

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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God's Grace Doesn't Change

There's an old joke that goes something like this ... Question: How many church members does it take to change a light bulb? Answer: Change?

That little bit of humor might make us smile, but it reveals something very serious. We don't like change very much. Change is hard. Change often brings stress. Just ask the empty-nesters who are trying to get used to a quiet house or the recently retired man who's still figuring out what to do when he wakes up at 5:00 in the morning, just like he did for 40 years.

This month our congregation will experience a monumental change. After 136 years of Christian worship and gospel ministry in one building, we are about to move into another. Generations have been baptized and confirmed, married and mourned in the beautiful old building that has been a fixture at the corner of Mill and Spring Streets for more than a century. That is a significant change. And it will be hard.

Now, of course, there are many good reasons that this change is happening. The old building is no longer meeting our needs. Our new church will provide modern facilities, better parking, accessibility for the disabled, and a church and school ministry united on a single campus, to mention just a few of the blessings we are anticipating at 812 Western Avenue. Still, change is hard.

We're bringing a little bit of the old church with us to the new. Familiar pews and precious stained glass will call to mind years of blessings given by a gracious God in the old building. Still, it will not be the same.

In the midst of all this change and the stress it will bring there is one constant: The saving grace of a merciful God. Scripture comforts us with this truth more than once. God himself said, "**I the LORD do not change**" (Malachi 3:6). The writer to the Hebrews tells us that **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever** (13:8).

The same kind and compassionate God who showered us with his gracious blessings in the old church will shower us with those same blessings in the new. Those blessings come to us through Jesus Christ our Savior, who also remains the same day after day. His life, death and resurrection still count for us. His forgiving love is constant and unchanging.

The means by which God brings our Savior's forgiving love to us haven't changed either. We have a new font, but the same "washing with water through the Word" will adopt precious souls into God's forgiven family. The pulpit will be different, but the same truth will be proclaimed from that pulpit by weak and sinful ministers who hold the Word in trembling hands. We have a new altar, but the same meal of our Savior's true body and blood will be set on that table by a generous Host, offering the same forgiveness, life and salvation.

Change is coming. It will be hard, but there will also be great joy. It is my prayer that God will grant us patient hearts and eyes open to his wondrous, unchanging grace.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Daniel Sims

Usher Schedule

October 5 and October 12

7:45am	10:30am
Team 7	Team 3
Kim Schilling (C)	George Decker
Ronald Knudson	Mark Tiedt
Tracy Busse	Brandon Lee
John Zandler	Eric Turnquist
	Eliot Turnquist

October 19 and October 26

7:45am—Oct 19	10:30am
8:00am—Oct 26	
Team 8	Team 4
Jeff Krakow (C)	Jim Kluetzman (C)
Brian Steffen	Matt Huber
Don Lamb	Dennis Selje
Robert Pratt	Michael Uttech
	Rodney Cooley

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

October 5

7:45am G-17	10:30am G-20
Art Sharpee	Carolyn Gieck
Waldamar Vick	Gloria Slade

October 12

7:45am G-19	10:30am G-2
Dave & Kathy Harle	Marcia Rewolinski
	Arlene Sennhenn

October 19

7:45am G-21	10:30am G-4
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	Otto & Sheree
	Mattke

October 26

8:00am G-3	10:30am G-6
Jeff & Melody Krakow	Bernard &
	Genevieve Setz

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.

Video Team Schedule

October 2014

5	Randy Koehn
12	Dale Gajdosik
19	Mark Lindell
26	Phil Manteufel



Church 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 - 623-4346
 Matt Vosberg, outreach - 920-210-3817
 Kurt Zander, property - 920-210-1107
 Dave Harle, stewardship - 623-3819



September Birthday (missed last month)

Allan Kitzerow Sept. 24th 80 years

October Birthdays

Russell Hundley	1st	91 years
Waldamar Vick	3rd	83 years
Ruth Altschwager	13th	90 years
Wayne Powers	15th	80 years
Adeline Voss	16th	85 years
Margaret Bader	21st	92 years
William Nehmer	26th	85 years

August Church Attendance

Date	Total
31/3	302
7/10	332
14/17	381
21/24	338
28/31	312



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	Aug 14	Jul - Aug 14
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Building Fund Donation	276.00	276.00
Financial Secretary	30,531.33	60,687.56
LLHS Building Income	306.50	631.50
LLHS Income	1,908.19	3,792.96
Other Donations	286.00	286.00
Other Reciepts	663.66	763.66
Sub teaching reimburse	1,385.30	1,385.30
Sunday School Income	2,000.00	2,000.00
Synod Missions Income	5,724.63	11,573.92
Transferred from Undesignated	9,000.00	16,500.00
WLCFS Income	247.00	394.00
WLIM Income	146.50	341.50
Total Income	52,475.11	98,632.40
Expense		
ACH fee	21.70	65.00
Building Fund Expense	276.00	276.00
Called Workers Salaries	20,897.03	43,039.77
Convention/Cont' Education	60.00	60.00
Extended Care Expense	580.07	580.07
Health Insurance	6,188.75	12,063.50
Housing	635.00	1,395.00
Janitors	977.32	1,787.03
LLHS Building Expense	325.00	673.00
LLHS Expense	1,884.77	4,149.86
Maintenance	5,715.16	7,201.54
Meditation/Forward in Christ	22.92	555.84
Mileage	42.30	42.30
Organists	228.53	484.75
Outreach Board	1,757.51	1,757.51
Payroll Expenses	575.38	575.38
Payroll Taxes	5,762.48	9,508.29
Postage and Delivery	71.05	147.78
Secretaries	1,368.24	2,998.30
Stewardship Board	407.79	746.37
Substitute Teaching	0.00	0.00
Sunday School/VBS	1,000.23	1,000.23
Synod Mission Expense	5,849.29	12,694.58
Telephone Expense	434.58	798.95
trash removal	180.00	180.00
Utilities	3,285.60	6,232.94
WLCFS Expense	147.00	287.00
WLIM Expense	195.00	340.00
Worship	360.00	436.50
Total Expense	59,248.70	110,077.49

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of: August, 2014

New Church/School Total
\$340,265.28 *checking/savings*

Previous Month Assets	\$569,939.16
Total Transactions	-\$17,792.37
Total Current Assets	\$552,146.79

Special Accounts	\$51,195.19
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included in Savings

Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/ School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking	WELS CEF Funds	Elva Rahn Estate	CD F&M 12-mo	CD's (Lunn/ Lenz)	Breakdown of NEW Special Accounts	these funds have been deposited into new savings
Previous Balance	\$11,928.68	\$138,898.84	\$319,001.59	\$11,007.69	\$59,983.82	\$3,644.08	\$10,474.46	\$15,000.00	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> ↓ </div>	
Monthly Transactions*	\$6,951.63	(\$35,000.00)	\$12,577.33	(\$2,321.33)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Current Balance	\$18,880.31	\$103,898.84	\$331,578.92	\$8,686.36	\$59,983.82	\$3,644.08	\$10,474.46	\$15,000.00		
* Breakdown Transactions									Organ Refurbishing	
	(\$150.00)	(\$10,000.00)	\$4,180.00	(\$2,321.33)					\$2,909.65	previous
	\$10,000.00	(\$10,000.00)	\$3,257.33							
	\$5,000.00	(\$5,000.00)	\$2,490.00							
	\$178.64	(\$1,000.00)	\$260.00							\$2,909.65
	\$20,367.13	(\$9,000.00)	\$1,350.00						Stained Glass Windows	
	\$1,000.00		\$40.00						\$42,830.00	previous
	\$2.01		\$1,000.00							
	(\$3,475.00)									\$42,830.00
	(\$315.00)								Bell Tower	
	(\$345.00)								\$5,455.54	previous
	(\$398.00)									
	(\$212.00)									\$5,455.54
	(\$119.99)									
	(\$211.19)									
	(\$4,632.08)									
	(\$4,214.00)									
	(\$313.43)									
	(\$486.29)									
	(\$570.00)									
	(\$11,392.77)									
	(\$351.00)									
	(\$2,410.40)									
TOTAL	\$6,951.63	(\$35,000.00)	\$12,577.33	(\$2,321.33)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,195.19	

Total Transactions (\$17,792.37)

Explanation

Note: all expenditures paid for new church construction from undesignated checking will be reimbursed from new church checking.

	transfer to checking: 10,000 (8/1) 10,000 (8/15) 5,000 (8/18) 1,000 (8/25)	Deposits into savings for new church/school projects:	2321.33 American National Bank Loan Payment	
150 Joan Marks retirement				
transfer from savings: 10000 5000 1000	transfer to general fund 59,000	4180 3257.33 2490 260 1350 40 1000		
178.64 Temp Air reimbursement				Two accounts: \$149.31
20367.13 reimbursement from bank/title co				\$59,834.51
2.01 interest				\$59,983.82
3475 Zion School roof (Craig Riffer)				
315 school sink plugged				
345 Brady Weiland WELS conf				
398 Home Depot faucets				
212 Nathan Pope Triptych hanging				
119.99 Pastor Sims office chair				
211.19 shelving for school - Chad Grambsch				
4632.08 Home Acres drywall				
4214 Milwaukee insulation - duct work				
313.43 Dixon Drywall playground paint				
486.29 Allen Steele				
570 Dixon Drywall				
11392.77 Dixon Drywall painting				
351 Home Depot closet materials				
2410.40 Badger Disposal				
Interest Received	\$2.01			

Thank you for your donations!

Raking In the Good Times

Zion has some elderly families that would love to have some help raking leaves this fall. We would like to get a group of all ages together on Saturday, Nov. 1st from 9am until 12 noon. We will meet at school at 8:45 am to distribute maps and addresses. Please let Mr. Grambsch know if you would like to help by email chadnrache@gmail.com or text/call 414-313-4308.



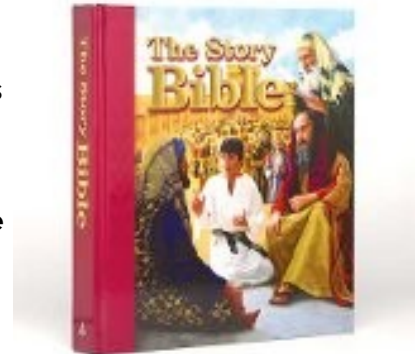
Volunteers for Extended Care

Our school is looking for Zion alumni to volunteer in ExTended Care (ETC), our after school care program. Volunteers would assist our coordinator, Melody Krakow, by helping ETC kids with homework and playing with them. Highschoolers—this is a great way to earn those community service hours for graduation! If you are interested in helping, please contact the school office at 920-623-5180.

Early Christmas Gifts

"The Story Bible," published by Concordia Publishing House, is the perfect gift for young children, grandchildren, and godchildren. Gorgeous and captivating illustrations highlight the greatest message of God's grace and love to us in Jesus. Zion was able to purchase the books at a discount for only \$20. Only 6 copies remain! Stop by the Zion School office to pick up your gift today. Checks can be made payable to **Zion PATZ, memo line Story Bible**.

The Zion School office also has 2 Koine cds available for purchase at \$15 each. Check out Koine's music at www.koinemusic.com.



Zion Bowling Night

Who: Zion High Schoolers

Where: Cardinal Ale House

When: Friday, Nov. 14th at 7 pm

Why: Come enjoy food and fun and catch up with your Zion friends.

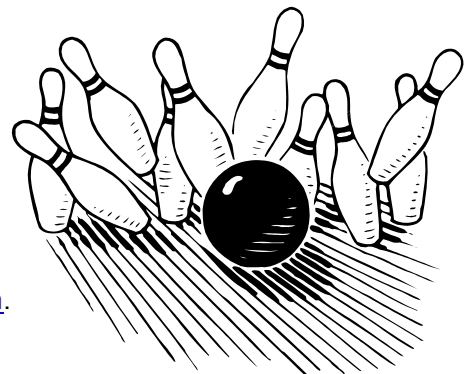
How: Sign up online at zioncolumbus.org by Nov. 9th.

Go to Teen Group under the Youth section.

Click on the Bowling Sign up link.

Cost: Food, refreshments, and 2 games of bowling for a meager \$5 per person.

Questions: Contact Mr. Grambsch at 414-313-4308 or chadnrache@gmail.com.



Ministrations

Baptisms

6. Sully James Strook, son of Jason & Brie nee Bischoff. Born 7/21/14. Baptized 8/17/14.

Zion's Ladies Society

Our October 2nd meeting will be held at the Mill Street church beginning at 2:00pm with a picture of the group taken for the church directory.

Cailin Lueders will tell us about some Senior Center events followed by our business meeting. I hope many will be able to attend.

Messenger Articles

Please submit your articles by **October 24th**. Contact Becky Weidner at 623-5796 if you have any questions.

Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

I was hoping to be in our new church for this article, but it's not time yet. Our congregation has been waiting more than 60 years to be on that piece of land I guess a few more weeks won't be bad. It is better that they take their time finishing than to rush through and not get it done right. After all, our theme is "Excellence For Christ." We want to give Him our very best in thankfulness for His very best He gave us.

As I mentioned last month, we need to be prepared to give an answer for the hope that we have. We must continue to be in His Word. Satan is always on the prowl to trip you up, to make you doubt God's Word. The only way to answer him is with God's Word, just as Jesus did.

After writing last month's article, there seemed to be a lot of things come up on the internet concerning God's Word. One interesting article claimed Jesus really never said anything about homosexuality. Are you prepared to answer that question? Did Jesus really never say anything about homosexuality? I am not a master of theology, but what I

read, and as much as I could find out from my studies and the resources at my disposal, Pastor James Hein has the answer. Read Matthew 5:17; 15:19; and 19: 4-6. Again, as far as I could find out, Pastor Hein is correct in stating that "these passages are ONLY what Jesus himself directly says." There is much more in the Bible that talks about this subject.

Now, to understand how these relate to the subject of homosexuality, it would be very beneficial to be faithful in Worship and Bible study attendance. As Pastor Mark Jeske writes, "Solo learning is good, but group learning is even better. Students of God's Word can learn as much from their peers as from a teacher. The questions, examples, illustrations, and ongoing discussions are a big part of what make group Bible study so fulfilling." Not only do we learn from our Pastors, but also from each other and don't forget to study on your own. Be Berean! (Acts 17:11) Study and make sure that what you are being taught is the truth of God's Word.

I want to leave you with another thing I read this past month. I liked it and copied it but

I forgot to record who or where I got it from. Anyway, take a look at this and ponder it for a while: "God glorifies Himself by forgiving our sins, and we glorify God in our worship by thanking Him for His mercy in Christ. Why does God command Christians to be baptized and celebrate the Lord's Supper? Not because He needs our obedience in order to be glorified, but because He wants to glorify Himself by wrapping us in His glory through the waters of regeneration and feeding us with Christ, the very bread of life, in the Sacrament of the Altar. Why does God command Christians to gather together in worship? Not because He needs the sacrifice of our praise, but because we need the sacrifice of Christ's life, which is given to us in the Word of the Gospel proclaimed in Christian worship. How does God want us to glorify Him? Not by saying, "Lord, look what I've done for you," but by saying, "Lord, thank you for what you've done for me.""

See you in church and Bible Study!



Principal's Report - October

Believe it or not, we are already approaching the end of the first quarter of our new school year! The first weeks of school have seemingly flown by. Zion is a busy place! Check out the highlights from the beginning of this school year:

- Our Buddy Program is in full swing with a variety of activities including how to use manners and how to manage our emotions by being SHEEP (**S**leeping regularly, **H**onesty about hurt feelings, **E**njoying what God has given you, **E**xhaling deep and often when frustrated, and seeing the big **P**icture).
- The 1-4 graders took a field trip to the Horicon Marsh to study habitats, creatures, and ecosystems.
- The volleyball and soccer seasons are underway and nearing completion.
- The 5-8 graders are busily practicing for their upcoming forensics meets.
- The Columbus Community Hospital is teaching a health and wellness unit called Live It! to our 7-8 graders.
- Mr. Holzhueter, a student teacher from MLC is doing his practice teaching in the 7-8 grade classroom.
- Standardized Testing has been completed for the school year.
- We are continuing to grow in faith and in the knowledge of our Savior! This year's focus is to "Put on the Full Armor of God" so that we are better prepared to resist temptations from the devil, world, and our own sinful natures. Each month, the school is learning about a different piece of armor that God has given us.

Below are some special events and activities happening at Zion. Visitors are welcome to attend!

- Tues, Oct. 7: Forensics Night at Zion (6:30pm)
- Wed, Oct. 8: Volleyball vs. St. John, Waterloo (4pm)
- Sat, Oct 11: School Paper Drive at the bus barn behind the playground (9am-12pm)
- Sun, Oct. 12: Handchimes and Junior Choir participate in both church services
- Thurs, Oct. 23: Special Visitors' Day at Zion (7:45am – 12:30pm)
- Fri, Oct. 24: Fall Fun Night at Zion (5pm-9pm)

Interested in our enrollment trends? Here are the enrollment numbers for the past five years. (next page)

Fun Fall Event

Zion School's PTO group, PATZ, is hosting an evening of fall games, food, and fire **Friday, October 24th, beginning at 5:00pm**. The event will be of open house style, so come and join us for what you are able. Chili, snacks, and apple sundaes will be served throughout the evening and the campfire will be lit at 7:00pm. Bringing your own chairs or blankets for the fire would be appreciated.

PATZ is seeking the following items to be donated and borrowed for the event: 5 large pumpkins, fire pits, firewood, clean and rinsed gallon milk jugs, and batches of your favorite chili. The milk jugs can be dropped off in the marked containers at church or school. If you can help with any of the other items, please contact Kelly Ihde at 608-712-7994 or the Zion School office at 920-623-5180.



Zion Lutheran School

Student Enrollment

Class	Class Size	Class	Class Size	Class	Class Size	Class	Class Size	Class	Class Size
									2014-2015
							2013-2014	PreK	6
					2012-2013	PreK	13	K	13
			2011-2012	PreK	10	K	10	Grade 1	10
	2010-2011	PreK	9	K	8	Grade 1	7	Grade 2	7
PreK	9	K	12	Grade 1	11	Grade 2	11	Grade 3	11
K	9	Grade 1	7	Grade 2	7	Grade 3	7	Grade 4	8
Grade 1	10	Grade 2	9	Grade 3	9	Grade 4	10	Grade 5	11
Grade 2	9	Grade 3	11	Grade 4	10	Grade 5	10	Grade 6	11
Grade 3	7	Grade 4	6	Grade 5	5	Grade 6	5	Grade 7	6
Grade 4	5	Grade 5	6	Grade 6	5	Grade 7	5	Grade 8	5
Grade 5	8	Grade 6	8	Grade 7	8	Grade 8	11		
Grade 6	5	Grade 7	5	Grade 8	6				
Grade 7	3	Grade 8	3						
Grade 8	8								
Total	73		76		79		89		88

Lakeside Lutheran High School Warrior Events

October

- 3rd** Homecoming Parade, 5p
Alumni Tent, 5:30p
Varsity football Game, 7p with Warrior Band in the Half time show
- 12th** A-Cappella sings at Zion church both services
- 17th** Varsity Football Game 7p (vs. Columbus)
- 11th, 18th, & 25th** Lakeside hosts the LES beginner & Cadet Band Rehearsals 9:00-10:30a. prepping for the Nov. 2nd. Concert



Photo Directory

Thanks to everyone who added or updated their photo in the church directory. New printed copies of the directory will be available in November. The photo directory is also available online at www.zioncolumbus.org. To receive the password, please contact the office at office@zioncolumbus.com. Additionally, there is now a free app to access the directory from your Apple, Android, or Kindle Fire device; go to your device's App Store and search for Instant Church Directory.



Zion Support

Ever wonder what you could do to help out our church or school? There are lots of ways to pitch in! Besides volunteer opportunities, there are several ways to make your everyday activities and shopping benefit our congregation.

Did you know our school collects paper? It's true! Any kind of paper that is not laminated, bound together, or stapled can be dropped off in the large garage behind our school playground (we call it the bus barn). Paper stored in paper grocery bags or tied with twine is most helpful. The side door is always open, and we'll even pick it up if you want. Call the school office to make arrangements. Three times a year our parent-teacher organization (called PATZ) gets together for fun, fellowship, and semi-loading! Money received from our paper drives is used towards the cost of busses for field trips and for our school's Technology fund.

Our school collects Box Tops, Campbell's Labels, Milk Moola, and Loaves 4 Learning Labels. When we send in these items, we receive 10 cents for every Box Top, and 5 cents for every Milk Moola and Loaves 4 Learning UPC. This money is put into our PATZ account, which is used to support Zion's families, students, and staff with service and fellowship opportunities. Campbell's labels are redeemed for points which can be used for the purchase of classroom wish list items.

The Target Redcard is a credit card offered by Target that offers 5% off every Target purchase as well as 1% back to Zion when you select Zion as the charity of your choice. Money from this program goes toward the school's Special Projects fund. It's a win-win!

Our Scrip program is up and running as well! From 7:45-8:45am and 2:45-3:45pm on school days, stop in to the office to buy gift cards from participating retailers. They've agreed to donate a percentage of the card value back to Zion! From gas to groceries to gifts for others, we all have daily needs that can be paid for with these cards. The money from this program is used for tuition assistance. If you are a relative of a current or future Zion, Lakeside, or Luther Prep student, you can even designate the tuition assistance to be applied to your student! Don't have time to come to the office? You can purchase and use the cards from the comfort of your own home as well.

Search much? Try using www.goodsearch.com.

It's a search engine powered by Yahoo that donates 1 penny to Zion for every legitimate search. Pennies add up! To date, we have earned \$80.05. That's a lot of searching!

Similarly, you can use www.goodshop.com for your online shopping needs. Run by the same web service as goodsearch, you won't need a separate login. Simply visit goodshop, type in the online store you plan to shop at, and let them direct you to that website. Often, they will also give you a coupon for it! Then that store will donate a percentage of your purchase to Zion. Common stores like amazon and Walmart are participating. To date, we have earned \$48.72 with this method. Money received from www.goodsearch.com and www.goodshop.com is being applied toward the church's general fund bills.

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? They offer periodic opportunities for members to direct Thrivent's donations to Zion as well through a program called Thrivent Choice. Talk to your financial representative to learn more. This money may be designated however you wish.

If all this doesn't appeal to you, you are always welcome to make gifts directly to the church or school or volunteer as your time allows.

Want to know more? Call the office at 623-5180 or visit the following websites:

www.boxtops4education.com

www.labelsforeducation.com

www.milkmoola.com

www.loaves4learning.com

www.target.com/tcoe

www.shopwithscrip.com

www.goodsearch.com

www.goodshop.com

www.thrivent.com

www.zioncolumbus.org/support



kid's page



Edible Cornucopias

If you're planning a harvest party, set up a snack station so people can fill their own edible cornucopias.

What you need:

- Waffle cones
- Bowls
- Spoons
- Toppings (chocolate chips, nuts, pretzels, fish-shaped crackers, candy corn, dried cranberries, yogurt-covered raisins, etc.)

What you do:


1. Set up the table, placing each topping in a bowl. Place a spoon in each bowl.
2. Invite friends to create their own cornucopia by spooning chosen goodies into their waffle cones.
3. Enjoy!








A promise to the earth


After the flood in Genesis, God promised to "never again ... destroy all living creatures" (Genesis 8:21, NIV).


Directions: Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks to complete God's promise in Genesis 8:22, NIV.



"As long as the  _ _ _ th

 _ _ _ ures,  _ _ _  _ _ _

and har _ _ _ , c _ _ _ 

and h _ _ _ , 1+2= _ _ _ mer

and  _ _ _ ter, day and night

w _ _ _  n _ _ _ r  cease."

GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22, NIV

Church Nearing Completion

As you may know, the long process of constructing a new church is almost at an end. We are wrapping up the details. Praise God for his goodness and generosity! As we near the completion of the new church we want to make you aware of the following schedule. We are reasonably confident of this schedule, but building projects can be tricky. The schedule is subject to change. We'll keep you posted.

- **Farewell Sunday: Sunday, October 19 (7:45 & 10:30am)** - We will say goodbye to the building that has served us for well over a century. Refreshments will be served between services. The cornerstone will be opened after the late service.
- **Dedication Sunday: Sunday, October 26 (8:00 & 10:30)** - We gather to thank God for his grace in providing us with a new, modern, easily-accessible place of worship. Pastor Nathan Pope, the artist responsible for our chancel furnishings, will be the guest preacher. Refreshments will be served after both services. Tours and explanations of art and architecture will be offered. Please note the change in the service time. Our early service moves permanently to 8:00am.

Thursday Worship in October

Due to a number of special events in October - Lakeside Sunday, Farewell Sunday, Dedication Sunday - there will only be two Thursday evening services: Thursday, October 2nd and Thursday, October 30th. There will be no services on October 9th, 16th or 23rd.

Special Dedication Offering

Sunday, October 26th will be an exciting and joyous day for the members of Zion as we dedicate our new house of worship to the Lord. With thankful hearts we will sing praises to our God for blessing our efforts as we gather in our new church where God's Word will be preached in its truth and purity and God's Sacraments will be administered for generations to come. What a wonderful opportunity we also have on such a momentous occasion to give a special gift of love to the Lord that is over and above our regular offering to him, thanking him for blessing our work that has brought us to this day! Enclosed in this Messenger is a special dedication envelope in which you may put your gift of love that will be used for our new church. Dedication envelopes will also be available on our information table at church. Please either mail the envelope to our church office or place it in the offering baskets at the dedication services. *"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."*



New Church Hearing Loop

The new church building has a system called a hearing loop that has been installed under the flooring in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall that will help those with hearing loss during our worship services and bible studies. What is a hearing loop? A hearing loop, also known as an Induction or Audio Loop, provides a wireless signal that is picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil) setting. When a hearing aid user selects the 'T' setting; he or she can pick up the sounds spoken into the PA system's microphone instead of the hearing aid's internal microphone. This results in improved speech understanding because the listener receives a clear signal without any background noise. If you would like more information about hearing loops please look at the website www.hearingloop.org.

There will also be available portable receivers with an earphone, (similar to the system we have now) that can be used and returned to the ushers. If you would like to purchase a receiver of your own please talk to Matt Weidner (920-623-5796) and he can work with you. The receiver would work in any venue that has a hearing loop system installed.



New Building Open House

We've driven by it. We've seen the cranes, the team of roofers, the brick-layers, concrete trucks, and the men installing the street lights. Now it's time to see inside- the big reveal! What does it look like? Do we recognize the elements from the old building? Where should we sit for Bible study? How do the acoustics sound? Are all parts of the building really handicap-accessible?

Come and see! It's our show and tell. Zion wants to shout about the fantastic new building with all of its modern updates (like up-to-date wiring and handicap accessibility throughout), not to mention, the meaningful scriptural references within the architecture and furnishings. Listen to Pastor explain why the layout of this building is important and learn the meaning behind the Jerusalem Cross. See the worship space, the fellowship area, the church library, and every room!

You have 2 open house dates to choose. You are welcome to see Zion's new church on

Sunday, November 2nd from 12-3pm, or on

Saturday November 15th from 9am -12pm.

There will be plenty to see and do. Everyone can take a tour, gather information, enjoy fellowship and refreshments, and the kids will even have a station just for them!

Mark your calendars now. Share this information with your friends and neighbors. This "new, big building" has been the talk of the town. See for yourself what treasures are to be seen on the inside!



Steering Committee Report – August 2014

The Steering Committee last met on August 19, 2014.

The Sanctuary Committee presented a report on pew chairs and also had two chair samples on hand for review. The chair prices ranged from \$140 to \$239 per chair with updated pricing from the three different companies; New Holland, Sauder and Northland Church Furniture. The New Holland and Sauder were the chairs on hand. After discussion the committee recommended getting a sample from the Northland Company and comparing all three samples prior to making a decision. New chairs will not be available for the dedication of the new building in October, but the committee agreed they can arrive later if necessary.

The fencing around the water retention pond has now been completed and the fencing around the mechanical pads and along the stone retaining wall has been ordered but not yet installed.

It was reported that conversations are still ongoing regarding the sale of the existing church.

Pastor Sims reviewed the process for lighting and extinguishing the new candles that have been ordered for the chancel area and explained how much cleaner and easier to maintain these will be. The candles are 2-5/8" diameter by 18" tall.

The schedule for the dedication was discussed as well as lead time for the sanctuary lighting. Bruce Zander noted that he intends to install the flooring and pews and have the lighting installed when delivered in October.

The committee discussed the budget and agreed that the fellowship hall tables and chairs are a higher priority for the new building than the sanctuary chairs and asked that a summary of all special gifts be developed.

The committee affirmed the decision to hire out the moving of the pews from the existing church to the new church and also agreed to handle the pew moving and re-installation arrangements.

The AV Committee confirmed that the hearing loop can be installed under vinyl tile and that Fearing's will do the installation in both the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. The existing sound system will also need to be removed from the church for renovation for the new building but that Fearing's will install a temporary system at the existing church. A small metal cabinet will be installed in the choir area for the sound system.

Two sign options, each with two color schemes were presented to the committee. After discussion the committee agreed to the simpler of the two designs with brown background and white lettering. Trillium was asked to develop a full order for signage with pricing for review prior to ordering. This signage will be installed on the walls instead of the doors and noted that additional signage can be ordered at a later date if necessary.

The committee reviewed the parking/sidewalk plans and affirmed the decision to place the sidewalk on the school side of the drive and recommended that the bollard lighting also be located along this sidewalk and that the crosswalk be stripped across the asphalt.

Matt Kanzenbach updated the committee on the scheduling for the organ removal with Berghaus Organ company. They are not available to do the removal anytime in November or December. The committee suggested doing the removal prior to the winter heating season. Matt will try to schedule the removal for the week of October 13th and noted that the final church services at the existing church building may need to be held without the organ. The cost for heated storage by Berghaus is \$300/ month starting January 1, 2015.

The committee discussed the removal and the storage of the bell and agreed that the bell should remain in the existing church until the spring of 2015 or such time the building is sold. If the building is sold earlier, the removal of the bell will be negotiated with the buyer.

Excellence for Christ Building Update—September

The interior portion of the school remodeling project has been completed and in time to see the start of another school year. The siding on the outside of the school still needs to be put on but currently our main focus has been on finishing the church.

In the last week of August the ceiling fan was installed which included a special made to order bracket that was cut and welded on site. Side walks along the front of the church and the concrete under the front entrance carport were poured. Pastor Nathan Pope delivered the pieces he made for church including the Triptych that hangs on the altar wall and the cross that hangs over the altar.

Steele Excavating has completed the finish grading and the completion of the pipe under the driveway for water runoff. Steele also dug out areas of the driveways where it was soft and filled with breaker rock and gravel, then compacted to provide a solid base for black top, and cut down the steep grassy area along Werner Street by the school sign which will make mowing much easier.

Wolf Paving from Sun Prairie has been hired to do the paving around the church and school. This includes all prep work, the black topping and the striping for parking. On Mon. Sept. 8th Wolf started with their prep work and notified us that there are other areas that are soft and that will still need to be dug out in order for them to provide us a warranty on their work. This will cost another \$9,000 that we did not figure on but must be done. We will have 91 parking stalls on the church and school grounds, including required handicap spaces and spaces for seniors.

Going Yard, the landscape company that built the stone retaining wall behind the church has also been hired to do landscaping around the church building. This will start soon after the paving is complete.

The masons have finished all their stone work. Fire Stopping Specialists have completed the fire sprinkler pipe installation but still have to adjust the sprinkler heads and do some testing; the plumbers have finished their work.

Dauman Electric has been working on the exterior lighting of the church. Light poles have been installed as well as bollard lighting that shines onto the church at night and lights the walk ways.

The interior of the church has also been busy. Nearly all of the cabinetry and all of the counter tops have been installed. Byco Flooring of Mayville has been contracted to do all of the flooring. The three rest rooms have the tile work completed, the sinks and toilets have been installed and are now getting the last finishing touches such as dividers, railings, mirrors and towel dispensers. The serving pantry is nearly complete as the two double ovens have been installed. The installation of a dishwasher, sinks and cook top as well as the tile flooring is also complete. The 2nd week of September Byco was back to start on the sanctuary tile, the fellowship hall tile and the prep for the carpeting in the back hallway and the library areas.

The organ chamber cloth has been installed in the sanctuary and the choir loft has been framed in with some wiring yet to be run before it can be insulated for noise and closed up to finish.

The Sanctuary lighting still has not arrived and at last word has a ship date of Oct. 8th. These lights are not a stock item but made to order and are actually made in Wisconsin.

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Special Music Schedule Oct 5 - SS & LES 1-4 (7:45a) Oct 12 - HC & JC (both) Oct 19 - PK & K (7:45a) Oct 26 - ZC & BC (both)						
5 WOR-HC (7:45, 10:30) ABS & SS (9:00)	6 SonBEAMS (8:15a) ☞ CC @ LLHS (4p) Got Fitness? (6p) ☞	7 Picture Day at School Zion Forensics Meet (6:30p) ☞	8 PSC (4:00p) ☞ BC (6:30p) ☞ ZC (7:30p) ☞ VB @ Waterloo (4p) Meeting Night (6:30p) ☞	9 Got Fitness? (6p) ☞ No Worship Service	10 LES Regional Forensics Meet @ St. John's Pardeeville (6:30p)	11 Paper Drive (9a @ bus barn behind playground)
12 LLHS A Capella Choir visit WOR (7:45, 10:30) Light breakfast (9:00) ☞ SS (9:00)	13 SonBEAMS (8:15a) ☞ Got Fitness? (6p) ☞ Board of Ed (6:30p) ☞	14	15 PSC (4:00p) ☞ BC (6:30p) ☞ ZC (7:30p) ☞	16 Got Fitness? (6p) ☞ No Worship Service	17 LES Regional Forensics Meet @ St. John's Pardeeville (6:30p)	18
19 Farewell to Old Building WOR (7:45, 10:30) Light breakfast (9:00) ☞ SS (9:00) Comerstone opening (after late service)	20 Got Fitness? (6p) ☞	21 PATZ Meeting (6p) ☞	22 PSC (4:00p) ☞ BC (6:30p) ☞ ZC (7:30p) ☞	23 Special Visitors' Day (7:45a-12:30p) ☞ Got Fitness? (6p) ☞ No Worship Service	24 Newsletter Deadline Fall Fun Night (5p) ☞	25 No School—Teacher Inservice
26 New Church Dedication WOR-HC (8:00, 10:30)	27 Got Fitness? (6p) ☞	28 8th grade Welcome Night (6:30p @ LLHS)	29 PSC (4:00p) ☞ BC (6:30p) ☞ ZC (7:30p) ☞	30 Got Fitness? (6p) ☞ WOR-HC (6:30p)	31 No School—Teachers Conference	



TV SERVICE SCHEDULE

(Cable Channel 98 and 98.1)

Monday..... 3:00p
 Tuesday..... 3:00p
 Wednesday..... 3:00p
 Thursday..... 3:00p

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CALENDAR KEY

ABS.....Adult Bible Study
 BC.....Bell Choir
 HC.....Holy Communion
 LA.....Ladies Aide
 LES.....Lutheran Elementary School
 LLHS.....Lakeside Lutheran High School
 PATZ.....Parents and Teachers of Zion
 PSC.....Public School Confirmation
 WOR.....Divine Worship Service
 VB.....Volleyball
 ZC.....Zion Choir
 ☞ (cross).....Event at Church
 ☞ (open book).....Event at School



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thursday Worship..... 6:30p
Sunday Worship at church..... 7:45, 10:30a
Sunday Adult Bible Study at Church9:00a
Sunday School at Zion School9:00a

*School located at 822 Western Ave.
Church located at 254 W. Mill St.*



Upcoming Events

Wed., Oct. 8 • Meeting Night
Sun., Oct. 12 • LLHS A Capella Choir
Sun., Oct. 19 • Farewell To Old Building
Fri., Oct. 24 • Newsletter Deadline
Sun., Oct. 26 • Dedication of New Church
(Early service changes to 8am)
Thurs. & Fri. Oct. 24, 30, 31 • No School