



WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

~ Ecclesiastes 3:1

Upcoming Events

Church Happenings

HOMEMADE HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE



**SAT. NOVEMBER 16
9AM-3PM**

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Explore a variety of unique, handmade items from our talented vendors!
Each piece is carefully crafted, offering one-of-a-kind finds that
showcase the creativity and skill of our local artisans.
Support local talent and take home something special!

Books & Puzzles Needed

Support the ZION Homemade Holiday Marketplace!
We are now collecting gently used books, puzzles, and
games for our craft fair in November. Drop off items in
Room 101. Thank you for your generous donations!



Book Club

ZION's Book Club meets at 10 AM on Wed., Oct. 9
in the Library. We'll discuss "We Were the Lucky
Ones" by Georgia Hunter, based on a true story of
a Jewish family's survival and reunion during WWII.

**Thanksgiving
Dinner**

Date: Thursday,
November 28, 2024
Time: 12 PM (Noon)
Place: Zion Lutheran Church
1254 S Union Street
Shawano WI 54166
Reservations appreciated by
Monday, Nov 18th.
Call 715-526-2017 Mon-Fri,
8 am-noon, 1- 4 PM
Free will donation, \$8 per
Plate suggested
(Children under 5 free)

ZION Youth

Rent a Youth

High school youth will be continuing the Rent a Youth service & fundraising project this fall. Youth are available for hire for your various jobs around the house. Call Curt Preston at 715.853.4999 to set up a time. Youth- watch for information from Curt Preston, check the Youth Bulletin Board or the Volunteer Board in the Youth Lounge for work opportunities.

Carwash Cards

We will continue to sell Kwik Trip carwash cards to raise funds for our programming. They are always available in the main office and will be available between services several times a month.

Trunk or Treat - October 18

We will have "trunk" at the Trunk or Treat event at the Fairgrounds on October 18th, 5-8pm. If you're interested in helping, contact Kristin.

Bible Sunday & Singing- October 20

On Oct 20, 2nd grade students will be receiving their Bibles. Sunday School Students will also be singing at the 10:30 Service.

Confirmation- October 27

9th grade Confirmation students will be Confirmed during the 10:30 service on October 27th. Confirmands are asked to be at church by 9:30 a.m. for individual and a group picture as well as a reception in your honor!

Halloween Event- October 30

Mark Your Calendars- The High School Youth group and the Confirmation students will be planning Halloween events on October 30. We encourage parents to join!

Jerusalem

Jerusalem Sesquicentennial Celebration

Jerusalem Church in Lunds will be celebrating it's Sesquicentennial on Nov. 10 at 1pm. The ZION Choir will be singing during service.



Upcoming Events

Health Ministry

Friendly Visitors

Friendly Visitors is a group that offers support by visiting, making phone calls, and serving communion to members of the community, ensuring connection and care for those in need.

You choose what activities you're comfortable with and how much time you can dedicate. We meet 2-3 times a year. If you're interested or have questions, contact Nancy Schultz at 715-390-4540 or the Zion office.

If you know someone who would appreciate a visit, communion, or a phone call, let us know. We're certain there are members in Zion and the community that we may not be reaching, and we need your help to connect with them. We look forward to hearing from you!

Soctober

SOCKTOBER is back from October 1-31! Zion is collecting new socks for SAFE HAVEN and SAM25, and we need socks for women, men, boys, girls, and infants. Please help us fill the bin by the Info Desk throughout October. Thank you for your support from the Health Ministry Committee!



ZLCW

Silent Basket Raffle

Fall is in the air! November 16-24, the ZLCW will be having a Basket Raffle. If you would like to donate a basket, please let us know. It could be crafts for children; assorted games for children/families; pasta basket; baking basket, etc. It's time to get creative!



~ ZLCW Co-Presidents Mila Waukechon & Karen Childs

Community Happenings

FREE CPR CLASS

This course is intended to help the layperson with no medical background learn basic lifesaving actions they can take in an emergency situation. There is **NO TEST!** This easy-going approach for those who want to know what they can do but may not necessarily feel the need to become fully certified in CPR.

♥ **Date:** Tues., Oct. 1

♥ **Time:** 9 AM to 12:30 PM

♥ **Location:** Shawano Ambulance
220 N. Main St., Shawano

♥ **NO CHARGE** to attendees.

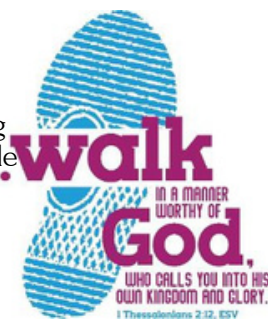
To register, call Shawano Ambulance at **715.524.2036**.

Class size is limited to ten participants. If you register, make every reasonable attempt to attend so others don't miss out.



Fitness Challenge

Congratulations to all of our Zion Walking Challenge participants! A total of 18 people took part in the challenge. Over the past 10 weeks, walkers received helpful tips, fun facts, and recipes to support them along the way. The challenge officially ends on September 28th, and next month we'll share how the group did as a whole. By the end of July, participants had walked a combined total of 2466 miles! To all who took part, join us on October 6th after the 9:15 am service to celebrate your accomplishment. We'll be handing out certificates of completion and enjoying delicious ice cream sundaes. Come celebrate with us!



Diaper Drive

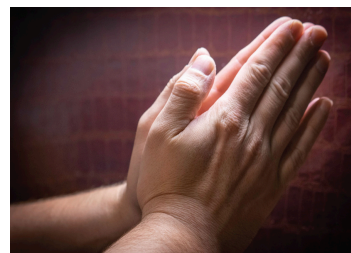
The Health Ministry team extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to the Diaper Drive in April. An incredible 2977 diapers were collected—amazing! These diapers will be donated to the Snuggled with a Hug Diaper Bank, which helps financially struggling families provide diapers for their infants and toddlers. The diaper bank operates twice a month at First Presbyterian Church in Shawano and currently serves over 150 local families. Our next diaper drive will be held in November. Thank you for your continued support!



Prayer Chain

Interested in joining the Zion Prayer Chain? Here's how it works: Co-captains Eileen Elertson (715-526-3500) and Winnie Preston (715-851-9576) lead teams. You can call them to request prayers for anyone, whether they belong to Zion or not. The request is recorded and passed down the chain, with each person praying and then calling the next. If someone isn't home, the message is left, and the chain continues. After the chain is complete, continue praying for the person for two weeks.

To join, simply call a co-captain—prayer is powerful when many are involved!



Pastor's Column

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you." – 2 Timothy 1:5

Many (many) years ago my daughter, Meredith, stood by my side at a nursing home worship service, slightly embarrassed, I was singing "Beautiful Savior" in a loud and vigorous monotone. I believe strongly that our children are made up of the best of both of their parents. Therefore, I am extremely thankful that Meredith has her mother's music talents, not mine.

In those years of our life together, I would catch Meredith from time to time studying me as though she was seeing me for the first time. As I now reflect on that worship service, I wonder if she understood why tears were forming in my eyes. She might have thought, "Dad must be hearing how bad he is at singing," thus the tears. Or maybe, "Boy..., dad really loves this song."

In reality, the tears were a combination of emotions of the moment. They brought back memories of singing "Beautiful Savior" next to my own father (also a pick-a-note-any-note singer). It was about sharing a worship experience with her and the residents of the nursing home. I was hearing and feeling the message of this beautiful hymn. In other words, I was sensing God's presence, the work of the indwelling Spirit.

The Apostle Paul speaks of the indwelling Spirit, indwelling faith and a Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline as one and the same. But in whom does this powerful Spirit dwell? Much of the time it surely does not seem as if it dwells in me! Like many of you, I suffer from doubts, fears, anger, and lack of discipline. There is great tension between the stresses and circumstances of our human lives and the Spirit that dwells among us.

Anyone who has ever been a parent or a child (and that pretty much takes care of each one of us!) knows what it is to lie in bed mulling over failures in relationships. Anyone who has ever watched the evening news knows what it is to think with fear, "that could have been me or someone I know."



Paul writes to Timothy about the Spirit just because Timothy, like you and me, needs to hear these words again and again. "Remember, Timothy," Paul is saying, "remember the faith of your mother and grandmother." Paul makes a list of just a few of the things Timothy should "remember." They are simple things we often forget in our daily frustrations and disappointments, as well as in our successful moments.

But these are the places that we know the Spirit at work. We sense the Spirit in our best moments, when we do love well and use power for good. We know the Spirit in the faith of others and in their love for us. We trust that the Spirit leads others to pray for us, and us for others.

If you are baptized, hands were laid on you, hands that poured water over your head and signed the cross on your forehead. "You have been sealed with the Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."

As you live your daily life, follow Paul's suggestion and "remember" the ways in which the Spirit acts in your life. There will be little ways that restore you and keep you going and perhaps bigger ways in which you have known yourself to be called to a particular path. May your joy in the legacy of God's Spirit increase!

Yours in the Spirit,
Pastor Scott Ludford

Thank You

Many words go unspoken, many thoughts go unheard...but no good deed goes unnoticed especially from all of you who have cared for Debra and myself these past months. Thank you for the cards, gifts, and prayers through the three surgeries I have weathered through this year. You have been so thoughtful and what you have done for us has been greatly appreciated. Truly we have been blessed by your kindness!

Pastor Scott Ludford

WORSHIP SCHEDULES

Saturdays at 5 PM

Sundays at 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School at 9:15 AM

PRAYER VENTURES

These new daily petitions are guides to prayer for ECLA global, social and outreach ministries, our neighbors, communities and the world.

Visit Prayer Ventures on our website at shawanozion.org/prayer-ventures.php.

Summer Review

Health Ministry



Meet Nancy Schultz

We would like to welcome Nancy Schultz as the new Health and Wellness Coordinator. She joined our staff in mid-May and will be working with the congregation and the Health Ministry team to provide health resources and referrals to those in need, education around health and wellness, to keep the congregation informed about social and economic issues and developments within our community, and to oversee Friendly Visitor's and assist Ann Johnson with the loan closet. Nancy is a dietitian and has worked various jobs within the community educating others about health and wellness. She has been a member of Zion since 2000. She lives in Shawano with her husband Dennis and has two grown children: Emily and Andrew.



Blood Drives

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated during our Community Blood Drive on April 15th and September 16th. Your generous blood donations are helping to save lives, and we deeply appreciate your selflessness and support.



Relay for Life

The Shawano-Menominee Relay for Life was held April 6th at Shawano Community High School gym. Zion Walkers had 20 members plus friends participate in the event. Zion Walkers raised over \$9,407. A special thank you to those who donated to the event and to those who walked with the team.



Loan Closet

Did you know Zion has a loan closet available to both church members and the community? The loan closet, part of the Health Ministry program, offers durable medical equipment and supplies donated by members and the community. It's free for anyone in need due to a medical issue or emergency, like a broken bone.

Available items include bed pans, canes, wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, shower chairs, toilet risers, and more. Items can be borrowed for up to three months or longer with an extension.

To borrow equipment, contact Ann Johnson, Loan Closet Coordinator, at 715-853-3609 or 3johnsonann@gmail.com. Donations of used medical equipment or cash are always welcome to support the closet.



Community Outreach

Nancy and Kristin have been sharing the resources that ZION has to offer with the community by attending several events. These include the Kid's Day at the Farmer's Market, High School Sources of Strength Wellness Fair, Resource fair at the Job Center, and a Resource Fair at Peace United Church. A lot of great conversations had and flyers handed out to members of the community.



Community Health Survey

A big shout out to everyone who filled out the 2024 Shawano-Menominee Counties Community Health Survey! To date, we have collected over 700 responses. The survey results will help us better understand the health needs and concerns of our community, guiding local health initiatives and resources to where they are most needed. Your participation is essential in shaping a healthier future for all of us—thank you for making a difference!



Church Happenings

Summer Services

We had a great summer of services out at the lake. The weather mostly cooperated and visitors and parishioners came out in droves. Thank you to the great musicians for sharing their musical talents. Musicians included: Ava Retzlaff, Jericho Moses, Becky Van Buren, Steve & Chris Hanson, Bailey DeFere, Revised Edition Quartet, and the Wolf River Harmony group. Thank you also to those who made these services possible by sharing their talents in setup, music, etc.



Jerusalem Services

On May 26, July 7 and Aug 25 services were held at Jerusalem in Lunds. Thank you to all who attended service and provided their talents to make these services a success.

Summer Review

Property Committee

Spring Cleanup

On May 18, church members worked tirelessly to spruce up the church property after winter and spring. A big thank you to everyone who participated, brought tools and vehicles, and contributed to the cleanup efforts!



Bell Tower Painted

A big thank you to Todd Lukoski for painting the bell tower and to the Property Committee for coordinating the effort. Your work adds to the beauty of our church!



Balcony Staircase

Thank you to Tom Laude, Scott Klotzouecher, Steven Laude and Bob Gross, for dedicated significant time and effort to renovating the stairway to the balcony, installing re-carpeted steps and the new railing.



ZLCW

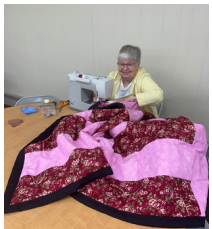
Mission Quilters' Contributions to LWR

Over the past year, Zion's Mission Quilters have made a significant impact through their hard work and generosity. For Lutheran World Relief (LWR), the group crafted:

- 200 quilts
- 63 personal care kits
- 50 school kits

These quilts and kits provide comfort and essential supplies to those in need. Special thanks to our quilters: Donna Davis, Carol Golke, Louise Konkel, Ellen Meidam, Donna Milbauer, Sue Milner, Barbara Mortensen, Judy Oestreich, Jeanne Roe, Diane Rugalski, Joni Shebuski, Linda Trevarthen, Karen Childs, and Dorothy Eidahl.

We also thank those who donated items, fabric, or funds. Your support makes this ministry possible!



Community Events

Community Garden

Zion Lutheran Church sponsors a community garden, open to anyone needing a plot to grow their produce. This year, 32 families participated, and excess produce was donated to the Share the Bounty program. Gardening offers numerous benefits, including improving physical health, reducing stress, and fostering a sense of community by connecting with nature and sharing the harvest.



Lay School

On May 4, 2024, 14 Lay School students completed their course of study with a special celebration worship and prayers at Zion Lutheran Church. Surrounded by family, friends, and fellow members of the body of Christ, these leaders were blessed, supported, and sent forth into various ministries and life with a deepened sense of faith, community, and love. To learn more about the Lay School program, visit www.ecswlayschool.org.



Bench- Eagle Scout Project

Jack Grieves donated the bench on the east side of the Church as an Eagle Scout Project. Thank you Jack for the beautiful bench!



Church Happenings

Fall Kickoff (Rally Sunday)

Sept 7-8, members of the church celebrated being back at church after the summer. Ministries showed off what they have going on, people signed up for volunteer opportunities, Sunday School students met their teachers, and the Youth that attended the National Youth Gathering shared about their trip. Thank you to all who made this weekend a great success!



Summer Review
Youth & Family Ministry



Meet Kristin WhiteHorse

We'd like to welcome Kristin WhiteHorse to the ZION Staff as Youth & Family Director. Kristin started in her role the beginning of May. She has been a member of Zion since 2016 and has been involved in the Sunday School program. She is a former high school teacher and business coach with a passion for helping youth on their growth journeys. She is married to Clint WhiteHorse and has two daughters- Brooklyn and Bailey.



Cookout with Kristin

On June 25, church members gathered for a cookout to meet Kristin. It was a great evening of fellowship, food, and fun. Thanks to all who joined!



Confirmation Camp

Several Confirmation students attended camp at Imago Dei Village. The group learned more about their faith and dug deeper into what it means to live their faith and trust one another. They left strengthened for service in the congregation, school, and community.



National Youth Gathering

Several Zion Youth and Parents attended the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. They spent time worshiping, growing in faith, learning and enjoying the city with 16,000 other students. We cannot wait to hear how this experience shaped their walk with God!



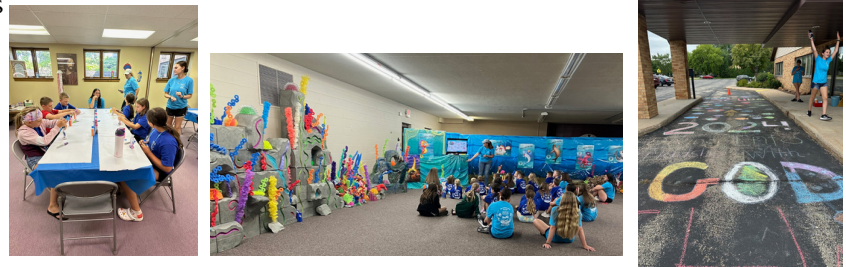
Matthew West Concert

A great group of people- young and young at heart- attended the Matthew West Concert on August 25th in Wausau! Thank you to Ellen Swedberg for sponsoring the bus! Even though it was hot, a great time was had by all.



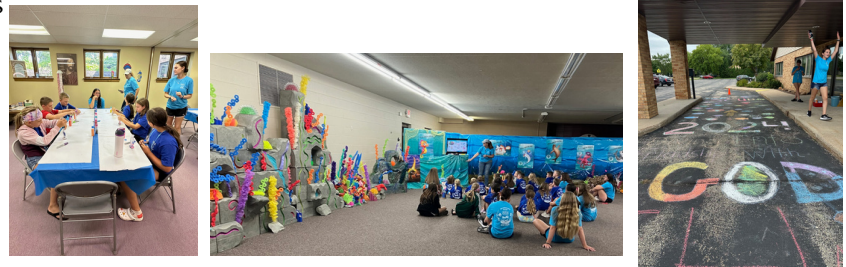
High School Youth Group Begins

High School students began meeting in July as a Youth Group. The fellowship, fun and worship are continuing to grow. This group has great things to come!



Vacation Bible School

In early August over 25 kids joined our great group of volunteers for VBS. The theme this year was Scuba: Diving into Friendship with Jesus. Thanks to all who made this a great success!



ZLCW

Quilts for Graduates

In May, High School Graduates were honored with cupcakes and beautiful quilts from the ZLCW. Congrats to Ainsley Busch · Drake Herm · Ellie Huebner Allison Johnson · Rayn Johnson · Isaac Welander





Summer Review

Wee Care

Cookie Sales

Thank you to all who bought cookies during our cookie sales in the Spring. Our last sale in May raised \$600. The money raised helps purchase needed foods for our program. The "Wee Care Cookie Elves" are taking a break for the summer. Cookie sales will resume in September.



Backpack Bag Packing

The Women's Group and Pastor Conradt of St Paul (Stony Hill) Lutheran Church recently helped to pack Wee Care bags. Here you see them in action. They also brought with them a huge amount of food which will help carry us through to the end of the school term. We thank Pastor Conradt, the ladies of Stony Hill and the entire congregation for helping us fight hunger in our schools. Blessings to you all.



Charlie's Red Barn

Wee Care held a fundraiser at Charlie's Red Barn in July. Thanks to all who supported us by making purchases or helping us prepare and sell food.



Thank You

Zion Church,

Thank you so much for paying the entry fee for Chem-Free! I had a lot of fun there, and it was a great ending to my high school career! I am looking forward to continuing my education at UWSP for elementary education. I am truly blessed to have the support of this church.

Love,
Ali Johnson

Thank you for paying for me to go to Chem-Free. It was a great experience!
- Rayn Johnson

Rhubarb Fest 2024 is history, and we were certainly fortunate to have beautiful weather until almost 4:00.

The crowd was large, and your donation to our basket raffle contributed greatly to making the day a big success! The Shawano County Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and your donation may be deductible for tax purposes.

The \$2500 raised through the raffle will be very helpful in offsetting our annual operating costs. Thank you for your support!

On behalf of the Shawano County Historical Society,
Kathy Brown

Dear Zion Endowment Committee,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. I am so excited to continue my education at UW Whitewater this fall, and your support is extremely appreciated. Thank you for bringing me one step closer to my dream. Bless you all!
Maddy Heling

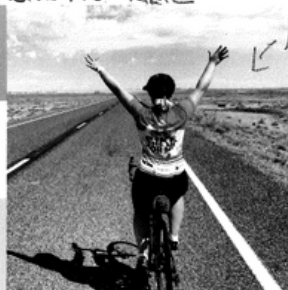
Dear Zion Endowment Fund Committee,

Thank you very much for the generous scholarship. It will be put toward my continuing education and help support me financially as I get closer to achieving my goals and earning my degree, which will hopefully be achieved this academic year 2024-2025! Thank you again!

Emily Heling

Zion Lutheran Church

OUTSTANDING! THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY, SUPPORT & TAXI SERVICE! YOUR EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED BY ALL THOSE LIVING WITH MS NEIL



Alissa

Thank you so much for allowing us to stay at your fine of worship! It was a great place to dry our hearts & we look forward to seeing you in the future!

-Ellen

Thank you for the wonderful facilities!!
Stephen

Thank you for the excellent accommodations and hospitality. Looking forward to the 2nd service!
El

Thank you for sharing your church. It provided a comfortable place to rest. We appreciate your hospitality.
Kathleen

THANKS FOR THE HELP ALONG THE WAY TO HELP OTHERS!
Mitch

Thank you Pastor Scott & church. You went above and beyond the call of duty. What a wonderful display of hospitality.
Joe

Thanks so much for your hospitality and the service with communion and the restaurant ride. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry.
In Jesus, Rich

Summer Review



Church Records

Marriages:

- June 1, 2024: Victoria Elertson & Jason Patzer
- September 14, 2024: Harmony Rice & Bob McCoy
- September 28, 2024: Sally Jones & Steve Maccoux

Deaths:

- April 6, 2024: Floyd R. Ross, Jr
- April 10, 2024: Jean "Jeannie" Rudie
- April 13, 2024: Barbara Bergum
- May 1, 2024: Troy D. Zeeman
- May 6, 2024: James A. Eggert
- May 7, 2024: Heather L. Bergner
- June 16, 2024: Leon Pludeman
- June 22, 2024: Leland "Lee" Laird
- July 19, 2024: Brandon Anker
- July 20, 2024: Jeffrey Kirchner
- July 27, 2024: Barb McKeefry
- August 7, 2024: Lee Lemke
- August 18, 2024: Barbara A. Laux
- September 4, 2024: Marilyn J. Anker
- September 7, 2024: Dejon Lou Polzin

Baptisms:

- April 28, 2024: Anna Lou Pludeman
 - Parents: Danny L. & Angela K. Pludeman
- May 19: Irisa Lynn Marie Onesti
 - Parents: Dustin C. and Myra Onesti
- June 16, 2024: Adeline Yvonne Holtz
 - Parents: Caden J. & Chelsea A. Holtz
- July 5th, 2024: Joey Sue Larson
 - Parents: Eric Larson and Jashini Sanmugam
- August 4, 2024: Scarlet Rain Gitter
 - Parents: Baily A. Gitter & Michaela L. Monnier

First Communions:

- March 28, 2024: Kynzlee Mae and Brielle Maryn Arndt
 - Parents: Benjimen & Whitney Arndt



Scholarships

The following received scholarship awards from the Endowment Fund ...

- Joel Yeakey - Wartburg Seminary
- Jackson Boucher- NWTC
- Rayn Johnson- Empire Beauty School
- Madeline Heling - UW Whitewater
- Aidan Preston - UW Madison
- Faith Ugoretz- UW River Falls
- Carson Cummings - UM Twin Cities
- Isaac Welander - UW Stout
- Emily Heling - UW Green Bay
- Brady Glysch - UM Minneapolis
- Allison Laffin - UW River Falls
- Calvin Schultz - NWTC

Memorials

In Memory of Ann Behnke

- Kay Kristof - Nat. Youth Gathering
- Robert & Ida Burdick - Health
- Marcalene Rosenow - Library
- Mary Ann Rudie - Endowment
- Diane Rugalski - Music
- Marilyn Dahl - Music
- Dorothy & Mike Eidahl - Sound System
- Bonnie Wolf- Nat. Youth Gathering
- Choir - Music
- Sandra Rhode- Music
- Al & Marge Wichman- Health
- Karen Childs - Wee Care

In Memory of Barb Bergum

- Eileen Elertson - Music
- Steve & Renee Elertson - Youth
- Kay Kristof - General
- Eileen Ebelt- Nat. Youth Gathering
- Karen Childs - Worship

In Memory of Barb Laux

- Bonnie Wolf - Wee Care
- Dorothy & Mike Eidahl - Library

In Memory of Lee Lemke

- Mary Ann Rudie- Youth
- Dorothy & Mike Eidahl - Nat. Youth Gathering
- Sandra Rhode - Building

In Memory of Verna Weisnicht

- Dorothy & Mike Eidahl - Education

In Memory of Barb McKeefry

- Dorothy & Mike Eidahl - Youth
- Nancy & Dennis Schultz - Youth

In Memory of Dijon Polzin

- Bonnie Wolf - Wee Care
- Mila Waukechon- Wee Care
- Dorothy & Mike Eidahl - Mission Quilters
- Maralyn Steffens- Wee Care
- Nancy Schultz - Music
- June Peters - Wee Care

In Memory of Jean Rudie

- Helen Kaurala - Endowment

In Memory of Pam Jensen (Daughter of Marian Techam)

- Dorothy & Mike Eidahl - Library

