



ZION NEWS

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

THIS WEEK AT ZION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Worship Service | 5 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Christ the King Sunday

Worship Service | 8 AM

Sunday School | 9:15 AM (Service Project Day)

Worship Service | 10:30 AM



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM

Men's Breakfast | 8 AM

*Happy
Thanksgiving,
Give Thanks*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM

Staff Meeting | 10 AM



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Dinner | 12 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Worship Service | 5 PM

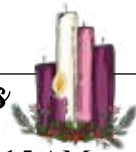
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Worship Service | 8 AM

Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal | 9:15 AM

Worship Service | 10:30 AM Worship Service (Bells)

*Advent
Begins*



WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund: \$10,583

Building Fund: \$150

Restricted Funds: \$2,788

Total Weekly Offering: \$13,746

This week, we exceeded our goal of **\$8,500**; we are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support from the ZION Congregation. Your generosity ensures we can effectively serve our church family and the wider community. Every contribution makes a difference in strengthening our mission. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to ZION. Together, we are making an impact!

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

SAT | 5 PM | **54** SUN | 8 AM | **66** SUN | 10:30 AM | **81**

Total In-Person | **198**

YouTube Views | **130 views**

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IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

We believe in the power of prayer. Pray for these loved ones; may they feel God's comfort and healing presence.

Leslie Buckbee • Gerald Bartline • Marilyn Dahl

Steve Maccoux • Terry Fusek • Eileen Elertson

Eileen Ebelt • Ken & Linda Spreeman • Rita Trinko

BASKET AUCTION ENDS SOON!

The ZLCW Silent Basket Auction is in full swing, and we have nearly 50 amazing items to bid on! Highlights include three framed pieces, several handmade quilts, and plenty of goodies perfect for yourself or as



Christmas gifts — a huge thank you to everyone who donated baskets and items. You've made this event truly special! **Bidding closes this Sun., Nov. 24**, so place your bids before it's too late. Let's make this auction a success!

SAM25 NEEDS DONATIONS

SAM25 Homeless Shelter opens on Nov. 1 to support those experiencing homelessness in the Shawano area. The shelter is seeking donations of essential items, including body wash, shampoo, conditioner, bags of chips, and cleaning supplies. A complete list is available on the SAM25 website. You can also sponsor a meal for the shelter through Take Them a Meal. Thank you for helping SAM25 support Shawano!



COOKIE ELVES SET NEW RECORD!

The Wee Care Elves have outdone themselves! During the Holiday Craft Fair and three church services, they baked and sold an incredible **150 dozen** Crispy Chocolate Chip Cookies, achieving a record-setting profit of **\$1,484**. This success wouldn't have been possible without your generous support, encouragement, and enthusiasm — thank you for purchasing these cookies. Your generosity ensures that the children's bags will be filled with food, love, care, and hope. May God bless each of you abundantly.

SHAWANO COUNTY TOYS FOR TOTS

Volunteers are welcome to join and earn community service hours, impacting our area. Donations of new, unwrapped toys or books are needed. County-wide drop-off locations available, and online donations are accepted. Applications are open for children from newborn to 18 years old residing in Shawano County. **Register by Dec. 11.** Visit shawano-wi.toysfortots.org for more details.



DONATE DIAPERS, CHANGE LIVES

The Health Ministry Committee is organizing a **Diaper Drive** throughout November! We invite you to help us fill the collection box in the Narthex with baby diapers in sizes 3-7. All donations will go to Snuggled-with-a-Hug Diaper Bank, which provides much-needed diapers to families in need. The diaper bank operates on the first Tuesday of every month from 4 to 6 PM and currently serves 160 families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

ZION'S HOLIDAY PARADE FLOAT

We're excited to join the Shawano Holiday Parade on **Fri., Dec. 6, at 6 PM!** Lineup begins at 5 PM, and we welcome all ages to help us share ZION's joy with the community. Our float will feature a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus, joined by shepherds, angels, wise men, and animals. ZION provides all costumes. To spread cheer and invite others to learn about ZION, we'll hand out flyers and candy – donations of candy are always welcome! Want to join the fun? Sign up at the Info Desk or RSVP to Kristin at youth@shawanozion.org. We look forward to celebrating this festivity with everyone!



CELEBRATE WITH POINSETTIAS!

Be part of our joyful Christmas decor by contributing a poinsettia for the Chancel! Each plant is **\$25**, and it's a beautiful way to add beauty to our celebrations. Please pick up a Poinsettia form in the Narthex or download [website](#). Place payment and form in an envelope and leave it in the offering or the office. **Deadline is Thurs., Dec. 13.**

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE-YOUTH

The ZION Youth will be baking delicious Christmas cookies to sell on Sun., Dec. 15. Baking will occur on Thurs., Dec. 11 at 6 PM, and decorating on Sun., Dec. 14 at 10 AM. We invite all ages to join in the decorating, and any adult helpers for baking would be appreciated, too. Cookies will be on sale after worship services on Sun., Dec. 15, supporting Youth Programming — don't miss out!

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sun., Dec. 15, you are invited to a day of peace, comfort, and connection to help navigate the holidays after loss. The day begins with a service at 10:30 AM, and a light lunch and program from noon to 1:30 PM. **Blue Christmas Service:** The holiday season can be especially difficult for those experiencing grief or life transitions. This reflective and gentle service offers hope, healing, and spiritual comfort during a challenging time. A lunch will be served between the service and the program. **Navigating the Holidays After Loss:** Join this supportive session to share experiences with others who understand, gain tools for managing grief during the holidays, and learn ways to honor your loss while engaging with the season. This special day is open to everyone seeking solace and understanding. Email health@shawanozion.org or call **715.390.4540** to RSVP.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF TREES

ZION Lutheran Church Women are excited to organize this year's **Festival of Trees**. Committees, classes, or individuals are invited to participate by trimming an artificial tree with any theme or style of your choice. **Decorating dates are Dec. 9-13.** Please sign up at the Info Desk. Last year's trees were festive, creative, and unique and added a beautiful festive touch to ZION. We encourage you to join in and help make this year's display just as special and memorable! For more information, visit the Info Desk or call Karen Child at **715.526.2445**.

KWIK TRIP CAR WASH CARDS

Kwik Trip Car Wash cards are a convenient and thoughtful holiday gift for anyone on your list, and every purchase supports the ZION Youth programs. Available year-round in the church office. Give the gift of a sparkling clean vehicle while helping our youth thrive!

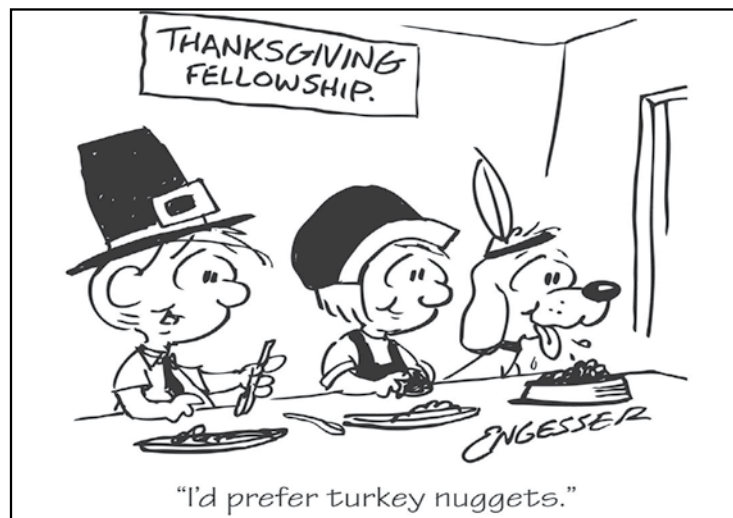


HOMME HOLIDAY GIFT LIST

Support **Homme Youth & Family Programs** by donating items for boys aged 10-18. Needed items: athletic shoes (sizes 8-13), men's clothing (M-XL), snow gear, sports team apparel and gloves, slippers, watches, wallets, hygiene products, DVDs (G/PG), games, coloring books, and gift cards. Remember to please leave gifts unwrapped. Pick up copies of the shopping list at the Info Desk or see Nancy.

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Stephen Ministry is a program that equips and empowers Congregation members to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to those experiencing life challenges. Through extensive training, Stephen Ministers learn how to offer one-to-one care and walk alongside others during difficult times, offering hope and support. This ministry extends the care of the Congregation by ensuring that no one faces life's struggles alone. Our church is in the process of bringing this ministry to both our Congregation and the wider community, expanding the ways we can share Christ's love and care. To learn more, visit stephenministry.org.



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