

Focus

Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI

September 2022



September 3/4

- ~ Saturday 5:00 p.m. at Zion
- ~ Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Zion
- ~ Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Park
Last outdoor park service!

September 10/11 at Zion only!

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- ~ Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Zion
- ~ Sunday 9:30 a.m. at ZION

Service at Jerusalem, Lunds

Sunday, September 11 11:00 a.m.

Join Jerusalem for a Potluck Lunch after service!

REGULAR WORSHIP

SCHEDULE RESUMES
Sunday, September 18

Holy Communion:

† Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

† Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.



Blood
DRIVE

Make your appointment for
Monday, September 12 at Zion!

Community Blood Center
1:00—5:30 pm.

Call 800-280-4102
or visit communityblood.org/donor
Hosted by Health Ministry Committee.

Zion held an A.L.I.C.E. training session on August 9. Thirty-six Zion members and staff participated.

The purpose of the event was to help our church and staff become familiar with introductory measures that can be taken to ensure increased survival during a violent criminal incident.

Our thanks to the Shawano Police Department for providing the training.



Active Shooter Training: ALICE

ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE



Financial Stewardship Update

2022 General Fund through July.



2022 Annual Budget	\$399,145
General Fund Balance June 30	\$ (8,353)
July Contributions	27,528
July Expenses	(28,855)
General Fund Balance July 31	\$ (9,680)

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 continued support of Zion's ministries. We are a very fortunate congregation. At the end of July our giving to the General Fund was about \$1,300 less than our expenses. This keeps our year-to-date totals in a negative balance. I hope you have enjoyed your summer and are ready for a super Rally Sunday and new fall offerings. *Thank you.*



LWR Mission Quilting starts Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Everyone welcome to sew, tie, cut fabric, etc.! 9:00am



Packer/Viking Weekend at Zion September 10/11

Feel free to wear Team Gear to services as we have some fun with this football rivalry!



Sunday School

Starts September 18

Classes start at 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School registration form available at www.shawanozion.org under "Forms."



Confirmation Class Orientation for Students and Parents

Wednesday, September 21, 6pm.

Class starts Wednesday, Sept. 28



Volunteers needed!
Please sign up online or contact the office. Thank you!



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.



Happy Birthday

Deb Larson... 70 on September 6
201 Madison Way, Apt. 12, Shawano

Frederick Goering... 92 on Sept. 10
N6446 Emery Ansoerge Rd., Apt. 155
Cecil 54111

Mila Waukechon... 75 on Sept. 18
926 S. Washington St., Shawano

Jennifer Tonn... 40 on Sept. 19
1016 Cleveland St., Shawano



Happy birthday to 56 others in Sept!



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The following received scholarship awards from the Endowment Fund...

Carson Cummings - Univ. of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Emily Heling - UW-Green Bay
Katelyn Hoffman - Marian University
Grace Jones - UW-Stout
Calvin Schultz - UW-Stout
Faith Ugoretz - UW-River Falls
Lauren Welander - UW-Stevens Point
Marcus Welander - UW-Stevens Point



Interested in joining Bell Choir or the Zion Choir?

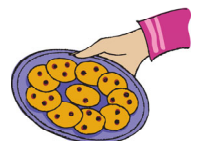
New members are always welcome!

Contact Jill Sousek at church or jillsousek@gmail.com



Cookies

Cookie of the Month Sale
Sept. 17 & 18 \$6 doz.





Dear Friends in Christ,

Going through some books on my shelf here at the office, I ran across a book that I haven't opened for years. The book is entitled, "Seasons Under the Son," written by Tim Wesemann.

Wesemann is sharing his thoughts as they pertain to the ten lepers Jesus heals in Luke 17:12-19, when he writes: **"The Bible tells us that he (the one leper who returns) came back praising Jesus and thanking Him. It doesn't say exactly what the man said to Him, although it seems obvious that he would have given thanks for healing. But let's take a step further. I wonder if sometime later-days, months, or even years-the healed man realized that if it weren't for the leprosy, he wouldn't have become a believer."**

We are fully engaged in our fall planning here at Zion, truly I am filled with gratitude for a wonderful summer of ministry and the exciting possibilities that fall ministries have in store for us. The concept of experiencing gratitude is a simple thing, but we should never mistake simplicity with ease..., it isn't always that easy.

Through God's Word in Scripture, we learn that gratitude is an extension of our faith. That we can only be grateful when we know that we do not deserve our blessings and we did not create them. As gratitude relates to our relationship to the Creator, it is a faith that God is good; that God is in control; and what God is doing in our life is good, even when bad things happen.

On March 13, 2020, the President declared the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia. What this statement doesn't say is how this pandemic would disrupt, destroy, and change our lives forever. But out of the brokenness these two and a half years have brought, I have also found peace. In the times of silence, I have heard God.

Gratitude isn't the byproduct of a Pollyanna existence. It is what happens to us once we've sunk our teeth deeply into life and tasted the bitter along with the sweet; the rotten and the ripe. We have an attitude of gratitude when we jettison our provincial preoccupation with ourselves and stop living life with a sense of entitlement; a conviction that God and everybody else owes us something.

I'm not so sure that the nine lepers who did not return to give thanks to Jesus were self-centered people, at least not consciously. Perhaps they were so excited about their healing that they ran straight to their family or friends that they had been isolated from. Maybe they weren't so much thoughtless as they were busy..., they had people to see and things to do.

The Third Commandment reminds of the gift God gave to us, that we are to "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Yet, we try to fill our days with ceaseless activities. We replaced our porch swings with instant messaging and cell phones. We rush from here to there, with no apparent destination with God. We become more demanding of ourselves and others and less grateful. And an ungrateful heart is fertile ground for all kind of sin. The Apostle Paul reminds us, "For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God, nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened." - Romans 1:21

I've looked into my own heart and I know that when it comes to spiritual things, I'm a leper. Without Jesus' touch that I receive through the study of God's Word, Prayer, worshipping, and the receiving of the gifts of the sacraments I would have died in my sin and spent eternity in hell. The only question that remains is what kind of leper will I be? The ungrateful kind? Or, the kind that isn't too busy to say thank you? Looking forward to worshipping with all of you this fall!

In God's ministry,
Pastor Ludford



The Parish Records

Deaths:

† Roy E. Ganzel August 11, 2022
No services held.

Transfer/Release:

† Danny & Lisa Otto and Kavion Franklin
Transfer to St. Jakobi Lutheran Church, Shawano.



An Invitation to All Men!

**Tuesday Morning
Men's Bible Study**

8:00-9:30 a.m.

**Shawano's Café
W7389 River Bend Rd.**

☪☪ Thank you! ☪☪

On behalf of my granddaughter, Emma Effenberger, and myself, I would like to thank both Zion Church and Zion's Women Group for their sponsorship of both of us at Confirmation Camp at Imago Dei in July. The staff was amazing and it was so heartwarming to see their level of faith being passed on to our confirmation students. It was a rewarding experience to see everyone grow in their faith! Thank you!

~ Julie Effenberger

Dear Zion,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support with the loss of our beloved Steve. Zion has been a huge part of our lives. God Bless.

~ Ginny Boehmke
Sara & family; Melissa & family; and Amanda & family

Dear Zion Church and Staff,

Thank you very much for allowing the Shawano Police Department to train at the church. The training was very beneficial for the officers and the community is safer because of it. Your focus on safety and security is aspiring for other churches.

~ Captain Shane Stange, Shawano Police Department

ZLCW Rummage Sale a Success!



We made over \$3,100! A sincere thank you to all who donated items, sorted items, set-up for the sale, worked the sale, and did take-down on Monday for the Zion Lutheran Church Women Rummage Sale held in August. With all the help on Monday, we were able pack up the remaining items in less than two hours! The unsold items were given to the Menominee Indian Reservation, SAFPARC, and Goodwill.

Thank you to Thrivent for the \$250 donation which was used for advertising and rummage sale supplies. ZLCW is thankful for everyone's contributions, as this money in part helps ZLCW to make yearly donations to various organizations. Not only is the Rummage Sale a money-maker for ZLCW, but it provides the chance for many people on limited incomes the ability to purchase needed items for their families at reasonable prices.

~ ZLCW Board and Donna Milbauer, RS Chairperson

Memorial Gifts as of August 28, 2022

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

In Memory of Steve Boehmke:

• Youth Fund

Elsie Greenhill, Rich & Judy Felts
Pella Mutual Insurance Co.
Dean & Deanne Guetschow
Gary & Cindy Dalke
Ken & Cindy Dean
Ruth Beversdorf, Karen Bartz
Owen & Twila Dettman

In Memory of Roy Ganzel:

• Building Fund

Sandra Rhode

• Church in Society Fund/Wee Care

Bonnie Wolf

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 on the flower calendar or call the office.



Sponsor a worship bulletin

in honor or in memory of someone!

The \$20 sponsorship fee goes into the General Fund to offset bulletin costs. Contact the office to reserve your date!

Visit Zion's Library!

The Printed Letter Bookshop by Katherine Reay. One of Madeline Cullen's happiest childhood memories is of working with her Aunt Maddie in the quaint and cozy Printed Letter Bookshop. But by the time Madeline inherits the shop nearly 20 years later, family troubles and her own bitter losses have hardened her heart toward her once-treasured aunt – and the now struggling bookshop left in her care. While Madeline intends to sell the shop as quickly as possible, the Printed Letter's two employees have other ideas. Reeling from a recent divorce, Janet finds sanctuary within the books and within the window displays she creates. Claire, feels equally drawn to the daily rhythms of the shop and its loyal clientele, finding a renewed purpose within its walls. When Madeline's professional life falls apart, and a handsome gardener upends all her preconceived notions, she questions her plans and her heart. Has she been too quick to dismiss her aunt's beloved shop? This is a captivating story of good books, a testament to the beauty of new beginnings, and a sweet reminder of the power of friendship.

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



From Your Parish Nurse...

2022 September is Food Safety Education Month

National Food Safety Education Month. It was created by the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation in 1994, which is an educational non-profit run by the business association. It exists because people can make or break food safety in this modern world. Farmers, food processors, shipping companies, food service, and food retail businesses, lawmakers, regulatory agencies, and even consumers have to be on board to keep the public safe.

National Food Safety Awareness Month provides the opportunity to recognize and rethink all the work that goes into preventing foodborne illness. It's an annual event that encourages politicians and food industry professionals to assess progress, set new goals, and address new issues. National Food Safety Month helps food safety professionals and consumers keep up to date on current safety precautions.

Symptoms of consuming dangerous foodborne bacteria will usually cause illness within 1 to 3 days of eating the contaminated food. However, sickness can also occur within 20 minutes or up to 6 weeks later. Symptoms of foodborne illness can include: vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain and flu like symptoms, such as fever, headache, and body ache.

The big 5 foodborne illnesses that are the most common pathogens that are easily transmitted through food are Shigella, E. Coli, Salmonella, Hepatitis A, and Norovirus.

Although most healthy people will recover from a foodborne illness within a short period of time, some can develop chronic, severe, or even life-threatening health problems. In addition, some people are at a higher risk for developing foodborne illness, including pregnant women, young children, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems. To keep your family safer from food poisoning, follow these four simple key steps: Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill.

1. **CLEAN:** Starts with washing your hands for 20 seconds before and after handling food. Wash your

cutting board, dishes, utensils, and counter tops with hot soapy water after preparing food items. Consider using paper towel to clean up kitchen surfaces. Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running tap water, including those with skins and rinds that are not eaten. With canned goods, wash lids.

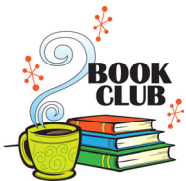
2. **SEPARATE:** Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs from other foods in your grocery shopping cart, grocery bags and refrigerator. Use one cutting board for fresh produce and a separate one for raw meat, poultry and seafood. Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, seafood, or eggs unless the plate has been washed in hot soapy water.

3. **COOK:** Cook to the right temperature. Color and texture are unreliable indicators of safety. Using a food thermometer is the only way to ensure the safety of meat, poultry, seafood, and egg products for all cooking methods. Cook eggs until the yolk and white are firm. When cooking in the microwave oven, cover food, stir, and rotate for even cooking. Bring sauces, soups and gravy to a boil when reheating.

4. **CHILL:** Refrigerate foods promptly. Use an appliance thermometer to be sure the temperature is consistently 40 degrees F or below and the freezer temperature is 0-degree F. or below. Refrigerate or freeze meat, poultry, eggs, seafood, and other perishables within 2 hours of cooking or purchasing. Refrigerate 1 hour if the temperature outside is about 90-degree F. Never thaw food at room temperature, such on a counter top. There are three safe ways to defrost food: in the refrigerator, in cold water, and in the microwave. Food thawed in cold water or in the microwave should be cooked immediately. For more information go to <https://www.fda.gov/food/consumers/people-risk-foodborne> and <https://www.fda.gov/food/buy-store-serve-safe-food/safe-food-handling>

John 6:27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.

~ Jennifer Greiert, Parish Nurse



Book Club's Current Read...

On Sept. 14 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, September 12 at 12:00 pm.
New members are always welcome!



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Community Blood Center
1:00—5:30 pm.

Call 800-280-4102

or visit communityblood.org/donor

Hosted by Health Ministry Committee.





Congratulations to Ellie Henning on her confirmation!

Ellie was confirmed on Saturday, August 13.

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Rev. Scott Ludford, Senior Pastor
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**Office Closed
Friday, Sept. 2 & Monday, Sept. 5**



Zion Men's Quartet Singing at the Park

Harlan Martin, Hugh Bruecker, Al Wichmann,
and Randy Steffen share their gift of music.



Wee Care Cookie sales are going strong at church and the park. Thank you to the Rummage Sale Committee for inviting us to sell Wee Care cookies at the sale. We earned \$488 which allowed us to buy 7 weeks' worth of peanut butter for the children. Also thank you to Mary Ann Rudie for bringing in the knitted dish cloths and to Debra Ludford for the banana bread. These generous donations helped to increase our sales total.

The featured cookie on September 17 & 18 will be Oatmeal Scotchies.

