The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI

God's Encouraging Word...



WHEN I WONDER IF I WILL GO TO HEAVEN

December, 2018

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

I saw my name on Santa's list! I was so excited. I didn't think it would be there. I got mad and hit my sister on Thanksgiving Day. I admitted my fault. Since then, I was very well behaved. After all, Santa brings

good things to good boys, right? I saw MY name! I was getting a puppy for Christmas! I did it! I made up for my sin.

Christmas came and no puppy. I was crushed. I thought I deserved one. I thought Santa loved me. Was the name on Santa's list someone else with the same name as mine? Did Santa think my apology was insincere? Was hitting my sister such a horrible thing that he would totally reject me? No puppy that Christmas. (It would be another 29 years before I got a puppy.)

What if God treated us like that? We would never be sure we are going to heaven. But God does not treat us like

WORSHIP TIMES: THURSDAY 6:30 SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30

SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY 9:15

that, and we can be sure we are going to heaven. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son..."

Notice what God did not say. "God so loved the ones that don't hit their sisters…" "God so loved the good ones… the top 50%… those who help themselves." No, God loves sinners, all sinners, you and me. He loves the whole world.

God gave us the greatest gift of all. Jesus, God's Son, came at Christmas to save the world from sin and hell. God gave us a gift only he can give—eternal life. God did that by sending Jesus into this world to live a life without sin. Jesus never hit his sister. He never even thought angry or insulting thoughts about anyone. Jesus was punished for all our sins, in our place. Jesus rose from the dead to guarantee our sins are paid for. He did this for the whole world. That includes you.

Jesus is the greatest gift ever given. Trusting him as your Savior, you can be certain you will go to heaven. Enjoy God's gift of Jesus this Christmas.



Zion Lutheran Church and School December 2018

30 8:00 am Worship With Holy 5: Communion 10:30 am Worship	23 8:30 am Worship Cl 10:30 am Worship 4:	16 Commitment Sunday 8:00 am Adult Choir Sings 8:00 & 10:30 am 8:00 am Worship, Advent Concert 9:00 am Foundation for Our Future 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship, Advent Concert	9 6:9:15 am Bible Study 6:9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 7:3:00 pm WELS Wind Ensemble Concert at Fall River H.S.	8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 4:00 pm *Baseball Mtg. 6:00 pm Advent by Candlelight	
31 No School New Year's Eve 5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion	24 No School Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Adult Choir Sings 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	17	10 6:15 pm Get Fit 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting 7:00 pm Campaign Meeting	30 pm Foundation for our Future 15 pm Get Fit	
	25 No School Christmas Day 10:00 am Christmas Day Service	18 1:30 pm Christmas Concert 6:30 pm Christmas Concert	11 1:00 pm 8th grade math test for LLHS 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	4 BB Away St. Paul's, Lake Mills Boy's B and A-team only 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble	
	26 No School	19 20 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 6:15 pm 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	12 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm Adult Choir	Winter Sports' Pictures 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	
	27 No School 10:00 am *Brey Family Gathering	20 6:15 pm Get Fit	13 5:30 pm Foundation for our Future 6:15 pm Get Fit 6:30 pm Worship	6 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 6:15 pm Get Fit 6:30 pm Worship 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble	
	28 No School	21 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	BB Home St. John's, Juneau 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	A-team BB LPS Kick-off Tournament 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	
	29	22	9:00 am Campaign Meeting 9:00 am Christmas Service Practice 5:00 pm Campaign Meeting	Rick-off Tournament 5:00 pm Koine Concert in Waukesha	1

Questions for

Paul and Tammy Musser

 Where did each of you grow up and go to school?

Tammy grew up in South Range, WI (about 20 miles South of Superior). She attended Superior Senior High School and WITI in the Account Clerk program. Paul was born in Akron, OH and moved to the Milwaukee area when he was 6 years old. He attended Our Redeemer Lutheran Grade School, Milwaukee Lutheran High School, and WCTC in the Property Assessment program.

- 2. How did you meet and when did you marry? We met while working in Superior, WI for Laird Appraisal Service in 1980. Paul was Project Manager and Tammy was project technician. Paul returned to Milwaukee and Tammy stayed in Superior once the project was complete and continued to date long distance for one year. We were married in Superior in June of 1983.
- 3. Where in life are your kids? What makes each of them unique from one another?
 Eric is a Lakeside graduate and is currently working for Wisconsin Metal Parts in Waukesha, WI as a welder/fabricator. Katie is also a Lakeside graduate; she graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran College as their first Marine Biologist and is currently working on her masters in Lafayette, LA.
- 4. What is the most satisfying thing about your work? What's the most challenging? Paul is the City Assessor of the City of Middleton and also has his own business, Musser Appraisals, in which he is the assessor for City of Verona, City of Milton, and Town of Middleton. The most satisfying thing is completing a long range project and retiring as City Assessor of Middleton on January 1, 2019. The most challenging is dealing with the pubic and evaluation appeals. Tammy is the Administrative Assistant for St. John Lutheran Church and School in Waterloo, WI. The most satisfying part of my job is working with other fellow Christians and being able to witness to parents (families) about our Lord. The most challenging is keeping the office running smoothly like a well-oiled machine with competing interests of my time.

5. Do each of you have a person who was a strong spiritual mentor, who really influenced you in your faith? What was it about them that made a big impression on you?

Tammy - My husband and his family. Through their strong spiritual beliefs and witnessing, I came to know about my Savior, Jesus Christ. Paul - My parents, but more specifically, my father who was a pastor. They gave me a Christian upbringing through Christian schools and everyday living.

6. Please say a few words about the importance of Bible study in a Christian's life.
Church services are worship using the Word, and Bible Study is an in-depth study of the Word which gives us the answers we need to grow in our Christian faith. You should study the Bible frequently, not only with fellow Christians, but on your own to keep connected to your Lord.

7. What are your impressions of Zion in regards to things that need to be improved? What are your hopes for our future?

We would like to see a greater understanding of Christian giving. We don't give to Zion... we give to the Lord. The lack of Christian giving is due to the lack of appreciation of the Gospel. We take the Gospel for granted. The true gifts that we receive from our Lord is not just the material things that we receive here on earth, but more importantly the gift of eternal life that we receive because of what Christ did for us on the cross. The lack of appreciation can be said of any church and any Christian.



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920-319-0018
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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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Greeter Schedule



December 2

8:00am — E10 10:30am — L13

Gene & Elaine Beier Aaron & Rachel Larson

December 9

8:00am — E11 10:30am — L1 Harold & Delphine Nancy Huebner

Schaefer

December 16

8:00am — E12 10:30am — L2 Waldamar Vick Laurie Kirchberg &

Pat Premo

December 23

8:00am — E14 10:30am — L3

John & Jane Evers Rick & Lisa Gentz

December 30

8:00am — E1 10:30am — L4

Jeff & Melody Krakow Bernard & Genevieve Setz

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 December 2018

- 2 Mark Lindell
- 9 Phil Manteufel
- 16 Randy Koehn
- 23 Matt Greiling
- 27 Mark Lindell



December 2

8:00am - Team E5
Kim Schilling (C)
Ronald Knudson
Tracy Busse
John Zandler
Scott Brenner
Matt Vosberg

10:30am - Team L2
Dale Schultz (C)
Daniel Schultz
Matt Ganser
Dylan Schultz
Michael Hallberg
Nathan Hallberg
Henry Tews

December 9 & December 16

8:00am - Team E6

Jim Greiling (C)

Matt Greiling

Mike Sommer

John Brey

Bob Marousek

10:30am - Team L3

Jim Kluetzman (C)

Matt Huber (A)

Carter Huber

Michael Uttech

Rodney Cooley

Gary Schuhmacher

Gabe Uttech

December 23 & December 24

Team E7 Team L4

Mike Vick (C)

Troy Kehoe (A)

Bruce Hatzinger

Logan Kehoe

Bruce Zander (C)

Kurt Zander (A)

Kane Browskowski

Wyatt Browskowski

Jake Boness Jack Schultz
Brian Peck Jesse Schultz

Ron Yerges

December 25, December 30 & December 31

Team E1 Team L5

Jeff Henning (C) Phil Manteufel (C)

Daryl Berndt (A) Peter Lewke
Leo Fischer Dave Harle
Matt Weidner Paul Musser
Rodney Hacht Brian Baney
Mark Tiedt Eric Musser

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 October 2018

Date	Total
4/7	375
11/14	634
18/21	397
25/28	362



Membership Changes

Accept: Bridget McClelland

Ministrations

Baptism:

- Ellorie Quinn Parpart, daughter of Zach Parpart
 Jessica Albert. Born 10/3/2012, Baptized
 10/14/2018.
- 13. Leo Zachary Zander, son of Zach & Stephanie Zander. Born 7/23/2018, Baptized 10/21/2018.

Marriage:

3. Scott Tiedt & Ashley Meyers, Married 10/6/2018.



Merle Nehmer 12th 84 years Shirley Knudson 12th 87 years All kids of Zion,
Come and decorate cookies
Saturday, December 15th
1-3 pm
Zion Fellowship Hall
Come for a little or stay for a couple hours.
Help us decorate and plate cookies for a bake sale on Sunday the 16th.
All proceeds go towards the Kids' Campaign goal of \$500.

Memorial Gift

In memory of Silva Kehl, our Zion Ladies Aid have purchased and had installed the beautiful new blinds in the fellowship hall. They are a welcome addition and will assist in keeping the area cooler in summer. They will also assist with glare issues.

Ladies Aid

Our next meeting is December 6th at 2:00pm. We will be discussing our Christmas gift giving during the meeting.



Dale Sennhenn will be there to tell us about his experience on the military "Honor Flight".

Also remember, we will be packing Christmas Cheer Baskets on Monday, December 10th. Recipients appreciate homemade Christmas cookies. If you would like to donate some, please have them at church by 8:00am on December 10th.

suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by December 21st.
Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or



Holiday Shopping with Scrip!

Thanksgiving is next week already? Aaaaah! Wait -- before you panic, let Scrip help you out! We have cards in stock from a variety of retailers that can help you with your grocery and gas needs.

And then Christmas??? We've got you covered there, too. You can choose from more than 750 retailers to get the perfect gifts for your loved ones! Plus they have many low denomination cards (some as low as \$5!) And, we are increasing our inventory to make your Scrip shopping even easier! Check out all the pertinent details...

- You talked, we listened! Thanks to everyone
 who filled out the survey online or in- person.
 We will do the best we can to include the cards
 you specified. Very soon, you will be seeing
 increased inventories of your favorites, as well
 as the addition of Christmas favorites like
 Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Noodles & Co., and
 more!
- Now through December 14, Scrip has many low-denomination cards available to use as stocking stuffers or as a little something "extra" to include with a gift. \$10 Amazon, \$5 Taco Bell, \$5 Starbucks, and \$10 Target are just a few of the many low-denomination cards you can purchase. For the full list, go to ShopWithScrip.com, sign in to your account, then hit the "Shop" link right next to "Dashboard." From there, you will be able to narrow the number of cards with the "\$10 and Under Gift Cards" category on the left of your screen.
- Scrip sales will be happening during the home basketball games, but the hours will only be during the B-girls games.
- The final day for ordering Scrip before
 Christmas is Wednesday, December 12. There
 will be afternoon sales that day to give you the
 opportunity to submit your orders. If you are
 placing your order online, it must be in by 5:00
 pm on the 12th. Any orders placed online or in
 person after this time cannot be guaranteed for
 Christmas.

 If the weather isn't too frightful, we should be able to get the special orders processed for pickup by Tuesday, December 18. If, however, the weather conditions are more treacherous, the shipment of cards will be delayed and the date for order pickup will be changed to Thursday, December 20. Thank you in advance for understanding if weather conditions cause a delay.

If you have any questions about Scrip, please let Melissa Cooley know at 920.350.2616 or at mmcool_1@yahoo.com. Happy shopping!

PRAYER VIGIL

We are asking the entire congregation to set aside 9:00 in the morning on **Saturday, December 8** to pray for our Foundation For Our Future campaign as you contemplate your pledge. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. (Matthew 18:20) You can pray in your home, gather with some friends, or the church will be open for you to come and pray in the sanctuary. A guide to assist you and give structure to your hour of prayer follows. If you have any questions, contact our Prayer Committee Chair, Jeff Krakow at 920-210-2388, Pastor Schwartz 509-480-2967 or Pastor Wilke 920-623-4870. Thank you for your assistance and prayers.

As you pray, please keep these two things in mind:

- We are praying as a congregation for the congregation to accomplish the task set before us. Though we may not be gathered in the same place, we are praying together for the same outcome.
- We are praying individually, asking God to open our hearts and guide and encourage us to do our part to accomplish the congregational goal.

PRAYER VIGIL GUIDE

Prepare for Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Find a quiet place, your "prayer closet", turn off all electronics so you won't be disturbed, greet God and tell him you love him. Consider all the material blessings you have received from him – shelter, clothing, health, food, family, friends, transportation, entertainment, etc. This will be different for everyone. Give thanks for these and the more that he has yet to give you. Consider the spiritual blessings you have received from him – life (being born and being reborn), his Son, our Savior who was born, lived a perfect life, suffered death in our place, rose again that we too may rise, taking away all of our sins. This is the same and the greatest blessing for all of us. Give thanks for the assurance of eternal life.

Prayer for Improved Personal Stewardship/ Stewardship of Others

In light of your prayer of thanksgiving for all of the blessings, ask God to help you be a better steward; help you more readily recognize that all you have and are, are gifts from God; help you more regularly say thank you in various ways for the gifts you have received; help to always use the gifts you have been given to the very best of your abilities and to generously share them with others. Ask him to do the same for your fellow church members.

Prayer for Our Project's/Campaign's Success

For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. (Hebrews 3:4) God guided us to build this house of worship and He also guided us to vote to pay off the debt. Ask for God's continued guidance and assistance in the success of this campaign. Pray the campaign prayer:

O Gracious and Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all the wonderful blessings you shower upon us. You led us to build this wonderful building to gather together to worship, pray, praise, and give thanks to you. We come to you now, heavenly father, to ask you to be with us and encourage each one of us to consider giving to eliminate our debt while also giving to keep our Zion ministry above budget. You have given us considerable work to do. Bless our "Foundation for the Future" campaign and the work we do in your name confident that you will bless our efforts according to your will. In the name of our loving Savior, your Son, we pray.

Prayer for Volunteers

Ask God to bless the many volunteers and that they use the gifts He has given them to His glory.

Final Prayer of Thanksgiving

Finally, thank God once again for all the blessings, both material and, more importantly, the spiritual; for our called workers who teach and preach his saving word in all of its truth and purity; for the wonderful house he has given us to gather and pray, praise, and give thanks; for the many blessings as individuals, as families, and as a congregation and the ability to remove this debt.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church General Fund Financial Statement October 2018

	October 18	<i>Estimated</i> Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 18 - Oct 18	Budget
ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Church Picnic Income	<u>.</u>		283.00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	30.00		820.00	
General Fund Offerings	52.228.98		212,064.86	
LLHS Building Income	75.00		560.00	
Other Donations	410.00		2,340.00	
Other Receipts	146.00		2,340.00 851.58	
Transfered from Office Account	1,000.00		4,900.00	
Transfered from Undesignated	6,500.00		15,500.00	
WLCFS Income			767.00	
WLIM Income	120.00		535.00	
Total Income	60,509.98		238,621.44	
Expense	00,509.80		200,021.44	
Apartment Rent	655.00	655.00	2,620.00	7,860.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	30,600,94	28,799.50	113,225.52	345,594.00
Church Supplies	222.32	250.00	892,05	3,000,00
Convention/Cont' Education		58.33	290.00	700.00
Copier	740.94	300.00	1,703.21	3,600.00
Elders Board	7 40,04	20.83	1,700.21	250.00
Family Ministry Board	392,99	358.33	799.69	4,300,00
Guest Pastor	412.70	58.33	412.70	700,00
Health Insurance	7,808.80	7,716.67	30,835.20	92,600.00
HRA Savings	7,000.00	2,023.00	30,003.20	24,276.00
Custodial	985.31	1,250.00	3,906.37	15,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	75.00	1,200.00	560.00	10,000.00
LLHS Expense	2,522.20	2,250.00	10,434,25	27,000.00
Maintenance	1.113.08	2,250.00	16,972.51	27,000.00
Meditations	362.00	125.00	724.00	1,500.00
Mileage	358.00	333,33	903.50	4,000.00
Miscellaneous		12.50	100.00	150,00
Organists	371.78	453.33	1,420.58	5,440.00
Outreach Board		250.00	887.41	3,000.00
Payroli Expenses	305.30	283.33	1,178.65	3,400.00
Pension Insurance	-	2,663.33	8,262.00	31,960.00
Postage and Delivery	44.55	104.17	177.16	1,250.00
Secretaries	2,780.40	2,033.33	8,858.86	24,400.00
Stewardship Board	448.10	525.00	2,411.49	6,300.00
Substitute Teaching	-	-	2,771.75	-
Sunday School/VBS	_	233.33	696.06	2,800.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,074.40	4,666.67	21,588.49	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	252.56	241.67	1,007.87	2,900.00
Utilities	5,102.65	3,531.25	16,145.57	42,375.00
WLCFS Expense	5,162.65	5,001.20	767.00	,
WLIM Expense	120.00	<u>-</u>	535,00	_
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	,20.00	1,166.67	-	14,000.00
Worship	679.15	500.00	923.15	6,000.00
Total Expense	61,428.17	63,112.92	249,238.29	757,355.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

October 2018

Table Comments	222 444 20		Hew Charch/School to	
Total Current Assets	\$243,114.28		\$241,968.75 ch	checking/savings
			Monthly Statements	
Accounts	Undesignated Checking c	Undesignated Savings		NEW Church/School
Previous Balance	5.21		0.40	6.694.86
Monthly Transactions*	_			
Current Balance	\$195.27	\$950.26	\$231,198.39	\$10,770.36
Transactions	(\$150.00) Joan Marks	10-2 transfer to General (\$500.00) Fund	\$1.859.00 10-1 deposit	(\$3,682,00) Check # 2236
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		10-12 transfer to	4.200.00	4.0000000
T		(\$2,000.00) General Fund	(\$5,425.00) 10-2 Mortgage payment	(\$3,682.00) Check # 2237
		10-30 transfer to (\$4,000.00) General Fund	\$20.00 10-3 deposit	(\$1,613.50) Check# 2238
			(\$50,00) 10-3 Vanco return payment	(\$3,682.00) Check# 2239
			\$27.00 10-5 deposit	(\$265.00) Check # 2240
			\$1,630,00 10-8 deposit	10-30 transfer from \$10,000,00 NCS savings
			\$130.00 10-9 deposit	
			10-12 transfer to NCS (\$10,000,00) checking	
			\$6,195.00 10-15 deposit	
			\$50.00 10-16 deposit	
			(\$5,425.00) 10-16 Mortgage payment	
			\$20.00 10-17 deposit	
			\$111,158.99 10-19 deposit	
			\$2,813.00 10-22 deposit	
			\$1,130.00 10-29 deposit	
			\$230.00 10-30 deposit	
			(\$5,425.00) 10-30 Mortgage payment	
			10-30 transfer to NCS (\$10,000,00) checking	
			\$220.00 10-31 deposit	
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.94)	(\$1,480.00)	\$89,307.99	\$7,075.50
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	\$94,753.55	Notes:		
		Check # 2236 Walsh & Associates	es	

Check # 2239 Check # 2240

Walsh & Associates Melissa Cooley - Postage for mailer

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Are you looking for a school for your child? Zion Lutheran School has been a part of the Columbus Community, educating children since 1856. We offer an accredited education for k4 – 8th grade in a safe, Christian environment. We have experienced, caring teachers in small classrooms, and offer competitive academic, athletic and music programs. Tuition is affordable and we are willing to work with your family. To set up a family tour, ask questions or enroll, please call (920) 623-5180 or visit www.zioncolumbus.org!



