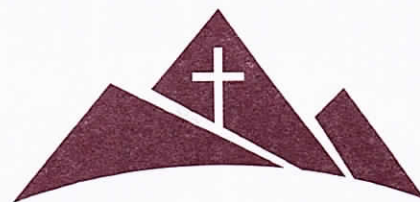


The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



The Purpose of the Bible

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. - Romans 15:4

Every book has a purpose. Whether it's a cookbook, music book, history book, novel, science book, biography, or even a comic book, every book has a reason. So what is the purpose of the best-selling book in the world, the Bible?

The Bible imparts wisdom, and has been used in many lands during various ages as a key educational textbook. While this is useful, it is not the real purpose of the Bible.

The Bible proclaims the Creator's natural law for his creatures. Guided by its directives, people can live productive and happy lives, caring about others. While this is very beneficial, it is not the real purpose of the Bible.

Many claim the Bible teaches us how to live according to God's commands so we can gain his favor. This common misunderstanding is certainly not the purpose of the Bible. Rather, the Bible clearly proclaims and demonstrates that we cannot keep God's commands to gain his favor for salvation.



God's answer to this dilemma is the REAL purpose of the Bible. According to his eternal plan God sent his own perfect Son, Jesus, to live in obedience to all of God's commands, and to suffer the punishment for our wrongs against God's commands by his death on the cross. Jesus gained God's favor for all of us!

The apostle Paul wrote, "Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Just before this verse, Paul quoted from what was written in the past, about a thousand years before Jesus was born:

"The insults of those who insult you fall on me" (Psalm 69:9). Paul described how that Psalm verse speaks of Jesus Christ, who did not come to please himself, but came to do the Father's will. In his suffering and death Jesus voluntarily bore all people's hostility toward God.

This is the amazing purpose of the Bible. It points to Jesus Christ and describes in detail his work of salvation. It is God's word. It is his eternal plan of salvation for sinners. This is what truly teaches us, encourages us, grants us endurance and hope! This is THE purpose of the Bible—to show sinners their salvation in Jesus Christ alone. So great is God's love for us!

July 2017

Zion Lutheran Church & School

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Items with * take place at school.	1
2 8:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	3	4 8:00 pm *Happy Independence Day - watch the fireworks here!	5 6:30 pm Church Softball vs St. John's, Parkersville at Waterloo Fireman's Park 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting	6 6:30 pm Worship	7 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	8
9 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship	10 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	11 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	12 6:30 pm Church Softball vs Waterloo Lutheran Chapel at Waterloo (East Field) 6:30 pm Council Meeting	13 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	14 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	15
16 8:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	17	18	19 6:30 pm Church Softball vs St. Lukes, Watertown at Clark Park, Watertown	20 6:30 pm Worship	21 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	22
23 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship	24	25	26 6:30 pm Lutheran Pioneer Adventure Camp Church Softball vs St. Paul's, Fort at Faville Park, CR V Lake Mills	27 6:30 pm Lutheran Pioneer Adventure Camp Worship with Holy Communion	28 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	29 Lutheran Pioneer Adventure Camp
30 8:00 a.m. Lutheran Pioneer Adventure Camp Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	31					

Seven Questions for Josh and Laura Voelker



→ *Where did we grow up?* Josh was born and raised in Columbus by my parents Rick and Gina. My family has been a part of the Columbus community for three generations. My grandfather, father, and three uncles owned a flooring business in town for many years. My grandparents Rudy and Joelle Sennhenn were members of Zion Church. I have recently been promoted to facility manager at American Packaging's new plant in De Forest. Laura grew up all over in Wisconsin... starting out in Muskego, then moving to Wisconsin Rapids then on to Chippawa Falls and ending in Columbus in 1992, where my parents (Dave and Kate Glaessner) opened up and still own Columbus Car Center. I am a stay at home mom. We both are graduates of Columbus High School (1994) where we met and started dating our senior year & we were married in Columbus in October 1996. We lived in Columbus until 2004, and then moved to Beaver Dam - until Josh's job at American Packaging brought us back to Columbus in May of this year.

→ *What do we like to tell people about each of our kids?* Our son Jackson who is 9 (almost 10) - we think he may be an

engineer someday --he loves to build with Legos, is a huge Star Wars fan, loves to sing, and enjoys reading. Our daughter Olivia who is 14, is our athletic girl -starting out in fourth grade with competitive gymnastics, now plays basketball & also enjoys track. She loves animals of all kinds (but is partial to her cat Zippy) and loves going on bike rides with Josh in the summer.

→ *If we have a day off what can you find the Voelker family doing?* We enjoy exploring Madison and finding new places to eat. We love to spend time with family and friends, whether it be at home enjoying each other's company or at a family get together or picnic. A quiet night at home watching a movie as a family is also a favorite. Josh and the kids enjoy finding new bike routes in Wisconsin to explore also.

→ *A pivotal moment in our life where our faith was questioned but then strengthened?* Laura: It was probably three years ago when my health was affected by my rheumatoid arthritis (that I have had since I was 12 years old). We as a family decided it was time for me to stay home from work and focus on my health... a year later I had surgery to repair the tendons in my right hand, then it seemed everything went downhill from there. I was completely homebound unable to walk. I was unable to be at normal functions for my children or family. Through various healthcare provider changes I was able to have both hips replaced and 2 surgeries on my feet and the right medications provided. And having the hip replacements were life changing! My faith in God grew stronger as I recovered and relied on Him! Our families and church community came together to help our family through this difficult time -- whether providing meals, helping transport children to and from school and events, or simply bringing a meal or sending a card. God helped our



family through this difficult time in our lives! He has blessed our family with strength, love & patience.

Josh: having our daughter Olivia come home in first grade and she told me they had a Bible lesson that day on Mary and Martha - I did not know who they were....so I decided I was going to read the Bible in one year and I did -- listening to the Bible every day on

my commute to and from work! I have a stronger faith and knowledge of God and his teachings because of this!

→ *How did we become members of Zion Church?* Laura: I had attended Zion church with my parents when we moved to Columbus in 1992. (I attended a WELS Lutheran school and church in Wisconsin Rapids.) After meeting Josh we attended and were married at a church here in Columbus.

They had some pastoral changes and I felt it did not meet my spiritual needs. I was pregnant with our first child and returned to Zion in 2002. She was baptized by Pastor Wilke. When we returned back to Columbus in May it was an easy decision to attend Zion Church. Josh: I was a student and member at a church here in Columbus. My freshman year after attending church with a friend of mine, I decided to attend another one, UCC. After our daughter Olivia was born, I decided to join Zion church with Laura. I then attended confirmation/membership classes with Pastor Sims. When we returned to Columbus we knew we would return to Zion Church.

→ *Our decisions on where to send our children to school?* Jackson and Olivia both attended St. Stephen's school in Beaver Dam. We were very happy with their Christian education and felt this was very important in their lives. Jack will be in fifth grade and we want him to continue his Christian education here at Zion. Olivia will be a freshman at Columbus high school. We chose Columbus due to the small class sizes. We feel she will do well at Columbus high school having 9 years of Christian education & upbringing in the foundation of Christ.



→ *How do we keep our faith strong?* We work on thanking God for our continued blessings, praying for others in need, and continue to teach our children Christian values. We also discuss current events and how they relate to our beliefs and faith. We also surround ourselves with others who share our Christian values.

→ *Future at Zion* We look forward to the many fellowship opportunities Zion has to offer. We look forward to participating in the church and school activities and getting to know the members and families at Zion. We hope that we as a family continue the traditional Christian family values, fellowship and community that Zion offers its members old and new! Thank you to all the Zion members that have given our family a very warm welcome!

The Voelker's: Josh, Laura, Jack and Olivia

Zion Lutheran School

Now Enrolling!

- Accredited
Education for K4 – 8th
Grade
- Safe, Christian
Learning
Environment
- Experienced teachers
in small classrooms
- Competitive Athletic
and Music programs
- Affordable Tuition



To set up a family tour, ask questions or enroll, please call (920) 623-5180 or visit www.zioncolumbus.org today!

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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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Council Names

and Numbers

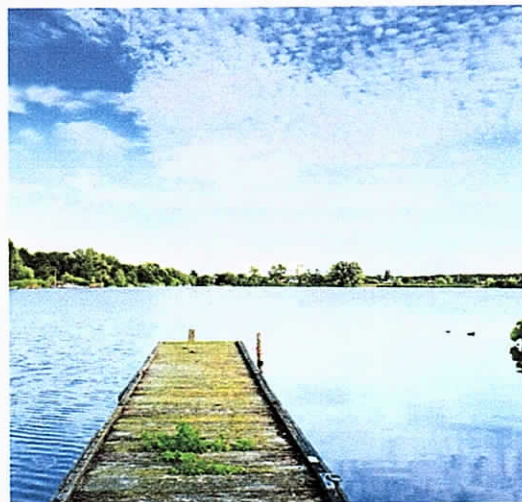
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Craig Lathrop, Family Ministry	Unlisted

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



July 2

8:00am — E10	10:30am — L6
Gene & Elaine Beier	Dan & Laurie Weiland

July 9

8:00am — E11	10:30am — L7
Harold & Delphine Schaefer	Wayne & Darlene Powers

July 16

8:00am — E12	10:30am — L8
Waldamar Vick	Otto & Sheree Mattke

July 23

8:00am — E13	10:30am — L9
Leo & Audrey Fischer	Bev Herold & Nicole Henning

July 30

8:00am — E14	10:30am — L10
John & Jane Evers	John & 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 (920) 210-6323.



May Church Attendance

Date	Total
4/7	346
11/14	401
18/21	352
25/28	391



July 2 & July 9

8:00am - <u>Team E2</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L3</u>
Delmar Vick (C)	Jim Kluetzman (C)
Dale Gajdosik	Matt Huber (A)
Randy Vick	Dave Harle
Kenneth Schulz	Michael Uttech
Eric Turnquist	Rodney Cooley
Eliot Turnquist	Gary Schuhmacher

June 16 & July 23

8:00am - <u>Team E3</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L4</u>
Randy Koehn (C)	Bruce Zander (C)
Harold Schaefer	Kurt Zander (A)
Jadon Schwartz	Kane Browskowski
Joe Grambsch	Wyatt Browskowski
Ben Grambsch	Bradley Sennhenn
	Neal Sennhenn
	Mike Sommer

July 30 & August 6

8:00am - <u>Team E4</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L5</u>
Dale Sennhenn (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Mark Lindell (A)	Peter Lewke
Brian Sennhenn	John Cares
Andrew Bussian	Paul Musser
Remington Lindell	Brian Baney
Brett Schraufnagel	Andy Tratar

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 2017

2	Matt Greiling
9	Randy Koehn
16	Mark Lindell
23	Phil Manteufel
30	Matt Greiling



Membership



Membership Changes

No changes reported.

Ministrations

Deaths

5. Herbert Pergande. Born 12/31/1928. Died 5/3/2017.



Verna Maier	5th	94 years
Lawrence Olson	13th	89 years
June Derr	19th	87 years
Walter Parsons	21st	90 years
Hilbert Hodgson	23rd	99 years

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **July 21st**. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Online Giving Now Available

Our website now offers a new way to give. Click "Online Giving" in the top menu bar to set up an account through Vanco Payment Solutions, and have your offerings automatically sent on the day you choose. Options for repeated giving are available, and you can edit your choices at your convenience.

Christian Counseling Services Available

There are three convenient ways members may be able to access Christian counseling from WLCFS-Christian Family Solutions:

1. In-Person Counseling
 - We currently have 41 clinic locations in 6 states.
 - We accept most major insurance or private pay.
 - To get started, call 800.438.1772 to request an appointment.
2. Video Counseling
 - For those outside our clinic locations.
 - For those with mobility issues or who prefer the convenience of video counseling.
 - Available in states where we have licensed counselors.
 - We accept most major insurance or private pay.
 - To get started, call 800.438.1772 for an appointment.
3. Member Assistance Program (MAP)
 - If your members don't have insurance or can't afford counseling, MAP is an opportunity to partner with us to provide counseling services to those who need them.
 - Services available at our clinics or via secure video.
 - Available worldwide to participating organizations.
 - To get started, members should contact their pastor.

Explore the three ways members can receive counseling at www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org, call 800.438.1772, or e-mail to assistance@wlcgs.org.

ZION BUDGET JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

	2016-2017	2/1/16-1/31/17	2017-2018	Percentage
	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Change</u>
Utilities	63,000	46,731	48,000	-23.8%
School Utilities reimbursed by Tuition			(10,875)	
Insurance				
Workers Compensation & Liability	14,500	12,571	12,800	-11.7%
Health	98,604	87,196	85,800	-13.0%
Health Reimbursement Account			24,200	
Office & School Expense				
Church Supplies	3,400	4,018	2,500	-26.5%
Telephone & Internet	4,000	3,030	3,100	-22.5%
Copier	3,500	3,287	3,400	-2.9%
Postage	1,300	1,590	1,400	7.7%
Convention/Continuing Education	900	468	800	-11.1%
Mileage	3,500	4,246	4,300	22.9%
Maintenance - Building & Grounds	29,000	22,995	28,000	-3.4%
Worship & Spiritual Enhancement				
Elders	350	0	350	0.0%
Outreach	4,500	2,612	3,500	-22.2%
Family Ministry	0	0	4,300	
Stewardship	5,000	4,781	4,700	-6.0%
Sunday School	2,900	2,628	2,800	-3.4%
Worship/Music	3,800	4,470	3,800	0.0%
Mediations	1,500	1,396	1,500	0.0%
Guest Pastors	700	3,175	700	0.0%
Synod	56,000	56,035	56,000	0.0%
Lakeside Operating	27,000	27,050	27,000	0.0%
Miscellaneous	150	480	200	33.3%
Subtotal	<u>323,604</u>	<u>288,759</u>	<u>308,275</u>	<u>-4.7%</u>

ZION BUDGET
JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

	2016-2017 Final	2/1/16-1/31/17 Actual	2017-2018 Proposed	Percentage Change	
Called Worker Compensation					
Pastor Wilke (38)	51,358	51,358	52,272	1.6%	Synod Code
Pastor Schwartz(18)	40,752	40,752	41,592	2.1%	Synod Code
Alex Vandenberg (7)	33,329	33,329	34,087	2.3%	Synod Code
Mr. Grambsch (20)	37,994	37,994	38,763	2.0%	Synod Code
Mr. Kanzenbach (11)	33,665	33,665	34,402	2.2%	Synod Code
Miss Kratner (11)	33,665	33,665	34,402	2.2%	Synod Code
Mrs. Grambsch (8)	32,223	32,223	32,949	2.3%	Synod Code
Mrs. Schwartz (9)	16,592	16,592	16,972	2.3%	Synod Code x .5
Partial reimburse by school tuition			(875)		
Total Called worker Compensation	279,578	279,578	284,564	1.8%	
Other Worker Compensation					
Secretarial	20,000	19,875	25,900	29.5%	Hourly--Best Estimate based off current hours
Custodial	13,500	14,386	14,700	0.9%	Hourly--Best Estimate based off current hours
Organists	3,200	3,304	3,392	6.0%	\$32 x 106 services
Apartment Rent	7,620	7,620	7,620	0.0%	Currently \$635/month
Part-Time Teacher	24,700	23,200	23,652	0.9%	Hourly--Best Estimate based off current hours
Total Other Worker Compensation	69,020	68,385	75,264	9.0%	
Related Compensation & Expenses					
Payroll Expenses (Paychex)	2,800	2,813	2,900	3.6%	Total Worker Compensation x .0765
Payroll Taxes	26,804	26,804	27,527	2.7%	
Pension Fund	26,650	26,946	29,340	10.1%	Actual + 10%
	56,254	56,563	59,767	6.2%	
Total Compensation & Expenses	404,852	404,526	419,595	3.6%	
Grand Total	<u>728,456</u>	<u>693,285</u>	<u>727,870</u>	-0.1%	
Needed Weekly	14,009	13,332	13,997		

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	May 17	Jul '16 - May 17
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Church Library Donation	0.00	14.00
Extra Synod Missions Income	243.00	378.00
General Fund Offerings	44,103.94	543,158.73
HRA Savings Income	0.00	0.00
LLHS Building Income	265.00	2,344.50
Other Donations	437.00	8,528.90
Other Receipts	3,575.00	6,131.10
Sub teaching reimburse	204.00	1,927.18
Transferred from Undesignated	0.00	104,250.00
WLCFS Income	106.00	3,850.00
WLIM Income	91.00	1,591.50
Total Income	49,024.94	672,173.91
Expense		
ACH fee	0.00	-10.70
Apartment Rent	635.00	6,985.00
Building Fund Expense	0.00	0.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	27,956.87	300,561.27
Church Library Expense	0.00	183.29
Church Supplies	240.00	4,602.70
Convention/Cont' Education	151.25	512.91
Copier	0.00	2,466.45
Guest Pastor	615.70	1,273.70
Health Insurance	6,729.00	80,555.03
HRA Savings	2,023.00	12,138.00
Janitors	921.61	10,509.90
LLHS Building Expense	265.00	2,344.50
LLHS Expense	2,205.20	27,067.13
Maintenance	2,102.86	36,123.69
Meditations	0.00	1,047.00
Mileage	373.00	3,292.90
Miscellaneous	15.00	515.87
Organists	403.65	3,110.77
Outreach Board	0.00	2,364.67
Payroll Expenses	246.42	2,762.32
Pension Insurance	0.00	22,692.00
Postage and Delivery	109.61	1,301.49
Secretaries	2,183.59	20,387.77
Stewardship Board	771.36	4,463.17
Substitute Teaching	187.77	1,747.58
Sunday School/VBS	0.00	2,639.98
Synod Mission Expense	4,653.39	56,058.28
Telephone & Internet Expense	350.35	2,885.81
Utilities	4,444.83	46,178.28
WLCFS Expense	106.00	3,850.00
WLIM Expense	91.00	1,591.50
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	0.00	13,586.00
Worship	649.66	5,015.84
Total Expense	58,431.12	680,804.10
Net Ordinary Income	-9,406.18	-8,630.19
Net Income	-9,406.18	-8,630.19

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

May 2017

Previous Month Assets	\$309,861.83
Total Transactions	-\$1,994.26
Total Current Assets	\$307,867.57

New Church/School Total	\$228,067.33
Checking/savings	\$2,228.87

Accounts	Undesignated		Monthly Statements		NEW Church/School	
	Checking	Savings	Fund Savings	Checking	Explanation	Explanation
Previous Balance	\$694.19	\$52,781.54	\$228,682.77	\$2,228.87		
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.95)	\$1,000.00	(\$2,844.31)	\$0.00		
Current Balance	\$544.24	\$53,781.54	\$225,838.46	\$2,228.87		
Transactions	(\$150.00)	\$1,000.00	(\$4,623.38)			
	\$0.05 Interest	5-22-17 deposit	American National Bank church loan			
			(\$4,623.38)			
			American National Bank church loan			
			\$1,850.50			
			5-1 Deposit			
			\$2,322.33			
			5-8 Deposit			
			\$25.00			
			5-12 Deposit			
			\$1,741.00			
			5-15 Deposit			
			\$2,114.00			
			5-22 Deposit			
			\$2,443.00			
			5-30 Deposit			
			\$530.00			
			5-30 Deposit			
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.95)	\$1,000.00	(\$2,844.31)	\$0.00		
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$1,994.26)					
Interest Received	\$0.05					

kids page

Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, rind, ripe, hide, tied, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shine, finish, shiner, insider, hinders, inspired, refinish, finished