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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Connected!

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism."
Romans 6:4

We sing it every spring, usually on Good Friday, and maybe during a midweek Lenten service. "Were you there?" Nope. I wasn't there when they crucified my Lord. I wasn't there when they nailed him to the tree. I wasn't there when they laid him in the tomb. And yet, I was there. And so were you. No, not physically. No, not as a witness. "Don't you know," Paul asks us in Romans 6:3, "that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" We were also, then, buried with him through Baptism, weren't we?

Think about what that means.

Baptism connects us to Christ. Baptism connects us to his crucifixion. Baptism connects us to his suffering. Baptism connects us to his death. Baptism connects us to his burial. When Christ was crucified, it was as though we had been crucified. When Christ suffered, it was as though we had suffered. When Christ died, it was as though we had died. When Christ was buried, it was as though we had been buried. Baptism connects us to Christ.

Why does a sports fan say, "We didn't play very well" or "We didn't have our heads in the game" even though the team was some 500 miles away and the fan was sitting on the couch in his living room? Why does a sports fan use terms like we and us when talking about a football team's performance even though "we" never put on a helmet or stepped onto the field? Because we have a connection to that team! We

don't have to be alumni to be connected to our team. We don't have to be former players to feel our team's pain or to celebrate its victories. Local pride connects us to our team. Geographical roots connect us to our team. Grandma and Grandpa, Mom and Dad, connect us to our team. The team's loss is our loss. The team's win is our win.

Baptism connects us to Christ. His punishment was our punishment. His suffering was our suffering. His death was our death. "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). We were buried with Christ through Baptism. Baptism connects us to Christ and to his death that paid for our sin. We are connected to Christ not because of who we are or because of what we have done, but because of who Christ is and because of what he has done. We are connected to Christ by grace and by grace alone.

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Greeter Schedule

March 6

8:00am — E9 10:30am — L1 Bill & Merle Nehmer Nancy Huebner & Sara Hanna

March 13

8:00am — E10 10:30am — L2 Gene & Elaine Beier Laurie Kirchberg & Pat Premo

March 20

8:00am — E11 10:30am — L3 Harold & Delphine Rick & Lisa Gentz

Schaefer

March 27

8:00am — E12 10:30am — L4 Bernard & Genevieve Art Sharpee &

Waldamar Vick Setz

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 March 2016

6 Matt Greiling

13 Gary Schuhmacher

20 Mark Lindell

27 Phil Manteufel





January Church Attendance

Date	Total
3	414
7/10	408
14/17	408
21/24	343

Usher Schedule

March 2 and March 6

7:00pm March 2 10:30am March 6 8:00am March 6

Team E8 Team L3

Troy Kehoe (C) Jim Kluetzman (C) Lee Evers (A) Matt Huber (A) Austin Evers Dave Harle Logan Kehoe Michael Uttech J Dovle Rodney Cooley Gary Schuhmacher

March 9, March 13 and March 16

7:00pm March 9 10:30am March 13 8:00am March 13 7:00pm March 16

Team E1 Team L4

Jeff Henning (C) Bruce Zander (C) Daryl Berndt (A) Kurt Zander (A) Kane Browskowski Leo Fischer Matt Weidner Wvatt Browskowski Rodney Hacht Bradley Sennhenn Neal Sennhenn Mark Tiedt Zach Beyer

March 20 ~ Palm Sunday, March 24 ~ Maundy

Thursday and March 25 ~ Good Friday 8:00am March 20 10:30am March 20 7:00pm March 24 7:00pm March 25

Team L5 Team E2 Delmar Vick (C) Don Rahn (C) Dale Gajdosik (A) Phil Manteufel (A) Randy Vick Peter Lewke Kenneth Schulz John Cares Eric Turnquist Jason Langille

Elliot Turnquist

March 27 ~ Easter

6:00am Sunrise Service 10:30am Team E3 Team L6 Lawrence Olson (C) Otto Mattke (C) Waldamar Vick (A) Paul Kehl (A) Ty Vick **Dennis Winter** Kevin Vick Kyle Winter Wiliam Mattke Joe Grambsch

Brian Peck

Brandon VerVelde

8:00am Team E4

Ben Grambsch

Dale Sennhenn (C) Mark Lindell (A) Brian Sennhenn **Andrew Bussian** Remington Lindell Brett Schraufnagel Scott Brenner

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.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	Jan 16	Jul '15 - Jan 16
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Building Fund Donation	40.00	328.00
Church Library Donation	0.00	57.59
General Fund Offerings	41,084.14	269,922.10
LLHS Building Income	342.00	1,886.00
LLHS Income	2,416.71	15,876.57
Other Donations	1,180.00	15,550.78
Other Reciepts	-20.00	41.71
Sub teaching reimburse	51.00	555.00
Synod Missions Income	5,673.43	34,580.18
Transfered from Undesignated	4,000.00	40,600.00
WLCFS Income	757.00	4,342.00
WLIM Income	177.00	1,114.00
Total Income	55,701.28	384,853.93
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Expense ACH fee	-10.80	0.00
Building Fund Expense	40.00	328.00
Called Workers Salaries	17,876.62	144,525.06
Church Supplies	198.76	2,291.89
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Convention/Cont' Education	0.00	88.40
Copier	0.00	1,623.48
Guest Pastor	550.00	1,000.00
Health Insurance	7,100.00	38,639.50
Housing	635.00	4,445.00
Janitors	293.95	3,699.22
Liability Insurance	0.00	-901.00
LLHS Building Expense	342.00	1,886.00
LLHS Expense	2,416.71	15,875.59
Maintenance	4,582.28	23,053.46
Meditation/Forward in Christ	349.00	1,174.92
Mileage	488.85	3,169.30
Miscellaneous	47.46	102.46
Organists	228.52	1,645.65
Outreach Board	0.00	810.20
Payroll Expenses	424.96	1,770.24
Payroll Taxes	4,974.25	40,009.00
Pension Insurance	0.00	12,540.00
Postage and Delivery	71.51	867.77
Secretaries	1,442.45	11,296.56
Stewardship Board	0.00	2,658.98
Substitute Teaching	45.00	560.31
Sunday School/VBS	0.00	1,893.39
Synod Mission Expense	5,673.43	34,578.18
Telephone & Internet Expense	141.40	1,647.66
Utilities	5,349.35	29,016.63
WLCFS Expense	757.00	4,342.00
WLIM Expense	177.00	1,134.00
Worship	285.19	1,162.26
Total Expense	54,479.89	386,934.11

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

Previous Month Assets	\$652,494.54			
Total Transactions	\$11,023.42		New Church/School Total	ool Total
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			American National Bank	
Transactions	(\$150.00) Joan Marks		(\$4,623.38) church loan	
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Interest Received	\$0.00	\$10,526.90	\$15,000.00	
		interest \$0.00	\$0.00	

Zion Confirmation Lists

Zion Confirmation photos have recently been updated. There are nine (9) missing photo years which are: 1907, 1911, 1917, 1941, 1947, 1951, 1960, 1963 and 1995.

We will be including a list of names from these classes in <u>The Messenger</u> over the next few months. If you have a group photo from any of these missing years (or know of someone listed and might be able to help) we would like to borrow their photo to copy for our record book; please contact Michelle Wolf at (920) 623-0354. There were no photos for the early years of 1893-1903 except for 1899. These will be more difficult to find.



Zion Confirmation Class 1911

Herbert Ninabuck
Rueben Etscheid
Herman Bock
Ludwig Kohls
Oscar Howe
Ella Buschkopf
Elsie Lange
Gertrude Ibisch
Laura Liebenthal
Emma Krakow

Leonhard Brede
Otto Schleif
Rudolf Bock
Hugo Emkow
Albert Schoenrock
Ella Petrich
Esther Wake
Lydia Berndt
Lydia Boettcher
Rosa Neumann

Ernst Gruhn
Otto Albert Krueger-Dathan
Otto Krahn
Alvin Zemlow
Ella Kind
Else Mauth
Clara Tohm
Esther Lueders
Martha Nehmer
Frieda Prueter

Otto Kohls
Edwin Langfeldt
Walter Oehlert
Herbert Buschkopf
Linda Tiedt
Irma Lange
Luella Schwartz
Isabelle Sydow
Leona Herzberg
Silvia Sellnow

Zion Confirmation Class of 1951

Ruth Miller
Clarise Lee
James Berry
Dorothy Voight
Betty Ann Borck
Kathleen Kitzerow
Marilyn Hummel

Gerald Wohlfeil
Mervin Harold
Kenneth Christian
John Lober
Edward Thomas
Donald Klug

Elaine Schlegel Marie Foss Karen Quentmeyer Lorna Lewke Janice Lewke Darlene Howe Ronald Schulze William Grueneberg James Hewitt John Lange Donald Bachofen Gene Herzberg

Zion Confirmation Class of 1995

Amanda Berndt Brian Marquardt Toby Peck Jay Weidemann Mark Bussian Andrew McCormick Corey Sauer Micah Weihert

Roxanne Ehrke Laura Nehmer Nathan Sennhenn Jenny Gavitt Michael Osborne Scott Sharpee

GOT FITNESS

If you've been thinking of trying GOT FITNESS, now is a great time! Just bring an exercise mat, a pair of hand weights, and energy for a great workout. Workout moves can be modified to fit a



variety of fitness levels. All adults high school age and older are welcome. Schedules for March are available at the school office and are noted on the Zion calendar. Contact Becca Kramer with any questions. See you then!

Ministrations

Deaths

- 1. Doris Martens. Born 6/18/1925; Died 1/9/2016.
- 2. Eileen Hurckman. Born 9/23/1927; Died 1/10/2016.
- 3. Patricia Powers. Born 5/10/1941; Died 1/21/2016.

Membership Changes

Accepted

Mike & Paulette Sommer and Family Kimeko Wylesky and Daughter Norma Neuman Wendy Mueller Barb Larson James & Elsa Yohn

Transfer

Austin Fischer Nate Sauer



Delores Hasenfuss 4th 85 years Harriette Moll 5th 86 years Evelyn Zillmer 21st 91 years

Ladies' Aid

Our March 3rd meeting is fast approaching. Kris Kehl will be at this meeting to accompany us so we can sing some of our favorite hymns. We will then have our regular business meeting.

Lenten Meal

The offering from the Lenten meal on March 2nd and 16th will be used to help pay for changing our church and school sign into a digital sign. Anyone in the congregation that is interested in donating food,



money and/or helping to serve the meal should contact Judy Vick at 623-3864. The menu for March 2nd is cream of potato soup, chicken noodle soup, crackers, cheese and pudding. On March 16th we will have toasted cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, cake and fruit. Many hands make light work.

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **March 25th**. Contact Sue Henning at 920-623-2569 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you have any account with Thrivent that earns Choice dollars, you can direct those dollars to an



organization or better still, to ZION Church or School.

Either go to http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. Help make a difference where you live and worship.

Ability to choose expires by March 31, 2016.

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 Kurt Zander, Property - 920-210-1107 Dave Harle, Stewardship - 623-3819

Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

Do you ever feel that God is not near to you? Or, maybe you feel God is no longer listening to you? Maybe the answer to these questions is that you are no longer near to or listening to God.

Let's look at Song of Songs (some versions title it Song of Solomon) chapter 5. This is Solomon's love story, the best of songs, and chapter 5 has a little bit of separation between the bride and groom. We know from other parts of scripture that Christ refers to Himself as the Bridegroom that will return to take His bride (us) home.

Again, we are looking at chapter 5. Verse 2 starts with the bride either half asleep or, sleeping but dreaming. Then her lover knocks on the door and asks her to open. She thinks it's too much bother to get dressed and answer the door, besides; she has already washed her feet and doesn't want to get them dirty again.

Does that sound like something you might do? Revelation 3:20 says: *Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.* What is your response to that? Are you too sleepy to open the door of church and walk in? Is it too much bother to get dressed to hear His Word?

Back to the love story; verse 5 says she finally decided to open the door and her lover was no longer there. We read later that he left, not because he was angry, but because he felt rejected. Are you rejecting Jesus? Will you continue to wait to open the door for Him? He has a warning for you: "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. (John 8:21).

I pray we all get up and answer the door. We all get dressed and listen to His Word and take it to heart. He assures us of His presence; "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5) He does not leave you; you leave Him. Some leave by literally walking away. Others leave Him by not coming to Him in worship and Bible study. Maybe you have the feeling that God is not listening because you feel your life is not going well. Again, maybe you have stopped listening to God, or maybe you are listening but not hearing clearly. He says, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16) He also tells us that we will have trouble in this world; In this world you will have trouble. But, He follows it with some very comforting words; But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) So, whatever troubles you are having, Christ has overcome! He again assures us of this comfort with these beautiful words: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28) So whatever you are going through, as a believer in Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are assured it will work out for your eternal good.

We are hearing right now, through this season of Lent, just how God has overcome the world. He has given us eternal life by living a perfect life in our place, dying an undeserved death on the cross, and rising to eternity with the Father, assuring us the resurrection to eternity with Him. This was the first irony that we heard about; the cross that was the symbol of death is our symbol of life. Come often and hear of that great exchange that God has given to us freely; His suffering and death for our eternal life in heaven, *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* (John 3:16)

By the way, if you peek into chapter six, you will see that Solomon's love song goes well as verse 3 states *I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.* We also can rejoice as we are Christ's and He is ours. We have been clothed with His righteousness, *for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.* (Galatians 3:27)

Father in Heaven.

You have given us your word to read, hear, and take to heart. May we continue to do so with eagerness and great expectation. You have promised us eternal life with you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, increase our love and trust in you. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen

kids page

LITTLE LAMBS

Make these cute treats as a reminder that Jesus our Savior is also the Lamb of God.

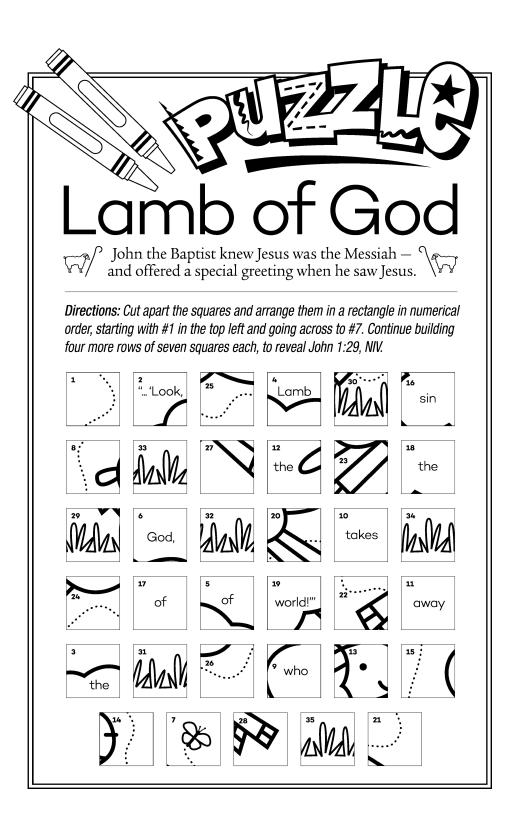


What you need:

- Vanilla cupcakes
- Vanilla frosting
- Butter knife
- Mini marshmallows
- Jellybeans
- Red licorice

What you do:

- 1. Bake and frost the cupcakes.
- 2. Place marshmallows around the edge of each cupcake.
- 3. Cut green or blue jellybeans in half and place two on each cupcake as eyes. Cut pink jellybeans in half and place one below each pair of eyes as a nose.
- 4. Cut thin strips of licorice, and place one on each cupcake as a mouth.
- 5. Enjoy!





LPS SUMMER CAMPS



Luther Preparatory School summer camps are designed to impart valuable skills within the framework of Christian fellowship with other young people. In addition to critical skills training, challenging games and fun contests are an integral part of this annual summer experience! Here's what kids have to say about our camps:



We would love to meet your child through one of our many camp opportunities!

For more information, please go to our website at www.lps.wels.net and click on "Athletics" to find "Summer Camps" in the drop down menu.

To register online, go to:

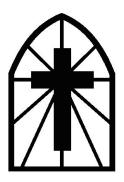
app.campdoc.com/register/lutherprep

PLEASE register early! The camps fill quickly! For music camps, click on "Performing Arts" to find "Summer Music Camp" in the drop down menu.

We can't wait to meet you and your child this summer!

Luther Preparatory School

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An invitation from

St. Stephen's OWLS, Beaver Dam

The *Organization of WELS Seniors* ("OWLS") announces their 2016 programs inviting all senior members of your congregation, age 55 and older, to join us for these events. These programs will begin at noon with a *potluck meal* (please bring a dish to pass). Coffee and table service will be provided. Presentations will begin at 1 p.m.

<u>April 12:</u> Reynold Kremer, author of *Driving the Back Roads* will speak on the Amish culture.

<u>June 14:</u> Deb Dietrich from the Lutheran Home Assn. speaking on services of the Assn. as well as dealing with Alzheimers.

<u>August 9:</u> Ed Pierce: Info on the Civil War and the 1st Brigade Band.

October 18: Rev. Wenzel from WLIM sharing work of Institutional Ministry.

<u>December 13 or 20:</u> (definite date to be announced later) St. Stephens School Band Christmas concert.

Any questions may be directed to Carol Lathrop at 920.887.7250 or Beth Kietzmann 920.885.9103 or bkietzmann@ymail.com

We look forward to meeting you and sharing in Christian fellowship.

Zion Lutheran Church

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Items preceded by * take place at school.		3:45 pm 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bible Information Class	3:30 pm Lent Worship 4:15 pm 6th-7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Lent Worship 8:00 pm Zion Choir	3 8:00 am *Zion Sonbeams 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 6:15 pm *Got Fitness 7:30 pm Stewardship Board	4 6:00 am Bible Breakfast
6 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	7 6:15 pm *Got Fitness 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	8 3.45 pm 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 PM No Bible Information Class	9 3:30 pm Lent Worship 4:15 pm 6th-7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Lent Worship 8:00 pm Council Meeting 8:00 pm Zion Choir	10 8:00 am *Zion Sonbeams 6:15 pm *Got Fitness	11 *Zion School Tuition Payment Indication Forms Due 6:00 am Bible Breakfast
13 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	14 NO SCHOOL-Spring Break	15 NO SCHOOL-Spring Break 3:45 pm 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bible Information Class	16 No SCHOOL-Spring Break 3:30 pm Lent Worship 4:15 pm 6th-7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Lent Worship 8:00 pm Zion Choir	17 NO SCHOOL-Spring Break	18 NO SCHOOL-Spring Break 6:00 am Bible Breakfast
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Newsletter of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and School



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday Worship during Lent....3:30, 7:00pm Thursday Worship (*Resumes March 31st*)....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........9:15am

Upcoming Events

Thurs, Mar. 3 - Ladies' Aid Meeting, 2:00pm Thurs., Mar. 3 - Stewardship Board, 6:30pm Mon., Mar. 7 -Board of Ed Meeting, 6:30pm Mon.-Fri, Mar. 14-18 - NoSchool - Spring Break Fri., Mar. 25 - No School -Good Friday Mon., Mar. 28 - No School - Easter Monday