

The Messenger



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Forgiven!

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.” Acts 2:38

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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Ted didn’t know what to do anymore. He was losing more and more sleep at night. If the hollow, empty knots in his stomach didn’t wake him up at 2 o’clock in the morning, then the hopeless and helpless dreams he was having at night would. Every trip to the mailbox took longer and longer - fear and nervousness slowed his every step. Every trip back from the mailbox brought either a sigh of relief or an overwhelming depression that actually caused his hands to tremble and shake. His debt used to be manageable, just a credit card or two, but now he was in over his head—way over his head.

Debt. We were all in debt—way over our heads in debt. Just take a walk out to the stone mailbox of God’s holy law and take an honest look at what’s inside. Open the envelope—the statement—of each one of God’s holy commandments and consider the debt that our sins of thought, word, and deed continue to accrue not on a monthly basis but on a daily basis, an hourly basis.

With each commandment our debt mounts. With every covetous thought, every deceitful word, and every self-serving deed, the balance due on our spiritual accounts escalates. Minimum payments? Even if we could make them, God demands payment in full. Compounding interest? It spiraled out of control the day we were born. Given an eternity, we could not pay for one sin.

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you...for the forgiveness of your sins.” In Baptism God forgave us. He forgave our debt; he cancelled it. The debt we owed, Jesus paid in full. He said as much just before he died. “It is finished!” He was talking about our debt. Not monthly bills, not a credit card, and not the mortgage, but the wages of our sin and the debt we owed God—it’s paid in full. Christ was crucified. He suffered hell in our place. He endured God’s wrath and punishment in our place. He paid for our sins with his death on the cross. Our debt is cancelled; it has been forgiven—we have been forgiven. How can we be so sure? Because we hold the stamped receipt in our hands of faith! That receipt is the empty tomb. Jesus’ resurrection is our guarantee that God the Father accepted his Son’s one-time payment for our continual sins. Christ wiped out our debt. By grace and by grace alone, we stand forgiven.

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Greeter Schedule

July 3

8:00am — E12 Art Sharpee & Waldamar Vick	10:30am — L5 Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn
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July 10

8:00am — E13 Leo & Audrey Fischer	10:30am — L6 Dan & Laurie Weiland
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July 17

8:00am — E14 John & Jane Evers	10:30am — L7 Wayne & Darlene Powers
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June 24

8:00am — E1 Jeff & Melody Krakow	10:30am — L8 Otto & Sheree Mattke
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July 31

8:00am — E2 Dave & Kathy Harle	10:30am — L9 Bev Harold & Nicole Henning
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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

July 3

8:00am <u>Team E3</u> Lawrence Olson (C) Randy Koehn (A) Waldamar Vick Ty Vick Kevin Vick Joe Grambsch Ben Grambsch	10:30am <u>Team L7</u> Roger Weiland (C) Steve Weiland (A) Dan Weiland Brady Weiland Bryce Weiland Brett Weiland
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July 10 & July 17

8:00am <u>Team E4</u> Dale Sennhenn (C) Mark Lindell (A) Brian Sennhenn Andrew Bussian Remington Lindell Brett Schraufnagel Scott Brenner	10:30am <u>Team L1</u> Tom Schultz (C) George Decker (A) Aaron Larson James Kopfer Dayne Kopfer Brandon Lee
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July 24 & July 31

8:00am <u>Team E5</u> Harold Schaefer (C) Mike Vick (A) Dale Schilling Ron Yerges Bruce Hatzinger James Stadler	10:30am <u>Team L2</u> Dale Schultz (C) George Peeper (A) Daniel Schultz Matt Ganser Dylan Schultz Michael Hallberg
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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 July 2016

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



May Church Attendance

Date	Total
28/1	277
8	311
12/15	347
19/22	361
26/29	321

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

	May 16	Jul '15 - May 16
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Building Fund Donation	58.00	565.00
Church Library Donation	-57.59	0.00
General Fund Offerings	39,218.86	423,377.12
LLHS Building Income	229.00	2,548.00
LLHS Income	2,306.99	24,903.33
Other Donations	0.00	19,971.78
Other Reciepts	26.23	388.28
Sub teaching reimburse	102.00	904.50
Synod Missions Income	4,813.98	52,997.71
Transferred from Undesignated	7,600.00	75,400.00
WLCFS Income	208.00	4,840.00
WLIM Income	188.00	1,531.00
Total Income	54,693.47	607,426.72
Expense		
ACH fee	0.00	0.00
Building Fund Expense	58.00	565.00
Called Workers Salaries	16,905.16	215,973.22
Church Supplies	114.51	3,055.12
Convention/Cont' Education	95.50	183.90
Copier	0.00	2,487.46
Guest Pastor	700.00	3,600.00
Health Insurance	8,210.97	68,150.47
Housing	635.00	6,985.00
Janitors	1,442.63	9,952.91
Liability Insurance	0.00	12,754.00
LLHS Building Expense	229.00	2,548.00
LLHS Expense	2,306.99	24,902.35
Maintenance	-4,850.64	22,355.92
Meditations	349.00	1,872.92
Mileage	551.50	5,173.55
Miscellaneous	15.00	117.46
Organists	228.53	2,742.05
Outreach Board	0.00	810.20
Payroll Expenses	213.16	2,595.96
Payroll Taxes	5,636.28	62,746.02
Pension Insurance	0.00	18,780.00
Postage and Delivery	67.33	1,461.40
Secretaries	1,625.96	17,769.41
Stewardship Board	379.95	4,387.48
Substitute Teaching	94.20	902.01
Sunday School/VBS	0.00	2,724.25
Synod Mission Expense	4,813.98	52,995.71
Telephone & Internet Expense	230.02	2,555.22
Utilities	4,590.65	47,318.26
WLCFS Expense	208.00	4,840.00
WLIM Expense	188.00	1,551.00
Worship	157.73	1,874.27
Total Expense	45,196.41	606,730.52

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

May 2016

Previous Month Assets	\$651,585.99
Total Transactions	-\$11,113.63
Total Current Assets	\$640,472.36

New Church/School Total
\$323,553.48
<i>checking/savings</i>

		----- Monthly Statements -----			
Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	New Church/School Fund Savings	New Church/School Checking	Explanation
Previous Balance	\$2,379.96	\$297,498.99	\$322,029.21	\$4,203.37	
Monthly Transactions*	(\$834.53)	(\$7,600.00)	(\$2,679.10)	\$0.00	
Current Balance	\$1,545.43	\$289,898.99	\$319,350.11	\$4,203.37	
Transactions	(\$150.00)	(\$7,600.00)	(\$4,623.38)		
	Joan Marks	5-10-16 Transfer to General Fund	American National Bank church loan		
	Check 6874 - Handy Appliance - Wilke Dishwasher		American National Bank organ loan		
	(\$684.70)		(\$1,548.29)		
	\$0.17 Interest		American National Bank church loan		
			(\$4,623.38)		
			American National Bank church loan		
			\$3,756.33		
			Deposit 2-16		
			\$1,143.00		
			Deposit 9-16		
			\$58.00		
			Deposit 13-16		
			\$2,302.00		
			Deposit 16-16		
			\$1,245.00		
			Deposit 23-16		
			\$1,030.00		
			Deposit 27-16		
			\$3,205.00		
			Deposit 31-16		
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$834.53)	(\$7,600.00)	(\$2,679.10)	\$0.00	
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$11,113.63)				
<i>Interest Received</i>	\$0.17				

Plus.....		Two CD's	
CD F&M 12- mo	\$10,526.90	CD's (Lunn/Lenz)	\$15,000.00
<i>Interest</i>	\$0.00		\$0.00
	\$10,526.90		\$15,000.00

Membership



Membership Changes

Accepted:

Chad and Jennifer Pederson and son Max
Amanda Bobholz
Andrea Kemper
Dexter Oelke



Verna Maier	5th	93 years
Lawrence Olson	13th	88 years
June Derr	19th	86 years
Walter Parson	21st	89 years
Hilbert Hodgson	23rd	98 years

2015-2016 Scrip Wrap Up

May 31st marked the end of our 2015-2016 Scrip year, so here are a few facts and figures about how the year went. We saw a 4% increase in sales from the prior year. We had 59 families buying Scrip, seven of whom do not have children attending school. This means that half of their rebate is given directly to our Tuition Assistance fund, resulting in a gift of \$677 (the other half will be used by Zion's Board of Ed). For the 52 families with a student to save for, we were able to award over \$3,000 towards their upcoming 2016-2017 tuition bill, whether at Zion, Lakeside, Luther Prep, or moving on to another WELS grade school. Four families have chosen to save their rebates for their children's future Christian education at the high school level.

Since June, when we began offering sales after the early service, we are thrilled to note that four new shoppers have joined our ranks. All of this wouldn't be possible without our dedicated team of Scrip sales people, data entry, and ordering volunteers, and to our Scrip shoppers!

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **July 22nd**. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Installation Potluck

Our congregation will be having a potluck meal after Pastor Schwartz's 3pm installation service on July 10th. We are expecting many guests. Barbecues, hot dogs, beverages, plates, silverware, etc. will be provided. Please bring a large dish to pass (salad, dessert or any other dish).



If you, male or female, are able to help serve at the July 10th afternoon potluck, please call Audrey Fischer at 920-344-9391 or Judy Vick at 623-3864. It would be greatly appreciated if you could let us know by July 5th.

Property Board Update by Jim Greiling

The Property Board continues to work at keeping Zion's resources maintained. A dedicated group of men have agreed to be part of the Property Board Committee. The group will be working together to maintain the properties with one lead person assigned to each property.



Inspections to the properties have been done again this year. The properties are all in good condition and have the normal maintenance needs that come with time and normal living.

With the information gathered from the inspections, a priority list of immediate fixes and future repairs will be done. Some work days for many of the tasks are being planned. Keep watching The Messenger and look for the dates in the Sunday worship folder.

Another project the Property Board is involved in is a handbook for questions that have been asked by our past and current workers.



Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

July starts out celebrating the Fourth of July, what a wonderful celebration. We enjoy carnivals, brats, burgers, hot dogs, fireworks. It's great that we can enjoy celebrating our declaration of independence. Thanks to all those who have joined the military to protect our independence.

Sadly some, or more accurately many, would like to declare their independence from God. They feel they don't need God or that God has done nothing for them. They think they have done everything on their own and they aren't afraid to tell others how much they have done

or how long they have done it. They feel they deserve special privileges for their actions or wonder what they need God for. I am reminded of a pastor who, while canvassing, went up to this beautiful big house with multiple garages and expensive vehicles. The pastor went to the door and the man of the house answered. When the pastor asked if he could share the gospel, the man answered "What do I need God for. Look at everything I have." *If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world.* (1 John 2:15b-16) Others like to tell how much they have done or still do *These men are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.* (Jude 1:16) This reminds me of the last line of a movie. The character portraying "Satan", disguised as a man, says "Vanity, definitely my favorite sin."

Everyone likes to be appreciated, we all long for praise. I believe the saying is 'everybody wants to be somebody.' *But the sin within drives us to be too impatient to let other people figure out our good features at their own speed. So we hasten the process with boasting, forgetting that all our possessions and even our skills are gifts of God. Boasting denies God's gifts, insults the giver, and inflates the braggart with nothing but self-aggrandizing gas.... They don't satisfy - they leave people cold and spiritually dead.* (The People's Bible) We have to remember that God knows everything, he is present everywhere, and he is all powerful. He knows everything we do, whether a sin or a great accomplishment. What's more, he has already given us the greatest gift, assurance of eternity in heaven and freedom from sin, death, and the devil *but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,* declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 9:24)

Next time you have the urge to tell others how important you are or how much you have done, please consider instead telling them how much God has done for you. *Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."* (1 Corinthians 1:31)

Enjoy celebrating our Independence Day, but I pray everyone understands and remains dependent on God. In fact, I have asked the Bible Breakfast group to do this, and now I am encouraging all of you: the first prayer you say in the morning, before your feet even touch the floor, pray Psalm 19:14 *May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.* This will help you find the words to say, including for the rest of your prayers of the day.

Stewardship Board Report by Dave Harle, Chairman

After many months of hard work, the Stewardship Board recently finished the 2016-2017 Budget. Enclosed in this issue of The Messenger is the recently voted on and approved Budget. Even with the rising health insurance costs and keeping all of the called worker's salaries at Synod code, this year's Budget was only .7% higher than last year.



Stewardship Report

Looking ahead, we are looking into a new health insurance program that is less expensive and yet offers the same great benefits that our called workers are receiving now.

ZION BUDGET
JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

	2015-2016	2/1/15-1/31/16	2016-2017	Percentage	
	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Change</u>	
Utilities	87,000	62,012	63,000	-27.6%	
Insurance					
Workers Compensation & Liability	15,704	13,701	14,500	-7.7%	
Health	80,000	77,667	98,604	23.3%	\$9,120/month - Worker contributions \$903/month
Office & School Expense					
Church Supplies	3,400	3,095	3,400	0.0%	
Telephone & Internet	5,500	3,361	4,000	-27.3%	
Copier	3,000	3,374	3,500	16.7%	
Postage	1,400	1,210	1,300	-7.1%	
Teachers' Hot Lunch	630	372	0	-100.0%	
Convention/Continuing Education	800	857	900	12.5%	
Mileage	3,000	4,707	3,500	16.7%	
Maintenance - Building & Grounds	20,000	31,223	29,000	45.0%	
Sprinkler Inspection Fees	1,713	1,713	1,713	0.0%	
Worship & Spiritual Enhancement					
Elders	350	0	350	0.0%	
Outreach	5,500	2,612	4,500	-18.2%	
Library	150	0	150	0.0%	
Stewardship	5,000	4,658	5,000	0.0%	
Sunday School/VBS	2,900	2,859	2,900	0.0%	
Worship/Music	4,000	1,883	3,800	-5.0%	
Meditations	2,500	1,813	1,500	-40.0%	
Guest Pastors	700	1,200	700	0.0%	
Synod	53,500	59,561	56,000	4.7%	
Lakeside Operating	25,000	27,697	27,000	8.0%	
Miscellaneous	800	161	150	-81.3%	
Subtotal	322,547	305,735	325,467	0.9%	
Called Worker Compensation					
Pastor Wilke (37)	50,560	50,560	51,358	1.6%	Synod Code
Pastor Schwartz(17)	41,077	20,538	40,752	-0.8%	Synod Code
Alex Vandenberg (6)	34,326	28,000	33,329	-2.9%	Synod Code
Mr. Grambsch (19)	39,200	39,200	37,994	-3.1%	Synod Code
Mr. Kanzenbach (10)	33,019	33,019	33,665	2.0%	Synod Code
Miss Kramer (10)	33,019	33,019	33,665	2.0%	Synod Code
Mrs. Grambsch (7)	36,848	28,000	35,108	-4.7%	Synod Code
Mrs. Schwartz (9)	17,000	17,000	16,592	-2.4%	Synod Code x .5
Total Called worker Compensation	285,049	273,473	282,463	-0.9%	
Other Worker Compensation					
Secretarial	19,650	18,990	20,000	1.8%	Hourly--Best Estimate based off current hours
Custodial	11,800	9,215	12,000	1.7%	Hourly--Best Estimate based off current hours
Organists	3,000	3,033	3,100	3.3%	\$31 x 100 services
Apartment Rent	8,000	7,620	8,000	0.0%	Currently \$635/month
Part-Time Teacher	<u>25,875</u>	<u>23,358</u>	<u>24,700</u>	-4.5%	Hourly--Best Estimate based off current hours
Total Other Worker Compensation	68,325	62,217	67,800	-0.8%	
Related Compensation & Expenses					
Payroll Expenses (Paychex)	2,700	2,771	2,800	3.7%	
Payroll Taxes	26,804	26,804	26,795	0.0%	Total Worker Compensation x .0765
Pension Fund	<u>24,215</u>	<u>24,440</u>	<u>26,650</u>	10.1%	Actual + 10%
	51,019	51,244	56,245	10.2%	
Total Compensation & Expenses	404,393	386,934	406,508	0.5%	
Grand Total	726,940	692,668	731,975	0.7%	
Needed Weekly	13,980	13,321	14,076		

kids page

SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA

Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help



What you do:

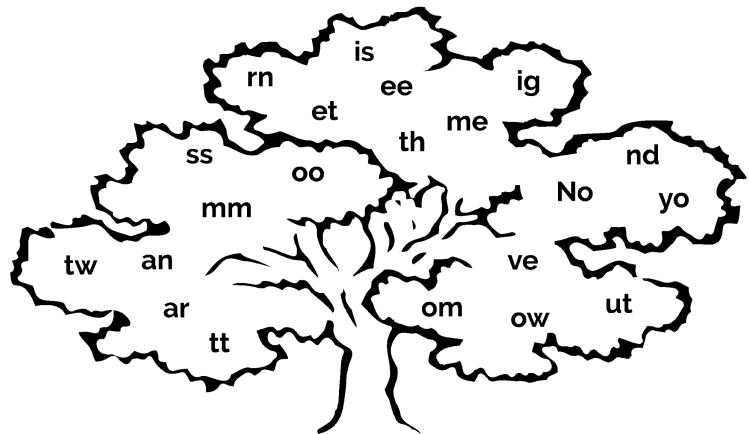
1. Cut the dough into slices $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!



Signs of summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.



" ___ w lea ___ th ___ le ___ on
fr ___ the f ___ tr ___: As s ___ n
as its ___ igs g ___ te ___ er ___ d
its lea ___ s co ___ o ___, ___ u
kn ___ ___ at su ___ er is ne ___."

Ma ___ hew 24:32, NIV

Answer: "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."
Matthew 24:32, NIV

Zion Lutheran Church & School

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	2
<i>Items preceded by * take place at school.</i>						
3 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am No Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	4 11:00 am Zion float in parade 9:00 pm Happy 4th! Watch the fireworks with us!	5 6:30 pm Fitness Fellowship	6 6:30 pm WELS Missions: Now and Into the Future at Eastside	7 6:30 pm Worship	8 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	9
10 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am No Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 3:00 pm Installation Service & Potluck for Pastor Schwartz	11 6:00 pm Monthly Golf Outing 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	12 6:30 pm Fitness Fellowship 6:30 pm WELS Missions: Now and Into the Future at Eastside	13 6:30 pm WELS Missions: Now and Into the Future at Eastside 7:10 pm Council Meeting	14 6:30 pm WELS Missions: Now and Into the Future at Eastside 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	15 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	16
17 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	18	19 6:30 pm Fitness Fellowship	20	21 6:30 pm Worship	22 MESSENGER DEADLINE 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	23
24 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Day at the Lake Event 10:30 am Worship	25	26 6:30 pm Fitness Fellowship	27	28 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	29 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 7:00 pm WELS Night at Miller Park	30
31 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion						



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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

Mon., July 4 - Fireworks Viewing at Zion, 9:00pm
Sun., July 10 - Installation Service & Potluck, 3:00pm
Mon., July 11 - Board of Ed Meeting, 6:30pm
Wed., July 13 - Council Meeting, 7:10pm
Sun., July 24 - Day at the Lake Event, 10:30am
Fri., July 29 - WELS Night at Miller Park, 7:00pm