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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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Apostles: The Tax Collector

Tax collector seems like a pretty innocent title. The IRS may not be everybody's favorite government agency, but tax collectors have to earn a living too.

But collecting taxes in Jesus' day was a job with a far worse reputation. The tax collectors in Palestine were usually Jews contracted by the Roman government to collect money from their fellow countrymen. The simple fact that they were agents of the hated Roman Empire was enough to earn the ire of their neighbors. Add to that the fact that tax collectors in general had come to be known for collecting more than necessary and keeping the excess for themselves, and you can see why they would be despised.

If you search the Bible for the term tax collector, you'll find that these men are often mentioned right alongside prostitutes and "sinners." When Jesus taught about church discipline, he told his disciples to treat the impenitent sinner like "a pagan or a tax collector" (Matthew 18:17). These were the kind of people everyone loved to hate and avoided at all costs.

So it must have been quite a shock for Matthew, sitting at his tax booth near the Sea of Galilee, when Jesus came to him and said, "Follow me" (Luke 5:27). It was downright scandalous to the Pharisees who heard about it. They noticed the lavish party Matthew threw in honor of Jesus,

saw the tax collectors and "sinners" on the guest list, and were beside themselves. What kind of a Messiah eats with the scum of the earth?

Just the kind of Messiah we need.

It's easy for us to look down on the "sinners" of this world—people who by their words, actions, or even just reputations make themselves the kind of people no one wants to be around. But we are no different. Greed and deception are rooted in our sinful hearts too, and though we may hide our sins better than some of the "sinners" of this world, we are no more dignified, no more deserving of Jesus' presence.

That's why it is so comforting to know that Jesus would call a tax collector without hesitation and sit down to eat with "sinners" without shame. It was for people like that—people like us—that Jesus came! It was for guilty, rotten sinners like you and me that the Son of God came to live with us. It was for contemptible outcasts like us that he died, so in faith we would fight against wrongful living of any kind and so we might live—and feast—with him forever.

Thank God that Jesus called a tax collector as his disciple! Then I know that he calls even me.

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Usher Schedule

April 5 (Easter)

6:00am	10:30am
Team E5	Team L4
Harold Schaefer (C)	Bruce Zander (C)
Mike Vick (A)	Kurt Zander (A)
Dale Schilling	Kane Broskowski
Ron Yerges	Wyatt Broskowski
Bruce Hatzinger	Bradley Sennhenn
James Stadler	Neal Sennhenn
	Zach Beyer

April 5 (Easter) and April 12

8:00am April 5	
8:00am April 12	10:30am April 12
Team E6	Team L5
Kim Schilling (C)	Don Rahn (C)
Don Lamb (A)	Phil Manteufel (A)
Ronald Knudson	Peter Lewke
Tracy Busse	John Cares
John Zandler	Jason Langille
Brian Steffen	Marcus Sims

April 19 and April 26 (Confirmation)

8:00am April 19	10:30am April 19
8:00am April 26	10:30am April 26
Team E7	Team L6
Rick Gentz (C)	Otto Mattke(C)
James Greiling (A)	Paul Kehl(A)
Matt Greiling	Dennis Winter
Nicholas Arndt	Kyle Winter
Mark Hintz	William Mattke
Tom Kitzerow	Brandon VerVelde
	Brian Peck

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.

February Church Attendance

Date	Total
29/1	336
5/8	426
12/15	389
18 (Ash Wed.)	303
22	380
25 (Lent)	298



Greeter Schedule

April 5

8:00am — E14	10:30am — L3
Delmar & Carol Vick	Rick & Lisa Gentz

April 12

8:00am — E1	10:30am — L4
Jeff & Melody Krakow	Bernard & Genevieve Setz

April 19

8:00am — E2	10:30am — L5
Dave & Kathy Harle	Marcia Rewolinski Arlene Sennhenn

April 26

8:00am — E3	10:30am — L6
Matt & Sue Yaroch	Dan & Laurie Weiland

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.

April Birthdays

Rudolph Sennhenn	15th	94 years
Edwin Knudson	19th	86 years



Video Team Schedule April 2015

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



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

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of: **February 2015**

Previous Month Assets	\$423,204.05
Total Transactions	-\$16,667.94
Total Current Assets	\$406,536.11

New Church/School Total
\$294,519.80 <i>checking/savings</i>

	Monthly Statements						
	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/ School Fund Savings	NEW Church/ School Checking	WEIS CEF Funds	CD F&M 12-mo	CD's (Lynn/ Lenz)
Accounts							
Previous Balance	\$2,094.88	\$45,817.54	\$286,014.03	\$3,758.88	\$60,044.26	\$10,474.46	\$15,000.00
Monthly Transactions*	(\$914.83)	(\$20,500.00)	(\$5,253.11)	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Current Balance	\$1,180.05	\$25,317.54	\$280,760.92	\$13,758.88	\$60,044.26	\$10,474.46	\$15,000.00

Breakdown of Transactions			TOTAL
	(\$150.00)	(\$13,000.00)	
	\$900.00	(\$7,500.00)	(\$4,623.38)
	\$150.00		\$6,799.00
	(\$920.00)		\$2,244.00
	(\$195.00)		\$2,174.00
	(\$100.00)		(\$10,000.00)
	\$1,082.35		\$2,859.00
	\$0.17		(\$1,082.35)
	(\$600.00)		\$1,000.00
	(\$1,082.35)		(\$5,253.11)
TOTAL	(\$914.83)	(\$20,500.00)	(\$10,000.00)

Total Transactions (\$16,667.94)

Explanation	\$13,000 to General Fund	Bank Loan Repayments	10000 from new church savings	Two accounts:
150 Loan Marks retirement deposit \$900	\$7500 to general fund	Deposits: 4623.38 4623.38	2859 1000	\$149.42
deposit \$150		transfer to checking new church checking 10,000		\$59,894.84
Nick Henning \$920 repairs @ Grambsch & Kazenbach homes		transfer to undesignated checking to pay County Materials 1082.35		\$60,044.26
Dixon Drywall \$195 repairs at Hide				
\$100 food/supplies				
1082.35 transfer from new church savings				
.17 interest				
600 Berghaus (organ)				
County Materials 1082.35				
Interest Received				\$0.17

Thank you for your donations!

Special Giving Opportunities		
Items	Received	What we still need
Bell Tower	\$ 10,490.54	need price (\$50,000 pledge)
Future Technology	\$ 4,600.00	not yet planned
Organ Refurbishing	\$ 15,597.10	\$ 370,000.00
Pew Chairs (80) \$160/ea	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 11,680.00
Stained Glass Windows	\$ 43,040.00	\$ 5,310.00
Tables & Chairs	\$ 6,327.91	\$ 5,552.31
Triptych Paintings	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,200.00
TOTAL	\$ 83,675.55	\$ 400,742.31

Special projects that no longer need funding:	
Alter Pulpit	Dishwasher 1 oven
Font Cross & Christ Cooktop	Projection - Sanct Projection - Fellow Pulpit Parameters



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	Feb 15	Jul '14 - Feb 15
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Building Fund Donation	0.00	586.77
Extended Care Reimbursement	701.80	2,225.90
General Fund Offerings	35,704.15	287,487.22
Gift of Love	0.00	17,935.00
LLHS Building Income	615.00	3,092.90
LLHS Income	2,100.24	17,717.93
Other Donations	675.00	5,076.65
Other Reciepts	0.00	14,928.97
Sub teaching reimburse	90.00	1,738.41
Sunday School Income	0.00	2,000.00
Synod Missions Income	4,260.49	50,626.42
Transferred from Undesignated	20,500.00	101,000.00
WLCFS Income	195.00	1,760.30
WLIM Income	230.00	1,486.80
Total Income	65,071.68	507,663.27
Expense		
Accounting Service	0.00	370.00
ACH fee	32.60	260.20
Building Fund Expense	0.00	586.77
Called Workers Salaries	21,703.56	174,092.11
Church Library Expense	0.00	539.48
Church Supplies	0.00	1,786.46
Convention/Cont' Education	47.49	272.66
Copier	0.00	1,485.65
Debt Reduction reimburse Estate	0.00	17,935.00
Elders Board	0.00	209.98
Extended Care Expense	659.40	3,061.08
Guest Pastor	0.00	570.76
Health Insurance	13,655.80	51,113.45
Housing	635.00	5,205.00
Janitors	1,012.87	6,868.14
Liability Insurance	0.00	6,779.50
LLHS Building Expense	615.00	3,440.90
LLHS Expense	2,100.24	19,983.01
Maintenance	1,653.37	16,173.92
Meditation/Forward in Christ	22.92	1,831.86
Mileage	381.70	1,292.95
Miscellaneous	0.00	1,666.26
Organists	218.81	1,997.52
Outreach Board	192.00	3,343.40
Payroll Expenses	200.28	1,813.59
Payroll Taxes	6,229.74	48,410.25
Pension Insurance	0.00	12,540.00
Postage and Delivery	67.02	1,011.65
Secretaries	1,607.45	13,181.70
Stewardship Board	905.55	3,199.34
Substitute Teaching	173.11	519.33
Sunday School/VBS	952.69	2,868.33
Synod Mission Expense	4,260.49	57,471.64
Teachers Hot Lunch	65.33	634.92
Telephone & Internet Expense	296.44	3,783.74
Utilities	12,192.79	48,904.14
WLCFS Expense	195.00	1,900.30
WLIM Expense	230.00	1,631.80
Worship	285.79	2,141.81
Total Expense	70,592.44	520,878.60

Ministrations

Baptisms

1. Mallory Marie Ehlers, daughter of Evan Ehlers and Lindsey nee Torowski. Born 12/15/2014. Baptized 2/15/2015.

Deaths

4. Dale Henning. Born 12/29/1937, died 2/21/2015.

Marriage

1. Tom Schulz and Amanda Wilke. Married 2/28/2015.

Ladies Society

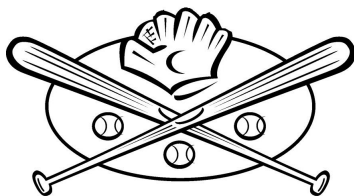
Our next meeting will be the second Thursday, April 9th, so everyone can attend the Maundy Thursday services on April 2nd.

Along with our regular meeting, Jill Kanzenbach will be joining us to share her experience with cancer.

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Teen Fellowship Outing

Zion welcomes 8th - 12th graders to come together for food and fun at Ultrazone Laser Tag in Madison. It's on Sunday, April 12th. We leave from Zion School at 3 pm and get back at 7 pm. Three games, pizza and drinks are included. Your cost is \$10 per person. We do need drivers, so please let us know if you or your parents are willing to drive. Please let Chad Grambsch know if you are interested by April 8th at chadnrache@gmail.com or 414-313-4308.



Adult Co-Ed Softball Team

Zion will once again be fielding an adult co-ed softball team this summer. Any confirmed members can sign up and play. Games are against other WELS church teams and are played on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. There is a sign-up in the church lobby. If anyone has questions, please contact Chad Grambsch at 414-313-4308 or chadnrache@gmail.com

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **April 24**. Contact Sue Henning at 920-623-2569 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

On Tuesday evening, April 14th at 7:00 pm, Pastor Wilke will begin a 6-week Bible study in the church fellowship hall on the topic **How Can They Teach That and Still Claim to Believe the Bible?** This adult Bible study is about why some Christian church denominations have adopted positions on several key topics contrary to what Scripture clearly says. It explains how the higher critical method of interpreting Scripture has allowed human reason to distort God's clear Word. The six lessons are:

"A 'New' Way of Looking at Scripture."

"How Can They Teach That About Creation?"

"How Can They Teach That About Women Serving in the Public Ministry?"

"How Can They Teach That about Homosexuality?"

"How Can They Teach That About Abortion and Early Life Issues?"

"How Can We Remain Faithful to Scripture?"

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wilke. We encourage you to attend.

Lakeside Lutheran High School Warrior Events for April 2015

1st (W) Easter Sacred Concert 7:00pm

8th (W) Grandparents Day for Soph. & Seniors 8:00am
Large Group Band Fest held at LLHS

18th (Sa) Fine Arts Fair (FAF) Elementary Schools 8:00am

19th (Su) Fine Arts Fair (FAF) Concerts 1:30 & 4:00pm

22nd (W) Large Group Choir Fest held in Waterloo

24th (F) Lakeside Play 10:00am & 7:00pm (West Gym)

25th (Sa) Lakeside Play Final Performance 7:00pm

WSMA State Solo Fest held in Whitewater



LAKESIDE LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL

Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

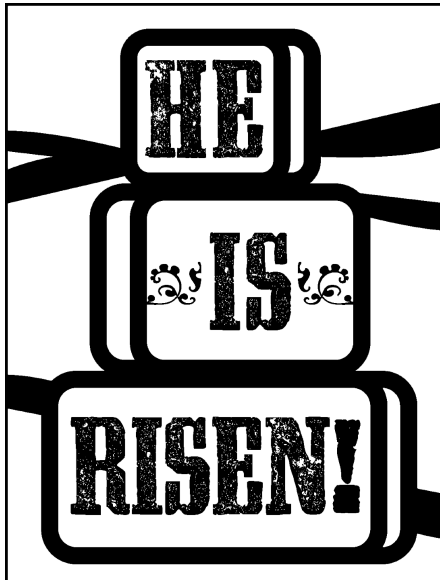
It is finished. These are some of the last words Jesus spoke on the cross. Actually, in Greek, it is one word, **tetelestai**, which means paid in full. What is finished? Let's go back to the Garden of Eden and we read in Genesis 3:15 "**And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.**" God promised a Savior and that promise is fulfilled, Jesus crushed Satan's head. Is that all that is finished?

Romans 6:23a tells us; **For the wages of sin is death.** Jesus took on our sins and died. Therefore the debt of death for sin is paid in full. God also commands; **Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.** (Matthew 5:48) Jesus also fulfilled that for us, so that is finished.

So, let's see what we have; a Savior will come, live a perfect life, will die, and suffer separation from God (hell) in our place. Jesus said it is finished and so it is. He accomplished what we cannot. **God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.** (2 Corinthians 5:21) The great exchange, Jesus took our sin and gave us His Righteousness. Your sin and my sin put Him on the cross and He gave us His Holiness.

Now what? There is nothing we need to do, or even can do, to get us to heaven. It is finished. **So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.** (2 Corinthians 10:31) Everything is to the glory of God. Don't do things so you receive a pat on the back. Don't even do it for the bonus, do it for the glory of God. Strive to live a perfect life, not that you can even come close, but strive for it out of loving thanks for what Jesus did for us. **Tetelestai!**

kid's page




Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Paper towels
- Letter stencils and tape (optional)

What you do:

1. Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
2. When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) "He" on the smallest block, "is" on the medium block and "risen!" on the large block.
3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim "He is risen!"



OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

5 who was R aised	8 R ight hand	6 T o life
3 d iEd	4 m o R e than that	7 I s at the
2 J e S us who	11 i nt E rceding	9 O f God
12 f or U s	1 C hrist	10 a Nd is also

... 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

4 _____, 5 _____

_____ 6 _____ 7 _____

_____ 8 _____

6 _____ 10 _____

11 _____ 12 _____ *Romans 8:34, NIV*

RESURRECTION

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV



3/14/2015

Zion Lutheran Church
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Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you very much for the recent gift of physical assistance you gave to help the ministry of Northside Lutheran Ministries. The items you donated will be used to support the Gospel outreach being carried on in the central city of Milwaukee.

Your support and kindness are wonderful examples of mercy to your "neighbors" reflecting that of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10. Jesus said "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'

The people served through Northside Lutheran Ministries are often struggling with physical as well as spiritual needs not being met. Your gifts help us reach them with the precious message of salvation through Jesus by providing some food and clothing after Bible studies. They may come to meet their physical needs, but leave with food for their bodies as well as for their souls.

You are a part of this great mission. May our Lord and Savior bless you and keep you in His love and care. Please keep those we serve in your prayers.

In Christ's service,

Linda Diersen
Administrator

Item: Donation of food and/or clothing dropped off at Northside on Feb. 12

stated value: \$

Thank You!

FOR KEEPING NORTHSIDE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS

No goods or services were provided by this agency in exchange for this gift.

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Zion Lutheran Church

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:00 pm NO Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	2 3:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion	3 1:30 pm Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship	4
5 6:00 am Sunrise Service with Holy Communion 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	6 6:00 pm Outreach Board	7	8 4:00 pm Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:10 pm Meeting Night 7:30 pm Zion Choir	9 6:30 pm Worship	10 6:00 am Breakfast Bible Study	11 1:00 pm PATZ Amazing Race
12 8:00 am Worship with Children's Message 9:15 am Bible Information Class 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Children's Message	13 6:30 pm Central Pastors' Conference at Zion Board of Ed Meeting	14 7:00 pm Central Pastors' Conference at Zion Adult Bible Study	15 4:00 pm Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	16 6:30 pm Worship	17 6:00 am Breakfast Bible Study	18
19 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Information Class 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	20	21 6:00 pm PATZ meeting 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study	22 4:00 pm 8th Grade Confirmation Practice 4:00 pm Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	23 6:30 pm Worship	24 6:00 am Breakfast Bible Study	25
26 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Confirmation Examination 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	27	28 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study	29 4:00 pm Public School Confirmation Class for 6th-7th grades 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	30 6:30 pm Worship		



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thursday Worship (Resumes April 9th)..6:30pm
Friday Bible Breakfast at Church.....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

Church and School located at 822 Western Avenue

Upcoming Events

Thurs., Apr. 2 - Maundy Thursday Services at
3:30 and 7:00pm
Fri., Apr. 3 - Good Friday Services at 1:30 and
7:00 pm
Sun., Apr. 5 - Easter Services at 6:00, 8:00 and
10:30am with breakfast between services
Thurs., Apr. 9 - Thursday evening worship
resumes at 6:30pm
Sun., Apr. 26 - Examination at 9:15am;
Confirmation at 10:30am