

# Focus

Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI

October 2020

## October Worship...

**Outdoors  
on Zion's  
Lawn**



**Wednesday  
Communion Services**

11:00 am  
& 6:00 pm

*Bring a lawn chair  
if you wish!*

**Saturday  
Worship**

5:00 pm

in the sanctuary.

Masks required.



**Sunday  
Worship**

9:30 am  
outdoors

on the lawn or  
in your vehicle!

Sunday service short-range  
radio broadcast FM 89.9

*Feel free to stay in your vehicle in  
the parking lot & listen!*

*Communion brought to you.*



available online at  
[www.shawanozion.org](http://www.shawanozion.org)  
Click on Daily Devotions  
on the menu bar.

## Become a Zion Prayer Warrior!



Through the months of October-December we of Zion will begin praying for one another. A table will be placed in the entryway of the church dedicated to Zion Lutheran Church's **Secret Prayer Pal** ministry. **Secret Prayer Pal** forms are available on the table or by printing it from our website.

Fill-out the form to the best of your ability, fold it, and place it in a coffee cup that says something about you, and finally wrap your cup so as to hide your identity.



When finished bring your cup to church, place it anonymously on the table, and then take a cup.

Pray in secret for your new Prayer Pal. As we begin a new year we will reveal to one another for whom we have been praying.

There are many possibilities to grow our prayer life and in the coming weeks/months we will offer learning opportunities to grow into becoming a strong "Prayer Warrior."

*From the youngest to the oldest, we encourage all to  
participate in the Zion Prayer Warrior Ministry!*



**Youth Will Do  
Yard Leaf Clean-up starting 2nd week  
in October.**



**To make arrangements for  
your yard...**

sschultz1@charter.net or  
kronedan@gmail.com

**Aluminum Can Collection Bin  
behind the garage!**



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



**\$211.20  
was raised  
on Aug. 25 for the  
cans we sold to the  
recycling center!  
Thank you!**



**Due to COVID-19  
Our Thanksgiving Turkey  
Has No Feathers To Pluck!**

Dear Zion Members,

It is with a heavy, health minded heart that the Church in Society Committee has decided to forgo the Thanksgiving Meal this year. This was not an easy decision. We looked into pursuing a curbside pick-up option. Besides the logistics and planning pieces, we weighed the benefits and risks for all involved.

In lieu of the meal this year, we ask you all to consider another method of being thankful and “GIVING.” **Instead of plucking feathers and bringing items for the meal we ask you to make a monetary donation which will go toward a SAFPARC gift from Zion at Thanksgiving. Checks should be made out to Zion Lutheran Church, on the memo line write “Turkey Feathers.” Also write this on your envelope on the *Other Fund* line.**

We will send a letter to the Community letting them know about this, and if they are in need, they can reach out. It is our goal to revive the Thanksgiving meal for next year, so we look forward with anticipation. Thank you for your understanding and consideration with this year’s changes.

~ Church in Society Committee

**Happy  
Birthday**



**Kalvin Boettcher... 60 on October 6**  
N6064 Opperman Way, Shawano • 715-304-7683

**Delores Deuster... 90 on October 18**  
1710 Estates Lane Apt 1, Shawano • 715-526-2560

**Barbara Schmidt... 90 on October 21**  
N5252 Cty. MM, Shawano • 715-524-2485

**Jerome Surber... 80 on October 29**  
W8505 Rustic Dr., Clintonville 54929

*Happy birthday to the 49 other members  
celebrating in October!*

**The Parish Records**



**Baptism:**

† Tristan Timothy Nordin September 12, 2020  
Son of Timothy S. & Kelsey L. Nordin  
Sponsors: Nathan & Becky Hille and  
Jason & Wendy Antoine

**Received into Membership:**



† Sara Boucher and children 15 yr. old Jackson, 12 yr. old Cooper, 9 yr. old Peyton, and 7 yr. old Morgan. They transferred from Zion Lutheran in Gresham. Sara’s husband, Nathan, is Catholic. They live at 804 Oak Street, Shawano. 715-526-8076 saranateboucher@hotmail.com

† John & Sheila Dovorany transferred from Peace Lutheran Church in Burlington, WI. They are both retired and reside at N6510 Shawano Shores, Shawano. 715-524-8878 sdovorany@gmail.com

† Bob & Geri Steichen transferred from St. Paul Lutheran, Cecil. They are retired and live at N6402 Bahr Estates Drive, Cecil. Geri 715-853-9399, Bob 715-853-8188. june1399@yahoo.com

TONIGHT'S SECRET WORD IS "EZEKIEL."  
REMEMBER, THE FIRST PERSON TO TELL ME  
THEY'VE HEARD THE SECRET WORD GETS FIVE DOLLARS.



Stu Dawson found that offering a little  
incentive greatly increased the enthusiasm  
for the family's nightly devotions.



**“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” – John 14:27**

In the church I grew up in, on the back wall of the chancel behind the altar was a simple sign that read, **“Peace I give you. –John 14:27.”** I remember fondly growing up in that congregation, they were great years for me. Yet even then, I don’t remember my life hardly being filled with a whole lot of peace. It seems like just about everything gave me cause to worry about something.

Not much has changed for me as an adult and right now I would be willing to bet for you too. We know the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted everyone – raising the level of fear, stress, and anxiety for people all over the world. Experts are calling this “Pandemic Fatigue...,” that feeling of being mentally and emotionally exhausted by everything that’s going on right now. We’re all facing different kinds of life challenges during this time: Isolation and loneliness; anxiety over health; grief; juggling work, childcare, and schooling responsibilities; financial strain or job loss; uncertainty about the future; and the list goes on. It’s no wonder we may be hit by Pandemic Fatigue, I know I have and I now hunger for peace!

Peace is not something we often hear about in our world (especially during a presidential election year). Political barbs are thrown around. Protests and riots in the streets of our bigger cities. Doesn’t sound like peace does it? It sounds more like the antonym of peace which is conflict. Yet, God is the God of peace. This probably says a lot about how far our world has strayed from God.

The Bible says that Jesus is Himself, the very definition of peace (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:14). And not just any peace, but Jesus is literally the peace between God

and His creation (i.e., us)! You see, when Adam and Eve fell into sin, because of their disobedience, conflict arose. But this conflict wasn’t only between God and a disobedient creation. This conflict was also between creation itself.

But Jesus is what He has come to do; He is peace. Is it any wonder then that He suffered so much? You see, Jesus is God the Father’s answer to a rebellious creation. That’s why there is a bit of irony in who Jesus is and how He was received. The God/man of peace, Jesus Christ, became a source of conflict especially between His own people.

The Bible outlines how Jesus endured much violence and hatred not of His own accord, but on that of the religious leaders of the day. Of course, such rejection was not a surprise to our Lord. It was the consequence of sin. And the same can be said about our society today. The conflict (or lack of peace) in our world has more to do with sin than anything else. Yet, what our world doesn’t realize, just like the religious leaders of Jesus’ day, is that God has provided the cure for sin in His Son. Only Jesus can bring real lasting peace to a world in conflict. And, as long as the world continues to reject God’s peace, mark my words, there will be conflict.

As Christians, this makes our task that much more imperative and challenging. With so much conflict around us, we possess the cure. Yet, time and time again, the world rejects this cure. Alas, we are not called to be successful in the mission, only faithful (Revelation 2:10). Christ has come to save us, and He remains near to us. Therefore, we can be at peace even during the worst conflicts this world can bring. For God’s peace is not a peace that comes from a lack of conflict; it is a confidence that Jesus will rescue us no matter how difficult the situation.

In God’s ministry,  
*Pastor Scott Ludford*



**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!



**God’s  
Work,  
Our  
Hands**

## Communion Held at Services\*

We have prefilled communion wine/grape juice cups with the wafer sealed separately on the top. Individually wrapped gluten-free wafers are also available.



**\* Communion service depends on the availability of wine kits, which have been taking nearly 2 months to receive.**



**Financial Stewardship Update**  
General Fund as of August 31, 2020

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Variance</i>
<b>YTD Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$230,889</b>	<b>\$248,083</b>	<b>- \$17,194</b>
<b>YTD Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$225,182</b>	<b>\$248,588</b>	<b>-\$23,406</b>
<b>YTD Total Net Revenue</b>	<b>+ \$ 5,707</b>	<b>- \$ 505</b>	

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

August was an excellent month! General Fund revenues exceeded expenses by \$5,707 which is unusual for a summer month. Now our General Fund balance, which began the year -\$4,471, is **positive for the first time this year at \$1,215.**  
*Great job, members! Thank you!*



*CSOS Thank you! CSOS*

Hello Zion!

As the year progresses, I just wanted to reach out to you and thank you for the scholarship that went towards my schooling. It has already helped me out so greatly this semester and will help me once again for the next semester. I am very thankful to have had the opportunity you guys have given me and can't wait to do great things with the knowledge and education I am getting. Thank you again for everything and I will see you guys soon!

~ Ava Retzlaff  
UWGB English Education Major

Dear Zion family & Pastor Ludford,

Thank you so much to the Health Ministry Committee and Zion Youth Group for the blankets and bin of baby accessories for our son Tristan. It was all very thoughtful! We also want to thank the church member who made the handcarved, wooden cross as a gift for Tristan's baptism. It is absolutely beautiful and will be displayed in his nursery! Finally, a huge thank you to Pastor Ludfor for making Tristan's baptism so special for our entire family. We are blessed!

~ Tim, Kelsey, and Tristan Nordin



**CROSSWAYS**  
CAMPING MINISTRIES

Fall is a beautiful time at camp!  
Come and enjoy the colors at camp!

Plan a trip to see progress at the lodge at Imago Dei Village, or find your way to a Fall Color Hike at Pine Lake Camp on October 10. Consider joining in the 20 Hours Outside challenge, or share your time with camp by volunteering to rake or serve. Don't let Fall pass without making a stop at your favorite camp to see the seasons change.

Coordinate your visit with the site director or register for one of our events at [CrosswaysCamps.org](http://CrosswaysCamps.org).



**We Need YOU**  
**for Zion Treasurer**

The treasurer shall have supervision of all financial funds of the Congregation, including the receipt and disbursement and reporting of these funds in accordance with the Congregation or Congregation Council. This position requires basic knowledge of accounting, investments and computer software programs. Required time is estimated at 3-5 hours per week at home or church and double that at year-end. The treasurer serves as a member of the Congregation Council, the Endowment Committee, and the Finance Committee.

**Interested**  
**in serving**  
**in this**  
**position?**  
**Call us!**



**Election happens at the**  
**January Annual Meeting!**

**Memorial Gifts**  
**Sept. 1-28, 2020**

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

**Building Fund**

By: Dennis & Nancy Schultz  
In memory of Nancy Wise's brother

**In Memory of Bernadine Wendt:**

- **General Fund** by Gene & Barb Hoppe
- **Health Ministry Fund** by Marlene Johnson

**In Memory of Tom Rhode:**

- **Music Fund** by Family and Friends  
Karen Childs  
Fred & Kathy Beyer  
Judy & Phil Lang

## From Your Parish Nurse...

### October Flu Season & Covid-19

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve, comparisons have been drawn to influenza. Both cause respiratory disease, yet there are important differences between the two viruses and how they spread. Both viruses are transmitted by contact, droplets and fomites. The same public health measures need to be taken. Hand washing and good respiratory etiquette (coughing into your elbow or into a tissue and disposing of the tissue immediately) are important actions to take to prevent infection. Also, continue to wear your face covering when you are around others, and social distance 6 feet apart.

The speed of transmission is an important point of difference between the two viruses. Influenza has a shorter median incubation period (the time from infection to appearance of symptoms) and a shorter serial interval (the time between successive cases) than COVID-19 virus. The serial interval for COVID-19 virus is estimated to be 5-6 days, while for influenza virus, the serial interval is 3 days. This means that influenza can spread faster than COVID-19.

While the range of symptoms for the two viruses is similar, the fraction with severe disease appears to be different. For COVID-19, data suggest that 80% of infections are mild or asymptomatic, 15% are severe infection, requiring oxygen and 5% are critical infections requiring ventilation. These fractions of severe and critical infection would be higher than what is observed for influenza infection.



The most at risk for severe influenza infection are children, pregnant women, elderly, those with underlying chronic medical conditions and those who are immunosuppressed. For COVID-19, the current understanding is that older age and underlying conditions increase the risk for severe infection.

Influenza (flu) and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. COVID-19 is caused by infection with a new coronavirus (called SARS-CoV-2) and flu is caused by infection with influenza viruses. Because some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone, and testing may be needed to help confirm a diagnosis.

Similarities of both can have varying degrees of signs and symptoms, ranging from no symptoms to severe symptoms which can include a fever of feeling feverish/chills, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle pain or body aches, headache, vomiting and diarrhea and a difference is COVID-19 may include a change in or loss of taste or smell. For additional similarities and differences go to [symptoms/flu-vs-covid19.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/symptoms/flu-vs-covid19.htm)

For more information on COVID-19 AND INFLUENZA go to [www.who.int/e,ergemcoes/disease/novel-coronavirus-2019](http://www.who.int/e,ergemcoes/disease/novel-coronavirus-2019) and [www.edc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2020-2021.htm](http://www.edc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2020-2021.htm)

Mathew 11:28 *“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest”*

~ Jennifer Greiert, Parish Nurse

**Health Ministry Committee**  
will meet via ZOOM and in Room 101  
on Monday, October 5 at 12:00 pm.  
*New members are always welcome!*



**Become a “Friendly Visitor”**  
New Visitors are always welcome.  
Come join, experience the rewards of  
providing this ministry!

### Zion's Prayer Chain

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



**Please Support  
Your Local  
Thrift Store!**

LCFS operates five thrift stores which help to support services for adoption, mental health, family counseling and substance abuse. Each store is run by amazing volunteers and support their communities by providing an outlet for clothing and household items to be reused and repurposed, offering affordable prices and by donating surplus items to local homeless or veteran shelters.

All stores are now open with new safety and sanitation policies for donations and shopping. Please consider supporting these essential stores and the mission they support. Volunteers are in need at each store for a variety of tasks and services. Hours and additional information can be found at [www.lcfswi.org](http://www.lcfswi.org).

**LCFS Thrift Shop 2324 E. Richmond  
Street, Shawano, WI (715) 526-9092**



**East-Central Synod of Wisconsin**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
 God's work. Our hands.

September 29, 2020

Dear Pastors, Deacons and Lay Leaders,

Grace, mercy and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

I write following the Synod Assembly this past Saturday where the Rev. Anne Edison-Albright was elected bishop of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. Bishop-elect Edison-Albright currently serves as campus pastor at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, though previously she served a congregation in this synod, Redeemer Lutheran, Stevens Point.

On Sunday I spoke with Bishop-elect Edison-Albright, congratulated her on her election and pledged that I and my staff will do everything we can to support her in this transition and ensure a strong start-up for her ministry among you beginning December 1.

As I noted in remarks to the assembly, this office is going through a number of staff transitions. Ben Stepanek, Communications Manager, resigned his position to join his spouse in her new call in Colorado. We were awaiting the bishop election and a churchwide reorganization before determining the future of the position of Director of Evangelical Mission. Finally, the call of Pastor Amy Engebose as Bishop Associate is co-terminus with my call. All of these positions and future staffing will be addressed by the Bishop-elect in due time. Thus we ask your patience and understanding as we begin the transition to a new chapter in the life of the synod.

For me personally I am in need of some time to rest and reflect, to ponder and pray about all these matters. I am grateful for good health, energy, and drive. I will wait to see to what God might be calling me and what God might have in mind for the next chapter of my life.

I have greatly enjoyed serving as bishop of this synod, working with all of you and the elected leadership and staff. Anita and I will cherish the memories and the friendships. There is still much work to be done in the weeks ahead for all of us. So I invite your prayers for Anita, me and my staff and for the Bishop-elect and her family as we all transition to a new day.

In Christ's love and peace,

Bishop Gerald L Mansholt

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**The Rev. Anne Edison-Albright**  
**Elected Bishop of the**  
**East Central Synod of Wisconsin**

Read more about the Bishop-Elect at  
<https://ecsw.org/the-rev-anne-edison-albright-elected-bishop-of-the-east-central-synod-of-wisconsin/>



**CROSSWAYS**  
 CAMPING MINISTRIES

Thrivent members are such generous supporters of camping ministry. We give thanks for all of the partnerships that Thrivent and Thrivent members have made with camp. If you are a Thrivent member and haven't utilized your two Thrivent Action Teams for 2020, we would love to partner with you to use them in supporting camp. Remember if your Action Teams go unused at the end of the calendar year, they expire and two new Action Teams are available at the new year. Site Directors are ready to give you details for service opportunities and projects that take our ministry further than we are able to alone.

For more information contact

Jess@

CrosswaysCamps.org  
 (Imago Dei Village), Robyn@  
 CrosswaysCamps.org (Pine  
 Lake Camp) or Ben@  
 CrosswaysCamps.org  
 (Waypost).



*Be a good steward!*

**PASTOR LUDFORD & 25 OTHERS  
DONATED AT SEPTEMBER'S  
BLOOD DRIVE**



The Health Ministry Committee would like to sincerely thank all the people that donated blood at the Blood Drive at Zion Lutheran Church with The Community Blood Center on their blood mobile.  
Hosted by the Health Ministry Committee.

**We collected 26 units of blood  
that will impact 78 lives  
in the coming weeks. Thank you.**



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**The Rite of  
Confirmation  
October 25  
10:30 service.**

Daylight Savings Time  
Ends  
Sunday, Nov. 1



*Anyone interested in restarting  
our Book Club at Zion?*

**We are planning to read  
*Ordinary Grace*  
by William Kent Krueger.**

**We plan to meet in the Commons  
area—physically distanced,  
and of course, masked.**

**• Wednesday, November 11 •  
3:30 pm unless another time  
works better for the majority  
attending.**

**If interested contact  
Joni Shebuski 715-526-6453 or  
Sharon Erickson 715-524-4280.**

