

# The Messenger



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## Our mission

*The mission of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and School is to preach and teach God's saving Word in all its truth and purity.*

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## Apostles: The Sons of Thunder

So much could be said about James and John individually. James was the first apostle to be martyred, dying by Herod's sword in the early days of the New Testament church. John was the "disciple whom Jesus loved," probably the only one to die of old age, and the writer of five books of the Bible.

It would, however, be hard to separate these two men who had so much in common. They were both sons of Zebedee and Salome. They were both fishermen. Along with Peter, they were both part of Jesus' innermost circle. In addition, they apparently both shared a prominent character trait that led Jesus to call them the Sons of Thunder.

A few incidents from Scripture help us understand why our Lord would give them such a fierce nickname. On one occasion, when some Samaritans told Jesus to stay away from their village, James and John asked if they could call down fire from heaven on the Samaritans. Perhaps it was the same zeal for Jesus' honor that led John to report how he and James had told a man who was not one of the Twelve to stop doing miracles in Jesus' name. Later we see their ambition focused a bit more inwardly as the two men let their mother request for them the top spots in Jesus' kingdom. On each of these occasions, our Lord

had to correct them. Call it what you will: zeal, enthusiasm, passion; these men were fired up about Jesus and their work! Unfortunately, that desire was at times misguided or misplaced.

How quickly our own eagerness to be faithful to God can cause us to resent those around us who are not so eager! How easily our drive for doing God's work can become a selfish ambition, a seeking of glory for ourselves instead of our Savior!

Thankfully, the intensity of James and John was eclipsed by that of Jesus. Jesus' passion was evident as he resolutely set out for Jerusalem, as he sweat bloodlike drops in Gethsemane, as he bit his tongue at his "trials," and as he clenched his teeth at his crucifixion. He was so eager to save you and me that he was willing to let the Father's fire rain down on him and his thunder roll over him in our place, for our sins.

It's hard not to get fired up about serving a Savior like that, so there's nothing wrong with making a little noise for him! Be filled with zeal for Jesus and his work—and let that passion always be focused on him and guided by his Word.

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## Usher Schedule

### January 25 and February 1

8:00am <b>Team E6</b> Kim Schilling (C) Don Lamb (A) Ronald Knudson Tracy Busse John Zandler Brian Steffen	10:30am <b>Team L4</b> Bruce Zander (C) Kurt Zander (A) Kane Browskowski Wyatt Browskowski Bradley Sennhenn Neal Sennhenn Zach Beyer
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### February 8 and February 15

8:00am <b>Team E7</b> Rick Gentz(C) James Greiling (A) Matt Greiling Nicholas Arndt Mark Hintz Tom Kitzerow	10:30am <b>Team L5</b> Don Rahn (C) Phil Manteufel (A) Peter Lewke John Cares Jason Langille Marcus Slms
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### February 18, February 22, and February 25

7:00pm—Feb. 18 8:00am—Feb. 22 <b>Team E8</b> Jeff Krakow (C) John Evers (A) Lee Evers Austin Evers Troy Kehoe Logan Kehoe J Doyle	10:30am—Feb. 22 7:00pm—Feb. 25 <b>Team L6</b> Otto Mattke (C) Paul Kehl (A) Dennis Winter Kyle Winter William Mattke Brandon VerVelde Brian Peck
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If you have any questions about the schedule, would like to be added as an usher or won't be able to serve any longer as an usher, please call Julie Doyle at (608) 846-5103.

## Video Team Schedule

### February 2015

- 1 Mark Lindell
- 8 Gary Schuhmacher
- 15 Randy Koehn
- 22 Phil Manteufel



## December Church Attendance

Date	Total
3/7	477
10/14	413
21	746
24	631
25	290
28	288
31	105



## Greeter Schedule

### February 1

8:00am—E5 Emily Henning Sylvia Stadler	10:30am—L5 Marcia Rewolinski Arlene Sennhenn
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### February 8

8:00am—E6 Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	10:30am—L7 Wayne & Darlene Powers
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### February 15

8:00am—E7 Jim & Jenny Greiling	10:30am—L8 Otto & Sheree Mattke
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### February 22

8:00am—E8 Wilma Lenz Joan Herzberg	10:30am—L9 Bev Harold Nicole Henning
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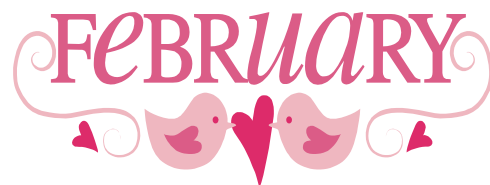
If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact Melody Krakow at 623-4346.

## Church Council Names and Numbers

- Rick Gentz, president - 623-2507
- Bruce Zander, vice president - 623-5217
- Jason Langille, secretary - 608-837-2148
- Brady Weiland, treasurer - 920-285-7362
- Dan Retzlaff, education - 623-2623
- Jeff Krakow, elders - 623-4346
- Matt Vosberg, outreach - 920-210-3817
- Kurt Zander, property - 920-210-1107
- Dave Harle, stewardship - 623-3819

## SonBEAMS

Our next session of SonBEAMS will begin on Monday, February 16th, from 8:15-9:30am in the school gym. Together with their caregivers, children preschool age and younger will participate in Bible, educational, active, music and social activities. SonBEAMS meets on Monday mornings for a six week session. Participants are welcome to attend each Monday or as many times as they are able.



## Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of: **December 2014**

New Church/School Total  
\$273,264.92 checking/savings

Previous Month Assets	\$397,959.76
Total Transactions	\$4,142.57
Total Current Assets	\$402,102.33

Special Accounts	\$118,358.61
<i>included in Savings</i>	

	----- Monthly Statements -----									Breakdown of NEW Special Accounts (deposited into new savings)
Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/ School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking	WELS CEF Funds	Elva Rahn Estate	CD F&M 12-mo	CD's (Lunny/ Lenz)		
Previous Balance	\$5,516.19	\$58,079.84	\$203,391.72	\$41,809.21	\$60,044.26	\$3,644.08	\$10,474.46	\$15,000.00		Chairs
Monthly Transactions*	\$1,769.96	(\$22,047.30)	\$51,458.99	(\$23,395.00)	\$0.00	(\$3,644.08)	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$295.00
Current Balance	\$7,286.15	\$36,032.54	\$254,850.71	\$18,414.21	\$60,044.26	\$0.00	\$10,474.46	\$15,000.00		Pew Chairs

* Breakdown Transactions									
	(\$150.00)	\$6,912.49	(\$6,912.49)	(\$23,395.00)		(\$3,644.08)			
	(\$489.47)	(\$5,000.00)	(\$4,623.38)						
	(\$1,398.00)	(\$14,000.00)	\$2,277.00						
	\$5,000.00	(\$5,000.00)	\$345.00						
	(\$284.16)	(\$5,000.00)	\$8,937.00						
	(\$170.00)	\$40.21	\$3,644.08						
	(\$4,252.73)		\$244.10						
	(\$695.41)		\$10,953.00						
	\$5,000.00		\$5,420.00						
	(\$351.26)		\$8,500.00						
	(\$18.92)		\$1,850.00						
	(\$25.09)		\$17,243.33						
	(\$45.00)		(\$5,000.00)						
	(\$350.00)		\$7,442.50						
	(\$2,325.00)		\$1,000.00						
	\$5,000.00		\$138.85						
	(\$2,675.00)								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,769.96</b>	<b>(\$22,047.30)</b>	<b>\$51,458.99</b>	<b>(\$23,395.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$3,644.08)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

Closed Account after this month will not appear on report.

<b>Total Transactions</b>	<b>\$4,142.57</b>
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Explanation	150 Joan Marks retirement	deposit from New Church savings reimburse bills paid Dec	transfer to undesign savings to reimburse for new church bills paid	23385 to McKee	3644.08 transferred to New School/Church Acct.	Thank you for your donations!
	489.47 reimburse Pam Zander Menards	3000 to checking undesign	Zion Loan payment 4623.38			
	1398 City of Columbus Engineers	14000 to general account	Deposits of: 2277 345 8937 3644.08			
	5000 transfer from undesign savings	3000 to undesign checking	344.10 10953 5420 8500 1850 17243.33			
	284.16 Fearnings	interest 40.21	transfer to checking 5000			
	170 Temperature Systems					
	4252.73 payment to American National Bank for loan closing					
	695.41 Dodge Concrete					
	5000 transfer from undesign savings					
	351.26 Staples for chair dories					
	18.92 A1 Tn County mop holder					
	2675 drywall repairs/painting Pastor Wilke					
	25.09 reimburse CSD for cart					
	45 Best Defense inv					
	350 Kendells Door & Hardware					
	2325 Trilium Interior Design					
	3000 transfer from undesignated savings					
<b>Interest Received</b>	<b>\$179.06</b>					

Numbers in red are expenditures

Chairs	\$295.00
Pew Chairs	\$1,120.00
Organ Refurbishing	\$9,689.10
Tables	\$2,504.00
Cooktop	\$807.49
Stained Glass Windows	\$43,040.00
Wall Ovens	\$2,742.49
Bell Tower	\$10,490.54
Dishwasher	\$1,019.99
Projection - Sanct	\$8,400.00
Projection - Fellow H	\$2,000.00
Screen Paint	\$800.00
Hearing Loop	\$75.00
Altar	\$2,500.00
Pulpit Paraments	\$2,275.00
Pulpit	\$2,900.00
Font	\$2,900.00
Cross & Christ	\$6,500.00
Future Proj Tech	\$3,800.00
Undesignated for New	\$12,000.00
Triptych Main Painting	\$2,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$118,358.61</b>

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	Dec 14	Jul - Dec 14
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Building Fund Donation	240.00	586.77
Extended Care Reimbursement	375.80	1,524.10
General Fund Offerings	42,198.35	216,409.05
Gift of Love	14,765.00	14,765.00
LLHS Building Income	270.00	2,232.90
LLHS Income	2,637.40	13,525.58
Other Donations	1,051.00	3,649.65
Other Reciepts	256.00	14,928.97
Sub teaching reimburse	263.11	1,648.41
Sunday School Income	0.00	2,000.00
Synod Missions Income	7,912.19	41,846.70
Transferred from Undesignated	8,000.00	72,500.00
WLCFS Income	215.00	1,305.30
WLIM Income	110.00	1,116.80
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>78,293.85</b>	<b>388,039.23</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Accounting Service	0.00	370.00
ACH fee	43.30	205.80
Building Fund Expense	240.00	586.77
Called Workers Salaries	21,645.56	130,870.53
Church Library Expense	300.00	857.48
Church Supplies	503.00	1,660.86
Convention/Cont' Education	0.00	225.17
Copier	996.88	1,485.65
Debt Reduction reimburse Estate	14,765.00	14,765.00
Elders Board	0.00	209.98
Extended Care Expense	357.12	2,116.87
Guest Pastor	0.00	570.76
Health Insurance	6,827.90	37,457.65
Housing	635.00	3,935.00
Janitors	414.71	4,282.40
Liability Insurance	3,449.50	6,779.50
LLHS Building Expense	270.00	2,580.90
LLHS Expense	2,637.40	15,790.66
Maintenance	1,324.79	13,441.03
Meditation/Forward in Christ	22.92	1,262.52
Mileage	189.00	911.25
Miscellaneous	77.12	1,647.28
Organists	258.53	1,480.93
Outreach Board	865.18	3,151.40
Payroll Expenses	198.40	1,214.54
Payroll Taxes	7,891.23	35,998.41
Pension Insurance	6,300.00	12,540.00
Postage and Delivery	289.88	874.86
Secretaries	1,797.54	10,072.93
Stewardship Board	808.85	2,293.79
Substitute Teaching	83.11	346.22
Sunday School/VBS	0.00	1,915.64
Synod Mission Expense	7,912.19	48,691.93
Teachers Hot Lunch	0.00	117.60
Telephone & Internet Expense	379.97	3,108.68
Utilities	8,901.44	32,669.76
WLCFS Expense	215.00	1,445.30
WLIM Expense	110.00	1,261.80
Worship	696.69	1,874.13
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>91,407.21</b>	<b>401,070.98</b>

## Exciting News for The Messenger

This February Messenger will be my last as Zion's newsletter coordinator. I'm pleased to be placing The Messenger in the very capable hands of Sue Henning. It would be greatly appreciated if any articles for the upcoming newsletter could be turned in early to give Sue a little extra time as she's learning the ropes.

In His service, *Becky Weidner*

Please submit your Messenger articles by **February 20th**. Contact Sue Henning at 920-623-2569 or [suehenning25@gmail.com](mailto:suehenning25@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Ministrations

### Baptisms

7. Axl Steele, son of Seth Zunker and Courtney nee Wedel. Born 9/1/2014, baptized 12/7/2014.

### Deaths

19. April K. Hallberg. Born 11/20/1978, died 12/10/2014.

## Ladies Society

On Thursday, February 5th, all ladies of our congregation are invited to attend the Ladies Aid meeting at 2pm. During our business meeting we will discuss upcoming events. Then Becky Weidner will tell us more about what all happens at The Workshop art and craft studio. All ladies are always welcome.

## Lenten Soup Suppers

We are looking for groups to serve our Wednesday Lenten meals. Because of our new warming kitchen, and also to make things simpler for our weekly hosts, this year we will have two large changes. The same delicious menu every week- soup and sandwich/bread! There will be no fund-raising, but there will still be a free will offering to recoup the small expenses. If you are interested in helping to feed your fellow family members here at Zion, please contact Jennifer Sims at [jenlisms24@gmail.com](mailto:jenlisms24@gmail.com). She is there to help with the amount of food, donations, and workers needed, and with the five dates available for these feasts of food and friendliness.

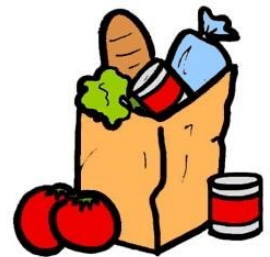
## Church Flag

The December Messenger contained an article about placement of the flag at our church. After taking into consideration the few responses we received along with the consideration of the article in that Messenger and much discussion, the council decided to go with option two which states: *Add lighting to the large flag that flies on our property so that it can be on display at all times.* There is a one time light installation cost of \$810.00 and the council also thought it would be a good idea to have two flags on hand so when one gets tattered we would have one readily available to replace it. The 5x8 flags cost \$45.00 each and are made of an all weather material so they should last a while even flying 24 hours a day. If any members would like to put money towards the cost of light installation and/or flags (total cost \$900.00), it will be greatly appreciated.

## Thank You!

Zion Relief Committee thanks everyone who donated food or money during our Christmas drive. In 2014 we put groceries together for individual households four different times for 17 deliveries and gave out one gas only card. As one individual said "It's hard to receive, it's much nicer when we can give. I never thought I would be in this situation." From all of them—Thank You! Remember we are available all year long if you need help or know of someone who does.

Zion Relief Committee  
Mary Ann Cares & Gen Setz



## Lakeside Lutheran High School Warrior Events

### February

- |                  |        |                                   |
|------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>1st</b>       | (Su)   | Pops Concert 2pm                  |
| <b>6th</b>       | (Fr)   | GBB vs. Columbus 6pm              |
| <b>10th</b>      | (Tu)   | BBB vs. Columbus 6pm              |
| <b>13th</b>      | (Fr)   | BBB vs. Lodi 6pm                  |
| <b>16th</b>      | (M)    | Kinderfest 9-11am                 |
| <b>17th</b>      | (Tu)   | GBB vs. LPS 6pm                   |
| <b>20th-22nd</b> | (F-Su) | LES Basketball Tournament         |
| <b>26th</b>      | (Th)   | BBB vs. Belleville 6pm            |
| <b>28th</b>      | (Sa)   | WSMA Music for District @ LPS 8am |



## Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

**Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.** (Isaiah 55:6)

Are you having a tough time? Do you feel like a prisoner to this world? to your boss? to your money? Are there other things that make you feel imprisoned? I just finished reading a book, *To End All Wars*, I received as a gift. It is written by a man who survived the prison camps along the river Kwai during WWII. Many of those prisoners began to lose their faith; in fact, they started to question the very existence of God. Have you ever felt like that? What did you do?

The prisoners started acting just like their captors. They were stealing from each other, hitting each other, yelling at one another, even tattling on each other. It was definitely a time of looking out for number one because no one else will. When they got to the point of not caring whether they or anyone else lived or died, they started to **seek the LORD**. You often hear of people in these situations start bargaining with God..... "If you get me out of this, I will follow you". God is not in the business of making deals. They searched scripture to find Jesus. This is how the book told it:

*Through our readings and discussions we gradually came to know Jesus. He was one of us. He would understand our problems, because they were the kind of problems he had faced himself. Like us, he often had no place to lay his head, no food for his belly, no friends in high places. He, too, had known bone-weariness from too much toil; the suffering, the rejection, the disappointments that make up the fabric of life.....*

*As we read and talked, he became flesh and blood. Here was a working-man, yet one who was perfectly free.....They had sought to destroy him but they had not succeeded.*

*True, he had been suspended on a cross and tormented with the hell of pain; but he had not been broken....He had remained free and alive, as the Resurrection affirmed. What he was, what he did, what he said, all made sense to us. We understood that the love expressed so supremely in Jesus was God's love – the same love that we were experiencing for ourselves – the love that is passionate kindness, other-centered rather than self-centered, greater than all the laws of men.*

They found Jesus and they found peace. They continued to get beaten by the Japanese guards. They continued to get sick. Some still died. The difference was the love of God and the peace that having that brings and they found the truth of 1 John 3:23 **And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.** They showed true love for one another. They weren't doing things to get something in return. Not even a thank you was required; they just did it out of pure love or as they said passionate kindness. Don't let the troubles of this world get you down **Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.** If you continue trying to work things out on your own, you will find trouble **The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.** (2 Chronicles 15:2)

Please join us in seeking Jesus. We find Him in our Worship Service, Bible Study, and we get a real good look at His Love in our Lenten Services. What a blessing to be able to have two Worship Services each week starting Wednesday, February 18 where we can get a good look at Jesus' love through the passion history. Find Jesus and find the freedom from sin, death, hell and Satan. Find Jesus and find freedom from an "unfair" boss. Find Jesus and find freedom from the chains of financial trouble. Find Jesus and find freedom to love your enemy, whoever or whatever that may be. You may still have a mean boss. You may still find it hard to make ends meet. You will still have people who dislike you. But, you will have the love of the Lord **And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.** (Romans 8:28)

As World War 2 came to an end, these former POWs began caring for the wounded Japanese soldiers, following Jesus' words in Matthew 5:43-45 **"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.**

**Father in Heaven, we come looking for you. We continue our search through Your Word. Be with those who are leading our search. Give them strength to continue in their leadership and help us as we seek with them, with others, and on our own through Your Word and Sacrament. Amen**

## Letter from Principal

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)*

Dear members of Zion,

Over the past four weeks I have held a call to St. Paul's in Stevensville, Michigan. I felt truly blessed to be able to evaluate where I could best serve. Thank you for your many kind words of support this last month. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. After much prayer and deliberation on the two divine calls presented to me, the Lord has led me to accept the call to St. Paul's in Stevensville.

For the past 11 years, I have been incredibly blessed to serve at Zion. With your support, I have grown both professionally and spiritually. During this time, I've gotten married and started a family. And all the while, I've been gifted with supportive and loving coworkers, friends and neighbors. I pray that during this time I might have been a fraction of the blessing to Zion as Zion has been to me.

I am excited to begin serving in Michigan, and to watch from a distance as the Lord continues to bless Zion, here in Columbus. It is my prayer that you continue to grow together in Christ, to serve each other in love, and to remain focused on the Church's mission to faithfully preach and teach God's saving Word.

Thank you for 11 outstanding years,

Paul Ihde

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## Your Input Is Needed

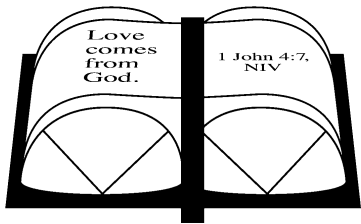
The Church Council has commissioned a Planning Committee to evaluate Zion's ministry and help set some plans and goals for the future. This committee is asking all confirmed members of Zion to fill out a special survey that will be included in the February *Messenger*. The survey asks for your thoughts on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges to our gospel ministry. Your input is important to us and will help us to make plans and set goals for our ministry. So please take the time to fill it out. Here are some tips to help you do so:

- Please think carefully and prayerfully about your answers.
- Please keep your answers brief and to the point.
- Please write clearly and legibly.
- Please submit your answers in a Christian manner. Criticism is helpful only if it is constructive. Our goal in all of this is to build up the body of Christ. Let the Word of God recorded in Colossians 3:12 guide you: "As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."
- Please include your name. No anonymous surveys will be accepted. Also indicate whether or not we can share your comments in any future articles or reports. If we are allowed to share your comments, please know that we will not use your name in doing so.
- All confirmed members of Zion are encouraged to fill out a survey.
- There are two ways to submit your survey. You can put it in a sealed envelope and drop it in the box on the counter in the church lobby, or you can mail it to the church office at 812 Western Avenue, Columbus, WI 53925.
- The deadline for submission is Sunday, March 1.
- Thanks so much for your help with this important project! May our gracious Lord bless our efforts!

# kid's page

## GOD'S SWEET WORD

Share this Bible treat — and God's love — with a special valentine.



### What you need:

- Black card stock or construction paper (2" x 1.5")
- Double-sided tape
- 2 wrapped Hershey's Nuggets candy bars (silver or gold)
- Pen or marker
- White paper (2.75" x 1")
- Thin sliver of red paper or ribbon
- Scissors

### What you do:

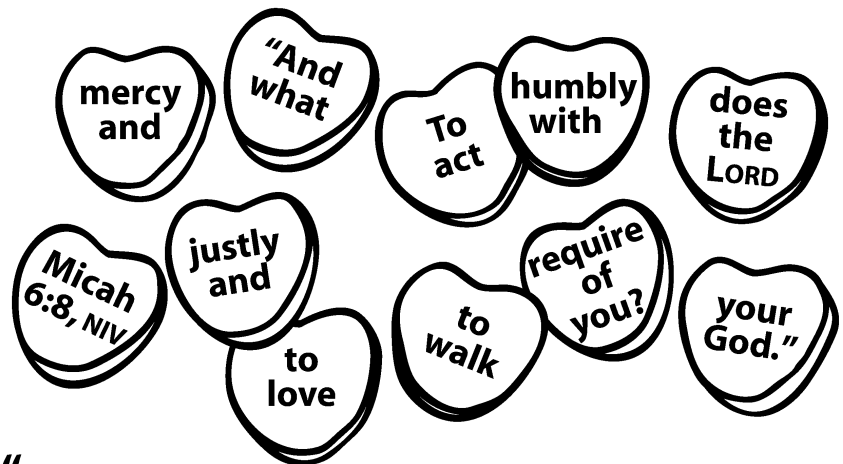
1. In the center of the black paper, tape down the candy bars side by side.
2. On the white paper, write a short Bible verse about love. Then wrap it around the candy bars horizontally and tape it down.
3. Place the red paper or ribbon between the two candy bars, and tape the top of this "bookmark" to the Bible.
4. Give away this fun, sweet message of God's love!



## Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

*Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.*



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\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ 6:8 , \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV



## Lakeside Lutheran High School Principal's Annual Report to the Federation (2014)



**Guidance call.** In fall 2013, Dr. Dennis Gulczynski announced his retirement effective at the close of the 2013-2014 school year.

“Dr. G” served Lakeside since 1973.

Lakeside placed several calls to qualified candidates in the field for this position. Mr. Andy Rosenau accepted the call on April 13.

Before coming to Lakeside, Mr. Rosenau served at St. Matthew’s Lutheran School, Oconomowoc.

**Athletic Director.** Mr. Gerald Hahn announced his retirement from the teaching ministry at the close of the current school year. By then, he will have been at Lakeside 20 years. He currently serves as Athletic Director and boys physical education teacher.

As part of Lakeside’s new strategic plan, the scope of this call is broadened to *Activities Director*, a position that oversees all co-curricular offerings.

On November 25, the Holy Spirit led Lakeside’s General Board to extend a call to Mr. Steven Hennig as the Activities Director. After due deliberation, he returned the call on December 27. God willing, the General Board will issue its next call on January 27.

**Strategic Planning.** Over the past year-and-a-half, Lakeside developed a strategic plan with a new mission statement, and three-, five-, and ten-year goals. Numerous meetings and informational sessions were conducted throughout the Federation to gather input from all stakeholder groups. Highlights of this process included listening sessions in many Federation congregations in fall 2013 and an open forum on October 22, 2014.

The General Board had its first reading of this strategic plan on November 25.

**Excellence in Speech Award.** Lakeside’s Forensics Team received its fifth consecutive *Excellence in Speech Award* from the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association at the state tournament on April 11, 2014.

At that tournament, the team achieved its highest score since Coach Steve Lauber took over the program six years ago. Among all competing schools in the state, Lakeside placed first! All 25 team members earned medals: 16 gold and 9 silver.

The Lakeside Forensic Team also captured the 12-team Capitol Conference Championship on February 3, 2014.

**FFA.** In fall, Lakeside became the first “private” high school in Wisconsin to be granted a charter for a Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter. In order for a school to charter and maintain an FFA chapter, there must be a certified licensed agricultural educator who also serves as the chapter adviser. That individual is Mr. Jeff Meske, Lakeside’s Tech Ed teacher. In 2015-2016, Lakeside will offer a new course in its curriculum, *Agriculture Survey*. This will serve as an orientation course for Lakeside students to learn how the agriculture industry is organized, what its major components are, and how agriculture exerts a significant influence on the state’s economy.

**Top Ten.** The Top Ten of the Class of 2014 were:

- Benjamin Barnhart (St. Peter’s, Helenville);
- Cassandra Doering (St. Paul’s, Lake Mills);
- Jordan Gaal (St. Matthew’s, Oconomowoc);
- Sarah Hochmuth (St. Andrew, Middleton);
- Amanda Kehl (Zion, Columbus);
- Briana Modjeska (Holy Cross, Madison);
- Kayla Pagel (St. Peter’s, Helenville);
- Kaitlyn Sage (St. Matthew’s, Janesville);
- Levi Schubkegel (Holy Cross, Madison); and
- Elizabeth Schwartz (St. Matthew’s, Janesville).

Jordan Gaal, one of the valedictorians, was cited a Kohl Excellence Scholar in a ceremony in Janesville on April 5. This is second consecutive year that a Lakeside senior received this honor. Elizabeth Schwartz, another valedictorian, was named a finalist in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Competition.

98 students were awarded diplomas on May 25, 2014.

**National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist.** One of Lakeside’s current seniors, Kiana Krszjaniek (Holy Cross, Madison), is a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

**ACT scores.**

<b>13-14 ACT results</b> (12 -13 results in parentheses)	<b>Lakeside</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>National</b>
<b>Number testing</b>	<b>79 (55)</b>	<b>46,870 (46,574)</b>	<b>1,845,787 (1,799,243)</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>24.0 (23.5)</b>	<b>21.6 (21.5)</b>	<b>20.3 (20.2)</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>24.3 (25.0)</b>	<b>22.0 (22.0)</b>	<b>20.9 (20.9)</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>24.8 (24.5)</b>	<b>22.4 (22.3)</b>	<b>21.3 (21.1)</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>23.7 (23.4)</b>	<b>22.3 (22.2)</b>	<b>20.8 (20.7)</b>
<b>Composite</b>	<b>24.3 (24.3)</b>	<b>22.2 (22.1)</b>	<b>21.0 (20.9)</b>

Lakeside students who wrote the ACT in 2013-2014 did well, scoring well above both the national and state averages. Furthermore, those scores were consistent with our five-year average scores. Compared to Lakeside results from the previous school year, scores in three core areas – English, reading, and science – rose. English showed the greatest increase. Furthermore, Lakeside students who wrote the ACT in 2013-2014 also scored above the state and national averages in “college readiness” for college level English Composition, Algebra, Social Science, and Biology. The percent of Lakeside students meeting the benchmark scores for all four college level subject areas was 51%. The state average was 34%.

**Call received.** Pastor Don Schultz, Lakeside’s Assistant Principal for Student Life, received a divine call to be the President of Manitowoc Lutheran High School on January 10, 2015. Pastor Schultz has served at Lakeside since 2005.

## ZION MEMBER SURVEY

February 2015

*In your responses to the questions posed below, please give careful consideration to your comments and please share your comments in a spirit of Christian love, humility and gentleness. Thank you!*

**1. List two or three STRENGTHS of our congregation.**

**2. List two or three WEAKNESSES of our congregation.**

**3. List two or three OPPORTUNITIES that we have for growing in faith and service and reaching out into our community with the gospel.**

**4. List two or three CHALLENGES to our ministry of growing in the Word of our God and proclaiming the good news of Jesus to our community.**

*Thank you for your time, thoughtfulness and prayerful consideration in filling out this survey. Please place it in a sealed envelope and put it in the box on the counter in the church lobby, or mail it to the church office at 812 Western Ave. The deadline for submission is March 1, 2015.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (no anonymous surveys will be accepted)

May we use your comments in future articles or reports?  Yes  No

# Zion Lutheran Church

## February 2015

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4:30 pm Basketball vs. St. Mark's Watertown at home	<b>4</b> 4:00 pm Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Women's Basketball 7:30 pm Zion Choir	<b>5</b> 2:00 pm Ladies Aide 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Steering Committee Meeting	<b>6</b> 6:00 am Breakfast Bible Study 1:30 pm Pep Rally 5:00 pm Basketball vs. Peace, Sun/Prairie at Home	<b>7</b> Basketball Tournament B Girls
<b>8</b>	8:00 am Worship with special music, children's message 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with special music, children's message	<b>9</b> No School - Teacher Inservice 6:30 pm Board of Ed Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4:00 pm Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Women's Basketball 7:10 pm Meeting Night 7:30 pm Zion Choir	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Worship	<b>13</b> BLAC Basketball Tournament A Boys 6:00 am Breakfast Bible Study	<b>14</b> BLAC Basketball Tournament A Boys Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Cheerleading Competition
<b>15</b>	8:00 am Worship with special music 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with special music	<b>16</b> 8:15 am SonBEAMS 6:00 pm Planning Committee	<b>17</b> 6:00 pm PATZ meeting	<b>18</b> 3:30 pm Ash Wednesday Lent Service 4:15 pm Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Lent Service 8:00 pm Zion Choir	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm Usher's Meeting	<b>20</b> LLHS Basketball Tournament A Boys 6:00 am Breakfast Bible Study	<b>21</b> LLHS Basketball Tournament A Boys 6:00 pm Family Game Night
<b>22</b>	8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	<b>23</b> 8:15 am SonBEAMS	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 3:30 pm Lent Worship 4:15 pm Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Lent Worship 8:00 pm Zion Choir	<b>26</b> Basketball Tournament A Boys No School - Teacher Inservice & Conference	<b>27</b> Basketball Tournament A Boys No School - Teacher Inservice & Conference 6:00 am Breakfast Bible Study	<b>28</b> Basketball Tournament A Boys Wilke-Schulz Wedding
<b>LLHS Basketball Tournament A Boys</b>							



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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thursday Worship..... 6:30p  
Friday Bible Breakfast at Church .....6:00a  
Sunday Worship..... 8:00, 10:30a  
Sunday Adult Bible Study at Church .....9:15a  
Sunday School at Zion School ..... 9:15a

*Church and School located at 822 Western Ave.*



## Upcoming Events

**Mon., Feb 9 • No School, Board of Ed Meeting**

**Wed., Feb 11 • Meeting Night**

**Wed., Feb 11 • 5-6 Grade Phoenix for a Day**

**Mon., Feb 16 • SonBEAMS begins**

**Wed., Feb 18 • Ash Wednesday**

**Thurs.-Fri., Feb 26-27 • No School**