

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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Saved!

"This water symbolizes baptism that now saves you." 1 Peter 3:21

It was an ugly scene, a violent scene. Death and destruction were everywhere. Water was bursting up from the ground below. Rain was pelting down from the sky above. Waves were churning. Water levels were rising. People were drowning. There was no dry ground to be found. The people could only swim in place for so long. Eventually it became a struggle for them to keep their heads above the water. Soon their lungs filled with water and they sank to the depths below. The flood—it was an ugly scene. Death and destruction were everywhere... outside the ark. But inside the ark? Inside the ark, eight people, along with all of those animals, were safe and secure.

Awesome, isn't it? How the same flood-waters that brought so much death and destruction to the people outside the ark actually saved the people who were in-side the ark? How? How did the flood-waters save Noah and his family? Simply put, the floodwaters enabled that ark to float. The floodwaters lifted Noah and his family above all of the death and destruction below. The water saved Noah and his family.

We deserve death and destruction. We deserve to perish. We deserve to die—forever. We were drowning in a sea of unbelief. Waves of denial, rivers of rejection, and currents of

stubbornness kept us from believing in God, from turning to God, and from trusting in God. Spiritually speaking, we were unable to swim to dry land. We couldn't tread water—we couldn't even keep our heads above the water—and there was no way for us to save ourselves. Our sins weighed us down. They pulled us down. They pulled us under. Drowning in sin and unbelief, we should have perished. But someone spotted us. Someone jumped in to rescue us. Someone reached out to save us.

God did. "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5). Greater than throwing us a life preserver, God reached out to us in his Word through the water of Holy Baptism. Just like the water of the flood saved Noah, the water of Baptism saved us (1 Peter 3:21). There in a shallow basin of warm water, God saved us from sin, from death, and from the punishment of hell. Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" (verse 16). Rescued from certain death! Saved for all eternity! And God did it all; he did it all by grace and by grace alone.

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Greeter Schedule



September 4

8:00am — E7	10:30am — L1
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	Nancy Huebner & Sara Hanna

September 11

8:00am — E8	10:30am — L2
Wilma Lenz & Joan Herzberg	Laurie Kirchberg & Pat Premo

September 18

8:00am — E9	10:30am — L3
Bill & Merle Nehmer	Rick & Lisa Gentz

September 25

8:00am — E10	10:30am — L4
Gene & Elaine Beier	Bernard & Genevieve Setz

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.



September 4 & September 11

8:00am	10:30am
<u>Team E8</u>	<u>Team L5</u>
Mike Vick (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Troy Kehoe (A)	Peter Lewke (A)
Austin Evers	John Cares
Logan Kehoe	Paul Musser
Jake Boness	Brian Baney
Brian Peck	Andy Tratar

September 18 & September 25

8:00am	10:30am
<u>Team E1</u>	<u>Team L6</u>
Jeff Henning (C)	Otto Mattke (C)
Daryl Berndt (A)	Paul Kehl (A)
Leo Fischer	Dennis Winter
Matt Weidner	Carl Wolf
Rodney Hacht	William Mattke
Mark Tiedt	Nils Johansson

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 September 2016

4 Matt Greiling
11 Mark Lindell
18 Randy Koehn
25 Phil Manteufel



July Church Attendance

Date	Total
30/3	302
7/10 (Schwartz' Installation)	449
14/17	322
21/24	280



Council Names and Numbers

Rick Gentz, President - 623-2507
Don Lamb, Vice President - 623-0556
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Jeff Krakow, Elders - 920-210-2388
Matt Vosberg, Outreach - 920-210-3817
Jim Greiling, Property - 920-623-2512
Dave Harle, Stewardship - 623-3819

Membership



Membership Changes

No changes reported.



Jeanette Parpart	16th	86 years
Roger Nehmer	18th	85 years
Arthur Sharpee	18th	86 years
Allyn Kitzerow	24th	81 years
Harold Schaefer	30th	83 years

Ministrations

Deaths

6. Lucille Salzwedel. Born 8/3/1930, Died 7/16/2016.
7. Joanne E. Beal. Born 5/3/1936; Died 7/15/2016.



Zion Choir

The Zion Choir provides opportunities to use our voices to make beautiful music. in praise of our God. If you enjoy singing, consider joining the Zion

Choir. Rehearsals take place **Wednesday** evenings from **7:30-8:30pm** in the church sanctuary beginning **September 7th.**

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

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

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **September 23rd.** Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Zion's Ladies Aid Society

Our summer meeting break is over so it is now time for our meeting on September 1st at 2:00pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Even though we have no meetings, our committee responsibilities still continues during the summer. At our September meeting, we will discuss the schedule for the coming year. Because we are a small group, we are always looking for ladies who would be willing to help with our projects. Feel free to join us for any meeting.



Ladies Aid

What is Scrip?

Scrip is gift cards from local and national retailers available for you to purchase. Gift cards are available for many of the stores and restaurants that you shop at every day including: Amazon, BP, Burger King, Culver's, Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Pick 'n Save, McDonald's, Subway, Walmart, Woodman's and so many more! Using Scrip is like using cash.

Participating retailers help families reduce tuition by agreeing to sell gift cards to Zion at a discount. For instance, a \$25 gift card may be sold to the school for \$20. When you purchase the cards, then, the \$5 difference goes toward the school. Gift cards from Zion are redeemed at the retailer for full face value. Use them just like cash!

50% of the proceeds Scrip generates through orders from parents and relatives can be credited to a current or future student's tuition account. The remaining 50% will be used here at Zion as directed by the Board of Education. It's truly a win-win for families and our school! Even if you don't have a student, you can choose to designate your proceeds to the Tuition Assistance Fund for Zion grade school students!



Elders Board

by Jeff Krakow

"You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3) What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (Luther's Catechism)

The world is full of temptations: sports, work, house, possessions,

even self can get top spot over God. "That's mine!" is not something only children say. I have heard many adults say the same thing. *"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,"* (Psalm 24:1a). Or maybe we hear something to the effect of "Look how great I am." "I was in charge when this happened or that happened" is also spoken by many adults as if it would never have been accomplished if they weren't the specific person in charge at the time. *"the world, and all who live in it;"* (Psalm 24:1b). So, whether it's possessions or self, including any talent you have been given, it is the Lord's.

Can idol worshiping cause us to become idle worshipers? Is there something more important on your mind than worship during worship? "That's where I always sit." "Why is the fan on?" "Look at this great building I was in charge of!" "I have to get the house ready for company." Or even worse, is there something more important to you to keep you from attending worship? "There's a tournament today." "The Packers have an early game." "It's a good day for golf." "I just want a cup of coffee and to read the paper."

God says "You shall have no other gods." Yes, that is the first commandment, but listen to what God says leading up to that. In both Exodus and Deuteronomy he says. *"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."* (Exodus 20:2 and Deuteronomy 5:6). He wants us to obey his commandments out of love! Even before this he showed his great love for us. After Adam and Eve disobeyed the one command he gave them, *"and the LORD God commanded the man, You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."* (Genesis 2:16, 17) he immediately promised to save them. God said, *"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers."* (Genesis 3:15) The four gospels, plus many other places, go into great detail of God fulfilling that promise out of love for us.

It is out of love he saved us and it is love he wants from us, *"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."* (Deuteronomy 6:6). He wants us to think of Him and His Word in everything we think, say, and do. *"Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."* (Deuteronomy 6:7-9).

Heavenly Father,

You have given us your Word to read, learn, and take to heart. You have loved us so much that you sent your one and only Son to take the punishment we deserve so we can enjoy eternity in heaven with you. Strengthen us through your Holy Word and give us encouragement to keep you the priority in all we think, say, and do. Help us show loving thankfulness to you always. With the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

Stewardship Board Report

by Dave Harle

Audits of the Church and School accounts were conducted. All areas were found to be in satisfactory condition. Zion Church members can be assured that all is in good financial order. The utmost integrity is being employed when dealing with the day-to-day financial operations of our Church and School.

A big thank you to Dave Stange from St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam for helping us to organize and oversee this year's audit. Also a thank you to Lisa Stadler and Matt Weidner for being willing to serve on the Auditing Committee.



Stewardship Report



Building Committee

Report

by Jeff Henning
Breuer Metal
Craftsman, Inc. of
Beaver Dam has been
selected to

manufacture the bell tower for Zion. Unfortunately, due to their current work load, the delivery is scheduled for mid-January.

The tower is estimated to weigh 8,000 pounds and will stand 32 feet tall. It will be painted with a zinc-rich primer coat that will be similar to a powder-coat finish and painted red (color-matched to the church). Finally, a finish coat of polyurethane will be applied for added protection.

The bell refurbishing project was completed this past April. Our bell is currently in The Verdin Company storage facility in Cincinnati, Ohio. They have agreed to store it for us at no cost until we are ready to receive it.

On the day that the tower arrives, the bell will most likely be bolted to the tower while still on the truck. A crane will then hoist the tower onto the mounting bolts at the base of the tower platform. The bell itself will not move; a mechanism will move a clapper that strikes the bell when a button is pushed from the AV booth at the back of church.

Finally, on a date yet to be determined, the same roofer that installed our church roof will return to install a metal roof on top of the tower that is identical to the church roof.

As we near our tower delivery, we hope for little or no snow and warmer weather to aid with the installation of this beautiful addition to Zion. Please be patient with the process. We think you will be pleased.

Zion Sunday School

Zion's **Sunday School begins on September 11, 2016.** Classes for children in K4 through eighth grade meet at our school on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15.

There are many ways to register your child for Sunday School:

Complete a paper copy of the registration form from the church information table and turn it into the office or the box on the church information table.

Register on our website under the Youth tab:
www.zioncolumbus.org

Register on the first day of Sunday School.

We look forward to seeing you on September 11th. Sunday School that day will start with an opening devotion in the school gym.

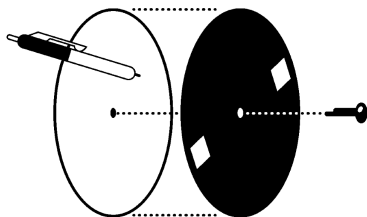
If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Again, we would consider it a high privilege and honor to have your child in Sunday School.

On behalf of the Sunday School staff,
Mr. Grambsch
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cgrambsch@zioncrusaders.com

kids page

PROMISE WHEEL

This craft will remind you that God is always with you.



What you need:

- A large round bowl
- 2 large pieces of construction paper
- A pen
- Scissors
- A ruler
- A brad
- A Bible or search engine

What you do:

1. Turn the bowl upside down and trace around it on both pieces of paper.
2. Cut out the circles. Draw a dot in the center of each.
3. On one circle, trace and cut out two 2" squares opposite each other, with the dot in the middle.
4. Align the dots and place the brad through both circles.
5. In the space left by one square, write a fear you have. Then write a comforting Bible verse in the other square.
6. Rotate the circle to a new blank space, and write another fear and verse.



THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.



Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

Start at 19. Draw from 19-18, 18-17. 47-62, 62-77. 22-21, 21-20. 50-51. 82-81, 81-80, 80-65, 65-50, 50-35, 35-20. 24-38, 38-53. 24-40, 40-55. 17-32. 47-48. 32-47. 26-41, 41-56, 56-71, 71-86. 56-57, 57-58. 55-54, 54-53, 53-68, 68-83. 55-70, 70-85. 58-43. 57-73, 73-88. 43-28, 28-27, 27-26.

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>> "So do not __ __ __ __, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10, NIV <<

Answer: fear

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Financial Statement
 July 2016

	July 16	<i>Estimated Monthly Budget</i>	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
General Fund Offerings	42,229.94			
LLHS Building Income	315.00			
LLHS Income	2,484.11			
Other Donations	20.00			
Synod Missions Income	5,188.23			
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	<i>750.00</i>			
WLCFS Income	285.00			
WLIM Income	145.00			
Total Income	51,417.28			
Expense				
ACH fee	(10.70)			
Apartment Rent	635.00	666.67	8,000.00	7.94%
Called Workers Salaries	19,918.43	23,538.58	282,463.00	7.05%
Church Library Expense	0.00	12.50	150.00	0.0%
Church Supplies	318.81	283.33	3,400.00	9.38%
Convention/Cont' Education	38.00	75.00	900.00	4.22%
Copier	0.00	291.67	3,500.00	0.0%
Elders Board	0.00	29.17	350.00	0.0%
Guest Pastor	125.00	58.33	700.00	17.86%
Health Insurance	5,241.83	8,217.00	98,604.00	5.32%
Janitors	360.13	1,000.00	12,000.00	3.0%
LLHS Building Expense	315.00			
LLHS Expense	2,484.11	2,250.00	27,000.00	9.2%
Maintenance	2,432.02	2,559.42	30,713.00	7.92%
Meditations	0.00	125.00	1,500.00	0.0%
Mileage	0.00	291.67	3,500.00	0.0%
Miscellaneous	1,700.00	12.50	150.00	1,133.33%
Organists	265.89	258.33	3,100.00	8.58%
Outreach Board	296.17	375.00	4,500.00	6.58%
Part-time Teacher	0.00	2,058.33	24,700.00	0.0%
Payroll Expenses	202.96	233.33	2,800.00	7.25%
Payroll Taxes	4,520.89	2,232.92	26,795.00	16.87%
Pension Insurance	0.00	2,220.83	26,650.00	0.0%
Postage and Delivery	145.58	108.33	1,300.00	11.2%
Secretaries	1,099.34	1,666.67	20,000.00	5.5%
Stewardship Board	341.53	416.67	5,000.00	6.83%
Sunday School/VBS	0.00	241.67	2,900.00	0.0%
Synod Mission Expense	5,188.23	4,666.67	56,000.00	9.27%
Telephone & Internet Expense	242.04	333.33	4,000.00	6.05%
Utilities	2,517.50	5,250.00	63,000.00	4.0%
WLCFS Expense	285.00			
WLIM Expense	145.00			
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	0.00	1,208.33	14,500.00	0.0%
Worship	0.00	316.67	3,800.00	0.0%
Total Expense	48,807.76	60,997.92	731,975.00	6.67%

Zion Lutheran Church & School

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Items preceded by * take place at school.</i></p>				<p>1 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 6:00 pm *Volunteer Orientation 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>2 6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>5 5:30 pm Weekly Golf Outing</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 4:00 pm VB Away - St. John's, Waterloo 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>8 8:00 am *SonBEAMS 6:30 pm Worship</p>	<p>9 6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>10 Eastside Soccer Tournament A-Team VB Tournament, Ixonia</p>
<p>11 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>12 9:30 am Pastors Circuit Meeting 5:30 pm Weekly Golf Outing 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting</p>	<p>13 7:00 pm Stewardship Board Meeting</p>	<p>14 4:00 pm *VB Home - St. John's, Pardeeville 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>15 8:00 am *SonBEAMS 4:00 pm CC Meet - St. Paul's, Lake Mills 6:30 pm Worship</p>	<p>16 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 4:00 pm Soccer Game at Faith Christian School</p>	<p>17 B-Team VB Tournament, St. Mark's</p>
<p>18 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>19 1:00 pm WLS Symposium on Hermeneutics 5:30 pm Weekly Golf Outing 6:00 pm *PATZ Meeting</p>	<p>20 WLS Symposium on Hermeneutics 4:00 pm VB Away - St. Peter's, Helenville</p>	<p>21 4:00 pm *VB Home - Holy Cross, Madison 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>22 8:00 am *SonBEAMS 4:00 pm CC Meet - Peace, Sun Prairie 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>23 MESSENGER DEADLINE 6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>24 BLAC Soccer Tournament</p>
<p>25 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Grades 5-8 Sing 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>26 4:00 pm CC Meet - LLHS 5:30 pm Weekly Golf Outing</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 4:00 pm VB Away - Eastside, Madison 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir</p>	<p>29 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>30 *NO SCHOOL - Teacher's Conference LHS/LPS Homecoming Game 6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	



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September

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
Sunday School at Zion School.....9:15 am

Church and School located at 822 Western Avenue

Upcoming Events

Thurs., Sept. 1 - Zion Ladies Aid Meeting, 2:00pm
Thurs., Sept. 1 - Volunteer Orientation, 6:00pm
Mon., Sept. 12 - Board of Ed Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues., Sept. 13 - Stewardship Board Meeting, 7:00pm
Wed., Sept. 14 - Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Mon., Sept. 19 - PATZ Meeting, 6:00pm