

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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Covered!

“All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” Galatians 3:27

It was mid-November. His yard looked awful. The grass was brown; it had gone dormant. But even when it was green it hadn't been very lush. The yard had its share of bare spots. After a hard rain, those bare spots had become puddles of mud. The leaves that had been swirling around his yard for weeks were now bunched up in various piles along the fence. The same swirling wind had also taken all of the debris from the neighborhood and wedged it into the leafless branches of his dying bushes. His yard was an ugly mess; it was an embarrassing sight.

Overnight, however, it snowed. Six inches of beautiful snow now covered that ugly mess. His yard was suddenly beautiful; it actually was a sight to see: picturesque, peaceful. His yard was covered with a uniform layer of glistening brilliance. Rolling mounds of white snow covered the trash in the bushes, the piles of leaves along the fence, the puddles of mud, and the dormant grass. Every tree branch popped in the sun as though someone had traced each limb with a white highlighter. Only he knew what was still underneath that snow—his ugly, brown, dead, trash-filled yard.

My life isn't beautiful. My life displays the brown grass of a love that all too often goes dormant, the bare spots of my awful failures to help a neighbor in need, and the muddy puddles of doubt and worry that I tend to wallow in. My life is littered with the trash of my hate-

filled thoughts, my hurtful words, and my self-absorbed actions that swirl around and eventually pile up on my conscience. The sins I commit day in and day out truly are an embarrassing sight. I can hardly bear to look at them. I shudder to think what God must think when he looks at me.

And yet, what does God see when he looks at me? Not me. Not my sin. But like a blanket of fresh, white snow, he sees only the righteousness of his Son. “All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:27). In Baptism Jesus covered me with his obedience. What does my heavenly Father see when he looks at me, one of his own baptized children? No stain. No wrinkle. No blemish. Despite the sins I commit, robed in Christ, I stand holy and blameless before him (Ephesians 5). With the gentle sprinkling of water in Holy Baptism, God covered all of our sins—he covered all of us—with Christ, by grace and by grace alone.

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Greeter Schedule

May 1

8:00am — E3 Matt & Sue Yaroch	10:30am — L9 Bev Harold & Nicole Henning
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May 8

8:00am — E4 Delmar & Carol Vick	10:30am — L10 Rebecca Kramer & Joan Marks
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May 15

8:00am — E5 Emily Henning & Sylvia Stadler	10:30am — L11 Suzanne Lloyd & Sarah Brey
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May 22

8:00am — E6 Jim & Jenny Greiling	10:30am — L12 Nils & Lara Johansson
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May 29

8:00am — E7 Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	10:30am — L13 Aaron & Rachel Larson
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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.

Usher Schedule

May 1

8:00am <u>Team E6</u> Kim Schilling (C) Don Lamb (A) Ronald Knudson Tracy Busse John Zandler Brian Steffen	10:30am <u>Team L2</u> Dale Schultz (C) George Peeper (A) Daniel Schultz Matt Ganser Dylan Schultz Michael Hallberg
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May 8

8:00am May 8 <u>Team E7</u> Rick Gentz (C) James Greiling (A) Matt Greiling Nicholas Arndt Mark Hintz	10:30am <u>Team L3</u> Jim Kluetzman (C) Matt Huber (A) Dave Harle Michael Uttech Rodney Cooley Gary Schuhmacher
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May 15 and May 22

8:00am <u>Team E8</u> Troy Kehoe (C) Lee Evers (A) Austin Evers Logan Kehoe J Doyle	10:30am <u>Team L4</u> Bruce Zander (C) Kurt Zander (A) Kane Brownsowski Wyatt Brownsowski Bradley Sennhenn Neal Sennhenn Zach Beyer
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May 29

8:00am <u>Team E1</u> Jeff Henning (C) Daryl Berndt (A) Leo Fischer Matt Weidner Rodney Hacht Mark Tiedt	10:30am <u>Team L5</u> Don Rahn (C) Phil Manteufel (A) Peter Lewke John Cares Jason Langille
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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 2016

1	Randy Koehn
8	Phil Manteufel
15	Matt Greiling
22	Gary Schuhmacher
29	Mark Lindell



March Church Attendance

Date	Total
3 - Lent Service	204
7	398
9 - Lent Service	235
13	332
16 - Lent Service	178
20	347
24 - Maunday Thursday	201
25 - Good Friday	316
27 - Easter Sunrise	132
27 - Easter	550

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
 Jim Greiling, Property - 920-623-2512
 Dave Harle, Stewardship - 623-3819

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	Mar 16	Jul '15 - Mar 16
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Building Fund Donation	0.00	507.00
Church Library Donation	0.00	57.59
General Fund Offerings	42,537.65	350,410.24
LLHS Building Income	105.00	2,139.00
LLHS Income	2,502.21	20,611.16
Other Donations	1,682.00	19,160.78
Other Reciepts	0.00	67.05
Sub teaching reimburse	200.40	755.40
Synod Missions Income	5,084.43	44,163.38
Transferred from Undesignated	1,500.00	46,600.00
WLCFS Income	155.00	4,611.00
WLIM Income	100.00	1,312.00
Total Income	53,866.69	490,394.60
Expense		
ACH fee	10.80	10.80
Building Fund Expense	0.00	507.00
Called Workers Salaries	17,981.21	180,806.68
Church Supplies	288.00	2,579.89
Convention/Cont' Education	0.00	88.40
Copier	0.00	1,623.48
Guest Pastor	650.00	2,050.00
Health Insurance	7,100.00	52,839.50
Housing	635.00	5,715.00
Janitors	1,526.37	6,941.47
Liability Insurance	0.00	-901.00
LLHS Building Expense	105.00	2,139.00
LLHS Expense	2,502.21	20,610.18
Maintenance	1,393.87	25,944.63
Meditations/Forward in Christ	0.00	1,174.92
Mileage	455.75	4,110.80
Miscellaneous	0.00	102.46
Organists	433.94	2,255.00
Outreach Board	0.00	810.20
Payroll Expenses	202.88	2,176.00
Payroll Taxes	5,576.15	51,361.05
Pension Insurance	6,240.00	18,780.00
Postage and Delivery	71.52	1,236.18
Secretaries	1,565.98	14,412.57
Stewardship Board	552.91	3,664.18
Substitute Teaching	0.00	760.71
Sunday School/VBS	830.86	2,724.25
Synod Mission Expense	5,084.43	44,161.37
Telephone & Internet Expense	230.12	2,095.18
Utilities	3,486.04	38,382.75
WLCFS Expense	155.00	4,611.00
WLIM Expense	100.00	1,332.00
Worker Compensation Insurance	4,230.00	4,230.00
Worship	212.36	1,547.48
Total Expense	61,620.40	500,883.13

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
3rd Quarter Actual vs. Budget
 July 2015 through March 2016

	Jul '15 - Mar 16	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Building Fund Donation	507.00		
Church Library Donation	57.59		
General Fund Offerings	350,410.24		--Last year \$336,305 (increase of \$14,105)
LLHS Building Income	2,139.00		
LLHS Income	20,611.16		
Other Donations	19,160.78		
Other Reciepts	67.05		
Sub teaching reimburse	755.40		
Synod Missions Income	44,163.38		
Transferred from Undesignated	46,600.00		--Last year \$103,000 (decrease of \$56,400)
WLCFS Income	4,611.00		
WLIM Income	1,312.00		
Total Income	490,394.60		
Expense			
ACH fee	10.80	400.00	2.7%
Building Fund Expense	507.00		
Called Workers Salaries	180,806.68	307,924.00	58.7% ** --Last year \$195,753
Church Library Expense	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Church Supplies	2,579.89	3,400.00	75.9%
Convention/Cont' Education	88.40	800.00	11.1%
Copier	1,623.48	3,000.00	54.1%
Elders Board	0.00	350.00	0.0%
Guest Pastor	2,050.00	700.00	292.9%
Health Insurance	52,839.50	80,000.00	66.0% --Last year \$57,941
Housing	5,715.00	8,000.00	71.4%
Janitors	6,941.47	11,800.00	58.8%
Liability Insurance	(901.00)	15,704.00	(5.7)% **Refund for Mills St. Properties
LLHS Building Expense	2,139.00		
LLHS Expense	20,610.18	25,000.00	82.4%
Maintenance	25,944.63	21,713.00	119.5% --Last year \$17,725
Meditations/Forward in Christ	1,174.92	2,500.00	47.0%
Mileage	4,110.80	3,000.00	137.0%
Miscellaneous	102.46	800.00	12.8% --Last year \$1,689
Organists	2,255.00	3,000.00	75.2%
Outreach Board	810.20	5,500.00	14.7%
Part-time Teacher	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Payroll Expenses	2,176.00	2,700.00	80.6%
Payroll Taxes	51,361.05	26,804.00	191.6% **
Pension Insurance	18,780.00	24,215.00	77.6%
Postage and Delivery	1,236.18	1,400.00	88.3%
Secretaries	14,412.57	19,650.00	73.3%
Stewardship Board	3,664.18	5,000.00	73.3%
Substitute Teaching	760.71		
Sunday School/VBS	2,724.25	2,900.00	93.9%
Synod Mission Expense	44,161.37	53,500.00	82.5%
Teachers Hot Lunch	0.00	630.00	0.0%
Telephone & Internet Expense	2,095.18	5,500.00	38.1%
Utilities	38,382.75	87,000.00	44.1% --Last year \$56,295
WLCFS Expense	4,611.00		
WLIM Expense	1,332.00		
Worker Compensation Insurance	4,230.00	0.00	100.0%
Worship	1,547.48	4,000.00	38.7%
Total Expense	500,883.13	726,890.00	68.9% --Last year \$589,441

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

March 2016

Previous Month Assets	\$661,782.70
Total Transactions	\$2,261.42
Total Current Assets	\$664,044.12

New Church/School Total	\$317,340.92
<i>checking/savings</i>	

Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	----- Monthly Statements -----															
Previous Balance	\$2,679.55	\$307,810.65	NEW Church/ School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking														
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.80)	\$10,888.34	(\$8,057.12)	(\$420.00)														
Current Balance	\$2,529.75	\$318,698.99	\$313,137.55	\$4,203.37														
Transactions	(\$150.00) Loan Marks	\$105.00 Pat Powers Memorials	(\$4,623.38) American National Bank church loan	\$10,000.00 Transfer from New Church School Savings														
	\$0.20 Interest	\$90.00 Helen Petrich Memorials	(\$1,548.29) American National Bank organ loan	(\$420.00) Check # 2210 Rkerek														
		\$10,000.00 Clarence Friar Trust	\$4,629.00 Deposit 3-7-16	(\$10,000.00) McKee & Associates														
		\$2,000.00 Doris Martens Estate	\$1,248.73 Deposit 3-14-16															
		(\$1,500.00) Transfer to General fund	(\$10,000.00) Church School Checking															
		\$193.34 Interest	(\$4,623.38) American National Bank church loan															
			\$2,213.00 Deposit 3-21-16															
			\$58.00 Deposit 3-22-16															
			\$3,362.00 Deposit 3-28-16															
			\$1,030.00 Deposit 3-30-16															
			\$197.20 Interest															
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.80)	\$10,888.34	(\$8,057.12)	(\$420.00)														
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	\$2,261.42																	
<i>Interest Received</i>	\$390.74	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Plus.....</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">CD F&M 12 mo</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Two CD's</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10,526.90</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CD's (Lunn/Lenz)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">\$0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$15,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">\$0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10,526.90</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Interest</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$15,000.00</td> </tr> </table>			Plus.....		CD F&M 12 mo	Two CD's	\$10,526.90	CD's (Lunn/Lenz)	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,526.90	Interest		\$15,000.00
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Membership



Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **May 20th**. Contact Sue Henning at (920) 623-2569 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Accepted

Randy and Raenee Schultz

Transferred

Tom Kitzerow

Removed

Douglas Firari, Robert Rake, Ellen David, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Huebner, Troy Huebner, Andrew Huebner, Doris Jacobs, Jeff Lewke, Josh and Ami Lauersdorf, Mark Osborne, Matt Osborne, Michael Osborne, Eric Parpart, Bonnie and Ryan Rostad, Doug and Kathy Strobush, Seth Zunker.

FITNESS

Got Fitness is done for the season. Stay tuned for updates on Fitness Fellowship during the summer months.



FREECYCLE COMING

- MAY 21-22

Spring Cleaning? Save your gently used clothes, toys, books, housewares, etc. for the popular PATZ FreeCycle event, May 21-22! Beginning May 18, bring your items to the Zion gym - Must be clean, in working order and in good condition (no large furniture, old TVs/monitors accepted). What a great outreach event for all church/school families and the greater Columbus community to shop for free. Volunteers are needed to set up, staff, and clean up. Any leftover items will be donated to Twice is Nice, Goodwill, and Kindred Kids. To learn more or volunteer to help, contact coordinators: Melody Krakow (maktuners@gmail.com), Vicki Lundeen (Vicki.Lundeen@genusplc.com), or Sara Uttech (suttech@sciencessocieties.org).



Lorraine Huebner	1st	87 years
Elaine Vangen	5th	90 years
Delores Karow	16th	85 years
Verna Schultz	25th	94 years
Robert Hurckman	31st	91 years

Ladies' Aid

We will be having our annual potluck on Thursday, May 5th at 12:30pm.

Guests are always

welcome. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

At our after lunch meeting, we will collect items for Zion's Relief Committee. Peter Kaland will also be there to tell us about the Columbus Public Library.

Please mark Thursday, June 9th on your calendar so you will be available to help at the next Blood Drive.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Ron Schultz and Diane Nehmer for finding and sharing the confirmation photo from 1960. It was greatly appreciated! We are still searching for the other 8 years listed in the previous *Messengers* (1907, 1911, 1917, 1941, 1947, 1951, 1963 and 1995). Thank you again! Michelle Wolf (623-0354)



Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

We are coming upon confirmation and it reminded me of a blog my son-in-law uses. I thought this would be an appropriate time to share this particular blog post:

Rated Teen? I just saw this morning that my Bible app is rated "Teen". Really? I suppose...it has prostitution, rape, homosexuality, murder...but should my children wait until they are teenagers to start reading the Bible?

NO WAY!

The problem with our world's rating system is that it only looks for the mere occurrence of these sinful actions. It doesn't look at how these sinful actions are addressed or how these sinful actions run into serious consequences. The Bible shows the true result of following your sinful desires...death, or in less severe cases, some form of dying (i.e. disease, broken relationships, hardening of hearts, being apart from God). The real problem is the stuff we let our children watch and read (also rated Teen), but tells lies, disconnecting the sinful behaviors from their natural consequences.

They read about sex with multiple people and hear about how fun it is, but never hear about the deep pit of loneliness and insecurity you sink into by still being alone outside of marriage. "The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'...That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh."

They see homosexuality, and never hear that they "received in themselves the due penalty for their error."

They watch dramatized stealing where the master thief gets away, and then believe that there are certain situations where it is OK to steal, where we judge others unworthy of what we should have (this is so common even without encouragement). But God described how true Christians should act when He gave us the commandments. "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet." Whatever other commands there may be are summed up in this one command. "Love your neighbor as yourself."

They see all the fun they can have with "stuff", but don't see that it never really satisfies, and leaves you groping for more. You can't have it, because God says, "the world is mine, and all that is in it." Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

They hear the funny jokes about the dumb, close-minded religious people, and never hear, "For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction."

They even watch thousands of commercials, not showing the true quality of the product, but eye candy, things not even remotely connected to the products, lying to them of a better experience than reality (no wonder we doubt everything anyone says). What will they get into if they don't know to "above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. And go to God so that the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

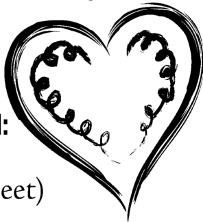
The Bible might be rated "Teen", but it's also rated Adult, Child, Man, Woman, Sinner, Saint, Parent, Grandparent...well, I guess you could just say rated "E" for Everyone (but that's not as dramatic).

I just read an article that says for the first time in history, the Bible is in the top ten of most challenged books. The list is comprised of books the public has most often requested be removed from libraries. Is it because we keep it from our children? Is it because we feel once we are confirmed, we know everything and no longer read God's Word? Let's get back to making the Bible rated "E" for Everyone and get it to be the #1 requested book to KEEP in libraries.

kids page

A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!

A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

A E I O U Y

B _ t M _ r _ tr _ _ s _ r _ d
_ p _ ll th _ s _ th _ ngs
_ nd p _ nd _ r _ d th _ m
_ n h _ r h _ _ rt.
L _ k _ 2:19, NIV

Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

Zion Lutheran Church & School

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *Teacher Appreciation Week No Adult Bible Study No Sunday School 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	2 *Teacher Appreciation Week	3 *Teacher Appreciation Week 4:00 pm Softball Game at Waterloo 6:30 pm Bible Information Class	4 *Teacher Appreciation Week 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	5 *Teacher Appreciation Week 12:30 pm Ladies Aid Potluck & Meeting 6:30 pm Ascension Worship at St. John's, Juneau	6 *Teacher Appreciation Week FACTS Payment Plans Due *Zion 1st-4th Track Meet 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	7 5th-8th Divisional Track Meet at Jefferson High School
8 8:00 am Worship 9-15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	9 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	10 6:00 pm *PATZ Meeting	11 4:15 pm Softball Game at St. John's, Pardeeville 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7-10 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm Zion Choir	12 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	13 *Zion Get Fit Day 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	14 5th-8th Conference Track Meet at Fort Atkinson High School
15 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9-15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	16 6:30 pm Elders Board Meeting	17 1:30 pm *Spring Concert 6:30 pm *Spring Concert	18 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	19 6:30 pm Worship	20 MESSENGER DEADLINE Coed Softball Tournament 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 12:30 pm *Early Release	21 9:00am *Zion FreeCycle
22 8:00 am Worship 9-15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 11:30am *Zion FreeCycle	23	24	25 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	26 6:30 pm 8th Grade Graduation Worship with Holy Communion	27 *Last Day of School 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 12:30 pm *Early Release	28
29 No Adult Bible Study 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	30	31		Items preceded by * take place at school.		



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MAY

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thursday Worship.....6:30pm
Friday Bible Breakfast.....6:00am
Sunday Worship at Church.....8:00, 10:30am
Sunday Adult Bible Study at Church....9:15am

Church and School located at 822 Western Avenue

Upcoming Events

Thurs., May 5 - Ladies Aid Potluck & Meeting, 12:30pm
Mon., May 9 - Board of Ed Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues., May 10 - PATZ Meeting, 6:00pm
Wed., May 11 - Council Meeting, 7:10pm
Mon., May 16 - Elders Board Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues., May 17 - Spring Concert, 1:30pm & 6:30pm
Sat.-Sun., May 21-22 - Zion FreeCycle Event
Fri., May 27 - Last Day of School