## The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



#### A Gift to Enjoy

This year in our monthly articles we are considering favorite verses from the Bible. This month's favorite Bible verse is:

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

My first paycheck. \$100! A ONE with two zeroes behind it! It didn't matter that I spent a week pulling weeds with thistles in a 45-acre field. It didn't matter that I sweltered under a hot July sun. It didn't matter that I earned minimum wage. It had my name on it. I earned it.

There is another paycheck that I'm not so excited about. It comes in the form of guilt

pricking my conscience far deeper than a thistle could ever penetrate my skin. Sometimes I see it when my temper flares hotter than the summer sun. I feel it when I know I should be more considerate, more caring, more loving toward others around me. So I work harder to do what's right and try harder to do better than before, but still, it never seems to be enough.

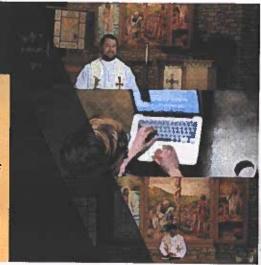
And it isn't enough, because the Bible tells me the wages of my sin is death—and it's your paycheck, too.

But, thank the Lord, the Bible also tells us that God is not going to give us what we have earned with our sins. Instead, he gives us something we have not earned—eternal life. It's a gift that has been bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus and earned by his death on the cross.

That takes all the pressure off, doesn't it? Instead of the failures of our past, we can look to Jesus' perfect life of love. Instead of the pressures of tomorrow, we can look to the promise of eternal life that is already won for us by Jesus' dying and rising from the dead. As a result, life is not a burden, but a gift to enjoy always.

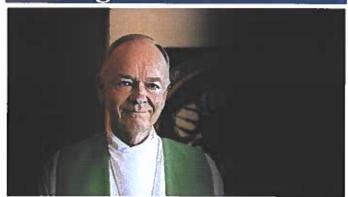
#### WORSHIP ONLINE

- www.zioncolumbus.org
- New service uploaded every Sunday at 8:00 AM.
- 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!



Zion Luthera	Zion Lutheran Church and School		Calendar			July, 2020
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting	2.00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 6:30 pm Worship	36:00 am	Independence Day
S:00 am Online Worship Posted 8:00 am Worship, Communion 10:30 am Worship: Communion	6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting		8 9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Council Meeting	9 6:30 pm Worship 7:45 pm Outreach Board	10 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	11
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#### A Long-Awaited Return



It appears that the time we have been waiting for—when we can again gather in church for Word and sacrament—has arrived or will arrive shortly. Some states have already begun to relax or even remove restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 virus. In most places further relaxing of restrictions seems to be coming in the days and weeks ahead.

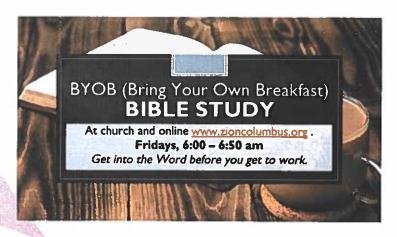
That means your congregation has probably already been making plans to resume public worship at some time in the coming weeks. (Some congregations resumed limited public worship last Sunday.) At least on a temporary basis, those plans will likely take into consideration common-sense measures to reduce the possibility of spreading the virus. Plans may also call for voluntarily following guidelines provided by federal, state, and local health agencies. As we make these decisions, it will be important for congregations to be aware of what restrictions apply to them so they may evangelically apply Biblical principles in keeping with the Fourth Commandment, as we also seek to honor the Third Commandment.

We will also want to act evangelically and respectfully because we realize our members and neighboring congregations may have many different approaches, opinions, or comfort levels. As we try to walk through the various governmental and medical concerns, guidelines, and recommendations, we also want to have a balanced spiritual concern toward our members, realizing some will want to gather in worship as soon as possible and others will still feel hesitant for a while. There also will be divided human opinions on the wisdom of beginning to open up or not to open up at all at this time. We want to encourage

everyone to be patient with everybody else and to makes those decisions in Christian love and with much prayer.

I pray the Lord has kept you safe and healthy under his protection during these weeks. I also pray the Lord has blessed your congregation's ministry during this time, since the Word always continues to accomplish God's purpose. And I further pray for the members of your congregations, especially if they are suffering from illness or from any of the other attendant difficulties such as job loss, financial difficulty, or family turmoil. May the grace of our risen Lord lesus give them—and all of us—his saving peace. God bless you as you make evangelical, balanced. and thoughtful decisions about when-and how—to arrange for in-person worship. Together, God-willing, we will be back in God's house saying, "It is good, Lord, to be here!" Serving with you in Christ,

WELS President Mark Schroeder





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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

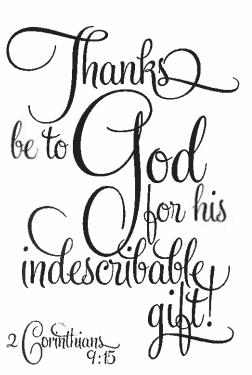
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Jim Grasby, Lakeside Principal (920) 648-2321



#### Greeter Schedule



July 5th

8:00am — E1 10:30am — L9

Jeff & Melody Krakow Bev Herold & Nicole Henning

July 12th

8:00am — E2 10:30am — L11
Dave & Kathy Harle John & Sarah Brey

July 19th

8:00am — E4 10:30am — L12

Delmar & Carol Vick Nils & Lara Johansson

July 26th

8:00am — E5 10:30am — L13

Emily Henning & Aaron & Rachel Larson

Nancy Huebner

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.



Genevieve Diels	1st	88 years
Verna Maier	5th	97 years
Mary Lou Howe	6th	81 years
Viola Tiedt	9th	85 years
David Howe	14th	83 years
Bernard Setz	28th	82 years



July 5th & July 12th

8:00am - Team E7

Mike Vick (C)

Troy Kehoe (A)

Bruce Hatzinger

Ron Yerges

Jake Boness

Brian Peck

10:30am - Team L3

Jim Kluetzman (C)

Gabe Uttech

AJ Uttech

Michael Uttech

Gary Schuhmacher

July 19th & July 26th8:00am - Team E110:30am - Team L4Jeff Henning (C)Bruce Zander (C)Daryl Berndt (A)Kurt Zander (A)Leo FischerKane BrowskowskiMatt WeidnerWyatt BrowskowskiRodney HachtJack SchultzMark TiedtJesse 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.

#### **Ministrations**

#### Death:

5. Bernard Dykstra - Born 6/21/1923; Died 5/25/2020

#### Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by July 24th.
Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



#### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement May 2020

•	May 20	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 19 - May 20	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
income				
Church Picnic Income			•	
Extra Synod Missions Income	226,00		3,200.00	
General Fund Offerings	51,523.68		607,622.32	
LLHS Building Income	-		1,259.00	
Other Donations	105.00		7,455.57	
Other Receipts	51.88		(1,248.51)	
SBA-Paycheck Protection Program	-		79,871.64	
Transferred from Undesignated	B ( 10 )		17,000.00	
FMUB Revolving Line of Credit @ 4.85%	(20,000.00)		24,295.00	
WLCFS income			908.00	
WLIM Income			908.00	
Total Income	31,906.58		741,271.02	
Expense	*******			
Apartment Rent		655.00	(585.00)	7,860.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	26,082,28	28,043,33	292,417.42	336,520.00
Church Supplies	20,002.20	264.58	3,887.07	3,175.00
Convention/Cont' Education	_	58.33	0,007.07	700.00
Copier	_	304.17	2,901.13	3,650.00
Elders Board	-	20.83	2,501.15	250.00
Family Ministry Board	•	375.00	3,768.38	4,500.00
Guest Pastor	•	250.00	1,661.68	- 69
Health Insurance	9 448 20		•	3,000.00
	8,418.39	8,047.00	91,019.34	96,564.00
HRA Savings	2,000.00	1,000.00	16,000.00	12,000.00
Interest Expense	•	4 400 07	384.36	44.000.00
Custodial	•	1,166.67	8,379.69	14,000.00
LLHS Building Expense		-	1,259.00	-
LLHS Expense	2,750.00	2,750.00	30,250.00	33,000.00
Maintenance	204.48	2,722.92	15,656.28	32,675.00
Meditations		125.00	1,086.00	1,500.00
Mileage	700.00	350.00	6,326.44	4,200.00
Miscellaneous	208.92	12.50	3,033.63	150.00
Organists	65.40	481.67	3,275.37	5,780.00
Outreach Board	-	375.00	1,577.65	4,500.00
Payroll Expenses	298.60	291.67	3,469.80	3,500.00
Pension Insurance	200.00	3,116.83	31,390.00	37,402.00
Postage and Delivery	42.26	116.67	1,431.34	1,400.00
Secretarial	824.82	2,041.67	21,155.80	24,500.00
Stewardship Board	503.68	150.00	3,334.62	1,800.00
Substitute Teaching	1,876.28	-	4,832.09	-
Sunday School/VBS	-	166.67	929.14	2,000.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,726.00	5,500.00	63,600.00	66,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	365.27	283.33	3,160.22	3,400.00
Utilities	3,853.11	2,385.42	44,811.72	28,625.00
WLCFS Expense	75.00	-	983.00	•
WLIM Expense	-	-	908.00	-
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	•	1,208.33	14,703.00	14,500.00
Worship	122.33	644.17	3,796.40	7,730.00
Total Expense	54,116.82	62,906.75	680,803.57	754,881.00

# Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

Total Invasitions   1310-3597   1010-1019-1019-1019-1019-1019-1019-1019	Previous Month Assets	\$126,503.03		Blanch Charles To	rand
Undesignated   Undesignated Safety   Statements   State	Total Current Assets	\$120,399.76		H	checking/savings
Undesignated   Checking   S1350.072   S135,278   S135,278   S135,078   S135					
Classified   Cla		Undesignated			
	Previous Balance	5.74	<u></u>	2.14	2,378.62
Transactions   S545.76   28   \$4,686.53   25   \$113,628.85   25   \$1,538.62   25   \$1,538.62   25   \$1,538.62   25   \$1,538.62   25   \$1,538.62   25   \$1,538.62   25   \$1,538.62   25   \$1,536	Monthly Transactions*			100	
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Check #2278	TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$6,103.27)			
				struction - Acoustic Panel Installation	
	Interest Received	\$0.02			

### The Alpha Resource Center has resumed in-person visits at the center.

We are accepting appointments for new and current clients, being careful to schedule their visits with ample time to observe the recommended social distancing guidelines.

During the Governor's "Safer at Home" order, our client advocates were able to meet with the families we serve and those seeking assistance by having virtual visits over the phone and scheduling meetings to provide material assistance, diapers, infant supplies and other goods.

### The "Safer At Home" quarantine period was especially challenging for the Alpha Resource Center.

Our new senior support program had to be put on hold as we navigate the new regulations and determine what additional safeguards need to be added to our protocol. We now anticipate the addition of those new services in the fall. Those we help still needed our support and material goods. But at the same time, our supplies of diapers, nursery items, and other goods, that we normally receive through donations, have seriously dwindled and are in very short supply. Because our churches have not meeting, and most often not printing materials for their members, we have not been able to communicate our needs, as we have normally done.

### Right now, we are in desperate need of financial and material goods donations.

We need your financial support to be able to meet our monthly obligaions, mortgage, staffing, utilities, etc. We need your donations of material goods such as diapers (all sizes) and nursery supplies, as well as donations of the lightly used goods needed for young families. We are once again open our regular hours and can arrange to be available to receive donations at a time that works best for you.

Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to answer the call for help, to ensure that we can continue to serve our communities, "Showing God's Love by helping families from Conception to Eternity".



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# TOGETHER



June 2, 2020

# Moving beyond COVID-19

have prevented most, if not all, of our conventions from being held there are still restrictions on the size of gatherings. Those restrictions would necessary decision, since even in those states that are beginning to reopen, place during the first weeks of June. As it turns out, that was the correct and n April, due to the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, our synod reluctantly canceled the district conventions that had been scheduled to take

appoint replacements with the input of the district nominating committees. another term; in cases where there is no incumbent, the district officers will officers. Those elections are still being held through remote digital balloting. One important item of business at a district convention is the election of district In general, incumbents will be reappointed if they are willing and able to serve district bylaws in making appointments to other vacant offices in the district. Once the district president and vice presidents are elected, they will follow the

and consideration will still be available in the Report to the Twelve Districts. All of the information normally provided to district conventions for discussion wels.net/rttd2020. That report will not be printed in hard copy this year but is available online at

enable worship to continue online; in most places, in-person worship (with and its congregations continues. Many congregations made adjustments to and addressing matters of doctrine and practice. Lutheran Seminary, assisting congregations with the call process out its work of assigning graduates from Martin Luther College and Wisconsin the virus or other events. The Conference of Presidents has continued to carry continued to provide assistance to congregations and individuals affected by via videoconference or teleconference. WELS Christian Aid and Relief has on the district and synod level continue to carry out their work, meeting some limitations) has begun to resume. Various boards and commissions Even though the district conventions are not being held, the work of the synod

to review biblical stewardship principles and provide gospel encouragement to others have actually increased their CMO. This is a good time for congregations Some congregations have struggled to send what they had planned, while The COVID-19 interruption of in-person worship services has had a varying their members to continue faithfully in the grace of giving. The synod is doing for Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) provided for the work of the synod increase during the time where services were held online. The same holds true been challenged by reduced offerings, while others have actually seen offerings impact on congregational finances. Anecdotally, some congregations have

> synod pension plan later in the year. announced that there would be premium holidays for WELS VEBA and for the what it can to provide some relief to congregations; last month the synod

church continues no matter what the obstacle. appreciation for the Lord's Supper, and our recognition that the mission of the challenges we faced served to increase our love for worshiping together, our God's grace has continued to be with us during this difficult time. The

WELS President Mark Schroeder Serving with you in Christ,



### assigned Seminary candidates Wisconsin Lutheran

elements from the traditional over to the auditorium. from the chapel, under the tower, and with the graduation portion first. The graduation and assignment services, 2020. The online service incorporated Day service on Thursday, May 21, traditional walk the seminarians take livestream began with a view of the its combined Graduation and Call isconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS), Mequon, Wis., held

strength. They will soar on wings grow tired and weary, and young on the class passage, "Even youths as pastors. The message was based will always be part of their service sermon, "Wait for the Lord!" WLS President Rev. Earle Treptow's they could never do on their own." empowering his servants to do what Lord, because the Lord never tires of encouraged them "to wait for the be faint" (Isaiah 40:30-31). Treptow grow weary, they will walk and not like eagles; they will run and not hope in the Lord will renew their men stumble and fall; but those who reminded the graduates that waiting

> Because that wasn't possible this year, encouragement to the students. slideshow of the graduates was played. as he announced the graduates. Then, directly speak words of blessing and Usually after the service professors during the singing of the class hymn "Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me," a Treptow read messages from professors

the seminary. Professor Rev. Richard sharing a message of gratitude for after serving WLS since 1985. Luther College. Professor Rev. John Minn., to serve as president of Martin Gurgel will be moving to New Ulm, who are concluding their ministries at the three seminary faculty members Rev. Jonathan Scharf, chairman of Professor Rev. James Tiefel is retiring his wife will be moving to Germany serve as a chaplain in Europe. He and to retire, instead accepted a call to Hartwig, who had been planning the seminary's board, sent a video

would be assigned. First, 28 members of the middler class (those in their the 2020-2021 school year. be sent to serve as vicars (interns) for second year) learned where they will then announced where students WELS President Rev. Mark Schroeder

serve as pastors. Of those, 23 were After that, 28 men were assigned to

seniors receiving their first call, three were from the class of 2018, and two were students from the Pastoral Studies Institute. In addition, four were reassigned to one-year calls.

Over 2,000 computers were logged onto Livestream, and there were over 2,000 views on Facebook. In the comments section, people checked in from all over the U.S. In addition, people checked in from Canada and India.

Assignment lists are available on the seminary's website. Watch the archived footage at our Livestream page.

# MLC President Mark Zarling retiring

Nuther College (MLC) from 2007 to 2020, is retiring this summer.

During Zarling's tenure, God has blessed the college in countless ways.

The campus saw the construction of beautiful new facilities funded by God's people: Chapel of the Christ, the Early Childhood Learning Center, a baseball field, and a soccer pitch.

The academic catalog expanded to include majors in early childhood education and special education, many four-year secondary education majors, and minors in urban ministry and Chinese. The graduate program added two new degrees: Master of Science in Educational Administration and Master of Arts in Theological Studies. And continuing education offerings expanded tremendously, including New Teacher Induction, new certifications, and a full catalog of on-campus, online, and on-location professional development options.

Zarling's keen sense of vision led the campus family through two strategic plans, two accreditations, a Master Site Plan, and a Master Staffing Plan. He put the spotlight on lowering student debt, broadening international services, expanding experiential learning, and recruiting new students not merely to fill current vacancies but to prepare for new ministries still in development. He also traveled extensively, serving as a warm and sincere ambassador all over the synod.

Through all these changes, he kept the campus focused on the mission statement: "To train a corps of Christian witnesses who are qualified to meet the ministry needs of WELS and who are competent to proclaim the Word of God faithfully and in accord with the Lutheran Confessions in the Book of Concord."

Faculty, staff, and synod leaders have called Zarling a man of faith, a pastoradministrator, a humble visionary, a Christlike leader, and MLC's spiritual compass. He spoke God's promises in the hallways, prayed with colleagues in their offices, and uplifted the college family with his "Letters from Home" chapel messages.

"President Zarling has left an impression on Martin Luther College," said WELS President Rev. Mark Schroeder. "He has worked tirelessly to ensure that our WELS College of Ministry faithfully carries out its purpose. He has personally guided and shaped hundreds, if not thousands, of students. And through his leadership he has instilled in our synod's members a love for and a confidence in Martin Luther College."

To MLC students past, present, and future, President Emeritus Zarling offers this encouragement: "The apostle tells us to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Live daily with

eyes on Jesus—and the only way to keep eyes on him is to stay with the Scriptures that reveal him. Make time daily to prayerfully read the Spirit's inspired words that you may build up your faith. As Jude tells us, 'But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life (20-21).' "

Mark and his wife, Colette, are moving to Manitowoc, Wis., this summer and are planning road trips to the East and West Coasts to see children and grandchildren.

# Taste and see Christ's love around the globe

with the Lutheran Women's
Missionary Society (LVVMS) to host an online event called Taste and See from June 27–July 11. This first-of-its-kind event will combine the very best of Taste of Missions and the LWMS convention to provide all WELS members an opportunity to be an important part of gospel outreach occurring in the synod.

WELS Missions and LWMS have launched a new website, welstasteandsee.com, that will host all of the videos and activities for the two-week event. Visit the website today to register to participate and subscribe for e-mail updates regarding the online festivities. Anyone who registers will be entered to win a gift certificate for the 2021 LWMS convention in Cincinnati, Ohio (a \$195 value). The certificate can

also be gifted to someone if the winner is not able to attend.

Save the dates for the following livestreamed events, which provide opportunities for WELS members to come together and encourage one another. Join on the WELS Missions or LWIMS Facebook pages or on the Taste and See website at the following times

Saturday, June 27, 11 a.m. CDT: Opening worship service immediately followed by the LWMS flag presentation

Wednesday, July 1, 7 p.m. CDT: Home Missions Q&A panel

Wednesday, July 8, 7 p.m. CDT: World Missions Q&A panel

Saturday, July 11, 6 p.m. CDT: Closing worship service featuring the commissioning of three world missionaries and one home missionary, immediately followed by a Q&A panel with the newly commissioned missionaries

The LWMS Awareness Committee has put together ideas and resources that people can use to host a Taste and See watch parties at their congregations, LWMS circuit gatherings, or even in their homes.

Visit the Taste and See website to get a flavor of what kinds of missions presentations, devotions, cooking tutorials, and other activities you can expect to see June 27–July 11. WELS Missions and LWMS are excited to join with you and other brothers and sisters around the world as we together say, "Taste and see that the Lord is good!"



To sign up for the e-mail version, visit wels.net/together.