

# Focus

Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI

August 2022

## SCHOLARSHIP TIME AGAIN!



### Zion Endowment Fund Grant/Scholarship Applications available!

Forms are available on the literature stand and at [www.shawanozion.org](http://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 3, 2022, 12:00 p.m.**

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



### ZLCW Rummage Sale August 4 - 5 - 6

**Thursday, August 4 ~ 8am - 4pm**

**Friday, August 5 ~ 8am - 4pm**

**Saturday, August 6 ~ 8am - 12pm**

Rummage Sale  
Volunteer Worker  
**SIGN-UP**

*Please help with the  
Rummage Sale!*

**Sign-up sheets at the  
Info desk and the Park!**

## ATTENTION:

Church Leaders, Staff, Ushers,  
Sunday School Teachers, Committee  
Chairs and ALL Zion Members!!

**Tuesday, August 9 at Zion\***

**Active Shooter Training: ALICE**

**ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE**

**\* Pre-Registration Required**  
**E-mail/call the office or sign up at info desk.**

- 6:15 p.m. Education on Zion's Revised Emergency Action Plan
- 6:30 p.m. Active Shooter Training. Captain Shane Stange, Shawano Police Department leads (about 2 hours). Come dressed for activity!



Sponsored by the  
Health Ministry Committee



The Youth and Family  
Group is planning  
to go to a  
Timber Rattlers game  
on Sunday August 14.  
Game begins at 1:10.



The cost is \$12.00 and includes  
a hot dog, chips & soda.

**This is a church wide  
invitation, so even if you don't  
have a young family,  
please join us!**

Watch your email for further  
announcements.



*Thank you Zion members for your contributions during the first half of 2022!*

### Financial Stewardship Update

2022 General Fund through June.



2022 Annual Budget	\$399,145
General Fund Balance May 31	\$ (5,755)
June Contributions	27,588
June Expenses	<u>(30,185)</u>
<b>General Fund Balance June 30</b>	<b>\$ (8,353)</b>

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

*A Note from the Treasurer:* Contribution statements were emailed or mailed for the first half of 2022. Please look carefully at your giving to see if we can keep our deficit from growing larger. *Thank you.*



**Cookie of the Month Sale**  
August 20 & 21 \$6 doz.



## Happy Birthday

**Judy Oestreich... 70 on August 5**  
N5060 Kucksdorf Ln., Shawano

**Scott Rusch... 60 on August 10**  
254 Alpine Dr., Shawano

**Bonnie Wolf... 80 on August 21**  
417 Mills St., Shawano

**Dave Welander... 50 on August 27**  
518 E. Stevens St., Shawano

*Happy birthday to 49 others in August!*



at Zion ~ Saturdays 5:00 p.m.

~ Sundays 8:00 a.m.

at County Park ~ Sundays 9:30 a.m.

**Service at Jerusalem, Lunds**

**Sunday, September 11**

*Join Jerusalem for a Potluck Lunch after service!*



## Youth Fundraiser!

**Car Wash Cards!**  
**\$36 for 5-Count**



Ultimate Wash cards will be available from youth and in the church office!

**Thank you for supporting Zion's youth!**

### Aluminum Can Collection Bin behind the garage!



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



### Sunday School Superintendent Needed for 2022-23 school year!

Interested? Contact Pastor Ludford, Education Council Member Judy Laude  
715-853-6733 or the office.

The ZLCW Executive Board has decided to collect items for School Kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) in October.



#### Some things to remember when collecting supplies for School Kits:

- ⇒ Give new items only, shows the greatest respect and care for the recipient.
- ⇒ Do not donate any items with religious symbols, messages, or your congregation's name.
- ⇒ Do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

#### Items needed in each School Kit include:

- Four 70-80 sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide-or college-ruled paper approximately 8"x10.5"; no loose-leaf paper.
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpener.
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band.
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons.
- One 2.5-inch eraser.



**Donation tote under the bulletin board by the elevator!**



**“They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’” - Genesis 3:8-9**

Here on Zion Lutheran’s property, we host the Dreams of Green Community Garden. I either walk

by the garden or I view it from my home every single day. Each growing season since moving to Shawano, my thoughts naturally go to the “First Garden,” the Garden of Eden. That is particularly true, on a scorching hot summer day when activity will pick up at dusk and the temperature drops.

I’m a pastor... so naturally my thoughts are not going to stop at “what’s growing?” The question God asked of Adam and Eve, “Where are you?” is where my thoughts go. This is not only a question God poses to the first gardeners, but one posed to all of us in our walk with Him. Where are we in relation to God and to our journey with Him?

God poured out his grace upon Adam and Eve and placed them in the Garden of Eden. The garden had everything they needed—plenty of food and water. What it didn’t have was weeds! The weeds came after their fall. The garden was paradise on earth. The one charge that Adam and Eve had from God was to take good care of the garden.

In reality, we have been abundantly blessed, too. I’m not quite saying the Surprise is the Garden of Eden, but it’s close. God’s grace has been poured out upon us, and we have everything we need for an abundant and satisfying life.

Adam and Eve looked around the garden and saw that it was truly a gift. They had done nothing to create the garden. What do you see when you look around? Do you see the results from the sweat of your labor? Do you see possessions—things you can say are “mine”? Or, are you like Adam and Eve and see everything as God’s gift to you? Where are you in relation to God’s gracious gifts in your life?

Adam and Eve could eat everything in the garden except the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They didn’t need to eat from that tree, because they had plenty of other trees and good fruit to choose from. Adam and Eve listened to the serpent and ate the

fruit. They did so because they were discontent and not satisfied with what God had given them. What is your response to God’s grace that has been poured out to you? Are you thankful for what you have received? Are you content, or do you want more? Where are you as you respond to God’s love and grace?

After Adam and Eve eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they realize that they are naked. They experience shame for the first time in creation. They make clothes for themselves out of fig trees and hide from God. God comes looking for them and calls out to them, “Where are you?”

God’s question to them was an invitation to confess and repent. Adam chose to blame his wife and Eve turned around and blamed the serpent (the old devil made me do it excuse).

God’s question was also an invitation to come out of hiding and to live again in a personal relationship with God.

God asks us the same question. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Where are we in our willingness to confess, repent and be forgiven? Are we still trying to hide parts of our lives from God in the vain hope that he won’t discover them?

Where are we with God’s invitation to begin again in a relationship with him? Do we still want to go our own way? Do we want to be the master of our ships and the captains of our fate? Or, do we want to live as God’s people, disciples of Jesus Christ, and servants of God?

Our answer to this question, “Where are you?” will greatly influence how we respond to the opportunity to support the work of the Lord in and through Zion’s ministries.

In these coming weeks I invite you to reflect on God’s abundant grace in your life and ponder the question, “Where are you?” Are you where you want to be? Are you headed in the direction that you want to go?



In God’s ministry,  
*Pastor Ludford*



**Have a special event or anniversary, or would you like to honor someone’s memory?**

***Chancel flowers***

are a wonderful way to share your celebration with our congregation!

**Sign-up flower calendar posted near the office.**



*An Invitation to All Men!*

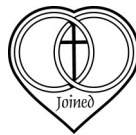
**Tuesday Morning  
Men’s Bible Study**

**8:00-9:30 a.m.**

**Shawano’s Café**

**W7389 River Bend Rd.**

## The Parish Records



### Baptisms:

† Everleigh Jean Gitter July 17, 2022  
Daughter of Baily Austin Gitter and  
Michaela Lynn Marie Monnier

Sponsors: Elizabeth Marie Koeller, Emily Lynn Norton,  
Gage Kottke, and Austin Kuhnke

† Scarlett Marie Delchambre July 31, 2022

Daughter of Dominic Wm. & Natalie Patricia Rose Delchambre  
Sponsors: Josh & Emily Huebner, Quin Maurin, and Kayla Metzler

### Marriage:

† Emily Rose Jones and Jesse William Frozene July 23, 2022  
Daughter of Sally Jones and Timothy Jones

## ☪☪ Thank you! ☪☪

Dear Ladies of Zion,

Thank you so much for sponsoring my camp week. I had such a fun time learning about God and growing in faith. I also loved all the adventures we took. Thank you again.

~ Arica Preston

Dear Zion Members,

Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked our Wee Care fund raiser at the Red Barn: Kal & Cheryl Boettcher, Dorothy Eidahl, Eileen Ebel, Karen Fusek, Louise Konkell, Pastor Ludford, Peggy Ray, Mary Ann Rudie, Mila Waukechon, Christie and Claire Wegner, Russ & Nancy Wise, Peggy Woehler, Bonnie Wolf, Dan & Christine Zittlow, and Jadin Zittlow. We are very grateful for your contribution of time and energy!

We would also like to thank the Zion Church Council for granting the funding request of \$10,000 from the L.K. Benevolent Fund. With faith, hard work, and generous, caring people we will be able to feed the children of our community through the 2022-23 school term. Thank you.

~ Wee Care Team

## Memorial Gifts July 25, 2022

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

### In Memory of Steve Boehmke:

#### • Youth Fund

Mike & Dorothy Eidahl  
Harold & Linda Burrack  
Diane Blashe  
Larry & Linda Trevarthen

### Church in Society Fund (Wee Care)

by Carol Steenbock

In honor of her sister Bonnie Wolf's  
birthday

### General Fund

by Dejon Polzin

In memory of Joyce Engel and Jim  
Jim Teskey. And in memory of  
Dejon & Jack's anniversary.

### Youth Fund

by Brian & Jenny Hanson

In memory of Sharie Schultz's  
grandmother, Dolores Fournier

### World Hunger and Mission Benv.

by Eileen Elertson

In memory of Jim Teskey



God's Work, Our Hands

## Visit Zion's Library!

**The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible** by James Strong, LL.D., S.T.D.

**The Swindoll Study Bible** by Charles R. Swindoll

Holman Christian Standard Bible **Comprehensive Concordance of the Holy Bible** by David K. Stubnow, Editor

**Before I Saw You** by Amy K. Sorrells. Folks are dying fast as the ash trees in the southern Indiana town ravaged by the heroin epidemic where Jaycee Givens lives with nothing more than a thread of hope and a quirky neighbor. After a tragedy leaves her mother in prison, Jaycee is carrying grief and an unplanned pregnancy she conceals because she trusts no one, including the kind and handsome Gabe, who is new to town and to the local diner where she works. The choices Jaycee must make for the safety of her unborn child threaten to derail any chance she ever had for hope and redemption. Ultimately, Jaycee must decide whether the truest form of love means hanging on or letting go.

**One More River to Cross** by Jane Kirkpatrick. In 1844, the Stephens-Murphy-Townsend company leaves Missouri to be the first wagons into California through the Sierra Nevada. In October a fierce mountain snowstorm forces difficult decisions. The party separates in three directions. One party, including eight women and seventeen children, huddle in a makeshift cabin at the headwaters of the Yuba River. But with friendship, family, and enough courage to overcome their fear, these intrepid pioneers will discover what truly matters in times of trial.

**Open during business hours weekdays, before & after Saturday evening  
service and Sunday mornings.**



## From Your Parish Nurse...

### August 2022 National Immunization Month

A time to highlight the importance of vaccinations for people of all ages. It's also the beginning of back-to-school preparations and a good time to check immunizations records to see if kids are up to date.

Every year the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes recommended childhood vaccination schedules. The timing and spacing of immunizations are really important for the best possible protection against preventable diseases.

Kids immune systems are more vulnerable to illness and disease, and vaccination schedules are scientifically designed by top infectious disease experts and doctors with a goal to protect kids from vaccine preventable diseases as early and as safely as possible.

There is a wide range of vaccines, some requiring multiple doses at specific ages and times that are recommended from birth to 18 years old. Vaccines protect us from dangerous preventable diseases like Chickenpox, Flu, Hepatitis, Measles, Mumps, Meningococcal Pneumonia, Shingles, Pertussis, Polio, Tetanus, Hib, Rotavirus, Rubella and Diphtheria. Vaccine not only help protect us and those we love from getting these diseases, they also help prevent spreading diseases to those that are unvaccinated.

Immunization are not just for children. Protection from some childhood vaccines can wear off over time. Adults may also be at risk for vaccine-preventable disease due to age, job, lifestyle, travel, or health conditions.

The CDC recommends everyone ages 6 months and

older to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Everyone 5 years and older should also get a COVID-19 booster, if eligible. The CDC recommends annual flu shot for everyone by the end of October, including kids 6 months and older.

The CDC also, shares because of age, health conditions, or other factors, some people should not get certain vaccines or should wait before getting them. Your healthcare provider can give you more information.

The National Foundation for Infectious Disease gives ten reasons to get vaccinated. 1. Vaccine-preventable diseases have not gone away. 2. Vaccines will help keep you healthy. 3. Vaccines are as important to your overall health as diet and exercise. 4. Vaccines can mean the difference between life and death. 5. Vaccines are safe. 6. Vaccines will not cause the disease they are designed to prevent. 7. Young and healthy people can get very sick too. 8. Vaccine-preventable diseases are expensive. 9. When you get sick, your children, grandchildren, and parents may be at risk, too. 10. Your family and co-workers need you.

For a list of vaccinations and schedules by age go to <http://www.cdc.gov.vaccine.schedule> and <https://www.healthpartners.com/blog/childhood-immunization-sched>



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.

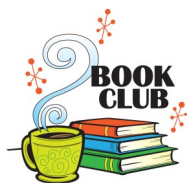
~ Jennifer Greiert, Parish Nurse

**Health Ministry Committee**  
will meet via ZOOM and in Room 101  
on Monday, August 1 at 12:00 pm.  
New members are always welcome!



### Zion's Prayer Chain

If you have a telephone prayer chain request, please call Co-Chairs, Winnie Preston 715-851-9576 or Eileen Ellertson 715-526-3500.



### Book Club's Current Read...

On August 10 we will discuss

*Not My Daughter*  
by Barbara Delinsky

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.

Monday, September 12  
1:00 - 5:30 pm

Save  
the date



Community Blood Center  
will be at Zion

You can donate whole blood every 56 days!



*God's Work, Our Hands*



### Food Pantry

needs nonperishable food items! Place them in the food cupboard located near the Library. *Thank you!*



***We worked hard! We were tired!! But we had fun!!!***  
 We sold lots of food from Charlie's Red Barn on June 30 & July 2. A big thank you to all who bought your lunch from us or gave time, donations, and prayers. All proceeds go toward the Wee Care program and we had a 2-day profit of \$1,935! Thank you for caring. *If you see Charlie, tell him thanks for this opportunity.*

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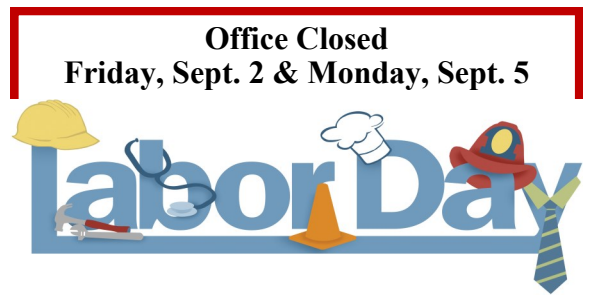
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**Looks like they had fun at Confirmation Camp!**

Ellie Henning, Lily Tonn, Erin Krueger, Callie Otto, Pastor Ludford, Emma Effenberger, Cooper Boucher, Arica Preston, Grady Krone, and Julie Effenberger.

