

# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Short Stories that  
Speak Volumes  
for Our Lives



## Take a Closer Look

Jesus said, *“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field”* (Matthew 13:44).

One of North America’s biggest diamond mines was discovered in a very unlikely place—in the far north of Canada. Up until a few years ago, you couldn’t even give the land away. Composed almost entirely of granite covered by a glacier, it has some of the world’s harshest weather and sparsely populated countryside. But at times, some of the most worthwhile things come to those who look past the exterior and take a closer look. That’s wise advice.

Jesus had similar advice in a story he once told. It was about a man on a walk who found a valuable treasure hidden and buried in a dusty, dirty field. An ordinary field is definitely not the backdrop Hollywood would pick for a movie about a hunt for buried treasure. There is nothing glamorous about a dirt field, and that’s just the point. The man would never have found the treasure had he not taken a closer look beneath the plain surface.

It’s easy to miss things. Jesus didn’t have the most glamorous life. He was born in a barn beside a Bethlehem hotel with a no vacancy sign out front. He worked with his hands as a carpenter and spent

most of his life around common people. Nothing special, you might say, just like that dirty, barren little field. But wait, take a closer look.

When you dig below the surface of Jesus’ simple lifestyle, there is a great wealth of treasure. At Jesus’ birth, angels sang him lullabies and kings brought him presents to mark the entrance of the Savior into the world. Some of those common fellows with whom he hung around became his disciples, bringing a message of renewal and joy to the world. By his death, you are given forgiveness for every missed opportunity and failed attempt—and from the guilt that comes along with them. What is more, by Jesus’ rising from the grave, you are given the treasure of life forevermore in the joy of heaven. And every day of your life, you don’t need to worry or be afraid because Jesus promises to watch over you and provide for your needs. Now those are true treasures!

It’s just a story, right? It may appear to be as simple as a dry, dirty, good-for-nothing field. But it is a short story of Jesus that speaks volumes for our lives. Come and take a closer look with us. Together we will unearth more true treasure from God’s Word.

## Worship with us!

Sundays: 8 & 10:30 am, Thursday 6:30

Sunday School and Bible Study 9:15

You are always welcome here!



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

## January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> No School - Christmas Break	<b>2</b> No School-Break 6 pm Elders Mtg 7 pm Cap. Camp.	<b>3</b> 4pm 6-8 <sup>gr</sup> Catechism 6 pm Bell Choir 7pm Adult Choir 10 pm Church cleaning	<b>4</b> Commit. wkend 5:30p Prayer Vigil 6:30p Worship, C 7:45 Cap Camp	<b>5</b> Commitment Weekend 6:00 am Bible Breakfast BB HOME vs St. John, Juneau 6:30pm Cap. Camp. Mtg.	<b>6</b> Epiphany Commit. weekend	
<b>7 The Baptism of Our Lord</b> Cap. Camp. Commitment weekend 7am Cap. Camp. Prayer Vigil 8:00 am Worship, Communion Online Worship Posted 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship: Communion	<b>8</b> Pastors Conference Principal Conference 6:00 pm Outreach Mtg.	<b>9</b> 4:00 pm 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade Catechism classes 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 10:00 pm Church Cleaning	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Worship	<b>12</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter BB AWAY vs Birds of Pray, Jefferson	<b>13</b> B-Boys BB Tournament	
<b>14 Epiphany 2</b> Lakeside A Cappella Sunday 8:00 am Worship Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Stewardship Board Mtg	<b>15</b> No School- Teacher Inservice Capital Campaign Visit 5 pm Cap. Camp. 6:30 pm *Board of Ed	<b>17</b> 4:00 pm 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade Catechism classes 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Council Mtg. 7 pm Adult Choir 10 pm Church Cleaning	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm Worship	<b>19</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast BB HOME vs St. John, Waterloo	<b>20</b> B-Girls BB Tournament	
<b>21 Epiphany 3</b> 8:00 am Worship Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12 pm Zion Chili Cook-Off	<b>22</b> 9 am Sanctuary Monthly Cleaning	<b>24</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Warrior for a Day 4:00 pm 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade Catechism classes 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Adult Choir 10 pm Church cleaning	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm Worship, Communion	<b>26</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast BB AWAY vs Our Redeemer, Madison	<b>27</b> B-Boys BB Tournament	
<b>28 Epiphany 4</b> 8 am Zion Band plays for church 8:00 am Worship, Communion Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship, Communion	<b>29</b> Spirit Week Cap. Camp. Visit 6 pm Cap. Camp. Cabinet Mtg. 7 pm Cap. Camp. Volunteer Mtg.	<b>31</b> Spirit Week 4:00 pm 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade Catechism classes 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Adult Choir 10 pm Church cleaning				



## The Starrs

### Matthew, Nicole and family

#### **Where did you each grow up?**

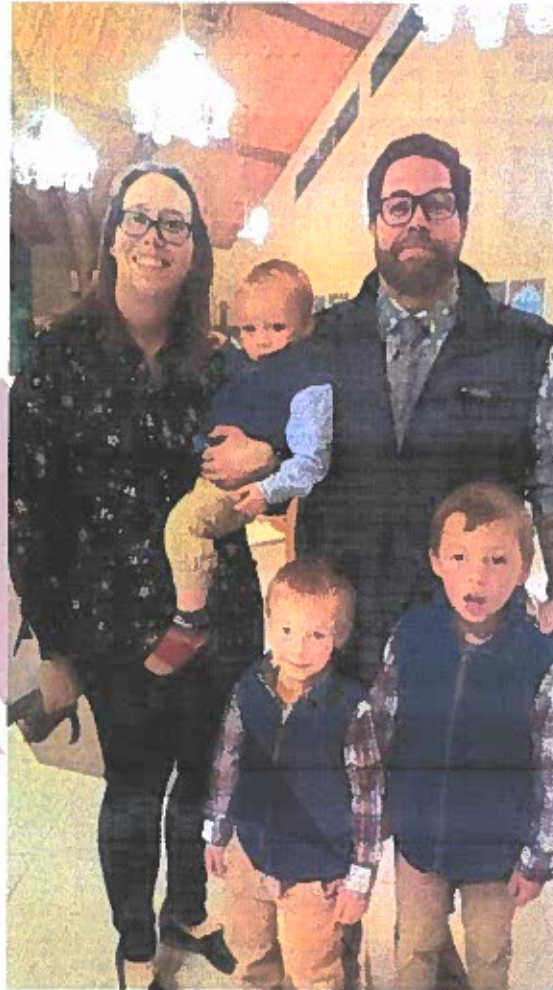
We both grew up right down the road in Sun Prairie, WI.

#### **How did you meet and marry and end up in Columbus?**

Though we grew up in the same town and went to the same church, our paths didn't officially meet until our adult lives when we actually met online! Christian Mingle to Starbucks coffee date on East Wash. We found out we went to the same church at that time as well! After living in the Monona area as a young married couple, we wanted to move to a smaller town to start a family, something that reminded us of what Sun Prairie used to be when we were younger. Columbus seemed to be the perfect fit, we could still commute to our current Madison jobs and it was the perfect small-town size.

#### **What do you like to tell people about each of your kids?**

We love these little guys! Yes, we have an all-boy house, yes it's a little crazy at times, you could say we have our hands full with their young ages ha, but it is such a blessing! They are all so smart and we love watching life through their eyes when we slow down to do so! Jack gets so passionate about the things he is interested in, it's amazing how much he knows for his age! Johnny can talk about anything and share his happiness, also his creative play is fun to watch :) Jimmy is fast and busy. We are excited to see them all develop their God given



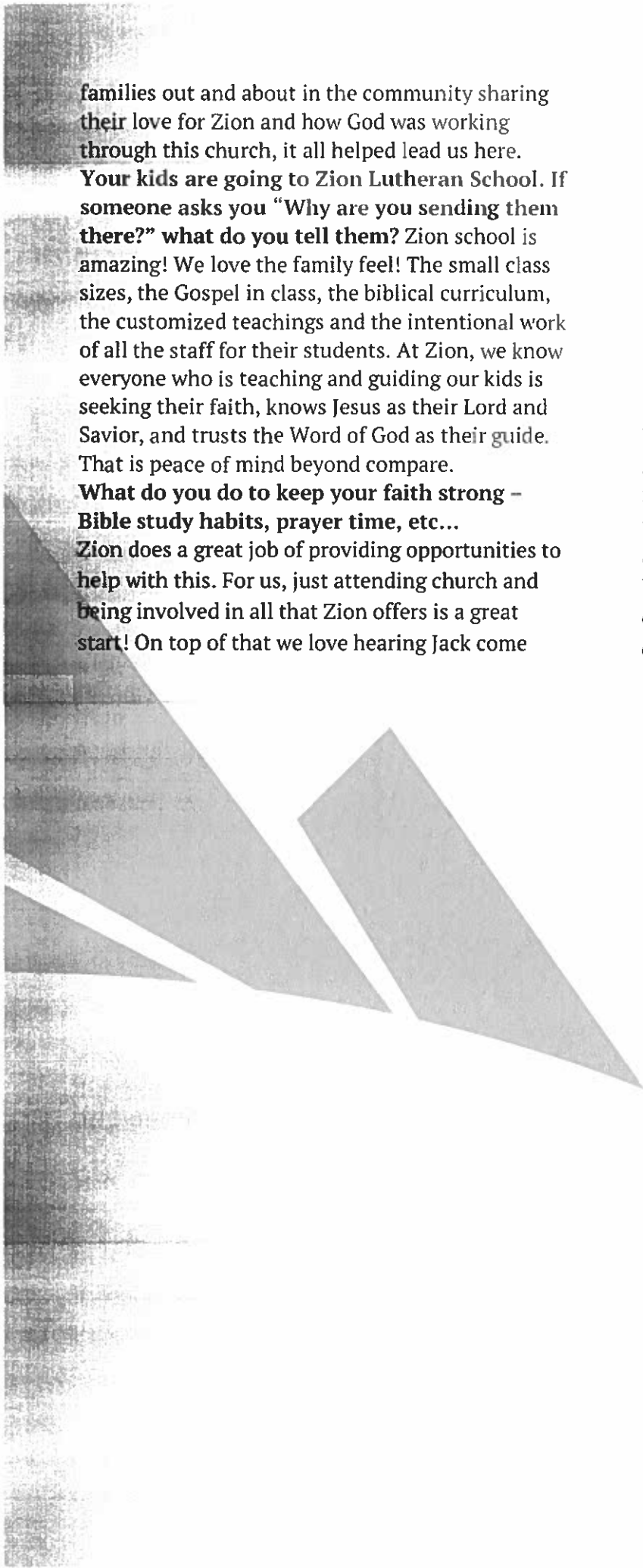
talents, especially with all the Christ centered support of our new church and school family. **What do you do for work and how did you get into it?** Matt works for the VA. He works as the Administrative Supervisor at the Beaver Dam outpatient clinic. After serving in the military for several years, he worked in the transportation industry while finishing up his schooling and returned to work as a civil servant wanting to give back in the medical industry, he has taken on a variety of roles with the hospital in Madison to

remote work within the VA to his current role in Beaver Dam. Nicole has a background in Marketing. She has worked selling radio ads, developing digital marketing and publishing social media marketing but is blessed to be a stay at home mom now!

**If you have time off, what do you like to do with your family – and what is fun about them?** With the boys ages we have found we enjoy being home bodies. A good sports game on tv, snacks on the counter, a campfire in the backyard, pitching baseballs to the kids in the backyard and letting the dog run. As busy as the world is we really appreciate just being able to relax and be ourselves with each other. As the kids get older, we foresee more fishing, camping, and golfing as family activities.

#### **How did you come to be a part of Zion?**

We had been very involved in another local church but something had us searching for more time in the Word, more young families and more community. After visiting a few Zion summer play times and getting acquainted with some of the members, school community and seeing the church focus, we knew Zion was for our family. All those conversations about Zion at the hospital, swimming lessons, tennis lessons, baseball games,



families out and about in the community sharing their love for Zion and how God was working through this church, it all helped lead us here. **Your kids are going to Zion Lutheran School. If someone asks you "Why are you sending them there?" what do you tell them?** Zion school is amazing! We love the family feel! The small class sizes, the Gospel in class, the biblical curriculum, the customized teachings and the intentional work of all the staff for their students. At Zion, we know everyone who is teaching and guiding our kids is seeking their faith, knows Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and trusts the Word of God as their guide. That is peace of mind beyond compare. **What do you do to keep your faith strong - Bible study habits, prayer time, etc...** Zion does a great job of providing opportunities to help with this. For us, just attending church and being involved in all that Zion offers is a great start! On top of that we love hearing Jack come

home and tell stories from his Biblical school lesson. We so appreciate the Bible study in between services while the kids are in Sunday school. Matt really enjoys the Friday morning Bible study before work. We have been known to do family devotionals from a kids' devotional or the free ones from church welcome table, as well as each of us personal study time. We are definitely trying to get Scripture exposure more and more in our days. Dinner time is our evening family prayer and before bed. Our family tries to ask each other when we would like prayer. We try to tie our growing and learning conversations to faith as much as we can in our house and we acknowledge that we are all learning and growing. We also appreciate that mindset of the Zion community. We are all growing in our faith and that is the kind of community we are so appreciative to be a part of. Thank you!

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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.

### Get in Touch

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



## Membership Changes

### Transfer In:

None

### Transfer Out:

None

### Released:

None

## Ministrations

### Baptisms:

None

### Deaths:

14. Sharon Homman  
Born 1/7/1941; Died 11/4/2023
15. Dorothy Anderson  
Born 8/16/1934; Died 11/19/2023
16. Delores Hasenfuss  
Born 3/4/1931; Died 11/29/23

### Marriages:

None

### Confirmations:

None

### Affirmations of Faith:

Matt & Nicole Starrs and Jack, John and James  
Steve & Kay Radke

## LAKESIDE LUTHERAN A CAPELLA SINGS AT ZION

We are excited to be in the A Capella choir rotation this year on **January 14**. Three of Zion's members are members of the choir. The A Cappella Choir is comprised of juniors and seniors chosen by audition. Members dedicate their efforts toward music of greater difficulty in preparation for concerts, chapel singing and choral presentations in area WELS/ELS congregations. We will be collecting a door offering for the choir after both Sunday services.

## LLHS 2024/2025 Freshmen - Enroll Now

The LLHS enrollment process is completely online and open for 2024/25 freshmen. Go to [llhs.org/apps/pages/fresh-enroll](https://llhs.org/apps/pages/fresh-enroll). There is no official deadline to enroll, but the \$100 enrollment fee increases after January 31. Incoming freshmen choose classes after they are enrolled, so don't hesitate! If you need assistance of any kind, please don't hesitate to contact Steve Lauber ([slauber@llhs.org](mailto:slauber@llhs.org)).

## LWMS

Please pray for our LWMS Beaver Dam Circuit Missionaries and their families.



Emily Henning    January 2nd    85 years

### Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by January 19th. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or [suehenning25@gmail.com](mailto:suehenning25@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



# Will the Real Jesus Please Stand up?

Mascot?

Good Teacher?

Giver of Bling?

Justice Warrior?

New Moses?

Feminized?



One Option of Many?

Therapist?

National Patriot?

Moral Example?

Mystical Friend?

Teddy Bear?

**Learn about:** Has Satan been remodeling the Jesus you believe in?  
A false Christ cannot save, so we all need to know  
how to identify and reject the phonies.

**Teacher:** **Dr. Arthur A. Eggert**  
**Emeritus UW-Madison Professor and WELS Author**

**Book:** *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?*

**Author:** Rev. Matthew Richard

**Price:** \$16.00 + tax & shipping from CPH or Amazon

**Where/When:** Peace – 6:30 pm Thursdays starting January 4,  
also Livestreamed via Vimeo.

**Sign-up:** Call 608-837-5346 or Email [church.office@peacewels.org](mailto:church.office@peacewels.org).

See the website [www.interrapaxlp.com](http://www.interrapaxlp.com) for more details.



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

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Annual Budget Percentage
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>CONTRIBUTION INCOME</b>				
UNRESTRICTED	\$99,246.69	\$351,665.38	\$0.00	0.00%
DONOR RESTRICTED	300.00	-4,386.44	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Contribution Income	99,546.69	347,278.94	0.00	0.00%
INTEREST INCOME	0.00	15.10	0.00	0.00%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	4,448.79	14,991.55	0.00	0.00%
RELEASE FROM RESTRICTIONS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION	0.00	30,162.84	0.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>103,995.48</b>	<b>392,448.43</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>				
CALLED WORKER PAYROLL	\$31,271.03	\$155,966.81	\$158,580.80	40.98%
SUPPORT STAFF	10,364.85	36,603.42	22,204.20	68.69%
BENEFITS	19,001.92	77,143.20	73,737.10	40.27%
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	995.39	5,494.87	10,442.50	21.93%
BUILDING & GROUNDS	8,278.92	41,985.43	51,918.75	33.69%
Subtotal Fixed Expenses	69,912.11	317,193.73	316,883.35	40.92%
<b>DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES</b>				
OUTSIDE SUPPORT	9,480.00	47,600.00	47,400.00	41.84%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	705.03	2,838.26	1,125.00	105.12%
WORSHIP/MUSIC	1,124.93	3,833.64	5,879.10	27.17%
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	2,708.35	0.00%
ELDERS	0.00	0.00	41.65	0.00%
STEWARDSHIP	503.89	503.89	1,666.65	12.60%
FAMILY MINISTRY	337.11	1,366.04	1,395.85	40.78%
Subtotal Departments/committees	12,150.96	56,141.83	60,216.60	38.85%
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>				
CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS	50.00	50.00	416.65	5.00%
Subtotal Other Expenses	50.00	50.00	416.65	5.00%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>82,113.07</b>	<b>373,385.56</b>	<b>377,516.60</b>	<b>40.56%</b>
<b>TRANSFER ACCOUNTS</b>				
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	-\$16,360.00	-\$43,321.80	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>-16,360.00</b>	<b>-43,321.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,522.41</b>	<b>-\$24,258.93</b>	<b>-\$377,516.60</b>	<b>2.63%</b>

# Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

November 2023

Previous Month Assets	\$114,578.89
Total Transactions	-\$26,379.09
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$88,199.80</b>

<b>\$82,449.20</b>	<b>New Church/School Total</b>
	<i>Checking/savings</i>

Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Explanation	Month Statements		NEW Church/School Fund Savings	Explanation	NEW Church/School Checking	Explanation
			Undesignated Savings	Explanation				
Previous Balance	\$548.26		\$5,352.20		\$103,423.83		\$5,254.60	
Monthly Transactions	(\$149.86)		\$0.00		(\$22,095.41)		(\$4,133.82)	
Current Balance	<b>\$398.40</b>		<b>\$5,352.20</b>		<b>\$81,328.42</b>		<b>\$1,120.78</b>	
	\$0.14	11/30 Interest			(\$4,975.00)	11/1 transfer to Gen. Fund	(\$4,090.00)	11/2 Walsh & Associates
	(\$150.00)	11/8 Jean Marks			\$10,500.00	11/3 Deposit	\$10,770.34	11/3 Transfer from savings
					(\$10,770.34)	11/3 transfer to checking	(\$8,333.34)	11/3 Great Lakes Roofing
					(\$5,425.00)	11/7 American Bank	(\$2,437.00)	11/6 K&H Printing
					(\$8,217.00)	11/7 transfer to checking	\$8,217.00	11/7 transfer from savings
					\$1,618.46	11/13 Vanco deposit	(\$8,217.00)	11/7 1901 New condenser
					\$1,790.00	11/8 Deposit	(\$634.16)	11/9 Campaign consultant
					\$4,900.00	11/13 Deposit	\$5,144.48	11/13 transfer from savings
					(\$5,144.48)	11/13 transfer to checking	\$6,939.54	11/16 transfer from savings
					\$13,060.00	11/14 Deposit	(\$1,054.48)	11/16 campaign consultant
					(\$6,939.54)	11/16 transfer to checking	(\$3,065.00)	11/17 1901 storm damage
					\$1,674.47	11/21 Vanco deposit	(\$3,894.54)	11/20 Groh Design
					\$980.00	11/21 Deposit	(\$4,090.00)	11/22 Walsh & Associates
					(\$5,425.00)	11/21 American Bank	\$11,812.44	11/24 transfer from savings
					(\$11,812.44)	11/24 transfer to checking	(\$1,507.10)	11/29 Walsh & Associates
					\$630.00	11/29 Deposit	(\$3,995.00)	11/29 New Heights Design
					\$1,560.46	11/30 Vanco deposit	(\$5,700.00)	11/29 Value Videos
					(\$22,095.41)		(\$4,133.82)	
<b>Monthly Transactions TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$149.86)</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>					
<b>TOTAL TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>(\$26,379.09)</b>							

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

# Campaign Messenger

Issue 4 Monday, December 18, 2023

## Building Tomorrow Together

### Commitment Weekend!

**S**unday & Thursday, January 4 & 7, is Commitment Weekend for our critically important “*Building Tomorrow Together*” campaign. Many volunteers already have been recruited and tasked with visiting members in their homes or by phone. During these conversations, our volunteers will more fully explain our campaign, answer questions, and invite everyone to make a gift commitment.

So, when you are called on, please open your hearts to this dedicated group. Listen thoughtfully and thoroughly to our case and request. Then, please step up, “do your part” and your very best in the way of a gift to help assure our campaign’s success. The very future of our faith family depends on everyone’s responsiveness – as God orders and directs all things according to his will.

If you’d like to save us a call or trip to your home, you can make your gift at services next weekend. Thank you and God bless you for your support in advance!

*“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*

Acts 20:35



### Creative Giving Seminar and Prayer Vigil Planned

#### Creative Giving Seminar

For those who want to learn about the many very beneficial ways that gifts can be made to our campaign and church, we are offering a Creative Giving Seminar on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. this week in the Fellowship Hall.

Refreshments will be served, workbooks distributed, and a brief video presentation shown. The video will highlight creative giving’s various methods and benefits.

A panel of in-house experts will also be on hand to answer your questions and can help you to arrange creative gifts that fit your interests.

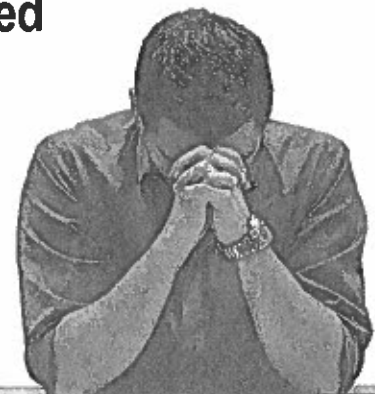
So, please plan to attend this seminar if you can.

#### Prayer Vigil

We have planned a one-hour Community Prayer Vigil prior to both the Thursday service and 8:00 a.m. Sunday service to pray for everyone’s generous response to our campaign effort on Commitment Weekend.

If you’d like to join us in prayer, please come to the sanctuary a few minutes before the Prayer Vigil is scheduled to begin to sign in and to receive a special prayer guide. It will direct you through this special hour of prayer that will lead up to our first scheduled service on Commitment Weekend.

Your prayers are very much needed to assure our campaign effort’s overall success. So, *come pray with us* if you can!



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Creative Giving Seminar**  
Tuesday, January 2, at 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

**Commitment Weekend**  
Sun & Thu, January 4 & 7

**Celebration Weekend**  
Sun & Thu, February 1 & 4

# Volunteer News

The following people have expressed their willingness to become involved in our campaign.

NOTE: This list was updated on 12/15/23. If you believe your name should be on this list, please contact the Campaign Office at 920-623-5180 or at [bitcampaign@zioncrusaders.com](mailto:bitcampaign@zioncrusaders.com)

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John & Sarah Brey  
Mary Browskowski  
Sheila Buss  
Joan Coughlin  
Chris & Erica Cox  
Jordan & Leah Crave  
Mike Ebert  
Leo & Audrey Fischer  
Zach & Tanya Freter  
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik  
Chad & Rachel Grambsch  
Megan Grambsch  
Jenny Greiling  
Matthew Greiling  
Michael & Alisa Hallberg  
Meghan Hauf  
Jeffrey & Susan Henning

Jeremy & Jennifer Hildebrandt  
Joy Huber  
Nancy Huebner  
Nils & Lara Johansson  
Nancy Kind  
Laureen Kirchberg  
Jeffrey & Melody Krakow  
Aaron & Rachel Larson  
Melissa Litherland  
Suzanne Lloyd  
Bret & Whitney Ludeman  
Otto & Sheree Mattke  
Andrea Meyer  
Whitney Neuman  
Cassandra Owens  
Abby Penterman  
Patricia Premo  
Raven Rennhack  
Daniel & Rebecca Retzlaff  
Marcia Rewolinski

Dale & Denise Schilling  
Kim Schilling  
Kimberley Schroeder  
Claire Schultz  
Doreen Schultz  
Thomas & Cindy Schultz  
Cole & Megan Schwartz  
Pastor Tim Schwartz  
Genevieve Setz  
Alycia Sill  
Megan Soldner  
Jackson Stake  
Andrew & Holly Tratar  
Eric Turnquist  
Michael & Sara Uttech  
Joshua & Laura Voelker  
Matthew & Rebecca Weidner  
Brady Weiland  
Sue Yaroch

**“Volunteers  
are unpaid,  
not because  
they are  
worthless,  
but because  
they are  
priceless.”**

Anonymous



**Will All in Favor  
of a Better Church  
Please Lend Us a Hand?**

Many hands make for light work and  
volunteering for our Capital Campaign promises  
to be a good time without taking a lot of time.

In short, volunteering to work on our capital campaign will be “hands down” a great experience! You’ll get the chance to work with many good people. And you’ll be helping to raise funds for a needed and worthy cause. It will be a rewarding experience in many ways and is easier than you think. So, please lend a hand to our campaign if you’re asked—because you’ll be helping to assure both a successful campaign and an even better school if you do.



# Financial News

Our "Building TOMORROW Together" campaign's purpose is to raise the funds required to address our needs and plans to build an all-new multi-use education center and school.

A *minimum goal* of \$3,000,000 has been established, which will enable us to get started on all that we plan.

A *challenge goal* of \$5,000,000 also has been set which, if met, completes the project with manageable debt.

Finally, reaching our *ultimate goal* of \$7,500,000 will enable us to complete all that we plan with little or no debt.

**Minimum Goal**  
**\$3,000,000**  
**Challenge Goal**  
**\$5,000,000**  
**Ultimate Goal**  
**\$7,500,000**

## Gifts Needed and Received

In order to reach our minimum goal, we will need both a substantial number of givers and a few, fairly substantial gifts as this Chart of Gifts Needed below shows:

Size of Gift	# Needed	Total Needed	# Received	Total Received
\$500,000 or more	1	\$500,000	0	\$0
\$250,000—499,999	2	\$500,000	0	\$0
\$100,000—249,999	4	\$400,000	2	\$255,000
\$50,000—99,999	8	\$400,000	4	\$237,000
\$25,000—49,999	16	\$400,000	2	\$63,400
\$10,000—24,999	40	\$400,000	11	\$151,017
Less than \$9,999	81	\$400,000	34	\$144,070
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>\$850,487</b>

"No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as you can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, God has bestowed on you."  
 Deuteronomy 16: 16-17

## Giving Options

To ensure that we reach our financial goals and potential, all members and those with a special interest in our church and cause are asked to consider special gifts over and above their regular contributions to our church. All campaign gifts can be made in a variety of ways:

**Pledges** are gifts that are payable over three years, which are easier for most people and are essential to reaching our potential. They may be paid in monthly, quarterly, semi-

annual, or annual installments via cash or direct deposit. A 10% or more initial investment toward your total pledge is requested.

**Non-Cash Gifts\*** are another way to support our cause. These include *gifts-in-kind* gifts such as labor and materials; *securities* such as stocks, bonds or IRA rollovers; *real estate* such as marketable land, homes, and vacation, rental or commercial properties; or valuable *personal property* such as precious metals, gems, jewelry, artwork, collectables, and clas-

sic, new or slightly used automobiles, watercraft and motor homes.

**Deferred Gifts\*** support our efforts through gifts that are arranged for now but may not be received until later. These gifts include gifts of new or fully paid-up life insurance policies, certain types of trust arrangements or gifts through a person's will by bequest.

*\*All non-cash and deferred gifts must be approved by the church before acceptance.*

# Giving Opportunities

There are a number of special giving opportunities available to donors of qualifying gift amounts. These show what the church can do with gifts at various levels. They also allow for the unique chance to dedicate a gift in honor or memory of whomever you choose.

*Item prices are not necessarily reflective of their actual costs but, rather, are based on the item's prominence, our needs, and our community's gift abilities. Although these gift contributions may be made over the three-year giving period, recognition will be given when the gift is received in full.*

**“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”**

1 Peter 4:10

Educational Center Building	\$1,500,000
Multi-Use Gymnasium Building	\$ 750,000
Kindergarten Wing	\$ 750,000
Elementary School Wing	\$ 500,000
Church/School Kitchen	\$ 250,000
School Office Suite	\$ 250,000
Secure Main School Entrance	\$ 250,000
3K Classroom	\$ 150,000
4K Classroom	\$ 150,000
K Classroom	\$ 150,000
Gym Flooring	\$ 150,000
Education Center Parking	\$ 100,000
Boys Locker Room	\$ 100,000
Girl's Locker Room	\$ 100,000
1 & 2 Classroom	\$ 100,000
3 & 4 Classroom	\$ 100,000
5 & 6 Classroom	\$ 100,000
7 & 8 Classroom	\$ 100,000
Multi-Purpose Classroom	\$ 100,000
Daycare/Extended Day Care Center	\$ 100,000
Main School Office/Reception	\$ 75,000
Bleacher Sections (3)	\$ 50,000 each
School Staff Parking Lot	\$ 50,000
Principal's Office	\$ 50,000
Conference Room	\$ 50,000
Copy & Office Supply Room	\$ 40,000
Extended Learning Classroom	\$ 40,000
Music Lesson Room	\$ 40,000
Music Storage Room	\$ 30,000
Health Office	\$ 30,000
Teacher's Helper Offices (2)	\$ 15,000 each
Basketball Hoops – Main (2)	\$ 15,000 each
Basketball Hoops – Sides (4)	\$ 7,500 each

## Building Tomorrow Together Campaign Video

**Now Showing Online!**

Go to the our church website to watch our campaign video and learn about our church's needs, plans, campaign and how you can help.

Then plan to make the very best gift commitment that you possibly can next weekend, which is our campaign's **Commitment Weekend!**

[www.zioncolumbus.org/capital-campaign](http://www.zioncolumbus.org/capital-campaign)

