fri., March 6**, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano. [swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituaries/kim-meyer](http://swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituaries/kim-meyer)

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our local food pantry is in need of essential grocery items to help support our community. Donations of non-perishable foods such as canned vegetables and fruit, soup, pasta, rice, peanut butter, cereal, and boxed meals are especially appreciated. Items may be dropped off at ZION during office hours or placed in the cupboard by the staircase. Thank you for sharing God's love through your generosity and helping ensure no neighbor goes hungry.



## LENTEN MEALS SIGN UP

Sign up sheets for **Lenten lunches and dinners** are available on the bulletin board near the elevator. Please consider helping with food, serving, or cleanup.

**Congratulations to Shawano Hawks Girls Basketball!**  
**Regional Champions - Good Luck at Sectionals!**

# Relay for Life ZION Walkers

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Shawano - Menominee

**Saturday, April 18**  
**9 AM - 3 PM**

Shawano Community High School

Join the Zion Walkers  
or stop by and show your support!



Register or Donate Online

[relayforlife.org/shawano-menomineewi](http://relayforlife.org/shawano-menomineewi)

Donation envelopes available in the FOCUS & Church Bulletins.

## Questions?

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