

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Ever Wonder?
Answers to
Important Questions.



How Can I Be Happy When I Hurt So Badly?

“How did you ever get such peace?” Jenny asked Carol. “It’s been eight months since my baby died, and it still tears me up.”

“Oh, I still ache when I remember my son. I miss him every day. Some days I can’t stop wondering what he would be like. But as far as peace goes, I felt peace already the night Alex died. It’s always been there, no matter how much I hurt.”

“I can see it, Carol. I keep hoping to have what you have.” Jenny glanced at a framed picture of Alex on Carol’s desk. “Sometimes I feel so angry and bitter that God took my baby.”

“I’ve gotten angry, too. It’s just not right that children die. But I don’t blame God. He made it possible for me to have peace after Alex died. God didn’t bring death into this world.”

“How can you say such a thing?” Jenny looked surprised. “God took your son from you. He’s dead.”

“That’s where you’re wrong,” Carol responded, putting her hand on Jenny’s shoulder. “Alex is not dead. He’s as alive as we are at this very moment. Jesus said, ‘Whoever believes in me will live even though he dies.’ Death entered this world when the first human beings sinned against God, but death cannot rob me of my son—he’s safe with Jesus.”

“How can you be so sure? I wish I could be as certain as you.”

Carol smiled. “You can be certain. Before I explain, let me ask you a question. Why did Jesus die on the cross?”

Jenny gave a puzzled look. “I don’t know. I guess some people really hated him.”

“Yes, some people hated him, but that doesn’t explain what happened. Jesus had to die. It was part of a plan. You and I and everyone else have sinned and deserved to die. But God came up with the plan to have his Son die in our place. The plan was fulfilled, and Jesus came back from the dead. Knowing what God has done gives me peace. Jenny, do you ever blame yourself for what happened? I did, sometimes. But now, I focus on God’s forgiveness and his love. And when I think of Alex, I remind myself that he’s living with God now. And by faith in Jesus, I am looking forward to seeing my son one day!”

“Thanks, Carol. Forgiveness, love, alive with God—you’ve helped me see everything in a new way.”

WORSHIP WITH US!

Sundays

8:00 and 10:30 am

Sunday School and Bible Study between Services



The Crucial Hours

Midweek Lent Worship: March 2 - April 6

Wednesdays 3:30 and 7:00 pm

Supper between most services
(Check Weekly Word for details)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Accreditation Visit First Day of Women's History Month 4:00 pm 6th & 7th Grade Catechism 4:00 pm 8th Grade Catechism 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble Practice	2 Accreditation Visit Jr. Choir & Hand Chimes (6-8) Ash Wednesday Field Trip LLHS 9:00 am Warrior for a Day 3:30 pm Ash Wednesday: Communion 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday: Worship 8:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	3 Sanctuary: Weekly Cleaning 2:00 pm Ladies Aid	4 Zion Basketball Party 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 11:30 am K for a Day		5
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Untangling the Web of Addiction:

Overcoming Challenges Toward Treatment

Part 2 of 4

Some people thrive when faced with challenges. Others experience challenges as roadblocks that seem too difficult to overcome. For those who struggle with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, challenges can feel insurmountable and often become barriers to treatment. Mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression fuel substance abuse, creating a web that is difficult to untangle without proper treatment.

A guiding and supportive advocate can help remove barriers. If you or someone you know is having trouble finding a treatment solution or sticking with it, here are some essential steps toward assessment, treatment, and long-term recovery.

STEP ONE – THE INITIAL CONVERSATION

Despite the high number of individuals who suffer with mental health issues, mental illness is still stigmatized, making it difficult to recommend treatment to someone who needs care. Some may be in denial and defensive. Starting the conversation can feel daunting. When you do begin the conversation, avoid blaming or pointing fingers. Let the person know they are not alone, and you see their hurt. When the initial conversation is executed with compassion, love, and grace, there's a better chance of success.

Other suggestions to ensure the conversation goes as smoothly as possible:

- Identify an appropriate time and place to have the conversation
- Express concerns and be direct
- Acknowledge their feelings and listen
- Offer to help
- Be patient

More details to help start a conversation available in this [printable resource](#) from SAMHSA – the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

STEP TWO – THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

If you suspect that someone needs treatment for a mental health condition and substance abuse, it is important to receive a “dual diagnosis” before treatment can begin. In the state of Minnesota, an assessment is available called a “**Rule 25 Assessment.**” Any clinic that offers treatment for substance use disorders will be able to conduct a Rule 25 (or a related type of assessment called a “Comprehensive Assessment.”) For those who are eligible, the State of Minnesota pays for this assessment, which leads to a treatment recommendation.

The assessment will cover drug and alcohol use history, medical history, emotional health, home environment, and potential risk for relapse or continued substance use. Your assessor will determine the appropriate level of care. The “Comprehensive Assessment” is the same as a Rule 25 Assessment, plus it determines the best level of care and provides prescribed treatment. Your assessor will provide guidance toward the appropriate level of care.

STEP THREE – TREATMENT OPTIONS

Once a dual diagnosis is confirmed, the process to find treatment begins.

There are many treatment programs in the community for substance use. A truly co-occurring treatment program for those with a dual diagnosis, addresses both the mental health and the substance use disorders equally during treatment. Treating one without the other might be successful; however, if an individual has a dual diagnosis, or suspects one, a Dual Diagnosis treatment program is the best option.

When it comes time to commit to a treatment program, many barriers tend to develop:

- Logistical problems such as inadequate insurance, lack of transportation or insufficient housing are barriers to treatment.
- No community support from family and friends can also be a challenge and interfere with starting treatment.

How these barriers are handled can make a difference in long-term recovery success.

At Christian Family Solutions (CFS), the Dual Diagnosis Program clinicians help overcome barriers to treatment by referring clients to an on-site **Program Treatment Coordinator**. The coordinator's primary goal is to access community resources for eliminating barriers. The CFS **Behavioral Health Home Service** (BHH) is also available to access medical, social and

community support services. These certified providers coordinate care across all service needs.

Part 3 of this series will inform you of the differences in dual diagnosis treatment solutions so that you can choose the most appropriate option for yourself or to refer someone you know. **Untangling the Web of Addiction: Effective Treatment Solutions**

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ONLY ONE WAY HOME

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

A 19th century humorist wrote, "There are more ways than one to skin a cat."

In American society, an attitude prevails that if one approach does not work, then a different one might. Certainly this is true of home improvements, cooking, and craft projects. If one method does not work, another might.

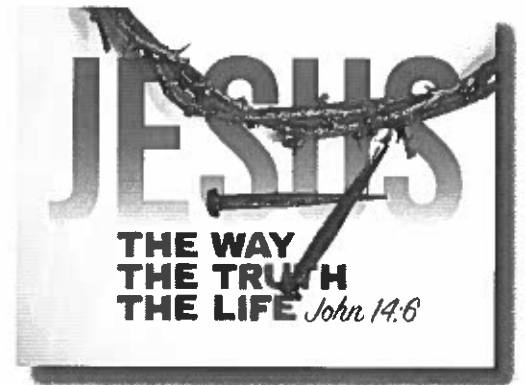
"There are more ways than one to skin a cat." However, the opposite is true of our salvation. Paul writes, **"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus"** (1 Timothy 2:5). Again, our Savior testified, **"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"** (John 14:6). Peter acknowledged his Master as the only way to salvation saying, **"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God"** (John 6:68-69).

Insisting that there are multiple ways to heaven appeals to our sinful nature. Our ego prompts us to search for alternate methods: through our own work, our intellect, and our imagination. Sinfully, we think it's all due to us.

However, none of this works. Humans have searched for ways to **"be like God, knowing good from evil"** (Genesis 3:4) since God created the heavens and the earth. They want to control their own destiny by playing God. Such actions do not acknowledge that **"[God] chose us in [Christ] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ"** (Eph. 1:4-5).

"There are more ways than one to skin a cat." This may be true of construction dilemmas, corrections for failed recipes, or attempts to salvage damaged objects. Yet, when it comes to our salvation, **"there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."**

Lord, daily lead us to repent and wholly lean on Jesus' merits, for "salvation is found in no one else." Amen.



MARCH EVENTS

For all & up-to-the-minute see Calendar under Quicklinks at llhs.org

- March 1..... Financial Aid forms due at LLHS for 2022-23
- March 3..... Blood Drive at LL | 8a-1p (walk-ins welcome)
- March 4..... Music Fundraiser ends | 3p
Bowling State Tournament at Sabre Lanes, Menasha (girls V eligible)
- March 5..... Girls K-8 STEM Workshop | 9a-12p
- March 6..... A Cappella @ Eastside Madison | 8/10:30a
FFA Chapter Banquet | 12:30p
New Friends at LL | 1-3p (see other side)
- March 7..... Track practice begins
- March 9..... Grandparents Day for Soph/Seniors | 8a
- March 11..... End of 3rd Quarter
- March 13..... Spring Ahead for Daylight Savings
- March 14-18..... Spring Break: no school, Softball practice begins 3/14
- March 21..... Classes resume, Baseball & Girls Soccer practice begins
Board of Regents | 6:30p
- March 22... Financial Planning for College (all ages, no RSVP req'd) | 6:30p
- March 26..... Music Fundraiser pickup | 9-10a
- March 27..... A Cappella @ St. Matthew, Janesville | 9a
- March 28..... Golf practice begins
- March 29..... First Home Baseball (5p) & Soccer (V 6:30) matches
- March 31..... Warrior Forensics "Fam & Friends" Night | 6-8p

WARRIOR SUMMER CAMPS

for elementary-aged boys & girls • June-July 2022

- boys gr. 2-3, as well as gr. 4-9 girls & boys basketball •
- co-ed soccer & running • girls volleyball • boys football •

PLUS! STEM CAMP

(Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) for grades 5-8
July 18-21 | 8:30 AM-Noon | \$60 | begin at llhs.org/apps/pages/stem

WARRIOR YOUTH FOOTBALL

for boys, grades 6-8 • August 9-October 15 • register by 4/15

WARRIOR WINDMILL SOFTBALL

for girls, ages 5-high school • runs May-July | register by March 20

PREPSIDE MUSTANGS BASEBALL

Registration already open for
Senior U18 - Pony U15 - U12 • New! 10U PeeWee League

Incoming 9th graders are welcome to join high schools students for the
WARRIOR SUMMER SPEED & STRENGTH PROGRAM.

Register at llhs.org/apps/form/SpeedandStrength

REGISTER ONLINE OPENS 3/1:

START AT llhs.org/K8sports

LAKESIDE GOOD NEWS *and* NOTES

- * Call News: Stay tuned to llhs.org/apps/pages/callnews to keep track of all the ministry changes happening at your LLHS by next fall. Mrs. Ruth Hirschfeld [St. Paul, Fort Atkinson] in the Extended Learning Center has also announced her intent to retire at the end of the 2022 spring semester, joining the ranks of retiring Principal Grasby and Choir Director Jim Buege. This webpage will include announcements of returned and accepted calls, including the addition of Mrs. Tanya Tomfohrde, who shared that she has accepted our call to teach introductory mathematics next fall. We are also thrilled to report that our Guidance Director, Mr. Andy Rosenau [St. Matthew, Oconomowoc], returned a recent call and will continue his ministry with our teens.
- * We welcomed 200+ federation 7th graders (plus teachers and chaperones) to “Warrior for a Day” on Jan. 17. They experienced several classes (history, videography, tech ed, phy ed, STEM and more) to see what life is like as an LLHS student. After a pizza lunch, they headed out for a social afternoon of roller-skating.
- * Warrior boys cross country runners were awarded the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association (WCCCA) All-State Academic Award for their achievements in academics and cross country. This is only the second Lakeside team to see all of its members qualify during the same year, the first being the 2013 girls team. All seven runners qualified as individuals, and the top five runners’ GPAs averaged 3.884, qualifying them all as a team as well. Team members include junior Arnold Rupnow [St. Paul, Ixonia], sophomore Isaac Bilitz [Peace, Sun Prairie], freshman William Hemling [St. Stephen, Beaver Dam], sophomore Daniel Ertman, [Bethany, Fort Atkinson], sophomore Cameron Weiland [Zion, Columbus], sophomore Mark Garcia [Bethany, Fort Atkinson], and senior Jonathan Abel [St. Paul, Fort Atkinson].
- * Varsity basketball player and junior, Levi Birkholz [Trinity, Watertown], scored his 1,000th career point with a reverse dunk during the conference game Jan. 21 at Poynette. Both the girls (15-9) and boys (17-6) basketball teams earned 3-seeds in the WIAA tournament that starts Feb. 25 for the girls and March 4 for the boys, both at home at 7 p.m.
- * Your LLHS hosted 55 FFA students from seven schools competed in District 29’s Leadership Development Jan. 24 speaking contest. Warrior freshman Aubrey Wilke [Peace, Sun Prairie] entered the Discussion Meet, where she made it to the finals round and placed first in the debate. She will move on to the Section 10 contest in Big Foot on April 6. Lakeside freshman Natalie Clark [St. Paul, Lake Mills] placed 3rd in the FFA Creed, reciting 5 paragraphs and answering questions.
- * The Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association announced that Mr. Tim Matthies [St. Paul, Lake Mills] will enter the WBCA Hall of Fame in the “High School Coach” category. He coached varsity girls basketball team for 22 years. The Sept. 24 induction banquet is in Wisconsin Dells.
- * We celebrated Winter Carnival week with dress-up days and end-of-day activities. All the photos are available at llhs.smugmug.com/School/Winters-Carnival-2022.
- * On Feb. 6, Warrior musicians—band, ensembles, and choirs— held their annual Pops Concert. We also welcomed grade school artists who participated in our grade school visual arts fair. See the many artistic entries at llhs.smugmug.com/LES-at-Lakeside/Fine-Arts-Visual-Arts-Fairs/Visual-Arts-Fair-2022.
- * On Thursday, Feb. 17, we honored our athletic trainer, Julia Neppi, who is stepping aside after 22 years of supporting our Warrior athletes. The night also featured a goodbye to longtime score table volunteer, Mr. Bill Hirschfeld [St. Paul, Fort Atkinson], who has been helping out since the 90s!
- * The Warrior Bowling Club wrapped another successful and fun season for both JV and Varsity teams for both boys and girls. The varsity girls co-op team scored well enough to earn a trip to the state tournament in Menasha in March!
- * For the 12th straight year, Warrior Forensics earned the Capitol Conference Championship. Of the 11 schools there, Lakeside earned 288 points—ahead of 2nd place with 134 points. Leading the way for Lakeside were: Aubrey Wilke, first in Demonstration; Rose Hissom [St. Matthew, Oconomowoc], first in Extemporaneous; Greta Pingel [Peace, Sun Prairie], first in Farrago and Grace Cody [St. John, Juneau], second in Farrago; Logan Wensel [St. Paul, Lake Mills], first in Moments in History and Trey Lauber [St. Paul, Lake Mills], second in Moments in History; Farah Stuebs [St. Paul, Lake Mills], and Mara Minning [St. Luke, Watertown], second in Playacting; Austin Schwab [St. Paul, Fort Atkinson], first in Poetry; Matthea Lenz [St. Matthew, Oconomowoc], second in Prose; Ethan Lozano [St. John, Waterloo], first in Radio Speaking; Elsa Johannson [Zion, Columbus], first in Solo Acting Serious; Caleb Wensel [St. Paul, Lake Mills], first in Special Occasion; and Maria Vik [St. Paul, Fort Atkinson], first in Storytelling.
- * Congrats to wrestling sectional competitor, sophomore Sam Schmidt [Peace, Janesville], on a hard-fought 145-lb. match in Richland Center Feb. 19.
- * Our 2021 boys track team was awarded the D2 Power Rankings championship from the Wisconsin Track Coaches Association. Looking forward to seeing both the boys and girls power through another season that starts practice March 7, first event March 18.
- * Lakeside hosted the 20th Warrior A-team Basketball tournament for 18 schools and 35 teams of boys and girls from across the federation. The weekend of February 18–20 showcased 46 games in double-elimination bracketed play in four divisions. We enjoyed seeing ALL the players, and extend special congrats to the champions in bracket, including Trinity-St.Luke’s in the girls’ navy division; St. Mark’s in boys’ navy; Holy Cross in the girls’ white division; and St. Stephen’s Beaver Dam in boys’ white.
- * Our annual Kinderfest set a new attendance record when 275 federation kindergartners plus teachers and chaperones visited campus Feb. 21. They experienced 14 activity stations, from a “laser” obstacle course to a petting zoo, acting class, even a safari scavenger hunt. Eighty teens came in on their day off to help make this happen. Enjoy these lambs and the energy they bring to campus at llhs.smugmug.com/LES-at-Lakeside/Kinderfest-at-LLHS



A SWEET
friendship
REFRESHES
THE SOUL.

PROVERBS 27:9

**Last of the school year ...
come say farewell to Mrs. H
New Friends**

Those with special needs join together with Lakeside students in a variety of fun activities!

Sunday, March 6, 2022 • 1–3 pm

Qs? Contact Mrs. Ruth Hirschfeld
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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
incredible
gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15

USHERS FOR MARCH

March 2nd, March 6th & March 9th

7:00pm - March 2nd 10:30am - March 6th
8:00am - March 6th 7:00pm - March 9th

<u>Team E7</u>	<u>Team L4</u>
Mike Vick (C)	Kurt Zander (C)
Troy Kehoe (A)	Bruce Zander
Bruce Hatzinger	Kane Browskowski
Ron Yerges	Wyatt Browskowski
Jake Boness	Jack Schultz
Brian Peck	Jesse Schultz

March 13th, March 16th & March 20th

8:00am - March 13th 10:30am - March 13th
7:00pm - March 16th 10:30am - March 20th

<u>Team E1</u>	<u>Team L5</u>
Jeff Henning (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Daryl Berndt (A)	Peter Lewke
Leo Fischer	Dave Harle
Matt Weidner	Josiah Schwartz
Rodney Hacht	Micah Schwartz
Mark Tiedt	

March 20th, March 23rd & March 27th

8:00am - March 20th 7:00pm - March 23th
8:00am - March 27th 10:30am - March 27th

<u>Team E2</u>	<u>Team L6</u>
Dale Schilling (C)	Paul Kehl (C)
Dale Gajdosik	Otto Mattke (A)
Kenneth Schulz	Dennis Winter
Matt Yaroch	Carl Wolf
Nick Yaroch	William Mattke
Nate Yaroch	Nils Johansson
	Shawn Opsahl

March 30th, April 3rd & April 6th

7:00pm - March 30th 10:30am - April 3rd
8:00am - April 3rd 7:00pm - April 6th

<u>Team E3</u>	<u>Team L7</u>
Randy Koehn (C)	Matt Huber (C)
Dan Retzlaff	Carter Huber
Noah Litherland	Jeremy Maas
Steven Hahn	Peter Klokow
William Penterman	Jack Klokow
Brian Baney	Brady Grambsch
	Michael Vertz

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.

MARCH WORSHIP WELCOMERS

March 6th

8:00am	10:30am
Emily Henning & Nancy Huebner	Otto & Sheree Mattke

March 13th

8:00am	10:30am
Jim & Jenny Greiling	Bev Herold & Nicole Henning

March 20th

8:00am	10:30am
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	John & Sarah Brey

March 27th

8:00am	10:30am
Delphine Schaefer	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 January

Date	Total
2	181
6/9	252
13/16	275
20/23	225
27/30	275

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by March 25th.

Contact Sue Henning at

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suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Membership Changes

Transfer In:

None

Transfer Out:

John & Marianne Kehl to Friedens, Randolph, WI
Kyle & Emilie McFadden (Children: Dominic, Gianna & Vanessa) to St. John's, Waterloo, WI

Released:

Russell & Anna Langer
Nicholas Lindert
William & Melinda Oxner and Family
Austin & Sierra Evers
Megan Lindert
Corey & Erin Schey-Schimmel and Family
Betty Dieckhoff
Robert & Connie Weihert
Zachary & Stephanie Zander and Leo

Ministrations

Baptisms:

1. Delaney Alice Caine
Born 12/01/2021; Baptized 1/9/2022
Parents: Tim & Katie Caine

Deaths:

1. Judy Vick - Born 5/11/1941; Died 1/24/2022

Marriages:

None

Confirmations:

Alycia Sill - Confirmed 1/13/2022
Christian Bagocius - Confirmed 1/23/2022

Affirmations of Faith:

None

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will meet on March 3rd at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. At that meeting, we will be discussing the Lenten Meal that we will be serving on March 23rd. We hope to see many at our meeting.



Delores Hasenfuss	4th	91 years
Harriette Moll	5th	92 years
Wayne Moungey	16th	85 years
Genevieve Setz	24th	83 years

Osthoff Resort Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekend

How is your marriage? Would you like it to be healthier? God designed marriage and only he can improve the health of your marriage. Join us for a marriage enrichment weekend at The Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, March 18-20, 2022. The cost is \$385 per couple. That cost includes lodging for two nights, breakfasts both Saturday and Sunday, lunch on Saturday, six enrichment sessions and resources to continue to use at home. Spend your weekend learning how to know each other better, appreciate each other more, gain trust, manage conflict, nurture intimacy and connect with each other intentionally – all in the light of God's grace. The result? A healthier marriage. Space is limited but you must register by March 6. Make it a memorable anniversary or Valentine's gift! See the poster in our lobby or take a brochure for more information. Register at www.gshep.net or <https://forms.gle/3vL85FH7WCbqUPmy6>

Ready, set, FACTs

It's cold, and snowy, and it hardly seems time to start thinking about next school year yet. It is time, however, to start getting your information ready and enrollment completed for FACTs for the 2022-2023 school year. Even if you don't have all your income/tax information available, it's never too early to get signed up if you anticipate needing tuition assistance. You can find a link to login/sign up for facts at the zioncolumbus.org website under the school tab by selecting admissions. The Zion Board of Education asks that you please have enrollment and tuition assistance applications completed by 5/2/2022 so aid can be awarded as soon as possible. Thanks again, and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask the school office or Mr. Vandenberg.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison
January 2022

	Jan 22	Jul '21 - Jan 22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Extended Care Reimbursement	673.07	3,547.42
Extra Synod Missions Income	80.00	1,322.50
Family Ministry	0.00	400.00
General Fund Offerings	57,557.15	446,407.71
Gifts to Payoff Bank Loan	130.00	3,384.00
LLHS Building Income	0.00	250.00
Money Borrowed from FMUB	2,000.00	37,000.00
Other Donations		
Building Fund Donation	11,457.00	8,866.50
Thrivent Choice	140.00	140.00
Other Donations - Other	0.00	550.00
Total Other Donations	11,597.00	9,556.50
Other Receipts		
Facilities Rental	40.00	600.00
Other Receipts - Other	200.00	1,735.81
Total Other Receipts	240.00	2,335.81
Sub teaching reimburse	0.00	-93.84
Total Income	72,277.22	504,110.10
Gross Profit	72,277.22	504,110.10
Expense		
ACH fee	1.00	2.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes		
Payroll Taxes	0.00	8,597.45
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes - Other	32,249.91	217,930.22
Total Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	32,249.91	226,527.67
Church Supplies		
Bible Study Materials	59.12	24.00
Copy Paper	-4.00	567.50
Letterhead	0.00	261.00
Pastors' ink	0.00	25.09
Church Supplies - Other	71.35	302.75
Total Church Supplies	126.47	1,180.34
Convention/Cont' Education	0.00	560.00
Copier	0.00	1,338.95
Extended Care Expense	461.31	3,522.94
Family Ministry Board		
Church Picnic	0.00	-124.05
Pantry	233.15	564.43
Family Ministry Board - Other	0.00	372.29
Total Family Ministry Board	233.15	812.67
Funds in Transit	1,038.95	-0.05
Guest Pastor	426.00	1,057.00
Health Insurance	8,418.39	58,928.73
HRA Savings	2,000.00	12,000.00
Interest Expense	0.00	298.97
Janitors		
Church Labor	962.50	4,604.00
School Labor	881.38	7,702.18
Total Janitors	1,843.88	12,306.18
LLHS Building Expense	0.00	150.00
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison
January 2022

	Jan 22	Jul '21 - Jan 22
Maintenance		
Inspection fees	0.00	1,332.04
Janitorial Supplies, Church	149.56	700.57
Janitorial Supplies, School	461.62	1,633.99
Pest Control	198.00	1,964.00
Property Improvements		
Church	0.00	-140.00
School	0.00	392.00
Property Improvements - Other	0.00	2,335.58
Total Property Improvements	0.00	2,587.58
Property Repair	0.00	3,824.95
Trash Removal	1,306.60	2,018.86
Maintenance - Other	0.00	788.87
Total Maintenance	2,115.78	14,850.86
Meditations	375.00	1,125.00
Mileage	197.37	619.54
Miscellaneous	0.00	210.00
Organists	472.04	3,338.44
Outreach Board	0.00	480.05
Payroll Expenses	244.50	1,801.75
Pension Insurance	200.00	20,644.00
Postage and Delivery	160.51	901.04
Secretaries	2,313.63	15,790.55
Stewardship Board	308.61	2,333.00
Substitute Teaching	-3.70	-155.53
Sunday School/VBS	0.00	131.93
Synod Mission Expense	0.00	35,392.50
Telephone & Internet Expense	156.00	1,835.70
Utilities		
Water and Light		
890 Western Ave.	201.04	1,805.75
896 Western Ave.	205.81	1,678.56
Ann St.	199.47	1,390.42
Chapin St. Teacherage	269.14	1,623.00
Dix St. Parsonage	288.58	2,044.66
New Church	1,434.17	9,312.21
School Building	1,339.88	9,840.69
Total Water and Light	3,938.09	27,495.29
We Energies		
890 Western Ave.	65.00	380.00
896 Western Ave.	105.95	315.28
Ann St.	69.91	225.84
Chapin St. Teacherage	88.83	345.81
Dix St. Parsonage	90.00	612.00
New Church	463.56	914.80
School Building	1,451.03	3,658.33
Total We Energies	2,334.28	6,452.06
Total Utilities	6,272.37	33,947.35
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	0.00	75.00
Worship	1,272.60	17,877.07
Total Expense	60,883.77	487,083.65
Net Ordinary Income	11,393.45	17,026.45
Net Income	11,393.45	17,026.45

TOGETHER



February 1, 2022

Home Missions begins planning for 100 missions in 10 years

At the synod convention last summer, the Board for Home Missions presented a proposal to open 100 new missions in 10 years, beginning in 2023. The convention enthusiastically embraced the proposal.


On Monday and Tuesday of this week, the planning for the project began in earnest. To start the planning process a meeting was held to bring together representatives from the synod Board for Home Missions, district mission boards from all 12 districts, mission counselors, and Home Missions administrators.

The group discussed a wide range of issues such as funding and manpower,

the process for identifying and prioritizing locations for new missions, and the important responsibilities of the district mission boards to do the work necessary to carry out the project.

It's an ambitious goal, but we've established that goal with trust in God's promises, asking for the Lord's blessings on our efforts. God uses us to plant and water, but he alone makes his church grow.

Learn more about WELS mission work at wels.net/missions.

Serving with you in Christ,
WELS President Mark Schroeder 

New Bible readings start this month


This month, *Forward in Christ* readers can enjoy selections from the book of Galatians in a study entitled, "Every day with Galatians."

Luther writes the following regarding Paul's letter to the church in Galatia:

Without any merit or work on our own, we must first be justified by Christian righteousness . . . but this righteousness is heavenly and passive. We do not have it of ourselves; we receive it from heaven. We do not perform it; we accept it by faith. . .

. . . In this epistle therefore, Paul is concerned to instruct, comfort, and sustain us diligently in a perfect knowledge of this most excellent and Christian righteousness. (*Luther's Works*, Vol. 26:8,9)

This month's daily readings are short but powerful—a fuel for our day-to-day lives. "It is a comfort to know that I am justified by what Jesus did for me. It's important to renew that truth because there are still so many distortions that lead us to think that we can earn God's love," says John Braun, FIC's executive editor. "Because he has given me this gift I find courage to live as God wants me to live. His grace changes me so that I can live as a child of God. That's important every day."

Additionally, short excerpts from Martin Luther's 1535 lectures on Galatians will be available online at forwardinchrist.net/galatians-bible-readings. 

TOGETHER



February 15, 2022

Praying for brothers and sisters in Ukraine

If you have been following the news, there is a real possibility that Russia will take some kind of military action in the country of Ukraine. There is no way of knowing whether this will happen, and, if it does, what effect it will have on the people of Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC) is our sister church body in Ukraine. Whatever happens (if something does) will have a direct impact on our brothers and sisters there. Rev. Roger Neumann, our WELS liaison to the Ukrainian Lutheran Church, reports the following:

The people in Ukraine are preparing for war. . . . Currently, people are storing up essential goods such as non-perishable foods, batteries, flashlights, satellite phones, etc. Many of these items are hard to find now, as there is more and more hoarding of daily necessities. But this is somewhat understandable because these are things they may need for survival. It's not like lasting out a hurricane or winter blizzard. They are conscious to keep their vehicles filled with fuel, and yes, many are making sure they have guns at hand and an ample supply of ammunition readily available. They are fully aware that power and essential services could be cut off, banks and bank accounts frozen, and communications disrupted, which would result in mass evacuations to safer locations, causing a great deal of panic.

One additional concern is that Ukraine receives much of the nation's fuel, natural gas, from Russia. Russia has cut back on the amount of fuel coming into Ukraine, which has resulted in much higher costs. Many can't afford these costs and live in frigid conditions already.

However, there doesn't seem to be a sense of panic or fear, but one of preparedness. Yes, they do talk about these matters daily; social media is filled with discussion, opinions, and comments. But it's difficult to deal with the unknown. Everyday life continues as normal, as much as you can call it normal. Churches, by God's grace, still preach and administer the sacraments; online devotions and studies are still being conducted. Continuing in the Word is by far the greatest source of comfort for them. The people of the ULC, as do all Christians, truly believe that God is their refuge and strength in times of trouble.

What particularly touched my heart was their appreciation that others care about them and are praying for them. As one lady stated, "It means so much to me to know that people in the church are praying for me." I

the conversation about diversity awareness and cultural competency.”

Rev. Aaron Robinson, cultural diversity coordinator at MLC, says events like these offer students opportunities to grow in their understanding as WELS’ future called workers. “The reason we use days like this to talk about culture is not to divide but so we can better serve,” he says. “I want to continue the conversation and these moments—meeting the students where they’re at—so they can grow as God wants them to grow and minister to those who are not like them.” 🌱

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