

Joy To The World

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
DECEMBER 24 AT 3:30 AND 5:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SONG SERVICE
DECEMBER 25 AT 9 AM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
DECEMBER 13 AT 5PM

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Homme Youth & Family Programs Christmas Collection Drive

Hosted by the Health Ministry Committee
Through December 10

The box is located in the Narthex Area.

Thank You for Your Donation!

Population: Boys ages 10 through 18*

New clothing sizes: SM through XL men's

Snow boots sizes 8-13 men's

Snow pants men's M through XXL

Sport team t-shirts/sweatshirts men's SM through XL

Snow gloves, slippers, funny socks

Watches and wallets

Car Air Fresheners (tree-shaped for rooms)

Men's necklaces

Hygiene products: deodorant, soap, lotion, cologne

DVD (G or PG Movies)

Handheld game with built-in games

(usually 250 games built in)

Rubik's Cubes

Construction paper

Candy for stocking fillers

Children and young adults coloring books

Children & young adult books (age-appropriate)

Gift Cards: Dollar General, Subway,

McDonald's, Taco Johns

* No bathrobes, food, or glass items, please.

Gift bags are welcome; please leave gifts unwrapped.



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



CELEBRATE WITH POINSETTIAS!

Be part of our joyful Christmas décor by
contributing a beautiful poinsettia for the Chancel!

\$25 each

It's a meaningful way to honor loved ones
or simply share Christmas cheer.

Orders are due by Fri., Dec. 12.

ZION KIDS OF THE KINGDOM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



SAT. DECEMBER 13 AT 5PM

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with an
unforgettable Christmas program that leads kids on an
exciting journey to the heart of the season—with Jesus as
their True North!



ZION NEWS

DECEMBER 7, 2025

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE



SAT., DEC. 6 Advent 2
Deb Meier Music Recital | 12 PM
Worship Service | 5 PM

SUN., DEC. 7
Worship Services | 8 & 10:30 AM
Choir Rehearsal/Kids of the Kingdom | 9:15 AM
Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed | 12 PM

MON., DEC. 8
Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
Staff Meeting | 10 AM
Health Ministry Committee | 12 PM
Sunday School Teachers Meeting | 5 PM
Girl Scout Leaders Meeting | 6 PM

TUES., DEC. 9 January FOCUS Deadline
Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
Men's Breakfast | 8 AM
LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM
Finance Committee Meeting | 10:30 AM
Property Committee Meeting | 6 PM

WED., DEC. 10
Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
Joyful Ringers Rehearsal | 5 PM
Confirmation Class | 6 PM
High School Youth Group | 6:30 PM

THURS., DEC. 11
Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
Girl Scout Troop 4139 | 5:30 PM

FRI., DEC. 12 Poinsettia Order Deadline

SAT., DEC. 13 Advent 3
Kids' Christmas Program | 5 PM

SUN., DEC. 14
Worship Service | 8 AM
Choir Rehearsal & Kids of the Kingdom | 9:15 AM
Worship Service | 10:30 AM
Youth Committee Meeting | 11:30 AM

Jan. 25, 2026
11:30 AM
Sanctuary
ANNUAL MEETING

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!



DECEMBER* ZION LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Role SAT 5 PM
Greeters Steve & Joy Dalke
Ushers John & Joyce Phalen
Lay Reader & Communion Assistants Steve & Joy Dalke, Scott Glysch

Projector Operator Randy Steffen

Role SUN 8 AM
Greeters Joanne DeFere & Dawn Brock
Ushers Bart & Debbie Defere
Lay Reader & Communion Assistants Al Wichmann & Bob Bartelt

Projector Operator Amanda Bernath, Dawn Brock
 Brian & Kris Johnson
 Julie Effenberger

Role SUN 10:30 AM
Greeter Nancy Schultz
Ushers Robert & Jackie Weier
Lay Reader & Communion Assistants Cooper & Jackson Boucher

Projector Operators Michael Eidahl, Susan Lemke, Judy Stoltenow
 Jenny Tonn (Dec. 7 & 14), Noreen Christian (Dec. 21 & 28)

*Youth Group will cover Lay Ministry on the *third* Sun. 10:30 AM service.

ACOLYTES

Dec. 7
 8 AM Addie Bernath
 Bella Krone
 10:30 AM Olivia Phalen
 Audrey Moeller

Dec 14
 8 AM Kyle Huebner
 Jonah Glysch
 10:30 AM Erin Felhofer
 Kenley Wilson

Dec 21
 8 AM Lee Wolff
 Open
 10:30 AM Leah Hanson
 Morgan Boucher



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

We remember in prayer: Richard Bahr, Gerald Bartline, Dale Bergsbaken, Debbie Bernard, Leslie Buckbee, Lily Cornelius, Marilyn Dahl, Terry Fusek, Larry Gueths, Lynn Hintz, Pete Hintz, Adeline Holtz, Joanne Horn, Bob Janicki, Helen Kaurala, Ken Spreeman, and Jim Yeakey ~ surrounded by God's peace.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Sat. 5 PM: 9 | Sun. 8 AM: 47 | 10:30 AM: 36 | In-Person: 102 | YouTube: 178
 General \$2,826 | Building \$295 | Restricted \$145 | Total \$3,266
 November Budget: \$42,708 | November Actual: \$55,895 November giving reached 131% of expenses, a generous and encouraging month for ZION. Thank you!

FESTIVAL OF TREES

ZION is organizing this year's Festival of Trees again. Anyone, including committees or groups, are invited to trim an artificial tree with any theme or style. **Decorating dates are Dec. 4-12.** Last year's trees added a festive touch to ZION Narthex. We hope you join in and make this year's display memorable! Sign up at the Info Desk or call Kristin WhiteHorse or Karen Childs.

LEARN, GROW & SERVE AS A STEPHEN MINISTER



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening? ZION is training **Stephen Ministers** starting Jan. 4. Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support to those facing challenges such as grief, illness, or other life transitions. To learn more or to be matched with a Stephen Minister or sign up to help others, contact: Judy Laude, Nancy Schultz, or Kristin WhiteHorse.

ZION JOINS SHAWANO HOLIDAY STROLL

ZION is delighted to be part of Shawano's festive **Holiday Stroll** featuring 115 beautifully decorated trees sponsored by local businesses and non-profits. Come enjoy the lights at Franklin Park and be sure to look for ZION's tree as you stroll.

BEANS & BOOKS SUPPORTS WEE CARE IN DECEMBER

For the month of December, **Beans & Books Coffeehouse** has chosen the **Wee Care Children's Backpack Food Program** as their charity partner. This community-supported ministry through ZION, the Shawano area, and the local school district provides food for more than one hundred fifty children every weekend. To help meet these growing needs, Beans & Books will donate **twenty-five cents from every drink** they hand-craft, hot or cold, throughout December. From coffee and lattes to chai, tea, slushies, and Lotus energy drinks, every purchase helps feed children in our community. Owners Heather and her team are also challenging other businesses to join them by matching their donation in full or in part to support this important cause.

HELP NEEDED: YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM OPERATORS

We're looking for a few volunteers to help with the computer and **YouTube live recording** during worship services. It's a great behind-the-scenes way to serve, and training is provided. Help us keep our YouTube Live stream running smoothly and share worship with those at home. Contact **Chris Dalke, Nancy Schultz** for info.

BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

Wee Care's Festival of Trees display this year expands into a **mitten, hat, scarf, and sock tree** to help chase the chill away. All donations will go to school children who need these essentials for winter, and many teachers often buy them with their own money. **A basket will be placed at the base of the tree for donations.** Wee Care hopes to bless children and families with warmth through food, mittens, hats, scarves, socks, and love.



YOUTH TO SELL CHRISTMAS COOKIES

The **ZION Youth** will be selling **Christmas cookies** in December. Date is yet to be determined! Watch for more info in the *NEWS*.

LOOKING FOR STOCKING STUFFERS?

Support **ZION Youth** by purchasing **Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards**. Each card is just **\$36 for five ultimate washes**. They make great stocking stuffers, help keep your car clean all winter, and support our youth. Pick yours up in the church office and thank you for supporting our exciting youth programs!



CHRISTMAS ANGELS RECITAL - YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us **Sat., Dec. 6 at 1 PM** in the **ZION Sanctuary** as ten talented students share the joy of the season through music. Under the direction of **teacher Deborah Meier**, enjoy beautiful pieces on piano, guitar, saxophone, clarinet, flute, and organ, plus a festive Christmas Carol Sing. Come and experience an afternoon of Christmas cheer!

Christmas
is a time
for singing!

Sunday, December 14, 1pm
 St Bernard Catholic Church
 2040 Hillside Lane Green Bay
 Featuring

The Green Bay Baylanders
Barbershop Chorus
 and **The Chantelles**
 with Quartets:
 Lake Effect, Revised Edition and Quandary

"Welcome aboard 'Anointed Airlines,' Pastors!
What say we begin by testing your faith
right away?! Please join us in celebrating
our captain's birthday...She's 104 today!!"

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