

FOCUS

APRIL

2025

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

We welcome **Phoenix Ember Delchambre** into God's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sun., Mar. 2. Phoenix is the daughter of Dominic & Natalie Delchambre, with Sarah DeDamos, Joshua Altenhofen, Teresa West, and Riley Wood, as godparents. May this day be filled with faith, love, and blessings for you! R



NEW ZION PHOTO DIRECTORY SOON

Keep an eye on the *NEWS* and *FOCUS* newsletters ...ZION's Life & Growth Committee is excited to announce a new **ZION Photo Directory** for all members. Photo sessions will take place after Easter, and appointments will be scheduled in advance. More info about available dates and times will be shared soon. Each participating family will receive a complimentary copy of the directory and have the opportunity to purchase photos. R

SWEET SUCCESS FOR WEE CARE!

Thank you to all who purchased cookies or donated to our Maple Cookie Sale last weekend. \$750 was earned for Wee Care, and all 92 dozen cookies were sold. The Wee Care Cookie Elves were exhausted, but it was a great outcome. If you see a Wee Care Cookie Elf in church, give them a pat on the back to congratulate them — and to brush off the flour!

We would also like to thank Sacred Heart for the wonderful food donation to Wee Care. Sacred Heart's Human Concerns Committee organized a two-week food drive, and their congregation stepped up to the plate with a large collection of food. Wee Care is currently packing 153 bags per week at a cost of \$8.00 per bag, and this donation will go a long way in filling the food bags for the children. Thank you again, ZION and Sacred Heart, for caring! R



Linda Olson of the Human Concerns Committee is shown with the results of their efforts.

SAYPRO DONATES TO WEE CARE!

Wee Care is incredibly grateful to saYPro for donating 530 single servings of food to our Wee Care Food Packs program, along with a \$250 gift card to Charlie's County Market! A special thank you to Charlie's for running a two-week "round-up" program to support saYPro, making this donation possible. Your generosity and community spirit are truly appreciated and make a meaningful impact on local children. Thanks for your kindness and support! R



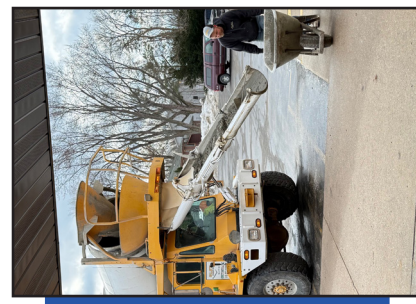
FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

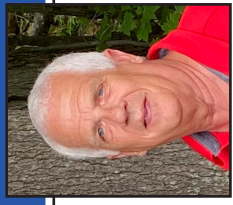
In-Person | 592
YouTube Views | 880 views

FEBRUARY OFFERINGS

ACTUAL \$50,364
BUDGET \$46,000

SEWER REPAIRS were recently completed downstairs, fixing an uneven line under the floor. Now we are awaiting the cement to cure, with tile installation planned for the week after Easter. (Below) R





“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.”

Job 19:25



April brings to us a few loose ends that have to be tied up, unanswered questions that disturb us, problems that we ought to solve, several extra pieces in our jigsaw puzzle that don't seem to fit anywhere. On Easter morning we will proclaim, "I know that my Redeemer lives." But the month of April also puts us knee deep in income taxes, neck deep in politician's promises, and over our heads in the cold hard facts of life.

So, Jesus Christ was here, and so He suffered and He died, and so He rose again. So, He lives, the victory's won. So, He crushed the head of Satan and defeated death. Where is He now? You can hear it all the time – complaints about how meaningless life is, about how meaningless the Christian Gospel is, how insignificant and helpless all this praying and this preaching is amid the complex problems like the problems we have now.

Those who say that we are living in an age of rapid change should know that we have not changed much. Our loose ends and unsolved problems and unanswered questions are the same loose ends and unsolved problems and unanswered questions that the ancient Book of Job wrestled with. Except for this, Job finally got those loose ends tied together. We're still trying. Job affirmed, "I know that my Redeemer lives." We answer, "Does He really?"

We don't have to wear the shoes of Job to know that life is full of strife. It does us no good either to remind ourselves that things were worse with Job than they could ever be with us. In the flurry of a tornado Job lost 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 donkeys and his servants. He broke out in a terrible disease so bad that his wife couldn't stand the smell of him. Job had friends who pulverized him with their words of counsel and advise. He felt desperately forsaken – by his God and by his wife, and by his brothers, by his servants and even by the children who were once his friends. If his calamities were

not hard enough to bear, the silence of no answer; nothing but the silence, was even harder.

In this season, we parrot pleasant platitudes about the will of God. But just about the time we find a formula that fits, something unpredictable turns up to make our shipshape logic look absurd, to dynamite dogmatic answers to throw us back into a tailspin of confusion.

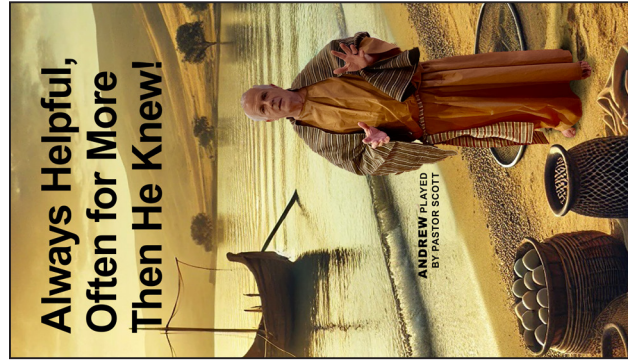
Easy answers? There are none. In fact, there are no answers whatsoever, not if you believe that your Redeemer lives. Job may not have known what this was all about, but he knew this – that God would vindicate him, God would set him free, God would deliver him, and God would justify him. He had this confidence that even though his body wasted and decayed completely, God would be his witness standing at his side.

From our perspective beyond the resurrection of our Lord, the confidence that Job expressed is loaded with the cross and with the resurrection. I know that my Redeemer lives! That's what the Easter faith is all about. In His death He suffered for my guilt and paid the penalty, and in His resurrection, He affirmed that all the guilt has been atoned for and that God doesn't demand a double payment. He affirms that He has suffered for us, and that He is now alive to suffer with us and to see us through. That's all we need to know. We do not have an answer! We need not know why! We wouldn't understand Him if He told us.

It is enough for us to know that He is Lord – alive and well and ruling – that He has us by the hand and leads us all the way; for we are the children of the heavenly Father who will never let us slip away. The cancer, coronary, war, ecology, -- things present, things to come – He'll never let them separate us from His love. He died and rose again and lives because He wanted us to trust Him. That's all, and that's enough, for I know that my Redeemer lives! R

In God's ministry ~ Pastor Scott Ludford

MEET THE DISCIPLES as portrayed by Pastor Scott!



YOUTH & FAMILY

SPAGHETTI DINNER BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The ZION Lutheran Youth Spaghetti Dinner on Wed., Feb. 19 was a wonderful evening filled with great food, fellowship, and generosity. Our congregation and community came together to enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our youth.

Guests were treated to plates of pasta with their choice of meat or meatless sauce, warm garlic bread, refreshing beverages, and a variety of homemade desserts. The Fellowship hall buzzed with conversation and laughter as people of all ages gathered in support of our youth.

The youth did an excellent job serving with enthusiasm and hospitality, making sure everyone felt welcomed. After the guests were served, they shared a meal together, demonstrating their commitment to serving others.

Through the generosity of our church family and friends, we raised funds to support youth ministry programs, helping provide faith-building experiences, service opportunities, and fellowship events. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, donated, and volunteered. Your kindness and support make a lasting impact on the lives of our youth. We look forward to hosting more events that strengthen our church family and bring us together in faith. R

GOD'S LITTLE WONDERS OFF TO A GREAT START!

Our first few sessions of God's Little Wonders: Faith and Fun Hour for Parents and Tots have been a wonderful success! We've had a fantastic group of little ones and their parents enjoying music, Bible stories, crafts, playtime, and prayer together. It has been a joy to see families connect, and children explore their faith, and everyone share in a time of learning and fellowship. If you haven't joined us yet, we'd love to see you at our upcoming April classes on April 3 & 17 from 11 AM to Noon. God's Little Wonders is a special program designed for children ages one through four and their parents, offering a faith-filled environment to learn, play, and grow together. Each session includes engaging activities that introduce little ones to God's love while also fostering meaningful connections between parents. Volunteers are needed to help with activities, including crafts, music, and playtime. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Kristin WhiteHorse. Come be part of this fun and welcoming community! For more details, email youth@shawanozion.org or visit shawanozion.org/family-ministries. We hope to see you and your little one there! R



MARCH MADNESS: BIBLE BRACKET CHALLENGE
Congratulations to our Winners in the March Madness: Bible Story Bracket Challenge!
Morgan, Peyton, and Cooper Boucher and **Lane Laude** all received Culver's Gift Cards for participating in this new March event! R

CROSSWAYS CAMPS: FAITH MEETS FUN

Give your child an unforgettable summer at Crossways!

Campers will grow in faith, make lifelong friends, and enjoy outdoor adventures like swimming, hiking, and campfires — all in a Christ-centered environment. With programs for all ages, Crossways provides a safe and supportive space where kids can explore their faith, build confidence, and have fun. Caring counselors, engaging activities, and worship make this a summer experience they won't forget! Learn more and register at crosswayscamps.org/youth. Spots fill fast — don't miss out! R



God's Little Wonders

Join us for God's Little Wonders:

Parent-Tot Hour, a special time for parents and their little ones to connect, explore, and grow in faith together.

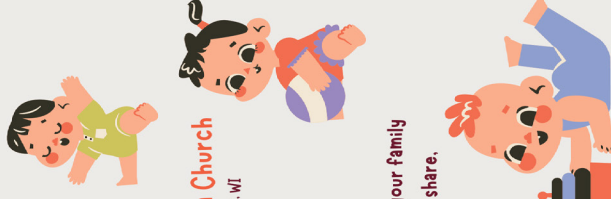
First and Third Thursdays
11:00am - 12:00pm

Zion Lutheran Church
1254 S Union St Shawano, WI

This engaging hour includes:

- Hands-on activities and crafts
- Joyful songs and stories
- Simple ways to nurture faith in your family
- Connection time for parents to share, support, and build community

CONTACT
Kristin WhiteHorse
youth@shawanozion.org
(715) 390-4580



VBS-TRUE NORTH: TRUST JESUS IN A WILD WORLD Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed! This year's Vacation Bible School will take place **June 2-5, from 9 AM to Noon**, and we are looking for volunteers — both youth (6th grade and older) and adults! There are a variety of fun and meaningful jobs to fit your interests and schedule. Register online with our new program at vbspro.events/p/2a414b. When registering, you can select the roles you're interested in, or talk to Kristin about the best options for you.

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

Our goal this year for VBS is 50 kids — and we need your help to get the word out! Please share VBS info with families you know who might be interested in sending their kids. With a bigger goal comes the need for more volunteers — so please consider joining us in making this a special experience for all the kids! If you have any questions, contact Kristin. R



GREAT THINGS HAPPENING WITH OUR KIDDOS!

We've changed our name! Sunday School will now be known as Kids of the Kingdom. In March, we made special crafts for ZION's Friendly Visitors to deliver to the homebound people they visit. On February 16 and March 16, we sang in church and shared our voices with the Congregation. We also held a Loud Offering and raised \$520 for the Humane Society — plus collected supplies to donate! Thanks, kids, for bringing so much joy to ZION Lutheran Church! R

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM SERVICE PROJECTS & EVENTS

Thank you to all who supported the **Kids of the Kingdom Loud Offering** in March! We collected \$215 to purchase games, supplies, and bingo prizes for our nursing homes. We are continuing to collect items. Please place donations in the box by the bulletin



board. A list of needed items is posted there as well. Our May Loud Offering will also support this project. Thanks for helping us make a difference! R

KWIK TRIP CAR WASH CARDS

ZION Youth will continue to sell Kwik Trip car wash cards to raise funds for our programs. They are always available in the office and available between services several times a month. R



“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

MARK 10:45, ESV

Springing to LIFE

New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans

What you do:

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!

THE IMPORTANCE OF PEW PADS

Filling out the pew pad during worship plays a vital role in our ELCA parish. Whether you are a long-time member, visitor, or first-time guest, your participation helps strengthen our church.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Welcoming Visitors:** Helps us recognize and connect with new faces, fostering a warm and inviting atmosphere.
- **Congregational Care:** Allows pastors to notice when someone is absent and may need pastoral support.
- **Enhanced Communication:** Keeps contact details updated, ensuring you receive church announcements and event updates.
- **Holy Communion Preparation:** Helps church leaders account for those receiving Communion and plan accordingly.
- **Supporting Church Growth:** Attendance tracking informs leadership decisions for worship services and ministries.

This small act has a lasting impact. The next time you attend worship, please take a moment to sign in, it helps build a stronger, more connected church family. Thanks for your participating! R

THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERING: SERVING IN FAITH AND COMMUNITY

Volunteering is at the heart of Christian service, reflecting Christ's love through action. At ZION Lutheran Church, we are called to serve — both within our church and throughout the Shawano community. Whether you're greeting at Sunday services, mentoring youth, or helping at a local food pantry, every act of service makes a difference.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Giving your time to serve others strengthens our church, enriches our community, and deepens your own faith. When you volunteer, you become part of something greater than yourself — helping others, sharing God's love, and building relationships that last a lifetime.

THE IMPACT OF SERVING

Within the church, volunteers help create a welcoming environment, support ministries, and ensure church programs thrive. Outside our walls, community service meets critical needs, from feeding the hungry to supporting families in crisis. Your time and talents can bring hope, healing, and encouragement to those who need it most.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

- **Spiritual Growth** – Strengthen your faith – put it into action.
- **Connections** – Build relationships with fellow believers and community members.
- **Fulfillment** – Experience the joy of making a difference.
- **Skill Development** – Gain new abilities while serving.

GET INVOLVED

ZION Lutheran offers many ways to serve, from worship assistance to outreach ministries. If you're looking for opportunities beyond the church, reach out to Shawano Area United Way to learn how you can help meet local needs at [715.513.9471](tel:715.513.9471) or at shawanocountyunitedway.org/volunteer.

God calls us to be His hands and feet in the world. Take the step — volunteer today and see how serving others transforms lives, including your own! R

BINGO CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS

Please stop and see Nancy Schultz on Mondays or Wednesdays in the ZION Church office to receive your participation gift. R

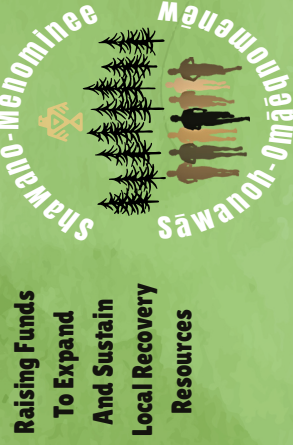
JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER!

The **American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Shawano-Menominee** will take place on **Sat., April 12**, from **9 AM to 3 PM** at Shawano Community High School. Join the **ZION Walkers** or simply stop by to show your support. Many members of the ZION Walkers have been personally touched by cancer or are currently fighting the disease. This event unites survivors, caregivers, volunteers, and participants with a shared vision of a future with less cancer and more birthdays. To join the ZION Walkers or support their efforts, register or donate at relayforlife.org/shawano-menominee.wi. You can also use donation envelopes in the ZION *FOCUS* newsletter or March bulletins. **Checks payable to the American Cancer Society** can be placed in the offering plates. Questions, please call **Kathy Beyer** at **715.853.2464** or **Dolly Burdick** at **715.799.4029**, chairs of the ZION Walkers. *Together, we can make a difference!* R

4th Annual Recovery Awareness Walk & 5K Saturday, May 3, 2025

Franklin Park

235 S Washington St, Shawano, WI 54166



**Raising Funds
To Expand
And Sustain
Local Recovery
Resources**

**Presented By:
Shawano
Menominee
Resiliency
Coalition**



PROGRAM STARTS AT 10 A.M.

– 5K Fun Run/Walk

– Speakers

– Food & Beverages

– Recovery Resource Fair

– Entertainment & Music

No Addict Turned Away

**"If we are facing in the right direction,
all we have to do is keep walking."**

- Buddhist Proverb

**T-SHIRT
REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
APRIL 14TH**



www.runsignup.com/Race/WI/Shawano/RecoveryWalk5k



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



ZLCW

PERSONAL CARE KITS

This year during Lent Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW) would like to provide this opportunity for all members of Zion to contribute to Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

When families find their homes destroyed or must flee for their safety, soap, and a towel rarely what they carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other safe place, they are scared, vulnerable, and dirty from the travel. The items included in a **Personal Care Kit** provide much-needed self-care, critical germ-fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

When choosing items for personal care kits, please follow these guidelines:

- ✓ Give new items only.
- ✓ Do not donate items that have any religious symbols, messages, or ZION's name on any item.
- ✓ Do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

The following are needed for each Personal Care Kit:

- ✓ One light-weight bath-size towel (20"x40" to 27"x52") Dark-colored recommended.
- ✓ Two or three bath-size bars of soap (8-9 oz.) of any brand, in original wrap, no mini or hotel-size bars.
- ✓ One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ✓ One sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs)
- ✓ One metal nail clipper.

A plastic container is provided for items to be placed in, under the bulletin board near the elevator. Thank you for your contributions to this worthwhile cause. If you have any questions, contact **Karen Childs at 715.526.2445** or **Dorothy Eidahl at 715.526.2650**. †

ZLCW QUILTERS

The ZION Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW) Mission Quilters are a dedicated group of individuals who put their faith into action by creating hand-tied quilts that bring warmth, comfort, and love to those in need. These quilts are not only beautiful but serve a vital purpose in providing physical and emotional support to people facing difficult circumstances — both locally and around the world. Each stitch is a reflection of their compassion and commitment to service. The group meets every Tuesday morning, and new volunteers are always welcome. If you're interested in joining this meaningful ministry, please contact **Dorothy Eidahl** or **Karen Childs** for more information. Whether sewing, donating, or supporting in prayer, the ZLCW Mission Quilters invite others to be part of this heartfelt outreach. Their work is a powerful expression of ZION's mission to share God's love through acts of kindness, generosity, and hope.

ZLCW PERSONAL CARE KITS

In addition to quilting, the ZLCW is involved in assembling personal care kits that are distributed to those who lack access to basic hygiene items. These kits are a lifeline for individuals affected by poverty, displacement, or natural disaster, and they serve as a tangible reminder that they are not forgotten. Donations of specific hygiene items are greatly appreciated — *see the list at the right for details* on what is currently needed.

ZLCW SILENT AUCTION 3/29-4/6/2025

Get ready — ZION's beloved ZLCW Silent Auction of Baskets is back from **March 29–April 6!** Thank you to everyone who donated baskets for this fun and meaningful event. From sweet treats to creative themes, there's something for everyone. Stop by the Narthex, and place your bids to support the ZLCW mission. Let the bidding begin! R



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Please keep these individuals in your prayers. May they find strength and healing. Dale Bergsbaken, Larry Gueths, Gerald Bartline, Pete Hintz, Terry Fusek, Leslie Buckbee, Yvonne Wolf, Adeline Holtz, Stacey Popp, Dorothy Kunst, Ken & Linda Spreeman, Bob Janicki, Helen Kaurala and Shirley Sorenson. R

LENTEN LUNCHESES & SUPPERS AT ZION

Please come join us after the 11 AM worship service. ZION's Lenten Suppers are every **Wednesday from 4:30-6 PM** before the Lent evening services. All are welcome. This is a time for fellowship, community, and a warm meal as we prepare our hearts for worship. Interested in helping? Sign up on the bulletin board by the elevator. R

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THESE FAMILIES

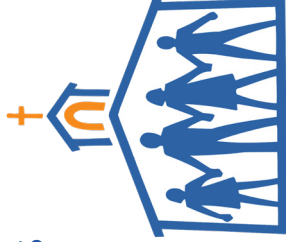
We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends **Eileen R. Elerston**, (nee Mathison) age 86, went home to her Lord and Savior, on Feb. 7. A funeral service for Eileen was held on Sat. Feb. 15, at ZION with Pastor Scott Ludford officiating.

Also, **Kenneth Lounsbury** passed away March 24. His funeral services will be at ZION on **Mon., March 31 at 11 AM**. Swedberg Funeral Home is in charge of the funeral arrangements. Please keep his loved ones in your prayers. R

MARCH & APRIL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Service	Acolytes	Volunteers needed
3/30/25	8 AM	Erin Felhofer & Blake Otto
4/6/25	8 & 10:30 AM	Volunteers needed
4/13/25 (Palm Sunday)	8 AM	Volunteers needed
	10:30 AM	Peyten & Morgan Boucher
Service	April Lay Readers & Communion Assistants	
Sat.-5 PM	Steve Dalke (Reader) & Joy Dalke	
Sun.-8 AM	Amanda Bernath (Reader) Bart, Debbie & Bailey Defere	
Sun.-10:30 AM	Mike Ejdahl (Reader) Judy Stoltenow & volunteer needed	

To volunteer for summer services, bit.ly/ZionSummerVolunteers R



First Communion

Class- April 5 @ 10am

Service- Thurs, April 17 @6pm



This sacrament is open to any child whose parents feel they are ready. At least one parent must attend the class with their child.

Contact Pastor Scott or Kristin WhiteHorse if your child is interested.

NEW ZION LIBRARY BOOKS & DVDS

Couples Who Pray *The Most Intimate Act Between a Man and a Woman* by Squire Rushnell and Louise Duart. It's true. The most intimate act between a man and a woman is prayer. And praying daily with the one person you love more than any other takes you to a level of joy and satisfaction that you simply will not believe until you try it. The authors know firsthand what praying together as a couple can do. They were amazed at the happiness and harmony this simple act brought to their relationship.

90 Minutes in Heaven DVD featuring *Hayden Christensen* and *Kate Bosworth*. Based on a true account and The New York Times best-selling book comes the feature film adaption of 90 Minutes in Heaven. During the 90 minutes he is declared dead after a traffic accident, Don Piper experiences love, joy and life like he's never known. But when he finally wakes in the hospital, Heaven's bliss is replaced by excruciating pain and emotional turmoil with the support of his family and community, Don clings to his faith and fights to recover the life he's lost. This film is an emotional and inspiring story of perseverance that will bring hope and encouragement to all who see it. R



Thank you so much for the cards and visits to Mom these past few months. It really brightened her day and she appreciated your thoughts and kindness.

God bless you all -

During a time like this we learn how much our friends and relatives really mean to us...

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered

*Sincerely
The family of
Eileen Elerston*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 2-5

9AM-NOON

Zion Lutheran Church
Shawano, WI



New friends * Amazing experiments * Creative games
Super-fun snacks * Surprising adventures * Incredible music

VBS is open to all 4K-5th Grade Students

Volunteer and child registration found at
www.shawanozion.org/vbs



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EQUIPPING CAREGIVERS: MINISTRY.

STEPHEN MINISTERS IN TRAINING

At ZION, we are in the midst of an exciting and meaningful journey — training our first group of Stephen Ministers! These dedicated individuals are preparing to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to those facing life's challenges, such as grief, illness, job loss, divorce, or other difficulties.

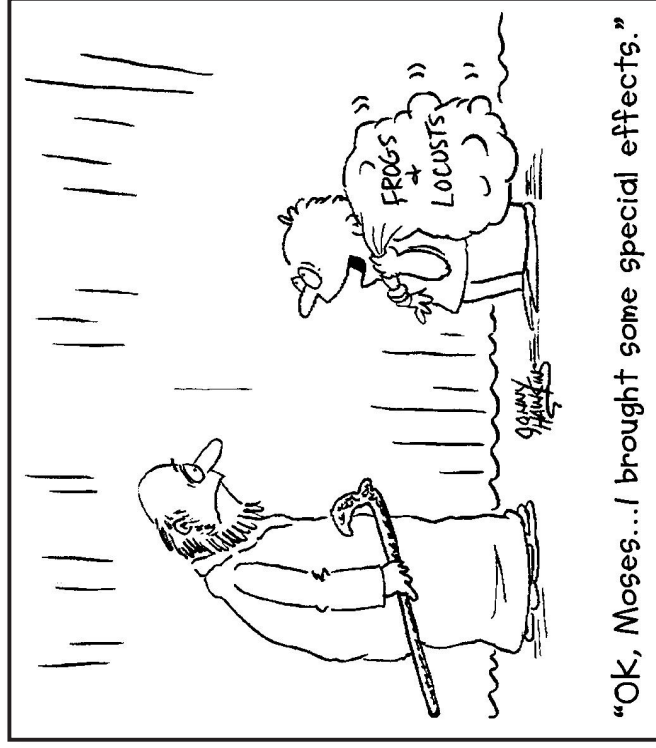
Stephen Ministry is a Christ-centered program equipping laypeople to serve as compassionate caregivers. Since beginning their training earlier this year, our Stephen Ministers have been engaged in 50 hours of learning, covering topics such as active listening, distinctively Christian care giving, maintaining boundaries, and the importance of confidentiality. This training, led by experienced leaders, is giving them the tools and confidence needed to walk alongside others with care and Christ-like love.

As the training continues, we look forward to commissioning our Stephen Ministers at the end of May. At that time, they will be ready to begin their ministry, paired with individuals in our congregation and community who are seeking spiritual and emotional support. The impact of this ministry will be far-reaching — not only providing care to those in need but also enriching the faith and lives of those serving.

Stephen Ministers meet regularly with their care receivers and participating in ongoing education and peer support. This ensures they continue to grow in their role and provide the highest quality care possible. We invite our Congregation to keep our Stephen Ministers-in-training in prayer as they prepare for this ministry. These trainees include **Sara Boucher, Vicki Heling, Gail Hoffman, Bob Kurkewicz, Deborah Maier, Shannon Neumann, Michael Sleeper, and Ginny Vraney**. If you or someone you know could benefit from the support of a Stephen Minister, or if you are interested in learning more about future training opportunities, we encourage you to reach out.

As Galatians 6:2 reminds us, **“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.”** Through Stephen Ministry, our church is living out this call — bringing comfort, encouragement, and hope to those who need it most.

For more info, contact our Stephen Leaders- **Judy Laude, Nancy Schultz, and Kristin WhiteHorse** or the church office. R



“Ok, Moses...! brought some special effects.”

SHAWANO-MENOMINEE RELAY FOR LIFE PEARLS OF HOPE



Celebrating

30 Years 1995-2025

Saturday, April 12 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Shawano Community High School

MEMORIALS TO RESTRICTED FUNDS

*In Memory of **JILL SOUSEK'S GRANDFATHER***

- **Sandra Rhode** given to the *General fund*.

*In Memory of **KAY LOGEMANN***

- **Sandra Rhode** given to the *Music fund*.

*In Memory of **EILEEN ELERTSON***

- **Lon & Ellen Swedberg** given to the *Wee Care fund*.
- **Peggy Ray** given to the *Wee Care fund*.
- **Bonnie Wolf** given to the *Wee Care fund*.
- **Dawn Brock** given to the *Music fund*.
- **Marilyn Steffen** given to the *Endowment fund*.
- **Doug & Christie Wegner** given to the *Wee Care fund*.
- **Randy & Ann Steffen** given to the *General fund*.
- **Alan & Margery Wichman** given to the *General fund*.
- **Terry & Karen Fusek** given to the *General fund*.
- **Julie Effenberger** given to the *Building fund*.
- **Mary Ann Wilharm-Rudie** given to the *Building fund*.
- **Gene & Barb Hoppe** given to the *Health Ministry fund*.
- **Helen Kaurala** given to the *Endowment fund*. R



FILL THE SANCTUARY THIS EASTER!

Honor or remember a loved one this Easter by sponsoring a flowering plant. Order forms are available in the bulletin, on the ZION website, or in the Narthex. Simply complete a form, select your plant, and return it with payment in an envelope — place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Available Plants: Easter Lily — \$20, Kalanchoe — \$25, Mum — \$25, or a Begonia — \$25 each. Deadline: Mon., April 7 at Noon. R



ZION BLOOD DRIVES

♦ **May 12** | 1–5:30 PM ♦ **Sept. 22** | 1:30–5:30 PM

Mark your calendars! You can donate blood every 56 days so plan ahead and make a difference at our upcoming drives. More details will be shared as the dates approach. Thanks for being ready to say “YES” to saving lives! R



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 ZLCW Silent Basket Auction 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Kids of the Kingdom-Service Project Day 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>31 ZLCW Silent Basket Auction 8:30am Strong Bodies 9:30am Ken Lounsbury Funeral 11 AM & 9:30 AM Visitation</p>	<p>1 ZLCW Silent Basket Auction 7:30am Strong Bodies 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am LWR Mission Quilting 5:00pm Jill Sousek Meeting</p>	<p>2 Fabry Organ Tuner ZLCW Silent Basket Auction 8:30am Strong Bodies 11:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Lenten Luncheon 4:30pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal 4:30pm Lenten Supper 6:00pm Confirmation Class/ Lent Mentors 6:00pm Worship Service 7:00pm High School Youth Group</p>	<p>3 ZLCW Silent Basket Auction 7:30am Strong Bodies 11:00am God's Little Wonders-Parent/Tot Hour 4:30pm Girl Scouts Troop #4723 5:30pm Girl Scouts Troop #4139</p>	<p>4 ZLCW Silent Basket Auction 9:00am Library Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5 ZLCW Silent Basket Auction 10:00am First Communion Class 5:00pm Worship Service</p>
<p>6 ZLCW Silent Basket Auction 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Kids of the Kingdom 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>7 8:30am Strong Bodies 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Health Ministry Committee Meeting 5:00pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting</p>	<p>8 7:30am Strong Bodies 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am LWR Mission Quilting Meeting 10:30am Finance Committee Meeting 6:00pm Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm Life & Growth Committee ZOOM Meeting</p>	<p>9 8:30am Strong Bodies 11:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Lenten Luncheon 1:00pm ZLCW Board Meeting 4:30pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal 4:30pm Lenten Supper 6:00pm Confirmation Class/ Lent Mentors 6:00pm Worship Service 6:30pm High School Bible Study</p>	<p>10 7:30am Strong Bodies 4:30pm Girl Scouts Troop #4723 6:00pm Girl Scouts Troop #4717</p>	<p>11 9:00am Relay for Life-ZION Walkers 5:00pm Worship Service</p>	<p>12 9:00am Relay for Life-ZION Walkers 5:00pm Worship Service</p>
<p>13 Palm Sunday 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Kids of the Kingdom 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Youth Committee Meeting 12:00pm Stephen Ministry Training 5:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 8:30am Strong Bodies 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Sunday School Teachers Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting- Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>15 FOCUS Deadline 7:30am Strong Bodies 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am LWR Mission Quilting 6:00pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>16 8:30am Strong Bodies 6:00pm Confirmation Class/ Lent Mentors 6:30pm High School Youth Group</p>	<p>17 Maundy Thursday 7:30am Strong Bodies 11:00am God's Little Wonders-Parent/Tot Hour 5:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal 6:00pm Worship Service- First Communion</p>	<p>18 Good Friday 1:00pm Worship Service 6:00pm Worship Service</p>	<p>19 Good Friday 1:00pm Worship Service 6:00pm Worship Service</p>
<p>20 Easter Sunday 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Joyful Ringers Rehearsal 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>21 Office Closed 8:30am Strong Bodies 10:00am Staff Meeting 3:30pm Women's Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>22 Earth Day 7:30am Strong Bodies 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am LWR Mission Quilting 5:00pm Friendly Visitors Meeting</p>	<p>23 Administrative Professionals Day 8:30am Strong Bodies 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm High School Bible Study</p>	<p>24 7:30am Strong Bodies 4:30pm Girl Scouts Troop #4723 6:00pm Girl Scouts Troop #4717</p>	<p>25 5:00pm Worship Service</p>	<p>26 5:00pm Worship Service</p>
<p>27 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Kids of the Kingdom-Service Project Day 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>28 8:30am Strong Bodies 10:00am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>29 7:30am Strong Bodies 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am LWR Mission Quilting</p>	<p>30 8:30am Strong Bodies 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm High School Youth Group EVENT TBD</p>	<p>1 National Day of Prayer 7:30am Strong Bodies 11:00am God's Little Wonders-Parent/Tot Hour 4:30pm Girl Scouts Troop #4723 5:30pm Girl Scouts Troop #4139</p>	<p>2 8:30am Lay School Graduation 5:00pm Worship Service</p>	<p>3 8:30am Lay School Graduation 5:00pm Worship Service</p>

Meet the Disciples!

Join Us as our Pastor brings the Disciples to life in first-person portrayals. Experience their bold faith, struggles, and commitment to Christ — and reflect on how their journeys connect to yours.



*Don't miss
this powerful
Lenten series!*

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Worship Services | 11 AM & 6 PM
Lenten Lunch | Noon
Lenten Supper | 4:30-6 PM



*You're Invited
to Join Us*

HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY | 6 PM

GOOD FRIDAY | 1 PM & 6 PM

EASTER SUNDAY | 8 AM & 10:30 AM

ONLINE | WWW.SHAWANOZION.ORG

Summer Worship Schedule begins May 25

ZION | Saturdays at 5 PM; Sundays at 8 AM

Shawano County Park | Sundays at 9:30 AM



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