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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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What is Worship?

Once a week, Christian believers set aside time to gather together and worship the Lord. Yet, what is worship? Why do we worship? What is the point of coming to church on Sunday mornings?

Worship stems from faith. Without God's action of planting faith in human hearts, worship is not possible. The word worship means "to honor something or someone as divine or supernatural." In other words, we are saying God is worthy of our praise and adoration. Worship is an act of giving. We give the Lord our praise and thanksgiving for all that he has given us.

The Bible encourages us to "worship the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2), "in the splendor of his holiness" (1 Chronicles 16:29), and "in spirit and truth" (John 4:23). Words of praise and joy are ready to tumble from our lips as we enter the doors of God's sanctuary. The trend today in public worship is to focus mainly on what we receive rather than on what we give to the Lord—to focus on ourselves rather than on God. An attitude prevails that if we don't feel emotionally connected to God in worship, then it must not be good. We easily forget who the object of worship is.

Worship is the most visible activity of a congregation. We all come together before God, equal in our depravity and our need for a Savior. The act of worship binds the church together—no longer separated because of age,

financial status, or social circumstances. We are brides standing at the altar before our groom, waiting in hope, praising in love. Public worship is not a burden but both a privilege and a responsibility. Worship inevitably sets a pattern and pace for our personal lives and the life of the church.

The theology of our church shapes what we do in worship. For Lutherans, the focus is on the gracious work of the triune God. We remember not only what God promised in the Old Testament and then fulfilled through his Son but also what the Holy Spirit does through the Word and sacraments. Lutherans celebrate God's mighty works in worship through their use of the liturgy.

Why do we Lutherans worship the way we do? What is the importance of the liturgy in worship? These questions will be addressed in future inserts on the liturgy. The prayerful intent of these inserts is to enrich our understanding of Lutheran worship by imparting a greater appreciation for the deep historical and scriptural content of our Lutheran liturgy. Through a renewed sense of appreciation, we can eagerly and joyfully come together in worship and enthusiastically proclaim that God is worthy.

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Usher Schedule

September 7 and September 14

7:45am 10:30am **Team 5 Team 1**

Dale Sennhenn (C)
Brian Sennhenn
Andrew Bussian
Mark Lindell

Tom Schultz (C)
Aaron Larson
James Kopfer
Dayne Kopfer

Remington Lindell

September 21 and September 28

7:45am 10:30am **Team 6 Team 2**

Harold Schaefer (C)
Dale Schilling
Ron Yerges
Bruce Hatzinger
Dale Schultz
Daniel Schultz
Matt Ganser
Dylan Schultz

Mike Vick

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

September 2014

7 Randy Koehn

14 Gary Schuhmacher

21 Mark Lindell

28 Dale Gajdosik



July Church Attendance

Date	Total
3/6	308
10/13	330
17/20	322
24/27	309



Greeter Schedule

September 7

7:45am G-9 10:30am G-10
Bill & Merle Nehmer Bev Harold
Elaine Vangen

September 14

7:45am G-11 10:30am G-12 Gene & Elaine Beier Rebecca Kramer

Joan Marks

September 21

7:45am G-13 10:30am G-14 Harold & Delphine Leo & Audrey Schaefer Fischer

September 28

7:45am G-15 10:30am G-16 Wayne & Darlene Rick & Lisa Gentz

Powers

If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact Melody Krakow at 623-4346.

Church Council Names and Numbers

Rick Gentz, president - 623-2507

Bruce Zander, vice president - 623-5217

Jason Langille, secretary - 608-837-2148

Dan Retzlaff, education - 623-2623

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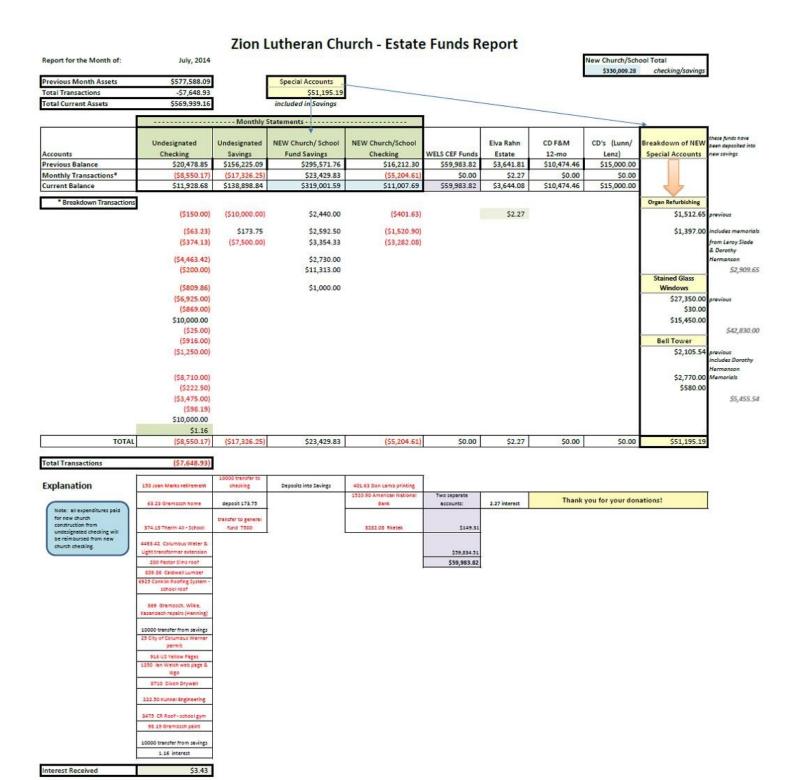
September Birthdays

Jeanette Parpart	16th	85 years
Roger Nehmer	18th	84 years
Arthur Sharpee	18th	85 years
Eileen Hurckman	23rd	87 years
Darlene Gentz	24th	83 years
Mary Jane Premo	27th	91 years
Harold Schaefer	30th	82 vears



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	Jul 14	Jul 14
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Financial Secretary	30,156.23	30,156.23
LLHS Building Income	325.00	325.00
LLHS Income	1,884.77	1,884.77
Other Reciepts	100.00	100.00
Synod Missions Income	5,849.29	5,849.29
Transfered from Undesignated	7,500.00	7,500.00
WLCFS Income	147.00	147.00
WLIM Income	195.00	195.00
Total Income	46,157.29	46,157.29
Expense		
ACH fee	43.30	43.30
Called Workers Salaries	22,142.74	22,142.74
Health Insurance	5,874.75	5,874.75
Housing	760.00	760.00
Janitors	809.71	809.71
LLHS Building Expense	348.00	348.00
LLHS Expense	2,265.09	2,265.09
Maintenance	1,486.38	1,486.38
Meditation/Forward in Christ	532.92 256.22	532.92 256.22
Organists	0.00	0.00
Payroll Expenses Payroll Taxes	3,745.81	3,745.81
Postage and Delivery	76.73	76.73
Secretaries	1,361.39	1,361.39
Stewardship Board	338.58	338.58
Substitute Teaching	0.00	0.00
Synod Mission Expense	6,845.29	6,845.29
Telephone Expense	364.37	364.37
Utilities	2,947.34	2,947.34
WLCFS Expense	140.00	140.00
WLIM Expense	145.00	145.00
Worship	76.50	76.50
Total Expense	50,560.12	50,560.12



Ministrations Marriage

2. Matthew Huebner and Chelsea Higgins, 7/4/14.

Zion's Ladies Society

On Thursday, September 4th, at 2:00pm our Ladies Society will meet in our present church basement. We will have a chance to pay our dues and go over the handbook for the 2014-15 season.

We also found information from Ladies Society events of many years ago which you may find interesting to look at. Please join us for a trip down memory lane.

Messenger Articles

Please submit your articles by **September 26th**. Contact Becky Weidner at 623-5796 if you have any questions.

Zion Choir Notes

With the start of a new school year the new Zion Choir season will also soon begin. This will be an exciting year in choir as we learn the acoustics of our new building including singing for Dedication Sunday! If you've been thinking about joining Zion Choir, now is a great time to come and give it a try.

Zion Choir rehearses at church Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm beginning September 3rd. All confirmed members of Zion Church are welcome to come. Childcare can be provided during rehearsals if requested.

For more information or if you have questions (including childcare requests), please contact Matt Kanzenbach at mkanzenbach@hotmail.com or 623-9282.

Matt Kanzenbach Zion Choir Director







August VBS

- Special speakers
- Music
- Tie dye
- Games
- Yarn crosses
- Lunch
- Bible lesson
 JESUS HEALS





Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

It is so close! We are almost there! The excitement is mounting! We can hardly wait! The move to our new Worship building will be happening very soon, Lord willing.

The move will truly be bittersweet. While we are looking forward to our new building, we also look back with admiration to the building that has served us so well for so many years. It will not be a complete good-bye to the old as we are taking some of it with us and will be able to see the old as we enter the new.

When we make the move, we will have some awesome opportunities. People in and around our community are very curious about our building. They are as eager as we are to get inside. When we do see them, we are to Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, (1 Peter 3:15). This doesn't have to wait until we move; we are to always be prepared. Let's invite them to worship with us right now!

The Lord brings new people into our lives often, it's just with the new building, we may very well see them in groups. This may be the first time some of them have seen the inside of a church, or the first time in a very long time. Others may come in looking for a home church in their new community. Whatever the reason, let's welcome them warmly and talk to them with gentleness and respect.

Our building will be different, our location will be different, but the Word of God will remain the same. Let us all rejoice and give thanks to Him who is the same yesterday and today and forever. Amen.

Scrip Tuition Rebate Program Overview

Dear Zion families,

Thank you for your interest in the Scrip Tuition Rebate program at Zion! Families can use this program to help reduce tuition at Zion, Lakeside Lutheran High School, or Luther Prep School while purchasing daily needs.

Scrip is simply gift cards from local and national retailers. They're gift cards for many of the retailers that you shop at every day including: Amazon, bp, Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Pick n Save, Subway, Walmart, Woodman's and so many more! Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to see even more retailers! Scrip can be used with store or manufacturer coupons, and during specials or sales. Kohl's Scrip can even be used to pay off your Kohl's credit card balance! Using Scrip is like using cash!

You're probably asking how these stores can help families reduce tuition associated with our schools. It's simple... participating retailers agree to sell gift cards to Zion at a discount. Families can purchase these gift cards from Zion for full face value and redeem them just like cash! You are also able to purchase the cards from the comfort of your home online to pick up at Zion later, or even print from your own printer! 50% of the proceeds Scrip generates through orders from parents and relatives can be credited to a current student's tuition account. The remaining 50% will continue to be used here at Zion to purchase non-budgeted items for school as directed by the Board of Education. It's truly a win-win for families and our school! Even if you don't have a student, you can choose to designate your proceeds to the tuition assistance fund for Zion grade school students!

The beauty of Scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work without spending an additional penny! For example if you spend \$250/month at Woodman's and \$300/month at Kwik Trip using Scrip, your tuition rebate after one year would be \$237.00! Add in several occasions of eating out and your Christmas and school supply shopping... you could cover one year of tuition!

For more details on how you can get started, request our Scrip Rules and Regulations information sheet from the office or email Sue Yaroch at yaroch@centurytel.net with questions.

Zion Board of Ed and Zion Scrip Committee



National Worship Conference

by Jill Kanzenbach

Being that it is "back to school" season, many have asked the question- "What did you do this summer?". Among many other enjoyable events, I attended the WELS National Worship Conference in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The purpose of the conference is to worship our Lord and to equip His Church for excellence in worship. From Tuesday, July 22nd till Friday, July 25th, I went to 7 variously styled worship services, absorbed 6 of the fifty-eight presentation choices on the arts and music, saw 5 of my relatives, was in one of the 4 groups that sang "A Festival Gathering" (my part, thankfully, was not in Spanish!), stayed 3 nights in a beautiful housing facility snuggled up to Lake Michigan, saw 2 mindblowing concerts, and listened to 1 wonderful address entitled "Compelling Worship".

What stood out the most, to me, is in the approximate one thousand four hundred people that I was worshiping with, we all have a unity of faith in Jesus Christ that will only extend and perfect our worship in heaven. You can sing in 12-part harmony, like the group Canticum Novem. You can paint or print, sculpt or sew. You can play the organ, harpsichord, steel drums, or the pan flute. You can be young, like Emily Beyer, one of seventy voices in the Children's Choir, or elderly, like the ninety-three-year-old sister of famed composer Kurt Eggert, who I sat along side in the opening service. You can be from Milwaukee's inner-city or smalltown Wisconsin. You can be from Georgia or California or any accent in between. All praise God in one voice and are in His thankful and worshiping family of believers. As we sang together in the words of "Jerusalem the Golden" (CW-Sup. #728), "To God enthroned in glory the Church's voices blend, the Lamb forever blessed, The Light that knows no end."!



Back row— Brady Weiland, Rachel Grambsch, Matthew Kanzenbach, Dan Sims

Front row— Karla Kehl, Kelly Ihde, Jill Kanzenbach, and Emily Beyer

Missing from picture—Mary Kluetzmann

I'm not the only one who thought that Worship Conference was awe-inspiring and can't wait till the next one in three years. Here are some quotes from other members of Zion:

"Worshiping at the conference is the best part by far! With the uplifting hymns, magnificent music, and of course the beautiful Words of Scripture--it's the best experience I will ever have this side of Heaven." -Brady Weiland

"Worship Conference provided me with many great ideas for using and enhancing music in our worship services. Many of my sectionals especially focused on using piano as the primary instrument in worship." - Matthew Kanzenbach

"Thank-you for supporting the Worship Committee's attendance of the WELS' National Worship Conference. I was humbled and uplifted in some of the most incredible worship possible this side of heaven. There simply aren't enough positive adjectives to describe this experience. I enjoyed learning about new choral pieces and piano music, streamlining communication, using hymns at home, and taking care of my body like an instrument. I am excited to share some of this new music with Zion in worship." -Kelly Ihde

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Worship Conference from page 7

"I enjoyed the conference immensely and feel energized in my music." -Rachel Grambsch

"The Lord has not been stingy with the little group of the faithful called WELS. On July 22-25, I and several others from Zion were privileged to attend our synod's National Conference on Worship Music and the Arts and witness the embarrassment of riches he has showered on us. The skills God has given us in preaching and teaching, singing and playing, composing and conducting and creating art are second to none. What a joy it was to see God's people use all that talent for His glory and the proclamation of His Gospel! It was also wonderful to attend the various workshops offered for pastors, teachers and musicians. We all learned a lot and can't wait to put our knowledge to good use at Zion." -Dan Sims

"All I can say is WOW! The music was absolutely phenomenal and inspiring. What a way to worship our Risen Lord with fellow Christians! It was literally the best thing I have ever experienced this side of heaven. There were so many wonderful things said and sung. The variety of music and sermons were just astounding. My arms almost constantly had goose bumps just because it was so wonderful! I did learn that we need to match the style of worship to the culture, but that does not mean the message changes. I was able to gather so many ideas for worship services, and I hope to offer them to others in my congregation now and when I am a called worker. I learned so much and enjoyed every minute of it!" - Karla Kehl



Photo Directory Update

Thanks to everyone who has added or updated their photo this year. There are still opportunities available to add your photo. Volunteers will be taking pictures before or after services,

September 4th and 7th. If you have a personal photo you would like to use instead, please contact Becky Weidner. Anyone who already has a photo in the online directory can choose to keep using that photo.

In the fall, after family photos and activity pages have been updated, new printed copies of the directory will be available. The current photo directory is available online at www.zioncolumbus.org. To receive the password, please contact the church/school office at office@zioncolumbus.com.

More help taking pictures and checking contact information would be appreciated. Contact Becky Weidner to find out how you can help, 623-5796 or beakers222@hotmail.com.

This app is pretty neat. It took a couple minutes the first time it loaded, but since then it's very quick. Changes to the directory are immediately synced with your device. Please note, you have to have your email address in the directory to use the app.

Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text - right from the directory app.

It's Easy!

- 1. Go to your device's App Store.
- 2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
- 3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
- 4. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin synching.







Lakeside Lutheran High School Warrior Events September

5th Varsity Football vs. Wi Dells 7pm

9th Varsity Volleyball vs. Columbus 5:15pm

14th Warrior Band in Jefferson Parade for Gemuetlichkeit

Parade at Noon Downtown on Hwy 18

19th Varsity Football vs. Lake Mills 7pm

30th Varsity Volleyball at Columbus 5:15pm

(Sept. 29-Oct. 3 Homecoming Week)



Bible stories, Education, Active time, Music, Social time

Zion's early childhood program, SonBEAMS, will meet at school on Mondays from 8:15-9:30am for a six-week session starting September 8th. The SonBEAMS program is for children age 2-3 years, together with their caregiver (siblings welcome). For more information and to register, please contact the Zion office at 623-5180 and ask for Kirstie Klug or go to www.zioncolumbus.org and click the SonBEAMS link under the Youth tab at the top of the page.



I Run Kids Marathon

Above is a photo of the Zion participants in the final mile of the I Run Kids Marathon. They read 26 hours or 26 books and ran 26.2 miles over the course of the summer. The final mile event took place on August 23rd at Wisconsin Lutheran College's Raabe Stadium in Milwaukee.

Thank You!

THANK YOU to all who contributed their time, talents and treasures to help make the purchase and installation of new playground equipment possible. We had many hands to help dig and put together the equipment on August 9th, and we were able to pour concrete around the posts the following week - just in time for school.

This summer, we also sanded, primed and painted the old playground equipment. Thank you to all of you who put in extra time on your own to help with this project!

What a blessing and an exciting way to kick off the school year!



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REMINDER BOARD

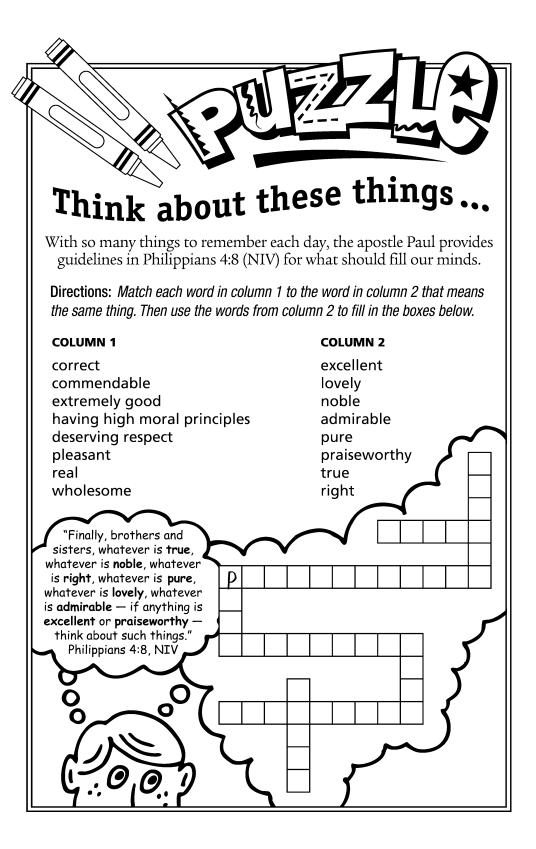
Start off the school year right by making this : wipe-off board, which can help you remember important things.

What you need:

- Adult help
- 5" x 7" picture frame with glass (available at a dollar store)
- Lined notebook paper
- Scissors
- Low-heat glue gun
- Buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes
- 1" piece of Velcro
- Erasable marker

What you do:

- 1. Using the cardboard insert or picture from the frame as a pattern, cut the notebook paper to fit the frame. Then insert it behind the glass.
- 2. Decorate the outside of the frame by gluing on buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes.
- Glue one side of the Velcro to the erasable pen and one side to the frame.
 Then attach the pen to the frame.
- 4. Place the board on your desk, dresser or kitchen counter. On the glass, write daily reminders about assignments and activities.



September 2014

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day - No School	2	3 VB @ Juneau (4:00p) PSC (4:00p ∰)	4 Ladies' Aid (2:00p ∯)	5	6 Soccer Toumament at Eastside
			BC (6:30p ⊕) ZC (7:30p ⊕)	WOR-HC (6:30p)		
7 WOR-HC (7:45,10:30) SS and ABS (9:00)	8 SonBEAMS (8:15-9:30a ⊞)	9	10 VB @ Pardeeville (4:00p) No PSC	11 WOR (6:30p)	12 CC meet @ Lake Mills (4:00p)	13
	Board of Ed (6:30p 🕮)		Meeting Night (6:30p □) BC (6:30p ⊕) ZC (7:30p ⊕)			
14 Invitation Sunday WOR (7:45,10:30) with	15 SonBEAMS (8:15-9:30a 🕮)	16 VB vs Sun Prairie (4p)	17 VB vs Watertown (4p) PSC (4:00p 🕮)	18 WOR (6:30p)	19 Soccer Tournament @ Juneau (4:00p)	20 VB Invitational @ St. Mark's Watertown
SS and ABS (9:00)		PATZ Meeting (6:00p 皿) Building Committee (6:30p 中)	BC (6:30p &) ZC (7:30p &)			
21 WOR (7:45,10:30) SS and ABS (9:00)	22 SonBEAMS (8:15-9:30a ⊞)	23	VB @ Helenville (Bus leaves at 2:50p; Game at 4:00p)	25 CC meet @ Sun Prairie (4:00p)	26 Teachers' Conference - No School	27 Soccer BLAC Tournament @ Grinwold Park,
			PSC (4:00p 印) BC (6:30p 宁) ZC (7:30p 宁)	WOR-HC (6:30p)	Newsletter Deadline	Watertown
28 WOR-HC (7:45,10:30) SS and ABS (9:00)	29 SonBEAMS (8:15-9:30a ←)	30				
	CC BLAC meet @ Brandt-Quirk Park, Watertown (4:00p)					



TV SERVICE SCHEDULE

(Cable Channel 98 and 98.1)

Thursday 3:00p
Wednesday 3:00p
Tuesday 3:00p
Monday3:00p

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CALENDAR KEY

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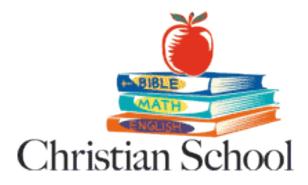
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

> <u>School</u> located at 822 Western Ave. <u>Church</u> located at 254 W. Mill St.



Upcoming Events

Mon., Sept. 1 • Labor Day - No School

Wed., Sept. 10 • Meeting Night

Tues. Sept. 16 • PATZ Meeting

Fri., Sept. 26 • Newsletter Deadline

Fri., Sept. 26 • Teachers' Conference - No School