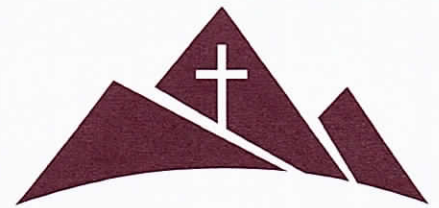


# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



## Christian Confidence

I have a vivid memory from the first grade. I was an awkward, chubby kid. Each day, my only hope was to get through class, and get through recess, so that I could get home without anything too embarrassing happening. But unfortunately, time stopped the moment I had to read out loud in front of my classmates. I knew the words on the page, but my mind raced passed them, leaving no time for them to come out of my mouth. I must have sounded like an old CD player that just keeps skipping. Finally, my first grade teacher had had enough and she blurted out, "What's wrong with you? Do you have a bone for a brain?"

After that, I would shut down when I was asked to read. That is, until my fourth grade teacher treated me differently. She gave me special reading assignments to do on my own. Then we met together, and she treated me as if I didn't have a reading problem. In fact, she treated me as if I were a good reader who had good insights. And you know what? I actually became one. I got my confidence back because

one teacher looked at me differently.

That is essentially what Jesus has done for us. We have stuttered our way through life, giving into our sinful desires. God has every right to call us what we are: spiritual screw-ups who deserve to be separated from him. But like my fourth grade teacher, God looks at us as if we were good people who do the right thing. He sees us this way because we are covered with Jesus' love and forgiveness. As our substitute, Jesus was treated like a sinner on the cross, so now we are treated like a saint. The more we realize that God looks at us as good people through Jesus, the more we will start acting like it.

Relying on the Lord Jesus, we gain the confidence to face the circumstances and challenges of life. God patiently teaches us in his word, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him." Faithfully supported by God who loves us dearly, we can face the events of life, no matter how demeaning or difficult they may be.

**THURSDAY 6:30 PM**  
**SUNDAY 8:00 AND 10:30 AM**

**BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAY AT 9:15 AM**  
**FRIDAY AT 6:00 AM**

# Zion Lutheran Church & School

June 2017

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                             |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|
|   |   |  | Items with * take place at school.   | <b>1</b><br>2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting<br>6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion | <b>2</b><br>6:00 am Bible Breakfast                               | <b>3</b>                             |
| <b>4</b><br>8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion<br>9:15 am Adult Bible Study<br>10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion  | <b>5</b><br>Western Wisconsin Pastor-Teacher Conference | <b>6</b><br>Western Wisconsin Pastor-Teacher Conference<br>7:00 pm Quarterly Property Managers Meeting | <b>7</b><br>6:30 pm Church Softball vs Eastside 2 at Eastside<br>6:30 pm Council Meeting | <b>8</b><br>6:30 pm Worship  | <b>9</b><br>6:00 am Bible Breakfast                               | <b>10</b>                            |
| <b>11</b><br>8:00 am Worship<br>9:15 am Adult Bible Study<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Voters' Meeting             | <b>12</b><br>6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting               | <b>13</b><br>7:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive<br>Stewardship Board  | <b>14</b><br>6:30 pm Church Softball vs St. John's, Waterloo at Waterloo (Firemans Park) | <b>15</b><br>6:30 pm Worship   | <b>16</b><br>6:00 am Bible Breakfast                              | <b>17</b>                            |
| <b>18</b><br>8:00 am Worship<br>9:15 am Adult Bible Study<br>10:30 am Worship   | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b><br>6:30 pm Church Softball Double Header Eastside 1 St. Stephens at Waterloo   | <b>22</b><br>6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion                               | <b>23</b><br>6:00 am Fellowship H all reserved<br>Bible Breakfast | <b>24</b><br>Werre-Loeschler Wedding |
| <b>25</b><br>8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion<br>9:15 am Adult Bible Study<br>10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br>6:30 pm Church Softball vs St. John's, Jefferson at Rotary Park Lake Mills  | <b>29</b><br>6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion                               | <b>30</b><br>6:00 am Bible Breakfast                              |                                      |



## 9 Questions for John and Sarah Brey



1. Where did you grow up?

Sarah- Caledonia MN  
John-Poynette WI

2. How did you meet and marry and end up in Columbus?

We met at a friend's wedding (cliche I know, but it's true:) married at St John's in Waterloo, and Sarah was working here in Columbus, so after we got married we decided to settle here.

3. What do you like to tell people about each of your kids?

- Lily-is affectionate, loves to read, and be in charge
- Josie-loves to help people, make sure everyone is happy and can be very shy
- Henry- loves to laugh so hard he cries, is super loud, and loves to play sports...esp. anything with a ball

4. If you were to move, what would you miss the most about living here?

Our family at Zion...they are irreplaceable.  
John says Culvers.

5. How did you come to be a part of Zion?

Sarah- I was a member at St John's Waterloo, and was driving from Columbus every Sunday. I wanted to join the WELS church in my community. John took BIC classes and became a member shortly before Henry was born.

6. What went into your choice to send your kids to Zion school?

It was more than just the smaller class sizes, it was that they would hear God's Word throughout their day.

7. What do you do to keep your faith strong – bible study habits, prayer time, etc...

We go to church, we do family devotions and prayers at home, we go to Bible Study (not just for the coffee and treats:) and the kids go to Sunday school.

8. When you think about the future of Zion, how do things look different?

Hopefully there is a new school attached to the church :)

9. What do you hope remains unchanged?

The depth of kindness, compassion and generosity of the members here at Zion, but more importantly, the pure message preached every week about God's unchanging love for us, and our need for a Savior!



### NOW ENROLLING

**Zion Lutheran School**

Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Christian Education

Visit [www.zioncolumbus.org](http://www.zioncolumbus.org) or call the office at 603.625.5190

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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.

## Get in Touch

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## Council Names and Numbers

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Rick Gentz, President          | 920-623-2507 |
| Don Lamb, Vice President       | 920-623-0556 |
| Nils Johansson, Secretary      | 608-239-5123 |
| Brady Weiland, Treasurer       | 920-285-7362 |
| Dan Retzlaff, Education        | 920-319-0018 |
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| Matt Vosberg, Outreach         | 920-210-3817 |
| Jim Greiling, Property         | 920-623-2512 |
| Dave Harle, Stewardship        | 920-623-3819 |
| Craig Lathrop, Family Ministry | Unlisted     |

## COMING THIS SUMMER

July 4: 4th of July Parade and Fireworks

July 23: Day at Lake Kegonsa State Park

August 27: Zion Picnic





## Greeter Schedule



### June 4

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 8:00am — E6          | 10:30am — L3      |
| Jim & Jenny Greiling | Rick & Lisa Gentz |

### June 11

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 8:00am — E7           | 10:30am — L4             |
| Dale & Joyce Gajdosik | Bernard & Genevieve Setz |

### June 18

|                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 8:00am — E8                | 10:30am — L5                        |
| Wilma Lenz & Joan Herzberg | Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn |

### June 24

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 8:00am — E9         | 10:30am — L6         |
| Bill & Merle Nehmer | 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 (920) 210-6323.



## April Church Attendance

| Date  | Total               |
|-------|---------------------|
| 2     | 427                 |
| 5     | 233 Lent            |
| 9     | 344                 |
| 13    | 252 Maundy Thursday |
| 14    | 327 Good Friday     |
| 16    | 640 Easter          |
| 20/23 | 354                 |
| 27/30 | 587                 |



### June 4 & June 11

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8:00am - <u>Team E8</u> | 10:30am - <u>Team L1</u> |
| Mike Vick (C)           | Tom Schultz (C)          |
| Troy Kehoe (A)          | George Decker (A)        |
| Austin Evers            | Aaron Larson             |
| Logan Kehoe             | James Kopfer             |
| Jake Boness             | Dayne Kopfer             |
| Brian Peck              | Brandon Lee              |

### June 18 & June 25

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8:00am - <u>Team E1</u> | 10:30am - <u>Team L2</u> |
| Jeff Henning (C)        | Dale Schultz (C)         |
| Daryl Berndt (A)        | Daniel Schultz           |
| Leo Fischer             | Matt Ganser              |
| Matt Weidner            | Dylan Schultz            |
| Rodney Hacht            | Michael Hallberg         |
| Mark Tiedt              | Nathan Hallberg          |
|                         | Henry Tews               |

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 June 2017

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 4  | Randy Koehn      |
| 11 | Mark Lindell     |
| 18 | Phil Manteufel   |
| 25 | Gary Schuhmacher |



# Membership



## Membership Changes

**Accept:** Megan Grambsch, Chase Hanna, Elise Lundeen, Ryan Reyes, Jack Schultz, Rebecca Tramburg, Gabriel Uttech, Dakota Vogel, Nicholas Yaroch

## Ministrations

### Deaths

4. Harvey Leverenz. Born 11/13/1925. Died 4/10/2017.



|                 |      |          |
|-----------------|------|----------|
| Barbara Schulze | 8th  | 87 years |
| Marianne Cares  | 19th | 87 years |
| Bernard Dykstra | 21st | 94 years |
| Mabel Hein      | 22nd | 91 years |
| Marlene Marks   | 25th | 81 years |

## Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **June 16th**. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or [suehenning25@gmail.com](mailto:suehenning25@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## Ladies' Aid Society

June 1st will be our last meeting until September.

Our guest speaker will be Amy Acup telling us about "Living Life with Oils". Please join us for our last meeting of the season.



## *Ladies Aid*

## Elder's Board

by Jeff Krakow

We are so thankful to God for the quick healing of Pastor Wilke. He is not completely healed, but it sure is great having him preaching and teaching again. It was wonderful to hear all the encouragement and love shown to Pastor and his family.



I hope, and like to think, all of us show that same love and encouragement to all of our members. I am especially concerned about our members that are straying. I would love for all of us to show encouragement and love towards those. We recently sent another batch of letters to 10 individuals who for years have shown no interest in attending our church services. Let's love them and encourage them to come back to church and feed their faith. It is a matter of eternity.

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Financial Statement  
April 2017**

|                                      | April 17         | Estimated<br>Monthly<br>Budget | Fiscal Year<br>to Date<br>Jul - Apr 17 | Budget            |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>       |                  |                                |  |                   |
| <b>Income</b>                        |                  |                                |  |                   |
| Church Library Donation              | -                |                                | 14.00                                  |                   |
| Extra Synod Missions Income          | -                |                                | 135.00                                 |                   |
| General Fund Offerings               | 77,511.02        |                                | 499,054.79                             |                   |
| LLHS Building Income                 | 95.00            |                                | 2,079.50                               |                   |
| Other Donations                      | 2,133.00         |                                | 8,091.90                               |                   |
| Other Receipts                       | 980.00           |                                | 2,556.10                               |                   |
| Substitute Teaching Reimbursement    | 153.00           |                                | 1,723.18                               |                   |
| <i>Transferred from Undesignated</i> | -                |                                | <b>104,250.00</b>                      |                   |
| WLCFS Income                         | 95.00            |                                | 3,744.00                               |                   |
| WLIM Income                          | 210.00           |                                | 1,500.50                               |                   |
| <b>Total Income</b>                  | <b>81,177.02</b> |                                | <b>623,148.97</b>                      |                   |
| <b>Expense</b>                       |                  |                                |  |                   |
| ACH fee                              | (10.80)          |                                | (10.70)                                |                   |
| Apartment Rent                       | 635.00           | 666.67                         | 6,350.00                               | 8,000.00          |
| Called Workers Salaries & Taxes      | 27,541.52        | 27,829.83                      | 272,604.40                             | 333,958.00        |
| Church Library Expense               | 6.04             | 12.50                          | 183.29                                 | 150.00            |
| Church Supplies                      | 249.68           | 283.33                         | 4,362.70                               | 3,400.00          |
| Convention/Cont' Education           | -                | 75.00                          | 361.66                                 | 900.00            |
| Copier                               | -                | 291.67                         | 2,466.45                               | 3,500.00          |
| Elders Board                         | -                | 29.17                          | -                                      | 350.00            |
| Guest Pastor                         | 327.20           | 58.33                          | 658.00                                 | 700.00            |
| Health Insurance                     | 6,729.00         | 8,217.00                       | 73,826.03                              | 98,604.00         |
| HRA Savings                          | 2,023.00         |                                | 10,115.00                              |                   |
| Janitors                             | 1,071.36         | 1,000.00                       | 9,588.29                               | 12,000.00         |
| LLHS Building Expense                | 95.00            |                                | 2,079.50                               |                   |
| LLHS Expense                         | 3,875.55         | 2,250.00                       | 24,861.93                              | 27,000.00         |
| Maintenance                          | 2,598.93         | 2,559.42                       | 34,020.83                              | 30,713.00         |
| Meditations                          | 349.00           | 125.00                         | 1,047.00                               | 1,500.00          |
| Mileage                              | 330.75           | 291.67                         | 2,919.90                               | 3,500.00          |
| Miscellaneous                        | 5.85             | 12.50                          | 500.87                                 | 150.00            |
| Organists                            | 233.77           | 258.33                         | 2,707.12                               | 3,100.00          |
| Outreach Board                       | 1,131.77         | 375.00                         | 2,364.67                               | 4,500.00          |
| Payroll Expenses                     | 230.81           | 233.33                         | 2,515.90                               | 2,800.00          |
| Pension Insurance                    | -                | 2,220.83                       | 22,692.00                              | 26,650.00         |
| Postage and Delivery                 | 109.94           | 108.33                         | 1,191.88                               | 1,300.00          |
| Secretaries                          | 2,077.80         | 1,666.67                       | 18,204.18                              | 20,000.00         |
| Stewardship Board                    | 452.66           | 416.67                         | 3,691.81                               | 5,000.00          |
| Substitute Teaching                  | 135.59           |                                | 1,559.81                               |                   |
| Sunday School/VBS                    | -                | 241.67                         | 2,639.98                               | 2,900.00          |
| Synod Mission Expense                | 7,751.10         | 4,666.67                       | 51,404.89                              | 56,000.00         |
| Telephone & Internet Expense         | 250.35           | 333.33                         | 2,535.46                               | 4,000.00          |
| Utilities                            | 4,479.04         | 5,250.00                       | 41,733.45                              | 63,000.00         |
| WLCFS Expense                        | 95.00            |                                | 3,744.00                               |                   |
| WLIM Expense                         | 210.00           |                                | <del>1,500.50</del>                    |                   |
| Worker Comp/Liability Insurance      | 9,683.00         | 1,208.33                       | 13,586.00                              | 14,500.00         |
| Worship                              | 1,369.91         | 316.67                         | 4,366.18                               | 3,800.00          |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                 | <b>74,037.82</b> | <b>60,997.92</b>               | <b>622,372.98</b>                      | <b>731,975.00</b> |



# Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

April 2017

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Previous Month Assets       | \$223,466.77        |
| Total Transactions          | \$86,395.06         |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b> | <b>\$309,861.83</b> |

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>New Church/School Total</b> | <b>\$230,911.64</b> |
| <i>checking/savings</i>        |                     |

| Accounts                          | Undesignated Checking | Undesignated Savings                                      | NEW Church/School Fund Savings                          | NEW Church/School Checking |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| Previous Balance                  | \$844.13              | \$23,858.62   | \$171,060.69  | \$2,228.87                 |
| Monthly Transactions*             | (\$149.94)            | \$28,922.92   | \$57,622.08   | \$0.00                     |
| Current Balance                   | <b>\$694.19</b>       | <b>\$52,781.54</b>  | <b>\$228,682.77</b>                                     | <b>\$2,228.87</b>          |
| -----Monthly Statements-----      |                       |   |   |                            |
| Transactions                      | (\$150.00) Joan Marks | \$81,880.72   | (\$4,623.38) American National Bank church loan         |                            |
|                                   | \$0.06 Interest       | 4-25-17 deposit for bell tower and undesignated memorials | 4-26-17 transfer to New Church savings- Bell tower gift |                            |
|                                   |                       | (\$52,957.80)   | \$4,130.66 4-3-17 deposit                               |                            |
|                                   |                       |   | \$1,297.00 4-10-17 deposit                              |                            |
|                                   |                       |   | \$2,286.00 4-17-17 deposit                              |                            |
|                                   |                       |   | \$1,044.00 4-24-17 deposit                              |                            |
|                                   |                       |   | 4-26-17 transfer from undesignated funds                |                            |
|                                   |                       |   | \$52,957.80 4-28-17 deposit                             |                            |
|                                   |                       |   | \$530.00  |                            |
| <b>Monthly Transactions TOTAL</b> | <b>(\$149.94)</b>     | <b>\$28,922.92</b>  | <b>\$57,622.08</b>                                      | <b>\$0.00</b>              |
| <b>TOTAL TRANSACTIONS</b>         | <b>\$86,395.06</b>    |   |   |                            |

Notes: - We received a donation for the Bell Tower and a gift to the Undesignated Memorials on one check.  
 -The check was deposited into the Undesignated account and then the portion for the Bell Tower was transferred to the New Church fund the next day

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Interest Received | \$0.06 |
|-------------------|--------|



# kids page

HELD IN  
YOUR



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

### What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



### What you do:

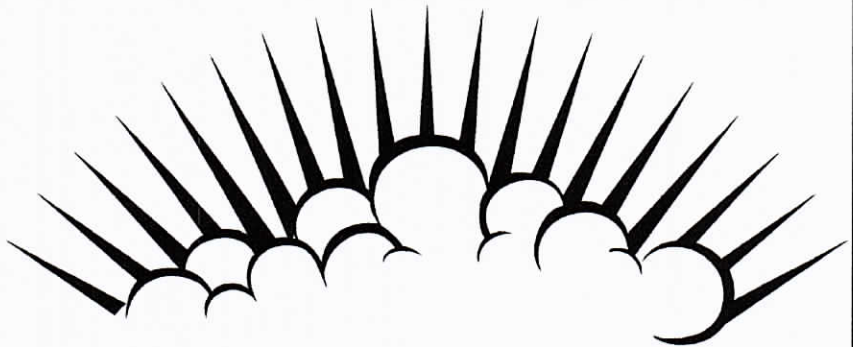
1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!



## Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

*Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.*



"H\_ w\_ll c\_ll \_ \_ t t\_ m\_,"

'Y\_ \_ r\_ m\_ F\_th\_r, m\_

G\_d, th\_ R\_ck m\_ S\_v\_r.'" "

Ps\_lm 89:26, N\_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV



## 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., June 1 - Ladies' Aid Meeting, 2:00pm  
Tues., June 6 - Quarterly Property Managers Meeting, 7:00pm  
Wed., June 7 - Council Meeting, 6:30pm  
Sun., June 11 - Voters' Meeting, 11:30am  
Mon., June 12 - Board of Ed Meeting, 6:30pm  
Tues., June 13 - Stewardship Board Meeting, 7:00pm

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