



# ZION NEWS

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

**SATURDAY, DEC. 28**

Worship Service | 5 PM

**SUNDAY, DEC. 29**

Worship Service | 8 AM

Worship Service | 10:30 AM Octavia Sleeper Baptism

**TUESDAY, DEC. 31** Office Closed

**WED., JAN. 1** Office Closed | New Year's Day

**THURSDAY, JAN. 2**

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM

Girl Scouts Troop #4723 | 4:30 PM

Girl Scout Troop #4717 | 6 PM

**SATURDAY, JAN. 4**

Worship Service | 5 PM

**SUNDAY, JAN. 5**

Worship Service | 8 AM | Henrick Steichen Baptism

Sunday School | 9:15 AM

Worship Service | 10:30 AM

No Sunday School or Middle School Bible Study on Dec. 29. Classes resume Jan. 5. No confirmation classes on Jan. 1. Classes resume Jan. 8.

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

TUES. | 3:30 PM | 297 5:30 PM | 101 WED. | 9 AM | 50

Total In-Person | 448 YouTube Views | 128 views

## WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund: \$13,912 Building Fund: \$210

Restricted Funds: \$2,024 Total Weekly Offering: \$14,292

## 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 important decisions for ZION. Together, let's shape the next chapter of ZION's ministry.

## 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS

The last day for contributions to be counted for 2024 will be on Sun., Dec. 29. Your yearly contribution statements will be mailed sometime in January.

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

1254 S. Union Street, Shawano, WI 54166

Pastor Ludford: 715.558.5737 • Office: 715.526.2017

zion@shawanozion.org • www.shawanozion.org

A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Follow ZION on Facebook



## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Leslie Buckbee • Gerald Bartline • Marilyn Dahl

Terry Fusek • Eileen Elertson • Rita Trinko

Dorothy Kunst • Ken & Linda Spreeman

Larry Gueths • Bob Janicki

## 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!

## HOLY BAPTISM

Octavia Dee-Marie Sleeper at 10:30 AM on Dec. 29.

She is the daughter of Dylan and Bailey Sleeper. Octavia's Godparents are Kyle Schepp and Rachel Sleeper.

## 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.



## 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! The Bingo Fitness Challenge is fun, engaging, and the perfect way to stay on track. Sign up now, grab your card, and let's start this journey together!

# HOLY BAPTISM

## OCTAVIA DEE-MARIE SLEEPER

Parents: **Dylan & Bailey Sleeper**

Godparents: **Kyle Schepp & Rachel Sleeper**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

## PRESENTATION

*Sponsors present the candidate.*

Sponsors: **We present Octavia Dee-Marie Sleeper for baptism.**

*Pastor addresses the parents.*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Octavia baptized into Christ?

Parents: **We do.**

As you bring Octavia to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Octavia grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: **We do.**

*Pastor addresses the sponsors.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Octavia in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: **We do.**

*Pastor addresses the congregation.*

People of God, do you promise to support Octavia and pray for her in his new life in Christ?

Congregation: **We do.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: **I renounce them.**



Do you believe in God the Father?

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, ... the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## BAPTISM

Octavia, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Parents and sponsors lay hands on Octavia .*

Let us pray ... **Amen.**

Octavia , child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## WELCOME

*A lighted candle is presented.*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*Pastor and the baptismal group face the congregation.*

Let us welcome Octavia into God's family.

All: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**