

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



I'm looking for faithful friendships.

Can God help me?

I want to have more happiness in my life. Can

God help

me find

it? We

need to

begin by

asking,

“What do

we mean

by happiness?” For a child, happiness might

mean getting Christmas presents every morning

and cake and ice cream for every meal. After a

few days, though, it would stop being fun. Many

adults think that money will make them happy.

But we have seen many rich people who are

unhappy and even depressed. Others might

think that drugs and alcohol make them happy.

But the “high” soon wears off. Finding

happiness in the things and people of this world

is an exercise in frustration.

The Bible uses the word “blessed” to describe

happiness. The blessings of God give us true

happiness. The most important of God’s

blessings is Jesus, whom he sent into this world.

Jesus took the blame for everything we ever did

wrong. That’s why he died on the cross—not

because he did anything wrong, but because we

did. Jesus has paid for our sins, and that means

we are saved from God’s judgment of eternal

death by believing in him. That makes us happy.

Jesus blesses us with salvation.



No matter how long we live, we are all destined to die. But when Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning, he broke the hold of death. Even though we will one day die, by trusting in Jesus, we have the sure hope that we will also come back to life and live forever in heaven.

That makes us happy.

Jesus blesses us with eternal life.

God even uses the tough times in life for our

good—to teach us more about his love and

strengthen our trust in him. No matter how

tough life is for us, no matter how much pain we

endure, and no matter how poor we are, no one

and nothing can take away what Jesus did for us.

Our sins are forgiven by God, and through faith

in Jesus, eternal life in heaven is waiting for us.

That makes us happy. Sometimes we smile

through tears, but we can still smile.

Can God help us find happiness? He has already given it to us through Jesus.



*Join us for church this
summer!*

You are always welcome here.

Thursday evening: 6:30 pm

Sunday Morning: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8am Registration Day 5pm Registration Day 7:00 pm WELS Wind Ensemble practice	2 6:30 pm Parent Information Night	3 7:45-11am Sanctuary Cleaning 6:30 pm Worship, Communion 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble practice	4 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	5
6 Pentecost 10 8:00 am Worship, Communion Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship: Communion 11:30 am Sanctuary Reserved 6:00 pm *Sunday School Mtg. 6:00 pm Softball Outing	7 8:00 am CWLS Conference 6:30 pm Board of Ed	8 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble practice	9	10 7:45-11 am Sanctuary Cleaning 6:30 pm Worship	11 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	12
13 Pentecost 11 8:00 am Worship Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Zion Fellowship at Devil's Lake	14 6:30 pm Stewardship Board	15	16 6:30 pm Church council meeting	17 7:45-11 am Sanctuary Cleaning 9:00 am Faculty/Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Worship	18 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	19
20 Pentecost 12 8 am Worship, Communion Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Catechism Meeting 10:30 am Worship, Communion 11:30 am Church Picnic	21	22 First Day of School	23	24 7:45-11 am Sanctuary Cleaning 6:30 pm Worship, Communion	25 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	26
27 Pentecost 13 8:00 am Worship, Communion Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship, Communion	28 9:00 am Sanctuary monthly cleaning 3:30 pm Faculty Meeting	29 6:00 pm Zion School Volunteer Meeting	30 VB Home vs St. John's, Juneau	31 7:45-11 am Sanctuary Cleaning 6:30 pm Worship, Communion		





1. *Where were you born and baptized? How did you and Bryan meet and marry?*

I was born and raised in Waupun, Wisconsin. As a child, I was baptized and went to Waupun Christian Reformed Church. Bryan and I met online while he was attending seminary and I was teaching in Burlington. I took membership classes at Salem Lutheran Church in Milwaukee and became a WELS member in 2004. Bryan and I got married in 2005. I later took Synod Certification classes to teach in our WELS schools.

2. *What made you decide to go into teaching?*

As a child I would line up my dolls and stuffed animals and play school with them. I always enjoyed learning and enjoyed working with children.

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

Aeryn is 12 years old and loves music and art. Josh is 11 years old and loves math and sports. Levi is 8 years old and loves math and making people laugh. All of my kids enjoy reading.

4. *How has each of the places you served in the ministry affected the teacher you are today?*

God puts us in different places and situations throughout our lives for a reason. Bryan's first call was to Sanborn, Minnesota, a small town in Southwestern Minnesota. I was not teaching at the time, but I was a substitute teacher and aide at one of our area schools. This was my first experience with WELS

schools. I was amazed to see God working through the teachers at this school. Being able to show God's love to your students is a blessing that our schools have. For the past 10 years we were in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, a much larger city in central Minnesota. I taught at this school for the past 7 years. Here I had the ability to teach God's Word to students in K-3rd grade. I love that we can talk about God in every subject - everyday. I believe that you learn from every place you have been and every experience that you have. Helping the students learn, especially God's Word, has strengthened my depth of knowledge and has grown my faith. Seeing the students' faces light up when they learn something new brings me joy and watching their faith grow is amazing.

5. *Vacations – best place you've gone and why.*

Best place you want to go and why.

I have been blessed to be able to travel to 29 different states, Canada and Mexico. I love exploring new places with my husband and family. I have enjoyed hiking through the Rocky Mountains, watching the sunrise in Acadia National Park in Maine and lying on the beach in

Cancun. My goal is to get to all 50 states and all the National Parks. Eventually I would like to get to Europe as well.

6. *What personal habits do you have to keep your faith strong?*

My family and I attend church regularly, even on vacations. We like to visit other WELS churches when we are on vacation. I have daily devotional time where I can think and pray on God's Word.

7. *What do you want parents and Zion to know about you as you are installed?*

I am excited to be teaching here at Zion. With God's help, I will work hard to faithfully teach God's Word. I ask to keep me in your prayers as I start this new ministry here at Zion.



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Council Names and Numbers

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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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Thanks
be to God
for his
indescribable
gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15

USHERS FOR AUGUST

July 30th & August 6

8:00am - Team E1	10:30am - Team L6
Jeff Henning (C)	Paul Kehl (C)
Leo Fischer	Otto Mattke (A)
Matt Weidner	Dennis Winter
Gabe Weidner	Carl Wolf
Rodney Hacht	Nils Johansson
Mark Tiedt	Shaun Opsahl

August 13th & August 20th

8:00am - Team E2	10:30am - Team L7
Dale Schilling (C)	Matt Huber (C)
Dale Gajdosik	Carter Huber
Kenneth Schulz	Jeremy Maas
Matt Yaroach	Korben Maas
Nick Yaroach	Brady Grambsch
Nate Yaroach	Michael Vertz

August 27th & September 3rd

8:00am - Team E2	10:30am - Team L1
Randy Koehn (C)	Tom Schultz (C)
Dan Retzlaff	Aaron Larson
Noah Litherland	James Kopfer
Steven Hahn	Brandon Lee
William Penterman	Max Larson
Brian Baney	Andy Tratar
	Drew Tratar

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

August 6th

8:00am	10:30am
Jim & Jenny Greiling	Otto & Sheree Mattke

August 13th

8:00am	10:30am
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	Bev Herold

August 20th

8:00am	10:30am
Delphine Schaefer	John & Sarah Brey

August 27th

8:00am	10:30am
Jeff & Melody Krakow	Nils & Lara Johansson

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

June

Date	Total
1/4	229
8/11	221
15/18	229
22/25	233
29	50

Membership Changes

Transfer In:

None

Transfer Out:

None

Released:

None



Evangeline Berg	10th	91 years
Wilma Lenz	17th	97 years
Carolyn Vertz	17th	84 years
John Evers	18th	85 years

Ministrations

Baptisms:

None

Deaths:

None

Marriages:

None

Confirmations:

None

ZION PICNIC

Mark your calendar. Zion's annual picnic is right around the corner. All the fun begins at 11:30 on Sunday, August 20. We are excited to have the KONA ICE truck here this year! Sign-up sheets for cornhole and helping are on the table in the entryway.

POTLUCK MEAL: Plan to bring a dish to pass to add to a fabulous meal. Maybe you have some veggies in your garden, cut up a watermelon, bring your favorite pasta salad, or just bring a bag of chips.

SET-UP: We need help at about 11:00 to set out all the food. During the meal, help us take off the empty containers

CLEAN-UP: We can always use more hands to wash off tables, sweep the floor, pick up and put away the outdoor games.

BINGO: We need prizes. We are looking for \$10 gift cards or unopened items you want to donate. Please put your donations in the box located in the Fellowship Hall.

PLAY CORNHOLE: We need teams of two to sign up to play. Great prizes are given out to first and second place winners as well as the incredible traveling trophy. Start finding a partner. Direct your questions to Rachel Grambsch 414-489-0235.

Sunday School - Sunday School Registration will be available online and in person beginning Sunday, August 20th. At that time, children ages 3 (by September 1st) through 8th grade can register for this year's Sunday School. Sunday School will start Sunday, September 10. In addition, we are looking for a teacher and substitutes this year. If you are interested in being a sub or a teacher, please contact Pastor Schwartz or Ruth Becraft (608) 698-0831; becraftra31@gmail.com.

Thank You -- Nina and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped support us in the congregational partner program. It really does go a long way in helping us get through school. Not only does the money help, but any encouragement as well. The simplest words can really mean a lot. So, thank you for everything the congregation has done to support us in this endeavor. Whether monetary or verbally it really counts. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Carter Huber, Nina Litherland

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by August 25th.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Percentage
INCOME				
CONTRIBUTION INCOME				
UNRESTRICTED	\$69,031.83	\$796,541.01	\$0.00	0.00%
DONOR RESTRICTED	-4,584.23	32,410.80	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Contribution Income	64,447.60	828,951.81	0.00	0.00%
INTEREST INCOME	-88.73	-68.67	0.00	0.00%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	29,894.37	97,585.65	0.00	0.00%
RELEASE FROM RESTRICTIONS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION	4,999.23	9,583.67	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL INCOME	99,252.47	936,052.46	0.00	0.00%
EXPENSES				
FIXED EXPENSES				
CALLED WORKER PAYROLL	\$28,902.02	\$357,810.57	\$371,358.00	96.35%
SUPPORT STAFF	3,759.88	47,798.38	50,010.00	95.58%
BENEFITS	22,955.19	189,218.66	220,389.00	85.86%
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	1,317.08	32,222.82	19,599.96	164.40%
BUILDING & GROUNDS	6,685.88	97,514.93	112,910.00	86.37%
Subtotal Fixed Expenses	63,620.05	724,565.36	774,266.96	93.58%
DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES				
OUTSIDE SUPPORT	8,574.00	103,688.00	103,038.00	100.63%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	3,957.31	4,000.00	98.93%
WORSHIP/MUSIC	672.48	7,336.86	13,250.00	55.37%
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH	0.00	389.55	6,500.00	5.99%
ELDERS	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00%
STEWARDSHIP	280.28	3,434.29	3,300.00	104.07%
FAMILY MINISTRY	172.40	4,061.66	3,200.00	126.93%
Subtotal Departments/committees	9,699.16	122,867.67	133,388.00	92.11%
OTHER EXPENSES				
CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS	0.00	810.00	1,500.00	54.00%
Subtotal Other Expenses	0.00	810.00	1,500.00	54.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	73,319.21	848,243.03	909,154.96	93.30%
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS				
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	-\$1,984.16	-\$86,406.06	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL TRANSFERS	-1,984.16	-86,406.06	0.00	0.00%
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$23,949.10	\$1,403.37	-\$909,154.96	-0.15%

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

June 2023

Previous Month Assets	\$145,535.77
Total Transactions	-\$5,388.35
Total Current Assets	\$140,147.42

New Church/School Total	\$133,658.61
checking/savings	

Accounts	Undesignated		Undesignated		Monthly Statements		NEW Church/School		NEW Church/School	
	Checking	Explanation	Savings	Explanation	Fund Savings	Explanation	Checking	Explanation		
Previous Balance	\$297.50		\$6,329.41		\$137,613.51		\$1,295.35			
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.94)		\$11.84		(\$4,255.25)		(\$995.00)			
Current Balance	\$147.56		\$6,341.25		\$133,358.26		\$300.35			
	(\$150.00)	Joan Marks 6/8/23	\$11.84	Interest 6/30/23	\$1,124.00	Vanco 6/6/23	(\$995.00)	Control Works		
	\$0.06	Interest 6/30/23			\$848.08	Transfer 6/1/23				
					-\$5,425.00	AM Bank 6/6/23				
					\$1,188.46	Vanco 6/15/23				
					\$849.00	Vanco 6/21/23				
					-\$5,425.00	AM Bank 6/20/23				
					\$1,136.08	Transfer 6/20/23				
					\$1,191.46	Vanco 6/30/23				
					\$257.67	Interest 6/30/23				
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.94)		\$11.84		(\$4,255.25)		(\$995.00)			
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$5,388.35)									

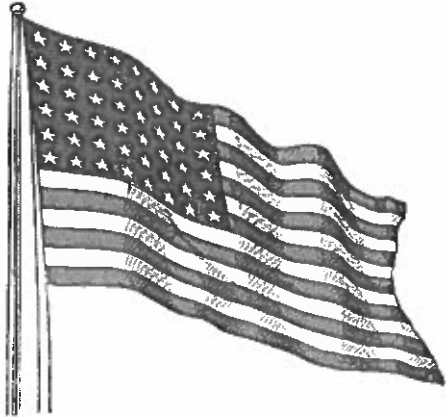
Notes: \$20,000 in New Church/School Savings is designated for New School Building seed money.



WELS Wind Ensemble



Invites you to its Summer Concert!



Celebrate America!

*Songs that celebrate America's
HISTORY & CULTURE*

★ ***TWO DATES!***

★ ***TWO LOCATIONS!***

Sunday, August 6 - 2:00 PM

At The Osthoff Resort near Elkhart Lake

Beautiful location - Free admission

Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets

(bad weather: moved inside)



Sunday, August 13 - 3:00 PM

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fellowship hall - Beaver Dam

Air Conditioned - Easy access - Ample parking

Traditional Hot Dog Supper!



<p>First Day of School Tuesday, August 22 8:00 AM</p> <p>Opening Chapel at 8:10</p> <p>Back to school</p> <p>Important Dates</p>	<p>Registration Tuesday, August 1 8-11 AM or 5-7 PM</p> <p>Parent Information Night Wednesday, August 2 6:30 PM Free Childcare</p>
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Worship Series in July and August

Define: Christian

FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH

FAITH

WE TRUST IN HIS NOT YOUR DOING: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD NOT A RESULT OF WORKS, SO THERE NO ONE WAY TO EARN

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

WELS Missions Endowment Fund

The annual disbursements from this fund are the source of funding for the instruction that goes on in the Historical Studies Institute all across the country.

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