The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Know the Truth

Your word is truth. - John 17:17

Human beings have never stopped desiring to search for the truth. And who can blame us?

As we swim our way through life, so often we find ourselves in deep water over our heads, water that has a muddy bottom which is sometimes slimy and

threatens to trap our feet. What could feel better than to finally touch a smooth, solid, rock bottom where we can plant our feet and rest, keep our heads above water, catch our breath?



God tells us the truth about sin so that we are willing to listen to a more important truth. The truth that his Son, Jesus Christ, came and lived the

of isolating, slimy, feet-trapping death, including

truth that his Son, Jesus Christ, came and lived the perfect life required of those who want God to care about them in this life and save them for the life to come. The truth that he died the perfect death on the cross that completely paid for sin. The truth that he rose again to prove he had done everything that is necessary for our salvation. The truth that he

did this for every sinful human being. He did it to give us a firm foundation for life—a blessed life with God now and forever.

And do you know how God gives us everything Jesus earned for us by his life, death, and resurrection? Through his rocksolid word.

And that's the truth!

God's word is rock-solid truth. That's how Jesus described it. He was speaking to his heavenly Father in prayer when he said, "Your word is truth." Though such a simple statement, it is a profound reality. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, testifies that the word of God the heavenly Father is truth!

It's hard sometimes to hear the truth. It can cause us to hang our head in shame and even cringe with fear. Truth that God tells us is every bit as difficult to hear. He tells us the truth that we are sinful. The sin that swirls around in our heads and floods our hearts is devastating. Sin brings death—every kind

Zion Lutheran Church & School

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7 Questions for Ricky & Lisa Gentz

How did you meet and marry?

We first met at the Dodge County fair. Then we were married at Zion church by Pastor Wilke, 31 years ago this May.

How about a quick run-down on your kids and your status as grandparents?

We have three children:

- Cody lives in Lake Mills
- Candy and her husband, Justin Watters live in Appleton and have a 9 month old little boy, Emmett
- Carmen and her husband Michael Schrader live in Rio and have a 2 week old baby girl, Harper.

Do each of you have a favorite work story to tell? Rick works for Lakeside Lutheran High School as a bus driver and maintenance and grounds assistant. He enjoys many of the antics and foolishness of the students on his bus. One in particular is the kids' re-enactment of the "Dating Game Show."

Lisa is an Administrative Assistant at the Columbus High School. She had the privilege of being the FFA Advisor last year. Her and Rick had taken the Officer team to Jag Lake for a retreat and planning for the upcoming year. They enjoyed getting to know the kids and doing group activities with them.

If the kids for whom you drive bus decide to get you a restaurant gift-certificate, what are you hoping is in the envelope?

Any place that has a good Friday-night fish fry or Culvers would work too.

What has been the biggest challenge to your faith that you would share?

The loss of Christian loved ones is always tough, but when we lose them at a young age, it seems to challenge us even more. It makes us dig deeper into our faith for the answers we are looking for and as a result strengthens our faith.

You both are very dedicated when it comes to serving at Zion. Any role models that influenced you?

We have had many inspiring role models that were involved with church in the past and some are currently serving now, but our greatest inspiration is Christ. He gave everything for us and out of love for him we enjoy serving the congregation. Five years from now, what are you hoping will be different about Zion? The same?

We hope more members, young and old, become more active within the church and share more of their time, treasures, and talents.

We would like to continue having our faith grow through the word, sacraments, and fellowship we have together at Zion.



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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.



Council Names and Numbers

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FREECYCLE COMING - MAY 20-21

Spring Cleaning? Save your gently used clothes, toys, books, housewares, etc. for the popular PATZ FreeCycle event, May



20-21! Beginning May 17th, bring your items to the Zion gym - Must be clean, in working order and in good condition (no large furniture, old TVs/monitors accepted). What a great outreach event for all church/school families and the greater Columbus community to shop for free! Volunteers are needed to set up, staff, and clean up. Any leftover items will be donated to Twice is Nice, Goodwill, and Kindred Kids. To learn more or volunteer to help, contact the Zion School Office at (920) 623-5180.

Greeter Schedule



<u>May 7</u>

8:00am — E1 10:30am — L12

Jeff & Melody Krakow Nils & Lara Johansson

May 14

8:00am — E2 10:30am — L13

Dave & Kathy Harle Aaron & Rachel Larson

May 21

Sara Hanna

May 28

8:00am — E4 10:30am — L2 Emily Henning & Laurie Kirchberg &

Sylvia Stadler Pat Premo

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.

Video Team Schedule May 2017

7 Mark Lindell

14 Phil Manteufel

21 Matt Greiling

28 Gary Schuhmacher



March Church Attendance

Date	Total
1	275 Lent
5	321
8	253 Lent
12	279
15	295 Lent
19	333
22	192 Lent
26	409





May 7

8:00am - Team E5
Mike Vick (C)
Dale Schilling
Ron Yerges
Bruce Hatzinger
James Stadler
J Doyle

10:30am - Team L5
Phil Manteufel (C)
Peter Lewke
John Cares
Paul Musser
Brian Baney
Andy Tratar

May 14

8:00am - Team E6
Kim Schilling (C)
Ronald Knudson
Tracy Busse
John Zandler
Scott Brenner
Matt Vosberg

10:30am - Team L6
Otto Mattke (C)
Paul Kehl (A)
Dennis Winter
Carl Wolf
William Mattke
Nils Johansson

May 25 & May 28

6:30pm May 25 ~ Graduation Day

8:00am May 28 10:30am May 28

Team E7 Team L7

Jim Greiling (C) Roger Weiland (C)
Matt Greiling Steve Weiland (A)
Nicholas Arndt Dan Weiland
Mark Hintz Bryce Weiland
John Brey Brett Weiland
Bob Marousek Peter Klokow

If you have any questions about the schedule, would like to be added as an usher or won't be able to serve any longer as an usher, please call Julie Doyle at (608) 846-5103.

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Membership Changes

None reported.

Ministrations

Baptisms

- 5. Jameson Mark Wollert, son of Tyler and Nicole Wollert. Born 9/21/16. Baptized 3/5/17.
- 6. Alexis Violet Schultz, daughter of Dan and Laura Schultz. Born 3/14/17. Baptized 3/26/17.

Deaths

3. Richard Goodinson. Born 8/1/1941. Died 3/21/2017.



Lorraine Huebner 1st 88 years Elaine Vangen 5th 91 years Delores Karow 16th 86 years Verna Schultz 25th 95 years

Messenger Deadline

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



Ladies' Aid Society

Our annual pot-luck meeting is scheduled for May 4th at 12:30 pm. Please bring a dish to pass and your own plate, cup, silverware and napkin. Also, you may bring a guest.



Ladies Aid

After lunch, Jan Ulrich will tell about the book she wrote about the early history of Columbus. Our regular business meeting will follow.

Elder's Board

by Jeff Krakow

We have started visiting some straying members again, now that the weather has warmed up and it stays light longer. We visit our straying numerous times and, sadly,



eventually some receive a letter of removal. When we send a letter we give a date of 40-60 days later to contact one of the pastors or their name will be removed. So far this year the elders' board has sent 7 letters to those we have not seen in church for a long time and that we have visited numerous times. Out of those 7, one asked to be transferred to another WELS church and the other 6 we did not hear from. We remove them from our membership due to their lack of response to our evangelical encouragement. We also send letters to those who have not received communion in the last six months.

Our Messenger article is usually a message from God's Word to encourage those who read it. It is not just to encourage the readers to attend worship, but also to encourage everyone who reads it to encourage others. Wouldn't it be nice if we could eliminate the elders' board because the entire congregation is encouraging everyone to gather together in word and sacrament? Let us all hear, read, and take to heart God's Saving Word in all of its truth and purity and may all of us encourage others to gather together in his Word and Sacrament.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement March 2017

	March 17	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul - Mar 17	Budget
linary Income/Expense				
Income				
Church Library Donation	14.00		14.00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	135.00		135.00	
General Fund Offerings	48,802.62		421,543.77	
LLHS Building Income	256.00		1,984.50	
Other Donations	1,566.50		5,958.90	
Other Receipts	65.00		1,576.10	
Substitute Teaching Reimbursement	204.00		1,570.18	
Transfered from Undesignated	10,700.00		104,250.00	
WLCFS Income	128.00	NA 18 AN INC. NO. 18	3,649.00	
WLIM Income	136.00		1,290.50	
Total Income	62,007.12		541,971.95	
Expense				
ACH fee	10.80		0.10	
Apartment Rent	635.00	666.67	5,715.00	8,000.0
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	28,294.13	27,829.83	245,062.88	333,958.0
Church Library Expense	13.07	12.50	177.25	150.0
Church Supplies	177.78	283.33	4,113.02	3,400.0
Convention/Cont' Education		75.00	361.66	900.0
Copier	895.24	291.67	2,466.45	3,500.0
Elders Board	-	29.17	2,400.40	350.0
Guest Pastor	205.80	58.33	330.80	700.0
Health Insurance	6,729.00	8,217.00	67,097.03	98,604.0
HRA Savings	2,023.00	0,217.00	8,092.00	30,004.0
Janitors	1,083.75	1,000.00	8,516.93	12,000.0
	256.00	1,000.00	1,984.50	12,000.0
LLHS Expanse	2,426.63	2,250.00	20,986.38	27,000.0
LLHS Expense	4,616.35			
Maintenance	4,010.35	2,559.42	31,421.90	30,713.0
Meditations	400.00	125.00	698.00	1,500.0
Mileage	190.00	291.67	2,589.15	3,500.0
Miscellaneous	242.26	12.50	495.02	150.0
Organists	342.36	258.33	2,473.35	3,100.0
Outreach Board	15.00	375.00	1,232.90	4,500.0
Payroll Expenses	241.66	233.33	2,285.09	2,800.0
Pension Insurance	7,446.00	2,220.83	22,692.00	26,650.0
Postage and Delivery	70.34	108.33	1,081.94	1,300.0
Secretaries	2,657.27	1,666.67	16,126.38	20,000.0
Stewardship Board		416.67	3,239.15	5,000.0
Substitute Teaching	182.67		1,424.22	
Sunday School/VBS	3.54	241.67	2,639.98	2,900.0
Synod Mission Expense	4,988.26	4,666.67	43,653.79	56,000.0
Telephone & Internet Expense	250.09	333.33	2,285.11	4,000.0
Utilities	6,035.00	5,250.00	37,254.41	63,000.0
WLCFS Expense	128.00		3,649.00	
WLIM Expense	136.00		1,290.50	
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	3,702.00	1,208.33	3,903.00	14,500.0
Worship	59.00	316.67	2,996.27	3,800.0
Total Expense	73,810.20	60,997.92	548,335.16	731,975.0

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report March 2017

Report for the Month of:

Undesignated	Monthly Statements	01 - CHILOIN (1995-19
NEW Church/ School	nts	\$173,289.56
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	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	interest \$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$182.27	Interest Received
	CD's (Lunn/Lenz)	mo		
	Two CD's	7 :	\$22,022.03	TOTAL TRANSACTIONS
\$0.00	\$6,989.16	\$15,182.80	(\$149.93)	Monthly Transactions TOTAL
	\$168.92 Interest			
	\$530.00 Deposit			
	3-30-17			
	\$3,423.00 Deposit			
	3/27/2017			
	\$7,640,00 Deposit			
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	3-20-17	\$13.78 Interest		
	\$1,702.00 Deposit	(\$2,000.00) Checking		
	3-13-17	to General		
	\$2,397.00 3-6-17 Deposit	\$9,995.19 cp		
	\$10.00 3-3-17 Deposit	3-27-17 Deposit \$15,589.33 CD		
	American National Bank (\$4,623.38) church Ioan	3-22-17 transfer to General (\$8,700.00) Checking	\$0.07 Interest	
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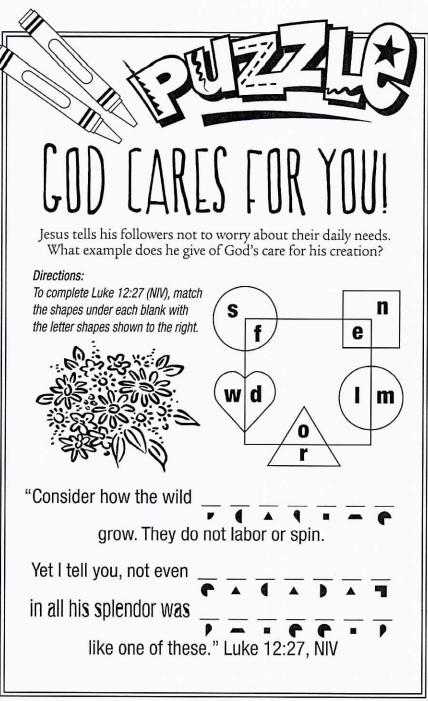
Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels

What you do:

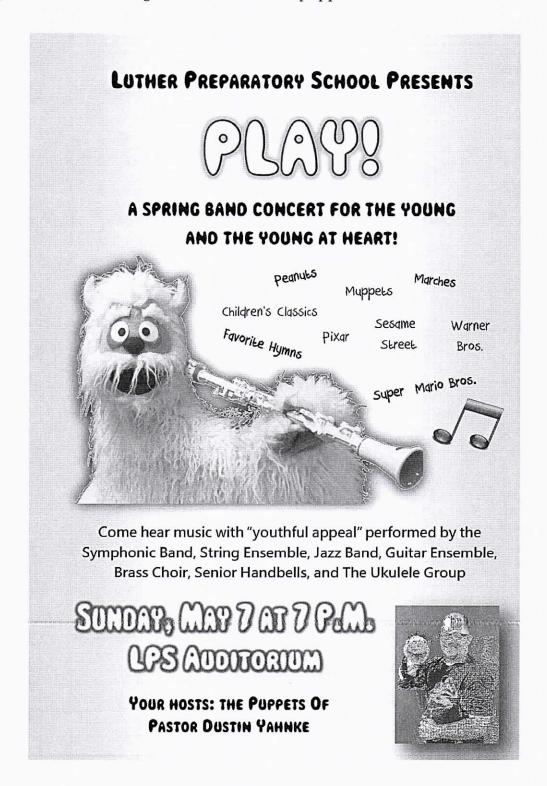
- Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
- Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
- 3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
- 4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
- When dry, display your tree – or give it as a Mother's Day gift.



Answer: "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

Spring Band Concert

The Luther Preparatory School music department will present its spring band concert, "Play!," on May 7th at 7 p.m. in the LPS Auditorium. It will feature the Symphonic Band, String Ensemble, Jazz Band, Guitar Ensemble, Brass Choir, Senior Handbells, Clarinet Choir, and The Ukulele Group performing music designed to appeal to the young (and the young at heart!). Pastor Dustin Yahnke from Trinity in Watertown will showcase his professional puppeteering skills as our guest host. A freewill offering will be accepted. We hope you can join us for an evening of musical fun –and puppets!



Alpha Life Resource Center

As Mother's Day 2017 approaches it reminds us at Alpha Life Resource Center of the importance Mothers play in the development of their children. We minister to those expecting as well as those with children of all ages. Some of our clients are facing difficult life situations because of poor choices in relationships, need of a job or education, or are just in need of basic baby/child supplies such as clothing, food, emergency diapers and wipes. To the community we seek to make the witness in various ways that life *IS* God's creation and life *IS* important.

This year we are offering a special way to honor mothers, and at the same time support the Center and its mission. This Mother's Day we will send a card to the special honoree acknowledging the mom and the donor. A memoriam may also be made in memory of a mom, grandmother, sister or that special person who "was like a mom." In memory names will be included in our next newsletter, Breath of Life, due out this summer.

Also, as we look toward Father's Day it reminds us of the importance of leadership and guidance a father has within the family unit. At Alpha Life Resource Center, we are a ministry that uses family, pregnancy, baby, children, mothers and fathers as bridges to talk about the most important thing in the world: salvation through Jesus Christ. With each contact we have at the Alpha Center we show love to others as we have come to know it through Christ.

Alpha Life Resource Center is offering a special way to not only honor fathers, but also support the Center. This Father's Day we will send a card to the special honoree acknowledging appreciation of him and, at the same time, the donation given in support of the Center. A memoriam may also be made in memory of a dad, grandfather or that special person who "was like a dad." The name of the loved one will be listed in the next issue of our newsletter.

Included in this newsletter is a flyer with information on the projects. *Mother's Day requests should be made by Friday, May 5 & Father's Day requests should be made by June 9 to allow for mailing.*

Our ministry is really a joint ministry of the area WELS/ELS churches, and this is a way to ask all of you and your members to remember our ministry in thought and prayer.





Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14

We all have a mother. She took care of us when we were growing up: providing a loving home, giving us comfort in times of distress and loving us continually. Mother's Day will soon be here. The annual question – what to get her? This year, why not honor her with a card from the Alpha Center. For a donation, we will send this card to your mother. No need to worry about getting it out on time. Plus you're donating to the Alpha Center in her honor.

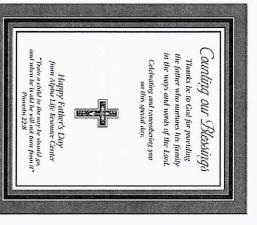
Your gift will support our mission as a Christian ministry that shares God's word with people facing life issues. We provide material items such as diapers, wipes and other baby supplies, clothes, books & toys to families. Our counselors share God's love with our clients and show them the way to eternal salvation through Jesus.



If your mother is no longer with us, you can still honor her by making a donation in her memory A memoriam may also be made in memory of your wife, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister or grandmother or that special person who "was like a mom" to you. What a beautiful gift!!

Simply complete the order form below & return to the Center no later than May 5, 2017. The name of your loved one will be listed in the next issue of our newsletter.

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Sunday, June 18th is Father's Day!

For many of us our F athers are heroes. We appreciate them for their love and guidance. Our heavenly Father does the same for all of us. A good father carn set an example of strength, honor and responsibility. Our Lord Jesus sets an example for us. On Father's Day let us honor our fathers for the lessons they have taught us; for teaching us to have faith in God, Jesus C hrist as our Savior and Christian values.

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Return by June 9, 2017 to: Alpha Life Resource Center 313 E. Main St, Watertown, WI 53094



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Church and School located at 822 Western Avenue

Upcoming Events

Thurs., May 4 - Ladies' Aid Meeting, 12:30pm
Mon., May 8 - Board of Ed Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues., May 9 - Stewardship Board Meeting, 7:00pm
Wed., May 10 - Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues., May 16 - Spring Concert, 1:30pm & 6:30pm
Wed.-Fri., May 17-19 - FreeCycle Donation
Dropoff

Sat. & Sun., May 20 & 21 - FreeCycle Mon., May 22 - 8th Grade Banquet, 6:00pm Fri., May 26 - Last Day of School/Early Release, 12:30pm

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