

Focus

Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI

July 2022

SCHOLARSHIP TIME AGAIN!



Zion Endowment Fund Grant/Scholarship Applications available!

Forms are available on the literature stand and 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 3, 2022, 12:00 p.m.**

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



Calling *ALL* Middle and Senior High Students!

You are invited to attend the Zion Miniature Golf Open at Shawano Mini-Golf Course

1056 East Green Bay Street

→ Please provide your own
transportation to/from course!



Sunday,
July 24

6:00-7:30 PM

This is a
free event!

After the score cards are collected
(and we discover Pastor Ludford won),
we will have time to discuss upcoming plans
to meet on a monthly basis.

You are encouraged to bring your own putter
if you have one and if any adults can join this
event as chaperones it would be appreciated.



ATTENTION

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

Tuesday, August 9 at Zion

Active Shooter Training: ALICE

ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM,
COUNTER, EVACUATE

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



Sponsored by the Health Ministry Committee



ZLCW
Rummage Sale
August 4 - 5 - 6

**Donation Drop-off in the Fellowship Hall
Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm.**

Please... no electronics!

Rummage Sale
Volunteer Worker
SIGN-UP

*Please help with the
Rummage Sale!*
Sign-up sheets at the
Info desk and the Park!

**Financial Stewardship
June Update**
not available at time of printing.



*Thank you Zion members for your
continued support!*

**Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study
8:00-9:30 AM**



An Invitation to All Men!
As of Tuesday, July 5
we will move our
Bible study to
Shawano's Café
W7389 River Bend Rd.

Our time is divided between: fellow-
ship, studying the Gospel text for the
upcoming weekend, and having
breakfast together. Pastor Ludford
leads the study, and no biblical
knowledge necessary to participate.



Monster Web Care
food packs
Web Care Cookies
food packs

Cookie of the Month Sale
July 16 & 17 \$6 doz.



**Happy
Birthday**



Dale Bergsbaken... 60 on July 2
Shari Bergsbaken... 60 on July 6
W2030 Cty Rd E, Cecil 54111-9305

Sally Jones... 60 on July 2
208 S. Hamlin St., Shawano

Tracy Ray... 50 on July 6
N5904 Wolf River Rd., Shawano

Judy Wendt... 70 on July 15
1207 S. Bartlet St., Shawano

Happy birthday to 54 others in July!

at Zion ~ Saturdays 5:00 p.m.
~ Sundays 8:00 a.m.
at County Park ~ Sundays 9:30 a.m.



Services at Jerusalem, Lunds

Sundays 11:00 a.m. July 3 & 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!**

Being Thankful in "All" Things



This past June's Church Council's meeting, council member, Keith Milner (Stewardship Representative) shared a devotional written by Debbie

McDaniel that we all found astounding. I am using the Pastor's Article for this July's newsletter to share it with all of you.

Being Thankful in "All" Things By Debbie McDaniel

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." -1 Thessalonians 5:18

I must be honest, sometimes it's the "all" in that verse that gets me. Most of us can be thankful, for lots of things, at lots of times, but in "all" circumstances? That can be tough.

What about when you find yourself suffering illness, or defeat, or you're walking through huge loss...what about when a loved one leaves this world too soon and you still can't see past your tears...or when you've been praying for your prodigal loved one to come home and it seems like the prayers are unanswered... what about when you're discouraged, disillusioned, and struggling with disbelief...or when you're overwhelmed, overextended, and just fighting being over-stressed...what about when the enemy's breathing down your back...what about when the storms come, and the car breaks down, or the air conditioner stops working on a holiday weekend (true story)...

Yes, these are the "all" things that can be hard to find gratitude in, whether it's huge losses or just life irritations. But God's Word never changes to fit our circumstances. His Truth rises above our circumstance, so that we can too he doesn't say give thanks "for it," but "in it all," for He knows He's building more deeply into our lives and character that He could ever build without the hard times.

We're gaining strength. We're gaining perseverance. We're being reminded that true joy is never based on how we feel or our outside situations. We're understanding that God's ways are bigger, His thoughts are higher, and we can be assured that He holds us in His hands.

And He is with us.

Always.

No matter what you might be facing, the good news is this, you woke up. He's given us today. And if we're still here, living and breathing, may our every breath bring honor to Him.

Be assured my friend, you never fight the battles alone. Stay strong. Choose joy. Choose to be grateful in it "all." For He is building greatness. He's working things out for good. He hears our prayers, He sees all, and knows all. He has purpose for our pain, and brings hope for our tomorrows...

Grace to you this day.

Intersecting Faith & Life: Recognize today, that the most difficult challenge you're facing right now, may actually be a greater blessing, as God is working in and through your life in powerful ways. No matter how hard, choose to give Him thanks, in "all" things.



- Thank you, Debbie McDaniel for these well needed words, and to Keith Milner for sharing this devotional. May all have a safe and happy Fourth of July, and may we find cause to give thanks in "all" things!

In God's ministry,
Pastor Ludford



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

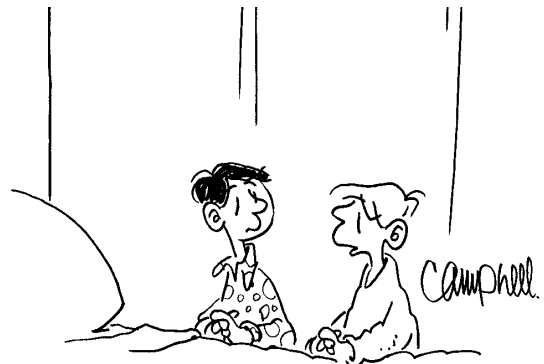


Have a special event or anniversary, or would you like to honor someone's memory?

Chancel flowers

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

Sign-up flower calendar posted near the office.



"If you don't stop asking for things, God's going to change channels."



Book Club's Current Read...

On July 13 we will discuss

The Women's March
by Jennifer Chiaverini

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.

You can 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 Debbie in the office to reserve your Worship Bulletin sponsor date!



Memorial Gifts June 2022

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

In Memory of Linda Trevarthen's brother Jim:

- **Building Fund**
Diane Rugalski
- **Church in Society Fund/Wee Care**
Larry & Linda Trevarthen

Church in Society Fund (Wee Care) by Bonnie Wolf

In honor of Dejon Polzin's birthday
Also in memory of Ken's birthday

Youth Fund

by Mike & Dorothy Eidahl
In memory of Shari Schultz's
grandmother, Dolores Fournier

Visit Zion's Library!

The Journals of Corrie Belle Hollister Book Eight A Home for the Heart by Michael Phillips. The Civil War is over, and it's been more than two years since Corrie Belle Hollister left her home and family in Miracle Springs, CA, to travel across the country at President Lincoln's invitation. Her writing and reporting have made contributions to the Union's success, and now she is on her way home. . . back to the community and the family she loves. But Corrie is returning a different young woman than the one who left with her journal tucked into her suitcase and the dream of being a writer tucked into her heart. She feels restless, and the latest letter from Christopher only adds to the questions facing her. Perhaps most relentless among them: where will she find a home for her heart?

Ellie's People Book 8 An Amish Family Saga Mandy by Mary Christner Borntreger. Mandy Schrock's little brother is different. As a child with special needs, he is loved and cared for by many in their Amish community. But Mandy gets tired of him following her around, and when a group of girls start to tease him, she gets even more furious and frustrated. When an awful tragedy strikes, Mandy wonders whether she is to blame. Will she carry guilt and grief for years?

Ellie's People Book 9 An Amish Family Saga Annie by Mary Christner Borntreger. Annie wasn't raised Amish, but when her mother doesn't return from a trip, a short stay with her Amish neighbors turns into a new life. Annie finds love and security with her new family, although troubles are on their way. Her new sister Lucy is jealous of the attention Annie receives, and Annie has a hard time adjusting to Amish customs. Will she always feel like an outsider, or will she discover her true home?

My Dearest Dietrich by Amanda Barratt. Maria von Wedemeyer knows that the heartbreaking realities of war include loved ones who never come back. The last thing this spirited young woman needs is to fall for a man under constant surveillance by the Gestapo. Yet when Dietrich Bonhoeffer, an old family friend, comes to comfort the von Wedemeyers after tragic losses, she discovers that love isn't always logical. Based on detailed historical research into both Maria's and Dietrich's lives, this true love story is at once beautiful and heartrending.

The Timepiece by Beverly Lewis. Sylvia Miller has always held a special place in her Old Order family, one Adeline Pelham jeopardizes when she unexpectedly shows up in Hickory Hollow. Adeline's very existence is a reminder of the painful secret that has so recently upended the Miller household, making this a challenging time to welcome and Englisher – especially *this* Englisher. Does Adeline's arrival mark one too many surprises for the Millers and their Amish community? Or can God bring something good out of the mistakes of the past?

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



From Your Parish Nurse...

2022 Summer Fun Safety Tips:

As the restrictions of COVID-19 begin to relax, there will be an increase in families and friends enjoying the sunshine and warm weather, swimming, boating, playing and traveling. Summer fun is all about making memories with family and friends and keeping everyone safe.

Summer is too short to miss due to a safety mishap that could have been easily avoided. Here are a few safety tips to keep you and your family happy and healthy this summer.

Learn CPR, with 88% of cardiac arrests happening at home, it's wise to be trained in Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to help loved ones immediately. CPR can buy an individual precious minute until professional medical help arrives.

Remember Your Mask, yes, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated fully vaccinated folks could go mask-less for the most part. But, don't ditch the mask just yet. Crowded areas and venues – think a bustling train station or market may still require you to wear a mask even if you are fully vaccinated.

Swim Smart, kids aren't the only ones who need to practice safe swimming. Adults need to keep swimming safety in mind, too. Whether enjoying the pool, beach, lake, or river, any body of water can be dangerous. Don't overestimate your swimming abilities and avoid swimming alone, especially where there are reported strong currents in natural bodies of water. Designating an undistracted "water watcher" to keep an eye on your group can be helpful in detecting a swimmer in trouble. Have your young kids ask for permission to swim so an adult will know where they are in the water. New swimmers should wear Coast Guard approved life jackets and not water wings or floaties to stay afloat.

Watch for Recreational Water Illnesses. It is important to remember that public swimming areas can carry a variety of bacteria and viruses that can cause respiratory, eye, neurologic, gastrointestinal, skin, and wound infections. The most common health concern is swallowing pool water that's been contaminated. Bacteria can live in improperly-balanced pools for days, so if you accidentally swallow water, and feel unwell, visit your doctor.

Wear Daily Sunscreen, will reduce your skin cancer risk (and the early onset of wrinkles) by wearing sunscreen daily. The American Academy of Dermatology recommends applying sunscreen with SPF of 30 or higher. Since no sunscreen can block all of sun's UVB rays, be sure to wear sunglasses, a hat, and cool long-sleeved clothing when outdoors for long periods

of time. The sun is most damaging between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Staying Hydrated, is always important for optimal body functioning, but especially during the hot and humid months. That's because fluids are lost through sweat, which happens a lot more often in the summer. Keep water with you and drink it often. Consuming foods with high water content such as melons, lettuce and cucumbers can also, help stay hydrated to avoid heat illnesses, like heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Outdoor Pest Control, wearing closed-toe shoes help reduce the risk of stings and bites. When hiking through tall grass or into the deep woods, wear long pants and tuck the ends into your socks. Doing so can help keep ticks away. Mowing your lawn frequently can help reduce the tick and pest populations in your yard. Beware of standing water which give rise to mosquitoes. Cover or empty kiddie pools each time the kids are done playing. By wearing bug repellent and additional bug sprays can minimize bug bites and diseases spread by mosquitoes and ticks like fever, malaria, West Nile Virus and Lyme disease.

Pay Attention to Poisonous Plants such as poison ivy, poison sumac or poison oak, causes issues for about 85% of the population. Of those, up to 15% are extremely allergic. When out working in the yard or spending time in nature, be aware of the plants you're exposing yourself to. Wearing long sleeves and pants will help protect your skin from these plants. The plants are found everywhere except Alaska and Hawaii.

Emergency Tips: Be prepared for scrapes, scratches, bites and more by having a first-aid kit with bandages, medical tape, eye protection, antibiotic cream, bee sting remedies, alcohol wipes, hand sanitizer, sunscreen and sunburn treatment. Keep one in your home and in your car for unexpected mini medical issues. To learn more Summer safety tips, go to <https://info.totalwellnesshealth.com/blog/summer-safety-tips> and <https://www.amfam.com/resources>

Most of all have fun and relax it has been a long year of lockdowns, safety mandates, remote working, social distancing, and more.

PSALM 91 vs 14 The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name.

~ Jennifer Greiert, Parish Nurse

Health Ministry Committee
will meet via ZOOM and in Room 101
on Monday, July 11 at 12:00 pm.
New members are always welcome!





Connie Hartleben and Pastor Ludford were only two of the many donating blood at Zion on June 20!

The Health Ministry Committee is so thankful and incredibly grateful to all the people who donated blood here at Zion. And a special thank you to Shawano's Dairy Queen who donated tokens for a free ice cream cone. The Community Blood Center of Appleton came with their professional staff and the goal was met. This is really wonderful and will make a true difference to those relying on life-saving blood transfusions.
Thank You!



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