

GriefShare®

Grief Support Group

*Help and encouragement
after the death of a loved one*

At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

Wednesdays 10:30 am -12:00 p.m..
September 3-December 3, 2025
Elizabeth Business Street Complex
607 E Elizabeth Street, Shawano WI 54166
To register: health@shawanozion.org
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MomCo Comes to ZION Lutheran Church

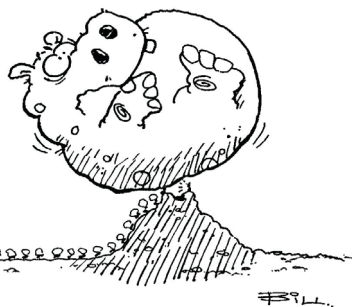
What is MomCo?

We are The Mom Community — MomCo for short

MomCo is a non-profit organization that encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus and in partnership with the local church.

**Kickoff Meeting – Sept 4 at
10:30am or 6pm**

For More Information go to
<https://www.shawanozion.org/momco> or email
youth@shawanozion.org



"Mahoney!! Don't you remember what God told Moses?! Just gather enough for today!!"

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Starts Sept. 14 **FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE**
Saturdays at 5 PM | Sundays at 8 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:15 AM
ONLINE | WWW.SHAWANOZION.ORG



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

AUG. 24, 2025

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

NEXT WEEK AT ZION

SAT., AUG. 23

Worship Service at ZION | 5 PM

SUN., AUG. 24

Worship Service at ZION | 8 AM *Rain or Shine!*

Worship Service at County Park | 9:30 AM

Worship Service at Jerusalem (Lunds) | 11 AM

with Potluck to follow

Anne Wilson Concert | Wausau

MON., AUG. 25

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM

Staff Meeting | 10 AM

TUES., AUG. 26

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM

Men's Breakfast | 8 AM

LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM

WED., AUG. 27

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM

LSC 25 Meeting | 1 PM

THURS., AUG. 28

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM

FRI., AUG. 29 Office Closed

SAT., AUG. 30

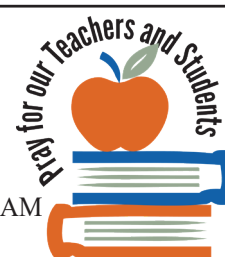
Worship Service | 5 PM

SUN., AUG. 31

Worship Service at ZION | 8 AM *Rain or Shine!*

Worship Service at County Park | 9:30 AM

MON., SEPT. 1 Office Closed **Labor Day**



ANNE WILSON CONCERT

Anne Wilson will perform at **Hope in the Park** this **Sun., Aug. 24**.

This is a free concert at Marathon Park in Wausau! Gates open at 1 PM. Bring chairs or blankets or choose grandstand seats. While there is no organized ZION group attending, we encourage anyone interested to go and enjoy this inspiring event on their own. An uplifting evening awaits.

WELCOME TO ZION!

We're so glad you're here!

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

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, our **Noah's Ark Nursery** is behind the Sanctuary. We provide **Kids in Church** activity bags, which are hung in the Narthex.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available near the Union St. (East) 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.

NEW CHURCH HOME

If you're new or considering making ZION your church home, fill out a **Welcome Card** and place in the offering plate. We'd be honored to have you in our faith family! Please scan QR Code for ZION's **Membership Application** or contact the church office. We can't wait to get to know you and walk alongside you in our faith!



Bless the LORD,
O my soul ...

who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the **eagle's**.

Psalms 103:1, 5, ESV

LIFTING UP OUR ZION FAMILY IN NEED OF HEALING

We pray for all those needing healing: **Gerald Bartline, Dale Bergsbaken, Leslie Buckbee, Marilyn Dahl, Terry Fusek, Larry Gueths, Lynn Hintz, Pete Hintz, Adeline Holtz, Bob Janicki, Helen Kaurala, Wendy Nead, Ken Spreeman, and Jim Yeakey.**

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Sat. | 20 Sun. | 8 AM-23 | 9:30 AM-203 Total In-Person-246 | YouTube-80
General | \$7,415 Building | \$596 Restricted | \$420 Total | \$8,431

ADDRESS REQUESTS TO STAY CONNECTED

Do you have a recent graduate going off to school, military, or out on their own for the first time? Send their address to youth@shawanozion.org. ZION would love to keep in touch with them! If you have any updates to your contact information, email the office at zion@shawanozion.org.



ZION BLOOD DRIVE

Mon., Sept. 22 1-5:30 PM

Mark your calendars!

You may give blood every 56 days.

We will be calling you soon for your appointment:

Be ready to say 'YES!'

- The Health Ministry Committee



SPECIAL MUSIC THIS WEEK

We are grateful to **Ava Retzlaff** as she shares her musical gifts at this weekend's outdoor service. Her beautiful voice is a blessing, adding warmth and joy to our time together. We are also grateful to **Beverly Heling** and **Jill Sousek** as they share musical duets at Jerusalem, Lunds. Their music is a blessing, adding beauty and joy to our worship. Thank you ladies for using your gifts to enrich our time together.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING | Wed., Sept. 17 | 6 PM

Parents of middle school confirmation students are invited to join us in the Sanctuary for our **Confirmation Parent Meeting**. We'll review this year's schedule, expectations, service opportunities, and special events, as well as answer any questions you may have.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICKS OFF

We're excited to launch another great year of **High School Youth Group**! All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for our first gathering on **Wed., Sept. 17, at 6:30 PM** in the **Teen Lounge**. We'll kick things off with games, snacks, and time to reconnect after summer. Each week, we'll dive into meaningful discussions about life and faith, explore God's Word together, and enjoy plenty of fun and fellowship. Invite a friend and see what Youth Group is all about! Email Kristin at youth@shawanozion.org.

KIDS of the KINGDOM-FAITH, FUN & FRIENDSHIPS

Kids of the Kingdom starts **Sun., Sept. 14**, during the education hour.

We invite **children ages 3 through 5th grade** to grow in their faith through Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and hands-on activities. Each week, we'll explore God's Word in fun and meaningful ways, helping children learn how much



Jesus loves them and how they can live out their faith every day. Join us for an exciting year of learning, friendships, and growing together as God's children! Scan the QR Code to register.



RALLY SUNDAY-SEPT. 7

A Day to Kick Off the New Church Year! Please mark your calendars and join us for **Sun., Sept. 7 Rally Sunday** at ZION! This special day marks the beginning of our new program year, filled with opportunities to worship together, grow in faith, and strengthen our ZION family.

Our morning will begin with a **Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers** during worship, as we celebrate and pray for those who will guide our children in their faith journeys this year. We invite students of all ages to bring their backpacks for a **Backpack Blessing**, which reminds us God goes with us into our schools, classrooms, and daily lives.

After worship, the fun continues with our **All-Church Ministry Fair!** Rally Sunday is your chance to learn more about the many ministries at Zion, meet ministry leaders, and discover ways you can get involved.

We'll also participate in a meaningful **Service Project** to serve our community together. For a bit of excitement, don't miss our **Church Scavenger Hunt** with prizes! Explore the building, learn about our various ministries, and enjoy some friendly competition. Whether you're a lifelong member or brand new to ZION, Rally Sunday is the perfect time to connect, serve, worship, fellowship, and celebrate as a church family. Join us and share the joy as we begin a new year together!



MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY STARTS SOON

Our **Middle School Bible Study** kicks off on **Sun., Sept. 21** during the **education hour** in the **Youth Room**! All students in **Grades 6-8** are invited to join us as we dig into God's Word, ask big questions, and discover how Scripture connects to our everyday lives. We'll mix in games, discussions, and activities to help make the Bible come alive. Don't miss our first session!

GOD'S LITTLE WONDERS CONTINUING THIS FALL

Our **God's Little Wonders Tots Class** will continue meeting at **ZION** on the **first and third Thursday** of each month in **Noak's Ark Nursery** at **11 AM**. This special time is designed for parents and their little ones to enjoy Bible stories, songs, crafts, and activities that help even our youngest children begin to know and experience God's love. As our new **MOMCo** program launches, God's Little Wonders will eventually transition into **KidCo**, providing a similar fun and faith-filled experience for children while moms participate in **MOMCo** gatherings. For now, we look forward to seeing you and your little ones twice a month for joy, learning, and playtime together!

ZION ENDOWMENT AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Endowment Committee** recently awarded scholarships totaling **\$51,000** to this year's recipients, continuing their support of students in their post-high school education. Letters were sent to students informing them that scholarship checks were mailed directly to their schools. Watch for the upcoming **FOCUS** on this year's awards.

