

# 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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## Apostles: The Skeptics

Some say that seeing is believing. It's an axiom that held particularly true in the individual cases of two of Jesus' disciples.

The first instance occurred at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Philip, recently called by Jesus, invited his friend Nathanael (also known as Bartholomew) to see the man Philip now knew to be the promised Messiah. Nathanael wasn't so sure: "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" (John 1:46).

But Jesus changed Nathanael's mind. At their first meeting, Jesus impressed Nathanael with his divine knowledge of exactly who Nathanael was and of where he had recently been. Nathanael believed: "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel!" (John 1:49). Jesus pointed out his skepticism and promised that Nathanael would see greater things than what he had just experienced.

The second example came at the end of Jesus' ministry. Ten disciples saw the risen Lord on Easter Sunday evening and later told Thomas about it. But he was unconvinced: "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my fingers where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it" (John 20:25). So Jesus appeared to him the next week and graciously granted his request. Then Thomas confessed, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). Jesus again noted the skepticism and said that his Word is all that one needs in order to believe.

We call this disciple Doubting Thomas, but it hardly seems fair to single him out like that. All of the disciples

doubted until they saw; it's just that ten of them got to see first. We harbor the same skepticism in our hearts.

In spite of God's clear track record of keeping his Word, we question what he tells us. Am I really forgiven—even that sin? How could this crisis possibly be good for me? Is God still in control? I just don't see it.

But we don't need to see with our eyes. We are just as blessed as Thomas, who saw and touched and believed, because we have Jesus' Word. So that we might believe, the Scriptures tell us about the Savior who died and rose for our forgiveness. These inspired accounts and the Holy Spirit who works through them persuade us to confess Jesus as our Lord and God and to trust all of his promises to us.

In fact, through that faith, in essence we do see. In the Bible, we see Jesus' power. In his Sacrament, we touch and receive his body and blood. It's all the proof that we need! We do see through the eyes of faith. And one day we will see even greater things than that—with our own eyes!

So it's really the other way around: with Jesus, believing is seeing.

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## Usher Schedule

### May 31 and June 7

8:00am	10:00am
<b>Team E2</b>	<b>Team L2</b>
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

### June 14 and June 21

8:00am	10:00am
<b>Team E3</b>	<b>Team L3</b>
Lawrence Olson (C)	Jim Kluetzman(C)
Randy Koehn (A)	Matt Huber (A)
Waldamar Vick	Dave Harle
Ty Vick	Michael Uttech
Kevin Vick	Rodney Cooley
Joe Grambsch	Gary Schuhmacher

### June 28 and July 5

8:00am	10:00am
<b>Team E4</b>	<b>Team L4</b>
Dale Sennehn (C)	Bruce Zander (C)
Mark Lindell (A)	Kurt Zander (A)
Briann Sennhenn	Kane Browkowski
Andrew Bussian	Wyatt Browkowski
Remington Lindell	Bradley Sennhenn
Brett Schraufnagel	Neal Sennhenn
Scott Brenner	Zach Beyer

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.



## April Church Attendance

Date	Total
2 (Maunday Thursday)	288
3 (Good Friday)	297
5 (Easter)	683
9/12	413
16/19	370
23/26	495

## Video Team Schedule June 2015

7	Randy Koehn
14	Matt Greiling
21	Mark Lindell
28	Gary Schuhmacher



## Greeter Schedule

### June 7

8:00am — E9	10:00am — L12
Bill & Merle Nehmer	Nils & Lara Johansson

### June 14

8:00am — E10	10:00am — L1
Gene & Elaine Beier	Nancy Huebner
	Sara Hanna

### June 21

8:00am — E11	10:00am — L2
Harold & Delphine Schaefer	Laurie Kirchberg
	Pat Premo

### June 28

8:00am — E12	10:00am — L13
Art Sharpee	Rick & Lisa Gentz
Waldamar Vick	

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.

## 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:

April 2015

Previous Month Assets	\$507,848.39
Total Transactions	-\$3,057.35
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$454,791.04</b>

New Church/School Total	\$306,702.18
checking/savings	

Thank you for your donations!

Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking
Previous Balance	\$66.49	\$83,610.66	\$389,207.90	\$9,488.88
Monthly Transactions*	\$58,937.25	(\$20,000.00)	(\$90,364.83)	(\$1,629.77)
Current Balance	<b>\$59,003.74</b>	<b>\$63,610.66</b>	<b>\$298,843.07</b>	<b>\$7,859.11</b>
<b>Monthly Statements</b>				
<b>Breakdown of Transactions</b>	<p>(\$150.00) Jean Marks</p> <p>(\$595.00) Jeff Krakow online evangelism courses</p> <p>(\$835.00) Nick Henning - work on school &amp; teacherages</p> <p>(\$494.71) John Deere Tractor repairs</p> <p>(\$340.27) Wright Plumbing</p> <p>\$10,000.00 transfer from savings</p> <p>\$51,350.29 transfer from savings</p> <p>\$1.94 interest</p>	<p>(\$3,500.00) transfer to general fund</p> <p>(\$6,500.00) transfer to general fund</p>	<p>(\$4,623.38) American National Bank church loan</p> <p>(\$1,548.29) American National Bank organ loan</p> <p>(\$51,350.29) transfer to undesignated checking to reimburse for bills paid for new church</p> <p>(\$45,500.00) Berghaus Organ</p> <p>(\$15.00) wire transfer for organ</p> <p>\$3,686.00 deposit</p> <p>\$555.00 deposit</p> <p>\$3,153.13 deposit</p> <p>\$1,669.00 deposit</p> <p>\$2,629.00 deposit</p> <p>\$1,000.00 deposit</p>	<p>(\$930.00) Ritek</p> <p>(\$478.16) Nasco</p> <p>(\$164.67) Briggs Healthcare signs</p> <p>(\$56.94) Pam Zander window film</p>
<b>Monthly Transactions TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,937.25</b>	<b>(\$20,000.00)</b>	<b>(\$90,364.83)</b>	<b>(\$1,629.77)</b>
<b>Total Transactions</b>	<b>(\$53,057.35)</b>			
<i>Interest Received</i>	\$1.94			

### Special Giving Opportunities

Items	Received	What we still need
Bell Tower	\$ 11,043.54	cost 77550k pledged
Future Technology	\$ 4,600.00	not yet planned
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 68,631.45</b>	<b>\$ 30,742.31</b>

### Organ Refurbishing Project

Project Cost	\$ 340,000.00	reduced price
Received	\$ 54,179.73	
Skill Need	\$ 285,820.27	
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.*

Plus.....

	Two CD's	CD's (Lump/Levy)
CD F&M	12-mo	12-mo
	\$10,474.46	\$15,000.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$10,474.46	\$15,000.00

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	Apr 15	Jul '14 - Apr 15
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Building Fund Donation	0.00	802.77
Extended Care Reimbursement	0.00	3,099.30
General Fund Offerings	42,132.97	378,438.82
Gift of Love	0.00	17,935.00
LLHS Building Income	174.00	3,658.60
LLHS Income	2,478.40	23,068.02
Other Donations	1,207.00	8,163.20
Other Reciepts	0.00	14,932.97
Sub teaching reimburse	0.00	1,918.41
Sunday School Income	0.00	2,000.00
Synod Missions Income	4,956.82	61,662.60
Transferred from Undesignated	10,000.00	113,000.00
WLCFS Income	168.00	2,204.90
WLIM Income	179.00	1,902.50
<b>Total Income</b>	61,296.19	632,787.09
<b>Expense</b>		
Accounting Service	0.00	370.00
ACH fee	32.60	325.40
Building Fund Expense	0.00	586.77
Called Workers Salaries	21,486.90	217,240.38
Church Library Expense	0.00	539.48
Church Supplies	288.28	2,231.29
Convention/Cont' Education	344.44	617.10
Copier	0.00	2,328.28
Debt Reduction reimburse Estate	0.00	17,935.00
Elders Board	0.00	209.98
Extended Care Expense	850.52	4,210.26
Guest Pastor	0.00	770.76
Health Insurance	6,827.90	64,769.25
Housing	635.00	6,475.00
Janitors	1,633.11	8,988.04
Liability Insurance	708.00	7,487.50
LLHS Building Expense	174.00	4,006.60
LLHS Expense	2,478.41	25,333.11
Maintenance	1,975.49	19,541.56
Meditation/Forward in Christ	546.42	2,401.20
Mileage	299.25	1,936.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	1,689.73
Organists	401.51	2,659.91
Outreach Board	19.59	4,203.55
Payroll Expenses	200.28	2,212.27
Payroll Taxes	6,576.26	60,949.73
Pension Insurance	0.00	18,840.00
Postage and Delivery	65.48	1,143.46
Secretaries	1,796.10	16,426.37
Stewardship Board	398.42	3,597.76
Substitute Teaching	0.00	602.45
Sunday School/VBS	0.00	2,868.33
Synod Mission Expense	4,956.82	68,507.82
Teachers Hot Lunch	0.00	634.92
Telephone & Internet Expense	322.13	4,640.24
Utilities	3,956.57	60,251.91
WLCFS Expense	168.00	2,344.90
WLIM Expense	179.00	2,047.50
Worker Compensation Insurance	0.00	2,745.00
Worship	160.93	2,253.99
<b>Total Expense</b>	57,481.41	646,922.80
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	3,814.78	-14,135.71

## Ladies Society

Our Ladies Society season is coming to another summer break. Our next meeting will be a week later than usual because of the Bloodmobile being held at Zion Church June 4th.

At our June 11th meeting, we will go over our summer responsibilities. Also, if you would like to see changes made in our handbook, please tell one of the officers so we will be able to work them out.



Barbara Schulze	8th	85 years
Doris Martins	18th	90 years
Marianne Cares	19th	85 years
Bernard Dykstra	21st	92 years
Mabel Hein	22nd	89 years



## Job Opportunity

Early Learning Center Job Positions will be opening at Holy Cross in the near future. During the summer months, Holy Cross will be identifying Lead Teachers and Teachers Aids for Kids Crossing, our new Early Learning Center. Ideally, we're looking for people who want full-time, year-round work, who love children, and who have an education, training or experience in early childhood care. While we're not quite ready to hire for these positions, we would like you to know about their upcoming availability, so you can let us know if you're interested. Please contact Principal Tim Schubkegel to express interest or with questions at 608-249-3101 or [tschubkegel@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:tschubkegel@holycrossmadison.org).

## Board of Education Report

I want to take this opportunity to thank Paul Ihde for his faithful years of service to Zion Lutheran School. For 11 years he has been a welcoming presence, a strong leader, an inspiring teacher, and a steadfast servant of Christ. He will be greatly missed. Please take the time to wish him and his family well at our farewell potluck following the late service on May 31st.

Looking forward to next school year, we do not yet know who will be teaching 7th & 8th grade and serving as principal. We trust that the Lord will provide us the right person at the right time, and the congregation will be updated as soon as more information becomes available.

Another change for next school year is that the Board of Ed is seeking to hire a Hot Lunch Coordinator. The position will require approximately 20 hours per week during the school year. The candidate must be a WELS member in good standing with their congregation. Interested individuals should contact Dan Retzlaff for a full job description ([daniel\\_retzlaff@hotmail.com](mailto:daniel_retzlaff@hotmail.com) or 920-319-0018). The deadline for application is June 19th.

## Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **June 19th**. Contact Sue Henning at 920-623-2569 or [suehenning25@gmail.com](mailto:suehenning25@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Lakeside Lutheran High School Warrior Events for June 2015

Every Tues. & Thurs. Evenings Summer Band Practice  
6:30-9:00pm

**10th, 11th, 12th** (W/Th/F) Band Camp Begins 1:00pm  
Bus to Fox Valley Lutheran

**12th** (F) Brillion Parade 9:00pm

**13th** (Sa) Appleton Flag Day Parade 2:00pm

**27th** (Sa) Lake Mills Parade 10:00am & Sun Prairie Parade 12:00 noon

**28th** (Su) Oregon Parade 12:30pm



LAKESIDE LUTHERAN  
HIGH SCHOOL

## Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10) God has created work for us to do just like any father has things for his children to do.*

*So, what is the work? We know He wants us to love one another; You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. (Galatians 5:13); "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35); and many others.*

*How do we love one another? The best love you can give anyone is to tell them of their Savior and His love. He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. (Mark 16:15) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). There may be some of you that get to travel all over and tell others about the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, but, for most of us, we do it through our church and our synod with our financial offerings. Give first fruits cheerfully for the growth of His Kingdom. God also gives us many opportunities in our everyday lives. He brings family, friends, co-workers right to us. He gives us opportunities while shopping or pumping gas. Share the Good News with them.*

*Why does He want us to do this work? This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:3-4) Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. (Ezekiel 33:11) He wants all people to be saved but How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? (Romans 10:14)*

*He wants everyone to be saved because He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. He wants us to love everyone by telling them about Him because *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:16).* So may we all follow the words of hymn 562 in Christian Worship [Love to Tell the Story](#).*

Dear God,

*May we never tire of hearing and telling the story of your love for us miserable sinners. You have given us true freedom and everlasting life. Thank you for all the opportunities you give us for sharing your Word with others. Thank you also for giving us the words to say and the knowledge that it is you that bring people to faith so we need not fear in sharing your truth with those you bring to us. In the name of our risen and ascended Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

# kid's page



Invite your Sunday school teacher(s) to a special thank-you celebration.

**What you need to make a card:**

- 8" x 11" cardstock (or blank cards)
- Crayons or markers

**What you do:**

1. Fold the cardstock like a card. On the outside, write "Thanks for being my teacher!"
2. On the inside, write a personal message and sign your name.

**Celebration options:**

- Buy a gift card from a local ice cream parlor and tape it inside the card.
- Invite your Sunday school class to bring all the makings for sundaes for your teacher(s).
- Invite your teacher to an ice cream parlor or to your house to enjoy sundaes together.



## Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

*Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.*

WORD BANK	ask	do	eternal	if	good	good	Why
	good	Jesus	life	man	One	Teacher	

A \_\_\_\_\_ came up to \_\_\_\_\_ and asked,  
 "\_\_\_\_\_, what \_\_\_\_\_ thing must I \_\_\_\_\_  
 to get \_\_\_\_\_ life?" "\_\_\_\_\_ do you  
 \_\_\_\_\_ me about what is \_\_\_\_\_?" Jesus replied.  
 "There is only \_\_\_\_\_ who is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ you want to enter \_\_\_\_\_ ...

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Matthew 19:16-17, nv

Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life ... obey the commandments."





# Zion Lutheran Church

# June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Fitness Fellowship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Blood Drive at Zion</b> 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00 am Sale & Give-Away at Old Church (Members Only) 10:00 am Sale & Give-Away at Old Church (Open to Community)
<b>7</b> 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion	<b>8</b> <b>District Convention</b>	<b>9</b> <b>District Convention</b> 6:30 pm Fitness Fellowship	<b>10</b> 7:10 pm Meeting Night	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Bible Study on the Trinity 2:00 pm Ladies Aid 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Bible Study on the Trinity	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:00 am Worship 10:00 am Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Fitness Fellowship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00 am Bible Study on the Trinity 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Bible Study on the Trinity	<b>19</b> July Messenger Deadline Job Application Deadline for Hot Lunch Coordinator	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:00 am Worship 10:00 am Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Fitness Fellowship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Bible Study on the Trinity 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion 7:30 pm Bible Study on the Trinity	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Scrip Sales & Pickups at Church 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm Fitness Fellowship				



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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thursday Worship.....6:30pm  
Thursday Bible Study.....9:00 am, 7:30 pm  
Sunday Worship at Church.....8:00, 10:00am

*Church and School located at 822 Western Avenue*

## Upcoming Events

**Thurs., June 4** - Blood Drive  
**Sat., June 6** - Sale & Give-Away at Old Church  
8:00 am (Members Only)  
10:00 am (Open to Community)  
**Weds., June 10** - Meeting Night  
**Thurs., June 11** - Ladies Aid at 2:00 pm  
**Sun., June 28** - Scrip Sales & Pickup at Church