

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

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



ATTENDANCE – APRIL 9, APRIL 12-13, 2025

SAT. | 5 PM | 35 SUN. | 8 AM | 96 SUN. | 10:30 AM | 61
Wednesday | 128 Total In-Person | 320 YouTube Views | 346

WEEKLY OFFERING ENDING 4/13/2025

General Fund: \$9,483 Building Fund: \$416 Restricted Funds: \$464
Lenten Wednesday: \$482 Total Offerings: \$10,845

APRIL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Service Time Live Recordings* & Acolytes

April 17 6 PM Keith Milner*

April 18 6 PM Chris Dalke*

April 20 8 AM Chris Dalke*

8 AM Gracie Curtin

10:30 AM Gabe Tonn, Brixon Koenig

Service Time April Lay Readers & Communion Assistants

Saturday 5 PM Steve Dalke (Reader) & Joy Dalke

Sunday 8 AM Amanda Bernath (Reader)

Bart, Debbie & Bailey Defere

Sunday 10:30 AM Mike Eidahl (Reader), Bob Hass (Easter)

Michael Sleeper & Judy Stoltzenow

To volunteer for summer worship services, scan the QR Code.



CELEBRATING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

ZION will joyfully honor our high school seniors on **Sun., April 27**, from **9–10:15 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. All graduates and their families are invited to join us for a special time of recognition and celebration. If you're unable to attend, please reach out to Karen Childs at [715.526.2445](tel:715.526.2445).

We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you! Please send a baby photo & senior photo to zion@shawano.org by April. 22.

DONATIONS

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH VBS BY DONATING NEEDED SUPPLIES

Please return items to Office by May 1

Take the card of the item(s) you'd like to purchase. Write your name and card # (s) on the clipboard.

PIECE IT TOGETHER: A MULTI-GENERATIONAL SHOWDOWN!

Wed. May 21, 2025
5:30pm
\$10 per team

Get ready for a fun-filled showdown! Gather your **team of four**, including:

- ✓ One member under 20
- ✓ One member aged 20-50
- ✓ One member over 50
- ✓ 4th member of any age!

Each team receives the **same 300 piece puzzle**. Work together, and race to the finish for a chance to **win prizes for the top three teams!**

Sign up today!
Signup on bulletin board or email youth@shawanozion.org

Light Dinner Available

Register by May 15

ZION WALKERS SHINE AT RELAY FOR LIFE

The 30th **Shawano Menominee Relay for Life** was held on **Sat., April 12**, at the Shawano Community High School gym. A heartfelt thank you to the **22 ZION members and friends** who walked in support of this powerful cause. Together, the ZION Walkers raised an incredible **\$9,134.86** — what an amazing accomplishment! Our team theme was “Pearls of Hope,” and we extend special thanks to Dolly Burdick for securing a Thrivent grant to support the event. It was a true blessing to see so many from our church not only walk but also donate generously. Thank you, ZION, for being a beacon of hope!



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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**. Questions, contact Nancy Schultz, Health & Wellness Coordinator, at health@shawanozion.org or 715.390.4540.

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



Hebrews 12:1, NRSV



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

715.526.2017 | zion@shawanozion.org | www.shawanozion.org
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



ZION NEWS

APRIL 20, 2025

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

ZION WEEKLY CALENDAR

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

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

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Worship Services | 1 & 6 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Worship Services | 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Joyful Ringers Rehearsal | 9:15 AM

MONDAY, APRIL 21 Office Closed

Strong Bodies | *Cancelled*

Women's Evening Bible Study | 6 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 Earth Day

Men's Breakfast | 8 AM

Finance Committee Meeting | 10:30 AM

VBS Planning Meeting | 2:30 PM

Friendly Visitors Meeting | 5 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM (*Upstairs*)

Confirmation Class | 6 PM

Walking Challenge Meeting | 6 PM

High School Youth Group | 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM

Girl Scouts Troop #4723 | 4:30 PM

Girl Scouts Troop #4717 | 6 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Volunteer Appreciation & Honor Graduates

Worship Service | 5 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Volunteer Appreciation & Honor Graduates

Worship Services | 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Volunteer Appreciation Reception | 9:15 AM

High School Graduation Reception | 9:15 AM

Kids of the Kingdom | 9:15 AM

Stephen Ministry Training | 12 PM

Happy Easter!



He Is Risen!

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!

EASTER LILIES & BLOOMS IN LOVING TRIBUTE

- Jill Sousek
In memory of Lewis & Janice Schultztz
and Warren & Marge Sperberg
- Gene & Barb Hoppe.....
In memory of Elmer & Florine Hoppe
- Donna Davis.....
In memory of loved ones
- Karen Childs.....
In honor of ZION’s many volunteers
- Joyful Ringers.....
In honor of Jill Sousek’s gift of music
- Ann Johnson
Happy Easter!
- Beverly Heling.....
In memory of Bill Heling
- ZION Choir.....
In honor of Jill Sousek
- Julie Effenberger.....
In memory of Gary Effenberger
- Patti Peterson.....
In honor of Sally Peterson
- Darrin, Ronda, Matthew,
Brandon & Lindsey Peters.....
In memory of Fred Peters and Roger & Ruth Miller
- Bob & Ginny Hass.....
In honor of our first great-granddaughter
- Kay Kristof.....
In honor of my family and ZION’s volunteers
- Dan & Diane Flessert.....
In memory of our parents
- Steve & Joy Dalke.....
In memory of Arnold & Gertrude Dalke
- Dick & Ginny Vraney.....
In memory of brother Steve Johnson
- June Peters.....
In memory of family members
- The Elertson families.....
In memory of Cliff, Eileen & Danny Elertson
- From her loving family.....
In memory of Donna Schultz
- Gail Heling
In memory of Jean Frost (sister), Rachel & Ken
DeCoster (sister & brother-in-law), Sue Patrikus (sister),
Henry & Irene Schuettpealz (father & mother)
- Len Heling
In memory of Len’s family: Joanne (wife), Len (father),
Mae (mother) and Mike (brother)
- Lisa Onesti.....
In memory of my mother, Beverly, & my sister, Debbie
- Mike & Dorothy Eidahl.....
In honor of Blake, Norah, Tatum & Tristan
- Marcalene Rosenow.....
In memory of Kenneth Rosenow
- Mary Polzin & Ruby Rose,
Priscilla, Paul & Ian Zahn....
In memory of John & Dejon Polzin
- Diane Rugalski.....
In memory of my family
- Dennis & Nancy Schultz
In memory of Glenn & Ann Behnke
and Clarence & Eva Schultz
- The Krone Family.....
In memory of Tim Krone
- Fred & Kathy Beyer.....
In memory of our loved ones

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. Call **Ginny Vraney** at 715.799.3507 or contact **Nancy Schultz** with your information. Be a hero and be willing to give the “Gift of Life!”

GARDEN PLOTS STILL AVAILABLE!

Ready to get your hands in the dirt and grow beautiful things? Join us for the **Dreams of Green Community Garden Annual Meeting** on **Tues., April 29**, at **5 PM** in the ZION Fellowship Hall. Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or just getting started, you can reserve your garden plot and be part of a vibrant, growing community! Contact **Nancy Schultz** at health@shawanozion.org.

SPRING SILENT AUCTION BRINGS IN OVER \$2,000

Thank you for your participation in the **ZLCW Silent Auction for Spring**! A total of 40 baskets and quilts were claimed by bidders on Sun., April 6. The selection was full of variety, and many generous hearts stepped up to support this fundraiser. Thanks to your help, the event raised more than \$2,000 in proceeds for ZLCW. Be on the lookout for our next auction in October 2025!

FINAL BAKE COOKIE SALE BEFORE SUMMER BREAK

Our last **Wee Care Cookie Sale** before the summer break is coming up on **May 17 & 18**! This month’s featured flavor is a favorite — **Peanut Butter Oatmeal Chippies** — chewy, sweet, and loaded with goodness. All proceeds support the Wee Care program, which helps feed local children in need each week. Thank you for making a difference, one cookie at a time.

GRATITUDE FOR LENTEN MEALS AND MESSAGES

Throughout Lent 2025, ZION was blessed with delicious lunches prepared by dedicated ZLCW members, and evening suppers organized and served by the Health Ministry, ZLCW, Worship and Music Committees, Youth, Joyful Ringers, and the ZION Council. We extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who cooked, baked, served, cleaned up, and supported these gatherings with their presence. A special thank you to Pastor Scott and Debra for the inspiring Disciples’ messages and the beautifully crafted scenery that enriched each worship experience.

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

ZION is excited to share our **Medical Equipment Loan Closet** has expanded to Room 101. We offer a wide variety of items, including wheelchairs, walkers, grab bars, shower chairs, and more! We currently have a special need for large adult pull-up briefs. Equipment and monetary donations are always welcomed. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry! ZION’s Medical Loan Closet is here to help! Contact **Ann Johnson** at **715.853.3609**, or call ZION at **715.526.2017** and **press 4**.



TRUE NORTH
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 2–5
9AM–NOON

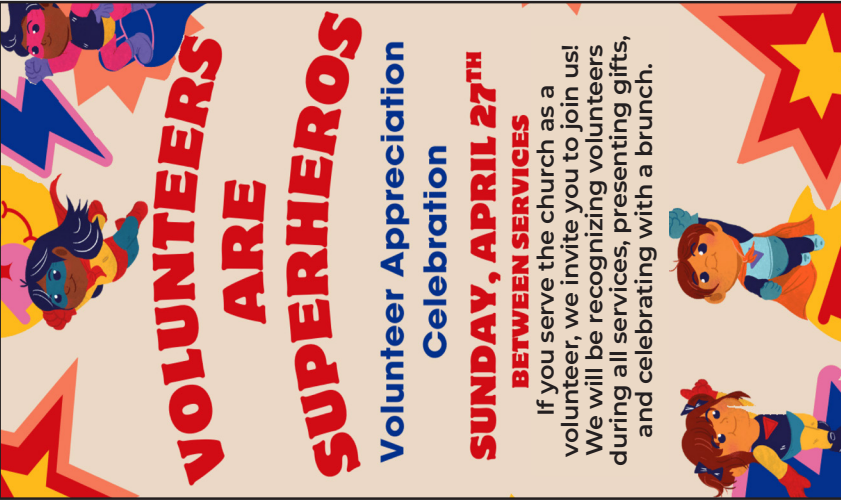
Zion Lutheran Church
Shawano, WI

New friends * Amazing experiments * Creative games
Super-fun snacks * Surprising adventures * Incredible music

VBS is open to all 4K–5th Grade Students

Volunteer and child registration found at
www.shawanozion.org/vbs





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 brunch.

God's Little Wonders

Join us for God's Little Wonders:
Parent–Tot Hour, a special time for parents and their litt 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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