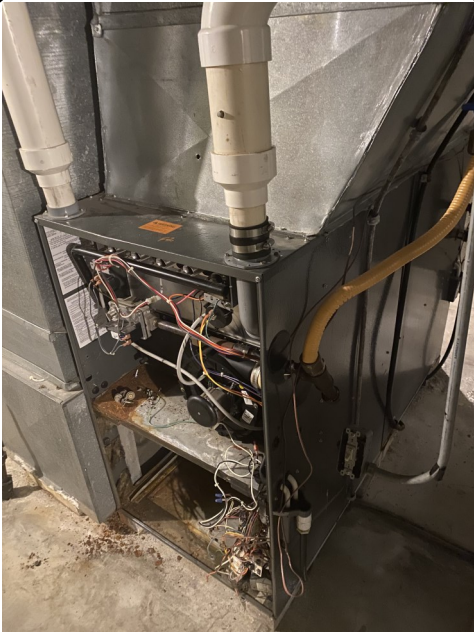


Focus

Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI

August 2021



Zion will be replacing 4 furnaces in August.

The old furnaces are at least 16 years old and have literally passed away! Their demise has taken the air conditioning with them!!



Zion Walkers are hosting an
American Cancer Society Fundraiser
Saturday, July 31 ~ 9am–noon (rain or shine)
at Zion Lutheran Church



**Survivor Recognition, Basket Auction,
Neighborhood Walk, Food, Games, Music!**
Fun for the whole family!

Annual
ZLCW



IS
BACK!

Wednesday, Sept. 22 ~ 8am-7pm
Thursday, Sept. 23 ~ 8am-4pm
Friday, Sept. 24 ~ 8am-12noon

A few changes to this year's sale! Due to Covid-19 the focus will be only on BASIC FAMILY NEEDS.

Basic household items including linens, towels, rugs, small furniture, clothing of all sizes, shoes and boots.

Rummage donations may be brought to Zion's fellowship hall starting Monday, August 1st.

*Last day of receiving donations
Friday, Sept. 17th.*

No electronics, toys, craft items, or seasonal decorations accepted!

Please do not bring computers, monitors, TVs, fax machines, VCR players, radios, etc.

Direct questions to Donna Milbauer 715-851-5490 or Karen Childs 715-526-2445.

RS Volunteers needed

Sept. 20—24 and for Clean-up on Sept. 27
sign up sheets on information desk!



Financial Stewardship Update

2021 General Fund through June.



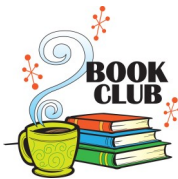
2021 Annual Budget	\$379,631
General Fund Balance May 30	\$ 8,553
June Contributions	30,200
June Expenses	(31,058)
General Fund Balance June 30	\$ 7,695

The year began with a positive balance of just over \$14,000. We ended the first quarter at a positive balance of about \$7,500. June expenses exceeded contributions, but we are still on the positive side.

Thank you Zion members for your support!



God's Work, Our Hands



Book Club's Current Read...

On August 11 we will finish discussing *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and will discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

Club meets the second Wednesday of each month in the commons at 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in reading and discussing the books, please join us!

Questions? Suggestions? Contact Joni Shebuski 715-526-6453 or Sharon Erickson 715-524-4280.



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!

ZLCW News...



The Quilters are hard at work making quilts for LWR and have made nearly 200 quilts. To continue this mission, funds are needed to purchase sheets for backs, thread, fabric, and other supplies.



You may contribute by writing a separate check to ZLCW, put "Quilters" on the memo line.
Thank you!

Happy Birthday



Tom Webster... 62 on August 1
N6806 S. Forest Haven Rd., Shawano

Nancy Syndergaard... 82 on Aug. 2
363 Meadowview Rd, Cecil 54111

Noreen Christianson... 62 on Aug. 8
W6590 Erb Rd, Shiocton 54170

Cindy Dalke... 62 on Aug. 10
N7585 Lovers Lane, Gresham 54128

Ken Lounsbury... 92 on Aug. 10
325 E 5th St., Apt 18, Shawano

Joanne DeFere... 82 on Aug. 28
N5505 Bischoff Bay Ln, Shawano

Happy birthday to 47 others in August!

Electronic Giving



Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account! Offering you convenience and much-needed consistency for our congregation.

An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available at the Church Office or www.shawanozion.org.

Aluminum Can Collection Bin behind the garage!

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



The aluminum cans were taken to Green Bay for recycling at the end of June.

Your donations earned \$243.80 for the Youth Fund! Thank you!!

"Love is like a butterfly: It goes where it pleases and it pleases wherever it goes." ~Author Unknown



Summer Worship Schedule



- ~ Saturdays 5:00 pm at Zion
- ~ Sundays 8:00 am at Zion
- ~ Sundays 9:30 am at the Shawano County Park

Worship Services at Jerusalem, Lunds Sunday at 11:00 a.m. September 12



LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

I recently met someone at the grocery store whom I hadn't seen for quite some time. Upon eye contact, the words flowed from me, "Hi! How are you doing?" To which his immediate response was, "Oh pastor you know...just living the good life!" It got me thinking about what is the "good life?" Do I have the "good life?"

2 Timothy 3:16-17 states: **"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that everyone who**

belongs to God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." Did you hear what this Scripture does for you? It thoroughly equips you for every good work. It is not just head knowledge. It is living and active and actually enables us to do what God calls us to do each day.

I would encourage you, if you don't do it already, to make it a habit to read at least a few verses of the Bible every day. That may seem radical. That may seem like it's only for really religious people. But that is simply a lie. Putting God's Word into your mind and soul every day is *normal* for a believer. It should be as normal as having a cup of coffee every morning. I know that I would have a hard time waking up without that caffeine. But even more crucial is having the spiritual food of God's Word every day.

If there is anything we need in this life, it's power to get through it! Life is a struggle and a challenge. We have health issues, tragedies, deaths, conflicts, and so many problems. We've been through our share of it in the past year. And for that we need to be strengthened.

The wonderful thing is that we have an unlimited source of strength from God's Holy Spirit who lives in every believer. The concept here is that we are being strengthened with God's power. The original word for "power" is the Greek word, "dunamis" and it should sound familiar. It's the origin of other words like dynamite, dynamo, and dynamic.

Dynamite has incredible power to destroy. Of course, the Holy Spirit gives us power to destroy the oppression and bondage of the devil. Through Jesus he is totally defeated!

Dynamo – this is a generator of energy. This too is God's Spirit within us. He is the one that will give us that boost when we really need it. Normally, we might collapse in exhaustion but God's Holy Spirit lifts us up. Has that happened to you? Have you called upon him and he gave you the strength to keep going despite your weakness?

Dynamic – this is also all about energy. Not everyone has a dynamic personality, but I like to think of dynamics in music. Increasing the dynamics basically means playing or singing louder and more powerful. When a worship song touches us, we don't sing like a

mouse but we lift up our voices even if they are not in tune or are perfect. We cannot help but empower our voices when we are stirred up.

When do we need this power? When we are weak! When we are struggling. When we are down. When we have no desire to go on. And we can call upon God and he promises to provide. He will give you power to endure. He will give you power to rejoice even in trials. Life throws us a lot of curve balls but with the power of the Holy Spirit, we can live the good life despite them.

My reflections on what constitutes having the good life allows me to recognize that every meal is a gift from above. Every child is a gift from God. Every job is a gift from God. Every day of good health is a gift from heaven above. Every day you are not sick is a precious gift. Every day you can hear is a gift of God. Every day you can see perfectly is a gift from God. Every breath you take is the providence of God. Do you recognize your many gifts?

And as we look to Jesus, we know that there is no doubt – eternal life with God is already ours. "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved." (Romans 10:9.) If that's the only gift any of us ever receive in life, we are more blessed than we can ever imagine!

So, rejoice and give thanks to God. This is what the real life as a believer is all about! It's the good life. It's the life you were meant to live.

What is that good life like?

1. Bearing good fruit in blessing others around us
2. Knowing God more and more every day
3. Receiving power to go through life no matter what happens
4. And having an attitude of thanksgiving and praise for all his good gifts.



I pray that as we trust in Christ, this kind of life will be actually be lived out more and more in each of our lives.

In God's ministry,
Pastor Ludford

Memorial Gifts June 29-July 25, 2021

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

Building Fund

by Sandra Rhode
in memory of Joy Christianson

Church in Society Fund: Wee Care

In memory of Peggy Ray's brother,
Don Price by Ken & Bonnie Wolf,
Peggy Ray, Eileen Ebel

By Bonnie & Ken Wolf
in memory of Betty Heling

General Fund

by Steve & Renee Elertson
in memory of Dolly Pari

In Memory of Dale Konkell:

• **Building Fund: West Entrance Project**

by Wm. & Sandra Panzigrau
Michael & Lynne Gross
Karen Childs, Anita Stubenvoll
Louise, Adam, & Christine Konkell

• **Camp Scholarship Fund**

by Steve & Renee Elertson

• **Endowment Fund**

by Lorin & Winnie Preston
Helen Kaurala

• **Health Ministry Fund**

by Ted & Mary Ann Rudie

• **Music Fund**

by John & Joyce Phalen
Diane Rugalski

• **Park Sound Equipment Fund**

by Dan & Diane Flessert

• **Youth Fund**

by Steve & Renee Elertson

In Memory of Bob Voss:

• **Building Fund: West Entrance Project**

by Joanne Horn
Debra & Harlan Hettrick

• **Endowment Fund**

by Michael & Shannon Sleeper

• **General Fund**

by Steve & Renee Elertson
Eileen Elertson

• **Health Ministry Fund**

by Anita Stubenvoll, Sharon Erickson
Linda & Harold Burrack
Bob & Dolly Burdick

• **Youth Fund**

by Darrin & Rhonda Peters

In Memory of John Syndergaard:

• **Building Fund**

by Ken & Bonnie Wolf

• **Health Ministry Fund**

by Helen Kaurala

• **Music Fund**

by Sandra Rhode, Sharon Erickson
Steve & Renee Elertson, Zion Choir
Al & Marge Wichmann
Mike & Dorothy Eidahl
Ted & Mary Ann Rudie



Gifts & Memorials

At Zion you may donate a gift or memorial—or honor someone—by contributing to any of the following funds!

General Fund
Building Fund
Sound/Video Project Fund
Camp Scholarship Fund
Church in Society Fund
Computer Fund
Health Ministry Fund
Library Fund
Music Fund
Park Sound System Fund
Education Fund
Worship Appointments Fund
Undesignated Fund
Youth Fund
Endowment Fund

**Make checks payable to
Zion Lutheran Church.**

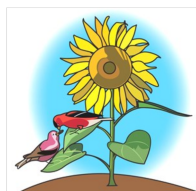
Questions?

Contact the church office.



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.



Our Cupboard is bare! Fill the Cupboard



Church in Society is asking the congregation to support SAFFARC and "fill the cupboard."

The cupboard is located in the Commons.

Pork & beans, kidney beans, tuna, cereal, tomato sauce, mac 'n cheese, hearty soups, and peanut butter.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to help feed God's people!



**God's Work,
Our Hands**



Our Goggle calendar is available via our website. You can always stay up-to-date!



Church in Society is looking for a couple of individuals to run the Wee Care Food Packs program!

Please consider giving of your time for this rewarding and vital program to the smallest members of our community.

Contact the church office if interested.

From Your Parish Nurse...

2021 August National Immunization Month

National Immunization Awareness Month is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages from infants to elderly. The goal is to raise awareness about the role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases.

Vaccines protect against serious diseases. These diseases still exist and outbreaks do occur. Vaccines are recommended throughout our lives, and everyone needs vaccines.

August is a particularly good time to focus attention on the value of immunizations. It is the month parents are enrolling children in school, older students are entering college and adults and health care communities are preparing for the upcoming flu season.

Getting vaccinated according to the recommended immunization schedule is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their child's health. Diseases can quickly spread among groups of children who aren't vaccinated. Whether it's a baby starting at a new child care facility or a college freshman, all need vaccinations.

Seniors may need one or more vaccines, even if they received vaccines as a child or as a younger adult.

Ask your doctor which ones are right for you. If you are traveling you may need additional vaccines.

Center for Disease Control recommends everyone 12 years and older should get a COVID-19 vaccination to help protect against COVID-19. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. People who are fully vaccinated can resume activities that they did prior to the pandemic. To find a COVID-19 vaccine for your child check with your local pharmacy's website to see if vaccination walk-ins or appointments are available or check with your child's health provider.

Keep track of your records. If you have been seeing the same primary care physicians for a number of years, they should have your records. However, if you have moved and or changed physicians, you may need to track down your vaccine records by contacting, previous health offices or clinics, old schools, previous employers or the state health department to see if you are able to find records of previous vaccinations.

For more information on vaccine and who needs them go to <https://www.edc.gov/coronavirus/2019> and <https://medicalwesthospital.org/national-immunization-month.php>

James 1:5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

~ Jennifer Greiert, Parish Nurse



Join Health Ministry Committee!

The mission of Health Ministry is "To share Christ with others through loving care, inspiration and encouragement" by working to promote wholeness of body, mind and spirit in the congregation and the community.

Our committee meets the first Monday of each month at 12:00 pm via Zoom and in Rm 101.

Please note... our next meeting will be Monday, August 2

**SAVE THE DATE:
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27**



The Health Ministry is hosting a blood drive with The Community Blood Center September 27 from 2:30 - 6:00PM.

The Blood Mobile will be parked by the East side of the church under the overhang.

You can donate whole blood every 56 days between donations. Platelet (apheresis) donors may donate more frequently (because the body replenishes platelets more quickly than red cells). When donating blood this summer consider keep within the 56 day rule and space your blood donations out to donate blood in September and support Zion Lutheran Church Blood Drive.

The Health Ministry Committee thanks all of you for donating!



Parish Nurse Office Hours
Mondays, Tuesdays,
and Wednesdays
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



God's Work, Our Hands



Stewardship of Our Church

At all times there must be and remain one holy, Christian church. It is the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel.

Augsburg Confession, Article VII

Steward-discipleship means taking care of all that God has blessed us with. We think of our health, our relationships and our money, but our church? You bet!

The church the only organization whose *primary purpose* is to bring people into intimate relationship with God and also gather them as sacred community. Without church, how would people grow in faith? How would the Gospel be spread to all nations, as Jesus commands in Matthew 28:19, 20?

So, what does it mean to be a good steward of our church? Here are some ideas:



Focus: We are dedicated to God's Word and Sacrament as the means by which God's grace is poured into us and out to the world. Our service projects and social events may flow from this, but they are secondary.

Community: As the Augsburg Confession (above) declares, the church is the community of God's people dedicated to Word and Sacrament. We build strong community through healthy relationships guided by principles of Christian love, trust, honesty, truth, forbearance, forgiveness.

Building: Our building is NOT the church, but a tool of the church for ministry. We provide the resources to maintain our building as useful for the Gospel, but feel free to move on if it no longer serves.

Resources: Understanding that ministry to God's people takes resources, we give generously of our time and talents. We strive to give a tithe – 10 percent of our financial blessings.

Faith formation: It takes learning and practice to grow closer to God, both as individuals and community. We support and participate in studying the Bible and theology. We promote and engage in spiritual practices that feed our souls.

Although we tend to think that our church has a mission, it's more accurate to say that God has a mission, and that mission has a church. We grow in faith as people and community when we dedicate ourselves to good stewardship of our church.

~ Pastor Ludford

The Parish Records



Deaths:

- † Eugene R. Marsh June 29, 2021
Memorial service held at funeral home July 5.
(non-member)
- † John W. Syndergaard July 10, 2021
Memorial service at Zion on July 24.
- † Betty Jane Heling July 20, 2021
Funeral service July 31 at Bethlehem LC, Pella.
- † Joy Rose Christianson July 23, 2021
Funeral service at Zion on July 28.

☪☪☪ Thank you! ☪☪☪

Zion Church and ZLCW Members,
Thanks you so much for the gifts for my graduation. I love the necklace and quilt. It is greatly appreciated!

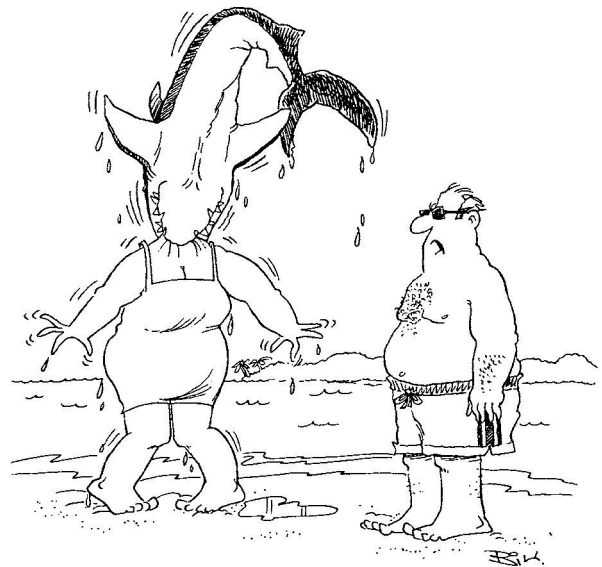
~ Morgan Weinig

Zion Lutheran Education Committee,
Thank you all for the kind card and gifts. My gratitude reaches much further than just for my graduation, though. Thank you all for everything you do both in and outside of Zion.

~ Carson Cummings

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."

~ St. Francis of Assisi



"All right, Myrna, is this another one of your feeble attempts to finagle your way out of small group tonight?"



Zion Endowment Fund Grant/Scholarship Applications available!

Forms are available in the church office or 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 Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 12:00 p.m.



Incomplete or late applications will be regarded as invalid.

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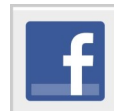


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To connect with our youth visit
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ZionYouthShawano](http://www.facebook.com/ZionYouthShawano)

We Need Your Help!

to work the Rummage Sale!!

Sign-up sheets are at the information desk!

Men & women volunteers are needed

September 20—24

and for Clean-up on September 27!



**Office Closed
Friday
August 6**

Visit Zion's Library!

Almost Home by Valerie Fraser Luesse With America's entrance into World War II, the town of Blackberry Springs, Alabama, has exploded virtually overnight. Workers from all over are coming south for jobs in Uncle Sam's munitions plants – and they're bringing their pasts with them, right into Dolly Chandler's grand but fading family homes turned boardinghouse. A struggling young couple from the Midwest, unemployed professors from Chicago to widower from Mississippi, and a shattered young veteran struggling to heal from the war are all hoping Dolly's house will help them find their way back to the lives they left behind. But the house has a past of its own. When tragedy strikes, Dolly's only hope will be the circle of friends under her roof and their ability to discover the truth about what happened to a young bride who lived there a century before.

The House on Foster Hill by Jaime Jo Wright Kaine Prescott is no stranger to death. When her husband died two years ago, her pleas for further investigation into his suspicious demise fell on deaf ears. In desperate need of a fresh start, Kaine purchases an old house sight unseen in her grandfather's Wisconsin hometown. But one look at the eerie, abandoned house immediately leaves her questioning her rash decision. And when the house's dark history comes back with a vengeance, Kaine is forced to face the terrifying realization she has nowhere left to hide. A century earlier, the house on Foster hill holds nothing but painful memories for Ivy Thorpe. When an unidentified woman is found dead on the property, Ivy is compelled to discover her identity. Ivy's search leads her into dangerous waters, resurrecting painful memories and forcing a reunion with the man who broke her heart. Can Ivy unravel the mystery and find a renewed hope before any other lives – including her own – are lost?



Open during business hours weekdays and Sunday mornings.