## WELCOME

to Momco at Shawano ZION



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THE MOMCO

## Hey There!

Welcome to MomCo Shawano Zion! We're so glad you're here!! This little booklet is to give you an idea of what to expect as we walk this next year of motherhood together.

We are a group of mamas from all walks of life looking for one thing - a community of people who GET IT. Who understand the sleepless nights, the wild ride of potty training, the bittersweet of kindergarten, and so much more.

This year we're going to build community with a variety of activities, speakers, and videos covering topics from finding the joy in the chaos to learning how to have audacious faith with our kids! It's all here and it's gonna be so fun.

We're mamas with kids of all ages and personalities so whatever you're walking in with - you're welcome! We can't wait to get to know you!



THE LEADERSHIP TEAM







When [Jesus] had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So, they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

LUKE 5:4-7, NIV

In a world that values polish over vulnerability, we're reclaiming the power of awkwardness. Why? Because awkward is authentic and charming. It's a breath of fresh air. Sometimes in our quest to be seen as competent, professional and sophisticated, we forget the value of being real. Isn't it interesting how we love and appreciate awkwardness in others yet fight it off when we feel it in ourselves? Moms self-report loneliness in staggering statistics, probably because they feel no one truly knows the truest version of themselves. And there's one way to make that happen—by getting awkward.

It's simple but powerful: Once you give yourself permission to be awkward, fear loses its edge. This is when growth happens, relationships deepen, and obedience moves us from frustration to abundance. Perhaps, awkwardness isn't a weakness but your greatest asset. What a liberation!

We're entering a new era of earnestness. It's about showing up as awkward as necessary to express real kindness to other moms. We will be wild, weird, fun, authentic and a little freer. We will become comfortable embracing our unique spark because denying it leaves everyone around us starving for warmth and light.

This year is about to get awkward ... in a good way. Here's how we'll do it.





A great MomCo experience begins with a great discussion group! As a member, we want you to help make this the best MomCo year possible for each woman in your

group. Therefore we ask that everyone:

Attend faithfully. Remember that MomCo is a relational group, so come to our table with a heart to share and a desire to encourage one another.

Respect the other women in your group. Their opinions, contributions, child-raising techniques, beliefs, and unique qualities. We attempt to avoid divisive topics but ask that everyone remain respectful when they do come up.

Remember that anything shared is confidential. We want everyone to feel that this is a safe place to open up.

Encourage all to participate. Recognize when someone else would like to speak and try not to monopolize the conversation.

Avoid speaking disrespectfully about husbands, in-laws, acquaintances, etc.

It's okay to cry, laugh, and express emotions.

Enjoy the women at the table. Invite someone to do something outside of our meetups! It doesn't have to be anything fancy. Simple (and even a little awkward) is perfect!





#### WHEN WE MEET

Meetings will be on the first and third Thursdays of each month. 10-11:30AM Where to Go

Our meetings are located at Zion Lutheran Church. You will enter through door A on the south side of the building and look for MomCo signs.

#### **KidCo**

On Thursday morning we offer childcare for children 12 weeks to 5 years old. Email youth@shawanozion.org if you need a drop in reservation or wish to register for the semester.

KidCo Registration is \$5/kid (family max \$ 15) per meetup or \$25 fall semester, \$90 spring semester.

#### WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

Facebook: Momco Shawano Zion www.themom.co/groups/shawanozion

Learn more about your MomCo membership perks at www.themom.co/home

### Things to

#### **HOW TO REGISTER**

You can register for MomCo at www.shawanozion.org/momco. Current registration fees are \$60 for the year, which includes your MomCo membership fee and local fees.

First Meeting is free- come check it out!

#### MOMCO MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Participation in local MomCo Meetups
- Quarterly Printed The MomCo Journal
- Access to Mama Meetupsmeaningful online communities
- Access to the MomCo Members
   Website- MomCon Online, videos,
   articles, discounts, media library,
   downloads, and more.

#### **LOCAL DUES, WHY DO WE HAVE THEM?**

- Guest speakers, decorations, craft supplies
- Coffee, drinks, & food supplies
- Admin supplies & door prizes
- KidCo fees support background checks, snacks, crafts, etc.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

If you are unable to afford the dues, please contact youth@shawanozion.org for scholarship options.



## MEETING SCHEDULE

9:45-10 am KidsCo Check in

10 am Welcome & Opening Prayer

10:05 am Announcements & Snacks

10:20 am Main Meeting Topic

10:50 am Table Time & Prayer Requests

11:25 am Closing Prayer

11:30 am KidsCo Pick-up & Clean Up

# Social Activities - Playdates & MTO

Our group will have planned Social Activities for the whole group to attend. Some outings are just for moms to attend (MTO=Moms TIME Out) so we can relax and have uninterrupted time with friends. This will give us the chance to develop friendships with ladies sitting at other tables from us. We will also have **Playdates** throughout the year. During these feel free to bring your kids along to socialize and have fun! We may even have an opportunity to bring the whole family!

Your table is encouraged to get together outside of meetings.

Please feel welcome to invite MomCo Members to your other daily outingspark picnic, coffee dates, trips to the zoo, etc. etc. Use our facebook group to reach out!



## CALENDAR





September 18th

October 2nd

October 16th

November 6th

November 20th

December 4th

December 11th

#### Spring 2026

January 8th

April 16th

January 22nd

April 30th

February 5th

May 7th

February 19th

May 21st

March 5th March 19th



## KIDCO

KidsCo is here to help keep your kids safe and loved while you are at our meetups! KidsCo also provides kids their own programming that will nourish your child's relationship with God. Registration was required for childcare when you signed up for MomCo. Please contact us with questions or changes in your childcare needs!

Please DONOTbringyourchildtoKidsCo if they haveanyofthefollowing symptoms:

- 1. Fever, diarrhea, or vomiting in the last 24 hours
- 2. Severe coughing croup or whooping sounds
- 3. Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- 4. Possibly contagious rash
- 5. Pinkeye
- 6. Head lice
- 7. Unusually cranky, less active, or loss of appetite

If you are unsure, or your child seems to be sick, please keep them home.



Bag(labeled w/your child's name)

Waterbottle (labeled)

**Wipes** 

**Diapers/ Pull-ups** 

**Extra underwear** 

A Change of clothes

Shoes

#### Snacks/ Allergies

Snackswill be provided and is usually something along the lines of applesauce, goldfish, crackers, etc. Please feel free to bring your own snack if desired but we request it is nut free. If your child has allergies, please make sure you let us know!



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