

ZION Blood Drive Preparation



Thank you for scheduling your blood donation for the **ZION Blood Drive on Mon., April 13.**
Please arrive when called for your appointment time.

Helpful Tips Before Donating:

- **Hydrate** – Drink plenty of water in the days before donating.
- **Eat iron rich foods** – Beef, chicken, seafood, rice, cheese, spinach, + Vitamin C.
- **Get your ZZZs** – A good night's sleep helps your body prepare.
- **Complete questions online** – Morning of April 13 at Community Blood Center
- **Bring** Photo ID, medications & travel history.

Questions? Contact: Ginny Vraney – 715.799.3507

Thank you for making a **lifetime of difference** for someone in need.

– The Health Ministry Committee



"There'll be a special called board meeting concerning the recent generous contribution of stock."

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PRE-PLANNING MADE EASY



Wed., March 25
12:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
Presenter

Ginger Swedberg Huntington



Come learn about "getting your ducks in a row," so your final wishes are clear, and your family feels supported.

ZION NEWS

MARCH 15, 2026

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

THIS WEEK AT ZION

SAT., MAR. 14

Marlene Johnson Visitation | 9:30 AM
Marlene Johnson Funeral at ZION | 11 AM
Caroline Erickson Graveside Service | 2 PM
Worship Service | 5 PM

SUN., MAR. 15

Worship Service | 8 AM
Choir Rehearsal & Sunday School | 9:15 AM
Worship Service (Kids of the Kingdom Sing LOUD Offering) | 10:30 AM

MON., MARCH 16

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
Staff Meeting | 10 AM
Women's Evening Bible Study | 3:30 PM

TUES., MARCH 17 St. Patrick's Day

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
Men's Breakfast | 8 AM
LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM
By-Law Committee | 10 AM
Friendly Visitors | 5 PM
Council Meeting | 6 PM

WED., MARCH 18

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
Worship Service | 11 AM
Lenten Lunch | 12 PM
Joyful Ringers Rehearsal | 4:30 PM
Lenten Supper | 4:30 PM
Worship Service | 6 PM
Confirmation & Youth Group Discussions | 7 PM

THURS., MARCH 19

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
MomCo/KidCo | 10 AM
Girl Scout Troop 4139 | 5:30 PM

FRI., MARCH 20 First Day of Spring

SAT., MARCH 21

Worship Service | 5 PM

SUN., MARCH 22

Worship Service | 8 AM
Choir Rehearsal & Kids of the Kingdom (Service Project Day) | 9:15 AM
Worship Service & Elsie Hass Baptism | 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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Randy Steffen, Worship Coordinator | Ann Johnson, Custodian | John Phalen, Maintenance



“DRAWN TO THE WORD” COMMUNITY MURAL

You are invited to take part in a special “Drawn to the Word” Community Mural experience this April at ZION Lutheran. This spring, our congregation and community will paint a mural titled “Behold I Make All Things New,” based on artwork by **Christian artist Paul Oman**. We have purchased his design and will use it as the framework for this community painting experience. **Painting begins April 5 and will continue throughout April, with the completed mural unveiled during worship on Mother’s Day, May 10.** If you can paint within the lines, you can create art with us. The mural will be painted using acrylic latex paints, and no artistic experience is necessary. All ages are welcome. On Mother’s Day, the **Life & Growth Committee will unveil the finished mural during worship at ZION.** Invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors to this special moment at ZION. Learn more about Paul Oman’s art, visit www.paulomanfineart.com. Come be part of this beautiful creation.

ALTAR GUILD TRIBUTE

The altar flowers last weekend were given by **Lon & Ellen Swedberg in honor of ZION’s Altar Guild**. We are grateful for the faithful service of the Altar Guild members who quietly care for the sanctuary each week, preparing the altar, arranging worship elements, and helping create a beautiful and reverent space for our worship together. Their dedication behind the scenes is a meaningful part of ZION’s ministry.

MICROWAVE NEEDED

The microwave in the church office has stopped working. If you happen to have a clean, gently used microwave you no longer need, we would gratefully accept a donation. This small appliance is used daily by staff during the week. If you are able to help, please contact Kay Kristof. Thank you!



Pray for our Troops and their families

ATTENDANCE

Wed. 11 AM ~ 39	Sun. 8 AM ~ 65
Wed. 6 PM ~ 80	Sun. 10:30 AM ~ 56
Sat. 5 PM ~ 34	In-Person ~ 155
YouTube Wed. ~ 148	YouTube Sat. ~ 198

OFFERINGS

LENT Total	\$610
Weekend General	\$5,495
Weekend Building	\$261
Weekend Restricted	\$622
WEEKEND Total	\$6,278
Weekly Budget	\$9,115



PRAYER LIST

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

★Military

You're Invited to Join Us

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY | 6 PM
GOOD FRIDAY | 1 PM & 6 PM
EASTER SUNDAY | 8 AM & 10:30 AM
ONLINE | WWW.SHAWANOZION.ORG

Summer Worship Schedule begins May 24
ZION | Saturdays at 5 PM; Sundays at 8 AM
Shawano County Park | Sundays at 9:30 AM

LENTEN HOSTS NEEDED

Hosts are still needed for Lenten suppers on **Wed., March 18 and Wed., March 25.** Please talk to **Mila Waukechon** or **Karen Childs**, if you are able to help serve for these Lenten evening supper meals.

CAROLYN ERICKSON

We pray for the family of **Carolyn June Erickson**, who passed away March 7, surrounded by her family. Carolyn was born June 3, 1931, in Rockford, Illinois, and was a graduate of the UW School of Nursing. She shared a long and loving marriage with her husband, Dr. Homer Erickson, and devoted her life to family, learning, and service. A graveside service will be at **2 PM on Sat., March 14**, at Our Savior Lutheran Cemetery near Lessor, with Pastor Ludford officiating. swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituaries/carolyn-erickson



KIDS OF THE KINGDOM HOSTS INTERGENERATIONAL EVENTS BETWEEN SERVICES

Kids of the Kingdom is excited to host monthly intergenerational events during the education hour between services — and the whole congregation is invited! Each month will feature a unique hands-on opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship together. March’s event will be **cooking & baking** to serve our neighbors through SAM25 on **Sun., March 22.** These events are open to all ages — children, youth, parents, grandparents, and friends. Come learn, serve, create, and grow together as one church family. We hope you’ll join us!



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

Donation envelopes available in the **FOCUS & Church Bulletins.**

Questions?
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