

Focus

Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI

November 2022



Congratulations to our October 30 confirmands!
Cooper James Boucher, Pastor Ludford, Brooklyn Mai Mattrisch

Presentation on **CURRENT SCAMS**

Presented by the
Shawano Police Department



Monday, November 28
4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Sign up in advance for the time you
will be attending! Sign up sheet
on the information desk.

Sponsored by the Health Committee

**Christmas is coming
and Zion will once again
collect items for the
Homme Home Youth
Christmas Gift
Collection
Nov. 13—Dec. 11**



Suggested items for boys ages 10 thru 18: New Clothing sizes: M through XL, Athletic Shoes sizes: 8-11, Wallets, Legos for ages 10+, Games, Remote Control Cars, Rubik's Cubes, Badger/Brewer/Bucks items, Axe Gift Sets, Winter Jackets/Snow Pants, Slippers, winter Gloves, Sweatshirts, Snow boots sizes 8-11, Watches, Nerf Guns, Basketballs/Footballs, Art Supplies McDonald's gift cards, Fishing Gear, Origami Paper in Books, Word Find/Crosswords, DVD – G or PG movies, Teenage/Adult Coloring Books, Men's/Teen Boys Necklaces, Young Teen Cologne, Children's & young adult books (*age appropriate, no violence or sexual content*)

* No Bathrobes, Food or
Glass items, please.



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ZLCW's **Silent Auction of Baskets** **November 5 - 13**

Money raised will go toward the
ZLCW benevolences disbursed
at the end of December.



Questions? Contact ZLCW Board members:

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Financial Stewardship Update

2022 General Fund through October.



2022 Annual Budget	\$399,145
General Fund Balance Sept. 30	\$ (16,350)
October Contributions	38,0002
October Expenses	(27,066)
General Fund Balance Oct. 31	\$ (5,414)

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

A Note from the Treasurer: Thank you Zion members for your October giving! Our General Fund balance is much improved for October at a negative \$5,415. The end of our fiscal year is fast approaching. Wouldn't it be nice to balance our budget!

Happy Thanksgiving and thank you Zion members for your continued support of Zion's ministries.



Thanksgiving Service

ONLINE ONLY

The Thanksgiving Worship Service will be coming to your home!

On Thanksgiving Day as you are preparing your festive meal, you will be able to watch the pre-recorded worship service via **YouTube**.

Visit www.shawanozion.org for the link!



**Office Closed
Thursday & Friday
Nov. 24 & 25**



**Cookie of the Month Sale
Nov. 19 & 20 \$6 doz.**



Also selling a variety of quick breads - just in time for Thanksgiving!

Baked by the Wee Care Cookie Elves!



**Daylight Savings Time Ends!
Fall back Sunday,
November 6 at 2:00 a.m.**

The Festival of All Saints November 6

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served Christ in the Church on earth and who now rest from their labors...



Pamela S. Bruecker
John F. Goodreau
Steven P. Gregor
Patricia Tyloch-Hackbarth
Howard N. Buenting
William R. Knuth, Jr.
Roy E. Ganzel
Phyllis J. Christianson

Dale J. Page
Kenneth A. Wolf
Robert W. Little
Connie S. Schwietzer
Joyce H. Engel
James Teskey
Charles R. Hartmann
Christine D. Welch



Youth Fundraiser!

**Order deadline
Nov. 28.**

**Pick up
Dec. 10 & 11
at services**

\$7 per dozen

Don't miss out! Order your decorated Christmas cookies today! Email Here's My Cookie Order to zion@shawanozion.org. Deadline Nov. 28.

Make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church.



Volunteer Opportunity at Zion!

Zion is seeking a motivated, enthusiastic person to enter data one to two (1-2) hours per week.

Must have computer skills and be somewhat familiar with MS Word and Excel.

Interested? Have questions? Contact Debbie in the church office or Mike Eidahl at 715-584-6542.

Happy Birthday

Ariana Albert... 18 on November 7
W7172 Ranch Rd., Shawano

Lindsey Peters... 18 on November 24
N3590 Wisconsin Ave., Shawano

Brady Glysch... 18 on November 30
1288 Sunrise Lane., Shawano

*Happy birthday to 42 others in
November!*





With Thanksgiving just around the corner, my thoughts go to what's the proper way to say, "thank you?" Well that depends

doesn't it? When a person holds a door open for you, a cheerful, "Thanks!" will do. But that probably falls short if you are expressing your gratitude to first responders who rescued you from a bad situation. What's the proper way to thank God? Psalm 100 states that we are to thank God loudly, joyfully, and continually.

When I was a boy, I was taught to walk into church and not make or hear a sound other than the organ playing pre-service music. Not so much today! When you walk into our church a couple minutes before the service you'll hear the buzz of conversation all around you. It used to bother me, but not anymore, Psalm 100 gives me a different perspective. The Psalmist urges, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness and singing...., enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with Praise." (Psalm 100:1,2,4).

Apparently, God's ears can handle loud praises and we, and everyone in this world, have reasons to shout to the Lord as we enter Zion's sanctuary to give Him thanks. The Psalmist explains why: "It is He that made us, and we are His, we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture" (Psalm 100: 3b). You are not a cosmic accident, but the product of God's genius. More than that, you're not something God created years ago and then forgot about when he went on to make other people. This is the amazing thing about the true God: He continues to intimately care about and care for His creation the way a good shepherd cares about and for his sheep.

So, am I encouraging you to be wild and boisterous before worship? That depends. What's the reason for the buzzing before service? If it's in anticipation of getting to learn more about the victory that Jesus won for you, great! If it's the bubbling excitement of being surrounded by people who believe the same thing as you, fantastic! However, if your pre-service exuber-

ance is about someone's latest hair-do, well, use wisely those couple of minutes of meditation we give you before the opening hymn. Take the time to think about why your God is worthy of launching into the opening hymn with a joyful shout!

Perhaps the hardest arithmetic to master is that which allows us to count all our blessings. We're much better at counting up those things which we don't have. I mean if someone gave you a million dollars, would you have any problem spending it? I doubt it, because we're always carrying a mental wish list of those things we feel we lack. And it's what we lack that we often become fixated on, forgetting the many blessings we already have.

Why does God put up with such ungrateful people like us? I don't know, but I am glad He does. God deserves our thanks continually because His love for us never ends. The psalmist describes it in this way, "...the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations" Psalm 100:5).

God's love endures forever. Just ponder that statement. It means that God's love is there even when we are suffering from sickness or loneliness. His love is there even when we turn our backs on Him. His love remains even when we're suffering the consequences of our sins. His faithfulness to His promises is the same today as it was yesterday. In fact, nothing void's God's guaranteed love and forgiveness to you. Of course, we can reject that love; we can run away from God; we can do things our own way, but that's not the path to lasting happiness. Lasting happiness is found in Jesus' forgiving embrace that covers all our sins, even our sins of ingratitude.



My prayer for all, is that God would give us a heart...a heart that thanks Him loudly, joyfully, and continually as we look forward to the day when our thankful voices will blend with those who have gone before us in God's heavenly Kingdom.

In God's ministry,
Pastor Scott Ludford



Youth Fundraisers!

Car Wash Cards!
\$36 for 5-Count

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



Aluminum Can Collection Bin behind the garage!

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



Thank you for supporting Zion's youth!

☪☪ Thank you! ☪☪

Dear Zion,

Thank you for covering the cost of confirmation camp this year at Crossways Camps—Waypost. I had a blast and made lots of new friends. It turns out that one of the girls I became fairly close with her mom is Karmen Helms and she used to go to Zion. Thank you again so much. It was awesome!

~ Nya Huntington

Dear Zion,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and thanks for the kindness you have shown me as you recognized my 65th birthday, 35 years of ordained ministry, “Pastor Appreciation Week”, and our Wedding anniversary. I am humbled by the showing your love and support for Debra and I this past month with your cards, notes, letters and gifts that have been so kind and generous, yet let me assure you that it is your prayers that are most highly valued and needed.

~ Pastor Scott Ludford



December & January Focus Newsletter Combined!

The December and January issues of the *Focus* will be combined and sent out the beginning of December.

There will not be a separate January issue.

Deadline for your articles, news, and information for both December and January events will be November 22.

Memorial Gifts

as of October 31, 2022

Special gifts “in honor of” or
“in memory of” to:

General Fund

by Vera & David McAdow

In memory of Phyllis Bull

by Steve & Renee Elertson

In memory of Phyllis Christianson

Endowment Fund

by Dawn Brock

In honor of Pastor Ludford’s 35th
Anniversary of Ordination

Music Fund

Given in memory of Sue Poole, in
honor of Owen Poole, and in
thankfulness of Jill Sousek’s
musical talents.

by Dorothy & Mike Eidahl

In memory of Phyllis Christianson

Sound/Video Fund

by Steve & Joy Dalke

in memory of Joy’s mother Joyce
Worm



God’s Work, Our Hands

Visit Zion’s Library!

Country Angel Christmas by Tomie dePaola. Ari, Pip, and Kira are the littlest angels, and they are too small to bake a cake, groom barn animals, or make wreaths. What will they do for the Christmas celebration?

The End of the Magi by Patrick W. Carr. Following his vision of the coming Messiah, the prophet Daniel calls forth a select group of men who will count down the calendar until the arrival of Israel’s promised king. Centuries later, as the day draws near, Myrad, a young magi acolyte, flees for his life when his adoptive father and others are slain by a ruthless Parthian queen. Equipped with very little, in haste Myrad escapes the city and, searching for a way to hide from the soldiers scouring the trade routes, tries to join the caravan of the merchant Walagash. The merchant senses that Myrad is keeping secrets, but when the young man proves himself a valuable asset, an epic journey filled with peril, near captures and dangerous battles begins. With every day that passes, the calendar creeps closer to the coming Messiah. And over everything shines the dream of a star that Myrad can’t forget, and the promise that the world will never be the same.

Secrets of the Castleton Manor Library Cloak and Grammar by Allie Pleiter #21. Join Faith Newbery and her cat, Watson, in the quaint town of Lighthouse Bay on Cape Cod in Massachusetts as she marries her love of books to a penchant for sleuthing. After landing her dream job as a librarian at Castleton Manor, an upscale literary retreat, Faith is forced to read between the lines and solve the mysteries she finds. Faith, her cat, Watson, and the lively members of the Candle House Book Club set out to unravel whodunits that might have stumped even Sherlock Holmes. Enjoy the thrill of the hunt with Faith and her friends as they solve shocking crimes, discover dark secrets, and embrace heartwarming truths that have long been hidden in the voluminous pages of the Castleton Manor Library.

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



From Your Parish Nurse...

November: American Diabetes Month

American Diabetes Month is observed every November and sponsored by the American Diabetes Association, so individuals, health care professionals, organizations, and communities across the country can bring attention to diabetes and its impact on millions of Americans.

American Diabetes Month educates that diabetes is one of the leading causes of disability and death in the United States. It can cause blindness, nerve damage, kidney disease, and other health problems if it is not controlled. One in eleven Americans has diabetes, more than 29 million people. Another 86 million adults in the United States are at high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes is a disease that occurs when your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. Blood glucose is your main source of energy and comes from the food you eat. Insulin, a hormone made by the pancreas, helps glucose from food get into your cells to be used for energy. Sometimes your body doesn't make enough or any insulin well. Glucose then stays in your blood and doesn't reach your cells.

Over time, having too much glucose in your blood can cause health problems. Although diabetes has no cure, you can take steps to manage your diabetes and stay healthy.

The most common types of diabetes are type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes.

Type 1 diabetes is when your body does not make insulin. Your immune system attacks and destroys the cells in your pancreas that make insulin. Type 1 diabetes is usually diagnosed in children and young adults, although it can appear at any age. People with type 1 diabetes need to take insulin every day to stay alive.

Type 2 diabetes is when your body does not make or use insulin well. You can develop type 2 diabetes at any age, even during childhood. However, this type of diabetes occurs most often in middle aged and older people. Type 2 is the most common type of diabetes.

Gestational diabetes develops in some women when they are pregnant. Most of the time, this type of diabetes goes away after the baby is born. However, if you've had gestational diabetes, you have a greater chance of developing type 2 later in life. Sometimes diabetes diagnosed during pregnancy is actually type 2 diabetes.

Managing your diabetes through a lifestyle change and your doctors' orders on taking medication as prescribed. Get diabetes self-management education and support on eating healthy, increasing physical activity and losing weight.

For more information on Diabetes go to <https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/diabetes/> and <http://www.personalizedcause.com/awareness-events-calendar>

PROVERBS 16:9 A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

~ Jennifer Greiert, Parish Nurse



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Book Club's Current Read... On November 9 we will discuss

This Is Really War by Emily Lucceshi

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.

Health Ministry Committee
will meet via ZOOM and in Room 101
on Monday, November 7 at 12:00 pm.
New members are always welcome!



The Parish Records



Deaths:

- † Charles R. Hartmann December 27, 2021
Memorial service held October 15, 2022 at
Jerusalem Lutheran Church, (Lunds), Shawano.
- † Phyllis J. Christianson October 13, 2022
Funeral service held Oct. 18 at Zion.
- † Christine D. Welch October 12, 2022
Service held Oct. 22 at funeral home.

Transfer/Release:

- † Susan Draper transfer to First United
Lutheran, ELCA, Sheboygan.
- † Nancy Amundson



Marriage:

- † Robert Ryan Parduhn and Cassidy Hope
Stortz married at Zion on Oct. 15, 2022.



Zion's west entrance during renovation!



West entrance with new windows & doors!



Madisyn collected over 500 pairs of socks from Zion alone! Her original goal was 350 pairs!

SOCKTOBER!



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On Columbus Day, Abby Bank allowed their employees to go out and volunteer in the community. Sally Jones and Samantha Olson stocked Wee Care bins and prepared over 100 food bags for the children. Thank you ladies and thank you Abby Bank!

The Wee Care Cookie Elves would like to apologize to all of you at the 10:30 service who did not have an opportunity to purchase the October gingersnaps. We had such a great response that we ran out of cookies by 10:30. The good news is we made enough profit to purchase two weeks of food for the boys and girls!

**The next cookie sale is
November 19 & 20.
Peanut Butter Blossoms,
and a variety of quick breads!**



Thank you for your purchases, donations and support.



The confirmation class helped the Quilters bring up the ready-to-be shipped boxes. Thank you!