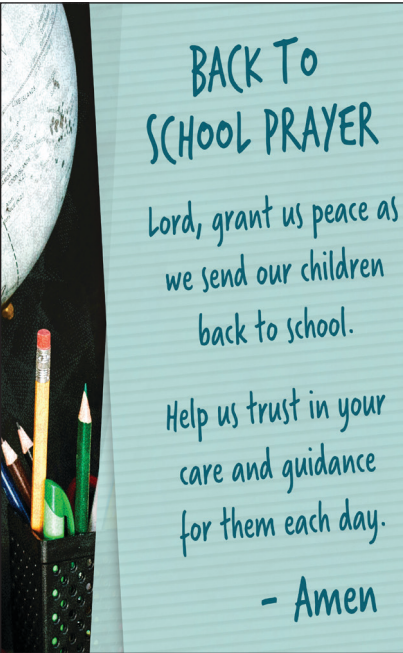


BLOOD DRIVE AT ZION
Mon., Sept. 22 | 1–5:30 PM
Thanks to all who have already said “Yes!” to donating blood! If you received a message from me, please call **Ginny** at **715.799.3507** to confirm your appointment. Remember to eat plenty of **iron-rich foods**, **stay hydrated**, and **bring your ID card**. Join us Sept. 22 and be a true **Hero!**

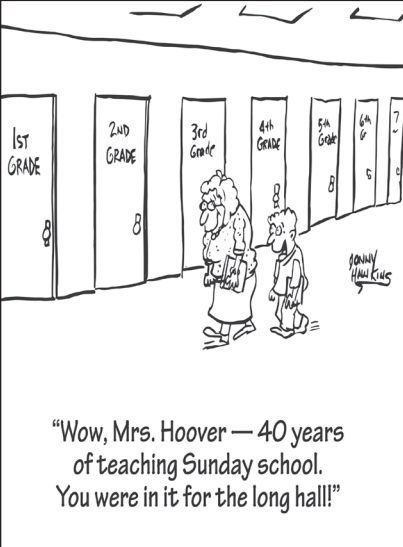


BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Lord, grant us peace as we send our children back to school.

Help us trust in your care and guidance for them each day.

- Amen



“Wow, Mrs. Hoover — 40 years of teaching Sunday school. You were in it for the long haul!”

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Sweet little sheep treats

Create adorable sheep using graham crackers, marshmallows, and a little imagination!

What you need:

- Graham cracker squares
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Mini marshmallows
- Large marshmallows
- Candy eyes or mini chocolate chips
- Black gel icing or mini Oreo cookie

What you do:

1. Spread white frosting or marshmallow fluff on each graham cracker square.
2. Stick mini marshmallows all over to make the sheep's wool.
3. Cut a large marshmallow in half and stick it near the top for the head.
4. Add candy eyes and a dot of black gel for the nose. Or use a mini Oreo cookie half for a more defined face.
5. Let kids decorate their sheep however they'd like!

Lesson tie-in
Use this treat to remind kids that Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”
John 10:11, KJV



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
715-390-4540

griefshare.org



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



Take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, “**Friend**, move up to a better place.”

LUKE 14:10, NIV



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
ZLCW

Silent Auction of Baskets

Oct. 11-19

Bidding ends at 10:30 AM on Sun., Oct. 19

Deadline to drop off baskets: Oct. 9

Sign-up at the Info Desk, if you would like to donate a basket.



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



AUG. 31, 2025

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

NEXT WEEK AT ZION

FRI., AUG. 29 Office Closed

SAT., AUG. 30
Worship Service | 5 PM

SUN., AUG. 31
Worship Service at ZION | 8 AM
Worship Service at County Park | 9:30 AM

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

TUES., SEPT. 2
Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
Men's Breakfast | 8 AM
LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM

WED., SEPT. 3
Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
GriefShare Classes | 10:30 AM
LSC 25 Meeting | 1 PM

THURS., SEPT. 4
Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
MomCo Kickoff Meeting | 10:30 AM or 6 PM
God's Little Wonders Parent/Tot Hour | 11 AM

SAT., SEPT. 6
Worship Service at ZION | 5 PM

SUN., SEPT. 7
Rally Sunday (between services and after 10:30 service)
Worship Service at ZION | 8 & 10:30 AM
Rally Sunday | 9:15 AM
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education | Noon

ZION ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Endowment Committee** recently awarded scholarships totaling **\$51,000** to this year's recipients, continuing their to support 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.

WELCOME
We're so glad you're here! We celebrate **Holy Communion** at every weekend service at ZION and we invite all baptized 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 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 office. We can't wait to get to know meet your walk alongside you in our faith!

HAPPY Labor Day!

SCHOLARSHIPS!

LIFTING UP THOSE 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. 5 PM-24 Sun. 8 AM-31 | 9:30 AM-131 | 11 AM-67
Total In-Person-253 | Online-114
General | \$11,830 Building | \$291 Restricted | \$60 Total | \$12,181

ANDERSON PASSES AWAY

Susan Anderson, a devoted member of ZION Lutheran and Jerusalem (Lunds), passed away on **Tues., Aug. 19, 2025**. She was cherished for her contributions in church leadership, her heartfelt music in the choir, and her creation of prayer shawls that brought comfort to many. In accordance with her wishes, no services will be held. Please keep her family in your prayers.



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.

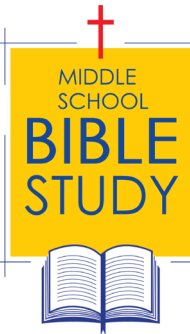
KIDS of the KINGDOM BEGINS SEPT. 14

Kids of the Kingdom starts **Sun., Sept. 14**, during the education hour. We invite kids **ages 3 through Grade 5** to grow in their faith through Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and hands-on activities. We'll explore God's Word in fun and meaningful ways, help 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, growing, and friendships as God's children! Scan the QR Code to register.



MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

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.



55 + Singles Group

JOIN US FOR
JEOPARDY & TACOS

September 25th, Thursday
From 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Delicious Tacos, Amazing Fellowship, and Good Times! Bring your friends!!!

Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S Union Street, Shawano WI 54166
Call Nancy to register at 715-390-4540
Cost is \$10 per person

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU.

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

RALLY sunday

Come and Celebrate FALL KICK-OFF!

Sun., Sept. 7
During and In-Between Services

ROADS
(Reaching Out About Depression and Suicide)

Remembrance Gathering

The Remembrance Gathering welcomes anyone that has ever been impacted by mental health and/or suicide to come and connect through music, crafts, and personal stories.

Guest Speaker: **Amber Beechy**
Mental Health Advocate | Owner of Boho Belle Boutique LLC & The Rooted Project

Date **September 10, 2025**
Time **5:00 - 7:00 PM**
Place **Shawano Civic Center, 225 Main St., Shawano, WI 54166**

Food will be served.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

DON'T MISS RALLY SUNDAY SEPT. 7

A Day to Kick Off the New Church Year! 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 grow together 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.

SAINTS & SERVANTS
9TH GRADE CONFIRMANDS

Our **9th Grade confirmands** will gather on **Sunday evenings** for **Saints & Servants**, a special four-session program designed to help students grow in faith and live it out in the world. Each evening will include snacks, devotions, and faith development activities, with a focus on becoming active members of the community and beyond. Field trips and guest speakers may also be part of the experience. A key element of this program is mentoring. Confirmands will choose a mentor, and together they will spend one-on-one time each session, sharing stories, encouraging one another, and growing in faith. **Schedule: Sun., Sept. 21, 28; Oct. 5, 12** from 5-6:30 PM. **Mark your calendars: Confirmation** will be **Sun., Oct. 26** at 10:30 AM worship service.



CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

Parents of middle school confirmation students are invited to join us in the Sanctuary for our **Confirmation Parent Meeting** on **Wed., Sept. 17** at 6 PM. We'll review this year's schedule, service opportunities, expectations, and special events, and answer questions.

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.