

# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



**FAVORITE** BIBLE VERSES 

## Easter is Reason to Celebrate

*"Because I live, you also will live." John 14:9*

"Happy Holidays!" Does this sound out of place in April? It doesn't have to. This month marks, arguably, the most important holiday of the year—Easter. Why? Because at Easter we celebrate that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. This miraculous event is certainly a reason for celebration. It proves that Jesus has power over even death.

And, what's more, he promises that he has power over *your* death. You may not be thinking about death at Eastertime. You may not like to think about death at all. (Who does?) Still, we are all facing that reality. Sooner or later, our lives will end.

Then what? Plenty of people have plenty of ideas about what happens after we die. But there is one person who can tell us with certainty what will happen because he has already been there and done that. Jesus experienced death...*and came back to life!* Now, listen to what he promises all of his followers, "Because I live, you also will live."

Could there be any better news? Could there be anything more worth celebrating? Through Jesus, you do not need to be afraid to die. You can be sure that one day he will raise your body back to life. And you will never die again.

What a reason to celebrate!

### EASTER WORSHIP

*If circumstances allow, we would very much like to celebrate **Easter** as a congregation on **April 12**. Please keep checking [www.zioncolumbus.org](http://www.zioncolumbus.org) for **online worship opportunities and updates**.*

### Zion Celebrates Baptisms

On March 8, we witnessed three baptisms. Congratulations and God's blessings to the families!



Alden



Rylee



Ireland

## April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Current events are changing at such a rate that we are not publishing a calendar at this time. Any printed calendar would be outdated before it is mailed out. Please continue to check in at <http://www.zioncolumbus.org/church-calendar> for the most current schedule. Add the "Zion Church Calendar" to your own Google Calendar for easy access.

*If you know of someone who does not have online access, please make every effort to communicate with them and keep them up to date. Thank you.*

## It Ain't Goin' Away

Many of our lives have completely changed since the outbreak of COVID-19. Plans for vacation have been put on hold. Going into work has changed to working from home, or not working at all. Social gatherings have been altered or cancelled because of governmental bans. Even gathering together at church for worship and Bible study has been suspended.

When changes hit us like a Mack truck, God reminds us of the very thing that remains constant and active in our lives. His prophet Isaiah said: **"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8)**. Even though the ministry of Zion has changed temporarily, the ministry of the Word continues. Through the gospel the Holy Spirit continues to touch hearts and strengthen faith as we hear about our Savior Jesus's perfect life, innocent death, and astounding resurrection from the dead! He does that whether it's through a TV screen, the speakers of an electronic device, or an appointment scheduled with one of our two pastors. The ministry of the Word continues. It ain't goin' away. And we have an opportunity to continue supporting it!

As we hunker down with the restrictions placed on us by our governments because of the Coronavirus, let's remind ourselves that not everything has been suspended; Zion still must pay its bills. Salaries need to be paid. Utilities, insurance and a whole host of other overhead items still require a check to be mailed monthly, virus or not.



As we temporarily transition from gathering together to worship in God's house to worshipping online, let us not forget to make our weekly offerings. It is all too easy to overlook our contributions to the Lord when we are not going to our physical place of worship.

That's why online giving is so convenient. It can be set up once to be repeated every week or month, or whatever frequently you want it to be, and your gift to the Lord will be made on your behalf whether you are worshipping in his house or at home. Step by step instructions on how to set it up are listed in a separate article.

Not all of us have access to a computer, so for those of you that don't, please consider mailing your offering to the school office each week. Please make sure to include your name on the offering if you are sending cash. It's a much safer idea, though, to send a check.

Please, please, please be diligent in this because our obligation to pay our bills "ain't goin' away."

*Your Stewardship Board*

# A Letter from Our Pastors



March 17, 2020

Loved ones of Zion,

## **A Promise**

“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with My righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10, HCSB) Our Lord tells us that while the world around us is full of fear, we have no need to worry. He will strengthen his people to deal with any crisis that comes our way. He will help us to make wise and loving decisions. He will hold on to us while he controls all things in a righteous way. We count on that. We pray to him. We wait and see what he has in store as his people who are glad that our righteous God is in control. Always.

## **Two Principles**

God wants his people to gather for worship.<sup>1</sup> Especially in strange and even frightening times, we need to hear the words of our merciful, loving God. He assures us through his word and through the encouragement of our brothers and sisters in Christ that he will protect us and make all evil work out for our eternal good.

God wants his people to honor not just the letter of government laws, but the spirit.<sup>2</sup> In an effort to love your neighbor as yourself, each Christian citizen will do everything he can to prevent harm to his neighbor and to help calm his neighbor's fears.

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<sup>1</sup> “And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24–25, HCSB)

## **Our Practice**


We want to worship. We want to prevent and slow down the spread of COVID-19 and fears about it. In order to do that, our leaders have kept current on the latest reports and government recommendations and consulted with local medical personnel and reached the decision: **WE WILL WORSHIP USING ONLY VIDEO AND ONLINE RESOURCES AT THIS TIME.** We realize this is not ideal, but it is the best that we can do for now. Here is what we intend, by God's grace, to offer.

- **ALL CHURCH AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING PRACTICES, MEALS, AND ON-SITE WORSHIP SERVICES ARE CANCELLED.** This is due in large part to the government directive that people do not gather in groups of more than 10 at a time. When this recommendation is lifted, we hope to open our doors for an on-site worship schedule. Keep checking our website for the most up to date information and links to resources that will help with strengthening your faith.
- **A Sunday service will be recorded each week** with a link to the video and a PDF of the service folder posted on our website [www.zioncolumbus.org](http://www.zioncolumbus.org) each Sunday morning. **Please make an effort to watch this with your family and worship in spirit together with your brothers and sisters in Christ.** DVDs are also available upon request for you to play.
- **Offerings** can be given online or mailed in. Please include a note that indicates your membership number.
- If you know of **people who do not have access to internet or cable television** (channel 980), please offer to help them. If you yourself do not have access to the proper technology, contact our church office.

<sup>2</sup> “Pay your obligations to everyone: taxes to those you owe taxes, tolls to those you owe tolls, respect to those you owe respect, and honor to those you owe honor.” (Romans 13:7, HCSB)

- **Everyone is to make use of the WELS resources found at**  
[https://wels.net/?wysija-page=1&controller=email&action=view&email\\_id=3512&wysijap=subscriptions&user\\_id=5942](https://wels.net/?wysija-page=1&controller=email&action=view&email_id=3512&wysijap=subscriptions&user_id=5942) There are many good resources here, including live stream services, prayers specific to our times, Bible reading schedules, etc... Type in key words "WELS Livestream" to find this resource.
- For more information and advice about dealing with Coronavirus, please visit  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

We understand all too well that this way of worship is new for everyone, challenging for all, and not the way any of us want things to be. However, this is the situation that the Lord is allowing for good reasons known only to him. We appreciate the understanding of everyone as we work with changing circumstances and directions from authorities. A Christian will do his best to make the best of the times and worship the Lord by listening to his Word for comfort in uncertainty and hope that God will be glorified through it all.



**WORSHIP ONLINE**

**ZION LUTHERAN**

[www.zioncolumbus.org](http://www.zioncolumbus.org)

- New service uploaded every Sunday at 8:00
- View worship guide and **YouTube** video of service of Bible readings, hymns, prayers, and sermon
- Worship with your family at home, share with those you love!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

God's blessings,

*Pastor Schwartz*

*Pastor Zuberbier*

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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.

**Get in Touch**

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Thanks  
be to God  
for his  
indefinable  
gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

## Greeter Schedule



### April 5th

8:00am — E11  
Harold & Delphine  
Schaefer

10:30am — L5  
Marcia Rewolinski &  
Arlene Sennhenn

### April 12th

8:00am — E14  
John & Jane Evers

10:30am — L7  
Wayne & Darlene Powers

### April 19th

8:00am — E1  
Jeff & Melody Krakow

10:30am — L8  
Otto & Sheree Mattke

### April 26th

8:00am — E2  
Dave & Kathy Harle

10:30am — L9  
Bev Herold &  
Nicole Henning

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.



### Video Team Schedule April 2020

5 Gary Schuhmacher  
12 Randy Koehn  
19 Phil Manteufel  
26 Matt Greiling



### April 5th, April 9th (Maunday Thursday) & April 10th (Good Friday)

8:00am - April 5th  
7:00pm - April 9th

10:30am - April 5th  
7:00pm - April 10th

#### Team E6

Jim Greiling (C)  
Matt Greiling  
Rick Gentz  
Hunter Sommer  
John Brey  
Bob Marousek  
Jordan Crave

#### Team L2

Dale Schultz (C)  
Daniel Schultz  
Matt Ganser  
Dylan Schultz  
Michael Hallberg  
Nathan Hallberg  
Henry Tews

### April 12th (Easter Sunrise Service)

6:00am

#### Team E7

Mike Vick (C)  
Troy Kehoe (A)  
Bruce Hatzinger  
Ron Yerges  
Jake Boness  
Brian Peck

### April 12th (Easter) & April 19th

8:00am - Team E1  
Jeff Henning (C)  
Daryl Berndt (A)  
Leo Fischer  
Matt Weidner  
Rodney Hacht  
Mark Tiedt

10:30am - Team L3  
Jim Kluetzman (C)  
Gabe Uttech  
AJ Uttech  
Michael Uttech  
Rodney Cooley  
Gary Schuhmacher

### April 26th & May 3rd

8:00am - Team E2  
Dale Schilling (C)  
Dale Gajdosik  
Randy Vick  
Kenneth Schulz  
Matt Yaroch  
Nick Yaroch  
Nate Yaroch

10:30am - Team L4  
Bruce Zander (C)  
Kurt Zander (A)  
Kane Browskowski  
Wyatt Browskowski  
Jack Schultz  
Jesse Schultz

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 (608) 296-4333.



**Church Attendance  
February 2020**

Date	Total
2	310
6/9	327
13/16	331
20/23	359
26	249

## Membership



### Membership Changes

**Transfers Out:** Tim & Lisa Ravanelli and children to St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam

**Transfers In:** Mike & Megan Vertz, Steve Hahn, Dave & Denise Abel

### **Ministrations**

#### Baptism:

1. Gianna Sophia McFadden  
Born 1/23/2020; Baptized 2/2/2020
2. Vanessa Rose McFadden  
Born 1/23/2020; Baptized 2/2/2020  
Parents: Kyle & Emilie McFadden
3. Rylee Jo Maier  
Born 6/18/2019; Baptized 3/8/2020  
Parents: Justin & Amanda Maier
4. Ireland Rose Oelke  
Born: 2/1/2020; Baptized 3/8/2020  
Parents: Dexter & Dawn Oelke
5. Alden George Becker  
Born 2/16/2020; Baptized 3/8/2020  
Parents: Philip & Marie Becker

#### Death:

2. Clarence Langfeldt - Born 12/7/1930; Died 2/6/2020



Athlyn Herzberg	10th	86 years
Madge Price	19th	88 years
Ray Owens	25th	85 years

### Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by April 24th.

Contact Sue Henning at

(608) 225-4853 or [suehenning25@gmail.com](mailto:suehenning25@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



### Ladies Aid

Due to the closing of events at Zion, we also will not meet on April 2nd. There should be no shut-in visitations also.

Once we know when events can start again, the Ladies Aid officers will meet to decide what changes are needed to our schedule. You will each be notified of our next meeting date.



*Ladies Aid*

### Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

The spring rally for LWMS in Ripon has been cancelled. Plan on attending the fall rally, to be held at St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Peeper at (920) 992-3110.

## Mobile Giving App Available and Accessible

Giving at Zion has once again become easier! There is a mobile app available for download that eliminates some of the steps taken in Online Giving done through our website. It's called *Give +* (or *GivePlus*) and you can get set up in a matter of minutes. It's so simple to use that you can give an offering in the amount of time it takes for the offering baskets to be passed through the pews at church (we pray that soon God will again open the doors of Zion for corporate worship). If interested, follow the steps detailed in the pictures below. When searching for our church, make sure you type in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or it won't pop up in the list. May the Lord bless you and keep you!

# How to Use GivePlus Mobile

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus" to download the app for free.

## 1. Search



Enter your church's name or ZIP code and click **Search**. Select your church and click **Give Now**.

## 2. Select



Select a fund, enter your donation amount and click **Add**.

## 3. Scan



Scan or enter your credit/debit card or bank account information.

## 4. Submit



Review and click **Complete Donation**.

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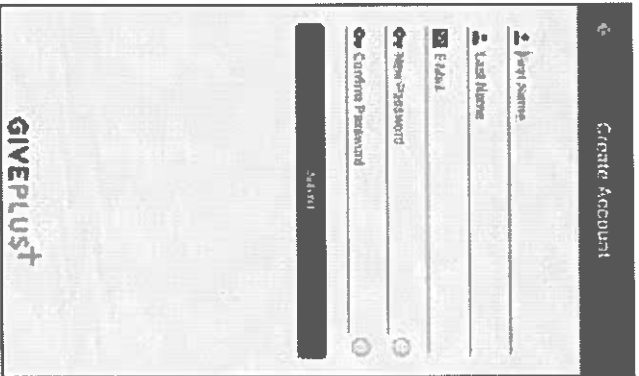




# Simple. Convenient. Secure.

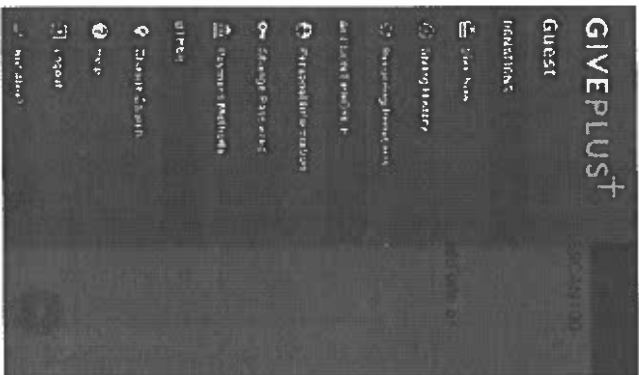
Create a Give Plus account to track donations and set up recurring gifts.

## Create



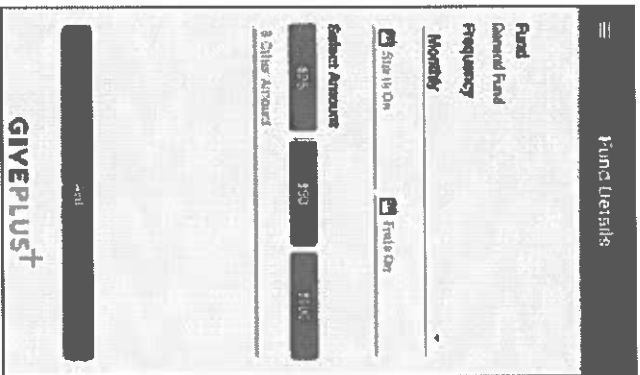
Enter your church's name or ZIP code and click Search. Select your church from the list, then click Create Account.

## Manage



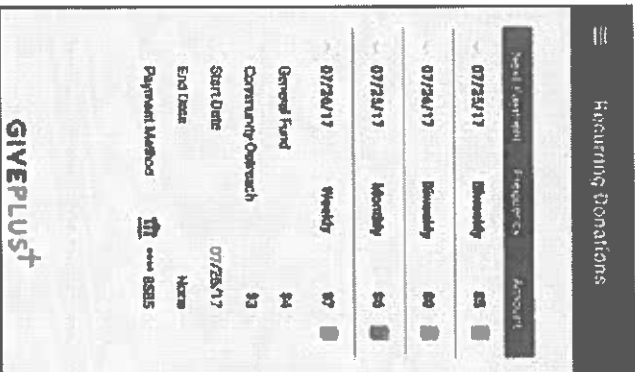
Click the menu icon to manage personal information, review donations and add/update payment methods.

## Schedule



Click Select Frequency the next time you give to set up recurring donations.

## Review



Start Date	Frequency	Amount
07/25/17	Monthly	\$5
07/24/17	Monthly	\$5
07/24/17	Monthly	\$5
07/24/17	Weekly	\$7
General Fund		\$4
Community Outreach		\$3
Start Date	07/25/17	Next
End Date		Next
Payment Method	**** 8885	

Select GIVING History to view past donations. Select Recurring Donations from the menu to view or delete scheduled donations.

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PO BOX 010007  
VANCO

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Financial Statement  
February 2020**

	Feb 2020	<i>Estimated Monthly Budget</i>	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 19 - Feb 20	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Church Picnic Income	-		-	
Extra Synod Missions Income	235.00		2,249.00	
General Fund Offerings	48,538.30		440,232.89	
LLHS Building Income	900.00		1,259.00	
Other Donations	1,288.00		6,752.57	
Other Receipts	25.00		(671.21)	
<b>Bank Revolving Line of Credit @ 4.85%</b>	<b>3,700.00</b>		<b>42,995.00</b>	
WLCFS Income	-		8.00	
WLIM Income	-		8.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>54,686.30</b>		<b>492,833.25</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
Interest Expense to Bank	179.87	-	384.36	-
Apartment Rent	-	655.00	(585.00)	7,860.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	26,576.86	28,043.33	214,585.73	336,520.00
Church Supplies	46.61	264.58	2,873.95	3,175.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	58.33	-	700.00
Copier	-	304.17	2,216.05	3,650.00
Elders Board	-	20.83	-	250.00
Family Ministry Board	490.93	375.00	1,717.21	4,500.00
Guest Pastor	-	250.00	1,661.68	3,000.00
Health Insurance	8,418.39	8,047.00	65,764.17	96,564.00
HRA Savings	1,000.00	1,000.00	11,000.00	12,000.00
Custodial	-	1,166.67	8,379.69	14,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	900.00	-	2,159.00	-
LLHS Expense	2,750.00	2,750.00	22,000.00	33,000.00
Maintenance	1,940.02	2,722.92	17,612.38	32,675.00
Meditations	-	125.00	1,086.00	1,500.00
Mileage	600.00	350.00	4,210.37	4,200.00
Miscellaneous	10.00	12.50	57.47	150.00
Organists	290.39	481.67	2,888.16	5,780.00
Outreach Board	-	375.00	1,556.40	4,500.00
Payroll Expenses	304.60	291.67	2,420.45	3,500.00
Pension Insurance	200.00	3,116.83	21,368.00	37,402.00
Postage and Delivery	42.26	116.67	1,079.38	1,400.00
Secretarial	2,184.51	2,041.67	17,296.86	24,500.00
Stewardship Board	290.15	150.00	2,412.65	1,800.00
Substitute Teaching	(49.87)	-	(117.88)	-
Sunday School/VBS	-	166.67	929.14	2,000.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,735.00	5,500.00	46,149.00	66,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	443.79	283.33	2,269.41	3,400.00
Utilities	5,744.89	2,385.42	31,041.69	28,625.00
WLCFS Expense	-	-	8.00	-
WLIM Expense	-	-	8.00	-
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,208.33	-	14,500.00
Worship	273.43	644.17	2,388.40	7,730.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>58,371.83</b>	<b>62,906.75</b>	<b>486,820.72</b>	<b>754,881.00</b>

# Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

February 2020

Previous Month Assets	\$148,965.63
Total Transactions	\$2,852.25
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$151,217.88</b>

\$128,816.50	New Church/School Total
	checking/savings

	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	Monthly Statements		
Accounts	Explanation	Explanation	NEW Church/ School Fund Savings	Explanation	NEW Church/School Checking
Previous Balance	\$195.70	\$21,820.67	\$123,394.02		\$2,955.24
Monthly Transactions*	\$300.01	\$85.00	\$4,330.22		(\$1,862.98)
Current Balance	\$495.71	\$21,905.67	\$127,724.24		\$1,092.26
<b>Transactions</b>	(\$150.00)	\$85.00	\$5,872.78		(\$1,862.98)
	3-2 transfer from Undes Savings	2-28 Deposit	2-4 Deposit		Check # 2273
	\$450.00		(\$5,425.00)	2-4 Mortgage Payment	
	\$0.01		\$150.00	2-5 Deposit	
			\$74.00	2-7 Deposit	
			\$2,214.00	2-10 Deposit	
			\$55.00	2-11 deposit	
			\$75.00	2-12 deposit	
			\$40.00	2-14 deposit	
			\$1,489.78	2-17 deposit	
			\$710.00	2-18 deposit	
			(\$5,425.00)	2-18 Mortgage Payment	
			\$241.66	2-19 deposit	
			\$125.00	2-20 deposit	
			\$259.00	2-21 deposit	
			\$2,699.00	2-24 deposit	
			\$305.00	2-25 deposit	
			\$75.00	2-26 deposit	
			\$740.00	2-28 deposit	
<b>Monthly Transactions TOTAL</b>	<b>\$300.01</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>	<b>\$4,330.22</b>		<b>(\$1,862.98)</b>
<b>TOTAL TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>\$2,852.25</b>				
Interest Received	\$0.01				

Notes:  
Check #2273      1901 - preventative maintenance and repairs