



 ZION Lutheran Church
Youth & Family Ministry

GOD'S LITTLE WONDERS SUMMER MEETUPS

@ Memorial Park
(Lincoln St side. Look for the ZION sign)

June 12 | 11am-12pm
July 10 | 11am-12pm
August 7 | 11am-12pm

@ Zion Lutheran Church
June 19 | 11am-12pm
July 24 | 11am-12pm
August 21 | 11am-12pm

FAITH-FILLED FUN FOR TOTS AND PARENTS: CRAFTS, STORIES, SNACKS, AND SMILES ALL SUMMER LONG!

For more info contact Kristin-
youth@shawanozion.org or 715.390.4580



Your Invited!
Kick Off to Summer

Are you Single and 55+
Please join us to go out and eat
together at Stubborn Brothers

Date: June 19th
Time: 5 pm

Contact Nancy Schultz
for more details at 715.390.4540,
and watch for other upcoming events.

FOCUS JUNE 2025

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

ZION ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS

The ZION Endowment Fund is accepting applications for 2025. Please complete all sections relevant to your request. Funding may be requested for college expenses, mission development, or ZION outreach ministries. Scan the QR Code or visit the ZION website under Forms. Email to ZION (zion@shawanozion.org) by Wed., Aug. 6.



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

April Attendance | Total In-Person-1,213 | YouTube-1,262
April Offerings | \$40,550.42

May Attendance | Total In-Person-809 | YouTube-900
May Offerings | \$31,019.00

HELP KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING

ZION's ministries got off to a great start in 2025 as members saw the good things happening. Participation at all ages was increasing. ZION members felt the excitement and gave accordingly. The first quarter showed an average of almost \$10,000 per weekend. Whether it be the economy or the time of year, giving has slowed in the past month to nearly half. The Finance Committee hopes you see the importance of keeping ZION moving and will continue to give accordingly. Thank you for being so supportive!

SAVE YOUR BOOKS & PUZZLES!

As you clean and organize this summer, please set aside any gently-used books and puzzles to donate to the ZION Holiday Marketplace on Sat., Nov. 15. Donations will help support our church ministries. Thank you for your generosity!

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

We lift these individuals in prayer, seeking God's healing, strength, comfort, peace, hope, and renewal during these past months. Adeline Holtz, Anita Stubenvoll, Bob Janicki, Dale Bergsbaken, Dorothy Kunst, Gerald Bartline, Helen Kaurala, Jeff Ross, Ken Spreeman, Larry Gueths, Leslie Buckbee, Maynard Rosenberg, Pete Hintz, Shirley Sorenson, Stacey Popp, Terry Fusek, Tim Dalke, and Yvonne Wolf.

SYMPATHIES & CONDOLENCES

Melvin Gutt passed away on April 3. His funeral was held on April 12 at Swedberg Funeral Home, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery. Kenneth Lounsbury passed away in March 2025. His funeral was held on March 31 at Swedberg Funeral Home. Marian Teckam passed away on April 29. Her funeral was held on May 5 at Swedberg Funeral Home. Gary Klean passed away on April 29. A celebration of his life was held on May 24 at Golden Sands Golf Course. Linda Spreeman passed away on May 3. Her funeral was held on May 9 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel. Patricia "Patty" Teetzen passed away on May 31, in Wausau. Charles "Chuck" Joseph Vraney passed away on June 7, in Manitowoc at the age of 66. We remember and offer prayers for all ZION members' loved ones who have gone to be with Jesus, and for the families of our Congregation whom we comfort in this time of loss.

BULLETIN SPONSOR

Jim and Pat Kasten in honor of their wedding anniversary.

ALTAR FLOWERS were recently given by the daughters of Dejon Polzin in loving remembrance of her birthday and by Dawn Gueths and Shirley Cornelius in remembrance of Linda Spreeman's birthday which would have been on June 21.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLYWEDS

We celebrated with joy the marriage of Dalton Koltermann and Danielle Hafner, who were united in holy matrimony on June 7 at Jerusalem Church in Lunds with Pastor Scott Ludford officiating. May God bless their new life together with love, laughter, and a deepening faith as they begin this journey side by side.

Also Congratulations to Benjamin Morohn and Alexis Freund who were united in marriage by Pastor Ludford in Solon Springs, Wis. on May 25. Alexis is the niece of Scott and Debra Ludford.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We joyfully welcome all the new members who have joined ZION recently: Glenn and Karen Fischer, Patti Peterson and Anna Young. Your presence is a blessing, and we are grateful to have you as part of our church family. Together, we look forward to growing in faith, serving our community, and sharing God's love. May you feel at home here and know that you are an important part of our ministry and mission.

STEPHEN MINISTERS COMMISSIONED:

On May 18, we commissioned our new Stephen Ministers. They were: Sara Boucher, Vicki Heling, Gail Hoffman, Deborah Maier, Bob Kurkiewicz, Shannon Neumann, Michael Sleeper and Ginny Vraney. We ask the ZION congregation to continue praying for our Stephen Ministers.

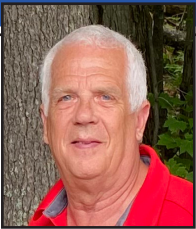


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“Woe is me! For I have become like one who, after the summer fruit has been gathered, after the vintage has been gleaned, finds no cluster to eat; there is no first-ripe fig for which I hunger.”

~ Micah 7:1



Those of you who attempt to grow gardens know that it takes patience and infinite hope to be a gardener. It takes infinite patience because it can be a great deal of work and a lot of expense and much waiting to get any kind of results. Gardeners though, no matter how many times defeated by the weather, the blight, and hungry wildlife, will keep on gardening. As a rule, gardeners are a hopeful group of people. But sometimes they yield to their disappointment.

Gardeners are not the only people who experience the summers of disappointment, sometimes we feel fall into that category when we think our work is not appreciated. Times when we wake up and admit that all that we are doing, all the dreams we are dreaming, all the investments of time and energy...it will not amount to a hill of beans. It is being ignored and rejected. That’s a summer of disappointment!

Many of us know what that’s like. A teacher works at teaching children all school year long and thinks they are getting somewhere. But when summer is over and they come back to school, many of their students have forgotten almost everything you thought they had learned. That’s a summer of disappointment!

You struggle to build a financial base for yourself and your household. You try to be careful and cautious with how you use your resources. Then comes some disastrous illness, some major repair, and the whole nest-egg is wiped out. That’s a summer of disappointment!

The prophet Micah too, had moved past the springtime of possibility and he sees the summer of reality. The people he prophesied to (as a spokesperson of God), had learned exactly nothing. Micah’s disappointment is that his work, his effort has gone for naught, like a gardener who works and weeds, in hot weather and in wet, to get a little produce, only to find that the yields are very small...just like that gardener, Micah feels disappointed. The work he has been doing seems not to have paid off at all.

We know what it is to be disappointed, just as Micah did. But is it possible that disappointment begins in our own hearts? It is not so much what other people do or do not do. It is our own expectations of ourselves. Disappointment drags us down no so much because other people do not perform as we would like them to, but because we hold out unrealistic expectations for ourselves. We

set ourselves up for disappointment. We program ourselves for failure.

Micah discovered the secret to his disappointments, he states: “Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. I must bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he takes my side and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall see his vindication”-Vs. 8-9

What we learn from Micah, is that it is not what I can do to make myself happy and satisfied. The question is, what I can do to center my life on God and His will. And that takes repentance. When I repent I confess that I am not the center of the universe. When I repent, I discover that my need for success is not the bottom line. When I repent of my self-centeredness and turn my priorities to God and His will, then everything else begins to fall into place. Our sickness is that we think we should succeed at every venture, and that our family should bow to our every wish, and that our God should answer every prayer.

But when we repent, all that disappointment disappears and melts away. We no longer blame ourselves, our family, or complain to our God. When we repent, we find true happiness in doing God’s will, no matter who approves. The winter of our discontent gives birth to the springtime of possibilities. But when the summer of disappointment arrives, turn to God’s priorities, and the cooling breezes of God’s healing will not be far behind! R

In God’s ministry ~ **Pastor Scott Ludford**

CHURCH MEMBER HIGHLIGHT-CALVIN SCHULTZ

At this week’s City Council meeting, we celebrated a special milestone in the life of one of our own. **Calvin Schultz** was officially sworn in as the newest officer for the **City of Shawano**. A graduate of **Northeast Wisconsin Technical College**, Calvin achieved the **highest academic honors** in his class — reflecting his dedication and strong character.



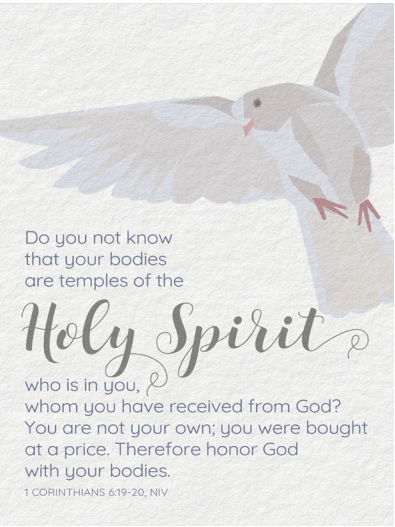
What made the ceremony even more meaningful was the emotional moment when Calvin surprised his dad, **Brad**, by asking him to do the pinning which was a touching tribute to the man he once looked up to as his hero. As his mother **Sharie** shared, **“From the little boy who looked at his dad as his hero ... to now a sworn-in officer for the City of Shawano. There are too many emotions for this mom. Special thanks to Pastor Scott for witnessing this once-little boy you’ve instilled so much faith into.”** ZION joins in celebrating this new chapter for Officer Calvin Schultz.

STAY HYDRATED THIS SUMMER – TAKE CARE OF GOD’S TEMPLE

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?”

– 1 Corinthians 6:19

Summer brings sunshine, outdoor fun, and a natural reminder to take care of the bodies God has given us. One of the simplest and most important ways to do that is by staying hydrated. When temperatures rise, our bodies lose more water through sweat, and without enough fluids, we can quickly become tired, dizzy, or even ill. Proper hydration keeps our energy up, helps our minds stay sharp, and supports every part of our body — from our skin and muscles to our heart and brain.



Practical Ways to Stay Hydrated

Here are a few simple habits to help you drink more water this summer:

- Start your day with a glass of water – Before your coffee or breakfast, hydrate first thing in the morning.
- Carry a reusable water bottle – Keep it with you at work, at church, and wherever you go.
- Set reminders – Use your phone or sticky notes to prompt yourself to drink every hour.
- Add flavor naturally – Slice up lemons, cucumbers, or berries to make water more enjoyable.
- Eat your water – Enjoy hydrating foods like watermelon, cucumbers, oranges, and strawberries.

Best Drink Choices

Not all drinks hydrate the same way. Here are some great choices:

- Water – Always the best and healthiest choice!
- Infused water – Add fruits or herbs like mint for a refreshing twist.
- Coconut water – Full of natural electrolytes.
- Herbal teas – Served hot or cold, they’re a great caffeine-free option.
- Milk – Especially after activity, milk helps hydrate and replenish nutrients.

Try to limit drinks with caffeine and added sugar like soda, energy drinks, and sweetened iced teas, as they can actually contribute to dehydration.

Caring for Others, Too

Remember to check in on your loved ones — especially young children, the elderly, and those with health conditions — who might need a reminder to drink more in the heat. Let’s honor God by caring for our bodies this summer. Stay cool, stay safe, and stay hydrated!

THANK YOU, ZION – 1,660 DIAPERS DONATED TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” – Hebrews 13:16

ZION is thrilled to share that, thanks to your generosity, we have donated **1,660 diapers** to the **Snuggled with a Hug Diaper Bank!** Your faithful giving has made a tangible difference for families in our community who are struggling to make ends meet.

For many of us, diapers may seem like a simple necessity. But for families living paycheck to paycheck, diaper costs can create

a heartbreaking dilemma — choosing between diapers and other essentials like food, rent, or utilities. Sadly, public assistance programs like WIC and SNAP do not cover diapers, leaving parents without critical support.

That’s where the Snuggled with a Hug Diaper Bank steps in — and your generosity makes their mission possible. Every diaper donated provides not just comfort and hygiene, but dignity, hope, and relief to a parent doing their best with limited resources. Clean diapers reduce health risks for babies, lessen parental stress, and allow children to attend daycare so parents can work or attend school. This act of love is more than a gift — it’s a ministry. ZION, your caring spirit and willingness to serve shines brightly. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Together, we are wrapping struggling families in support — and in love.



In Shawano County, 200 families need assistance to ensure they have enough diapers for their little ones each month. Please consider donating to help support these families

DREAMS OF GREEN COMMUNITY GARDEN CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

In the early 2000s, ZION acquired several properties along Lincoln Street with the vision of one day expanding the church and constructing a Family Life Center complete with a gymnasium. However, due to funding concerns, the expansion was put on hold.

In 2005, members Winnie Preston and Nancy Schultz approached Pastor Peter Sherven with an idea: to use the vacant land as a temporary community garden until the church was ready to begin its expansion. With that vision and a lot of faith, the Dreams of Green Community Garden was born.



Now, two decades later, the garden is thriving and celebrating 20 years of cultivating both produce and community spirit. Throughout the years, countless individuals have contributed to its success. In 2017, for example, a local Eagle Scout took on the challenge of relocating a storage shed from the church parsonage to the garden and created three raised beds — one of many acts of service that have supported the garden’s growth.

This season, the garden is home to 28 families who are tending 62 garden plots, each measuring 10 by 10 feet. Al Wichmann and Lorin Preston annually help with fertilizing and tilling the garden. In the fall Peter Moesch comes and blows the lines out for us after the water has been turned off for the growing season. Many of ZION’s members have been instrumental in helping to make the community garden what it is today. Thank you all! The Dreams of Green Community Garden has become more than just a place to grow vegetables, it’s a place where friendships bloom and where generosity flourishes. Surplus produce is often donated to Share the Bounty tables located throughout the community, ensuring that others in need benefit from the harvest.

Thank you, ZION, for your faithful commitment to serving others. By opening this space to the community, you’ve helped fill both tables and hearts with abundance.



BUILDING UPDATES AT ZION

New windows were installed at ZION by Dearco. If the church looked a little different during your visit, thank you for your patience as we made these improvements. We’re also pleased to share that the parking lot has been striped, helping to improve safety and accessibility. Thank you for your continued support as we care for our ZION home.

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.

ZION’S MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET MOVED AND EXPANDED

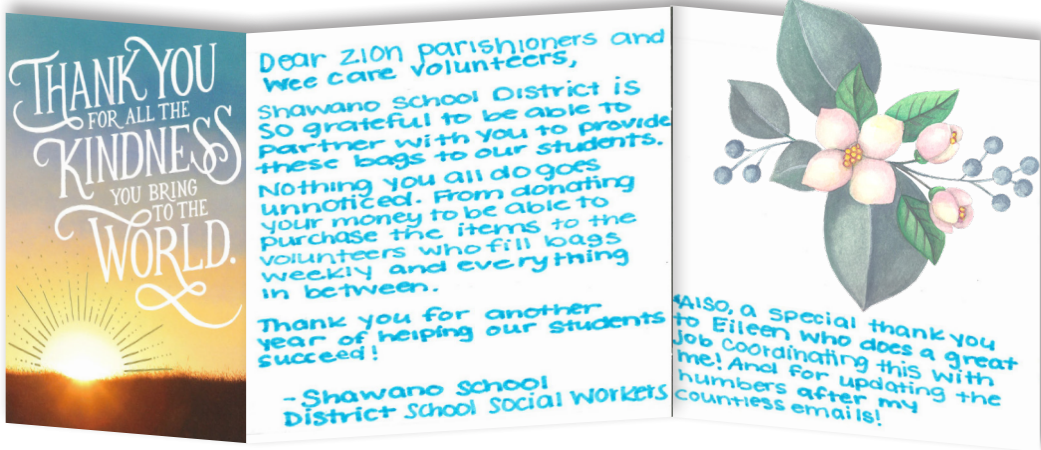
ZION is pleased to announce the relocation and expansion of our Medical Loan Closet, a vital ministry serving our congregation and the wider community. The closet has been moved just down the hall into Room 101, a larger and more accessible space that better accommodates the generous donations of medical equipment we’ve received over the past years.

While we are still in the process of organizing and arranging the new space, the expanded room allows for much easier access to items and improved storage, making it more convenient for those in need.

Our Medical Loan Closet offers a wide variety of equipment available for short- or long-term use, including wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, grab bars, pill organizers, sharps containers, joint ice therapy coolers, adult briefs and much more.

We strive to provide for your medical needs with compassion and dignity. Currently, we have a particular need for large adult pull-up briefs. If you are able to contribute, both equipment and monetary donations are gratefully accepted.

To borrow equipment or inquire about available items, please contact Ann Johnson at 715.853.3609, or call ZION at 715.526.2017 and press 4 to be connected directly with her to ask questions or set up an appointment. Thank you for helping us continue this meaningful ministry of care and support!



ZION joyfully honored our high school seniors on April 27, in the Fellowship Hall. All graduates and their families joined us for a special time of recognition and celebration. Congratulations to: Brianna Childs, Bailey DeFere, Jack Grieves, Lily Glysch, Bryce Marohl, Elias Popp, Kendra Ugoretz, Rosella Wegner, and Madisyn Weinig. If you were unable to attend, please reach out to Karen Childs at 715.526.2445. We were grateful for the opportunity to celebrate this milestone.

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 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!

BUILDING BRAINSTORMING MEETING

ZION is growing and dreaming big! Recently, members gathered on May 15 in the Sanctuary for a brainstorming meeting about the vision for a future Fellowship Building. It was a wonderful opportunity to share ideas, hear others’ hopes, and explore how this new space could support our ministry and community. Thank you to everyone who participated — your input is helping shape the future of ZION!

THANK YOU REV. HANKERMAYER

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer for graciously leading our worship services after Easter when Pastor Scott was on vacation. His presence, thoughtful messages, and faithful service have been a true blessing to ZION. We are grateful for his time and dedication, and we thank God for his ministry.

MEMORIAL WEEKEND THANKS

On Memorial Day weekend, we give thanks to Lay Minister Scott Glysch for filling in, as he enjoyed his first service at Lunds. Special music and tributes from the ZION Choir, vocalists Chris Hanson and Becky Van Buren, and the Honor Guard AMVETS Post 10 of Shawano gave meaningful contributions to our services. We honored all veterans for their service and sacrifice.



ZION BLOOD DRIVE MAY RESULTS

A huge heartfelt thank you to all who donated blood on May 12! Our goal set by the Blood Center was 20 units, and we donated 28 good units! Thank you to those who kept their appointments and walked in! Thank you for being a local hero! When you get our call, please count your days and be ready to donate again here at ZION on Sept. 22! God’s blessings! ~ The ZION Health Ministry



WEE CARE NEEDS YOU AT CHARLIE’S RED BARN

Wee Care will be doing Charlie’s Red Barn on July 24, 25, and 26 (Sign up at the info desk). No experience is necessary. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Thanks volunteers and come support us in July at Charlie’s Red Barn!



THANK YOU~YOUTH CANS

Thanks to Richter’s Wrecking LLC for picking up the aluminum cans and taking them to be cashed in. The Youth raised \$211! Please continue to recycle your cans and place bagged into the fence by the ZION garage.

STRONGBODIES IS STILL GOING STRONG AT ZION

Back in 2014, ZION became a host site for the StrongWomen program, brought to our community by the UW–Madison Division of Extension Shawano County. Since its beginning, the program has evolved — now called StrongBodies — to better reflect its inclusive nature, as both women and men now actively participate. The StrongBodies program is a community-based, evidence-based strength-training initiative developed to help adults improve their physical health, maintain independence, and connect socially. It’s part of a larger national model based on the StrongPeople and StrongWomen programs created by Drs. Miriam Nelson and Rebecca Seguin of Tufts University.

What Is StrongBodies?

- A progressive strength-training program designed for middle-aged and older adults
- Focuses on building muscle, improving balance, flexibility, and bone density
- Proven to help reduce the risk of chronic diseases like osteoporosis, heart disease, and arthritis
- Promotes better mental health, mobility, and overall well-being
- Offers an encouraging, social environment where participants build strength — and friendships

StrongBodies at ZION

ZION is proud to continue offering this impactful program to the community. We currently host two

- class options that are open to all:
- Monday & Wednesday from 8:30–9:30 a.m. (offered in-person and virtually)
 - Tuesday & Thursday from 7:30–8:30 a.m. (in-person only)
- Each session is led by trained volunteer leaders who guide participants through a full hour of strength-building exercises, including warm-ups, strength-training using hand and ankle weights, balance movements, and stretching.

What’s Required to Attend?

- Commitment to attending regularly during each 10–12 week session
- Pre-registration, which may include a brief health screening
- A willingness to participate in a supportive and welcoming group
- Equipment is minimal: light hand weights and ankle weights are used, and ZION has some available for participants

Whether you’re looking to improve your strength, stay active, or simply enjoy the camaraderie of others, StrongBodies is a wonderful way to care for both your body and spirit. We are grateful to be a host site for this meaningful program. Come see why StrongBodies is still going strong at ZION!

YOUTH NEWS

Bay Beach Outing

We'll kick off summer with an evening at Bay Beach on Monday, June 30. Meet at the Zippin Pippin at 5pm. We will set up carpooling as we get closer. Bring a friend!

PIECE IT TOGETHER: A MULTI-GENERATIONAL SHOWDOWN!

Thanks to all who participated in the puzzle challenge! It was great to have so many people of all ages working together and having fun! We will hold another challenge during the winter.



VBS- True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Thank you for making True North VBS 2025 an unforgettable adventure! We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support that brings our True North VBS to life this week. Thanks to your generous donations and dedicated volunteer efforts, we are guiding our kids on an unforgettable Alaskan adventure, complete with glowing northern lights, a waterfall with rocks, towering trees, and the comforting truth that Jesus is our unmovable, unshakable friend forever. Trusting Jesus in a Wild World is the heart of every activity. From water fun and painting rocks to creating colorful sand art, even bear chocolate cupcakes, each day is filled with joy, creativity, and connection. We truly couldn't have done VBS without all the great Youth Volunteers! I received so many complements on how amazing you all were- great job!



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."
1 Timothy 4:12

YOUTH NEWS

Service Trip Update

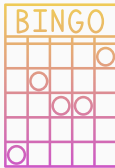
Watch for a planning meeting for our service trip to Milwaukee. We will meet to pick dates and activities. All High School Youth and parents are invited to join.

Anne Wilson Concert, Hope in the Park

The Hope in the Park festival will again take place in Wausau in August. We are looking to put together a group to go see Anne Wilson in concert on Sunday, August 24. More information to come, save the date if you're interested in attending

BINGO!

Watch for our next Bingo date coming in July... it might even be Cosmic Bingo!



God's Little Wonders Update

Our God's Little Wonders classes will continue through June, with sessions on June 1, 15, and 29. During the summer, we'll transition to a schedule that alternates between classes and outdoor playdates. Then in the fall, we'll launch our MomCo program, featuring special curriculum for the kids while moms enjoy their meeting time.

Exciting News: MomCo is Coming to Zion Lutheran Church!

We're thrilled to announce that MomCo is launching at Zion Lutheran Church! Formerly known as MOPS International, MomCo is a vibrant, faith-based community where moms can connect, be encouraged, and grow together.

What is MomCo?

MomCo, short for Moms Collective, believes that remarkable things happen when moms come together. Through authentic relationships, practical help, and spiritual growth, MomCo empowers women to flourish in every stage of motherhood. Our Zion MomCo group will offer regular meet-ups where moms can relax, share their experiences, and support one another in a safe, welcoming environment. Each gathering will include inspiring speakers, small group discussions, creative activities, and time for fun and friendship.

How Can You Get Involved?

Our first MomCo session kicks off late this summer or early fall, and we would love your help! Whether you feel called to serve as a mentor mom, help with childcare (a huge blessing to our moms!), provide snacks, or assist with activities, there's a place for you to be part of this exciting ministry. If you're a mom looking for community or if you know a mom who would love to join, we welcome you to come and see what MomCo is all about.

For more information or to get involved, contact Kristin WhiteHorse at youth@shawanozion.org. You can also learn more about MomCo at www.themom.co. Let's come together to support the moms in our community and help them thrive!

Carwash Cards

We will continue to sell Kwik Trip carwash cards to raise funds for our programming. They are always available in the main office and will be available between services several times a month.



Parent's Corner

Every month, I'll share insights on issues that many parents of teenagers face. I hope you find the information helpful and thought-provoking. If there's a specific topic you'd like me to cover, please let me know!

HEALTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE NEWS

Nancy Schultz, Health and Wellness Coordinator, and Joyce Phalen had a conversation last year about how the use of ZION's facilities has grown — both in the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. Recognizing this increased activity, Nancy and Joyce agreed that it was important to purchase a second AED (Automated External Defibrillator). For several years, we have had an **AED on the main level of the church**. However, with the growing use of **both levels** — including the Fellowship Hall and classrooms — there was concern that, in an emergency, someone would have to run upstairs to retrieve it. In February, during Heart Month, we were able to purchase a **second AED** thanks to funds from the Thanksgiving community meal and a grant from the Anita Hartman Missions and Health Fund. We purchased the AED for \$3,400 (with a \$300 discount) and a wall box for \$100. Both AEDs are now in place: the main-level AED is located next to the Chapel door by the information counter, and the lower-level AED is in the Fellowship Hall next to the main light switches. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these life-saving devices. If you would like to learn how to use them, contact **Nancy** or **Joyce**. We are truly a blessed church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who thought to honor me on **Administrative Professionals Day** (April 23). Your thoughtful cards, kind words, and generous gifts truly brightened my day. Thanks for making me feel so appreciated! ~ **Kay Kristof**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have a few hours a month to volunteer for a good cause, **Lutheran Children's Friend Society Thrift Store**, 2324 E. Richmond St, Shawano, is in need of workers to assist customers and sorting. LCFS is a Lutheran agency that uses proceeds from resale of donated goods to provide counseling and family services to area families. Store hours are 9:30–3 Monday through Saturday. **Shifts can be half or full days**. If interested, please call the store at **715.526.9092**, or stop in for a visit, and leave your name and number. Carol, store manager, will contact you.



GRATEFUL THANKS

St Paul's (Stony Hill) Lutheran Church in Thornton brought in a large donation of food and money for the **Wee Care** program. Our shelves are stocked and ready for the nearing end of the school season. Thank you Stony Hill congregation and ladies group. These ladies also pack **153 food bags** to help out.

WHITEHORSE–LSC GRADUATE

The **Leadership Shawano County (LSC)** class celebrated its completion with a banquet on **June 12**. Our Youth & Family Director, **Kristin WhiteHorse**, successfully completed the program and celebrated alongside her family, **Pastor Scott**, and **Debra Ludford**. **Nancy Schultz** serves as the program coordinator. LSC is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who wants to grow their leadership skills, learn more about Shawano County, and discover ways to become more involved in the community.

ZION CHURCH BANNERS

If you've been to **Memorial Park** recently, you may have noticed ZION's banners at the Little League diamonds. ZION purchased four banners as a way to show our support for the community. Designed by **Kay Kristof**, these banners will be proudly displayed for the next two years. We're thankful for this opportunity to encourage and connect with local families through this outreach!

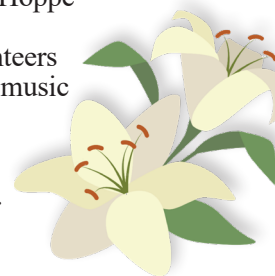


ZION WALKERS SHINE-RELAY FOR LIFE

The **30th Shawano Menominee Relay for Life** was held on **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!

EASTER LILIES & BLOOMS IN LOVING TRIBUTE

Mary Ann Rudie In memory of Ted Rudie & Leo Wilharm
Jill Sousek In memory of Lewis & Janice Schultz
..... 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
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
Gail Heling In memory of Jean Frost (sister), Rachel & Ken DeCoster (sister & brother-in-law), Sue Patrikus (sister), Henry & Irene Schuettpelez (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
From her loving family In memory of Donna Schultz
Dan & Diane Flessert In memory of our parents
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
Mary Ann Rudie In memory of Ted Rudie & Leo Wilharm



FIRST Communion

April 17, 2025
during the
Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Kian Phalen
Cole Hanson
Camdin Olson
Nora Moeller

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Memorial Day – Labor Day
ZION Lutheran Church
1254 S. Union Street, Shawano WI

Saturdays at 5 PM | Sundays at 8 AM

Shawano County Park | Sundays at 9:30 AM
W5791 Lake Drive, Shawano WI

Jerusalem Church | 5/25, 7/6 & 8/24 at 11 AM
W5911 County Road T, Lunds, WI

CELEBRATING ZION VOLUNTEERS (SUPERHEROS)

April was **Volunteer Appreciation Month**, and we honored our amazing volunteers with a special brunch on **April 27**. It was a wonderful morning of food, fellowship, and gratitude as we recognized those who give their time and talents to support ZION. Whether greeting at the door, teaching Sunday School, serving in worship, helping behind the scenes, or lending a hand where needed, our **volunteers truly are superheroes**. Thanks to all who make a difference in the life of our ZION family!

MULTIPURPOSE GYMNASIUM BRAINSTORMING

At our **Multipurpose Gymnasium Brainstorming** meeting on May 15, 2025, participants identified several needs and gaps in our current space, including that the space is not meeting family needs, we are missing a space for kids to play, the Fellowship Hall needs an upgrade with soundproofing to address echoing, and there is a need for bigger and more storage. Additional needs mentioned were more storage and work space for quilters, wedding reception space, an upgraded white fridge, and ensuring we meet the promise of having a gym.

Attendees discussed a variety of activities, ministries, and events that a Fellowship Building could support, such as pickleball, basketball, dart league, dodge ball, blood drives, after-school programs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, sports tournaments, health fairs, exercise classes, daycare, large meetings, family events, baptisms, large space events, dances, quilt shows, craft shows, and concerts.

The features or spaces suggested for inclusion in the building were bathrooms, drinking fountains, storage, counter, sink, fridge, cooler, microwave, popcorn machine, tables and chairs with storage for them, warming station, maintenance and storage area, electrical circuits designed based on use, and seating space including bleachers.

Ideas for funding the project included rental fees, working with a fundraising company (such as musicals), pledges and giving, a multi-year campaign, grant writing, group donations and fundraising, sponsorships, and offering naming rights.

Finally, participants noted that this space would positively impact the church and community by creating connections with the school, providing more ways to engage the community, enriching the community, helping fill the gap left by the First Presbyterian closure and the resulting loss of gym space, offering additional space for hoops, and providing hosting space for nonprofits.

ZLCW LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thank you to all those who have brought in items for **Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR)**. **ZION's Mission Quilters**. The need for them is very great! We are in need of towels (52" long) and large bars of soap. We do not need toothpaste, combs or nail clippers. Thank you for your contribution to this important ministry of ZION's Mission Quilters.

The Executive Board of ZLCW will be collecting items for **School Kits** to be sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) in **October**. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. Below is a list for School Kits.

Some things to remember when collecting supplies for School Kits:

- Give new items only, shows the greatest respect and care for the recipient.
- Do not donate any items with religious symbols, messages, or your ZION's name.
- Do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Items needed in each School Kit include:

- Four 70-80 sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide-or college-ruled paper approximately 8"x10.5"; no loose-leaf paper.
- One 30-cm. ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpener.
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band.
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons.
- One 2.5 inch eraser.

There will be a container under the bulletin board by the elevator to put the items in you are donating to this worthwhile cause. Thank you.

~ Karen Childs/Dorothy Eidahl, Co-Stewardship Chairs

MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Melvin Gutt**
• **Bonnie Splitt & Joseph Skaleski** (*Health fund*)

In Memory of **Ken Lounsbury**
• **Scott & Laura Marquardt** (*General fund*)
• **Marilyn Steffen** (*Endowment fund*)

In Memory of **Marian Teckam**
• **Bonnie Wolf** (*Wee Care fund*)
• **Diane Rugalski** (*General fund*)

In Memory of **Linda Spreeman**
• **Kal and Cheryl Boettcher** (*Wee Care fund*)

In Memory of **Eileen Elertson**
• **Sandra & Roger Parkins** (*General fund*)
• **Richard & Ginny Vraney** (*Health fund*)
• **Marcy Rosenow** (*Library fund*)
• **William & Jill Grosskreutz** (*General fund*)
• **Fred & Kathy Beyer** (*Health fund*)
• **Lorin & Winnie Preston** (*Building fund*)
• **Jerry & Donna Milbauer** (*Wee Care fund*)
• **Skip & Patsy Robertson** (*Health fund*)
• **Betty Deneys** (*Youth fund*)
• **Paula Anderson** (*Music fund*)

In Honor of **Gordon Holten's 94th Birthday**
• **Mike & Dorothy Eidahl** (*Wee Care fund*)

Health Ministry at Zion.
Thanks so much for
the loan of medical equip.
for my beloved's hip surgery.
Barb Baboly

Anita appreciates the
card, prayers for her.
As of now, there is
no change. My family
& care-givers are helping
daily. Please pray
for me. I do appreciate
it! Love -
Anita & Karen

A Big Thank You
I would like to extend
a big thank you to
the congregation for
all the prayers, well
wishes, visits and
the beautiful cards.
I am continuing my
healing a home, with
a grateful heart for
family and friends.
Blessing
Yvonne Wolf

JULY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Worship Service	30 8:30am Strong Bodies 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm MS & HS YG Outing - Bay Beach	1 7:30am Strong Bodies 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am LWR Mission Quilting	2 8:30am Strong Bodies 7:00pm Life & Growth Committee ZOOM Meeting	3 7:30am Strong Bodies	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 Live Recording-Keith 5:00pm Worship Service
6 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Worship Service-Jerusalem in Lunds	7 8:30am Strong Bodies 10:00am Staff Meeting	8 7:30am Strong Bodies 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am LWR Mission Quilting 10:30am Finance Committee Meeting 6:00pm Property Committee Meeting 6:30pm Youth Group	9 8:30am Strong Bodies 1:00pm ZLCW Board Meeting	10 7:30am Strong Bodies 11:00am God's Little Wonders-Parent/Tot Hour- MEMORIAL PARK	11	12 Live Recording-Chris 5:00pm Worship Service
13 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Youth Committee Meeting	14 8:30am Strong Bodies 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Sunday School Teachers Meeting	15 7:30am Strong Bodies 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am LWR Mission Quilting 6:00pm Council Meeting	16 8:30am Strong Bodies	17 7:30am Strong Bodies	18	19 Live Recording-Nancy 5:00pm Worship Service
20 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Worship Service	21 8:30am Strong Bodies 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Women's Evening Bible Study	22 7:30am Strong Bodies 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am LWR Mission Quilting	23 8:30am Strong Bodies 6:00pm YG Outing- TBD	24 7:30am Strong Bodies 11:00am God's Little Wonders- Parent/Tot Hour	25	26 Live Recording-Keith 5:00pm Worship Service
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