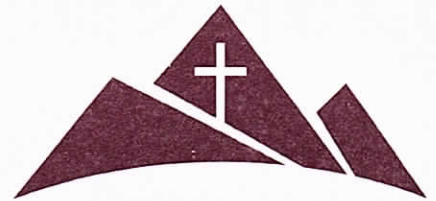


The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



God's Encouraging Word...



WHEN I AM TIRED

October 2018

Sleep experts advise getting seven to eight hours of sleep a night. We need rest for our tired bodies to recuperate.

Even on the most regular day, life is draining. The work day is long and the demands are great. The commute, getting the kids to school, work schedules, meeting deadlines, grocery shopping, getting dinner ready, children's activities, only to get ready to do it over again the next day. Getting older doesn't help matters. By the time you hit the pillow at night you may feel like a smart device that has only 2% battery life left.

But what do you do when you become tired emotionally? It's the exhaustion that comes from strained relationships, heated arguments and being rejected by those from whom you want acceptance.

Then there's that inner weariness—the kind that no one else knows you have except you. The weariness that comes from the burden of sin and guilt. It comes when you must live in the brokenness of past mistakes. When things don't go so well on any given day, you wonder if God is angry and out to get you. The earthly consequences of your sins and knowledge of your guilt is...well...spiritually tiring.

God comes to you today with an encouraging word recorded in the book of Isaiah: **The LORD is**

WORSHIP TIMES:

THURSDAY 6:30

SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30

SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY 9:15

the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

The LORD is the everlasting God. He is the Creator. He never gets tired. He has perfect understanding; he knows what it's like when you feel tired for any reason at all. He promises to give strength to you when you're tired. The LORD God is Jesus, your Savior. He took your sins and guilt to the cross and died for you. It's a fact! Jesus took your sins and guilt away from you, buried it all in his tomb, and rose from the dead. Your sins are forgiven. That's rest—rest for your soul. Talk about strength for the weary!

And don't forget! It's the LORD God who gives the blessing of physical rest too. It's been said that a clean conscience is a good pillow. God gives you this clean conscience in Jesus Christ. He also provides you with home, food, and bed to become recharged to tackle the new day with all its challenges. So do it with all the energy and strength that Lord God gives you as his own through faith in Jesus!



- Costume contest for kids and adults
- Games and snacks
- Trunk or Treat in church parking lot
- Everyone welcome for some extra Halloween Fun!

OCTOBER 31

6:30-7:30

Zion Lutheran Church and School

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 CC Meet BLAC Conference at Fort Atkinson High School 8:00 am Picture Day!	2 7:00 pm Bible Information Class	3 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 4:00 pm Catechism Class 4:00 pm VB Home St. John's, Pardeeville 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting 7:00 pm Hand bells	4 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	5 Meyers-Tiedt Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	6 Meyers-Tiedt Wedding
7 LLHS Dance Clinic 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 8:00 am Junior Choir & Hand Chimes (6-8) 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	8 Columbus Day (regional holiday) CC Meet Raindate BLAC Conference	9 Zion Forensics Meet 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	10 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 10:30 am LLHS visit 4:00 pm Catechism Class 4:00 pm VB Away St. John's, Baraboo 6:30 pm Council Meeting 6:30 pm Hand bells	11 6:30 pm Worship	12 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	13 A-team Volleyball Tournament at LPS
14 8:00 am Worship LLHS Choir 8:00 am Grades 5-8 Sing 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship LLHS Choir	15 Camp Phillip field trip 7-8th grade Pastors Conference	16 Camp Phillip field trip 7-8th grade Pastors Conference	17 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Hand bells 7:30 pm Adult Choir	18 6:30 pm Worship	19 Regional Forensics Meet 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	20
21 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am K4 & K5 Sing 4:30 pm PATZ Skate Party	22	23	24 End of 1st Quarter 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 12:30 p Early Release 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Hand bells 7:30 pm Adult Choir	25 No School 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	26 No School 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	27 10:00 am Bartels Baby Shower
28 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	29	30	31 Halloween 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Trunk or Treat! 6:30 pm Hand bells 7:30 pm Adult Choir			

Questions for Noah and Melissa Litherland

1. Where did each of you grow up? Where did you go to school?

Noah: We both grew up in Illinois. I grew up on a small dairy goat farm outside of Atlanta, IL. I then went to Olympia High school. I then went to University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana for my BS, MS, and PhD in Animal Sciences.

Melissa: I grew up in Knoxville, IL. I attended Knoxville High school. I went to Eastern Illinois University for my BS and MS in Biological Sciences.

2. How did you meet and marry? How do you keep your marriage strong?

Noah: We were married July 21, 2001. We have 3 daughters, Nina (13) Elana (12) and Julia (4). We have a small farm and have plenty of opportunities to bond as a couple and family by doing chores, milking goats, and gardening. Humor and understanding help to keep our marriage strong. It is a continual work in progress.

Melissa: The last thirteen years have been an adventure!

We have lived in IL, OK, MN, and WI. Moving and settling into new places was a bit of a challenge, but it made us stronger as a couple and family. To keep our marriage strong, we try to set up dates at least once a month. When the kids were young, we had another couple with whom we would "kid swap". They would watch our kids at their house while we went on a date and vice versa. That kept the costs down and the kids really enjoyed playing with their friends. Getting away as a couple is a great way to stay connected during the busy child rearing phase. Communication and patience also help to keep our marriage strong.

3. What makes your three kids different from each other?

Melissa: All of our children have different yet similar personalities. All are very motivated. Nina loves art, music, and animals. She is very creative, observant, and inquisitive. Elana loves sports,

nature and animals. She is athletic, caring, creative, and a peacemaker. Julia loves animals and nature. She is independent, adventurous, and loves to sing. All of our children are farm kids, not afraid to get dirty and get the job done.

4. What is the best vacation you have taken together and why?

Noah: Vacations to visit my family in IL. We love spending time with my parents on their dairy goat farm.

Melissa: Our Honeymoon. We went out to the Big Horn Mountains. We just had an atlas and a set of wheels. It was fun to be so spontaneous and hang out.

5. What is the most satisfying thing about your work? What's the most challenging?

Melissa: I have been a stay at home mom for the past 12 years. It has been the best choice for our family. I would say the long hours, child rearing demands, and monotony were the most challenging. But I wouldn't have done it any other way. With me being home, Noah

was able to have more flexibility with his career and I was able to teach, play and learn with my children!

Noah: I enjoy working with farmers and teaching. The most challenging part is having to travel for work. I really love being with my family and working on my farm.

6. How did you become part of Zion?

Melissa: Last semester we were looking for other options for our children's schooling. I had heard about Zion from Leah Crave and Becky Weidner. After meeting with the Pastors and teachers, we knew Zion and Lakeside would be a great fit. We attended the Bible info class and became members the same day our children were baptized.



7. What was it like having your kids baptized?

Noah: It was an amazing day.

Melissa: I am so glad we got to experience becoming members and having all the girls baptized in the same day.

8. What do you do to keep your faith strong?

We Attend Zion Church regularly. Participate in bible studies. Support our girls at Zion school and school activities. We listen to Life 102.5 and 1190 AM. Helping our children study their memory work and hymns, not only benefits them, but also us as a family. By learning and teaching together, it makes the messages much stronger and alive.

9. What are your hopes for the future of our congregation?

We hope to see spiritual growth in our church. We would also like to see expansion of the school. Zion School is a great resource not only for members who have children, but to all members. Investing in our future generations plays a vital role in church sustainability.

Isaiah 55: 10-11

***¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread
for the eater,
¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.***

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Council Names and Numbers

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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

Greeter Schedule



October 7

8:00am — E1	10:30am — L3
Jeff & Melody Krakow	Rick & Lisa Gentz

October 14

8:00am — E2	10:30am — L4
Dave & Kathy Harle	Bernard & Genevieve Setz

October 21

8:00am — E4	10:30am — L5
Delmar & Carol Vick	Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn

October 28

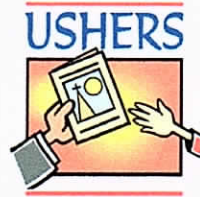
8:00am — E5	10:30am — L7
Emily Henning & Sylvia Stadler	Wayne & Darlene Powers

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 October 2018

7 Matt Greiling
14 Randy Koehn
21 Phil Manteufel
28 Gary Schuhmacher



October 7

8:00am - <u>Team E7</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L5</u>
Mike Vick (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Troy Kehoe (A)	Peter Lewke
Bruce Hatzinger	Dave Harle
Logan Kehoe	Paul Musser
Jake Boness	Brian Baney
Brian Peck	Eric Musser
Ron Yerges	

October 14 & October 21

8:00am - <u>Team E1</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L6</u>
Jeff Henning (C)	Otto Mattke (C)
Daryl Berndt (A)	Paul Kehl (A)
Leo Fischer	Dennis Winter
Matt Weidner	Carl Wolf
Rodney Hacht	William Mattke
Mark Tiedt	Nils Johansson

October 28 & November 4

8:00am - <u>Team E2</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L7</u>
Dale Schilling (C)	Roger Weiland (C)
Dale Gajdosik	Bryce Weiland
Randy Vick	Brett Weiland
Kenneth Schulz	Norman Weiland
Eric Turnquist	Peter Klokow
Eliot Turnquist	Tony Owens

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 Randy Koehn at (608) 296-4333.



Church Attendance August 2018

Date	Total
2/5	330
9/12	341
16/19	336
23/26	362
30	70

Membership



Membership Changes

Removed: Jason Tooley

Advent by

Candlelight

Ladies mark your calendar for this years Advent by Candlelight Program

on Sunday, December 2nd! Plans are in the beginning stages for this years program. We meet for about an hour every other week from now until the program. We welcome any new ideas or suggestions to improve the program. If your are interested in joining the committee or have suggestions, please contact Joan Sennhenn at (920) 623-5618.

Advent by Candlelight



Messenger Deadline

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



Waldamar Vick	3rd	87 years
Wayne Powers	15th	84 years
Adeline Voss	16th	89 years
Harold Beitz	23rd	82 years
William Nehmer	26th	89 years

Ladies Aid

October seems to be fast approaching. Our regular meeting will be on the 4th of October at 2:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies in the congregation are welcome to join us.



Ladies Aid

Cindy Fesemeyer from the Columbus Public Library will be there to tell us about programs at the library that we may be interested in. She will also tell us about the Library Annex.

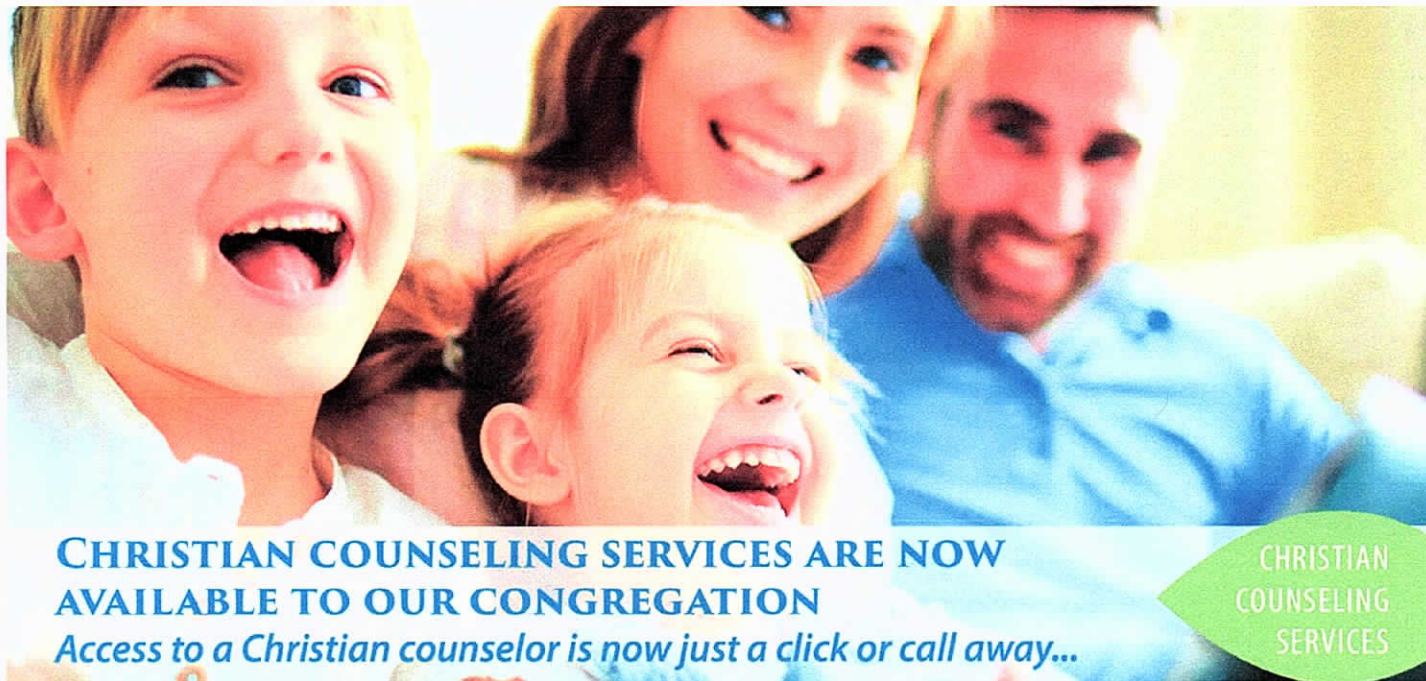
Urgent Voter's Meeting

For many years we have "borrowed" from our Undesignated Fund to remedy the continual shortfall of offerings in the General Fund. Because of this, our Undesignated Fund is almost depleted. One bad month, either a significant drop in offerings or a large invoice such as the \$8,000 insurance payment that is due in October, and we may not be able to pay all of our bills.

The sad part of this is that while we have used undesignated money to cover our lack of first fruits giving, we have forfeited being able to use the money for ministries like outreach or school tuition aid or even using as a down payment on a new school building.

So now we must make tough decisions and we need you to be part of it. A special vital meeting will be held on Sunday, September 30th after the second service. We will start with an informational meeting right after the service in which all members are encouraged to participate. Following that, we will hold a voter's meeting to determine the direction we as a congregation want to take.

This is our church, this is our problem and you are needed to help determine how we can remedy the situation.



CHRISTIAN COUNSELING SERVICES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO OUR CONGREGATION

Access to a Christian counselor is now just a click or call away...

CHRISTIAN
COUNSELING
SERVICES

Christian counseling is not always easily accessible, but now our members can connect with a Christian counselor through our congregation's Member Assistance Program, using one of these two convenient ways: In-Person Counseling . Video Counseling

IF YOU HAVE INSURANCE

Option #1—In-Person Counseling

- Counseling services available at a nearby Christian Family Solutions counseling clinic
- For clinic locations or to request an appointment, call 800.438.1772 or visit ChristianFamilySolutions.org

Option #2—Video Counseling

- Counseling via live, secure video for those with mobility or transportation issues
- Available for those age 12 and older
- For more information or to request an appointment, call 800.438.1772 or visit ChristianFamilySolutions.org

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE

Member Assistance Program (MAP)

- Our congregation has enrolled in the MAP program in order to provide short-term Christian counseling services to our members, at no cost to the members
- This program is ideal for members who do not have insurance benefits to cover the cost of counseling or have high deductibles or co-pays

To get started & for more information

Contact Pastor for information about getting started using the counseling services provided through MAP.

If you would like more information about the counselors, locations, or services of WLCFS-Christian Family Solutions, call 800.438.1772, e-mail map@wlcfs.org, or visit ChristianFamilySolutions.org.



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CHRISTIAN FAMILY
SOLUTIONS

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN CHILD & FAMILY SERVICE, INC.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Financial Statement
August 2018

	August 18	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 18 - Aug 18	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Church Picnic Income	283.00		283.00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	40.00		335.00	
General Fund Offerings	45,209.15		103,124.76	
LLHS Building Income	65.00		265.00	
Other Donations	485.00		1,621.00	
Other Receipts	-		240.10	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	-		-	
WLCFS Income	202.00		492.00	
WLIM Income	15.00		200.00	
Total Income	46,299.15		106,560.86	
Expense				
Apartment Rent	655.00	655.00	1,310.00	7,860.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	27,894.89	28,799.50	53,693.02	345,594.00
Church Supplies	334.36	250.00	673.83	3,000.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	58.33	60.00	700.00
Copier	-	300.00	962.27	3,600.00
Elders Board	-	20.83	-	250.00
Family Ministry Board	220.22	358.33	273.06	4,300.00
Guest Pastor	-	58.33	-	700.00
Health Insurance	7,008.80	7,716.67	15,217.60	92,600.00
HRA Savings	-	2,023.00	-	24,276.00
Custodial	969.58	1,250.00	1,956.49	15,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	65.00	-	265.00	-
LLHS Expense	2,222.96	2,250.00	5,113.99	27,000.00
Maintenance	10,789.27	2,250.00	12,455.55	27,000.00
Meditations	-	125.00	362.00	1,500.00
Mileage	121.50	333.33	182.25	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	-	12.50	-	150.00
Organists	246.24	453.33	679.52	5,440.00
Outreach Board	608.75	250.00	832.75	3,000.00
Payroll Expenses	290.15	283.33	574.60	3,400.00
Pension Insurance	-	2,663.33	-	31,960.00
Postage and Delivery	43.87	104.17	87.91	1,250.00
Secretaries	2,247.76	2,033.33	3,833.23	24,400.00
Stewardship Board	967.83	525.00	1,442.20	6,300.00
Substitute Teaching	-	-	-	-
Sunday School/VBS	24.21	233.33	24.21	2,800.00
Synod Mission Expense	4,485.91	4,666.67	10,562.97	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	251.77	241.67	503.54	2,900.00
Utilities	3,628.60	3,531.25	7,132.94	42,375.00
WLCFS Expense	202.00	-	492.00	-
WLIM Expense	15.00	-	200.00	-
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,166.67	-	14,000.00
Worship	-	500.00	144.00	6,000.00
Total Expense	63,293.67	63,112.92	119,034.93	757,355.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

August 2018

Previous Month Assets	\$183,327.73
Total Transactions	-\$10,046.60
Total Current Assets	\$173,281.13

New Church/School Total	\$162,244.39
checking/savings	

Accounts	Monthly Statements		NEW Church/School Checking	Explanation
	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings		
Previous Balance	\$145.00	\$11,041.65	\$168,359.53	
Monthly Transactions*	\$350.09	(\$500.00)	(\$7,174.00)	
Current Balance	\$495.09	\$10,541.65	\$161,185.53	
Transactions	(\$150.00)	(\$500.00)	\$3,000.00)	Check # 2230
	\$500.00		\$1,674.00	8-16 Deposit
			\$20.00	8-8 deposit
	\$0.09		(\$5,425.00)	8-7 Mortgage payment
			(\$50.00)	8-8 Vanco "payment return"
			\$2,557.00	8-13 deposit
			(\$3,000.00)	8-16 transfer to NCS checking
			\$1,151.00	8-20 Deposit
			(\$5,425.00)	8-21 Mortgage payment
			\$440.00	8-22 deposit
			\$2,370.00	8-27 deposit
			\$50.00	8-28 deposit
			(\$2,000.00)	8-29 transfer to NCS checking
			\$180.00	8-30 deposit
			\$200.00	8-31 deposit
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	\$350.09	(\$500.00)	(\$7,174.00)	\$2,722.69)
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$10,046.60)			

Interest Received	\$0.09
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Notes:
 Check # 2230 was the second payment to Walsh and Associates for the Feasibility study
 Check # 2231 was the third payment to Walsh and Associates for the Feasibility study
 Check # 2232 was expenses for the Feasibility study