The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



I'm tired of all the bad news.

Can God help me see a solution to all the problems?

Have you noticed the newspaper headlines and lead stories on the evening news lately? They don't really change much over the years. Plenty of ink is spilled about wars, murders, rapes, or other forms of violent

crime. Our eyes watch tornados, floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes unfold before us on the airwaves. Life can often look pretty bleak in many parts of the world. But the problems aren't just in other parts of the world.

Sometimes the hurt, the pain, and the tragedies we often read or hear about actually invade our own personal lives. Being on the receiving end can lead us to blurt out in frustration:

"My neighbors are so grumpy all the time. Why can't people just be kind?"

"The kids are driving me nuts! It feels as though I have completely lost control."

"My marriage has been in a rut for months, and the possibility of it changing seems hopeless. Some days I wished I'd never walked down the aisle."

"Why did my mom have to develop cancer? She has been a health nut her whole life. It doesn't seem fair."

"I'm so lonely that some days I honestly feel that I am the only one left in the world."

Life has its problems. Each of us has our problems. Death, sickness, broken promises, and severed relationships—do you ever get tired of all the bad news? It can lead us to wonder: "Is there a solution?"

Yes, there is! It starts first with God helping us understand that all of life's problems are really a symptom of the big problem of sin.

The awesome news is that God freely gives us a

complete solution to that problem of sin.

After living and dying for us, Jesus rose again on Easter Sunday. He is the solution! God tells us that he has given us "new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).



Tired of the bad news? Come and learn about the good news of God's solution to life's problems. This news will never become old.



| Zion Evangelical Lutheran | Lutheran | Church | | | Api | April 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 2 Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Worship, Communion Grades K4-4 Sing 9:15 AM Bible Study, Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship: Communion Grades K4-4 Sing Online Worship Posted | 3 Organ Tuning 6:30 Board of Ed | 4 4-5:00 6-7, 8 Grade Catechism 6:30 Elders 7:00 WELS Wind Ensemble | 5 2:00 Ladies Aid 6:00 Bell Choir Practice 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 6 Holy Thursday No School: Inservice 7:45-11 Cleaning 3:30 Worship, Communion 4:30 Seder 6:30 Worship, | 7 Good Friday No School 6:00 Bible Breakfast 1:00 Worship 7:00 Worship | 1 8 No School (Easter Break) |
| 9 The Resurrection of our Lord 6:00 Worship: Easter Dawn, Communion 7:00 -10:00 am Breakfast 8:00 AM Worship, Easter Day 10:30 AM Worship, Easter Day Online Worship Posted | 10 No School (Easter Break) 6:30 Stewardship Board | 6:30 Zion Fine Arts Fair Concert 7:00 WELS Wind Ensemble | 12 4-5:00 6-7, 8 Grade Catechism 6:00 Bell Choir Practice 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 13 7:45-11 Sanctuary Cleaning 6:30 Worship, Communion | 14 6:00 Bible Breakfast Chick-fîl-a-lunch 11:30 K for a Day 4:30 Wedding Rehearsal | 15 Sanctuary Reserved: Wedding LLHS Fine Arts Fair |
| 16 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM Worship, Communion 9:15 AM Bible Study, Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship, Communion Online Worship Posted | 17 Pastor's Conference | 18 Tax Day Pastor's Conference 6:00 PATZ 7:00 WELS Wind Ensemble | 19 4-5:00 6-7, 8 Grade Catechism 6:00 Bell Choir Practice 6:30 Church Council 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 20 7:45-11 Sanctuary Cleaning 6:30 Worship | 21 Midterm Special Visitors Day 6:00 Bible Breakfast 3:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00 Zion School Dance | 22 Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary Reserved |
| 23 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Study, Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Online Worship Posted | 24 9-10:30 Sanctuary: Monthly Cleaning | 25 7:00 WELS Wind Ensemble | 26 4-5:00 Confirmation Practice 6:00 Bell Choir Practice 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 27 K-4 th Field trip 7:45-11 Sanctuary Cleaning 6:30 Worship, communion | 28 6:00 Bible Breakfast | 29 |

30 Confirmation Day 8:00 AM Worship, Communion 9:15 AM Examination 10:30 AM Confirmation Service 10:30 AM Grades 5-8 Sing 11:00 AM Fellowship Hall Reserved Online Worship Posted

Jim and Karen Lee

"God is in control and we don't need to worry what will happen."

Where did you each grow up? How did you meet and marry?

I (Karen) grew up between Columbus and Beaver Dam on a beef farm. I went to public school through 4th grade and then I transferred to St. Stephen's in Beaver Dam. I went to Lakeside Lutheran for high school. Jim grew up on a dairy farm outside of Columbus and went to public school in Columbus, graduating from Columbus High School. My best friend from Lakeside was from Columbus and she knew guys that were in the same class at CHS. She paired us up to dance together at a polka dance at the pavilion in Fireman's Park. That didn't go so well. We

didn't start dating until about 4 months later when we met again at a party that my friend had at her house. We married in October of 1991 at St. Stephen's

in Beaver Dam.

What do you want people to know about each of your kids?

We have two grown children, Brandon and Alyssa. They both

live in Madison so we see them regularly.

3. Someone asks you what you do for a living. What do you tell them?

I have worked at American Packaging Corporation for 25 years. I have been in Corporate Accounting doing payroll, accounts payable and other accounting functions for most of those years. I was recently promoted to Corporate Human Resources as a Total Rewards Specialist where I will be working more with compensation and benefits. Jim has been a journeyman bricklayer for over 30 years and works for Crowley Masonry out of Oregon, Wl. He works at different locations around southern Wisconsin but has mainly been around the Madison area.

4. What do you enjoy doing when you aren't working?

I sing in the choir at Zion and really enjoy the friendships that I have made over the years. We enjoy snowmobiling in the winter. In the summer we work on various projects around our farmette and like to go for rides in our convertible.

How did you come to be a part of Zion? If you are inviting someone to come to church, what do you tell them?

I was actually a member of Zion as a young child because my mom is from Columbus and belonged to Zion. I went to Sunday School here until we transferred to St. Stephen's in Beaver Dam so my sister & I could go to grade school there. Jim became a member of Zion when his family moved to Columbus from the East Bristol area and was confirmed at Zion. After we were married, Jim transferred to St. Stephen's and we were members there until 2002 when we transferred back to Zion for our kids to attend confirmation class closer to home.

> If we invited someone to church, we would tell them that Zion is a very welcoming congregation. The pastors are very personable and interested in the well-being of their members.

6. What are the hardest personal challenges to your faith that you face today? What do you do to deal with those challenges? There is so much anger in the

world today -- violence and people wanting everything to go the way that they want it to. I also know people who worry about what is going to happen because of that. I always tell people that God is in control and we don't need to worry what will happen. It is all part of His plan.

What challenges do you see facing our church in the near future? What do you hope stays the same as time goes on?

I think that it is a challenge to keep our young people strong in their faith so they pass it on to their children. There are so many people in this world that do not want to be told that they are sinners and don't think that they need to ask for forgiveness. There are also so many things that can tear young people away from their faith. I pray that Zion school continues to instill a strong faith in the young people of our congregation for future generations to come.

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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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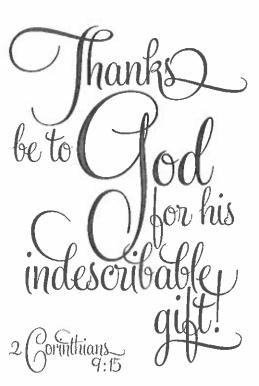
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USHERS FOR APRIL

April 2nd, April 6th (Holy Thursday) & April 7th (Good Friday)

Team E5

Team L3

8:00am - April 2nd

10:30am - April 2nd

6:30pm - April 6th Kim Schilling (C) 7:00pm - April 7th Jim Kluetzman (C)

Ronald Knudson

Gabe Uttech

John Zandler AJ Uttech

Andy Neuman Matt Vosberg Michael Uttech Gary Schuhmacher

Jadon Schwartz

April 9th (Easter Sunrise Service)

6:00am - Team E6 John Brey (C) Jim Greiling Rick Gentz

Hunter Sommer Iordan Crave

Christian Bagocius

April 9th (Easter) & April 16th

8:00am - Team E7

10:30am - Team L4

Mike Vick (C)

Kurt Zander (C)

Troy Kehoe (A) Bruce Hatzinger

Wyatt Browskowski

Isaac Peck

John Loeffler

Brian Peck

Madden Henning

Jake Boness

Tim Petrie

Iim Yohn

April 23rd & April 30th

8:00am - Team E1

10:30am - Team L5

Jeff Henning (C) Leo Fischer Phil Manteufel (C)
Peter Lewke

Matt Weidner

Cam Weiland

Gabe Weidner Rodney Hacht Dan Weiland Iosiah Schwartz

Mark Tiedt

Micah Schwartz

If you have any questions about the usher schedule, would like to be added as an usher or won't be able to serve any longer as an usher, please call Randy Koehn at (920) 296-4333.

WORSHIP WELCOMERS

April 2nd

8:00am

10:30am

Jeff & Melody Krakow

Rick & Lisa Gentz

April 9th

8:00am

10:30am

Kathy Harle &

Marcia Rewolinski &

Joan Sennhenn

Arlene Sennhenn

April 16th

8:00am

10:30am

Delmar & Carol Vick

Otto & Sheree Mattke

April 23rd

8:00am

10:30am

Emily Henning &

Bev Herold

Nancy Huebner

April 30th

8:00am

10:30am

Jim & Jenny Greiling

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.



Church Attendance February

| Date | Total |
|-------|-------|
| 2/5 | 320 |
| 9/12 | 317 |
| 16/19 | 333 |
| 22/26 | 387 |

Membership Changes

Transfer In:

Faith Zellmer from St. Matthew's, Iron Ridge, WI

Transfer Out:

None

Released:

None

Ministrations

Baptisms:

None

Deaths:

 Sharon Salzwedel Born 11/23/1933; Died 2/3/2023

Dean Anderson
 Born 7/18/1932; Died 2/6/2023

Marriages:

None

Confirmations:

None

Affirmations of Faith:

None



Athlyn Herzberg Kenneth Schulz Ray Owens

10th 89 years xxx 80 years

25th 88 years

Twice is Nice Retail Store News, April 2023

Shop: Easter items will go on 50% off beginning Monday, April 3. Spring/summer clothes have been on the sales floor since the end of March! It's time to get serious (and by that, get some serious bargains) toward an updated warm weather wardrobe. We're easy-to-find and open Mondays-Saturdays from 10-4 PM: just a minute east on the Hwy 18 exit off the 26 bypass at 907 W. Racine St., next to the Jefferson Piggly Wiggly. We will be closed Good Friday.

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by April 21st. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or



suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Easter Morning Breakfast

Join your Zion family and friends for a delicious, free Easter breakfast from 7-10 AM on Easter morning. The breakfast will be served in the school gym by Zion teens and adults and will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, and more. We are asking for donations of fruit, drinks, donut holes, jelly beans, granola bars, and pancake mix. If you are interested in donating or helping out, please see the yellow sign-up sheets on the table in the entryway or contact Sue Yaroch at 920-210-2158 or yarochteam@gmail.com. Monetary donations can be sent to the office in a marked envelope.

It's That Time Again

The IRS has announced that the gates are now open to e-file your 2022 Federal Tax Returns. So...? Well now is a good time to start thinking about your refund if you are getting one. One thing to consider is that this is income, the government just didn't allow you to receive it for a few months. As income, perhaps you may want to give a portion of it back to the Lord. In fact, what a painless way to tithe! Giving 10% of your refund is a wonderful way to thank God for the many blessing that he bestowed upon you last year.

Jesus said, "Then give to Caesar [IRS] what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." Luke 20.25b

Your Stewardship Board

SCHOOL BUILDING LISTENING SESSION ON APRIL 23

The Zion School Building Committee was formed last Fall (in 2022) to address the future needs of our school. The mission of Zion Lutheran School is to partner with parents of Zion and reach out to the community through a Christ-centered education, empowering students to live lives of service for God's glory on earth and preparing them for eternity in heaven. It is our belief that to continue this mission we need to address the urgent need for a new school facility. Over the past few months we have been gathering information and preparing preliminary floor plans and elevations for a new school structure. We want the members of Zion to be fully informed on this important endeavor and given the opportunity to view plans, ask questions and provide input. Therefore, we invite you to attend a listening session in our current school building on Sunday, April 23rd after 10:30am worship (around 11:45am). Please mark this on your calendars. Meanwhile, we look forward to meeting with you!

ADDITIONAL CRUSADER CHRONICLE INFORMATION: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Our Teacher Appreciation Committee has planned some teacher appreciation week activities. We are asking for monetary donations to recognize our hard-working, dedicated teachers. Donations in any amount can be sent to the office marked for teacher appreciation. Please have donations to the office by April 20th. We will use the donations to purchase items from the teachers wish lists. Also you will see an envelope come home with your children. Please look for the envelope the week of April 3rd. Please read the instructions and have them sent back to school by April 20th. Thank you!

CALL NEWS

Wednesday, March 22, my husband, Luke Werre, officially declined his call to serve at St. Peter's Fond du Lac. This means that I too will decline my call to teach 4th grade at St. Peter's. We thank everyone who gave us kind words and insights into our current ministries at Peace, Sun Prairie and Zion, Columbus. We ask for prayers for St. Peter's, as they face several vacancies. As we continue in our current ministries, we pray for all our called workers to be able to serve with joy and strength in the Word. In Christ, Jennifer Were

GRADE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Spread the word, sign ups are OPEN for Lakeside Lutheran High School's basketball, STEM, wrestling, soccer, running, football, volleyball and first-ever pom dance camp. Register before **May 26** to guarantee swag!

ZION CRUSADER ATHLETIC NEWS

Track and Softball will begin in April with schedules going out this Friday. Softball is on Mondays and Tuesdays and Track is on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

ZION LUTHERAN PATZ PRESENTS A SCHOOL DANCE "SOCKHOP"

Friday, April 21st 6:00PM - 8:30PM

Prizes for best dressed in each group: 4k-2nd grade, 3-5th grade,6th-8th, and adults! Music, Photo Area, Milkshakes and more! 50's Theme Attire Encouraged!!

**All students must have a parent or responsible chaperone present with them during the dance. Any questions, please contact Amy Lanzhammer at 920-319-2435 Please click on the sign up genius link to help out! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA4A72FA7F4C16-sock

TWICE IS NICE RETAIL STORE NEWS, APRIL 2023

Donate! Purging this spring? Bring donations to the door on the backside of the store from 10-3:30 any day we are open. Did you know? Twice is Nice wants your used or unwanted candles and wax. The season for campfire starters is coming soon, and we have volunteers who make 1000s of firestarters with your used wax! Throw your wax into its own box or bag and donate it at the back door too. Questions? Call 920-674-6868, ask for the day manager.

LAKESIDE'S EASTER CONCERT

Lakeside Lutheran High School's sacred Easter concert is on Wednesday, **April 5** at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this free concert of quiet joy that prepares hearts for the days leading up to the most wonderful day of the year!

GERMAN WORSHIP SERVICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Will take place at 10:00 am, Friday, **April 7th**, at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church in Watertown. The church's address is 215 N. 6th Street (two blocks north of Main Street on Sixth Street). The public is invited to attend. For more information, feel free to call 920-262-8500...

WEEKLY WORSHIP IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE

Takes place at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church in Watertown. This includes a special Spanish service for Easter on **April 2nd**. The church's address is 215 N. 6th Street (two blocks north of Main Street on Sixth Street). The public is invited to attend. For more information, you can call 920-262-8504.

LAKESIDE'S GRAND EVENT AUCTION ON APRIL 22

After such a wonderful response to last year's event, your Lakeside Lutheran Grand Event committee is asking faithful members and groups of our Federation churches and schools to consider donating an item, a basket, or even funds for us to purchase baskets. Might you be willing? Our sign up genius page (bit.ly/GE12donate) has lots of ideas to get you thinking or come up with your own idea for a basket or donation. Please sign up so we know we can count on you. Please deliver the baskets to Lakeside by March 22—or contact Jess Meyer at jmeyer@llhs.org to arrange pick-up. Reach out to grandevent@llhs.org with any questions. Thank you so much for supporting our mission to educate, encourage and equip our students for life and for eternity.

LUTHER PREP GALA XVIII

Saturday, **April 22**, **2023** will be Luther Prep's 18th annual Gala event. Please go to **lps.wels.net/gala18** to see the various ways for people to donate, participate and enjoy this year's LPS Gala!

WELS & ELS SINGLES

If you have information or an upcoming event you'd like us to know about, you can certainly email us at wels.els.singles@gmail.com. Otherwise our plan is to list all the events that are listed on Facebook.

We have over 950 members in our Facebook group, it's a great place to discuss things related to single life. It's also a great spot to ask questions about dating, encourage other people in the singleness, or share things that make you laugh. If you're on Facebook, check us out at https://www.facebook.com/groups/wels.els.singles

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Income and Expense Statement GENERAL FUND 01, February 2023

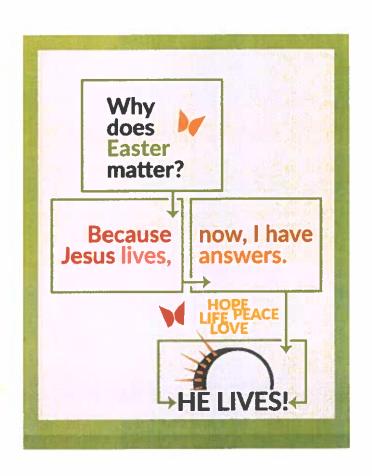
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| | Current Period | Year to Date | Year to Date Budget | YTD Budget Percentage |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| INCOME | | | | |
| CONTRIBUTION INCOME | 000 040 04 | 0504 200 40 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| UNRESTRICTED | \$62,210.91 | \$521,390.48 10,580.99 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| DONOR RESTRICTED | 60.00 | 10,560,99 | | |
| Subtotal Contribution Income | 62,270.91 | 531,971.47 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| INTEREST INCOME | 0.00 | 6,82 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | 1,320.00 | 62,436.54 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| RELEASE FROM RESTRICTIONS | | | | |
| RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION | 0.00 | 4,034.28 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| TOTAL INCOME | 63,590.91 | 598,449.11 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| FIXED EXPENSES | 600 000 FA | \$238,825,33 | \$247,572.00 | 96.47% |
| CALLED WORKER PAYROLL | \$30,066.54 | | 33,340.00 | 89.79% |
| SUPPORT STAFF | 4,096.31 | 29,937.01 114,834,41 | 146,926.00 | 78.16% |
| BENEFITS | 12,446.06 726.56 | 8,524.29 | 13,066.64 | 65.24% |
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE | 8,306.20 | 66,584.04 | 75,273.36 | 88.46% |
| BUILDING & GROUNDS | | | | |
| Subtotal Fixed Expenses | 55,641.67 | 458,705.08 | 516,178,00 | 88.87% |
| DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES | | | | 40410004 |
| OUTSIDE SUPPORT | 8,574.00 | 69,392.00 | 68,692.00 | 101.02% |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | 55.00 | 2,753.44 | 2,666.72 | 103.25% |
| WORSHIP/MUSIC | 0.00 | 3,887.11 | 8,833.44 | 44.00% |
| EVANGELISM/OUTREACH | 0.00 | 389.55 | 4,333.36 | 8,99% |
| ELDERS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 66.64 | 0.00% |
| STEWARDSHIP | 296.99 | 2,288.06 | 2,200.00 | 104.00% |
| FAMILY MINISTRY | 1,077.14 _ | 2,687.03 | 2,133.44 | 125.95% |
| Subtotal Departments/committees | 10,003.13 | 81,397.19 | 88,925.60 | 91.53% |
| OTHER EXPENSES | | | | |
| CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS | 50.00 | 710.00 | 1,000.00 | 71.00% |
| Subtotal Other Expenses | 50.00 | 710.00 | 1,000.00 | 71.00% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 65,694.80 | 540,812.27 | 606,103.60 | 89.23% |
| TRANSFER ACCOUNTS | | | | |
| TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS | \$1,378.08 | -\$68,773.18 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS | 1,378.08 | -68,773.18 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES | -\$725.81 | -\$11,136.34 | -\$606,103.60 | 1.84% |
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Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

| \$20,000 in New Church/School Savings is designated for New School Building seed money. |
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| \$120.00 deposit 2/3 |
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