

ZION NEWS

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

THIS WEEK AT ZION

FRIDAY, FEB. 14 Valentine's Day
Valentine's Gathering for Singles 55+ | 12 PM



SATURDAY, FEB. 15 FOCUS Deadline
Eileen Elertson Visitation & Funeral | 9:30 AM & 11 AM
Worship Service | 5 PM (Loud Offering)

SUNDAY, FEB. 16
Worship Service | 8 AM (Loud Offering)
Choir Rehearsal & Sunday School | 9:15 AM
Worship Service | 10:30 AM
Kids of the Kingdom sing (Loud Offering)
Stephen Ministry Training | 12 PM
ECSW Synod Meeting | 12:30 PM
Game Night | 4 PM

MONDAY, FEB. 17 Presidents' Day
Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
Staff Meeting | 10 AM
Women's Evening Bible Study | 3:30 PM



TUESDAY, FEB. 18
Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
Men's Breakfast | 8 AM
LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM
Hearts & Minds Class | 4:30 PM
Council Meeting | 6 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19
Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
Youth Spaghetti Dinner | 5:30 PM
Confirmation Class | 6 PM
High School Youth Group | 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEB. 20
Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
Finance Committee Meeting | 10:30 AM
God's Little Wonders – Parent/Tot Hour | 10:30 AM
Girl Scouts Troop #4723 | 4:30 PM
Friendly Visitors Meeting | 5 PM
Girl Scouts Troop #4139 | 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, FEB. 22
Girl Scout Day | 12 PM
Worship Service | 5 PM

SUNDAY, FEB. 23 Install Church Council
Worship Service | 8 AM
Choir Rehearsal & Sunday School | 9:15 AM
Worship Service | 10:30 AM
Stephen Ministry Training | 1 PM

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the following individuals in your thoughts and prayers as they face health challenges and personal struggles. May they find strength, comfort, and healing in the support of our Congregation: **Leslie Buckbee, Gerald Bartline, Terry Fusek, Donna Davis, Dorothy Kunst, Shirley Sorenson, Larry Gueths, Bob Janicki Ken & Linda Spreeman, Bob Bergum and Pete Hintz.**

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

SAT. | 5 PM | 11 SUN. | 8 AM | 66 SUN. | 10:30 AM | 56
Total In-Person | 133 YouTube Views | 172 views

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund: \$11,051 Building Fund: \$605
Restricted Funds: \$1,307 Total Weekly Offering: \$12,963

COOKIE SALE THIS WEEKEND!

Get your hands on fresh, homemade **Snickerdoodles** at our next cookie sale this **Sat.-Sun., Feb. 15–16!** These soft, cinnamon-sugar favorites won't last long — so stock up, share with friends, and support the ZION Wee Care Elves!

WITH SYMPATHY: ELERTSON FAMILY

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Elertsons on the passing of **Eileen Elertson**. A funeral service for Eileen will be at **11 AM on Sat., Feb. 15**, at ZION with Pastor Scott Ludford officiating. Visitation will be on **Fri., Feb. 14**, at Swedberg Funeral Home from 4 to 7 PM and then again on Saturday at the church from 9:30 AM until the time of service – spring burial at Jerusalem Lutheran Cemetery at Lunds. A memorial fund has been established for the Jerusalem Cemetery Association or ZION Lutheran Church. May God's comfort surround their family during this time of sorrow and loss. Please keep them in your prayers. To view Eileen Elertson's full obituary, visit: www.swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituary/eileen-elertson

LENTEN SUPPERS AT ZION

Join us for ZION's **Lenten Suppers** every **Wednesday** starting in March from **4:45–6 PM** before the Lent Worship Services. This is an excellent time for fellowship, community, and a warm meal as we prepare our hearts for worship. Interested in helping? Watch for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board by the elevator. We look forward to sharing this meaningful season with you!

We
love
because
He first
loved us.
1 John 4:19

ZLCW SILENT AUCTION COMING!

Mark your calendars! The Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW) Silent Auction of Baskets will be held at ZION from **March 29 – April 6**. Start planning your basket donation to support this worthy cause. Thank you, ZLCW!

TOT CLASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist with the **Parent-Tot classes** on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 11 AM to Noon. Responsibilities include helping with crafts, snack time, and general supervision of the children. If you are available to help, please contact **Kristin WhiteHorse** at youth@shawanozion.org or **715.390.4580**.

LOUD OFFERINGS ARE BACK

The Sunday School kids are excited to bring back Loud Offerings to support a special cause! On Feb. 16, Mar. 16, and May 11, students will collect loose change during services, with proceeds going to the Shawano County Humane Society. In addition to the loud offerings, Sunday School students have been working on a service project to help animals in need. They have made cat and dog toys and are also hosting a donation drive to collect supplies for the shelter. Collection boxes are in the Narthex, and we are accepting donations of cat and dog treats, catnip, peanut butter, canned pet food, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, and pee pads. Donations will be accepted until the end of February. Please bring your change, contribute to the drive, and join us in supporting our youth and the Shawano County Humane Society. Thank you for your generosity!

YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER – DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Youth Group is hosting a **Spaghetti Dinner** and needs your support! Donations of food, beverages, and supplies will help make this event successful. Sign up on the bulletin board by the elevator to see how you can contribute. Purchase tickets by Mon., Feb. 17, after worship services or at the church office. Thank you for supporting our youth and this important fundraiser!

GAME NIGHT-THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

Join us this **Sun., Feb. 16**, from **4 to 6 PM** for board games, cards, snacks, and fun! Bring friends and family to play Sheepshead, Battleship, Spoons, Twister, and more — including Hungry Hungry Hippos for the little ones! Game Nights now happen every third Sunday!

UPDATED ZION CALENDAR

We updated the church event calendar in late 2024! If you haven't had access to it, try it out. Access the ZION calendar at www.shawanozion.org/calendar.php.

To link it to your Google Calendar:

- 1) Visit the calendar page,
- 2) Click the megaphone icon (top right),
- 3) Follow the instructions provided to subscribe. Use the given address to add it to your Google Calendar.

Contact the church office if further assistance is needed.

BINGO CHALLENGE PLAYERS

You're already making great strides in the Exercise Bingo Challenge – keep up the awesome work! Every bit of movement strengthens your heart, boosts your mood, and increases your energy, whether you're walking, stretching, lifting, or dancing – it all adds up and makes a difference in your overall well-being! How's your bingo card looking? Have you tried something new, challenged yourself, or pushed a little harder? Keep marking those squares and celebrating your progress because every step counts! Remember, movement is medicine for your body and mind – find what you love, stay consistent, and keep moving forward with confidence and determination! We're cheering you on – let's finish strong and make this challenge a success!

FEBRUARY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Date	Service	Acolytes
Sun., Feb. 16	8 AM	Open
	10:30 AM	Leah & Molly Hanson
Sun., Feb. 23	8 AM	Brixon Koenig
	10:30 AM	Kyle Huebner

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

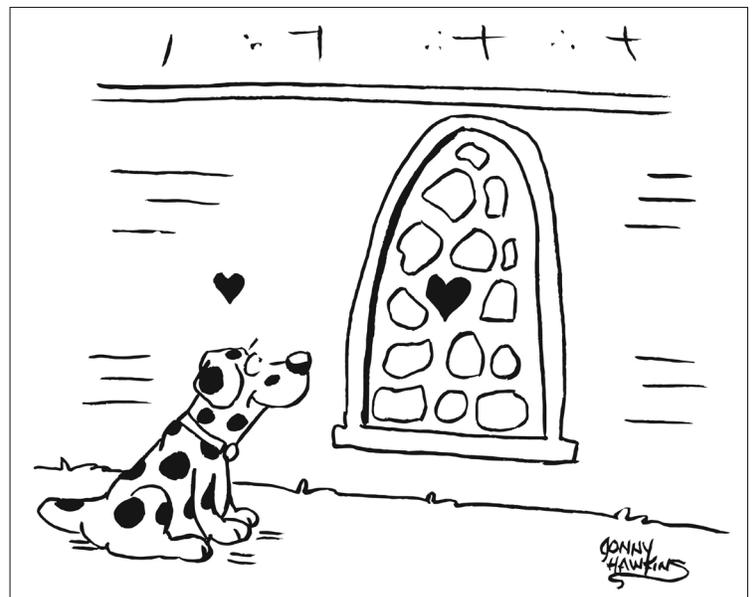
Month	Service	Volunteers
February	Saturday-5 PM	<u>Lay Reader:</u> Joy Dalke <u>Communion Assistants:</u> Joy Dalke & Steve Dalke
	Sunday-8 AM	<u>Lay Reader:</u> Carey Grieves <u>Communion Assistants:</u> Carey & Brian Grieves, Scott Glysch
	Sunday-10:30 AM	<u>Lay Reader:</u> Judy Stoltenow <u>Communion Assistants:</u> Judy Stoltenow, Susan Lemke, Winnie Preston

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

1254 S. Union Street, Shawano, WI 54166
Pastor Ludford: 715.558.5737 • Office: 715.526.2017
zion@shawanozion.org • www.shawanozion.org

A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

 **Follow ZION on Facebook**



Clipart used by permission from Communications Resources ©2025 ChurchArt Online

HOSTED BY ZION YOUTH

SPREAD THE LOVE

Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, February 19th, 2025
5:30pm-7:30pm

\$8 PER MEAL, KIDS 5 & UNDER FREE

MENU INCLUDES PASTA WITH YOUR CHOICE OF MEAT OR MEATLESS SAUCE, GARLIC BREAD, BEVERAGES, AND AN ARRAY OF DELECTABLE DESSERTS.

Open to the entire congregation to support the Youth

Tickets on sale in the Church Office & after services until Feb. 17.

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.

Starting February 6

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

CONTACT

Kristin WhiteHorse

youth@shawanozion.org

(715) 390-4580



STEPHEN MINISTRY Training Update

Our Stephen Ministers are learning about listening this week. Please continue to pray for them as they grow in their ability to provide caring ministry on behalf of our congregation.

Session Three—The Art of Listening

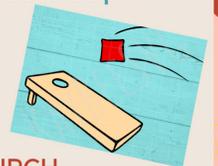
Listening is an essential part of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers use active listening skills to help people recognize and accept the feelings they are experiencing. In this session Stephen Ministers learn and practice the skill of reflecting as a valuable listening tool. They explore the many facets of listening and talk about their own experiences so as to better understand when listening is effective and when it feels fake or makes a person feel uncomfortable.



YOUNG ADULT SINGLES BAGS & BOARD GAMES

Tues. February 11th

5:30-6:30pm



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
1254 S UNION ST. SHAWANO, WI

★ Fun. Fellowship. Connection. ★

Join us for an evening of games, laughter, and fellowship as we bring young adults (18-45) together for a night filled with:

- 🎯 Bags (Cornhole)
- 🎲 Board Games
- 🗨️ Great Conversations

This is more than just a game night—it's an opportunity to relax, connect with others, and build friendships in a welcoming and faith-filled environment.

Bring a friend or just yourself!

For more information, contact youth@shawanozion.org