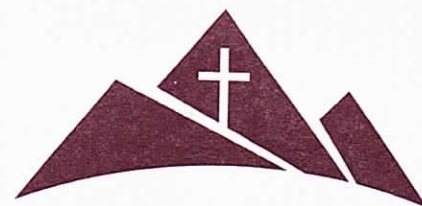


The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI

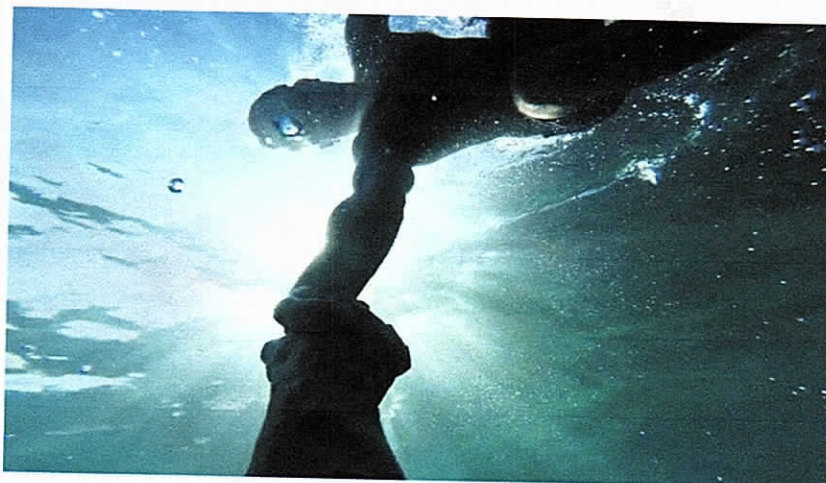


God's Encouraging Word... WHEN I FEEL HOPELESS

May 2018

I was staring up through the water at my dad, my uncle, and their friend. I could hear them talking and laughing. I can remember flailing my arms and legs. I tried to scream but water rushed into my lungs. I sank further and further down. I was drowning and I felt utterly hopeless.

Then a large hand grabbed me by the back of my swimsuit and pulled me from the water. As my head broke the surface of the water, I gasped for air. My dad wrapped his arms around me and told me everything would be alright.



To this day I remember the name of my dad's friend who pulled me from the water. Although I haven't seen him in over 30 years, I am forever grateful that he saved my life.

Undoubtedly, at times you have felt like you are drowning in life's problems and it can feel utterly hopeless. Hopeless that your marriage will not survive its present struggles. Hopeless over your debt, your grandkids' struggles, your sinful habits. Hopeless that you will ever find happiness. Hopeless that there is no way God could forgive you for your past sins or hopeless because you know death is coming. When you feel hopeless, you feel like you are drowning and that no one, not even God, hears your cries for help, for mercy and relief.

So where is lasting hope found in a hopeless world? In God's Word! There Jesus grabs you by the hand and pulls you from the depths of despair. There he breathes into you what your sin-sick soul is gasping for—the forgiveness of sins. There Jesus wraps his nail-marked hands around you and reminds you that he has claimed you as his own and that nothing, not even death itself, can separate him from you. Why? Because he lives! And because he lives you have the sure and certain hope that you will live forever in heaven. True hope, happiness, peace, and life are found in Jesus!

By God's grace to this day I remember the name of the one who saved me—Jesus. Although I have never seen him, I am forever grateful that he has saved my life and given me the sure and certain hope of an eternity in heaven, just like he has for you!

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. – Psalm 25:4-5.

Worship with Us!

Sunday Mornings 8 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School and Bible Study 9:15
Thursday Evening 6:30 PM

**Ascension Worship with St. John's, Juneau at
Zion May 10, 2018 6:30 PM**

Pastor David T. Brandt, guest speaker

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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 unity.

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Thanks
be to God
for his
incredible
gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

7 Questions for Tina Kehl

1. *You are currently a freshman at Martin Luther College, studying for the teaching ministry. How did you reach a decision to go in that direction?*

After receiving encouragement from the MLC recruiters, Lakeside's guidance counselor, various teachers, and my family, I felt that I could use my talents in teaching children someday. After shadowing Mr. Kanzenbach in his classroom, I felt that I could give teaching a try. Through Early Field Experience 1 at MLC, I was able to practice preparing and teaching a lesson to my peers and then later to actual children. This helped to confirm my decision of becoming a teacher and continues to give me confidence as I move towards that goal.

2. *How did your time at Zion and Lakeside Lutheran High School prepare you for MLC?*

My experiences at Zion and Lakeside indeed helped me to prepare for the public ministry in my future by studying the Word on a daily basis. Both of these places kept me strong in my faith and geared me towards growth in the future. While I didn't decide to attend MLC until my senior year, I am so glad that I made that choice!

3. *What has turned out to be better than you thought it would about life at college? What has been the most challenging that you did not expect?*

As with most students' college experiences, I am enjoying quite a bit more independence than I have had in the past. While this is a nice privilege to have, it also comes with the important responsibility of time management. Sometimes it's tough to pull myself away from fun things and back to homework, practicing piano, and other things that need to be done!

4. *What are your favorite classes? (Feel free to name names of professors if you like.)*

I really enjoy my Bible History and Literature class with Professor Paul Koeplin and Chorale (choir) with Professor John Laabs. These classes keep me engaged and excited to come each day. I am progressing further in my piano skills, which is also beneficial for the ministry.

5. *What do you miss about home?*

When I'm at college, I miss my family the most. I'm thankful for breaks when I can go home and visit them every now and then. I also miss the small town of Columbus. While New Ulm is not a big city by any means, it is larger than what a country girl like me is typically used to!

6. *Have you got a summer job lined up?*

I'm currently still looking for a flexible summer job that will allow me to participate in Summer Marching Band for Lakeside.

7. *What kind of habits do you develop to keep your faith strong?*

In order to keep my faith strong, I daily attend chapel at MLC. Besides morning and evening chapel, we also have Compline, which is one of my favorites. It takes place at 10pm on Monday nights, and it starts the week off right. I appreciate the comfort it gives me and the reflection time it provides. I am also constantly surrounded by fellow brothers and

sisters in Christ. Other than that, I attend church at St. John's in New Ulm. My religion classes help to dig into Bible during the week.

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE STUDENTS

There are four of Zion's young men and women enrolled in Martin Luther College for the coming year: Tina Kehl, Dane Kopfer, Joe Grambsch, and Billy Wang. You can support them in their studies for the ministry by donating to Zion's **Martin Luther College Scholarship Fund**. Donations are matched each year up to \$1,000 per student. Proceeds from our **May 20 Zion Golf Tournament** will go toward this fund. For more information, please see the back page of this newsletter or go to our website www.zioncolumbus.org



Tina with parents Paul and Kristine and sister Amanda

Zion Lutheran Church and School

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study	2 4:00 pm Catechism 4:00 pm Zion Softball game at Juneau	3 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 4:00 pm Basketball open gym 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	4 1-4th Zion Track Meet 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	5 Circo de Mayo Divisional Track Meet 10:00 am Basketball Open Gym
6 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	7 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	8 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 4:00 pm Zion Softball Game at Peace, Sun Prairie 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	9 4:00 pm Catechism 6:30 pm Council Meeting	10 6:30 pm The Ascension of Our Lord 6:30 pm Jr. Choir	11 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	12 Conference Track Meet
13 8:00 am Mother's Day Worship 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	14 Zion Softball Triangular	15 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 1:30 pm Zion Spring Concert 6:30 pm Zion Spring Concert	16	17 4:00 pm Basketball open gym 6:30 pm Worship	18 Coed Softball Tournament 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 12:30 pm *Early Release	19 Raindate Conference Track Meet 10:00 am Basketball Open Gym
20 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Zion Golf Tournament	21	22 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study	23 3rd and 4th Field Trip to Old World Wisconsin	24 *Last Day of School End of 4th Quarter 6:30 pm Worship with Graduation service & Communion 6:30 pm Grades K-8th Sing	25 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 8:30 am Faculty Inservice	26 FH Reserved- Higgins Wedding
27 8:00 am FH Reserved- Higgins Wedding Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion		



Greeter Schedule



May 6

8:00am — E4 Delmar & Carol Vick	10:30am — L2 Laurie Kirchberg & Pat Premo
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May 13

8:00am — E5 Emily Henning & Sylvia Stadler	10:30am — L3 Rick & Lisa Gentz
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May 20

8:00am — E6 Jim & Jenny Greiling	10:30am — L4 Bernard & Genevieve Setz
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May 27

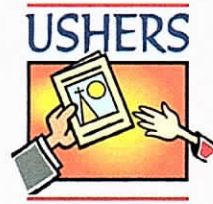
8:00am — E7 Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	10:30am — L5 Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn
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If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact Melody Krakow at (920) 210-6323.



Video Team Schedule May 2018

6 Matt Greiling
13 Gary Schuhmacher
20 Randy Koehn
27 Mark Lindell



May 6

8:00am - <u>Team E3</u> Randy Koehn (C) Harold Schaefer Jadon Schwartz Joe Grambsch Ben Grambsch Matt Yaroch Nick Yaroch	10:30am - <u>Team L7</u> Roger Weiland (C) Bryce Weiland Brett Weiland Peter Klokow Randy Koehn
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May 10 (Ascension Day) & May 13

6:30pm - May 10	
8:00am - May 13 <u>Team E4</u> Dale Sennhenn (C) Mark Lindell (A) Brian Sennhenn Andrew Bussian Remington Lindell Brett Schraufnagel	10:30am - May 13 <u>Team L1</u> Tom Schultz (C) George Decker (A) Aaron Larson James Kopfer Dane Kopfer Brandon Lee

May 20 & May 24 (Graduation Day)

8:00am - May 20 <u>Team E5</u> Mike Vick (C) Dale Schilling Ron Yerges Bruce Hatzinger James Stadler J Doyle	10:30am - May 20 6:30pm - May 24 <u>Team L2</u> Dale Schultz (C) Daniel Schultz Matt Ganser Dylan Schultz Michael Hallberg Nathan Hallberg Henry Tews
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May 27 & June 3

8:00am - <u>Team E6</u> Kim Schilling (C) Ronald Knudson Tracy Busse John Zandler Scott Brenner Matt Vosberg	10:30am - <u>Team L3</u> Jim Kluetzman (C) Matt Huber (A) Dave Harle Michael Uttech Gabe Uttech Rodney Cooley Gary Schuhmacher
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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.



March Church Attendance

Date	Total
4	526
8/11	616
15/18	256
22/25	745

Membership



Membership Changes

Accept: William "Billy" Wang

Transfer: Paul & Jennifer Manssen

Ministrations

Death:

3. Lawrence Olson Born 7/13/1928. Died 3/26/2018.

Baptism:

5. Levi Allen Lindell, son of Remington Lindell and Mariah Rake. Born 2/16/18. Baptized 3/25/18.



Lorraine Huebner	1st	89 years
Elaine Vangen	5th	92 years
Delores Karow	16th	87 years

Messenger by Email

Our monthly *Messenger* is available via our weekly email and on our website. There many benefits to sending out our *Messenger* electronically: You receive the *Messenger* the day it is published. You can read it anywhere on your computer or mobile device. You can print color copies at home. There are significant cost savings for our congregation in terms of both printing and postage.

Beginning in June, we will be sending out our monthly *Messenger only via email* to as many people as possible. If you have email, but would still like a hard copy sent to your home, please contact our office. Those who do not have email on file with our church office will continue to have the *Messenger* mailed to them.

Ladies Aid

May 3rd will be our annual pot-luck meeting. Please bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and try to bring a guest. Drinks will be provided by the officers. Please be there, ready to eat, at 12:30pm. Some of Zion's school children will come to entertain us. We will have our regular business meeting after the entertainment. Also, please remember to bring something (item or cash) for Zion's Relief Committee.



Ladies Aid

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **May 18th**. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dear Zion,

This May 2018, we, as a Congregation,
will celebrate 160 years.

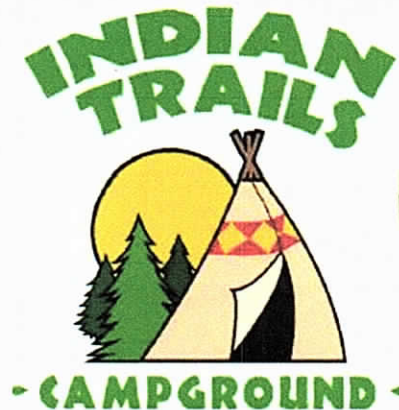
The Seeds of Faith were Planted and took Root

As we commemorate our Lord, our Church, and our family in Christ, a
Historical Confirmation photo display is being put together. Further
information will follow in upcoming months.

Contact Michelle Wolf at 623-0354 for more information.



Zion Camping at Indian Trails Campground



Despite our blustery start to spring, summer is just around the corner! Make plans now to join your Zion friends for some camping fun!

When: June 8th – 10th or come just for the day on June 9th

**** Call to reserve your site today! We can hold our block of sites only through April 30th. Reservations can be made after April 30th, however site availability near the Zion group cannot be guaranteed.****

Where: Indian Trails Campground (see back for campground information)

Pricing: \$58 per night camping, Day Pass \$10 per adult, \$5 per child ages 5 – 10, Kids 4 & under free

Group events planned for Saturday, June 9th:

Noon: Potluck Meal – bring your own meat to grill and a dish to share

7:00 pm: Campfire Worship Service held by Pastor Schwartz

For questions, please contact Laurie Weiland (920) 210-4838 or Rachel Larson (608) 220-9179. We hope you can join us!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Financial Statement
March 2018

	March 18	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 17 - Mar 18	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Church Picnic Income	-		310.00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	160.00		685.00	
General Fund Offerings	55,226.29		493,611.54	
LLHS Building Income	190.00		1,050.55	
Other Donations	3.00		5,692.37	
Other Receipts	(16.00)		834.80	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	<i>17,000.00</i>		<i>61,000.00</i>	
WLCFS Income	155.00		944.00	
WLIM Income	155.00		708.00	
Total Income	72,873.29		565,036.26	
Expense				
ACH fee	-		104.90	
Apartment Rent	655.00	635.00	5,855.00	7,620.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	27,570.30	28,229.75	251,922.18	338,757.00
Church Supplies	48.22	208.33	2,071.92	2,500.00
Convention/Cont' Education	57.00	66.67	487.00	800.00
Copier	-	283.33	2,667.34	3,400.00
Elders Board	-	29.17	-	350.00
Family Ministry Board	500.26	358.33	1,610.54	4,300.00
Guest Pastor	-	58.33	368.20	700.00
Health Insurance	7,807.00	7,150.00	66,151.00	85,800.00
HRA Savings	2,023.00	2,016.67	18,207.00	24,200.00
Custodial	782.05	1,225.00	8,216.81	14,700.00
LLHS Building Expense	190.00		1,219.55	
LLHS Expense	2,761.32	2,250.00	24,573.89	27,000.00
Maintenance	4,080.26	2,204.17	18,577.88	26,450.00
Meditations	-	125.00	1,073.00	1,500.00
Mileage	384.00	358.33	3,111.66	4,300.00
Miscellaneous	-	16.67	115.06	200.00
Organists	179.74	282.67	2,565.58	3,392.00
Outreach Board	1,076.37	291.67	1,510.15	3,500.00
Payroll Expenses	281.80	241.67	2,721.55	2,900.00
Pension Insurance	8,262.00	2,445.00	23,970.00	29,340.00
Postage and Delivery	79.84	116.67	1,187.31	1,400.00
Secretaries	2,213.77	2,033.33	21,087.89	24,400.00
Stewardship Board	648.32	391.67	5,535.12	4,700.00
Substitute Teaching	(7.80)		(248.69)	
Sunday School/VBS	-	233.33	2,448.82	2,800.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,679.63	4,666.67	50,324.89	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	251.52	258.33	2,449.65	3,100.00
Utilities	5,050.46	3,093.75	39,737.09	37,125.00
WLCFS Expense	155.00		1,137.00	
WLIM Expense	155.00		881.00	
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	3,628.00	1,066.67	3,628.00	12,800.00
Worship	1,870.84	316.67	5,559.63	3,800.00
Total Expense	76,382.90	60,652.83	570,827.92	727,834.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

March 2018

Previous Month Assets	\$265,697.52
Total Transactions	-\$13,343.97
Total Current Assets	\$252,353.55

New Church/School Total	\$184,765.95
<i>checking/savings</i>	

	Monthly Statements			
Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking
Previous Balance	\$194.65	\$41,267.40	\$180,788.29	\$781.55
Monthly Transactions*	\$550.02	(\$17,090.10)	\$3,196.11	\$0.00
Current Balance	\$744.67	\$24,177.30	\$183,984.40	\$781.55
Transactions	(\$150.00)	\$570.00	\$464.00	\$0.00
	3-29 transfer from Undesignated Savings	3-29 transfer to Undesignated Checking	3-1 deposit	Explanation
	\$0.02	(\$17,000.00)	(\$5,425.00)	
	4-3 Interest	3-29 transfer to General Fund	3-6 Mortgage payment	
		\$39.90	\$1,766.00	
		3-30 Interest	3-12 deposit	
			\$20.00	
			\$1,390.00	
			3-13 deposit	
			(\$5,425.00)	
			3-19 deposit	
			\$420.00	
			3-20 Mortgage payment	
			\$1,756.00	
			3-22 deposit	
			\$20.00	
			3-26 deposit	
			\$100.00	
			3-27 deposit	
			\$230.00	
			3-28 deposit	
			\$155.11	
			3-30 deposit	
			3-30 Interest	
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	\$550.02	(\$17,090.10)	\$3,196.11	\$0.00
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	Notes: (\$13,343.97)			
Interest Received	\$195.03			

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Zion Lutheran School has been a part of the Columbus Community for years, educating children since 1856. We offer:

- Accredited Education for K4 – 8th Grade
- Safe, Christian Learning Environment
- Experienced teachers in small classrooms
- Competitive Athletic and Music programs
- Affordable Tuition

To set up a family tour, ask questions or enroll, please call (920) 623-5180 or visit WWW.ZIONCOLUMBUS.ORG today!



Zion Golf Tournament

Columbus
Country Club
May 20, 1018

- ! Two or four person scramble format.
- ! Compete for special prizes.
- ! Benefits Martin Luther College students of Zion.
- ! Donation included with \$40 registration.

- ! Online begins April 29.
- ! At church begins May 6.