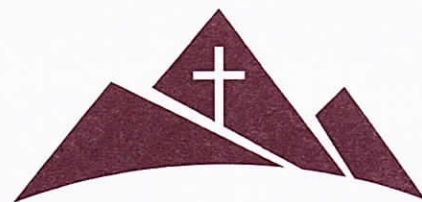


The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



God's Encouraging Word ... when I am fearful about the future

2018 is almost here. For some, it's scary how quickly 2017 disappeared. For others, they can't wait to turn the page because this is the year they plan to graduate or perhaps get married. In either case, however, who of us knows what 2018 will bring? In all seriousness, who of us knows what tomorrow will bring?



If you've ever worried or fretted about the future, our gracious God has given us a very powerful verse, nestled right in the middle of the Old Testament book of Jeremiah. The prophet Jeremiah was one who had very good cause to be worried about the future. Day after day he took a beating because he stood up for God's truth and proclaimed God's Word. But God lifted Jeremiah's eyes up to see the future and to know the truth about what was in store for him. God said to Jeremiah and he says to you: **"I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."**

Talk about comforting and encouraging words! This is God's ultimate plan for all believers—a plan that meets its fulfillment in heaven, and yet believers find fulfillment of these promises even now. Let's be clear, God is not promising you an extraordinary amount of money in a

sweepstakes. He's not saying that you won't ever get cancer or some other disease. He's telling you and me that HE KNOWS. He knows the plan—the ultimate plan—which centers upon Jesus.

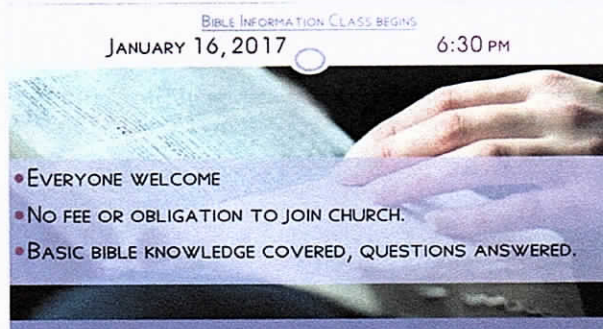
Because of Jesus we have the sure hope of heaven. Because of Jesus we have a future that is free from all sin, shame, sorrow and sadness. Because of Jesus our Savior who lived and died and rose in our place, we don't have to worry or fret about what 2018 will bring. No matter what happens, through faith in Jesus our future is set. God knows it and he wants you to know it too.

As we journey into 2018, we can make plans, we can set goals. Above all, we can have confidence because our LORD God knows the ultimate plans he has for us—and he's already shared them with us! Live in this confidence and share these promises, for there are many around us who are deeply concerned what the future holds. Tell them about Jesus who knows!

Worship with Us!

- Sunday Mornings – 8:00 and 10:30
- Bible Class for All between services
- Thursday Evenings – 6:30

Everyone is always welcome!



Zion Lutheran Church and School

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 *No School-Merry Christmas New Year's Day	2 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study	3 4:00 pm No Catechism - Christmas Break	4 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	5 6:00 am BB Home vs Our Redeemer, Madison Bible Breakfast	6
7 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	8 Pastors Conference	9 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	10 4:00 pm Catechism 6:30 pm Council Meeting	11 6:30 pm Worship	12 End of 2nd Quarter Warrior for a Day-7th graders BB Away at Holy Cross, Madison (No A-girls game) 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	13 Girls A-team BB Falcon Tour at Lakeside Boy's B-team Tournament at St. John's, Pardeeville
14 8:00 am Girls A-team BB Falcon Tour at Lakeside 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am *Sunday School Worship	15 *No School-Teacher Inservice Martin Luther King Jr. Day 7:00 pm Congregational Annual Meeting	16 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Information Class	17 4:00 pm Catechism	18 6:30 pm Worship	19 BB Away at St. John's, Pardeeville 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	20 Girls B-team Tournament at St. John's, Pardeeville
21 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	22 Zion Spirit Week	23 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study	24 4:00 pm Catechism	25 6:30 pm Zion Spirit Week Worship with Holy Communion	26 BB Home vs St. John's, Baraboo Parents' Night Zion Spirit Week 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	27 Boy's B-team Tournament at St. John's, Juneau
28 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	29	30 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study	31 4:00 pm Catechism			

Happy NEW YEAR

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

PSALM 65:11

7 Questions for Chris Henning

1. *Where did you grow up and go to school?* I was born and raised in Columbus, Wisconsin. I went to the Columbus public school, elementary, middle and high school.

2. *How did you decide to go into the military?* I have always been fascinated with the history of warfare, tactics and leadership ever since I was little. Of course, I always played army man with the neighborhood kids around our block. When I was a junior in high school, my dad was hounding on me about what I wanted to do for a career. He always said, "You should think about what you want to do." "Did you figure out what kind of job you want?" Finally one weekday I had had enough of this police line of questioning. He exclaimed "I have vacation today. Do you want me to talk to an Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Air Force recruiter for you while you are at school?" I thought yes, anything to get you to stop asking me anymore questions. After school that day I came home and my dad talked to me about all of the interesting things the recruiter talked to him about. They all sounded very intriguing. So later that week my parents and I took a trip to Madison to talk to the Marine Recruiter together. My mind was blown at how many things the Marines has to offer me. I started working out with the Marines every Friday night and in the summer time the physical training dates fluctuated a little bit. I loved working out with the Marines so much, I seriously thought about my future and thought this is what I wanted. I wanted to be A Marine.

3. *What was the most rewarding aspect of being a Marine? The most challenging?* I think if you ask any Marine that ever served the question: what was the most rewarding thing about being a Marine? The most frequent answer would probably be earning the title Marine. Marine boot-camp is the hardest there is in the United States. Bootcamp is grueling and mentally straining. After all the hard work is done and you receive your eagle globe and anchor during graduation, you have tears in your eyes. All of that hard work paid off. You finally made it, and the title Marine will stay with you forever. However I loved traveling to different duty stations and meeting new friends. The bonds you have with the people you meet will never be tarnished. The most challenging thing I ever had to face was probably my first deployment overseas. The physical and mental demands of deployments are defiantly and acquired taste. The work-ups, training, and certifications you have to pass as a unit are difficult, but once you get on ship it's a whole new lifestyle you have to learn to deal with. Living in quarters with 35 other Marines, with only a

two foot wide corridor, you are bound to hear and see some outrageous and funny things.

4. *How are you different than from when you enlisted?* I see myself much more mature. I enlisted at the age of 17, with parental consent. At the age of 18 I had graduated boot-camp, infantry training school, and My security forces training school in Chesapeake, VA. At 19, I was at my first duty station in Silverdale, WA. Again when I was 21, I was on my way to Camp Pendleton, CA for my last duty station where on my last and fifth year of my contract I would be deployed overseas. I volunteered to get deployed. The things I've seen and done, the places I've been. There was often no one to look after you when you are by yourself. I pretty much had to grow up on my own since I was 18. I'm 23 now and I loved every bit of it.

5. *What are you doing for work/school now?* I'm currently a full time student at MATC (Madison Area Technical College). I'm enrolled as a transfer student in hopes of completing some credits to then transferring to UW Stevens Point to become a DNR Patrol Officer.



6. *What do you do to keep your faith strong?* When I was stationed in Chesapeake, The church set up a family for me to go to for the weekends. The husband and I would always go golfing with his Navy buddies, and his wife was always the sweetest. This was my family away from home, and I still keep in very close touch with them to this day. When I was hopping around duty station to duty station, I was looking for WELS churches specifically. It was sometimes difficult to find one. My favorite WELS church was in Silverdale, WA. Christ the King church was a fantastic congregation with a diverse population of older and younger members. There were always members who offered to take me trap and pistol shooting, golfing, to Packer parties and out to church picnics. My Mom was always happy to send the weekly church service DVDs to me while I was deployed. Whenever I was stressed out I would always watch a church service and it would seem to calm me down because it was something I am very familiar with. I was best friends with the Episcopal priest as there was no WELS pastor who was a chaplain. This was the closest I could get to my faith without my faith being skewed. I always had fun sitting with the Navy chaplain on the ship and watching the church services together. I always attended his services every Sunday while on ship. The only time I missed out was when we were off the ship and training in foreign countries. However when all the other Marine units were out and about, I always seemed to bump into him. We would always talk about our next upcoming church services and what not.

On a side note, every church I have ever gone to has known one of our pastors at Zion Church. This is because the WELS synod is very small. Every pastor I know, knows a Zion pastor who can ask questions and tell what a good guy I am.

7. What are the greatest challenges you see facing our congregation? What is your favorite thing about it?
There really is not a challenge I see, but I do see a lot of activities going on within our church community that people can get involved in. There are so many activities including the ladies tea parties, football by Pastor's house, the yearly ski trips to cascade and many more activities. I think this is a strong way to keep in touch with other brothers and sisters in Christ, but it is also a good way to stay connected by going to these fun outings and events. It's a fun way to meet not only new friends within our congregation, but other people within other neighboring WELS congregations. It promotes a strong tie with other sister churches.



Christmas at Zion

- Children's Service December 24, 8:30 & 10:30 AM
- Christmas Eve Service December 24 -4:00 and 7:00 PM
- Christmas Day Worship December 25 - 10:00 AM

A graphic for "Christmas at Zion" featuring a lit candle and lights. The text lists three services: Children's Service on December 24 at 8:30 and 10:30 AM, Christmas Eve Service on December 24 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, and Christmas Day Worship on December 25 from 10:00 AM.

December 31 8:00 and 10:30 AM

NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP

A graphic for "New Year's Worship" featuring a photo of people reading. The text lists the date and times: December 31 at 8:00 and 10:30 AM. The photo shows a group of people, including a woman in the foreground reading a book.

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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
indescribable
gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15

Greeter Schedule



January 7

8:00am — E11	10:30am — L9
Harold & Delphine Schaefer	Bev Herold & Nicole Henning

January 14

8:00am — E12	10:30am — L10
Waldamar Vick	Rebecca Kramer & Joan Marks

January 21

8:00am — E13	10:30am — L11
John & Jane Evers	John & Sara Brey

January 28

8:00am — E1	10:30am — L12
Jeff & Melody Krakow	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.



Video Team Schedule January 2018

7 Phil Manteufel
14 Matt Greiling
21 Mark Lindell
28 Gary Schuhmacher



January 7 & January 14

8:00am - <u>Team E8</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L3</u>
Mike Vick (C)	Jim Kluetzman (C)
Troy Kehoe (A)	Matt Huber (A)
Dale Schilling	Dale Harle
Logan Kehoe	Michael Uttech
Jake Boness	Gabe Uttech
Brian Peck	Rodney Cooley
	Gary Schuhmacher

January 21 & January 28

8:00am - <u>Team E1</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L4</u>
Jeff Henning (C)	Bruce Zander (C)
Daryl Berndt (A)	Kurt Zander (A)
Leo Fischer	Kane Browskowski
Matt Weidner	Wyatt Browskowski
Rodney Hacht	Bradley Sennhenn
Mark Tiedt	Neal Sennhenn
	Mike Sommer

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.



November Church Attendance

Date	Total
2/5	306
9/12	375
16/19	365
23/26	273
30	109

Joan Herzberg	1st	84 years
Ruth Lienke	11th	90 years
Selma Dykstra	20th	89 years

Messenger Deadline

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



Membership



Membership Changes

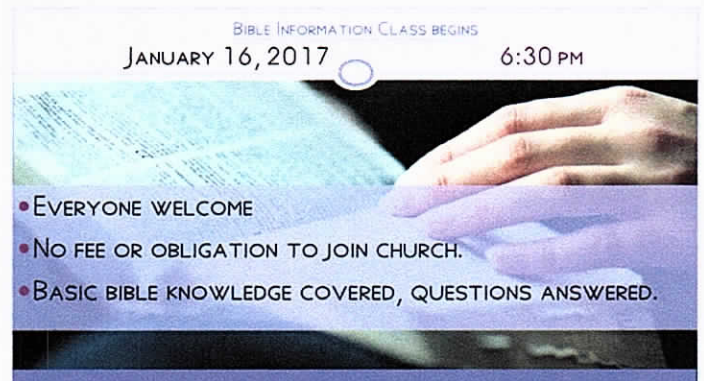
Accept: Sunshine Rewolinski

Remove: Aaron Brown, Lucas Dykstra, Tanya Ericson, Ryan Goodinson, Nicholas Howe, Jeff Lindert, Andrea Wescott

Ministrations

Deaths:

- 14. Ruth Altschwager Born 10/23/24. Died 11/8/17.
- 15. Grant Lien Born 8/3/25. Died 11/16/17.
- 16. Evelyn Zillmer Born 3/21/25. Died 11/18/17.
- 17. Barbara Schulze Born 6/8/30. Died 11/19/17.
- 18. Sue Kluetzman Born 2/29/48. Died 11/11/17.



Bible Information Class –

On Tuesday, January 16th we are starting up a class for anyone interested in learning more about what we believe and teach as Christians. The class begins at 6:30pm and is open to anyone who is curious about what the Christian faith and our church is all about. There is no fee for the class. Upon completion of the class, you will have the option of becoming a full communicant member of Zion. Please contact Pastor Schwartz or Pastor Wilke for more information or with any questions.

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Financial Statement
November 2017**

	November 17	<i>Estimated Monthly Budget</i>	Fiscal Year to Date Jul - Nov 17	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Church Picnic Income	-		310.00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	-		275.00	
General Fund Offerings	64,061.28		272,708.87	
LLHS Building Income	-		428.00	
Other Donations	451.92		4,133.91	
Other Receipts	215.27		420.80	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	<i>2,500.00</i>		<i>16,500.00</i>	
WLCFS Income	-		561.00	
WLIM Income	-		330.00	
Total Income	67,228.47		295,667.58	
Expense				
ACH fee	(0.10)		31.70	
Apartment Rent	635.00	635.00	3,175.00	7,620.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	28,124.58	28,229.75	139,566.60	338,757.00
Church Supplies	474.53	208.33	1,375.34	2,500.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	66.67	430.00	800.00
Copier	-	283.33	1,699.85	3,400.00
Elders Board	-	29.17	-	350.00
Family Ministry Board	367.92	358.33	1,008.22	4,300.00
Guest Pastor	-	58.33	318.20	700.00
Health Insurance	8,007.00	7,150.00	34,923.00	85,800.00
HRA Savings	2,023.00	2,016.67	10,115.00	24,200.00
Custodial	1,146.38	1,225.00	-4,579.27	14,700.00
LLHS Building Expense	99.00		597.00	
LLHS Expense	3,157.56	2,250.00	13,518.78	27,000.00
Maintenance	2,359.06	2,204.17	9,061.31	26,450.00
Meditations	-	125.00	711.00	1,500.00
Mileage	489.50	358.33	1,804.26	4,300.00
Miscellaneous	74.69	16.67	74.69	200.00
Organists	233.90	282.67	1,409.14	3,392.00
Outreach Board	246.14	291.67	301.14	3,500.00
Payroll Expenses	241.83	241.67	1,205.15	2,900.00
Pension Insurance	-	2,445.00	7,446.00	29,340.00
Postage and Delivery	59.93	116.67	528.13	1,400.00
Secretaries	2,420.39	2,033.33	12,253.13	24,400.00
Stewardship Board	754.34	391.67	3,258.60	4,700.00
Substitute Teaching	(74.93)		(71.67)	
Sunday School/VBS	-	233.33	886.64	2,800.00
Synod Mission Expense	6,705.13	4,666.67	27,807.63	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	250.83	258.33	1,252.41	3,100.00
Utilities	4,368.68	3,093.75	17,927.74	37,125.00
WLCFS Expense	-		631.00	
WLIM Expense	-		405.00	
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,066.67	-	12,800.00
Worship	83.55	316.67	1,138.55	3,800.00
Total Expense	62,247.91	60,652.83	299,367.81	727,834.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

November 2017

Previous Month Assets	\$250,709.53
Total Transactions	\$14,987.99
Total Current Assets	\$265,697.52

New Church/School Total
\$171,655.57
<i>checking/savings</i>

Accounts	----- Monthly Statements -----			
	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/ School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking
Previous Balance	\$794.50	\$50,810.24	\$172,912.56	\$717.77
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.95)	\$17,112.70	(\$1,974.76)	\$0.00
Current Balance	\$644.55	\$67,922.94	\$170,937.80	\$717.77
	Explanation	Explanation	Explanation	Explanation
Transactions	(\$150.00) Joan Marks	(\$2,500.00) 10-31 Transfer to General Fund	(\$4,523.38) American National Bank church loan	
	\$0.05 Interest	\$1,065.00 11-17 Arnold Schulz & Ruth Altschwager Memorials	\$84.00 11-1 Deposit	
		\$18,547.70 11-27 Sylvia Kehl estate	\$2,512.00 11-6 deposit	
			\$20.00 11-7 deposit	
			\$30.00 11-13 deposit	
			\$1,078.00 11-14 deposit	
			\$1,366.00 11-20 deposit	
			\$20.00 11-21 deposit	
			\$420.00 11-22 deposit	
			\$1,162.00 11-27 deposit	
			\$580.00 11-30 deposit	
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.95)	\$17,112.70	(\$1,974.76)	\$0.00
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	\$14,987.99			
Interest Received	\$0.05			