

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 Traitor

One disciple does not seem to belong with the rest. In the lists of the Twelve, he's always mentioned last and always with the reminder that he was the one who betrayed Jesus. Just feel the negative emotions that rise up when you read his name: Judas Iscariot.

So it's understandable to ask: Why was he one of the Twelve? Why did Jesus even call him? Modern critics have suggested something shady: Jesus needed a fall guy to carry out his plans, and he chose Judas for that purpose. But that is not at all what Scripture records for us. Jesus' calling of Judas was no less genuine than his calling of the other Eleven. The Word that Jesus spoke with him was no less powerful. Jesus had come to die for Judas as much as he had come to die for the other disciples.

Just see how Jesus dealt with him. From the beginning, Jesus knew that Judas would betray him; he saw the greed and treachery in his heart. Yet all along Jesus reached out to him. Right up to the end, he spoke pointedly to warn him how Satan was filling his heart. Just hours before his betrayal, Jesus washed Judas' feet along with the others, sat at the table with him, and warned him one last time of the consequences of the path he had chosen. Jesus practically pleaded with him to repent—though he knew he would not. Even as Judas delivered that

traitorous kiss, Jesus called him friend. Ultimately, Jesus was willing to give his life for Judas too. What stubborn love!

Yet Judas' heart had turned hard. In spite of all the time he had spent with Jesus, in spite of all Jesus' pleas, Judas carried out his plot. Worse yet and more tragic by far was that he failed to repent and was lost.

Heads shaking, we assure ourselves that we could never follow the same path: "Surely not I, Lord! I've gone to church all my life. I've spent years studying the Scriptures. I've done important work for the Lord." But so had Judas! We are not immune to temptation. In fact, Satan works all the more ruthlessly on us.

But Jesus is even more relentless. Through his Word he keeps pointing out the sins we might otherwise miss in our hearts. Then with water, Word, and bread and wine, he reminds us of his sacrificial love for us and gives us his grace. He wants us to get rid of the sin that would fill our hearts and—when we do inevitably betray him in thought, word, or deed—to remember and turn back to him for full forgiveness.

So let us never give up our faith. Jesus won't give up on us!

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Usher Schedule

September 6 and September 13

8:00am	10:00am September 6
	10:30am September 13
Team E1	Team L2
Jeff Henning (C)	Dale Schultz (C)
Daryl Berndt (A)	George Peeper (A)
Leo Fischer	Daniel Schultz
Matt Weidner	Matt Ganser
Rodney Hacht	Dylan Schultz
Mark Tiedt	Michael Hallberg

September 20 and September 27

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

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.



July Church Attendance

Date	Total
2/5	256
9/12	302
16/19	365
23/26	321

Video Team Schedule September 2015

6	Gary Schuhmacher
13	Randy Koehn
20	Mark Lindell
27	Phil Manteufel



Forward in Faith

Forward in Faith is a phrase you will hear and read quite often in the next few months. It is the theme for our new 3-year Commitment campaign for the funding of our new church building with the kick-off being Sunday, September 27th. Three years ago, the Lord blessed our Excellence for Christ campaign and moved the hearts of our people to pledge about \$850,000 over a 3-year time span. That commitment comes to an end this December. We now move Forward in Faith as we make plans for our new campaign trusting that just as the Lord blessed our Excellence for Christ campaign, so He too will bless us as we work together and move forward to continue paying off the debt of our new church. Stay tuned for more details coming in the next weeks and months.

Greeter Schedule

September 6

8:00am — E10 Gene & Elaine Beier	10:00am — L1 Nancy Huebner & Sara Hanna
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September 13

8:00am — E11 Harold & Delphine Schaefer	10:30am — L2 Laurie Kirchberg & Pat Premo
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September 20

8:00am — E12 Art Sharpee & Waldamar Vick	10:30am — L3 Rick & Lisa Gentz
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September 27

8:00am — E13 Leo & Audrey Fischer	10:30am — E4 Bernard & Genevieve Setz
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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 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:

July 2015

Previous Month Assets	\$357,640.48
Total Transactions	-\$14,565.73
Total Current Assets	\$343,074.75

New Church/School Total	\$255,295.76
checking/savings	

Accounts	Monthly Statements			
	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking
Previous Balance	\$35,509.43	\$39,142.94	\$249,654.54	\$7,859.11
Monthly Transactions*	(\$12,347.84)	\$0.00	\$270.45	(\$2,488.34)
Current Balance	\$23,161.59	\$39,142.94	\$249,924.99	\$5,370.77
Transactions	(\$150.00)	\$0.00	(\$4,623.38)	(\$2,000.00)
	Going Yard - repair landscaping		American National Bank church loan	Omni Technologies update keyless entry
	Dixon Drywall - painting & repairs @ Western Ave home		American National Bank organ loan	little giant ladder for church
	Jerry Tjugum cut up tree @ Mill St		\$1,000.00 deposit	
	personage - storm computer for pastor		\$2,035.60 deposit	
	Wilke		\$2,216.90 deposit	
	Home Expressions - Western Ave entrance			
	Dauphan Electric - re-install power @ Mill St Church - storm		\$2,716.00 deposit	
			\$1,802.00 deposit	
			\$1,115.00 deposit	
			\$1,080.00 deposit	
			\$270.45	
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$12,347.84)	\$0.00		(\$2,488.34)
Total Transactions	(\$14,565.73)			
Interest Received	\$3.90			

Thank you for your donations!

Special Giving Opportunities			
Items	Received	What we still need	
Bell Tower	\$ 11,093.54	cost 77550K (pledge)	
Future Technology	\$ 4,600.00	not yet planned	
Pew Chairs(80) \$160/ea	\$ 1,120.00		11,680.00
Stained Glass Windows	\$ 43,510.00		5,310.00
Tables & Chairs	\$ 6,327.91		5,552.31
Triptych Paintings	\$ 2,500.00		8,200.00
TOTAL	\$ 69,151.45		\$ 30,742.31

Organ Refurbishing Project			
Project Cost	\$ 340,000.00	reduced price	
Received	\$ 56,288.52		
Still Need	\$ 283,711.47		
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.....			
CD F&M	12-mo	CD's (Lynn/Lenz)	
			\$10,474.46
			\$15,000.00
			\$0.00
			\$10,474.46
			\$15,000.00

Patio Special Fundraising
Gas grill for patio \$300 donated

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	Jul 15	Jul 15
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
General Fund Offerings	32,567.99	32,567.99
LLHS Building Income	171.00	171.00
LLHS Income	1,914.59	1,914.59
Other Donations	4.50	4.50
Other Reciepts	3.74	3.74
Synod Missions Income	4,094.17	4,094.17
WLCFS Income	118.00	118.00
WLIM Income	121.00	121.00
Total Income	38,994.99	38,994.99
Expense		
Called Workers Salaries	20,725.94	20,725.94
Convention/Cont' Education	8.90	8.90
Guest Pastor	250.00	250.00
Health Insurance	4,887.90	4,887.90
Housing	635.00	635.00
Liability Insurance	325.00	325.00
LLHS Building Expense	171.00	171.00
LLHS Expense	1,914.59	1,914.59
Maintenance	2,180.03	2,180.03
Meditation/Forward in Christ	371.92	371.92
Mileage	348.85	348.85
Miscellaneous	20.00	20.00
Organists	166.24	166.24
Outreach Board	280.80	280.80
Payroll Expenses	192.16	192.16
Payroll Taxes	5,248.15	5,248.15
Postage and Delivery	384.91	384.91
Secretaries	1,399.30	1,399.30
Stewardship Board	367.08	367.08
Synod Mission Expense	4,094.17	4,094.17
Telephone & Internet Expense	235.01	235.01
Utilities	3,644.78	3,644.78
WLCFS Expense	118.00	118.00
WLIM Expense	121.00	121.00
Worship	23.99	23.99
Total Expense	48,114.72	48,114.72

Sale of Old Church & Parsonage

At a recently held special council meeting on Sunday, August 9th, the church council voted to accept an offer from a potential buyer of both the old church and Mill Street parsonage. The council felt that the offers on both properties were very good and advised our realtor to proceed with accepting the offers. We are now waiting to hear back from the realtor and buyers to complete the sale. We will continue to keep you informed as the sale proceeds. Together Serving Christ,
Zion Church Council



Jeanette Parpart	16th	86 years
Roger Nehmer	18th	85 years
Arthur Sharpee	18th	86 years
Eileen Hurckman	23rd	88 years
Darlene Gentz	24th	84 years
Allyn Kitzerow	24th	81 years
Mary Jane Premo	27th	92 years
Harold Schaefer	30th	83 years

Ministrations

Baptisms

7. Wyatt Weston Wolf, son of Carl Wolf II and Amie (nee Winter) Wolf. Born 6/18/2015. Baptized 7/12/2015.

Deaths

6. Doris Miller. Born 11/6/1922, Died 7/17/2015.

Messenger Deadline

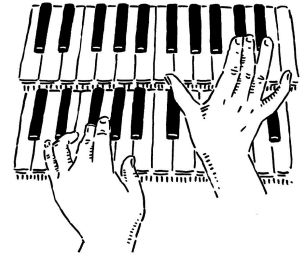
Please submit your Messenger articles by **September 25th**. Contact Sue Henning at 920-623-2569 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Ladies' Aid

Our first meeting for the 2015-2016 season will be Thursday, September 3rd at 2:00pm. We hope everyone is ready for a year full of activities. During our meeting, we will discuss this year's schedule. We hope to see all our members along with many new faces that are willing to help us accomplish our goals. Please join us for many hands makes the work lighter.

Organ Update

Progress on the organ is very evident these days as the facade has been erected and pipes are put in place. Soon it will appear that the organ is finished however, after all the pieces of the organ are assembled, each of the over 1,700 pipes needs to be individually voiced and tuned. This is a painstaking process that will take time. If you happen to be in the building during the next few weeks, you may hear the sound of a pipe droaning on and on as they make fine adjustments to the tone quality and tuning. Please keep noise to a minimum while they are working on this part of the process. After the voicing and tuning, there will be a "settling" period which will also be the time for our organists to dust off their organ skills. As they practice any final issues or "bugs" will be identified and resolved. Finally, we will be ready to dedicate and begin using our organ for worship! Dedication has been set for Sunday, October 25th. Look for more information regarding the dedication services and concert in our next month's *Messenger*.



Zion Choir

The Zion Choir provides opportunities to use our voices to make beautiful music in praise of our God. If you enjoy singing, give Zion Choir a try. The Zion Choir rehearses **Wednesday** evenings from 7:30 - 8:30pm in the church sanctuary beginning **September 9th**.

All confirmed members of Zion Church are welcome. Childcare can be provided during rehearsals if requested.

For more information or if you have questions (including childcare requests), please contact Matt Kanzenbach at mkanzenbach@hotmail.com or 623-9282.

Adult Bible Study

On Sunday morning, September 13th, we will begin our Sunday morning Bible studies in the fellowship hall at 9:15am. The first topic we will study is entitled "Our Christian Response to Blessings and Challenges". There are 10 lessons and following are the lesson titles:

1. When we experience unmet needs and expectations.
2. When we are hurt by others and hold on to unresolved anger.
3. When we struggle with the desire for instant gratification.
4. When we receive financial blessings.
5. When we face moral desensitization.
6. When someone we love is afflicted with a terminal disease.
7. When we recover from a serious illness.
8. When our children marry.
9. When a loved one suddenly dies.
10. When we outlive our relatives.

Refreshments will also be served. Come and join us for a time of food, fellowship and a discussion of God's Word. Childcare is provided at school during this time for those too young for Sunday School.

Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

This summer I have been writing about evangelism, but never mentioned to start in your home. By the time you get this, Zion will have started school. That does NOT mean you cannot enroll your child anymore. I'm sure Mr. Grambsch, the entire staff, and the congregation would be happy to have your child enrolled in our school.

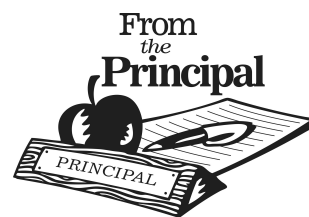
When I speak of evangelism, I am referring to the verbal proclamation of the good news of salvation. Isn't the home the very best place to start? Isn't our Lutheran elementary school a great place to find assistance to *"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."* (Proverbs 22.6) or *"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."* (Ephesians 6:4)?

I pray you continue to find the strength and courage to speak of the good news of salvation with everyone God places in front of you, particularly in your very own home and family. I want to assure you that our church, our congregation, and our elementary school are here to assist you in that proclamation of the good news of salvation. Please take advantage of the assistance that is available to you.

News & Notes from Zion School

Our School Year Theme: Power Up!

How many times have you had to reset the clock on your microwave this summer? It seems that this summer we have had plenty of power outages. Some only last for a couple of seconds while others last a few hours. We take for granted what the power company provides for us. When we don't have electricity we are sure to make a call and let them know we don't have it.



Is that how we react when we don't have the power of God's Word in our lives? When the light of our faith begins to flicker, do we quickly call upon God to help restore it? Our school year will focus on the power God gives us. Our theme passage is wonderful evidence of this. 2 Timothy 1:7 says, *"For the spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline."* Our loving Savior gives His Spirit through the sacrament and means of grace found in His Word. When those times come, when it seems that the power has gone out in our hearts, God is there with the light of the Gospel. We don't even have to call on Him. He comes to us in His Word. Our Savior shines the light of faith in our hearts so we once again are brought back to the safety that our loving Savior provides.

Several Changes at Zion

Our school day begins at 8:00 am. School still dismisses at 3:10 pm.

New Teachers at Zion

We welcome Mr. Ryan Radloff (7th and 8th grade) and Mrs. Jacalyn Otto (Kindergarten) to our Zion faculty. May the Lord bless their ministry here at Zion.

K4 Expands

Our K4 program has expanded from three to five days a week. Their day runs from 8:00 - 11:30 am.

Extended Care Program

Zion Lutheran School's Extended Care Program is expanding this year. Care will now be offered from 11:30 am to 6:00 pm. Our director is Melody Krakow.

Missions

Zion has adopted two mission projects this year. Our home mission project is the Alpha Life Resource Center based in Watertown. Our world mission project is helping missionaries in Thailand. Look for more information about these programs in the Crusader Chronicle. These programs will be supported through our chapel offerings this school year.

School Volunteers Needed

Zion Lutheran School is looking for volunteers who would be willing to clean the microwaves used by the students for their lunches and to wash the laundry used in the lunchroom. Please contact the school office at (920) 623-5180 if you are interested in helping out. Thanks!



kids page



AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

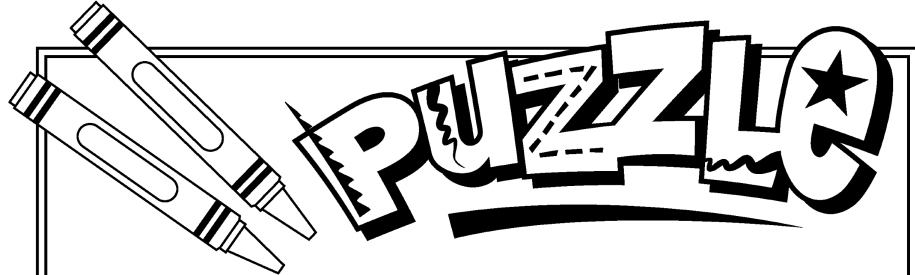
Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!















STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.



Do not be  in your own  ;
 the  and shun  .
 This will bring  to your 
 and nourishment to  bones.
 the LORD  your wealth,
 with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

Zion Lutheran Church

September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Items preceded by * take place at school.</p>		<p>1 6:00 pm *Volunteer Orientation Meeting</p>	<p>2 7:00 pm Public School Confirmation Parent Meeting</p>	<p>3 8:00 am *SonBEAMS 2:00 pm Ladies Aid Meeting 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>		
<p>6 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>7 NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY</p>		<p>9 VB Games Home vs Holy Cross, Madison 4:00 pm 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:10 pm Meeting Night 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>10 8:00 am *SonBEAMS 6:30 pm Worship</p>		<p>12 VB Tournament A-Team at St. Paul's, Ikonla</p>
<p>13 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am *Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>14 VB Games Away vs Our Redeemer, Madison at VAC 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting</p>	<p>15 6:00 pm *PATZ Meeting</p>	<p>16 VB Games Home vs St. John's, Watertown 4:00 pm 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>17 8:00 am *SonBEAMS 6:30 pm Worship</p>		<p>19 VB Tournament B-Team at St. Mark's, Watertown</p>
<p>20 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am *Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>21 VB Games Away vs Eastside Lutheran</p>		<p>23 VB Games Away vs St. John's, Juneau 4:00 pm 6th-7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 4:00 pm 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>24 Peace CC Meet at Sheehan Park, Sun Prairie 8:00 am *SonBEAMS 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>		
					<p>25 NO SCHOOL - Teachers' Conference MESSENGER DEADLINE</p>	
<p>27 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am *Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>28 LLHS CC Meet</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 VB Games Home vs St. John's, Pardeeville 4:00 pm 6th-7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 4:00 pm 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>			<p>26 BLAC Soccer Tournament at Brandt-Quirk Park, Watertown</p>



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September

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Church and School located at 822 Western Avenue

Upcoming Events

Wed., Sept. 2 - Public School Confirmation Parent Mtg, 7:00pm
Mon., Sept. 7 - No School - Labor Day
Sun., Sept. 13 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Begins,
9:00am
Tues., Sept. 15 - PATZ Meeting, 6:00pm
Fri., Sept. 25 - No School - Teachers' Conference