

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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Watch Out For Flattened Noses

In a sermon for Thanksgiving Day, Martin Franzmann, Lutheran theologian, professor and preacher, talks about "the perspective of the flattened nose."

"It is this: If God gives us 99 percent good and 1 percent bad, we flatten our nose against that 1 percent. That is what we want to see; we delight in that 1 percent bad, and that is all we can see. We are like a man that has his nose stuck into a dish of ripe limburger – and the whole world stinks" (Ha! Ha! Among the Trumpets, © 1994 Concordia Publishing House, pp. 87-88).

Have we become people with flattened noses? Have we stuck our faces in the limburger? Have we become experts at finding the 1 percent bad while ignoring the 99 percent of God's good blessings? Are we turning into a congregation of whiners, people who are just itching for a reason to be upset and always on the lookout for something new to complain about?

We'd like to answer No; but if we're honest with ourselves we would have to answer Yes. Lately it seems like the complaining has reached a fever pitch, so much so that the topic of complaining was on a recent Church Council meeting agenda. If you believe what many are saying there is nothing right about Zion. "The leaders don't listen to us! We're spending too much money! Our pastors are no good! I don't like the new church!" The litany of lamenting goes on and on and on.

James wrote some strong words about how we use our tongues: **"The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what**

a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body" (James 3:5-6).

What damage we can cause with our words! Gossiping, griping and grumbling don't accomplish anything positive. Just the opposite! Such talk discourages your pastors, teachers and lay leaders who work hard, putting in long hours to serve you. Such talk distracts us from our mission of proclaiming the gospel and growing in our faith through Word and Sacrament. Such talk dishonors our gracious God who gives us every good and perfect gift.

It's time to pull our noses out of the limburger and consider our blessings. They are uncountable and undeserved. We have a Savior who took on our flesh, lived and died in our place and rose again to secure our eternity. We have God's holy Word which strengthens our faith in Jesus and guides us in daily living. We have material blessings in abundance. God has not been stingy in giving us our daily bread. We have a well-designed new church in which to hear his Word, receive his Supper and sing his praises. We have a Christ-centered school where we are privileged to teach the next generation to fear the Lord. We have each other. We are surrounded by brothers and sisters in Christ, all confessing the same faith, all purchased by the same Redeemer, all privileged to serve him in thanks for his love.

Truly, **"from the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another"** (John 1:16). As God's redeemed children we enjoy an embarrassment of riches. Petty complaints and childish whining are

totally out of place for God's people. For these sins we all need to repent. Examine your heart. Confess your sin. Run to the only place forgiveness is found: the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And then **"produce fruit in keeping with repentance"** (Matthew 3:8). Stop complaining. Avoid negativity. Look for the good in every situation. Use your words to defend others and build them up. Speak positively about your congregation and her ministry. If you see a problem strive to be part of the solution. Encourage your called workers and lay leaders. Pray for them. Thank them. And do all you can to assist them as they do the work of our gospel ministry.

Zion is not a perfect congregation. Such a congregation does not exist. We are all sinners. We do have problems, and we always will. But there is a proper way to deal with them. When you have a legitimate concern, rather than gossiping or complaining about it, humbly bring your concern to one of our leaders, like the church president, councilmen or pastors. They are willing to listen and eager to help.

My friends, watch out for flattened noses. Stay away from the limburger. Instead, join the psalmist to thank God for his abundant daily blessings: **"Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations"** (Psalm 100:4-5).

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Sims



September Church Attendance

Date	Total
3/6	338
10/13	366
17/20	408
24/27	329

Video Team Schedule November 2015

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



Usher Schedule

November 1 and November 8

8:00am	10:30am
Team E5	Team L6
Harold Schaefer (C)	Otto Mattke (C)
Mike Vick (A)	Paul Kehl (A)
Dale Schilling	Dennis Winter
Ron Yerges	Kyle Winter
Bruce Hatzinger	William Mattke
James Stadler	Brandon VerVelde
	Brian Peck

November 15 and November 22

8:00am	10:30am
Team E6	Team L7
Kim Schilling (C)	Roger Weiland (C)
Don Lamb (A)	Steve Weiland (A)
Ronald Knudson	Dan Weiland
Tracy Busse	Brady Weiland
John Zandler	Bryce Weiland
Brian Steffen	Brett Weiland

November 25 (Thanksgiving Eve), November 29 and December 6

8:00am November 29	7:00pm November 25
8:00am December 6	10:30am November 29
Team E7	Team L1
Rick Gentz (C)	Tom Schultz (C)
James Greiling (A)	George Decker (A)
Matt Greiling	Aaron Larson
Nicholas Arndt	James Kopfer
Mark Hintz	Dayne Kopfer
Tom Kitzerow	Brandon Lee

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
- 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 - 920-210-2388
- Matt Vosberg, Outreach - 920-210-3817
- Kurt Zander, Property - 920-210-1107
- Dave Harle, Stewardship - 623-3819

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

September 2015

Previous Month Assets	\$321,196.43
Total Transactions	-\$38,435.62
Total Current Assets	\$282,760.81

New Church/School Total	\$240,575.14
Checking/savings	

Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Monthly Statements		NEW Church/ School Fund Savings	Explanation	NEW Church/School Checking	Explanation
		Undesignated Savings	Explanation				
Previous Balance	\$11,382.28	\$33,642.94		\$241,653.48		\$9,043.27	
Monthly Transactions*	(\$9,635.71)	(\$18,678.30)		(\$10,121.61)		\$0.00	
Current Balance	\$1,746.57	\$14,964.64		\$231,531.87		\$9,043.27	
Transactions							
	(\$150.00) Joan Marks shipping costs for bell repair	(\$7,200.00) transfer to general fund		(\$4,623.38) American National Bank church loan		\$0.00	
	(\$308.28) PW Walsh & Co	(\$6,000.00) transfer to general fund		(\$4,623.38) American National Bank church loan			
	(\$5,215.00) Caldwell Lumber	(\$5,500.00) transfer to general fund		(\$1,548.29) American National Bank organ loan			
	(\$27.17) Home Expressions Service Specialists	\$21.70 interest		\$2,621.00 deposit			
	(\$75.00) Home Expressions Service Specialists			\$160.00 deposit			
	(\$460.96) Hometown Glass - library door			\$1,818.00 deposit			
	(\$480.00) Riketrek - bell tower inv 3			\$86.00 deposit			
	(\$1,470.00) Environmental Const Services - asbestos			\$1,824.00 deposit			
	\$0.70 interest			wire transfer out - Berghaus Organ Co			
	(\$1,450.00) interest			(\$10,000.00) wire transfer fee			
				\$2,945.00 deposit			
				\$1,080.00 deposit			
				\$154.44 interest			
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$9,635.71)	(\$18,678.30)		(\$10,121.61)		\$0.00	
Total Transactions	Plus.....						
Interest Received	(\$38,435.62)			CD F&M 12-mo	CD's (Lunn/Lenz)		
				\$10,474.46	\$15,000.00		
				\$0.00	\$0.00		
				\$10,474.46	\$15,000.00		

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	Sep 15	Jul - Sep 15
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Building Fund Donation	0.00	86.00
Church Library Donation	0.00	150.00
General Fund Offerings	33,180.24	103,503.15
LLHS Building Income	247.00	788.00
LLHS Income	1,951.78	6,087.25
Other Donations	57.00	456.50
Other Reciepts	0.00	17.93
Sub teaching reimburse	45.00	45.00
Synod Missions Income	4,698.56	13,299.48
Transferred from Undesignated	18,700.00	28,200.00
WLCFS Income	186.00	514.00
WLIM Income	157.00	513.00
Total Income	59,222.58	153,660.31
Expense		
ACH fee	10.80	10.80
Building Fund Expense	0.00	86.00
Called Workers Salaries	20,191.73	61,650.26
Church Supplies	0.00	428.20
Convention/Cont' Education	0.00	8.90
Copier	678.15	678.15
Guest Pastor	0.00	250.00
Health Insurance	4,887.90	14,663.70
Housing	635.00	1,905.00
Janitors	401.62	927.47
Liability Insurance	0.00	325.00
LLHS Building Expense	247.00	788.00
LLHS Expense	1,951.78	6,087.25
Maintenance	1,827.49	11,651.88
Meditation/Forward in Christ	-22.92	720.92
Mileage	594.40	1,248.85
Miscellaneous	0.00	55.00
Organists	228.53	620.99
Outreach Board	0.00	810.20
Payroll Expenses	327.88	720.96
Payroll Taxes	6,301.15	17,057.17
Pension Insurance	6,300.00	6,300.00
Postage and Delivery	70.65	529.85
Secretaries	1,927.28	5,125.70
Stewardship Board	735.84	1,436.12
Substitute Teaching	45.00	45.00
Sunday School/VBS	893.28	913.89
Synod Mission Expense	4,698.56	13,299.48
Telephone & Internet Expense	235.01	727.62
Utilities	3,478.47	10,304.93
WLCFS Expense	186.00	514.00
WLIM Expense	157.00	513.00
Worship	0.00	444.99
Total Expense	56,987.60	160,849.28

Thank You **Members of Zion**

I want to take a moment to say thank you for allowing your American Red Cross to use your beautiful facility to host blood drives in Columbus.



I attended the drive there in October and was so impressed with the layout and how your location is absolutely perfect for not only our operations, but an enjoyable setting for the donors, staff and volunteers!

Elaine and her group of volunteers expressed what a great room you have for us and how much they enjoy helping the Red Cross in Columbus collect as much as possible whenever we are there. They also remarked at how well the donors appreciate your space.

We cannot thank you enough for your generosity!

Greg Novinska, Collections Director
Badger-Hawkeye and Heart of America Regions
American Red Cross Blood Services



Marjorie Selje	8th	103 years
Rosalind Zeidler	9th	85 years
Elaine Dykstra	28th	89 years

Ministrations

Baptisms

- Wyatt Weston Wolf, son of Carl Wolf II and Amie nee Winter. Born 6/18/2015. Baptized 7/12/2015.

Marriage

- Dennis Hayes and Stephanie Pellett. Married 9/12/2015.

Ladies' Aid

Carolyn Fredricks will be our guest speaker at our November 5th, 2:00 pm meeting. She will explain the planned improvements to the Columbus Park Pavillion.

Pictures from old editions of Zion School yearbooks will be on display for everyone to look at and keep any that are of interest to you.

Please come and enjoy the fun.



Zion School Yearbooks

Currently Zion School has one copy of each yearbook since 1958 except for the years 1982 & 1985. If anyone has a yearbook from those years that we could borrow to make a copy of, please contact Michelle Wolf at 623-0354.

A few original hard copy photos from the 60's thru the 90's will be on display at the November Ladies Aid meeting if you are interested in keepsake momentos. Thank you.

Fellowship Hall & Pantry Usage

Your Zion Pantry Committee has written up a contract for Fellowship Hall and Pantry usage. If you would like to reserve our beautiful fellowship hall for your next party or gathering, contact the office to reserve your date and to pick up the necessary paperwork.



Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **November 20th**. Contact Sue Henning at 920-623-2569 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Got Fitness?

Got Fitness Workouts are Back! Workouts are every Monday and Thursday from 6:15 - 7:00 pm in the Zion School Gym. Workouts consist of various strength and cardio moves. Workouts can be adjusted to fit a variety of fitness needs. Bring a

workout mat, a set of hand weights, a water bottle and energy for a great workout! Contact Becca Kramer with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Alpha Resource Center

For over 30 years, the Alpha Resource Center in Watertown has been providing not only physical needs such as diapers, wipes and clothing to young mothers and families but also their spiritual needs of forgiveness and salvation. Praise be to God for the opportunities he has provided our mission.

Our center operates with only two paid part-time positions and a group of volunteers. We are funded solely on private donations. As such, we are always in need of donations, supplies and volunteers. We welcome opportunities to share our mission with others and are available for speaking engagements.



Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

As we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday soon, I thought I would include a quote from Martin Luther. On June 26th I was starting the book of Amos and reading the intro, there was a part on Luther's thoughts on Amos. A quote from that reads "people do not repent of the sin or acknowledge it; rather they boast of it and rely upon it as though it were a good deed, as false saints always do. For a sin cannot become more grave, great, or weighty than when it tries to be a holy and godly work, making the devil God and God the devil."

The date of reading that is significant because it was later that day that the Supreme Court ruled that gay marriage was legal. There was much cheering throughout the nation boasting that this was a good deed. People all over were saying the United States is finally showing love. Here is where they try to make a sin "a holy and godly work."

I have been wondering if there are other areas we are trying to make sin a holy and godly work. What about people that boast about golfing or hunting rather than going to church. God never says go to church or go to hell, but He does say "*Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing.*" (Hebrews 10:25a) He is not talking about the 19th hole or hunting cabin here. He is talking about gathering around His Word in worship, praise, prayer, and thanksgiving. He also tells us to pay attention to what we are hearing, *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.* (James 1:22)

Speaking of thanksgiving, how many of us boast about our material things while giving the Lord our leftovers? He tells us to return our first fruits. *Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.* (Proverbs 3:9-10) He even promises that He will bless us even more when we give our first and best with loving thankfulness. He gives us warning in Haggai "*Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?*" (1:4). Here God is talking about the rebuilding of His temple, but now we are talking about building His Church. Bringing people the Word of the Lord takes money and we are instructed to do just that "*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*" (Matthew 28:19-20) Notice that He promises to be with us as we go and make disciples. He gives many reasons and Romans 15:4 is just one; *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.* We must go and tell of our Savior so more and more people can have and understand the hope that we have. The Lord has blessed us tremendously, how do we thank Him? With the leftovers as we live in our "paneled houses"? He does give us blessings for our enjoyment, but let's use them to God's Glory. *All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.* (2 Corinthians 4:15)

I'm sure we could find boasting of worldly things rather than Godly things that go against every commandment (i.e. living together outside of marriage because "everyone" is doing it; taking office supplies from work because they have so much they will never miss this little bit, beside they owe it to me.) May we all listen to His Word, but not merely listen, rather, do what it says.

Gracious Father,

You have given us your word for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. Help us to understand when we are being corrected and that it is for our own eternal good. Keep us from listening to the prince of this world so we stop boasting of worldly, sinful things. If we are one to boast, may we boast in the Lord! In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

Twice is Nice Resale Store: \$3.85 million and counting

The Good Stewards Board of the Twice Is Nice (TiN) store recently held its annual appreciation dinner to thank those who have volunteered during the past year. It was shared there that TiN has donated \$3.85 million to Lakeside since the store's inception! TiN also publicly thanked Warrior volleyball, wrestling and basketball teams for working at the store during the year.

Shop: 50% off on rose-tagged items begins Monday, October 26 and ends October 31. This time of year is prime shopping season, and with the upcoming migration into the almost-ready new addition, we are looking forward to being able to display even more for your holiday shopping selection. We're easy-to-find and open Mondays - Saturdays from 9-5 pm: just a minute east on the Hwy 18 exit off the 26 bypass at 907 W. Racine Street, next to the Jefferson Piggly Wiggly.

Volunteer: A hearty welcome goes to Rachel Backlund and daughter Laurie from St. Paul, Fort Atkinson, who have volunteered to sort on Tuesday afternoons. Current volunteers are also anxious for additional men volunteers on Saturday mornings, especially someone who could help unload and process the many donations that are brought to the back door on this weekend day. Perhaps you know a father and son who could donate a Saturday a month, or is yours a congregation who provide a male volunteer one Saturday a month? Please prayerfully consider what you could do. Call (920) 674-6868 and ask for Jeanette, Carolyn or Norma with your questions.

kids page

Thankful Hearts

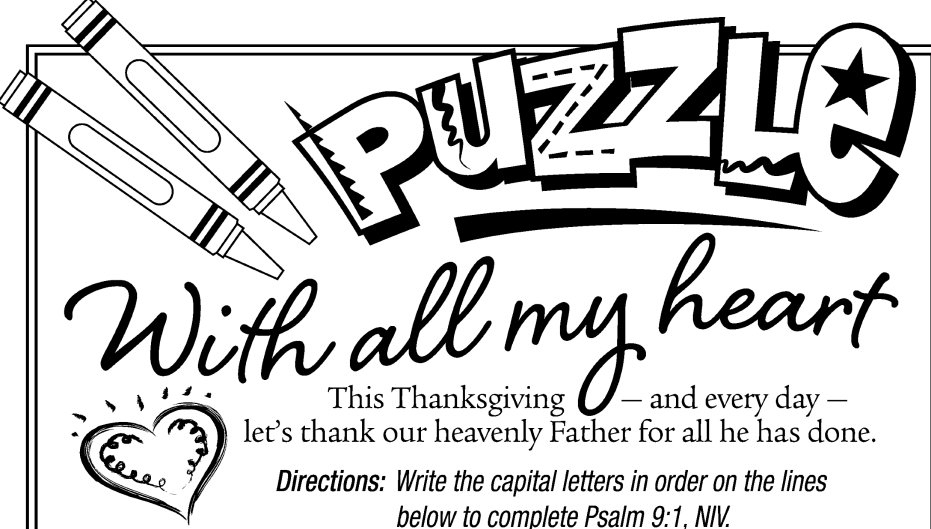
Make table decorations that serve as Thanksgiving conversation-starters.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cloth or felt
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Fiber fill, cotton balls or rice
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut out a heart pattern (any size) on paper. Allow 1/4" for a seam if you'll be using a sewing machine.
2. Cut out material hearts, placing pieces right sides out if sewing by hand and right sides together if using a machine.
3. For hand-sewing, use a running stitch or an overcast stitch. Leave an opening for stuffing.
4. With a machine, sew along a 1/4" seam, allowing a 1" opening so you can turn the heart inside out and insert stuffing. Trim close to seam but don't cut stitching.
5. Fill with stuffing. Sew the opening shut by hand.
6. Put a heart at each place setting. Before dinner, have guests pick theirs up and say why they have a thankful heart.



PUZZLE

With all my heart

This Thanksgiving – and every day – let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.

I	a	W	I	d	L	d	L	G	e
I	f	V	g	h	E	c	T	H	y
A	a	g	N	K	c	m	S	n	T
h	O	q	Y	O	b	U	c	L	O
p	R	e	D	W	a	I	T	H	A
h	L	L	t	M	b	Y	d	H	E
A	R	b	T	d	I	W	I	f	L
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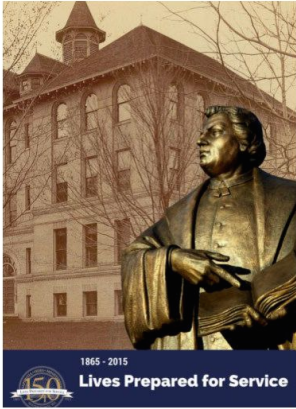
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 _____;
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PSALM 9:1, NIV

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV

Luther Preparatory School

150th Anniversary Service



Sunday, November 15, 2015

3:00pm

LPS Gymnasium

1300 Western Ave

Watertown, WI

On September 14, 1865, the campus of ministry in Watertown, Wisconsin, was dedicated. At the dedication, President Johannes Bading said, "The Lord will carry out to a glorious end the work that we have begun." For 150 years students have been preparing for the ministry on this campus. Northwestern College remained the anchor of the Watertown campus for 130 years.

Luther Preparatory School continues to carry out the same purpose.

Choirs from Luther Prep, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Martin Luther College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will participate.

Service can also be viewed via this link:

<http://livestream.com/lps/specialservices1516>

Zion Lutheran Church

November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am *Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	2 1:30 pm Forward in Faith Meeting 6:15 pm *Got Fitness	3 *Board of Education Observation Day 6:30 pm Bible Information Class	4 4:00 pm 6th-7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	5 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 4:00 pm *Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:30 pm No Evening Worship 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	6 *NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences LPS Forensics Meet 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	7 9:00 am Three Strands Marriage Retreat
8 9:00 am *Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship - Commitment Sunday!	9 6:00 pm Outreach Board Meeting 6:15 pm *Got Fitness 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	10 6:30 pm Bible Information Class	11 4:00 pm No Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:10 pm Meeting Night 7:30 pm Zion Choir	12 6:15 pm *Got Fitness 6:30 pm No Evening Worship - Please join us on Sunday with the MLC Choir!	13 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	14
15 8:00 am Worship with MLC Choir 9:00 am *Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with MLC Choir 3:00 pm LPS 150th Anniversary Service	16 *Picture Retake Day 6:15 pm *Got Fitness 6:30 pm Elders' Board	17 6:30 pm Bible Information Class	18 4:00 pm 6th-7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	19 6:15 pm *Got Fitness 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	20 MESSENGER DEADLINE 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 4:00 pm Krueger-king Wedding Rehearsal	21 Krueger-king Wedding
22 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am *Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	23 6:15 pm *Got Fitness	24 6:30 pm Bible Information Class	25 4:00 pm No Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship	26 6:30 pm No Evening Worship	27 6:00 am No Bible Breakfast	28
29 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am *Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	30 6:15 pm *Got Fitness	<i>Items preceded by * take place at school.</i>				



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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....9:00am
Sunday School at Zion School.....9:00am

Church and School located at 822 Western Avenue

Upcoming Events

Thurs., Nov. 5 - Ladies' Aid Meeting, 2:00pm
Thurs., Nov. 5 - No Thursday Worship Service
Sun., Nov. 8 - Commitment Sunday Worship Service, 10:30am
Mon., Nov. 9 - Board of Ed Meeting, 6:30pm
Thurs., Nov. 12 - No Thursday Worship Service
Sun., Nov. 15 - Worship with MLC Choir at Both Services
Sun., Nov. 15 - LPS 150th Anniversary Service, 3:00pm
Wed., Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Worship, 7:00pm
Thurs., Nov. 26 - No Thursday Worship Service