

Focus

Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI

June/July 2020

Zion Lutheran Church Reopening Plan

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching.” – Hebrews 10:25



The Church Council and Re-entry Task Force have been meeting, discussing and has prepared a plan that will allow us to start back into corporate worship. Please understand that the Covid-19 pandemic is still ongoing, the risk of infection is still present and that our recommendations for opening are to allow for this to happen in the safest manner that we can. In the process of this plan the Re-Entry Task Force have reviewed many different churches, listened to the advice of our Bishop, consulted with local medical experts, heard from our Worship and Music Committee, and discussed our intentions with the Shawano County Park Director and lastly – Zion’s insurance carrier. This team has done their due-diligence and listened to your concerns and desires.

At Zion, we want you to know we are going above and beyond to keep our people safe and healthy. It would not surprise anyone that many of you have friends, relatives or co-workers who know of churches that are already worshipping in person together. That makes everything very confusing and difficult because every congregation has different needs and demographics.

Please also understand that in the early days of us coming together in worship that things will look and feel different than before the pandemic. Moving forward, we will be offering the following ways to worship:

Virtual Worship – We will continue to put our worship service each week on You Tube as we have since we halted corporate worship in March. Weekend worship services are available on DVD and/or a printed copy of the sermon by request.

Mid-Week Worship - Until further notice we will provide a mid-week worship experience outside the church at **11:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Wednesdays**. If bad weather should happen we will make an alternative plan depending on how many people attend these services.

Service In The Park – We will begin services in the Shawano County Park on **Sunday, July 12**. In discussion with the Park’s management they are expecting record numbers in the park on the Fourth of July weekend. So many that it would be impossible to manage

safe distancing. To start earlier than the 4th and then stopping for one weekend with all the logistics involved made this date the earliest we felt was possible.

Worship In The Sanctuary – We will begin worship in the sanctuary on **Saturday, July 11 at 5:00pm** and ~~Sunday, July 12 at 8:00am~~. This service will be recorded to be viewed on You Tube. The reason for the delayed start in the sanctuary is numbers. Church attendance in the summer months are normally less than during the school year. With Zion’s three services (with the most attending the County Park service) we felt that waiting until the weekend after the 4th would spread people out and we wouldn’t have to take reservations to worship or only except 25% of the sanctuary’s capacity as the other larger churches are doing in the area.

WHAT TO EXPECT

In order to start worshipping together in person these safeguards will be implemented at all Zion services:

1. If you have had any of the following symptoms this week, please worship with us on You Tube:
 - Fever over 100
 - Cough or sore throat
 - Shortness of breath
 - Contact with anyone confirmed to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
2. We ask that you to please maintain a six-foot distance from all non-household members at all times. Smile with your eyes, wave and say hello, but please don’t hug or touch others during this season.
3. Pews have been taped-off in the sanctuary to provide safe distancing and will be sanitized between services.
4. Bathroom occupancy will be limited to half the number of stalls or urinals.
5. We encourage masks to be worn at all times by all worshippers. All volunteers and staff will wear masks. Masks are strongly encouraged but not required except for during congregational singing. If you would like to sing, you will be required to wear a mask during that portion of the service.



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Thank You Sunday School



Mindy Frimodig
Lacey Wilson
Melissa Moeller
Sharie Schultz
Emily Heling
Julie Felhofer
Dan Krone
Joel Yeakey
Jennie Tonn
Maddy Heling

Christie Wegner
Stephanie Rosenow
Michelle Curtin
Kristin WhiteHorse
Calvin Schultz
Karli Bunt
Matt Heling
Lorin Preston
Morgan Weinig
Peyton Schultz

and Jenny Hanson, Superintendent



Congratulations and God Bless Our High School Graduates!

CJ Henning Macie Herm Chloe Krueger
Brandon Peters Sam Schulze Lauren Welander

Warmest congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your next adventure!

Our graduates were given gifts from the Education Committee, the Health Ministry Committee, and a quilt from the Zion Lutheran Church Women.

Memorial Service for Karen Palmer

Tuesday, June 30

9:30 am Visitation at Zion
11:00 Memorial Service



Celebration of Life for Chuck Bruhn

Saturday, August 8

10:00 am Visitation at Zion
12:00 Memorial Service



Celebration of Life for Tom Rhode

Sunday, August 16
after the County Park
worship service.



Aluminum Can Collection Bin behind the garage!

The Youth would appreciate your donations—which must be bagged—as a fund raiser.



Youth Fundraisers!



Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards

We have cards available for sale!

***\$6 for 5-Count Card.** Save \$2.60 per car wash with the Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Wash Card! Contact the office weekdays.

Happy Birthday



Brian Hanson... 40 on June 25
927 S Kadletz St, Shawano

Clint WhiteHorse... 40 on June 25
N3575 Hwy 32, Pulaski 54162

Marilyn Anker... 80 on July 14
705 E Lieg Avenue, Shawano

Nancy Schultz... 60 on July 18
N5722 Cypress Rd., Shawano

Tina Christensen... 55 on July 23
N2985 Spruce Rd., Clintonville 54929

Lisa Onesti... 55 on July 25
W6302 Townline Rd., Shawano

Happy birthday to the 50 other members celebrating in June and the 58 other members celebrating in July!



- ZLCW's Annual Rummage Sale scheduled the first weekend in August
- ZLCW's Annual Fall Salad Supper



To connect with our youth visit
[www.facebook.com/
ZionYouthShawano](http://www.facebook.com/ZionYouthShawano)



Wind, and Fire, and Tongues...

It's been several weekends now since we celebrated Pentecost, with its wind and fire and tongues. Between the social unrest that started in

my birthplace of Minneapolis and the pandemic that has upended any signs of normalcy in our lives. These weeks have felt incredibly long, but the flame of the Holy Spirit is still igniting in our hearts, still spurring us to let God's Spirit speak through us. Across the world, in all languages, voices are being raised to cry out for justice.

In this season, the confusion of mixed messages from the medical world, politicians, neighbors, family members, and now protestors feels so great that it is almost overwhelming. But don't let that kind of grief stop you from living into the relationship for which you were created. Don't turn your eyes away from seeing the need to care for one another. Don't turn your ears away from hearing the cries of sadness, fear, and even anger coming from one another. Don't turn your back on your human siblings who need you to show up for them, in whatever way you can.

If you're feeling doubtful – doubtful that you can make a difference, doubtful that you know the right words or actions to take, doubtful that anything will ever really change – if you're feeling doubtful, then the Gospel writer Matthew has a word for you today.

From the end Matthew's Gospel, when the risen Jesus appears to the disciples we learn that where *we might be* at this time has been experienced before. You see, they recently watched Jesus, their teacher, friend, and savior, be crucified. They've witnessed and experienced violence. They're beleaguered, terrified, grieving, and exhausted. And the text tells us that when they saw the risen Christ, they fell down in worship, "but some doubted."

It's not hard to imagine why they might have been feeling doubtful – doubtful of the reality of the resurrection, doubtful of their own commitment to Jesus, doubtful of their ability to carry on the ministry in his absence.

But no matter why they're feeling doubtful, Jesus still calls them into mission. "Go out into the world," he says, "and invite others into the relationship that is God. Teach people about the life-giving way you have learned from me. Walk with



people as fellow disciples. And when you mark their transformation with the practice of baptism, seal them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; seal them in relationship." This is what Jesus tells the disciples.

Despite their fear, despite their grief, despite their exhaustion, despite their doubt, they're called into mission. They're sent out to bear the good news that has changed their lives. And despite their doubt, or maybe even because of their doubt, Jesus still gives them a promise: "I am with you always." Jesus keeps that promise, always – to those disciples, and to you.

You are the inheritors of this mission and this promise. Take seriously your calling to be the bearer of the good news of Christ into the world, even when you're worn down and scared and filled with doubt. And take seriously the real presence of the Triune God that is with you, always. God is present in the world, even during confusing times like this. God is here.

It is especially hard to remember this when you're separated from your sacred space and normal liturgical practices, when you can't worship together in person or receive the sacraments, those signs of God's gracious presence.

Some of you who have driven by and dropped an offering into the "Drop Box" have told me that this was the closest they'd been to the church in months. I know others are grieving that they aren't able to safely come, even that close to the sanctuary and fellow members they love so much.

But the Lutheran tradition emphasizes that church is not a place but an event; it is something that happens. Martin Luther understood church more as a verb than a noun. Church happens because God is active in the world, in you. And often, when and where and how God acts is a surprise! Church shows up in ways you least expect. You can see signs of it, but you can't summon it or own it or control it. You can't pin church down for a photo opp. The church isn't a building, even when that building is full of people and certainly not when that building is empty.

There will be a time when you can gather again in our beautiful sanctuary to worship together. And in the meantime, God is still acting so church is still happening. Where do you see signs of it? Where do you see evidence of the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit? In your homes? On the streets? Keep watching for it and participating in it.

The God who is relationship is up to something in the world, and in you, always. The God who is relationship connects, heals, uplifts, transforms because that's what healthy, loving relationship does. *Continued...*



Financial Stewardship Update

General Fund as of May 31, 2020

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Variance</i>
YTD Total Revenue	\$143,578	\$147,826	-\$4,248
YTD Total Expenses	\$146,689	\$155,473	-\$ 8,784
YTD Total Net Revenue	-\$ 3,111	-\$ 7,647	

This report does not include special offerings such as Building Funds, Restricted/Special Funds, memorial gifts, etc.

Treasurer's Report by Gordon Holten, Council Treasurer

May was a good month financially, where revenues exceeded expenses by \$8,570. As these figures show our General Fund picture through May, revenues were under budget by nearly \$4,248 and expenses under budget by \$8,784. Also notice that Total Net amounts are negative. General Fund balance at end of May improved by \$8,572 to -\$7,582. **April and May were two good months, financially. Nice job, Zion members! Thank you!**



Sound Equipment Operators Needed for the summer County Park Services!

If you are interested in helping to transport and operate the sound equipment for services at the county park, please contact the church office 715-526-2017 or Mike Eidahl 715-584-6542 .

Training is available!



Pastor Message continued...

You were created in the image of that relationship, you were baptized in the name of that relationship, and you are sent out to invite others into that relationship. And that is, as God says, very good.

In God's Ministry,
Pastor Scott Ludford

Starting this week!

Outdoor Worship on Zion's Lawn



**Wednesdays
11:00 am & 6:00 pm**
Bring a lawn chair!



Sponsor a worship bulletin
in honor or in memory of someone!

The \$20 sponsorship fee goes into the General Fund to offset the bulletin cost.

Contact the office to reserve your sponsor date!

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Dear Zion,

I apologize to everyone for being late with a thank you to my many friends at Zion. I received over 150 cards for my birthday and many gifts! I thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Despite the snow on February 9 limiting attendance the party and program were wonderful! While I can't individually answer all the cards, I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for making my 100th birthday celebration very special.
~ Bob Voss

Dear Members of Zion Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Menominee Tribal Clinic, thank you for your donation during this time of crisis. Your contribution is truly appreciated.

~ Jerry Waukau

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank Curt, Karen, Aidan, and Arica Preston for a huge and wonderful job on raking our lawn this spring. And to all the other "family" members who have sent greetings and phone calls.

~ Ted & Mary Ann Rudie

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the thoughtful graduation gifts the Health Ministry Committee gave me. They were very much appreciated. I am looking forward to attending UW-La Crosse in the fall and majoring in biology. Thank you so much!
~ Sam Schulze

Dear Health Ministry Committee and Zion Members,

Thank you so much for the graduation gifts! I very much appreciate the gifts during this time of pandemic. It is nice to have such a thoughtful and caring church during this time. Thank you again for the gift. I can't wait to get back to a normal routine to come back to church and I hope everyone is doing well!
~ Brandon Peters

From Your Parish Nurse...

2020 COVID-19 AND SUMMER FUN

This summer may look a little different than past summers: summer activities during COVID-19 aren't quite the same as your traditional summer activities. As we continue social distancing and begin slowly reopening in the wake of the coronavirus epidemic, some summer traditions camps, outdoor concerts, big fireworks displays, summer vacations, may be curtailed for everyone's safety.

But that doesn't mean summer 2020 has to be dreaded. Instead of focusing on all the summer activities that have been canceled or put on the unsafe list, let's focus on all the wonderful things you can still do at home or while social distancing this summer.

Listed here are a few things families can do together during COVID-19. Make your own water park by putting up any size pool, slip and slid, and a sprinkler. Have beach balls in the pool. Super soakers and water bombs are a fun way to cool off too. Go to the beach. Local and national parks will open their beaches and other swimming areas on a case-by-case basis, so check with the area you want to visit to see when it's safe to get back in the water.

If you have a fire pit or a grill, dream up some new ideas to cook over the campfire. You can add fun ingredients to classic s'mores, or cook up some campfire popcorn. Pitch your tent in the back yard and enjoy the warm summer nights. Look for those fireflies and gaze at the stars.

If you have a projector, you could have a drive-in

movie in the driveway. Just project the movie onto your garage. Set up your own drive-in restaurant. Let the kids sit in the car in the driveway, give them a menu and take their orders. You can even go old-school and deliver the food on roller skates if you're skilled.

Bike ride as a family, fly a kite, and gather up hula hoops, jump ropes and balls. Set up your backyard obstacle course.

Collecting leaves, rocks and flowers and have the kids look out for signs of animals and insects too. Painting rocks, Tidying T-Shirts, making a fairy garden and sidewalk chalking will keep the kids busy.

Do visit parks that are close to home and follow the CDC guide lines for safe social distancing. Stay at least 6 feet away from others you don't live with. Wash your hands often, using soap and water for 20 seconds and or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Cover your mouth and nose with a face mask.

Monitor your health. Watch for symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. The Health Ministry Committee wishes everyone a safe and healthy summer.

For more information on summer fun and safety go to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019 and <https://medicalcityhealthcare.com/blog/entry/summer>

John 14:27 I am leaving you with a gift-peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

~ Jennifer Greiert, Parish Nurse



Become a "Friendly Visitor"

New Visitors are always welcome. Come join, experience the rewards of providing this ministry!

The Health Ministry Committee in the month of May made phone calls to parishioners listed in the Church Directory. Also, cards were sent out to the people that were not available by phone. Information included how to view Zion's service on line and how to receive a copy or CD of the service by contacting the church office, and checking on the well being of our members and trying to address their needs during this unique times. This was very well received. God Bless the HMC.



The Health Ministry Committee would like to recognize all the hard work that is going on behind the scenes of each worship service. Thank you Clint WhiteHorse, Keith Milner, Randy Steffen, Doug Wegner, Jenny Hanson, Jill Sousek, Debbie Bernard, and Pastor Scott for all your dedication and hours of your time to bring worship into our homes during this pandemic. THANK YOU!



Zion's Prayer Chain

If you have a telephone prayer chain request, please call Co-Chairs, Winnie Preston 715-526-5018 or Eileen Ellertson 715-526-3500.

Memorial Gifts through May 2020

Special gifts "in honor of" or
"in memory of" to:

Health Ministry Fund

By: Marlene Johnson
In honor of Bob Voss' 100th Birthday

Library Fund

By: Mike & Dorothy Eidahl
In memory of Diane Rugalski's
Cousin Roger

Music Fund

By: Mila Waukechon
In memory of Yvonne Wolf's sister
and in memory of Jack Weldon's
daughter.

In Memory of Tom Rhode:

- **General Fund** by
Bob & Ginny Hass
- **Music Fund** by
Bob & Carol Kurkiewicz
Mila Waukechon

In Memory of Gertrude Dalke:

- **General Fund** by
Dejon Polzin
- **Library Fund** by
Steve & Ginny Boehmke
- **Park Audio Equipment Fund** by
Mike & Dorothy Eidahl

In Memory of Doris Steichen:

- **General Fund** by
Ted & Mary Ann Rudie
Karen Buntrock, Dejon Polzin

In Memory of Karen Palmer:

- **General Fund** by
Ted & Mary Ann Rudie
Dejon Polzin
- **Education Fund** by
Mike & Dorothy Eidahl
Steve & Renee Elertson
- **Endowment Fund** by
Sandra Rhode

In Honor of Jim Yeakey's 80th Birth- day:

- **Health Ministry Fund** by
Robert Voss
- **Youth Fund** by
Mike & Dorothy Eidahl
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Gifted to the ZLCW for the Quilters

By: Ted & Yvonne Wolf
In memory of Pauline "Foxy" Sohr



With the COVID-19 putting all people at risk, especially for cancer patients and survivors, this year the

Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, August 1 as a virtual event.

The state is sponsoring this event to prove that
"Hope Lives Here" in Wisconsin.
This virtual platform will bring people together over

What will this look like for our team, Zion Walkers?

**We will gather together on
Saturday, August 1,
socially distancing, at Zion
from 9:00 -1:00 walking around our
church neighborhood.**



Masks, shirts, water, snacks plus a light lunch will be available.
There will also be raffle baskets and possibly even a cake walk.
Money raised will also be collected at this time. The teams activities will then be put on social media.

I will be sending our team members a schedule as soon as I know more about what the day will look like from the Community Development Manager. For any questions or concerns contact Kathy Beyer at mrs.kathybeyer@gmail.com or 715-853-2464.



Car Wash Cards! \$36 for 5-Count
Youth Fundraiser! **Ultimate Wash cards will be available from youth and in the church office!**
Thank you for supporting Zion's youth!

The Parish Records



Deaths:

- † Mary Jane Zimmerman April 1, 2020
Funeral service held April 9 at funeral home.
(Non-member)
- † Doris J. Steichen April 7, 2020
A private service was held April 10 at funeral home.
- † Karen F. Palmer April 20, 2020
Memorial service date to be determined.
- † Sue Poole June 3, 2020
As per Sue's wishes no service was held.
- † Charles "Chuck" Bruhn June 4, 2020
Celebration of Life at Zion Saturday, August 8.
- † John "Jack" Weldon June 9, 2020
Funeral service held June 14 at Zion.

Removed by Request:

- † Jim & Barb Ash



Re-opening Plan continued...

6. We encourage those who are elderly and those with health concerns to continue to worship online.
7. Children are required to stay with their parents at all times.
8. Offering will be on mobile devices or a basket at offering stations.
9. Service length will be simplified and shortened to keep individuals together a shorter time.
10. You are encouraged to bring your own mask, but we will have some available for you to keep. Hand sanitizer stations will be provided and we will have non-contact forehead thermometers to check anyone who desires to be checked.
11. If you show any symptoms of illness during a service, we kindly ask you to remove yourself from worship and finish out the service online.
12. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE! All hymnals, pencils, paper, envelopes, and Bibles have been removed from the pews in the sanctuary for your safety.

I know that this is very hard on all of you and I thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding as we work to safely come together again.



In God's service, *Pastor Scott Ludford*

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The church office
will be closed
for the
4th of July Holiday
Friday, July 3

*Have a safe and fun
celebration!*



**Our Goggle calendar
available via our website.**
Stay up-to-date!

www.shawanozion.org

**Zion Endowment Fund
Grant Applications Due!**

Forms are available at www.shawanozion.org. Click *Outreach*, then *Endowment Fund* for information and forms to apply for scholarships and grants.



**Return completed
application
to the church office by
Thursday, August 6, 2020
12:00 p.m.**

***Incomplete or late applications will be
regarded as invalid.***



**Vote for
your
favorite
mask!
#1 or
#2**

**Email,
mail,
or call in
your vote!**

Votes must
be in by
July 7th.

***The
winner
will get
treated
to lunch!***

