

The Messenger



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God Reveals Himself in the Bible

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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Dan was a member of the same church his entire life. His parents brought him to the baptismal font, Sunday school, and catechism classes. At his confirmation he confessed Christ and promised to make regular use of the means of grace. For several years Dan attended worship with his parents. He heard the pastor read from the Bible. He received the Lord's Supper. Soon, however, Dan's love for the outdoors crowded out time for the Bible and for worship. When Dan's pastor encouraged him to return to church, Dan said, "Pastor, you don't need to worry about me. The outdoors is my church. When I'm fishing on the lake or hunting in the woods, I learn about God and feel his presence."

Dan was only partly right. We can learn something about God from nature. All creation testifies that there is a divine being who is powerful and wise. Our consciences remind us that we are accountable to this God who created us. No one, however, can learn from nature what God really thinks of us or what he has done for us. God reveals this information in the Bible.

Think of it this way: A new family moves in next door. As you watch your new neighbors unload their van, you learn something about them. The toys tell you that they have young children. The tools tell

you that someone is a craftsman. The bicycles, boat, and camper are clues that the family enjoys the outdoors. You gather a good amount of information by taking note of what your neighbors own. But you cannot really know who they are and what they are like unless they tell you about themselves. When they tell you about themselves, you learn their names, their occupations, their likes and dislikes, where they have lived in past years, and why they have moved into the neighborhood. You get to know them for who they really are.

Nature tells us God is powerful and wise. But it isn't enough. We cannot learn of Jesus from the mountains, lakes, and trees. The Bible alone tells us who God is: our merciful Father who has planned our rescue from sin and death and promises life with him forever through Jesus. The Bible alone tells us of Christ crucified, and the Bible's message of Jesus alone is the power of God unto salvation. By the power of the gospel we believe. As we continue to hear the gospel, we receive strength and comfort to continue our journey through life to eternity. There really is no substitute.

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Greeter Schedule



January 1

8:00am — E11	10:30am — L5
Harold & Delphine Schaefer	Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn

January 8

8:00am — E12	10:30am — L2
Art Sharpee & Waldamar Vick	Dan & Laurie Weiland

January 15

8:00am — E13	10:30am — L3
Leo & Audrey Fischer	Wayne & Darlene Powers

January 22

8:00am — E14	10:30am — L4
John & Jane Evers	Otto & Sheree Mattke

January 29

8:00am — E1	10:30am — L5
Jeff & Melody Krakow	Bev Herold & Nicole Henning

If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact Melody Krakow at (920) 210-6323.

Video Team Schedule

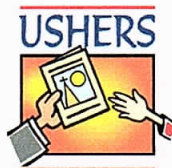
January 2017

1 Matt Greiling
 8 Mark Lindell
 15 Gary Schuhmacher
 22 Phil Manteufel
 29 Matt Greiling



November Church Attendance

Date	Total
3/6	403
10/13	437
17/20	376
23 (Thanksgiving)	223
27	303



January 1

8:00am - <u>Team E1</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L7</u>
Jeff Henning (C)	Roger Weiland (C)
Daryl Berndt (A)	Steve Weiland(A)
Leo Fischer	Dan Weiland
Matt Weidner	Bryce Weiland
Rodney Hacht	Brett Weiland
Mark Tiedt	Peter Klokow

January 8 & January 15

8:00am - <u>Team E2</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L1</u>
Delmar Vick (C)	Tom Schultz (C)
Dale Gajdosik (A)	George Decker (A)
Randy Vick	Aaron Larson
Kenneth Schulz	James Kopfer
Eric Turnquist	Dayne Kopfer
Eliot Turnquist	Brandon Lee

January 22 & January 29

8:00 am - <u>Team E3</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L2</u>
Randy Koehn (C)	Dale Schultz (C)
Joe Grambsch	Dan Schultz
Ben Grambsch	Matt Ganser
	Dylan Schultz
	Michael Hallberg
	Nathan Hallberg
	Henry Tews

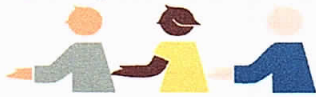
If you have any questions about the schedule, would like to be added as an usher or won't be able to serve any longer as an usher, please call Julie Doyle at (608) 846-5103.

Council Names and Numbers

Rick Gentz, President - 623-2507
 Don Lamb, Vice President - 623-0556
 Nils Johansson, Secretary - 608-239-5123
 Brady Weiland, Treasurer - 920-285-7362
 Dan Retzlaff, Education - 623-2623
 Jeff Krakow, Elders - 920-210-2388
 Matt Vosberg, Outreach - 920-210-3817
 Jim Greiling, Property - 920-623-2512
 Dave Harle, Stewardship - 623-3819



Membership



Membership Changes

Accept: Paul & Jennifer Manssen, Nick Henning



Joan Herzberg	1st	83 years
Ruth Lienke	11th	89 years
Selma Dykstra	20th	88 years

Ministrations

Baptisms

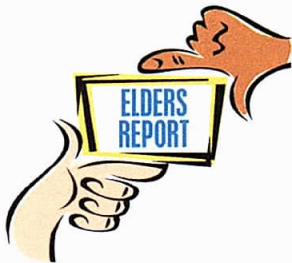
7. Araya Ann Tramburg, daughter of Wyatt Tramburg and Carissa Schneiter. Born 10/11/16, Baptized 11/13/16.

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **January 20th**.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Elders Board

by Jeff Krakow

"I don't deserve this!" Have you ever heard anyone say this? Maybe you have said it yourself. Whenever I have heard it said they were having a bad time. Whether it

was health related, friends, family, finance, work, or

government; it doesn't matter. At the time they thought they deserved something so much better.

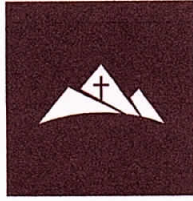
What do we deserve? Well, *"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23) and *"the wages of sin is death"* (Romans 6:23a), therefore *"The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."* (Matthew 13:41-42) We deserve condemnation in hell, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth, which will be far worse than anything you are experiencing in this world. I guess you could say their statement was true as we deserve so much worse, but the attitude in which it is said is that they think they don't deserve as bad as they are getting. Look at Joseph, one of 12 sons of Jacob. His brothers hated him, hated him so much that they wanted him dead! We don't hear of him saying, "I don't deserve this." Or Paul, imprisoned almost everywhere he went, but he learned to be content whatever the circumstance. How about Stephen? He was stoned to death! Instead of crying out "I don't deserve this." he said, *"Lord, do not hold this sin against them."* (Acts 7:60b).

Thankfully, God, in his mercy, gives us many blessings we truly do not deserve. At Christmas we celebrate the gift of a Savior. When Pastor says *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"* (Luke 2:11 KJV), we could all say in unison, "I don't deserve this."

Instead, we will probably all say something more like "O come let us adore him." Only we will do it in song. But, let's all come and adore him. Come and adore him through reading words of scripture everyday. Come and adore him by hearing his word preached and taught during the service and Bible study. Come and adore him with thankful, generous portions of all the blessings he has bestowed upon you.

Dear gracious Father in heaven, thank you so much for loving us and, in your mercy, sending your Son to save us. We thank you for having him born under the law to save us who are under the law but can not keep that law. Forgive our selfishness, and pride, thinking we are so much better than we are, and deserve so much more than we do. Thank you for redeeming us and strengthen us to return a generous portion of your loving blessings back to you. Amen.

The church council is recommending a change in our Bylaws. This will be considered the second of three readings. The third will be done orally at our annual meeting. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please contact Don Lamb at (920) 623-0556 or Jeff Krakow at (920) 210-2388.



ZION LUTHERAN

Proposed Bylaw Change

Whereas our Family Ministry Board was eliminated and;

Whereas we created many new committees when we came to our current building and;

Whereas those committees have no council voice or representation or guidance and;

Whereas those committees are doing much of what the former Family Ministry Board used to do;

Therefore, be it resolved that we re-instate the Family Ministry Board and have the chairman be a member of the Church Council per the following changes and additions.

Article IV

Section 6

Change Section 6 to read: (change in *italics and underlined*):

"Family Ministry Board

1. The Family Ministry Board shall consist of at least three voting members including the chairman. The Church Council shall appoint the members for three year terms.
2. This board shall establish and maintain active programs to serve and meet the spiritual and educational needs of the congregation at large and specifically of youth, married couples, parents with children, singles, members temporarily away from home, and those with special needs. It shall consult with other congregations and with synod to learn what programs have been effective elsewhere and what materials are available to enhance family life and shall make these resources available to the members of the congregation. It shall prepare annual budget recommendations for those items of the congregation's business of which it is responsible.
3. This board is accountable to the Church Council and shall report to it through the board chairman.

Article IV

Add (addition in *italics and underlined*):

Section 7

Board Vacancies

The Church Council shall fill vacancies occurring on any of these boards through appointment.

This addition used to be section 6

Article III

Section 1

Paragraph 1

Change (change in *italics and underlined*) the last sentence to:

"The church council will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Chairman for each of the following board: Stewardship, Elders, Education, Property Management, Outreach and Family Ministry."

kids page

MASON JAR nightlight

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.



Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

KEY:  **A**  **E**  **I**  **O**

" _ _ M TH _ L _ GHT _ F

TH _ W _ RLD. WH _ _ V _ R

F _ LL _ WS M _ W _ LL N _ V _ R

W _ LK _ N D _ RKN _ SS."

J _ H N 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV

BELLS WILL BE RINGING....

On Christmas Eve, December 24, 2016 the sound of a church bell will once again invite worshipers within earshot of Zion to come and hear the good news of a Savior born to live and die and live for us. After much waiting and much work the church bell that hung in our former location on Mill Street in Columbus was hung in a newly constructed tower on our campus and installed with electric controls in the building. What a blessing it will be to signal the start of worship on Sunday mornings, Thursday evenings and festivals throughout the year!

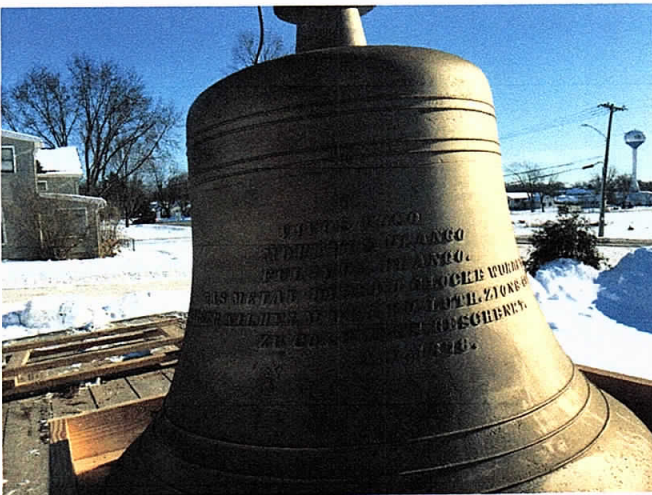
We owe thanks to God for the resources and abilities to complete this project to his glory. Specifically, we'd like to acknowledge with thanks: Matt Weidner for engineering of the tower, Aaron Larson for the concrete work, Mark Lindell for the stone work this coming spring, Bruce Hatzinger for serving as point person for the construction of the tower, Jeff Henning for his work with the electrical and roofing companies and Don Lamb for coordinating the project. A number of donors funded the project. We thank God for your generosity. May all of your efforts serve to glorify God in our community.

The bell's history is fascinating. It was cast in 1878 by the McShane Bell Foundry of Baltimore, MD, the same company that refurbished the bell before it was installed in its present location. The metal was a gift from Kaiser Wilhelm I of Germany in the form of four cannons his army captured from the French in their fight for the territory of Alsace Lorraine.

The Latin inscription reads: *Vivos voco, Mortuos plango, Fugura frango.* "I call the living. I mourn the dead. I break the lightning."

The German inscription reads, "Das Metal dieser Glocke wurde vom Kaiser Wilhelm der Ev. Luth. Zions-Geminde zu Columbus A.D. 1878" (The metal for this bell was presented by Kaiser Wilhelm to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in the year of our Lord, 1878.)

Incredible, isn't it, to think that metal fashioned to blast men to their death, now has, for over a century, and will continue to invite people to eternal life in Jesus Christ, our Lord.



**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Financial Statement
November 2016**

	Nov 16	<i>Estimated Monthly Budget</i>	Fiscal Year to Date Jul - Nov 16	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
General Fund Offerings	37,088.37		188,622.48	
LLHS Building Income	290.00		1,181.00	
LLHS Income	2,181.67		11,095.43	
Other Donations	383.00		1,327.40	
Other Receipts	106.70		404.20	
Substitute Teaching	255.00		612.00	
Synod Missions Income	4,533.34		23,240.90	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	<i>9,100.00</i>		<i>57,050.00</i>	
WLCFS Income	111.00		3,136.00	
WLIM Income	146.00		612.00	
Total Income	54,195.08		287,281.41	
Expense				
ACH fee	-		(10.70)	
Apartment Rent	635.00	666.67	3,175.00	8,000.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	27,696.93	27,829.83	135,125.33	333,958.00
Church Library Expense	30.68	12.50	125.30	150.00
Church Supplies	215.04	283.33	3,011.42	3,400.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	75.00	318.00	900.00
Copier	-	291.67	701.07	3,500.00
Elders Board	-	29.17	-	350.00
Guest Pastor	-	58.33	125.00	700.00
Health Insurance	8,752.00	8,217.00	40,181.03	98,604.00
Janitors	986.90	1,000.00	4,532.15	12,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	290.00		1,181.00	
LLHS Expense	2,181.67	2,250.00	11,095.43	27,000.00
Maintenance	6,267.38	2,559.42	19,517.00	30,713.00
Meditations	-	125.00	349.00	1,500.00
Mileage	372.80	291.67	1,411.05	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	64.13	12.50	465.02	150.00
Organists	280.15	258.33	1,401.50	3,100.00
Outreach Board	177.38	375.00	640.27	4,500.00
Payroll Expenses	219.28	233.33	1,069.88	2,800.00
Pension Insurance	-	2,220.83	7,800.00	26,650.00
Postage and Delivery	66.14	108.33	605.70	1,300.00
Secretaries	1,858.21	1,666.67	8,420.49	20,000.00
Stewardship Board	445.41	416.67	1,953.67	5,000.00
Substitute Teaching	454.20		782.23	
Sunday School/VBS	842.60	241.67	1,797.38	2,900.00
Synod Mission Expense	4,533.34	4,666.67	23,240.90	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	241.88	333.33	1,209.88	4,000.00
Utilities	3,728.73	5,250.00	17,558.40	63,000.00
WLCFS Expense	111.00		3,136.00	
WLIM Expense	146.00		612.00	
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,208.33	201.00	14,500.00
Worship	560.28	316.67	1,300.27	3,800.00
Total Expense	61,157.13	60,997.92	293,031.67	731,975.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

November 2016

Previous Month Assets	\$401,541.82
Total Transactions	-\$10,013.62
Total Current Assets	\$391,528.20

New Church/School Total	\$319,384.39
<i>checking/savings</i>	

		----- Monthly Statements -----		
Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	New Church/School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking
Previous Balance	\$2,056.64	\$54,017.61	\$318,190.81	\$1,802.30
Monthly Transactions*	(\$304.90)	(\$9,100.00)	(\$608.72)	\$0.00
Current Balance	\$1,751.74	\$44,917.61	\$317,582.09	\$1,802.30
	Explanation		Explanation	Explanation
Transactions	(\$150.00) Loan Marks	11-23-16 Transfer to General Fund	American National Bank church loan	
	(\$155.05) Check # 2888	(\$4,500.00) 11-29-16 Tra	(\$1,548.29) organ loan	
	\$0.15 Interest	(\$600.00) 11-30-16 Tra	\$565.00 11-4-16 Deposit	
			\$3,017.00 11-7-16 Deposit	
			\$1,755.00 11-14-16 Deposit	
			\$50.00 11-18-16 Deposit	
			\$1,654.33 11-21-16 deposit	
			\$2,115.00 11-29-16 Deposit	
			\$1,030.00 11-30-16 Deposit	
			(\$4,623.38) American National Bank church loan	
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$304.90)	(\$9,100.00)	(\$608.72)	\$0.00
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$10,013.62)			
Interest Received	\$0.15	Plus.....		CD F&M 12- mo \$10,526.90
				CD's (Lunn/Lenz) \$15,000.00
				Interest \$0.00
				\$10,526.90
				\$15,000.00

Zion Lutheran Church & School

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *No School - Christmas Break 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am *No Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	2 *No School - Christmas Break	3 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study	4 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	5 6:15 pm *Get Fit 6:30 pm Worship	6 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 5:00 pm *BB Home vs. Our Redeemer, Madison	7
8 Directory Photos 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	9 Pastors' Conference 6:15 pm *Get Fit 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	10 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Stewardship Board Meeting	11 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm Zion Choir	12 6:15 pm *Get Fit 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	13 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 5:00 pm *BB Home vs. Eastside, Madison	14 Falcon A-Girls' Tournament St. John's, Pardeeville B-Boys Tournament
15 Directory Photos Falcon A-Girls' Tournament 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	16 *No School-Teachers' Inservice *No Get Fit	17 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 6:00 pm *PAZ Meeting	18 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	19 8:00 am *SonBEAMS Open Gym 6:15 pm *Get Fit 6:30 pm Worship	20 MESSENGER DEADLINE 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	21 Fellowship Hall Reserved St. John's, Pardeeville B-Girls' Tournament
22 Directory Photos 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	23 *Accreditation Site Visit 6:15 pm *Get Fit	24 *Accreditation Site Visit 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study	25 *Accreditation Site Visit 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Zion A-Boys BB Game at TSL 7:30 pm Zion Choir	26 6:15 pm *Get Fit 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	27 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 5:00 pm BB Away vs. St. John's, Pardeeville	28 St. John's, JunEAU B-Boys Tournament
29 Directory Photos LLHS Visual Arts Fair 8:00 am Grades 5-8 Sing 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion Zion's Gift Talent and Chili Cookoff	30 *Spirit Week 6:15 pm *Get Fit	31 *Spirit Week 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study		Items preceded by * take place at school.		



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Church and School located at 822 Western Avenue

Upcoming Events

Mon., Jan. 2 - No School/Christmas Break
Mon., Jan. 9 - Board of Ed Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues., Jan. 10 - Worship Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues., Jan. 10 - Stewardship Board Meeting, 7:00pm
Wed., Jan. 11 - Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Mon., Jan. 16 - No School/Teachers' Inservice
Tues., Jan. 17 - PATZ Meeting, 6:00pm