

The Messenger



VOLUME XLVIII, No.5 MAY 2015

Contents

Wisdom From the Word.....	1
News & Notes.....	2,5,6
February Financials.....	3-4
Board Reports.....	6
Kids Page.....	7
Free Cycle Event.....	8

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.

Get in Touch

Church/School Office

(920) 623-5180
office@zioncolumbus.com
www.zioncolumbus.org

Daniel Sims, Pastor

(920) 623-5175
pastordansims@gmail.com

Robert Wilke, Pastor

(920) 623-4870
revrwilke@gmail.com

Paul Ihde, Principal

(608) 712-7991
psihde@hotmail.com

Jim Grasby, Lakeside Principal

(920) 648-2321

JESUS IS NOT RETIRED

It must be great to be retired! No clock to punch. No schedule. No obligations. You get to do whatever you want every day. Sleep in. Lie in the hammock. Read a book. Watch a movie. Sit in your rocking chair and sip lemonade. Whatever.

OK. That's not what it's really like to be retired. Most retired people will tell you that they are busier than ever. Watching the grandkids. Volunteering in the community. Projects at church and at home. Sometimes retired people are so busy that they barely have time for a vacation, much less a nap.

Some people think that when Jesus ascended to heaven he retired. With his mission of saving mankind complete, there was nothing left for him to do. So he just sort of rode off into the sunset. That's about as accurate as saying that retired people have nothing to do all day but eat bonbons and watch their stories. Our ascended Savior still has plenty to do. He's still working — for us.

Our ascended Lord is ruling all things for us. He ascended to sit at God's right hand **"far above all rule and authority, power and dominion"** (Ephesians 1:21). He's using all his power and authority to take care of us, to rule all things for the good of his Church. He was ruling when your feet hit the floor this morning. He will still be ruling when your head hits the pillow tonight. And he won't stop ruling

during every heartbeat in between.

Our ascended Lord is empowering us by his Spirit to proclaim his Word. Before he ascended he told his disciples, **"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses"** (Acts 1:8). Jesus sent the Spirit for his Church on the great day of Pentecost. Ever since then his faithful followers have been proclaiming to the world the good news of his saving love. Even us. Isn't it wonderful to know that we don't do this alone? Jesus sends the Spirit to empower us for the task.

Our ascended Lord is planning to return. Angels made this clear: **"This same Jesus, who has been taken away from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven"** (Acts 1:11). He is coming again to judge the living and the dead, to make all things new and right, and to bring his own to the heavenly home he purchased for them with his precious blood.

Isn't it comforting to know that Jesus is not retired? He's still working for us and for our salvation. And he'll never stop. Not now. Not ever.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Daniel Sims

Usher Schedule

May 3 and May 10

8:00am	10:30am
Team E8	Team L7
Jeff Krakow (C)	Roger Weiland(C)
John Evers (A)	Steve Weiland (A)
Lee Evers	Dan Weiland
Austin Evers	Brady Weiland
Troy Kehoe	Bryce Weiland
Logan Kehoe	Brett Weiland
J Doyle	

May 17 and May 24

8:00am	10:30am May 17
	10:00am May 24
Team E1	Team L1
Jeff Henning (C)	Tom Schultz (C)
Daryl Berndt (A)	George Decker (A)
Leo Fischer	Aaron Larson
Matt Weidner	James Kopfer
Rodney Hacht	Dayne Kopfer
Mark Tiedt	Brandon Lee

May 31 and June 7

8:00am	10:00am
Team E2	Team L2
Delmar Vick (C)	Dale Schultz(C)
Dale Gajdosik (A)	George Peeper(A)
Randy Vick	Daniel Schultz
Kenneth Schulz	Matt Ganser
Eric Turnquist	Dylan Schultz
Eliot Turnquist	Michael Hallberg

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 May 2015

- 3 Matt Greiling
- 10 Mark Lindell
- 17 Randy Koehn
- 24 Gary Schuhmacher
- 31 Phil Manteufel

Greeter Schedule

May 3

8:00am — E4	10:30am — L7
The Grambsch Family	Wayne & Darlene Powers

May 10

8:00am — E5	10:30am — L8
Emily Henning	Otto & Sheree Mattke
Sylvia Stadler	

May 19

8:00am — E6	10:30am — L9
Jim & Jenny Greiling	Bev Herold
	Nicole Henning

May 24

8:00am — E7	10:30am — L10
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	Rebecca Kramer
	Joan Marks

May 31

8:00am — E8	10:30am — L11
Wilma Lenz	Suzanne Lloyd
Joan Herzberg	Sarah Brey

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.

March Church Attendance

Date	Total
1	388
4 (Lent)	251
8	428
11 (Lent)	260
15	319
18 (Lent)	170
22	354
25 (Lent)	150
29	362



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 - 920-210-2388
- 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:

March 2015

Previous Month Assets	\$406,536.11
Total Transactions	\$101,312.28
Total Current Assets	\$507,848.39

New Church/School Total
\$398,696.78 <i>checking/savings</i>

Thank you for your donations!

----- Monthly Statements -----					
Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/ School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking	WELS CEF Funds
Previous Balance	\$1,180.05	\$25,317.54	\$280,760.92	\$13,758.88	\$60,044.26
Monthly Transactions*	(\$1,113.56)	\$58,293.12	\$108,446.98	(\$4,270.00)	(\$60,044.26)
Current Balance	\$66.49	\$83,610.66	\$389,207.90	\$9,488.88	\$0.00
					\$10,474.46
					\$0.00
					\$15,000.00

Breakdown of Transactions	(\$150.00)	\$60,268.56	(\$4,623.38)	(\$1,800.00)	(\$60,044.26)
	(\$166.32)	\$24.56	(\$156,500.00)	(\$3,970.00)	\$224.30
	(\$148.08)	(\$2,000.00)	(\$15.00)	\$1,500.00	(\$224.30)
	(\$100.00)		(\$4,623.38)		
	(\$291.72)		(\$45,500.00)		
	(\$255.00)		(\$4,623.38)		
	(\$2.50)		(\$15.00)		
	\$0.06		\$7,451.50		
			\$20,520.00		
			\$10,052.00		
			\$18,125.91		
			\$20.00		
			\$4,436.00		
			\$80.00		
			\$10,890.00		
			\$250,000.00		
			\$1,597.00		
			\$1,000.00		
			\$174.71		

This column will be deleted next report

Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$1,113.56)	\$58,293.12	\$108,446.98	(\$4,270.00)	(\$60,044.26)	\$0.00	\$0.00
----------------------------	--------------	-------------	--------------	--------------	---------------	--------	--------

Total Transactions	\$101,312.28
---------------------------	---------------------

Explanation	60,268.56 from WELS Account	Bank Loan Repayments (3) 4623.38	1800 Rkeiek	60044.26 and 224.30 Closed Account
150 Loan Marks retirement				
166.32 Kirchberg Repair (snowblower)	24.56 interest	156500 to Berghaus Organ Company	3970 Encompass	224.30 interest
148.08 door bumpers	2000 transfer to general account	wire transfer fees (2) 15	Deposit: 1500	
100 Caldwell Lumber		45500 Berhaus Organ		
291.72 American National Bank organ		Deposits: 7451.50 20520 10052 18125.91		
255 Badger Disposal		20 4436 80 10890		
2.50 bank charge		250,000 bank loan: 1597 1000		
.06 interest		Interest 174.71		
Interest Received				

Special Giving Opportunities

Items	Received	What we still need
Bell Tower	\$ 10,993.54	cost ? (\$50k pledge) not yet planned
Future Technology	\$ 4,600.00	
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	\$ 68,581.45	\$ 30,742.31

Organ Refurbishing Project

Project Cost	\$ 340,000.00	reduced price
Received	\$ 53,312.60	
Still Need	\$ 286,687.40	

Organ loan from American National Bank \$ 250,000.00

New Church/School Remodel Loan \$ 1,996,443.07
Automatic payments of \$4,623.38 made two times/month on loan.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	Mar 15	Jul '14 - Mar 15
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Building Fund Donation	216.00	802.77
Extended Care Reimbursement	873.40	3,099.30
General Fund Offerings	48,818.63	336,305.85
Gift of Love	0.00	17,935.00
LLHS Building Income	391.70	3,484.60
LLHS Income	2,871.69	20,589.62
Other Donations	1,879.55	6,956.20
Other Reciepts	4.00	14,932.97
Sub teaching reimburse	180.00	1,918.41
Sunday School Income	0.00	2,000.00
Synod Missions Income	6,079.36	56,705.78
Transferred from Undesignated	2,000.00	103,000.00
WLCFS Income	276.60	2,036.90
WLIM Income	236.70	1,723.50
Total Income	63,827.63	571,490.90
Expense		
Accounting Service	0.00	370.00
ACH fee	32.60	292.80
Building Fund Expense	0.00	586.77
Called Workers Salaries	21,661.37	195,753.48
Church Library Expense	0.00	539.48
Church Supplies	156.55	1,943.01
Convention/Cont' Education	0.00	272.66
Copier	842.63	2,328.28
Debt Reduction reimburse Estate	0.00	17,935.00
Elders Board	0.00	209.98
Extended Care Expense	298.66	3,359.74
Guest Pastor	200.00	770.76
Health Insurance	6,827.90	57,941.35
Housing	635.00	5,840.00
Janitors	486.79	7,354.93
Liability Insurance	0.00	6,779.50
LLHS Building Expense	391.70	3,832.60
LLHS Expense	2,871.69	22,854.70
Maintenance	1,392.15	17,566.07
Meditation/Forward in Christ	22.92	1,854.78
Mileage	343.80	1,636.75
Miscellaneous	23.47	1,689.73
Organists	260.88	2,258.40
Outreach Board	840.56	4,183.96
Payroll Expenses	198.40	2,011.99
Payroll Taxes	5,963.22	54,373.47
Pension Insurance	6,300.00	18,840.00
Postage and Delivery	66.33	1,077.98
Secretaries	1,448.57	14,630.27
Stewardship Board	0.00	3,199.34
Substitute Teaching	83.12	602.45
Sunday School/VBS	0.00	2,868.33
Synod Mission Expense	6,079.36	63,551.00
Teachers Hot Lunch	0.00	634.92
Telephone & Internet Expense	534.37	4,318.11
Utilities	7,391.20	56,295.34
WLCFS Expense	276.60	2,176.90
WLIM Expense	236.70	1,868.50
Worker Compensation Insurance	2,745.00	2,745.00
Worship	-48.75	2,093.06
Total Expense	68,562.79	589,441.39

Ministrations

Baptisms

2. Isaac David Blatter, son of David and LeeAnn (nee Ellis) Blatter. Born 1/16/2015. Baptized 3/8/2015.
3. Brock Lucas Nelson, son of Seth and Danielle (nee Tramburg) Nelson. Born 2/10/2015. Baptized 3/8/2015.

Ladies Society

We will be having our annual Potluck lunch at 12:30pm on May 7th. Ladies Aid members are asked to bring a dish to pass and their table service. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend, especially those that help us out for funerals and visiting shut-ins, etc.

At our meeting after lunch, we will need to elect a president and vice-president. We will also need to elect offices for the Lutheran Women's Mission Society from a list of candidates provided by them.



Save The Date

While we have been waiting for spring to arrive, our summer calendars have been filling up and warm weather vacations are being planned. Be sure to include "VBS"—which is being revamped and renamed (to be announced)—as one of your activities. This summer, "VBS for all ages" will be conducted in the evenings starting at 6pm. Mark **Monday, August 3 - Thursday, August 6**, 6pm - 7:30/8:00pm on your calendars.

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **May 15th**. Contact Sue Henning at 920-623-2569 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Farewell to the Ihde Family

Moving will be a big change for three kids, Kelly and Paul—a new church and new school and their possessions in a big U-haul.

They leave for Michigan after Zion school is done, so we are having a party for them. Come join the fun!

On May 31st, after the late service we will eat, please bring a **dish to pass** and we will all find a seat.

The Ihdes have been wonderful—more than words can ever say—but please bring a memory, maybe a card, and a good-bye for this special day.



Lorraine Huebner	1st	86 years
Elaine Vangen	5th	89 years
Delores Karow	16th	84 years
Verna Schultz	25th	93 years
Robert Hurkman	31st	90 years

Lakeside Lutheran High School Warrior Events for May 2015

- 2nd** (Sa) Banquet & Dance 5:50-11:30pm
6th (W) Academic Awards Night 6:30pm
13th, 20th 27th (W) Summer Band Rehearsals Begin 6:30-8:30pm
17th (Su) Commencement Concert East Gym 7:00pm
18th (M) Review Day Classes End 12:05pm
19th (Tu) Exams 1-3, Dismissed 12:05pm
20th (W) Exams 4-9, Dismissed 12:05pm
21st (Th) Exams 10-11, Dismissed 10:45am
22nd (F) Graduation Brunch & Rehearsal 9:00am
24th (Su) Graduation Ceremony East Gym 2:00pm



Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

I know I have written about this before but a recent event in my life brought it back to the forefront of my mind. I am so thankful for our pastors as they are always there for us to comfort and counsel and console us.

We had a medical emergency in our family and it was a bit difficult. Both Pastor Sims and Pastor Wilke took time to comfort us and pray for us and our family. As I was thanking God for bringing them to us, I thought it would be good to encourage all of us to continue to pray for them. Just as they pray for my family, and for all of us, we should pray for them.

We also need to encourage them. It would be quite a simple task just by attending worship service and Bible study. They have studied (and continue to study) God's Word and want to share their knowledge and His Grace with us. Our attendance would be great encouragement to them. We should also encourage them to take time for personal Bible study. They study every day for preparation for their sermons and Bible study groups, but, just like they encourage us to have personal Bible study, they, too, need to take that time. Include that as part of your prayer.

While we are praying for them, we might want to include a prayer for their wives. Jen Sims and Donna Wilke are very wonderful women, who share in their husband's ministry by caring for the children alone during service, loving the congregation along with their husbands, and many other things. There are few professions where a husband has to keep so many things from his wife. There's many a night when he gets a call and she has no idea where he's going or what kind of situation he's walking into. Even emergency personnel often times have a pager that is on speaker so their spouse has an idea of what's going on. Married couples know how important it is to tell each other how they're really feeling and our pastors can't do that, as far as their ministries to our personal problems or emergencies are concerned.

So pray for our pastors and their families, especially their wives, continuously. Encourage them by your faithful attendance. They know it is God who does the work, but He is using them as His tool to teach and encourage us, so let's encourage them

*Dear Loving Father in Heaven,
We thank you so much for the loving, God-fearing men you have given to Zion to shepherd this flock. Keep them wrapped in Your loving arms and keep them strong and faithful to Your Word. We also ask You to watch over their families, especially their wives, keep them strong and patient and faithful. We thank their wives for being willing to share their husbands with so many others who need their comfort, love, correction, and absolution which they give through Your Word. Out of our pastors' love for You, they preach and teach Your Saving Truth. Keep them close to you by giving them the strength and encouragement to take time out of each day to spend with You. In the name of Your Son, our Savior, we pray.
Amen.*

Patio Furniture Campaign

As the weather warms up, our beautiful new church patio will serve as an excellent gathering space for Sunday morning fellowship, family celebrations, small Bible studies and other meetings. However, before these gatherings can take place, we need to furnish the patio. Items like outdoor tables and chairs, a grill and a gas fire pit will help to make this a welcoming and homey space for our Zion family. Since patio furnishings are not covered by our budget, we are asking for donations from the congregation. A brochure with the requested items and pricing is included in this issue of the Messenger. If you would like to make a donation, simply fill out this form, include a check made out to Zion Lutheran Church, and put it in a sealed envelope. You can either drop into the wooden box on the counter in the church lobby or mail it to the office at 812 Western Avenue. Thank you in advance for your generosity. See you on the patio!

Zion Scrip Tuition Rebate Program

Earn money for your family's tuition! Scrip is a way to earn credit towards tuition at Zion, Lakeside Lutheran High School, or Luther Prep School. 50% of your rebate will go to a family member's tuition at one of these schools. Zion's Board of Ed will use the other 50% of the rebate for non budgeted school items at their discretion. No family member attending school? No problem! Zion will still benefit from 100% of your rebate.

The Scrip calendar year runs from July 1st to June 30th, so scrip orders must be made by June 30th to get a tuition incentive for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year.

We will have special Scrip sales hours in the summer at Zion Church between services on **June 28 and July 26!** These two dates will replace all sales and pickups from the Zion office. We will have some items in stock on these dates. You'll need to plan ahead since we'll be placing orders only once a month. For example, if you place an order between May 17th and June 28th, you'll be able to pick-up your Scrip cards the following month on July 26th between church services at Zion Church in the fellowship hall. Our normal Monday through Friday sales and pickups will continue through the last day of school and resume with the start of school in August.

Remember that you are still able to place Scrip orders online using ScripNow and PrestoPay throughout the summer. PrestoPay is a payment system linked to your checking account that allows payment to instantly post for your order. ScripNow are the type of cards that are available to print immediately (there are some retailers who do not offer this option). Some retailers also offer ReloadNow. This allows you to add value to plastic cards that were previously purchased through our Scrip program.

Place your order anytime online at shopwithscrip.com
For a list of all current special offers, visit
shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Products/Specials

kid's page

SPRING

Make this beautiful craft to remind you of God's gift of new life at springtime.



What you need:

- White 11" x 17" paper
- Acrylic paint (various spring colors, including green)
- Paintbrush
- Empty two-liter plastic bottle
- Paper plates
- Paper towels

What you do:

1. With the paper placed vertically, paint stems and leaves with green paint.
2. Pour a different color of paint onto a paper plate. Then place the bottom of the bottle into the paint.
3. Using the bottle as a stamp, press it onto the paper to create a flower atop a green stem.
4. Repeat with different colors on different plates, cleaning the bottle each time, to create a beautiful spring bouquet.

PUZZLE

Spring has sprung!

God created all the seasons, and each brings unique visuals that remind us of him.

Directions: Unscramble each phrase to complete Song of Solomon 2:12, NIV. Use the pictures as hints.

earth on appear the Flowers

" _____ ;

🌸 singing come the of has season 🌸

the _____

_____ ,

🕊️ heard the land our in is of cooing doves

the _____

_____ "

🌸

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NIV

Answers: "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."



4TH ANNUAL FREE CYCLE!

May 16-17, 2015

What is the Free-Cycle?

The Free-Cycle is a large rummage sale where all of the items are **FREE!** Yes, absolutely **FREE!** No gimmicks or strings attached. Attendees are able to come browse and take whatever they like or need. Attendees are responsible for the transportation of their selected items.

Non-perishable food and toiletry donations are welcome and collected.

Time to Clean Out

Out-grown clothing? Moving? Items you no longer need, want, or haven't used? Down-sizing? Leftover rummage sale items you don't want back in your home? Housewares, clothing, sporting goods, electronics, furniture, baby, toys, books, outdoor gear, home décor,....We want your stuff! All but tube TVs. :)

Drop your items off in the school gym any time after the Zion concert, Tues., May 12.

Volunteers Needed

Whatever time you are willing/able to share is appreciated.

Set-up: Friday, May 15, 12:30-pm until finished. Involves setting out donations.

Free-Cycle: Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17. Involves offering assistance to those that attend and keeping tables tidy.



Contact Kelly Ihde: 608.712.7994 or kaihde@hotmail.com

Zion Lutheran

School Gym

822 Western Ave.

Saturday, May 16

9 am—5 pm

Sunday, May 17

11:30 am—4 pm

A 6-Way Win!

- You clean your home.
- Others receive items they need or have been looking for.
- Inner-city Milwaukee clothing banks get clothes.
- LLHS and Twice is Nice are supported.
- Local business Kindred Kids acquires helpful items.
- The food bank receives support.

Zion Lutheran Church

May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:00 am Breakfast Bible Study	2 9:00 am Old Church Work Day
3 Sunday School & Day School Teacher Appreciation Brunch 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Information Class 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	4	5 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study	6 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	7 12:30 pm Ladies' Aid Potluck 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Stewardship Board Meeting	8 6:00 am Breakfast Bible Study	9 9:00 am Paper Drive
10 8:00 am Worship with Jr. Choir & Handchimes 9:15 am Bible Information Class 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Jr. Choir & Handchimes	11 6:30 pm Board of Ed Meeting	12 1:30 pm Spring Concert 6:30 pm Spring Concert 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study	13 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:10 pm Meeting Night 7:30 pm Zion Choir	14 6:30 pm Worship	15 6:00 am Breakfast Bible Study	16 9:00 am Zion Free Cycle
17 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Information Class 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 11:30 am Zion Free Cycle	18 5:45 pm 8th Grade Banquet	19 6:00 pm PATZ Meeting 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study	20 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	21 6:30 pm Worship	22 6:00 am Breakfast Bible Study 12:30 pm Last Day of School!	23
24 8:00 am Worship 10:00 am Worship	25	26	27	28 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	29	30
31 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 11:30 am Farwell to Inde's						



822 Western Avenue
Columbus, WI 53925

Return Service Required

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 50
Columbus, WI

The Messenger

Newsletter of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and School



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thursday Worship.....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

Sat., May 2 - Old Church Workday 9:00am
Sun., May 3 - Teacher Appreciation Brunch
(Following Late Service)
Thurs., May 7 - Ladies' Aid Potluck 12:30pm
Tues., May 12 - Spring Concert 1:30 & 6:30pm
Sat./Sun., May 16-17 - Free Cycle
Mon., May 18 - 8th Grade Banquet
Tues., May 19 - PATZ Meeting 6:00pm
Fri., May 22 - Last Day of School
Sun., May 31 - Farewell to Ihde's Potluck