



# Pray for our Troops and their families

## SPRING CLEANUP

Helping with:  
 Landscape  
 Lawn  
 Mulch

Please come help at ZION  
**SAT., APRIL 25**  
 8:00 AM

ZION Lutheran Church Parking Lot

## GriefShare

### Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement  
after the death of a loved one

At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

Wednesdays 4:30 - 6 pm.  
 April 8 - July 1, 2026  
 Zion Lutheran Church  
 1254 S Union Street, Shawano WI 54166  
 health@shawanozion.org  
 715-390-4540

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

## CHARLIE'S RED BARN SAVE THE DATE

The entire congregation is asked to help **July 24-25** to cook, prep, and cashier at Charlie's Red Barn. Watch for sign-up sheets soon.

### GET THE LATEST HAPPENINGS BY JOINING OUR ZION CALENDAR!

**SUBSCRIBE HERE:**  
<https://73847235.view-events.com>

## 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.  
 — Health Ministry Committee

## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME?

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with one of our **Stephen Leaders: Judy Laude, Nancy Schultz, or Kristin WhiteHorse.** They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

## ZION YOUTH FUNDRAISER

**ONLY \$36 FOR 5 ULTIMATE CAR WASHES**  
**GET YOURS TODAY IN THE OFFICE**

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

### PERSONAL CARE KITS ZLCW Lenten Project

Help provide basic care items for people displaced by disaster.

Needed Items:

- Bath towel (dark)
- 2-3 bars bath soap
- Adult toothbrush
- Sturdy comb
- Metal nail clipper

Donate NEW items only.  
 Drop off near the elevator.



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## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Pastor Scott Ludford, Sr. Pastor | Jill Sousek, Organist & Music Director | Kay Kristof, Admin. Asst. | Kristin WhiteHorse, Family & Youth Director | Nancy Schultz, Health & Wellness Coordinator | Randy Steffen, Worship Coordinator | Ann Johnson, Custodian | John Phalen, Maintenance | Kendra Kristof, Groundskeeper | Chris Dalke & Nancy Schultz, Live Recordings

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

**THURS., APRIL 2** *Maundy Thursday*

Joyful Ringers Rehearsal | 5 PM  
 Worship Service (*Joyful Ringers*) | 6 PM

**FRI., APRIL 3** *Good Friday*

Worship Services | 11 AM & 6 PM

**SUN., APRIL 5** *Easter Sunday*

Worship Service (*Joyful Ringers*) | 8 AM  
 Choir Rehearsal | 9:15 AM  
 Worship Service (*ZION Choir*) | 10:30 AM

**MON., APRIL 6** *Church Closed*

**TUES., APRIL 7**

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM  
 Men's Breakfast | 8 AM  
 LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM  
 Health Ministry Committee | 2:30 PM  
 Dreams of Green Community Garden | 4 PM

**WED., APRIL 8**

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM  
 Martin Security Systems | 9 AM  
 GriefShare Class | 4:30 PM  
 Confirmation Class | 6 PM  
 High School Youth Group | 6:30 PM

**THURS., APRIL 9**

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM  
 Girl Scout Troop 4717 | 5:30 PM

**FRI., APRIL 10** *Silent Auction Deadline*

**SAT., APRIL 11** *ZLCW Silent Auction*

Worship Service | 5 PM

**SUN., APRIL 12**

Worship Service | 8 AM  
 Kids of the Kingdom | 9:15 AM  
 Worship Service | 10:30 AM  
 Youth Committee | 11:30 AM  
 Stephen Ministry Continuing Education | 12 PM

## 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!



## ATTENDANCE

Wed. 11 AM ~ 40      Wed. 6 PM ~ 73      Sat. 5 PM ~ 40  
Sun. 8 AM ~ 73      Sun. 10:30 AM ~ 76      In-Person ~ 302  
YouTube Wed. ~ 132      YouTube Sat. ~ 140

**OFFERINGS** YTD Budget (Q1) \$118,500      YTD Actual (Q1) \$109,807

**PRAYER LIST** Richard Bahr, Alan Barnick, Gerald Bartline, Patricia Beck, Dale Bergsbaken, Leslie Buckbee, Bob Burdick, Lily Cornelius, Marilyn Dahl, Terry Fusek, Nancy Goode, Larry Gueths, Drake Herm★, Pete Hintz, Joanne Horn, Bob Janicki, Helen Kaurala, Mary Martin, Wendy Nead, Aschton Pitts★, Ken Spreeman, Eugene “Hugs” Strebel, Anita Stubenvoll, Mitchell Vanerpoel★, Judy Wendt, Russell Wise, Yvonne Wolf and Jim Yeakey. ★*military*

## WEE CARE COOKIE SALE BREAKS RECORD!

The Wee Care elves were hard at work, baking over **100 dozen delicious maple cookies** for this year’s sale. Along with the cookies, handmade spring items like adorable fabric rabbits and jar openers were also available for sale, adding a special touch to the event. Thanks to the incredible support of our Congregation and community, the sale was our best ever, raising over **\$1,000** to help support Wee Care’s mission. We are so grateful to everyone who baked, volunteered, and purchased items. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of local children and families. Mark your calendars for our next sale on **April 25-26**, with everyone’s favorite **peanut butter oatmeal chippers**. You won’t want to miss it!

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**ZLCW**  
**Silent Auction of Baskets**  
**April 11-19**  
Donated baskets due April 10  
Cellophane will be provided if needed.  
Sign up at the Info Desk

## 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 in April** and on Mother’s Day, the **Life & Growth Committee will unveil the finished mural during worship at ZION**. Please watch for more details in the coming weeks. 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 necessary. All ages are welcome. Invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors to this special moment at ZION. Visit [www.paulomanfineart.com](http://www.paulomanfineart.com). Come be part of this beautiful creation here at ZION.



## INTERGENERATIONAL EVENTS



**Kids of the Kingdom** are hosting monthly intergenerational events during the education hour between services — and the congregation is invited! April’s event will be **cooking & baking** to serve our neighbors at SAM25. 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!

**THE MOMCO**  
**THIS IS MOTHERHOOD**  
Motherhood is complicated. Mom friends help.  
Zion Lutheran Church  
10-11:30am  
KidCo Available  
Supportive Community, Great Conversations, Devotionals and Crafts  
Mom's Nights Out  
Spring 2026  
April 16th  
April 30th  
May 7th  
May 21st  
For More Information: visit our website  
[www.shawanozion.org/momco](http://www.shawanozion.org/momco)

**GAME NIGHTS**  
GO MONTHLY!  
April's Game Night  
**SUN., APRIL 26**  
4:30 – 6 PM  
BINGO BOARD GAMES  
TABLE GAMES  
A great time for family & fellowship!

## REMEMBERING ALAN MARQUARDT

We remember **Alan “Al” Marquardt**, age 73, who passed away March 31. Al faithfully served as **ZION Handbell and Choir Director** and shared his musical gifts, also playing brass for our Easter and Christmas celebrations. His music enriched worship and touched many lives. Obituary link, visit: [www.eberhardtstevenson.com/obituary/AlanAl-Marquardt](http://www.eberhardtstevenson.com/obituary/AlanAl-Marquardt)



## SUPPORT VBS WITH DONATIONS

The **VBS Donation Station** is ready! Choose an item to purchase (most are available on Amazon), then drop it off or have it shipped directly to ZION by **June 1**. This is a simple and meaningful way for the congregation to support VBS, which is open to all kids ages 3K-5th grade!



## HS YOUTH SERVE DINNER AT SAM25

On **April 15** at 6:15 PM, our high school youth will be serving dinner at SAM25. We are excited to put our leftover spaghetti dinner donations to good use by preparing a meal for those in need. Students will help with food preparation, serving, and clean-up. All high school students are encouraged to join us for this way to serve others and build community.

**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!

**VBS – SAVE THE DATE!**  
**RAINFOREST FALLS**  
Exploring the Nature of God  
Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School  
**Aug. 3-6 • 9 AM - Noon!**  
Join us for Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God