



# ZION NEWS

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

**SATURDAY, JAN. 4**

Worship Service | 5 PM

**SUNDAY, JAN. 5**

Worship Service | 8 AM | **Henrick Steichen Baptism**

Choir Rehearsal & Sunday School | 9:15 AM

Worship Service | 10:30 AM

**MONDAY, JAN. 6**

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM

Health Ministry Committee Meeting | Noon

Worship & Music Committee Meeting | 5 PM

**TUESDAY, JAN. 7**

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM

Men's Breakfast | 8 AM

LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM

Finance Committee Meeting | 9:30 AM

Property Committee Meeting | 6 PM

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8**

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM

ZLCW Board Meeting | 1 PM

Stewardship Committee Meeting | 4:30 PM

Joyful Ringers Rehearsal | 5 PM

Confirmation Class | 6 PM

High School Bible Study | 6:30 PM

**THURSDAY, JAN. 9**

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM

Girl Scouts Troop #4723 | 4:30 PM

**SATURDAY, JAN. 11**

Worship Service | 5 PM

**SUNDAY, JAN. 12**

Worship Service | 8 AM

Choir Rehearsal & Sunday School | 9:15 AM

Worship Service | 10:30 AM (Joyfull Ringers)

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

SAT. | 5 PM | 35 SUN. | 8 AM | 55 SUN. | 10:30 AM | 39

Total In-Person | 129 YouTube Views | 124 views

## WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund: \$3,591 Building Fund: \$225

Restricted Funds: \$94 Total Weekly Offering: \$3,910

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## Thoughts and Prayers

Leslie Buckbee • Gerald Bartline • Marilyn Dahl

Terry Fusek • Eileen Elertson • Rita Trinko

Dorothy Kunst • Ken & Linda Spreeman

Larry Gueths • Bob Janicki

## BAPTISM BLESSINGS

We joyfully welcome **Henrik William Steichen** into God's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism at 8 AM on Sun., Jan. 5. Henrik is the cherished son of **Bradley and Amber Steichen**. His Godparents, **Austin Henn**, and **Ashley Marshall** will stand alongside him as spiritual guides on his faith journey. May God shine upon Henrik and his family as they celebrate this special day.

## OUR CONDOLENCES

**Victoria A. "Vickie" Paiser** (Aug. 8, 1950-Dec. 22, 2024)

A service was held on Mon., Dec. 30, at Swedberg Funeral Home where Pastor Ludford officiated. Visit [swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituary/victoria-paiser](http://swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituary/victoria-paiser) for her full obituary and our sympathy to the Paiser family.

## RECRUITMENT FOR STEPHEN MINISTERS BEGINS IN JANUARY

ZION is launching the recruitment phase for **new Stephen Ministers** this January. Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who provide one-on-one, Christ-centered support to individuals facing life's challenges, such as grief, illness, or major transitions. Training to become a Stephen Minister is a comprehensive process designed to equip participants with the skills and confidence to offer adequate care. It includes 50 hours of instruction covering topics such as active listening, maintaining confidentiality, providing spiritual care, and handling crises. Role-playing, group discussions, and practical exercises are key components of the program, ensuring that each Stephen Minister is fully prepared for their care giving role. If you feel called to serve in this meaningful ministry or want to learn more, please contact the church office or one of the Stephen leaders, Nancy Schultz, Judy Laude, or Kristin WhiteHorse. Stephen Ministry offers a unique opportunity to grow spiritually and make a lasting difference in others' lives.

## CHRIST IN OUR HOME

The January-March issue of *Christ in Our Home* is available in regular or LARGE print. Pick a copy for your home for 2025 today!



## WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thanks to everyone who made the 2024 Children's program so special! From the joyful performances to the support from parents and volunteers, every moment reflected the season's true meaning. You truly bless us, and we look forward to celebrating together again next year!

## 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2025 offering envelopes are available at the Info Desk. Your support through regular giving helps ZION's mission and ministries year-round. Thank you for your generosity!

## CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

ZION's **Annual Meeting** will be on **Sun., Jan. 26, 2025**, at **11:30 AM** in the sanctuary. Your presence and votes are vital as we review the past year, discuss plans for the future, and make essential decisions for ZION. Together, let's shape the next chapter of ZION's ministry.

## SERVE ON CHURCH COUNCIL

ZION's Church Council needs a Treasurer and Secretary for the upcoming terms. These roles are key to supporting ZION's ministries. Have experience or just a heart for service? Consider stepping up!

## ZION TREE DECORATORS

Thank you so much for your hard work and creativity in decorating for the ZION Festival of Trees! Your contributions added so much beauty and joy to our celebration this season. We kindly ask that all trees have the decorations removed by the end of the day on **Mon., Jan. 6**. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to the church office or Karen Childs. Thanks!

## BINGO FITNESS CHALLENGE!

Kick off the new year with fun! Join our Bingo Fitness Challenge starting **Sun., Jan. 5**, and take steps toward a healthier, stronger you! Over ten weeks, complete your Bingo card by **March 15** while building lasting healthy habits.

### Why Join?

- **A Fresh Start:** After the holidays, reset and refocus on your health goals. Move more, feel stronger, and start fresh!
- **Fun and Motivating:** Each Bingo square features activities like new workouts, hydration goals, or mindfulness. Completing squares keeps you inspired and rewarded!
- **Build Healthy Habits:** Ten weeks is the perfect time to create lasting routines that improve both physical and mental well-being.
- **Community Support:** You're not alone! Be part of a group cheering each other on as you complete your cards.

### How It Works:

**When:** Jan. 5-Mar. 15, 2025

**Goal:** Complete every square on your Bingo card.

**Tasks:** Enjoy activities like fitness challenges, hydration goals, or trying new exercises.

### Get Started Today!

Make 2025 your healthiest year yet! This will be fun, engaging, and the perfect way to stay on track. Sign up now, grab your card, and let's start this journey together!

## ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

Please send your Annual Report submissions to Kay by Noon on **Fri., Jan. 3**, to [zion@shawanozion.org](mailto:zion@shawanozion.org), or a hard copy is also acceptable. Thank you for your timely contributions as we prepare to reflect on and celebrate another year of ministry at ZION!

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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

# PLAY and LAUGH

## Game Night

Eat snacks, play old favorites, learn a new game, or bring one to share!

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**  
**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

