

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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Meet the New Principal

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Appleton, WI and Stephanie grew up in Crete, IL.

Where did you go to school?

I attended Fox Valley Lutheran High School and Stephanie went to Illinois Lutheran High School.

What kind of jobs did you have before you went into the ministry?

During the summers I worked in a distribution warehouse for Mills Fleet Farm, driving a forklift. Stephanie worked for a business that did tie-dye clothing and also at Cone Cottage (an ice cream shop).

How did you and Stephanie meet?

To make a long story short, we met at MLC. Once during high school and then when we attended.

Why did you go into teaching?

I went into teaching because I love working with kids. Being able to teach them, to shape their future, is what I look forward to as we begin each new school year.

Tell us about your ministry experience.

I was assigned out of college to Immanuel Lutheran School in Hutchinson, MN. We spent the last six years doing God's work. I taught grades 4-8 all in one classroom and was the principal as well.

Can we count on you cheering for the Packers?

As an owner of the Packers, I will be cheering for the Packers every single week...even when they have a bye.

What are you going to miss about Minnesota?

We will miss most of all the friendships that we made there. I will miss the fishing and pheasant hunting. Having 20 different lakes within 20 minutes to fish at was a great escape from the stress that comes from being a teacher and principal.

Do you plan on making any big changes at Zion?

I enjoy making relationships with people from the congregation and the community. Knowing and understanding their thoughts on the school help me make my decisions as to where change needs to happen.

Greeter Schedule



August 7

8:00am — E3
Matt & Sue Yaroch

10:30am — L10
Rebecca Kramer &
Joan Marks

August 14

8:00am — E4
Delmar & Carol Vick

10:30am — L11
Suzanne Lloyd &
Sarah Brey

August 21

No 8:00am Service

10:00am — L12
Nils & Lara Johansson

August 28

8:00am — E6
Jim & Jenny Greiling

10:30am — L13
Aaron & Rachel Larson

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.



August 7 & August 14

8:00am
Team E6
Kim Schilling (C)
Ronald Knudson (A)
Tracy Busse
John Zandler
Scott Brenner
Matt Vosberg

10:30am
Team L3
Jim Kluetzman (C)
Matt Huber (A)
Dave Harle
Michael Uttech
Rodney Cooley
Gary Schuhmacher

August 21 (Summer Picnic) & August 28

8:00am - August 28
Team E7
Jim Greiling (C)
Matt Greiling (A)
Nicholas Arndt
Mark Hintz
John Brey
Bob Marousek

10:30am - August 21
10:30am - August 28
Team L4
Bruce Zander (C)
Kurt Zander (A)
Kane Browskowski
Wyatt Browskowski
Bradley Sennhenn
Neal Sennhenn
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.

Video Team Schedule August 2016

7 Mark Lindell
14 Randy Koehn
21 Phil Manteufel
28 Gary Schuhmacher



June Church Attendance

Date	Total
2/5	313
9/12	310
16/19	252
23/26	398



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

	Jun 16	Jul '15 - Jun 16
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Building Fund Donation	0.00	565.00
Church Library Donation	0.00	0.00
General Fund Offerings	30,893.52	454,270.64
LLHS Building Income	51.00	2,599.00
LLHS Income	1,817.27	26,720.60
Other Donations	164.00	20,135.78
Other Reciepts	0.00	388.28
Sub teaching reimburse	0.00	904.50
Synod Missions Income	3,709.53	56,707.24
Transferred from Undesignated	0.00	75,400.00
WLCFS Income	65.00	4,905.00
WLIM Income	46.00	1,577.00
Total Income	36,746.32	644,173.04
Expense		
ACH fee	10.80	10.80
Building Fund Expense	0.00	565.00
Called Workers Salaries	13,961.80	229,935.02
Church Supplies	0.00	3,055.12
Convention/Cont' Education	0.00	183.90
Copier	852.43	3,339.89
Guest Pastor	450.00	4,050.00
Health Insurance	0.00	68,150.47
Housing	635.00	7,620.00
Janitors	1,818.93	11,771.84
LLHS Building Expense	51.00	2,599.00
LLHS Expense	1,817.27	26,719.62
Maintenance	1,893.58	24,249.50
Meditations	0.00	1,872.92
Mileage	208.60	5,382.15
Miscellaneous	0.00	117.46
Organists	306.00	3,048.05
Outreach Board	75.00	885.20
Payroll Expenses	200.92	2,796.88
Payroll Taxes	4,583.23	67,329.25
Pension Insurance	5,460.00	24,240.00
Postage and Delivery	47.00	1,508.40
Secretaries	1,488.34	19,257.75
Stewardship Board	718.19	5,105.67
Substitute Teaching	0.00	902.01
Sunday School/VBS	0.00	2,724.25
Synod Mission Expense	3,709.53	56,705.24
Telephone & Internet Expense	330.02	2,885.24
Utilities	2,850.82	50,169.08
WLCFS Expense	65.00	4,905.00
WLIM Expense	46.00	1,597.00
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-1,285.00	11,469.00
Worship	1,211.15	3,085.42
Total Expense	41,505.61	648,236.13

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fiscal Year End Budget vs. Actual
 July 2015 through June 2016

	<u>Jul '15 - Jun 16</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Previous FY</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Building Fund Donation	565.00				
Church Library Donation	0.00				
General Fund Offerings	454,270.64				<i>Previous Fiscal Year = 452,752</i>
LLHS Building Income	2,599.00				
LLHS Income	26,720.60				
Other Donations	20,135.78				
Other Reciepts	388.28				
Sub teaching reimburse	904.50				
Synod Missions Income	56,707.24				
Transferred from Undesignated	75,400.00				<i>Previous Fiscal Year = 159,600</i>
WLCFS Income	4,905.00				
WLIM Income	1,577.00				
Total Income	644,173.04				
Expense					
ACH fee	10.80	400.00	-389.20	2.7%	
Building Fund Expense	565.00				
Called Workers Salaries & Payroll Taxes	297,264.27	334,728.00	-37,463.73	88.81%	325,541.00
Church Supplies	3,055.12	3,400.00	-344.88	89.86%	
Convention/Cont' Education	183.90	800.00	-616.10	22.99%	
Copier	3,339.89	3,000.00	339.89	111.33%	
Elders Board	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%	
Guest Pastor	4,050.00	700.00	3,350.00	578.57%	770.00
Health Insurance	68,150.47	80,000.00	-11,849.53	85.19%	76,485.00
Housing	7,620.00	8,000.00	-380.00	95.25%	
Janitors	11,771.84	11,800.00	-28.16	99.76%	
LLHS Building Expense	2,599.00				
LLHS Expense	26,719.62	25,000.00	1,719.62	106.88%	27,439.00
Maintenance	24,249.50	21,713.00	2,536.50	111.68%	22,689.00
Meditations	1,872.92	2,500.00	-627.08	74.92%	
Mileage	5,382.15	3,000.00	2,382.15	179.41%	2,448.00
Miscellaneous	117.46	800.00	-682.54	14.68%	1,724.00
Organists	3,048.05	3,000.00	48.05	101.6%	
Outreach Board	885.20	5,500.00	-4,614.80	16.1%	
Part-time Teacher	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	
Payroll Expenses	2,796.88	2,700.00	96.88	103.59%	
Pension Insurance	24,240.00	24,215.00	25.00	100.1%	24,440.00
Postage and Delivery	1,508.40	1,400.00	108.40	107.74%	
Secretaries	19,257.75	19,650.00	-392.25	98.0%	
Stewardship Board	5,105.67	5,000.00	105.67	102.11%	
Substitute Teaching	902.01				
Sunday School/VBS	2,724.25	2,900.00	-175.75	93.94%	
Synod Mission Expense	56,705.24	53,500.00	3,205.24	105.99%	78,194.00
Teachers Hot Lunch	0.00	630.00	-630.00	0.0%	
Telephone & Internet Expense	2,885.24	5,500.00	-2,614.76	52.46%	
Utilities	50,169.08	87,000.00	-36,830.92	57.67%	69,706.00
WLCFS Expense	4,905.00				
WLIM Expense	1,597.00				
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	11,469.00	15,704.00	-4,235.00	73.03%	25,824.00
Worship	3,085.42	4,000.00	-914.58	77.14%	
Total Expense	648,236.13	726,890.00	-78,653.87	89.18%	775,118.00

Membership



Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **August 19th**. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Membership Changes

Accepted:

Tim and Nicole Schwartz and sons Jadon, Josiah and Micah
Alex and Stephanie Vandenberg and son Silas

Transfer:

Tim and Jennifer Hewitt



Laura Hundley	5th	91 years
Evangeline Berg	10th	84 years
Louis Weishoff	16th	92 years
Wilma Lenz	17th	90 years
Laverne Linde	19th	88 years
Harriet Parpart	20th	93 years
Barbara Owens	22nd	83 years
Lucille Pergande	30th	85 years

Mrs. Niki Schwartz	K4
Mrs. Rachel Grambsch	KDG
Miss Rebecca Kramer	1-2
Mr. Chad Grambsch	3-4
Mr. Matt Kanzenbach	5-6
Mr. Alex Vandenberg	7-8
Mrs. Kristin Nedow	7-8 & Extended Learning

Principal: Mr. Alex Vandenberg

Secretaries: Mrs. Helen Nehmer
Mrs. Becky Retzlaff

Extended Care: Melody Krakow

Janitor: Mr. Jim Stadler

Ministrations

Deaths

4. Mary Jane Premo. Born 9/27/1923, Died 6/6/2016.
5. Albert A. Tiedt. Born 11/3/1928; Died 6/15/2016.



Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. (Matthew 24:10-13)

The news in the past few weeks sure seems like the end is near, which this passage is talking about. The hatred that seems to be growing, the deception, loss of love for one another, turning away from the faith (just look at the emptiness of church), all seems to be more prevalent. Then we are also reminded from Ecclesiastes that there is *nothing new under the sun*. (1:9b) Things like this have been happening since the fall into sin. That doesn't mean we should ignore what is happening or even disregard it as just sinful acts of man.

So, what is our response to all of this? *if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.* (2 Chronicles 7:14) Let's humble ourselves, pray, seek his face, and turn from our wicked ways!

Truly, the only way to change what is happening is to change hearts. Criminals will be criminals no matter what law is passed. The Pharisees were teachers of the law. You might say they knew the law forward and backward, inside and out. Yet, they tried to trap Jesus and asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 28b-31).

We should love the Lord our God and love our neighbor as ourselves. The greatest love we can show anyone is to tell them about their Savior. It's hard to tell others if we don't know him our self. I go back to the empty church. *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) We must seek his face and turn from our wicked ways! It's hard to know Jesus if we stay away from his word. We have wonderful Pastors at Zion who want to share Jesus with all of us. Let's show them a little love and come eagerly to hear them. At the same time, we must all be Berean, *Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.* (Acts 17:11), and search the scriptures to see that what they are telling us is the truth. Then we can go and tell others of God's great love as Jesus tells us *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.* (Matthew 28:19a) Remember, the greatest of these is love and when people love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, the Holy Spirit will increase their faith and the love in their heart.

Heavenly Father, You have given us your word to read, study, and take to heart. Strengthen our faith in you and help us to tell everyone you put in our path about you. Be with our pastors and all who preach and teach your saving word in all its truth and purity that more may come to the knowledge of you. In the name of your Son, our Lord. Amen

Outreach Board Report by Matt Vosberg, Chairman

On July 4th, Zion hosted our fireworks event in front of the church and school property. I'd like to thank the individuals that offered their time and resources to put this together and make it a success. We had a very good turnout, including many non-members. This event was an opportunity for our name to get out to the public and invite people to our church, or should I say our church body. As you looked out into the crowd, yes, it was largely populated by our own members, but for the lesser amount of non-members, we all were representatives of Zion. That is where true outreach begins. We could hold many events with large turnouts which could give us very good exposure to the community, but unless we use that as a starting place to proclaim the Good News, we really haven't done any outreach at all. Thanks to all those who do proclaim the Good News in their current relationships, and their newfound relationships. Many times, its through our one-on-one interactions that the Holy Spirit can plant those seeds of faith and nurture them in those who have previously been lost.



Please join us for worship and the installation service for Mrs. Schwartz and Mr. Vandenberg at 10 am on August 21st, then stay for the picnic to give them a warm Zion welcome!



Welcome, Pastor Schwartz and Mrs. Schwartz (K4 teacher)!

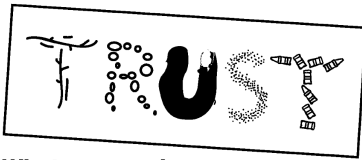
Welcome, Mr. Vandenberg (7th-8th grade teacher and principal), Mrs. Vandenberg, and Silas!



kids page

TRUST POSTER

No matter what you face, God is with you. Make this poster as a reminder to always trust God.



What you need:

- Cardstock
- Glue
- Twigs (a 3" piece and a 2" piece)
- Pebbles
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Sand or glitter
- Broken crayons (2 or 3)

What you do:

1. On the left side of the cardstock, trace a 3"-high letter T with glue. Place twigs on the glue lines.
2. Trace an R of the same size. Place pebbles on that glue.
3. Use black paint to make a U.
4. Trace an S in glue. Pour sand (or glitter) on top.
5. Make another T with glue. Place the crayons on top.
6. After the poster dries, shake off the excess sand (or glitter) into a trash can.



NEVER FEAR!

The Psalms are full of inspiring prayers to God, who always looks after you.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in each missing letter. Then use those letters to complete Psalm 13:5, NIV.

What plants grow in D I R ₁

The opposite of play W O ₂ K

One-of-a-kind ₃ N I Q U E

A hug and a K I ₄ S

Sour T A R ₅

To speak very loudly Y E ₆ L

Immediately N ₇ W

Bees live in a H I ₈ E

A dandelion is this W ₉ E D

I ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅ in your unfailing ₆ ₇ ₈ ₉ ;
my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

Answers: dirt, work, unique, kiss, fart, yell, now, hive, weed;
I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

Zion Lutheran Church & School

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Items preceded by * take place at school.	1 5:30 pm Weekly Golf Outing	2 6:30 pm Fitness Fellowship	3	4 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	5 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	6
7 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	8 5:30 pm Weekly Golf Outing	9 *Zion School Registration Day	10 6:30 pm *Parent Orientation Night 7:10 pm Church Council Meeting	11 6:30 pm Worship	12 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	13
14 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	15 5:30 pm Weekly Golf Outing 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting 6:30 pm Elders Board Meeting	16	17	18 6:30 pm Worship	19 LLHS Freshman Orientation MESSENGER DEADLINE 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	20
21 CHURCH PICNIC Mr. Vandenberg & Mrs. Schwartz' Installations 10:00 am Worship	22 LLHS & LPS 1st Day of School 5:30 pm Weekly Golf Outing	23 *Zion's 1st Day of School	24	25 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	26 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	27
28 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	29 5:30 pm Weekly Golf Outing	30	31			



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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

Tues., Aug. 9 - Zion School Registration
Wed., Aug. 10 - Parent Orientation Night, 6:30pm
Wed., Aug. 10 - Church Council Meeting, 7:10pm
Mon., Aug. 15 - Board of Ed Meeting, 6:30pm
Mon., Aug. 15 - Elders Board Meeting, 6:30pm
Sun., Aug. 21 - Zion Church Picnic
Tues., Aug. 23 - Zion's 1st Day of School