

# 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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## The Bible is God's Word

The word *Bible* means "books." That's a fitting description since the Bible contains 66 books. They are divided between books of the Old Testament and books of the New Testament.

Some books of the Old Testament are historical books. Others are poetical books. Still others are prophetic books. All of them were written from about 1400 b.c. to 400 b.c. by men such as Moses, David, Isaiah, and Malachi. The major theme of the Old Testament books is God's promise of a coming Savior through the people God had chosen—the Israelites.

The New Testament books, written from about a.d. 40 to a.d. 100, tell us that God has graciously kept his promise. The promised Savior, Jesus Christ, was born in Bethlehem and grew up to take away the sins of the world as God had promised. The first four books of the New Testament record the history of our Savior's birth, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. The book of Acts tells the story of the spread of the early church. The next books of the New Testament are letters written by the apostles to congregations and people who came to believe in Jesus. The last book, Revelation, is a prophecy that describes our Savior's return and his eternal kingdom.

Although all the books of the Bible were written by men, the Bible is not simply a human book. The

Bible is God's Word. The Bible itself testifies repeatedly that God gave the men he chose the very thoughts and words to write. We call the process of God revealing exactly what he wanted these men to write "verbal inspiration."

Sometimes verbal inspiration is misunderstood. Verbal inspiration does not mean that the men who wrote the Bible simply had good ideas they formulated and expounded, like writers of literature today who say they were "inspired." Instead, verbal inspiration means that the men whom God set apart for this special work were writing exactly what God wanted them to write. He used their different positions in life, vocabulary, and styles. Yet what these men wrote did not come from them. What they wrote came from God.

The Bible is God's Word. That's important to remember. It is not merely a compilation of advice from some wise men. The Bible is reliable and true. It is a resource for us when we don't know what direction to take in life or when we struggle with troubling times. The Bible is the Word of our gracious God, the same God who gave his Son to die in our place so that we might live with him forever.

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## Greeter Schedule



### **February 5**

8:00am — E2                      10:30am — L11  
 Dave & Kathy Harle              John & Sarah Brey

### **February 12**

8:00am — E3                      10:30am — L12  
 Delmar & Carol Vick              Nils & Lara Johansson

### **February 19**

8:00am — E4                      10:30am — L13  
 Emily Henning &                      Aaron & Rachel Larson  
 Sylvia Stadler

### **February 26**

8:00am — E5                      10:30am — L1  
 Jim & Jenny Greiling                      Nancy Huebner &  
    Sara Hana

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.



### **February 5 and February 12**

8:00am - <u>Team E4</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L3</u>
Dale Sennhenn (C)	Jim Kluetzman (C)
Mark Lindell (A)	Matt Huber (A)
Brian Sennhenn	Dave Harle
Andrew Bussian	Michael Uttech
Remington Lindell	Rodney Cooley
Brett Schraufnagel	Gary Schuhmacher

### **February 19 and February 26**

8:00am - <u>Team E5</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L4</u>
Mike Vick (C)	Bruce Zander (C)
Dale Schilling	Kurt Zander (A)
Ron Yerges	Kane Browskowski
Bruce Hatzinger	Wyatt Browskowski
James Stadler	Bradley Sennhenn
J Doyle	Neal Sennhenn
	Zach Beyer

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 2017

- 5 Randy Koehn
- 12 Phil Manteufel
- 19 Mark Lindell
- 26 Gary Schuhmacher



## December Church Attendance

Date	Total
4	330
7/11	387
18 (Children's Service)	376
24	537
25	268
31	75



## 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

**Remove:** David Lobeck; David Paape

## Ministrations

### Baptisms

8. Theo Davis McCormick, son of Matthew McCormick and Marisa nee Fiorito. Born 8/22/13. Baptized 12/27/16.
9. Jonah Sutton McCormick. son of Matthew McCormick and Marisa nee Fiorito. Born 2/2/16. Baptized 12/27/16.

### Deaths

13. Wendy L. Mueller. Born 4/1/61. Died 12/15/16.

## Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **February 17th**.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or [suehenning25@gmail.com](mailto:suehenning25@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## Ladies' Aid Society

Our winter break is over so it is time to get back to business. February 2nd is our next meeting. Besides our regular reports, we will also discuss a Lenten Meal date and menu along with any other business that arises.

Julie Hornbacher will join us with information about various community activities she is involved in.

We hope the weather will cooperate so many of you will be able to attend. Guests are always welcome.



*Ladies Aid*

## Elder's Board

by Jeff Krakow



*"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."* (Deuteronomy

31:8) What an extremely comforting verse, isn't it? Moses was saying this to Joshua as Joshua was about to get the leadership role in Moses' place. Can you imagine how Joshua was feeling? He had some awful big shoes to fill. Moses had just led the Israelites to the edge of the Promised Land and through a number of turbulent times. Now Moses, at 120 years old, was no longer able to lead them and he was also not allowed to cross the Jordan. Moses was assuring Joshua and all of Israel that the Lord would never forsake them.

So what exactly does "forsake" mean? He says *"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."* (Hebrews 13:5b) Well, according to Miriam-Webster, it means "to renounce or turn away from entirely". Remember Jesus crying out in a loud voice from the cross, *"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"* (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). (Mark 15:34) This, by the way, is the only time anyone has ever suffered hell on earth. God turned away entirely from Jesus.

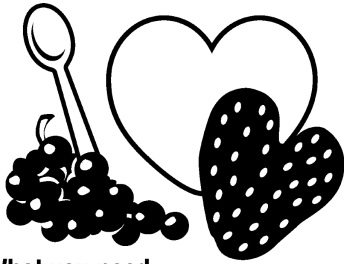
We, however, have the ability to forsake God. He tells us in 1 Chronicles 28:9, through the words of David telling his son Solomon, *"And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever."* God does not hide himself from us, but if we forsake, reject, or abandon him, and despise his Word and Sacraments, he will reject us forever.

No matter what you may be going through now or how much trouble you have had in the past, seek him; he will be found by you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. You are not alone. God is with you. Rejoice and join us, around his Word and Sacrament. Receive his blessings in worship, as you give him praise and thanks.

# kids page

## Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.



### What you need:

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

### What you do:

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!



## Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

*Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12<sup>th</sup> letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.*

(1) You really like ice cream! \_\_\_\_\_

(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. \_\_\_\_\_

(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. \_\_\_\_\_

(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. \_\_\_\_\_

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. \_\_\_\_\_

(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. \_\_\_\_\_

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. \_\_\_\_\_



"Honor \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_."



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Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV

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

	Dec 16	<i>Estimated Monthly Budget</i>	Fiscal Year to Date Jul - Dec 16	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
General Fund Offerings	41,996.93		230,619.41	
LLHS Building Income	27.50		1,208.50	
LLHS Income	2,470.41		13,565.84	
Other Donations	-		1,327.40	
Other Receipts	942.13		1,346.33	
Substitute Teaching	357.00		969.00	
Synod Missions Income	5,115.82		28,356.72	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	<b>13,000.00</b>		<b>70,050.00</b>	
WLCFS Income	20.00		3,156.00	
WLIM Income	162.50		774.50	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>64,092.29</b>		<b>351,373.70</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
ACH fee	-		(10.70)	
Apartment Rent	635.00	666.67	3,810.00	8,000.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	27,663.99	27,829.83	162,789.32	333,958.00
Church Library Expense	6.88	12.50	132.18	150.00
Church Supplies	125.31	283.33	3,136.73	3,400.00
Convention/Cont' Education	25.00	75.00	343.00	900.00
Copier	870.14	291.67	1,571.21	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	48,933.03	98,604.00
Janitors	1,045.08	1,000.00	5,577.23	12,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	27.50		1,208.50	
LLHS Expense	2,470.41	2,250.00	13,565.84	27,000.00
Maintenance	906.45	2,559.42	20,423.45	30,713.00
Meditations	-	125.00	349.00	1,500.00
Mileage	347.70	291.67	1,758.75	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	-	12.50	465.02	150.00
Organists	145.51	258.33	1,547.01	3,100.00
Outreach Board	-	375.00	640.27	4,500.00
Payroll Expenses	230.81	233.33	1,300.69	2,800.00
Pension Insurance	7,446.00	2,220.83	15,246.00	26,650.00
Postage and Delivery	281.14	108.33	886.84	1,300.00
Secretaries	1,823.52	1,666.67	10,244.01	20,000.00
Stewardship Board	381.02	416.67	2,334.89	5,000.00
Substitute Teaching	93.36		875.59	
Sunday School/VBS	-	241.67	1,797.38	2,900.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,115.82	4,666.67	28,356.72	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	241.88	333.33	1,451.76	4,000.00
Utilities	5,069.51	5,250.00	22,627.91	63,000.00
WLCFS Expense	20.00		3,156.00	
WLIM Expense	162.50		774.50	
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,208.33	201.00	14,500.00
Worship	1,246.68	316.67	2,546.95	3,800.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>65,133.21</b>	<b>60,997.92</b>	<b>358,165.08</b>	<b>731,975.00</b>

# Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

December 2016

<b>Previous Month Assets</b>	<b>\$391,528.20</b>
Total Transactions	\$49,763.33
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$441,291.53</b>

<b>New Church/School Total</b>	
	\$382,064.37
	<i>checking/savings</i>

Accounts	Undesignated		Undesignated Savings		NEW Church/School Fund Savings		NEW Church/School Checking	
	Checking	Explanation	Explanation	Explanation	Explanation	Explanation		
Previous Balance	\$1,751.74		\$44,917.61		\$317,582.09		\$1,802.30	
Monthly Transactions *	(\$149.86)		(\$12,766.79)		\$62,679.98		\$0.00	
Current Balance	\$1,601.88		\$32,150.82		\$380,262.07		\$1,802.30	
Transactions	(\$150.00)	loan Marks	(\$13,000.00)	12-14-16 Transfer to General Fund	(\$4,623.38)	American National Bank church loan		
	\$0.14	Interest	\$200.00	12-23-16 De	(\$1,548.29)	American National Bank organ loan		
			\$33.21	interest	\$55.00	12-2-16 deposit		
					\$22,111.00	12-5-16 deposit		
					\$1,686.33	12-12-16 deposit		
					\$4,020.00	12-16-16 deposit		
					\$6,609.00	12-20-16 deposit		
					\$185.00	12-23-16 deposit		
					\$10,414.00	12-27-16 deposit		
					\$22,535.13	12-28-16 deposit		
					\$1,030.00	12-30-16 deposit		
					\$206.19	12-31-16 deposit		
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.86)		(\$12,766.79)		\$62,679.98		\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>\$49,763.33</b>		Plus.....		<b>Two CD's</b>			
Interest Received	\$33.35			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			

## Can you give just 1% more?

*(Corrected version – please use this instead of the worksheet in your envelope)*

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9.

At the current rate of contributions to the general fund, Zion is facing a budget shortfall of more than \$200,000 for our 2016-2017 budget year, ending June 30, 2017. While this seems like a huge number, in fact, we can close the gap if each Zion household could increase our firstfruits giving by just 1% of household income. The Stewardship board asks that you prayerfully consider participating in the 1% initiative. If you have been unable to give, please consider if you would be able to start, by giving just 1%.

This worksheet is designed to be a **personal** tool to help determine what your contributions would be with an increase in giving of 1% of your household income – on an annual, and then monthly basis. We will not ask you to share this with anyone. The sole purpose of this worksheet is to help you make an informed and heartfelt decision about your planned giving in 2017.

### 2017 Giving Worksheet

- 1) 2016 Contributions: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) 2016 Household Income (line 22 of Form 1040): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Line 1 divided by Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Multiply Line 3 x 100 (this is your giving %): \_\_\_\_\_ %
- 5) Line 4 Plus 1: \_\_\_\_\_ %
- 6) Line 5 Divided by 100 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) 2017 Estimated annual household Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) 2017 annual budget for giving (Line 6 x Line 7): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) 2017 monthly budget for giving (Line 8 divided by 12): \$ \_\_\_\_\_





# Zion Lutheran Church & School

# February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Items preceded by * take place at school.</i></p> <p><b>5</b> 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><b>6</b> 6:15 pm *Get Fit</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 1:30 pm *Spelling Bee</p>	<p><b>1</b> *Spirit Week 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p><b>2</b> *Spirit Week 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 6:15 pm *Get Fit 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm *Men's Basketball 7:30 pm Directory Photos</p>	<p><b>3</b> *Spirit Week *Parents' Night 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 5:00 pm *BB Home vs. St. John's, Juneau; Parents' Night</p>	<p><b>4</b> St. John's, Juneau B-Girls Tournament</p>
<p><b>12</b> <b>BLAC Conference Tournament</b> 8:00 am K4 &amp; K5 Sing 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 1:00 pm K-8 Dance Clinic 2:00 pm Men's Church BB at Zion vs. St. Paul's, Fort Atkinson</p>	<p><b>13</b> 6:00 pm Outreach Board 6:15 pm *Get Fit 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 3:15 pm *Winter Sports Pictures 7:00 pm Stewardship Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b> 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p><b>16</b> 8:00 am *SorBEMS Open Gym 6:15 pm *Get Fit 6:30 pm Worship 7:00 pm *Men's Basketball Open Gym</p>	<p><b>17</b> *No School - Teachers' Conference <b>MESSENGER DEADLINE</b> LLHS BB Tournament 6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p><b>18</b> LLHS BB Tournament</p>
<p><b>19</b> <b>LLHS BB Tournament</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 2:00 pm Men's Church BB at St. John's, Juneau</p>	<p><b>20</b> *No School - Teachers' Conference LLHS Kinderfest 6:15 pm *Get Fit</p>	<p><b>21</b> 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 6:00 pm *PATZ Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b> 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p><b>23</b> 6:15 pm *Get Fit 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm *Men's Basketball Open Gym</p>	<p><b>24</b> *Read to Succeed Deadline *Yearbook Order Deadline St. Paul's, Ixonia Classic Tournament 6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p><b>25</b> St. Paul's, Ixonia Classic Tournament</p>
<p><b>26</b> <b>St. Paul's, Ixonia Classic Tournament</b> <b>Jr. Choir &amp; 6-8 Handchimes at Both Services</b> 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 2:00 pm Men's Church BB at St. Mark's, Watertown</p>	<p><b>27</b> 6:15 pm *Get Fit</p>	<p><b>28</b> 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 6:00 pm *K4-K5 Open House</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., Feb. 2** - Ladies' Aid Meeting, 2:00pm  
**Wed., Feb. 8** - Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm  
**Mon., Feb. 13** - Outreach Board Meeting, 6:00pm  
**Mon., Feb. 13** - Board of Ed Meeting, 6:30pm  
**Tues., Feb. 14** - Stewardship Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
**Fri./Mon., Feb. 17 & 20** - No School/Teachers' Conference  
**Tues., Feb. 21** - PATZ Meeting, 6:00pm  
**Tues., Feb. 28** - K4-K5 Open House, 6:00pm