

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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Jesus is my Savior from the World

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Do you struggle in life? Are there days when it seems like you're under siege on all sides? Do you wish someone would save you from your family problems? From your health issues? From mistakes you've made and events you regret but can't change? In this world, everyone needs a savior from something. What, or who, do you need a savior from?

Jesus tells us that he is the Savior: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Maybe at first glance that seems like a somewhat simplistic thing for Jesus to say. How could he possibly hope to cover all the potential issues that could come up in the lives of his disciples in their world, to say nothing of ours today? How can people today trust a promise that was made 2,000 years ago? The world has really changed since then!

But Jesus wasn't talking about overcoming the world by healing diseases or mending broken relationships, although there were times in his ministry when he did just that. He was talking about

something far more timeless than health issues, relationship problems, or regrets from the past. Jesus was talking about breaking the cause of all the suffering and wickedness we have in our world. Jesus was talking about his victory over sin. And whether it's a sin you committed, a sin I've committed, or the sin of those in Bible times, Jesus defeated it. He accomplished a timeless victory, because sin is the root cause behind all pain and heartache, whether caused directly by human activities or indirectly as a consequence of the broken world we live in.

Jesus overcame all of that sin when he lived the perfect and sinless life that God demands. Jesus overcame all that sin when he laid down his perfect life at the cross and died—even though he didn't deserve it. Now you and I can overcome the world too by putting ourselves aside and placing our trust and reliance in Jesus. He leads us through the hardest of times and finally will take us home to his world—the kingdom of heaven he has prepared for all who believe in him.

Outreach Newsletter
November 2016



December 4

8:00am - Team E6
Kim Schilling(C)
Ronald Knudson (A)
Tracy Busse
John Zandler
Scott Brenner
Matt Vosberg

December 4, December 11, and December 18

8:00am - Dec. 11	10:30am - Dec. 4
8:30 am - Dec. 18	10:30am - Dec. 11
<u>Team E7</u>	<u>Team L5</u>
Jim Grieling (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Matt Greiling	Peter Lewke (A)
Nicholas Arndt	John Cares
Mark Hintz	Paul Musser
John Brey	Brian Baney
Bob Marousek	Andy Tratar

December 18, December 24 and December 25

4:00pm - Dec. 24	10:30am - Dec. 18
10:00am - Dec. 25	7:00pm - Dec. 24
<u>Team E8</u>	<u>Team L6</u>
Mike Vick (C)	Otto Mattke (C)
Troy Kehoe (A)	Paul Kehl (A)
Austin Evers	Dennis Winter
Logan Kehoe	Carl Wolf
Jake Boness	William Mattke
Brian Peck	Nils Johansson

December 31

5:00pm - Dec. 31
Team L7
Roger Weiland (C)
Steve Weiland (A)
Dan Weiland
Bryce Weiland
Brett Weiland
Peter Klokow

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.

Greeter Schedule



December

4

8:00am — E7	10:30am — L1
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	Nancy Huebner & Sara Hanna

December 11

8:00am — E8	10:30am — L2
Wilma Lenz & Joan Herzberg	Laurie Kirchberg & Pat Premo

December 18

8:30am — E9	10:30am — L3
Bill & Merle Nehmer	Rick & Lisa Gentz

December 25

10:00am — E10
Gene & Elaine Beier

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

December 2016

4 Mark Lindell
11 Gary Schuhmacher
18 Phil Manteufel
24 Randy Koehn



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





October Church Attendance

Date	Total
29/2	376
6/9	397
13/16	410
20/23	335
27/30	359

Membership



Membership Changes

Accept:

Ryan & Rachel Radloff and children Bethany, Noah and Owen

Transfer:

Paul & Lisa Ibisch



Merle Nehmer	12th	82 years
Shirley Knudson	12th	85 years
Evelyn Wendt	23rd	98 years
Herbert Pergande	31st	88 years

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by December 16th.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

suehenning25@gmail.com if

you have any questions.



Ministrations

Baptisms:

5. Madelynn Lee Huebner, daughter of Matt & Chelsea (nee Higgins) Huebner. Born 5/1/16, Baptized 10/9/16.

Deaths:

10. Lee V. Evers. Born 2/20/68, Died 10/12/16.

11. Lloyd Parpart. Born 12/28/35, Died 10/21/16.

12. Shane T. Larson. Born 1/12/65, Died 10/21/16.

Marriage:

2. Andrew Heim & Miranda Wolf, 10/15/16.

Zion's Ladies Aid

Society

Our next meeting is on the 1st of December. At our 2pm meeting we once again look forward to being entertained by Zion School students.



Ladies Aid

During our business meeting we will make plans for packing Christmas cheer boxes and their delivery. We will also discuss Christmas gift giving from the society. Please let Clara Sennhenn or Darlene Powers know of any suggestions you may have before November 29th.

Note that we **will not** meet in January.

Cheer Boxes

Each year in December the Zion Ladies Aid Society gives Christmas Cheer Boxes to Zion members in nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities as well as people confined to their home. We are always in need of homemade Christmas cookies. The boxes also contain small packaged food items (jello, pudding, raisins, etc.). We welcome all donations with thanks. The items (please mark them "Cheer Boxes") can be brought to the church kitchen any time prior to December 12th.

Holy Land Tour

Walk where our Savior walked! Pastor Daniel Sims will be leading a tour to the Holy Land January 10-19, 2018.

For more information you may contact him at pastordansims@gmail.com or (920) 763-3790.

Are You Ready for Christmas? Get Some Help with Scrip Cards!

With Thanksgiving upon us, there's no denying that Christmas is right around the corner! One easy way to wrap up your gift shopping is to buy Scrip cards. With more than 700 retailers that participate in the Scrip program, there's sure to be something for everyone.

Are you on your way to Grandma's for Christmas? We have BP and Kwik Trip cards that can *fuel* your trip.

And don't forget about the holiday cooking and baking! We have cards from several area grocers in stock so you can purchase all the ingredients you need to whip up your delicious meals and tasty treats.

If you need to order a Scrip card that is not in stock, the deadline to order for Christmas is **December 13th at 3:00 pm**. Pending inclement weather (which delays shipments), we would then have cards ready for pickup by Friday afternoon, December 16. You would then have until the morning of Wednesday, December 21st to pick up your order.

Sales times are at school on Monday-Friday 7:45-8:15 AM and Wednesday-Friday 2:45-3:15 PM. Periodically, there will also be sales in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays 9:00 to 9:15 AM (just before Bible Study). In addition, Scrip cards will be available for purchase at Zion's home basketball games. The only home game in December will be Friday, December 16th. When paying in person, checks are the only form of payment. If you want to shop using a credit card, you can do so online at www.shopwithscrip.com. A password is required to shop online and can be requested from the Scrip representatives at Zion.

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

Email Change

The Zion office email has changed to office@zioncrusaders.com. Please make note of the update!



There will be three devotional services:

Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm

Please join us as we ready our hearts and minds for the Christmas season.

Elders Board

by Jeff Krakow

What does God want from us? We know we are saved by grace alone. There is nothing we can do to even assist in our salvation. It is by grace alone through faith in Christ Jesus



alone. Yet, we were created to do good works: *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* (Ephesians 2:10) and *faith without deeds is dead.* (James 2:26b). So, what could be some of those works? How about repenting? *For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!* (Ezekiel 18:32) and *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."* (Matthew 3:2) *But unless you repent, you too will all perish.* (Luke 13:3) Sounds to me like he wants us to repent and live!

Let's see if he wants us to encourage. *Therefore encourage one another with these words.* (1 Thessalonians 4:18) or *that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.* (Romans 1:12) It is great encouragement when we gather together in worship and study.

Maybe he just wants us to do something so simple it's only two letters, g and o...GO! *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* (Matthew 28:19) *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.* (Mark 16:15)

Why does he want this from us? It is because he *wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.* (1 Timothy 2:4) It's not necessarily easy work. In fact, if we stray from the word of God, it becomes almost impossible.

I would like to quote from my devotional book for this year *Stories of Faith and Courage from the Korean War* by Larkin Spivey:

My father's favorite quote was from Robert E. Lee: *"Duty is the sublimest word in the English language."* *Sublime* used this way means "exalted and awe inspiring." Lee used this word to denote the transcendent nature of our moral obligations or those things we are called to do by virtue of our positions in life. We know what they are. Our duties as husband, father, employee, and church member are usually clear.

It is seldom difficult to know the right thing to do.

Unfortunately, the right thing we are supposed to do is not always the easiest. The apostle Paul wrestled with the dilemma of knowing what to do and not being able to do it. He described a war within himself: *"When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind"* (Romans 7:21-23). Realizing his human weakness and inability to do what he knew he should on his own, Paul sought a higher and greater strength: *What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!* (Romans 7:24-25).

Let's hear, read, study, and take to heart the words of Scripture, repent of our sins, encourage each other, and then let's go and tell others about their Savior!

Proposed Bylaw Change

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



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

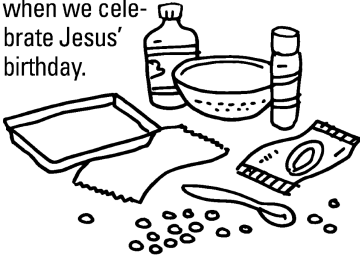
Change (change in *italics and underlined*) the last sentence to:

“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

birthday bark

Make this yummy treat to give to family and friends at Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.



What you need:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Spoon or spatula
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- Baking tray lined with wax paper
- Red and green M&M's (or sprinkles)

What you do:

1. Lightly spray bowl and wax paper.
2. Microwave chocolate chips in bowl for one-minute intervals until chocolate is melted. (Stir after each minute.)
3. Stir in shortening. Heat in 10-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
4. Pour chocolate onto tray and firmly press in M&M's or sprinkles.
5. Refrigerate until firm. Remove bark and break into pieces.

PUZZLE

The greatest gift

Gift-giving is a fun Christmas tradition. What very special gift has God given to you?

Directions: Write the words from each puzzle piece on the matching blank piece of the gift-shaped puzzle.

life in

but the

our Lord.

Romans 6:23, NIV

gift of God

For the

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death,

Answer: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23, NIV

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Financial Statement

October 2016

	Oct 16	<i>Estimated Monthly Budget</i>	Fiscal Year to Date Jul - Sep 16	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
General Fund Offerings	43,049.86		151,534.11	
LLHS Building Income	340.00		891.00	
LLHS Income	2,532.34		8,913.76	
Other Donations	40.00		944.40	
Other Receipts	18.77		297.50	
Substitute Teaching	357.00		357.00	
Synod Missions Income	5,219.70		18,707.56	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	29,700.00		47,950.00	
WLCFS Income	2,659.00		3,025.00	
WLIM Income	205.00		466.00	
Total Income	84,121.67		233,086.33	
Expense				
ACH fee	(10.80)		(10.70)	
Apartment Rent	635.00	666.67	2,540.00	8,000.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	27,804.84	27,829.83	107,428.40	333,958.00
Church Library Expense	94.62	12.50	94.62	150.00
Church Supplies	1,083.02	283.33	2,796.38	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	9,652.00	8,217.00	31,429.03	98,604.00
Janitors	1,001.66	1,000.00	3,545.25	12,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	340.00		891.00	
LLHS Expense	2,532.34	2,250.00	8,913.76	27,000.00
Maintenance	7,429.24	2,559.42	13,249.62	30,713.00
Meditations	349.00	125.00	349.00	1,500.00
Mileage	415.10	291.67	1,038.25	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	-	12.50	400.89	150.00
Organists	271.89	258.33	1,121.35	3,100.00
Outreach Board	49.00	375.00	462.89	4,500.00
Payroll Expenses	219.28	233.33	850.60	2,800.00
Pension Insurance	-	2,220.83	7,800.00	26,650.00
Postage and Delivery	213.79	108.33	539.56	1,300.00
Secretaries	1,633.37	1,666.67	6,562.28	20,000.00
Stewardship Board	755.28	416.67	1,508.46	5,000.00
Substitute Teaching	234.66		328.03	
Sunday School/VBS	-	241.67	954.78	2,900.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,219.70	4,666.67	18,707.56	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	241.88	333.33	968.00	4,000.00
Utilities	4,444.62	5,250.00	13,829.67	63,000.00
WLCFS Expense	2,659.00		3,025.00	
WLIM Expense	205.00		466.00	
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	(33.00)	1,208.33	201.00	14,500.00
Worship	546.35	316.67	739.99	3,800.00
Total Expense	67,986.84	60,997.92	231,874.74	731,975.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

October 2016

Report for the Month of:

Previous Month Assets	\$505,179.09
Total Transactions	-\$103,637.27
Total Current Assets	\$401,541.82

New Church/School Total
\$319,993.11
<i>checking/savings</i>

----- Monthly Statements -----

Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Explanation	Undesignated Savings	Explanation	NEW Church/School Fund Savings	Explanation	NEW Church/School Checking	Explanation
Previous Balance	\$41,831.85		\$122,082.61		\$313,987.87		\$1,802.30	
Monthly Transactions*	(\$39,775.21)		(\$68,065.00)		\$4,202.94		\$0.00	
Current Balance	\$2,056.64		\$54,017.61		\$318,190.81		\$1,802.30	
Transactions								
	(\$150.00)	Jean Marks		10-3-16 transfer to undesignated checking	(\$4,623.38)	American National Bank church loan		
	(\$21.98)	Check # 2886		10-4-16 transfer to General Fund	(\$1,548.29)	American National Bank organ loan		
	(\$39,606.22)	Check # 2887		10-11-16 transfer to General Fund	(\$4,623.38)	American National Bank church loan		
	\$2.99	Interest		10-3-16 Deposit	\$2,434.66			
				10-26-16 Transfer to General Fund	\$1,000.00			
				10-10-16 Deposit	\$1,595.00			
				10-14-16 Deposit	\$500.00			
				10-17-16 Deposit	\$4,053.00			
				10-25-16 Deposit	\$1,828.00			
				10-28-16 Deposit	\$25.00			
				10-28-16 Deposit	\$1,030.00			
				10-31-16 Deposit	\$3,432.33			
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$39,775.21)		(\$68,065.00)		\$4,202.94		\$0.00	
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$103,637.27)							
Interest Received	\$2.99							

Plus.....	CD F&M 12-mo	CD's (Lunn/Lenz)
	\$10,526.90	\$15,000.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$10,526.90	\$15,000.00

Zion Lutheran Church & School

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Items preceded by * take place at school.</i></p>				<p>1 No Evening Worship 9:37 am Pastors Day at LLHS 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 6:15 pm *Get Fit</p>	<p>2 LPS A-Team Kick-Off Tournament 6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>3 LPS A-Team Kick-Off Tournament 9:30 am *Christmas for Kids</p>
<p>4 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 6:30 pm Advent by Candlelight</p>	<p>5 6:15 pm *Get Fit</p>	<p>6 7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study</p>	<p>7 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Advent Devotion 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>8 No Evening Worship 6:15 pm *Get Fit</p>	<p>9 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 5:00 pm BB Away vs. St. John's Waterloo</p>	<p>10 9:00 am Children's Christmas Program Practice</p>
<p>11 Jr. Choir & 8-8 Handchimes at Both Services 8:00 am Advent Song Service 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Advent Song Service</p>	<p>12 9:30 am Pastors Circuit Meeting 6:30 pm Board of Ed Meeting</p>	<p>13 7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study 1:30 pm *Zion School Christmas Concert 6:30 pm *Zion School Christmas Concert 7:00 pm Stewardship Board Meeting</p>	<p>14 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm Advent Devotion 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>15 No Evening Worship 6:15 pm *Get Fit</p>	<p>16 MESSENGER DEADLINE 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 5:00 pm *BB Home vs. St. John's Watertown</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8:30 am Children's Christmas Service 9:15 am *No Sunday School 9:15 am No Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Children's Christmas Service 7:00 pm LLHS Christmas Concert</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study No PATZ Meeting</p>	<p>21 12:30 pm *Early Release 4:00 pm No Catechism Class - Christmas Break 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>22 *No School - Christmas Break No Evening Worship</p>	<p>23 *No School - Christmas Break 6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship</p>
<p>25 9:15 am *No Sunday School 9:15 am No Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Christmas Festival Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>26 *No School - Christmas Break</p>	<p>27 *No School - Christmas Break 7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study</p>	<p>28 *No School - Christmas Break No Bell Choir No Zion Choir</p>	<p>29 *No School - Christmas Break No Evening Worship</p>	<p>30 *No School - Christmas Break 6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>31 5:00 pm New Year's Worship with Holy Communion</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

Thurs., Dec. 1 - Zion Ladies Aid Society, 2:00pm
Sun., Dec. 4 - Advent by Candlelight, 6:30pm
Mon., Dec. 12 - Board of Ed Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues., Dec. 13 - Stewardship Board Meeting, 7:00pm
Wed., Dec. 14 - Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm

