

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



I'm looking for faithful friendships.

Can God help me?

I'm looking for faithful friendships.

Can God help me in my search?

Have you ever longed for a solid friendship?

Have you ever wondered if there's a friend out there that you can count on? It's no secret that true friendship is a rare thing.

That's not to say there aren't people who will pay attention to us! The world is full of people who will be our friend as long as they feel we have something to offer. But what about that friend who sticks by us, even when we're at the end of our rope? What about the one who cares about us, even when we have nothing to give? Is it possible that God could provide such a friendship?

Certainly, God has a good track record of providing friendships to those in need. When David was under attack by King Saul, he found a faithful friend in the person of Jonathan, Saul's son. The Bible tells us that Jonathan "loved David as he loved himself" (1 Samuel 20:17) and even defended David against his father's attacks.

We're also told that the apostle Paul had several friends that attended him while he was in prison. They were of great help to him at a time when he really needed a friend.

But even during those times when true friendship seems far away, there is one friend

who will stick by us no matter what! That person is God's one and only Son, Jesus.

There's a verse in the Bible that says, "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24). What a beautiful description of Jesus' friendship for us. Just think! Even when we sinned, Jesus didn't abandon us.



Instead, he stood in our place, taking our sin and guilt for us and then giving his life for ours to set us free from eternal death! Jesus also earned a place for us in God's family. By faith in him, we have the privilege of being heirs of his promised heaven. And he did it all

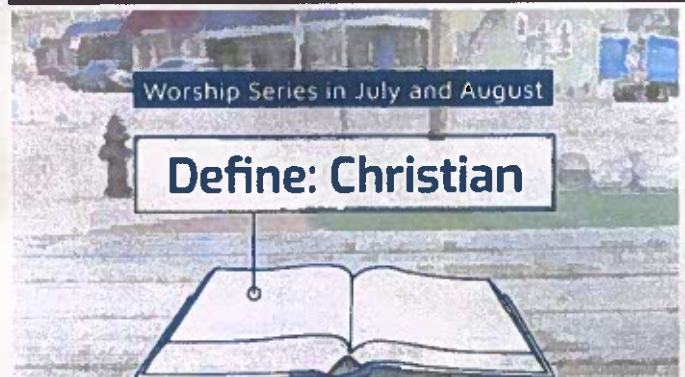
because he loved us even more than he loved his own life. Looking for a faithful friendship? Simply look to Jesus! His friendship will never end!

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

July 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | 1 9 am Fellowship Hall reserved |
| 2 Pentecost 5 8:00 am Worship: Communion Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship: Communion 11:30 am Fellowship Hall Reserved | 3 | 4 7:00 pm WELS Wind Ensemble Practice | 5 | 6 7:45-11 am Cleaning 6:30 pm Worship | 7 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 4 pm Wedding rehearsal | 8 Wedding |
| 9 Pentecost 6 8:00 am Worship Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship | 10 6:30 pm Stewardship Board | 11 7:00 pm WELS Wind Ensemble Practice | 12 | 13 7:45-11 am Cleaning 6:30 pm Worship: Communion | 14 6:00 Bible Breakfast | 15 |
| 16 Pentecost 7 8:00 am Worship, Communion Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship | 17 Faculty Inservice | 18 Faculty Inservice 7:00 pm WELS Wind Ensemble Practice | 19 Faculty Inservice 6:30 pm Council Meeting | 20 7:45-11 am Cleaning 6:30 pm Worship | 21 6:00 Bible Breakfast 5:00 pm Wedding rehearsal | 22 Wedding |
| 23 Pentecost 8 8:00 am Worship Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship | 24 9 am Sanctuary Monthly cleaning | 25 7:00 pm WELS Wind Ensemble Practice | 26 | 27 7:45-11 am Cleaning 6:30 pm Worship: Communion | 28 6:00 am Bible Breakfast | 29 |
| 30 Pentecost 9 8:00 am Worship, Communion Online Worship Posted 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 am Worship, Communion | 31 | | | | | |

Bret and Whitney Ludeman

*Let's start with your family: Where did you grow up?
How did you meet and marry?*

Bret - I grew up in Reeseville, went to school in Waterloo at St John's and then the high school

Whitney - Grew up in the Fort Atkinson area, graduated from Cambridge high school

We met in 2015 while we were working for an insurance company in Madison. Despite us both moving to different phases of our careers, we remained close throughout. Following an adventurous Caribbean vacation in 2021, we made the decision to get married.

What do you want people to know about Bella?

Bella was really the one that pushed us to join Zion and grow in our faith. As she continues to grow up in life, we all find more and more things to do together, and she wanted us to go to church as a family.

Bella, what do you like about going to school at Zion?

I like being able to go to school with all my friends. I also like all of the opportunities to participate in many extra activities such as band, forensics, and volleyball.

Bret and Whitney, what do you say to someone who is considering sending their child to Zion, but isn't sure?

Speaking from experience, we pointed to the things, that as parents, are reasons why we like and appreciate Zion as much as we do. Zion is a safe and welcoming school that offers a high-quality Christian education with exceptional teachers who use a well-rounded curriculum to help set our children on a path of success for the rest of their lives.

Tell us about both of your wedding celebrations.

We took advantage of a very small and intimate setting in January at a chapel in Wisconsin Dells with Bella, our parents, and siblings.

To celebrate, with the assistance of the Hubbleton Brewing Company and its staff, we held an open celebration to share our marriage with many family and friends in mid-June.

When you have time off, what do you like to do/ where would you like to go?

The three of us, when we travel together, our favorite place to go is to Orlando and its theme parks, as all of us are fans of many of the movies, shows, and amenities featured there.

When we travel on more adult-oriented vacations, we like to adventure to different locations and resorts in the Caribbean.



Have you been Christian all your life or did you come to faith later than when you were kids? How have things changed for you in regard to your spiritual life over the years?

We both had Christian upbringings and backgrounds our entire lives. The biggest change in our spiritual lives has been our relationship with church and God. With much credit to Bella, as well as the teachers and pastors at Zion for helping us, we have taken many steps to learn and grow spiritually in many ways that we had never considered doing before.

If you are inviting someone to come to church, what do you tell them?

Come and see the many positive impacts that spending time together in church can have on your life. Growing your spiritual side will help other aspects of your life if you are willing to open yourself up to it.

What are the hardest personal challenges to your faith that you face today? What do you do to deal with those challenges?

In today's fast-paced world, keeping a timely and consistent schedule to work on our faith is likely the biggest challenge we see.

Dealing with that, doing simple things like setting pieces of time aside specifically for meditation, education, and prayer and then building our

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Council Names and Numbers

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Jeff Krakow, Chairman | 920-210-2388 |
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| Mike Hallberg, Family Ministry | 608-225-4351 |

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 JULY

July 2nd & July 9th

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 8:00am - Team E6 | 10:30am - Team L4 |
| John Brey (C) | Kurt Zander (C) |
| Jim Greiling | Jim Yohn |
| Rick Gentz | Wyatt Browskowski |
| Hunter Sommer | John Loeffler |
| Jordan Crave | Madden Henning |
| Christian Bagocius | Tim Petrie |

July 16th & July 23rd

| | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 8:00am - Team E7 | 10:30am - Team L5 |
| Mike Vick (C) | Phil Manteufel (C) |
| Troy Kehoe (A) | Peter Lewke |
| Bruce Hatzinger | Cam Weiland |
| Isaac Peck | Dan Weiland |
| Jake Boness | Josiah Schwartz |
| Bryan Peck | Micah Schwartz |

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 |

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

July 2nd

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 8:00am | 10:30am |
| Delphine Schaefer | Nils & Lara Johansson |

July 9th

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 8:00am | 10:30am |
| Jeff & Melody Krakow | Aaron & Rachel Larson |

July 16th

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| 8:00am | 10:30am |
| Kathy Harle & Joan Sennhenn | Laurie Kirchberg & Pat Premo |

July 23rd

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 8:00am | 10:30am |
| Delmar & Carol Vick | Rick & Lisa Gentz |

July 30th

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| 8:00am | 10:30am |
| Emily Henning & Nancy Huebner | Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn |

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

May

| Date | Total |
|-------|-------|
| 4/7 | 290 |
| 11/14 | 287 |
| 21 | 213 |
| 25/28 | 370 |

Membership Changes

Transfer In:

Mikayla (Haag) Weiland from St. Stephen's,
Beaver Dam WI

Transfer Out:

None

Released:

None

Ministrations

Baptisms:

5. Atlas James Branton
Born 3/27/2023; Baptized 5/28/2023
Parents: Cory & Erin Branton

Deaths:

None

Marriages:

None

Confirmations:

None

Affirmations of Faith:

None



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|-----------------|------|-----------|
| Genevieve Diels | 1st | 91 years |
| Sylvia Stadler | 3rd | 81 years |
| Verna Maier | 5th | 100 years |
| David Howe | 14th | 86 years |
| Charles James | 27th | 82 years |
| Bernard Setz | 28th | 85 years |

4th of July Float

Zion is entering a float in the Columbus 4th of July Parade this summer. We want families to walk along to wave and pass out candy. Mr. Grambsch will send out more information soon.

Community Playdates

Invite your friends and neighbors to Zion School every Thursday in July from 9-11 AM for some fun outdoor activities. We will have a craft, toys, sand box, water activities, and playground fun tailored to children ages 5 and younger, with their caregiver present. Older siblings are welcome to join us. Come for a little bit or stay the whole time. Direct questions to Rachel Grambsch at 414-489-0235 or rgrambsch@zioncrusaders.com

Dear Zion Family (Mission-1858-2023-Future)

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church had its first constitution signed May 3rd, 1858. In this year (2023) we rejoice in 165 years of thankfulness as a congregation of brothers and sisters in Christ. We praise our Lord for all the grace, joy, and love He has given to us. May we be blessed as we continue to focus on Him in the years ahead.

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by July 21st.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.





Games!

Zion Lutheran

Devils Lake Day!

August 13th 2023

Join us any time after 10:30 AM

Devils Lake State Park

55975 Park Rd, Baraboo, WI 53913

We will be in the Red Cedar Shelter

Please bring a dish to pass, your own drinks and main dish. There are grills there to use or bring your own!

Please contact Amy Lanzhammer with any questions!

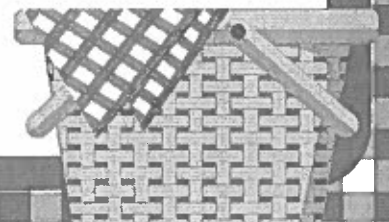
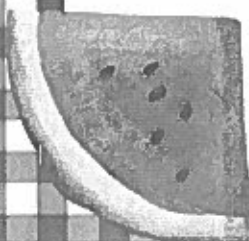
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You do need a park pass to get in.

Daily \$16

Annual \$38



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

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| | Current Period | Year to Date | Year to Date Budget | YTD Budget Percentage |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| INCOME | | | | |
| CONTRIBUTION INCOME | | | | |
| UNRESTRICTED | \$69,390.67 | \$727,485.78 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| DONOR RESTRICTED | 131.69 | 37,018.43 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| Subtotal Contribution Income | 69,522.36 | 764,504.21 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| INTEREST INCOME | 0.00 | 20.06 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | 986.83 | 67,691.28 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| RELEASE FROM RESTRICTIONS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION | 364.91 | 4,584.44 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| TOTAL INCOME | 70,874.10 | 836,799.99 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| FIXED EXPENSES | | | | |
| CALLED WORKER PAYROLL | \$30,337.37 | \$328,908.55 | \$340,411.50 | 96.62% |
| SUPPORT STAFF | 4,609.01 | 44,038.50 | 45,842.50 | 96.06% |
| BENEFITS | 12,924.51 | 165,219.25 | 202,023.25 | 81.78% |
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE | 3,913.02 | 30,905.74 | 17,966.63 | 172.02% |
| BUILDING & GROUNDS | 6,723.49 | 90,829.05 | 103,500.87 | 87.76% |
| Subtotal Fixed Expenses | 58,507.40 | 659,901.09 | 709,744.75 | 92.98% |
| DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES | | | | |
| OUTSIDE SUPPORT | 8,574.00 | 95,114.00 | 94,451.50 | 100.70% |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | 489.27 | 3,957.31 | 3,666.74 | 107.92% |
| WORSHIP/MUSIC | 0.00 | 6,664.38 | 12,145.98 | 54.87% |
| EVANGELISM/OUTREACH | 0.00 | 389.55 | 5,958.37 | 6.54% |
| ELDERS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 91.63 | 0.00% |
| STEWARDSHIP | 266.12 | 3,154.01 | 3,025.00 | 104.26% |
| FAMILY MINISTRY | 226.63 | 3,889.26 | 2,933.48 | 132.58% |
| Subtotal Departments/committees | 9,556.02 | 113,168.51 | 122,272.70 | 92.55% |
| OTHER EXPENSES | | | | |
| CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS | 0.00 | 810.00 | 1,375.00 | 58.91% |
| Subtotal Other Expenses | 0.00 | 810.00 | 1,375.00 | 58.91% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 68,063.42 | 773,879.60 | 833,392.45 | 92.86% |
| TRANSFER ACCOUNTS | | | | |
| TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS | -\$6,260.32 | -\$84,421.90 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS | -6,260.32 | -84,421.90 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES | -\$3,449.64 | -\$21,501.51 | -\$833,392.45 | 2.58% |

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

May 2023

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Previous Month Assets | \$146,407.14 |
| Total Transactions | -871.37 |
| Total Current Assets | \$145,535.77 |

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| New Church/School Total | \$138,908.86 |
| checking/savings | |

| Accounts | Undesignated Checking | Explanation | Monthly Statements | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | Undesignated Savings | NEW Church/School Fund Savings |
| Previous Balance | \$447.50 | | \$6,329.41 | \$137,539.27 |
| Monthly Transactions* | (\$150.00) | | \$0.00 | \$74.24 |
| Current Balance | \$297.50 | | \$6,329.41 | \$137,613.51 |
| | (\$150.00) | 5/8 Jean Marks | | \$680.00 5/2 Vanco |
| | | | | \$848.08 5/2 deposit |
| | | | | \$1,043.08 5/2 deposit |
| | | | | \$599.00 5/8 Vanco |
| | | | | \$2,011.08 5/2 deposit |
| | | | | -\$5,425.00 5/8 AM Bank payment |
| | | | | \$1,399.46 5/16 Vanco |
| | | | | \$598.08 5/16 Deposit |
| | | | | \$614.00 5/23 Vanco |
| | | | | \$1,760.00 5/23 Deposit |
| | | | | -\$5,425.00 5/23 bank payment |
| | | | | \$1,361.46 5/31 Vanco |
| Monthly Transactions TOTAL | (\$150.00) | | \$0.00 | \$74.24 |
| TOTAL TRANSACTIONS | (\$871.37) | | | (\$795.61) |

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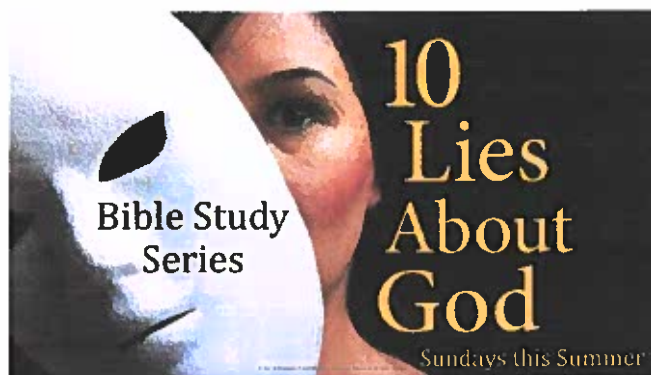
\$20,000 in New Church/School Savings is designated for New School Building seed money.

calendars around that is the most straightforward approach. This method creates more stability without creating any further distractions or challenges to focusing on our faith, and allows our lives to be built around it.

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

Keeping the attention and focus of our youth and young members may be the most important challenge. With a world full of distractions and temptations, it is always going to be a difficult task to take on, not just to keep the younger generation in their faith, but getting them to continue to learn and grow their spiritual lives.

As far as staying the same, currently we have an outstanding group of leaders and educators within Zion and we hope to see them stay and guide us for many years to come.



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