

ZION NEWS

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

THIS WEEK AT ZION

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

Girl Scout Day | 12 PM
Worship Service | 5 PM

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

Worship Service | 8 AM
Choir Rehearsal | 9:15 AM
Sunday School (*Service Project Day*) | 9:15 AM
Worship Service | 10:30 AM | Install Church Council
Stephen Ministry Training | 1 PM

MONDAY, FEB. 24

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
Staff Meeting | 10 AM
Jill Sousek Meeting | 3:30 PM

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
Men's Breakfast | 8 AM
LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM
Hearts & Minds Class | 4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM
Joyful Ringers Rehearsal | 5 PM
Confirmation Class | 6 PM
High School Bible Study | 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM
Girl Scouts Troop #4723 | 4:30 PM
Stephen Ministry Training | 5 PM
Girl Scouts Troop #4717 | 6 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Worship Service | 5 PM | Joyful Ringers

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Service | 8 AM
Choir Rehearsal & Sunday School | 9:15 AM
Worship Service | 10:30 AM | Delchambre Baptism
Stephen Ministry Training | 1 PM

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

SAT. | 5 PM | 36 SUN. | 8 AM | 44 SUN. | 10:30 AM | 62
Total In-Person | 142 YouTube Views | 200 views

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund: \$15,105 Building Fund: \$200
Restricted Funds: \$1,622 Total Weekly Offering: \$16,977



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the following individuals in your thoughts and prayers as they face health challenges and personal struggles. May they find strength, comfort, and healing in the support of our Congregation: **Larry Gueths, Gerald Bartline, Leslie Buckbee, Terry Fusek, Dorothy Kunst, Shirley Sorenson, Bob Janicki, Ken & Linda Spreeman.**

WEE CARE COOKIE SALE UPDATE

The Snickerdoodle cookie sale earned \$767 which will purchase food for the school kids. Thank you to all for supporting Wee Care.



- Next sale will be **March 15 and 16.**
- Flavor of the month will be **Frosted Maple Cookies.**

SPAGHETTI DINNER THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for everyone who joined us on Feb. 19 for an evening of great food, fellowship, and generosity. Your support made the event a success! A special thank you to our amazing youth who served with enthusiasm and hospitality, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It was a joy to see our church family and community come together in laughter, conversation, and shared faith. Because of your kindness, whether through attending, donating, or volunteering, we raised funds to support youth ministry programs, providing faith-building experiences, service opportunities, and fellowship events. Your generosity makes a lasting impact on our youth and church!

LENTEN SUPPERS AT ZION

ZION's **Lenten Suppers** return every **Wednesday** starting in March from **4:45-6 PM** before the Lent evening services. This is an excellent 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. We look forward to sharing this meaningful season with you!



LOUD OFFERING RAISES \$520!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the **Kids of the Kingdom's Loud Offering** this past weekend! A total of \$520.79 was raised for the Humane Society. The **next Loud Offering** will be on **March 16.** Stay tuned for the **NEWS** to find out which charity the kids choose next!

WEDNESDAYS DURING

Lent

March 5,
Ash Wednesday
through Holy Week

11 AM & 6 PM
Worship Services

Lenten Suppers
Wednesdays
4:45 – 6 PM

ZLCW SILENT AUCTION COMING!

Mark your calendars! The Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW) Silent Auction of Baskets will be held at ZION from **March 29 – April 6**. Start planning your basket donation to support this worthy cause. Thank you, ZLCW!

TOT CLASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist with the **Parent-Tot classes** on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 11 AM to Noon. Tasks include helping with crafts, snack time, and general supervision of the children. If you're available to help, contact Kristin at youth@shawanozion.org.

MAKE TIME FOR DAILY DEVOTION

Life moves fast, quickly filling with tasks, distractions, and to-do lists. Setting aside time for devotion — through prayer, gratitude, or reflection — brings clarity, peace, and renewed purpose. Just like setting goals for the **Exercise Bingo Challenge**, you can challenge yourself to build a daily habit of devotion. Start your day with Scripture, keep a gratitude journal, or create a quiet space for prayer. However you spend this time, may it bring you closer to God and fill your heart with peace.

THRIVENT WILD FIRES MATCH

Thrivent is offering a matching fund to support those affected by the California wildfires. For every \$2 given to select charities through a Thrivent Charitable donor-advised fund grant or Thrivent's online giving platform, Thrivent will add \$1, up to \$500,000. Eligible charities include: Convoy of Hope, LCMS Disaster Response, Lutheran Disaster Response, Orphan Grain Train, Salvation Army (Pasadena), and Westside Food Bank. Learn more or donate at Thrivent's [Disaster Response](#).

FEBRUARY/MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Date	Service	Acolytes
Sun., Feb. 23	8 AM	Brixon Koenig & Bella
	10:30 AM	Kyle Huebner & Blake Otto

♥ **February** Lay Readers & Communion Assistants
Sat.-5 PM Joy Dalke (Reader) & Steve Dalke
Sun.-8 AM Carey Grieves (Reader)
Brian Grieves & Scott Glysch

Sun.-10:30 AM Judy Stoltenow (Reader)
Winnie Preston, Susan Lemke

♣ **March** Lay Readers & Communion Assistants
Sat.-5 PM Robert Hass (Reader) & Diane Rugalski
Sun.-8 AM Matt Heling (Reader)
Vicki Heling & Dawn Brock

Sun.-10:30 AM Michael Sleeper (Reader)
Robert & Jackie Weier

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STEPHEN MINISTRY Training Update

Please pray for our Stephen Ministers as they continue to enhance their caregiving skills. Here is what they are learning this week.

Session Four—*Distinctively Christian Caring (Part 1)*

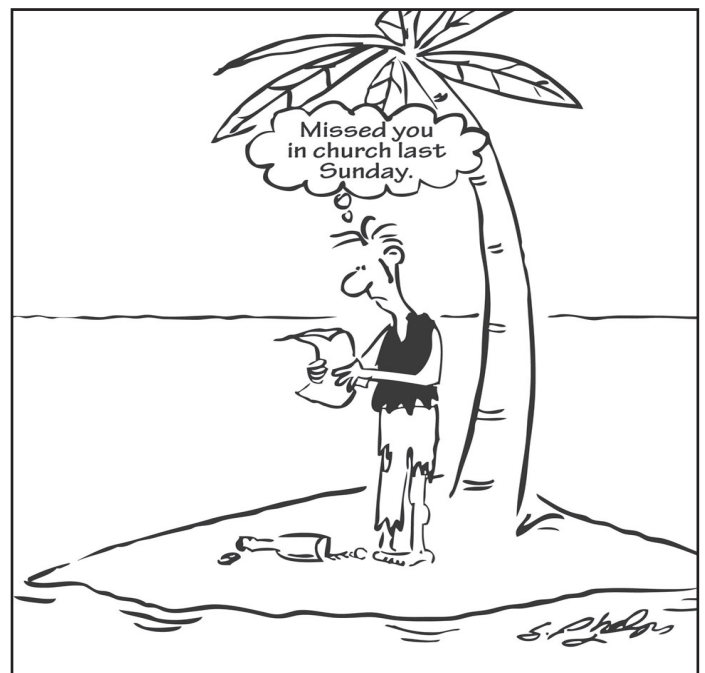
This is the first of two sessions on distinctively Christian caring. Stephen Ministers explore the essentials of using their Christian faith in caring for another, drawing on the resources of prayer, witnessing, the Bible, forgiveness, blessings, and more.

An important motto of Stephen Ministry is “The Stephen Minister is the **caregiver**, and God is the **curegiver**.” This training session underscores this Christ-centered focus for Stephen Ministers.

Session Five—*Distinctively Christian Caring (Part 2)*

This is the second of two sessions on this topic, as Stephen Ministers explore how Christian caregivers have something distinctive that they can offer that other caregivers cannot provide—God's unconditional love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

In this session our Stephen Ministers will specifically practice and discuss the use of prayer, confession and absolution, and the Bible in caregiving relationships.



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