

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Please keep these individuals in your prayers. **Leslie Buckbee, Anita Stubenvoll, Larry Gueths, Pete Hintz, Terry Fusek, Gerald Bartline, Yvonne Wolf, Ken & Linda Spreeman, Adeline Holtz, Stacey Popp, Dorothy Kunst, Bob Janicki, Dale Bergsbaken, Helen Kaurala & Shirley Sorenson.**



ATTENDANCE – APRIL 3, APRIL 5-6, 2025

SAT. | 5 PM | 36 SUN. | 8 AM | 77 SUN. | 10:30 AM | 56
Total In-Person | 261 YouTube Views | 364 Wednesday | 92

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE 4/6/2025

General Fund: \$10,489 Building Fund: \$612 Restricted Funds: \$179
Lenten Wednesday: \$312 Total Offerings: \$11,592

APRIL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Service		Live Recordings* & Acolytes
April 12 & 13	5 PM 8 AM 10:30 AM	Nancy Schultz* Brooklyn & Bailey WhiteHorse Peyten & Morgan Boucher
April 17	6 PM	Keith Milner*
April 18	6 PM	Chris Dalke*
April 20	8 AM 8 AM 10:30 AM	Chris Dalke* Gracie Curtin, Volunteers Needed Gabe Tonn, Volunteers Needed

Service April Lay Readers & Communion Assistants

Sat.-5 PM	Steve Dalke (Reader) & Joy Dalke
Sun.-8 AM	Amanda Bernath (Reader) Bart, Debbie & Bailey Defere
Sun.-10:30 AM	Mike Eidahl (Reader), Michael Sleeper & Judy Stoltenow



To volunteer for ZION summer worship services, go to: <https://bit.ly/ZionSummerVolunteers>

SYMPATHIES TO MELVIN GUTT FAMILY

A funeral for **Melvin Gutt** (4/16/1930-4/3/2025) will be at **11 AM** on **Sat., April 12**, at Swedberg in Shawano. Visitation will begin at 10 AM until the time of service. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery. Visit, [swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituary/melvin-gutt](https://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituary/melvin-gutt)

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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 25
ZION | Saturdays at 5 PM; Sundays at 8 AM
Shawano County Park | Sundays at 9:30 AM



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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sweet soil

This snack's layers mimic properties of our planet's crust.

What you need:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup nut butter (divided)
- ½ cup chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Silicone mini baking cups

What you do:

1. Combine the oats and ¼ cup of the nut butter. Mix until oats stick together.
2. Place 2 teaspoons of oat mixture in each baking cup. Press with a spoon. Freeze for 10 minutes.
3. Spread remaining nut butter atop the cups. Freeze for 10 more minutes.
4. Microwave the chocolate chips 30 seconds. Stir and keep heating for 30-second intervals until melted.
5. Spread melted chocolate atop the cups. Freeze until chocolate is firm.
6. Remove from the molds and enjoy! Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.

ZION NEWS

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

ZION WEEKLY CALENDAR

WED., APR. 9

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
Worship Services | 11 AM & 6 PM
Lenten Luncheon | 12 PM
ZLCW Board Meeting | 1 PM
Joyful Ringers Rehearsal | 4:30 PM
Lenten Supper | 4:30 PM
Confirmation Class & Lent Mentors | 6 PM
High School Bible Study | 6:30 PM



THURS., APR. 10

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
Girl Scouts Troop #4723 | 4:30 PM
Girl Scouts Troop #4717 | 6 PM



SAT., APR. 12

Relay for Life – ZION Walkers | 9 AM
Melvin Gutt Funeral | 11 AM at Swedberg
Worship Service | 5 PM

SUN., APR. 13 ~ PALM SUNDAY

Worship Services | 8 AM & 10:30 AM
Choir Rehearsal & Kids of the Kingdom | 9:15 AM
Sunday School Teacher's Meeting | 10:15 AM
Youth Committee Meeting | 11:30 AM
Stephen Ministry Training | 12 PM



MON., APR. 14

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
Staff Meeting | 10 AM
Girl Scout Leader's Meeting | 6 PM

TUES., APR. 15 FOCUS Deadline

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
Men's Breakfast | 8 AM
LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM
Council Meeting | 6 PM



WED., APR. 16

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM

THURS., APR. 17 MAUNDY THURS.

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
God's Little Wonders-Parent/Tot Hour | 11 AM
Joyful Ringers Rehearsal | 5 PM
Worship Service | 6 PM ~ **First Communion**

FRI., APR. 18 GOOD FRIDAY

Worship Services | 1 & 6 PM

SUN., APR. 20 EASTER

Worship Services | 8 AM & 10:30 AM
Joyful Ringers Rehearsal | 9:15 AM

WELCOME TO ZION!

We're so glad you're here!

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Holy Communion is celebrated at every weekend service. All baptized and communing Christians are invited to partake. **Children** are invited to come forward for a blessing. **Children** are always welcome in worship! We provide **Kids in Church** activity bags. Our services include children's messages, and if your little one needs a break, the **Noah's Ark Nursery** is located in back of the Sanctuary.

RESTROOMS

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

WELCOME PADS

Whether you're a member or guest, please sign the **Welcome Pad** in the pew.

VISITING TODAY?

If you're visiting today or considering becoming a member, please fill out a **Welcome Card** in the pew and place it in the offering plate. We'd love to welcome you into the ZION family!



ZION BLOOD DRIVE ♦ May 12 | 1-5:30 PM ♦

We could use a few more blood donors to be added to our ZION list so we can call you for a donor appointment time in May. Please call Ginny Vraney at 715-799-3507 or contact Nancy Schultz here at church with your info. Be a hero and be willing to give the “Gift of Life”! Thanks! ~ *Health Ministry*

CROSSWAYS — WHERE FAITH MEETS FUN!

Give your child an unforgettable summer at Crossways Camps!

Campers will grow in faith, make lifelong friends, and enjoy outdoor adventures like swimming, hiking, and campfires — all in a Christ-centered environment. With programs for all ages, Crossways provides a safe and supportive space where kids can explore their faith, build confidence, and have fun. Caring counselors, engaging activities, and worship make this a summer experience they won’t forget! Learn more and register at crosswayscamps.org/youth. Don’t miss out!



FREE PASSION PLAY TICKETS

We have **four FREE** tickets available for Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play, **ALLRISE!** 2025, an inspiring production bringing the scriptures to life through music, dance, and drama. Tickets are for **1 PM** at **Sat., April 12**, at the **Xavier Fine Arts Theatre**, located at 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton, WI. Contact the ZION office to claim your tickets. www.newpassionplay.org.

GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE

Ready to get your hands in the dirt and grow something beautiful? Join us for the **Dreams of Green Community**

Garden Annual Meeting on **Tues., April 29**, at **5 PM** in the Fellowship Hall at ZION. Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or just getting started, come learn how you can reserve your garden plot and be part of a vibrant, growing community! To sign-up, contact Nancy at health@shawanozion.org.



STEP INTO SUMMER WALKING CHALLENGE

April 21 – May 25, 2025

Let’s get moving together! Join ZION’s five-week Step into Summer Walking Challenge to boost your health, lift your spirit, and enjoy God’s creation one step at a time. Start with just 20 minutes of walking per day, three to four days each week, and gradually increase your time up to 40 minutes per day. Walk at your own pace — whether alone or with a buddy — and receive weekly encouragement along with a simple progress tracker to help you stay motivated. Everyone who completes the challenge will receive a prize! Sign up by **Sun., April 20** by emailing health@shawanozion.org or calling 715-390-4540. Questions? Contact Nancy Schultz, Health & Wellness Coordinator.



*Let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us.*

Hebrews 12:1, NRSV



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Training Update

Please continue to pray for our Stephen Ministers as they learn key skills in order to become better caregivers.

Session Twelve— *Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources*

What happens when a care receiver needs a different kind of care or a higher level of care than a Stephen Minister is qualified to provide? The Stephen Minister works with our Stephen Leaders to connect the person with a professional caregiver who is able to meet the person’s needs. In this week’s session, our Stephen Ministers take a look at what other types of caregiving are available and at the limits to their caregiving. This will prepare our Stephen Ministers to refer care receivers to the appropriate caregiver should the need arise.

VOLUNTEERS ARE SUPERHEROS

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH BETWEEN SERVICES

If you serve the church as a volunteer, we invite you to join us! We will be recognizing volunteers during all services, presenting gifts, and celebrating with a bunch spread.

God's Little Wonders

Join us for God's Little Wonders:
Parent-Tot Hour, a special time for parents and their little ones to connect, explore, and grow in faith together.

First and Third Thursdays
11:00am – 12:00pm

Zion Lutheran Church
1254 S Union St Shawano, WI

This engaging hour includes:
★ Hands-on activities and crafts
🎵 Joyful songs and stories
👨‍👩‍👧 Simple ways to nurture faith in your family
🤝 Connection time for parents to share, support, and build community

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FIRST Communion

April 17, 2025
during the
Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Kian Phalen
Cole Hanson
Camdin Olson
Nora Moeller

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH