

The Messenger



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Jesus is...the Word

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:1,14

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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"I give you my word," we sometimes say when making a promise. We say it because we want to be trusted, to have others take what we say as true. "I give you my word; I'll do more of the housework," says a concerned husband to his exhausted wife. "I give you my word; I'll be there for you whenever you need help," says one friend to another. "I give you my word; I'll be at your soccer game," says the young business man to his daughter, who only wants her dad to be proud of her.

But what happens when we hear that phrase without seeing results? It's emptied of meaning. Ultimately, we need to see someone keep their word before we'll believe them when they say, "I give you my word." It's frustrating when people make promises and fail to keep them. Just ask that daughter of the young business man who got called in to work and missed her soccer game. Broken promises hurt.

But when God makes a promise, he keeps it. He made a promise to right what we have done wrong. He promised forgiveness for our sins. He promised life rather than death. Then he kept his word by sending

his only Son, Jesus Christ. To keep the promise of righting our wrongs, Jesus lived the holy life which we could not. To keep the promise of forgiving our sins, Jesus died the death we deserved. To keep the promise of giving us eternal life, Jesus rose from the dead. It is very fitting, then, that in John 1, Jesus is called *the Word*. He is God's promises in action. He is the proof that God keeps his word. God said, "I give you my word," when he made those promises. Then when he sent Jesus, he said, "I give you my Word." Jesus made those promises reality.

God has made even more promises. He promises to help us when we are helpless, to strengthen us when we are weak and to guide us when we are lost. Such promises are more than just nice thoughts or good intentions. God will keep them. They're promises from the God who gave his Word, Jesus, and kept his word to save us.

Greeter Schedule



November 6

8:00am — E2 Dave & Kathy Harle	10:30am — L9 Bev Harold & Nicole Henning
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November 13

8:00am — E4 Delmar & Carol Vick	10:30am — L11 John & Sarah Brey
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November 20

8:00am — E5 Emily Henning & Sylvia Stadler	10:30am — L12 Nils & Lara Johansson
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November 27

8:00am — E6 Jim & Jenny Greiling	10:30am — L13 Aaron & Rachel Larson
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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 (920) 210-6323.

Video Team Schedule

November 2016

6 Gary Schuhmacher
13 Phil Manteufel
20 Matt Greiling
23 Randy Koehn



September Church Attendance

Date	Total
1/4	339
8/11	325
15/18	386
22/25	364



November 6

8:00am - <u>Team E4</u> Dale Sennhenn (C) Mark Lindell (A) Brian Sennhenn Andrew Bussian Remington Lindell Brett Schraufnagel	10:30am - <u>Team L2</u> Dale Schultz (C) George Peeper (A) Daniel Schultz Matt Ganser Dylan Schultz Michael Hallberg Nathan Hallberg
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November 13 & November 20

8:00am - <u>Team E5</u> Mike Vick (C) Dale Schilling Ron Yerges Bruce Hatzinger James Stadler J Doyle	10:30am - <u>Team L3</u> Jim Kluetzman (C) Matt Huber (A) Dave Harle Michael Uttech Rodney Cooley Gary Schuhmacher
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November 23 & November 27

8:00 am - Nov. 27 <u>Team E6</u> Kim Schilling (C) Ronald Knudson Tracy Busse John Zandler Scott Brenner Matt Vosberg	7:00pm - Nov. 23 10:30am - Nov. 27 10:30am - <u>Team L4</u> Bruce Zander (C) Kurt Zander (A) Kane Browskowski Wyatt Browskowski Bradley Sennhenn Neal Sennhenn Zach Beyer
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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.

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

None reported.



Marjorie Selje	8th	104 years
Rosalind Zeidler	9th	86 years
Elaine Dykstra	28th	90 years

Ministrations

Marriage

1. Dylan Schultz & Tasha Fitzgerald, 9/24/16.

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **November 18th**.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Zion's Ladies Aid Society

November 3rd at 2:00pm will be the next Ladies Society Meeting. Along with our regular meeting, Randy Koehn will be there to tell us about the Fire Department's drone and weather permitting, also demonstrate it.



Ladies Aid

If anyone is interested in bringing items for Zions' Relief Committee, you may do so.

Women's Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 4th at 6:30pm

Ladies — it's time to make your reservations for Zion's Advent by Candlelight. Sign-up sheets will be on a table in the narthex beginning Sunday, October 30th. Invite your female family members, friends and neighbors for a Christ-centered program in preparation for the holiday season. There is no charge for this event. If you are willing to hostess a table or provide a dessert, indicate that on the sign-up sheet. Advent by Candlelight will be a wonderful evening of the Word, music and fellowship. Please plan to join us.

Get Fit

We've had great start to our *Get Fit* workouts this year! Come see what it's all about and bring a friend. Join us when you can for a good workout with great company. Workouts are held Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:15 - 7:00 pm. All exercises can be modified no matter your fitness level. Bring a water bottle, exercise matt, a set of hand weights, and energy for a great workout! See the church calendar for November's schedule or pick one up by the school office. Contact Becca Kramer through the Zion School Office (623-5180) with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Scrip Cards - The Perfect Solution for a Busy Christmas

As the days get shorter and the temperatures drop, it reminds us that Christmas will be here sooner than we think!

One way you can get a jump on the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season is to buy Scrip cards. Maybe you have some family members who are hard to shop for, or you know you will have marathon baking days that will leave you with no energy for cooking dinner. Scrip cards can be the perfect solution for both situations! Sales times are at school on Monday-Friday 7:45-8:15am and Wednesday-Friday 2:45-3:15pm. Periodically, there will also be sales in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays 9:00-9:15am (just before Bible Study).

Scrip cards are a true win-win — by purchasing Scrip cards, you are benefitting the Christian education of your children/grandchildren/family members and supporting the ministry of Zion Lutheran School.



Elders Board

by Jeff Krakow

God has blessed all of us in many ways. Some of his blessings are to all of us at the same time. One such blessing is Martin Luther. Luther was born in Eisleben, Saxony which is

modern southeast Germany. Luther is considered German by birth, but I will submit he was a great example of a Berean. *Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.* (Acts 17:11).

Have you ever read Luther's "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences" he nailed to the church in Wittenberg? It is often referred to as the "95 Theses". In this, Martin Luther challenged the teachings of the Catholic Church on the nature of penance, the authority of the pope, and the usefulness of indulgences.

You see, Martin Luther listened to the teachings of the church he belonged to. But, instead of just listening, he examined the Scriptures to see if what they were teaching was true. I'm not saying that our church teaches anything wrong. In fact, I truly believe we have two very gifted pastors and they continue to read, study, and take to heart all of God's Word. I also truly believe that they preach and teach God's Saving Word in all of its truth and purity.

What I am saying is do you know what our church teaches on repentance? How about communion?... Fellowship?... Baptism? You see, it is great to hear God's Word, but it is also important to study it. Like Martin Luther, our pastors welcome your questions and would love to discuss God's Word with you. Like Martin Luther, they have a great desire to bring the truth of God's Word to light. This is the preamble to Luther's 95 theses: "Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light, the following propositions will be discussed at Wittenberg, under the presidency of the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and of Sacred Theology, and Lecturer in Ordinary on the same at that place. Wherefore he requests that those who are unable to be present and debate orally with us, may do so by letter."

Our pastors contact information is in the bulletin every week and in the Messenger every month. Listen to their message, study your Bible, and contact either pastor when you have a question. They are eager to talk with you.

Heavenly Father,
You have blessed us greatly through the man Martin Luther. You continue to bless us with very gifted and talented pastors to shepherd us in your saving Word. We thank you for the many blessings you shower upon us. We ask you to guide all of the men you have called to watch over and care for your flock on this earth and we eagerly look forward to the great reunion in heaven in your wonderful mansion.

Amen.



Zion Work Day

Please note the Zion work day scheduled at 8:00am on Saturday, November 5th. We will be working together to clean up the property before winter and have plenty of indoor projects to tackle as well. Bring your rakes, gloves, etc. If you have any questions, please call Jim Greiling at 623-2512 or Jim Yohn at 484-3620. In case of rain, we will plan to meet on November 12th.

Teen Celebration of Life Event

For over 30 years Christian Life Resources has hosted an annual Celebration of Life Event (COLE) as part of its educational program to train Christians to apply God's Word to the most challenging life and family issues of our time.

This year they've partnered with Wisconsin Right to Life on their teen track to provide the foundation for right-to-life training and teach teens how to be powerful advocates for life!

When: Saturday, November 5, 2016 - 9:15am-1:20pm

Where: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School

Jackson, Wisconsin

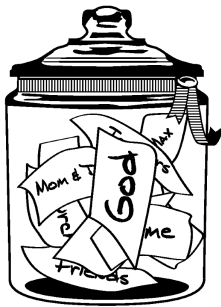
Cost: \$10 per person

Register @ clrevents.com

kids page

BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen



What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

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28:2, NIV

Answer: “All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God.” Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Financial Statement
September 2016

	Sep 16	<i>Estimated Monthly Budget</i>	Fiscal Year to Date Jul - Sep 16	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
General Fund Offerings	32,718.08		108,484.25	
LLHS Building Income	35.00		551.00	
LLHS Income	1,924.59		6,381.42	
Other Donations	34.40		904.41	
Other Receipts	-		278.73	
Synod Missions Income	4,249.19		13,487.86	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	9,500.00		18,250.00	
WLCFS Income	-		366.00	
WLIM Income	25.00		261.00	
Total Income	48,486.26		148,964.67	
Expense				
ACH fee	10.70		0.10	
Apartment Rent	635.00	666.67	1,905.00	8,000.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	27,856.40	27,829.83	79,623.56	333,958.00
Church Library Expense	-	12.50	-	150.00
Church Supplies	599.63	283.33	1,713.36	3,400.00
Convention/Cont' Education	60.00	75.00	318.00	900.00
Copier	701.07	291.67	701.07	3,500.00
Elders Board	-	29.17	-	350.00
Guest Pastor	-	58.33	125.00	700.00
Health Insurance	6,658.15	8,217.00	21,777.03	98,604.00
Janitors	1,090.82	1,000.00	2,543.59	12,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	35.00		551.00	
LLHS Expense	1,924.59	2,250.00	6,381.42	27,000.00
Maintenance	1,137.57	2,559.42	5,820.38	30,713.00
Meditations	-	125.00	-	1,500.00
Mileage	344.35	291.67	623.15	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	(263.74)	12.50	400.89	150.00
Organists	236.13	258.33	849.89	3,100.00
Outreach Board	-	375.00	413.89	4,500.00
Payroll Expenses	217.24	233.33	631.32	2,800.00
Pension Insurance	7,800.00	2,220.83	7,800.00	26,650.00
Postage and Delivery	112.97	108.33	325.77	1,300.00
Secretaries	1,798.86	1,666.67	4,928.91	20,000.00
Stewardship Board	-	416.67	753.18	5,000.00
Substitute Teaching	93.37		93.37	
Sunday School/VBS	65.19	241.67	954.78	2,900.00
Synod Mission Expense	4,249.19	4,666.67	13,487.86	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	242.04	333.33	726.12	4,000.00
Utilities	3,494.17	5,250.00	9,385.05	63,000.00
WLCFS Expense	-		366.00	
WLIM Expense	25.00		261.00	
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,208.33	234.00	14,500.00
Worship	93.64	316.67	193.64	3,800.00
Total Expense	59,217.34	60,997.92	163,888.33	731,975.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

September 2016

Previous Month Assets	\$445,207.69
Total Transactions	\$59,971.40
Total Current Assets	\$505,179.09

New Church/School Total
\$315,790.17
<i>checking/savings</i>

Accounts	Undesignated		Monthly Statements																	
	Checking	Savings	Fund Savings	Checking																
Previous Balance	\$1,981.58	\$101,379.49	\$313,914.79	\$2,457.37																
Monthly Transactions*	\$39,850.27	\$20,703.12	\$73.08	(\$655.07)																
Current Balance	\$41,831.85	\$122,082.61	\$313,987.87	\$1,802.30																
Transactions																				
	(\$150.00)		(\$500.00)	(\$60.00)																
	Transfer from Undesignated savings	9-12-16 deposit	9-7-16 transfer to General account	American National Bank church loan																
	\$40,000.00	\$30,115.00	(\$4,623.38)	(\$595.07)																
	\$0.27 interest	9-14-16 transfer to General Account	(\$1,548.29) orgnan loan	check # 2216																
		\$88.12 Interest	(\$4,623.38) American National Bank church loan																	
		\$65.00	\$65.00																	
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Monthly Transactions TOTAL	\$39,850.27	\$20,703.12	\$73.08	(\$655.07)																
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<i>Interest Received</i>	\$287.52	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Plus.....</td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Two CD's</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">CD F&M 12-mo</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10,526.90</td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">CD's (Lunn/Lenz)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>Interest</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$15,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10,526.90</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$15,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$0.00</td> </tr> </table>			Plus.....		Two CD's		CD F&M 12-mo	\$10,526.90	CD's (Lunn/Lenz)		<i>Interest</i>	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00		\$10,526.90	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
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Zion Lutheran Church & School

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Items preceded by * take place at school.</i></p>		1 7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study	2 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	3 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	4 NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 6:30 pm LPS Grade School Forensics	5 Boys' VB Tournament Celebration of Life Event LLHS Band Rehearsal Three Strands Couples' Retreat *Zion Work Day
<p>6 Fall back to standard time! LLHS & LES Band Concert 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</p>	<p>7 *Basketball Practices Start 6:00 pm *Zion Parent/Athlete Athletic Meeting 6:15 pm *Get Fit</p>	<p>8 *Board of Ed Observation Day with Meeting at 2:00 pm 7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study 7:00 pm Stewardship Board Meeting</p>	<p>9 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>10 6:15 pm *Get Fit 6:30 pm Worship</p>	<p>11 *14 Space Place Field Trip 6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>12 8:00 am *Zion Work Day - Rain Day 9:00 am LLHS Spelling Bee</p>
<p>13 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am *Acerecilitation Teams Meeting 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am K4 and K5 Sing 10:30 am Worship 2:00 pm Regional Choral Fest Sacred Concert</p>	<p>14 *Student Picture Relate Day 9:30 am Pastors Circuit Meeting 6:15 pm *Get Fit</p>	<p>15 7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study 6:00 pm *PATZ Meeting</p>	<p>16 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>17 6:15 pm *Get Fit 6:30 pm Worship</p>	<p>18 MESSANGER DEADLINE 6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>21 6:15 pm *Get Fit</p>	<p>22 7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study</p>	<p>23 12:30 pm *Early Release 4:00 pm No Catechism Class - Thanksgiving Break 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>24 *No School - Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p>25 *No School - Thanksgiving Break 6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 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</p>	<p>28 6:15 pm *Get Fit</p>	<p>29 7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study</p>	<p>30 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>			



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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

Fri., Nov. 6 - No School/Parent-Teacher Conferences
Sat., Nov. 7 - Zion Work Day, 8:00am
Tues., Nov. 8 - Stewardship Board Meeting, 7:00pm
Wed., Nov. 9 - Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues., Nov. 15 - PATZ Meeting, 6:00pm
Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 24-25 - No School - Thanksgiving Break