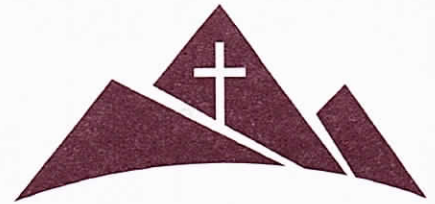


The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



God's Encouraging Word... REMAINS CONSTANT

January, 2019

"For 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" (Jeremiah 29:11).

We made advances over the last century that have changed, if not improved our lives considerably. Velcro was invented in 1948. Nylons were introduced on May 15th, 1940. For a while during WWII they were not available, so women painted the seam on their legs so it appeared as though they were still wearing them. Frisbees were introduced in 1957. Monopoly, introduced in 1933, was a huge hit during the Great Depression because people loved the idea of playing with money even though they had very little in real life. Scrabble preceded Monopoly by two years. The Pledge of Allegiance came along in 1892, but "Under God" was not added until 1954. In 1919 the first gas-propelled lawn mower was produced. I guess people had to push the mower and stay in shape before then. Those who receive the plain folding brown paper bag of goodies on Christmas Eve would have had a problem before the 1930's because it was then this style of bag became popular in the new stores called supermarkets that liked the fact the bag stood flat when opened. I sometimes wonder how we cooked before the invention of aluminum foil (1947), the blender (1922), Teflon utensils (1954), SOS Pads (1917), Pyrex (1915), Microwave Oven (1952), and Tupperware (1948). How did we ever survive???

Bigger changes were introduced when the first computer was unveiled in the mid 1950's. It took a whole city block to house and could not do what your pocket calculator or latest cell phone can do. Only 45 million people in the world used the internet in 1996. TV was invented before WWII, but by the fifties practically everybody was replacing their Radios with black and white Television sets. The sixties brought color TVs followed later by high definition and surround sound. During the last century we went from cylinder phonograph records, to 78 RPM, 45RPM, 33 and a third RPM records, reel-to-reel tapes, 8 track tapes, cassette tapes, CDs, to I pods. What next???



WORSHIP TIMES:
THURSDAY 6:30 SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30
SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY 9:15

We have invented items of war that can destroy just about everything. We went from the single shot rifle, to machineguns, huge cannons, missiles, bombs of various sizes. A one-megaton bomb, equal to 100 thousand tons of TNT, would light blue jeans on fire at a direct distance of 5.6 miles. What is scary is how many of these bombs exist around the world and some are many times one megaton in size.

We all get old, even those who are young now and think they will remain young forever. Clothes, cars, appliances, all wear out. Only God's Holy Word stays fresh and constant. The new translations say the same message as the Scriptures did two thousand years ago. God put his hand on the hands of the men who wrote the words in their original language. Jesus is our Savior when we are little kids and he is still our Savior if we live to one hundred years of age. The meaning and truths of his Word remain the same. Perhaps we have a lot of things to distract us today from his Word, but that does not make it any less true or important. That old Bible that belonged to your grandparents, the one with its cover torn and pages soiled, has a message that remains as fresh as if it were written yesterday. The word most often translated "the Lord" means I am, I was, and I will be in the original language. That covers all of time, past, present, and future. The Holy Spirit continues to nudge unbelievers today just as he always has. "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:12-23).

John Hardison (1942-2018) has authored three books: "Under God's Sky", "A View From the Mountains"; and "Put Baby Jesus in Your Wagon" available in the Zion Lutheran Church library and at <https://online.nph.net/>



Zion Lutheran Church and School

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 No School New Year's Day	2 No School Zion Staff Bible Study Bell Choir	3 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 5:30 pm Foundation for our Future 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	4 BB Away Peace, Sun Prairie Bible Breakfast	5
6 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	7	8 Winter Sports' Pictures Stewardship Board	9 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Council Meeting	10 6:30 pm Worship	11 End of 2nd Quarter BB Home Eastside, Madison 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	12 A-girl's BB Falcon Tournament BB Home Eastside, Madison 6:00 am Bible Breakfast
13 A-girl's BB Falcon Tournament 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	14 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	15 6:00 pm Volunteer Meeting	16 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	17 6:30 pm Worship	18 BB Away Our Redeemer, Madison at VAC 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	19 B-girl's BB Pardeeville Tournament
20 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	21 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day 6:30 pm Annual Meeting	22	23 7th Grade Warrior for a Day 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	24 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	25 BB Home Holy Cross, Madison 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	26 B-boy's BB Juneau Tournament
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December Gallery



Christmas Cookies!



Zion School Christmas Concert

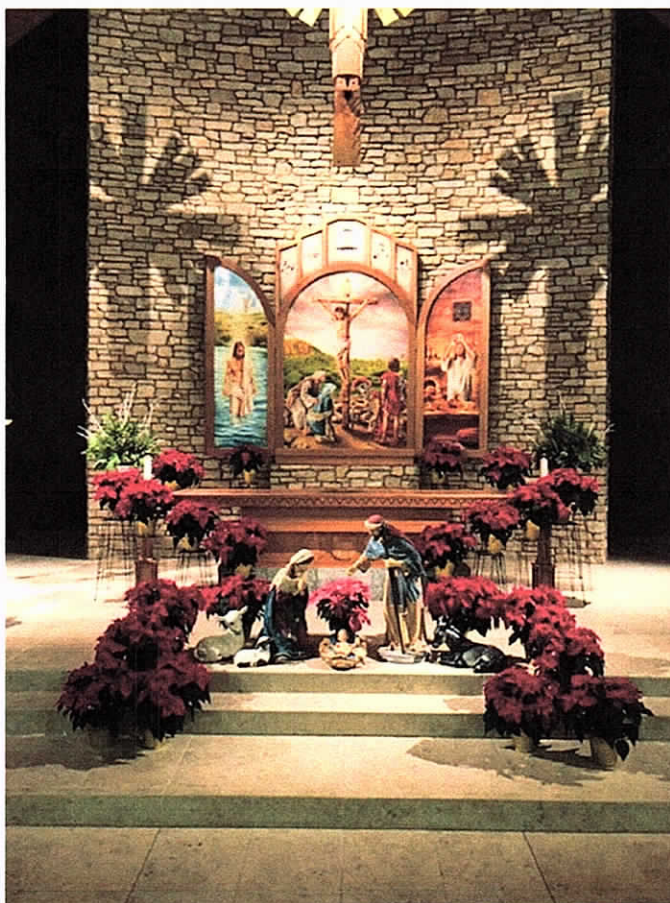


Foundation for Our Future



Linda's Baptism

Parker's Baptism



Christmas Worship – The Savior is Born!



Advent by Candlelight



January, 2019

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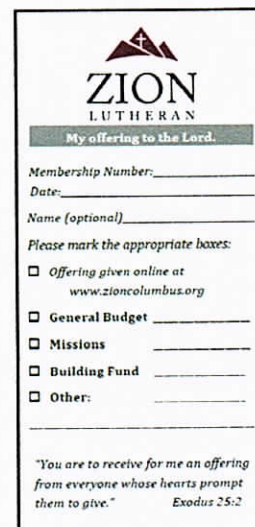
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The image shows a form for Zion Lutheran Church. At the top is the church's logo, which consists of a stylized cross above the words "ZION LUTHERAN". Below the logo is a dark horizontal bar with the text "My offering to the Lord." in white. The form contains several fields: "Membership Number:" followed by a line, "Date:" followed by a line, and "Name (optional)" followed by a line. Below these is the instruction "Please mark the appropriate boxes:" followed by four checkboxes: "Offering given online at www.zioncolumbus.org", "General Budget", "Missions", and "Building Fund". There is also a line for "Other:". At the bottom of the form is a quote: "You are to receive for me an offering from everyone whose hearts prompt them to give." followed by the reference "Exodus 25:2".

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Council Names and Numbers

Rick Gentz, Chairman	920-623-2507
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Nils Johansson, Outreach	608-239-5123
Jim Greiling, Property	920-948-1746
Otto Mattke, Stewardship	608-516-5279
Craig Lathrop, Family Ministry	608-770-2498

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.

Get in Touch

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Thanks
be to God
for his
incredible
gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15

Greeter Schedule



January 6

8:00am — E2	10:30am — L5
Dave & Kathy Harle	Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn

January 13

8:00am — E4	10:30am — L7
Delmar & Carol Vick	Wayne & Dalrene Powers

January 20

8:00am — E5	10:30am — L8
Emily Henning & Sylvia Stadler	Otto & Sheree Mattke

January 27

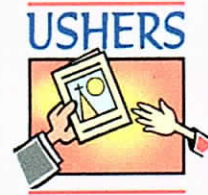
8:00am — E6	10:30am — L9
Jim & Jenny Greiling	Bev Herold & Nicole Henning

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 2019

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



January 6 & January 13

8:00am - <u>Team E2</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L6</u>
Dale Schilling (C)	Otto Mattke (C)
Dale Gajdosik	Paul Kehl (A)
Randy Vick	Dennis Winter
Kenneth Schulz	Carl Wolf
Eric Turnquist	William Mattke
Eliot Turnquist	Nils Johansson

January 20 & January 27

8:00am - <u>Team E3</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L7</u>
Randy Koehn (C)	Roger Weiland (C)
Harold Schaefer	Bryce Weiland
Jadon Schwartz	Brett Weiland
Joe Grambsch	Norman Weiland
Ben Grambsch	Peter Klokow
Josiah Schwartz	Tony Owens
Jim Stadler	

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
November 2018**

Date	Total
1/4	398
8/11	359
15/18	301
21/25	535
29	67

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

Memorial Gift

A gift of \$5,000 was given to our Capital Campaign by Susan Lien in memory of her dad, Grant Lien.

Membership



Membership Changes

Accept: Linda Foote; David & Stephanie Longseth and children Lukas, Nolan, Colin and Aydra; Rick & Gina Voelker

Remove: Chad & Jennifer Pederson and son Max; Darrin & Jennifer Miller

Release: Daryl Dixon and children Abigail and James

Messenger Deadline

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



Ministrations

Baptism:

14. Watson Scott Ehlers, son of Evan & Lindsey (nee Torowski) Ehlers. Born 9/16/2018, Baptized 11/11/2018.

Deaths:

9. Arnold Oelke - Born 10/8/1931; Died 11/11/2018.
10. Rose Gerber - Born 5/30/1947; Died 11/26/2018.

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
General Fund Financial Statement
November 2018**

	Nov 18	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 18 - Nov 18	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Church Picnic Income	-		283.00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	185.00		1,005.00	
General Fund Offerings	41,724.13		211,357.99	
General Fund Offerings - ONLINE GIVING	12,527.00		54,958.00	
LLHS Building Income	130.00		690.00	
Other Donations	157.00		2,497.00	
Other Receipts	25.00		876.58	
<i>Transferred from Office Account</i>	<i>(1,000.00)</i>		<i>3,900.00</i>	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	<i>-</i>		<i>15,500.00</i>	
<i>Transferred from Building Fund for School Repairs</i>	<i>6,513.51</i>		<i>6,513.51</i>	
<i>FMUB Revolving Line of Credit @ 4.85% Interest</i>	<i>-</i>		<i>-</i>	
WLCFS Income	120.00		887.00	
WLIM Income	100.00		635.00	
Total Income	60,481.64		299,103.08	
Expense				
Apartment Rent	655.00	655.00	3,275.00	7,860.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	27,964.21	28,799.50	141,189.73	345,594.00
Church Supplies	896.42	250.00	1,788.47	3,000.00
Convention/Conf' Education	-	58.33	290.00	700.00
Copier	-	300.00	1,703.21	3,600.00
Elders Board	-	20.83	-	250.00
Family Ministry Board	468.19	358.33	1,267.88	4,300.00
Guest Pastor	-	58.33	412.70	700.00
Health Insurance	7,808.80	7,716.67	38,644.00	92,600.00
HRA Savings	-	2,023.00	-	24,276.00
Custodial	964.41	1,250.00	4,870.78	15,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	130.00	-	690.00	-
LLHS Expense	2,712.56	2,250.00	13,146.81	27,000.00
Maintenance	7,771.16	2,250.00	24,743.67	27,000.00
Meditations	-	125.00	724.00	1,500.00
Mileage	646.65	333.33	1,550.15	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	-	12.50	100.00	150.00
Organists	214.20	453.33	1,634.78	5,440.00
Outreach Board	64.78	250.00	952.19	3,000.00
Payroll Expenses	310.10	283.33	1,486.75	3,400.00
Pension Insurance	-	2,663.33	8,262.00	31,960.00
Postage and Delivery	70.23	104.17	247.39	1,250.00
Secretaries	2,688.76	2,033.33	11,547.62	24,400.00
Stewardship Board	559.08	525.00	2,970.57	6,300.00
Substitute Teaching	231.59	-	231.59	-
Sunday School/VBS	-	233.33	696.06	2,800.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,425.11	4,666.67	27,013.60	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	251.77	241.67	1,259.64	2,900.00
Utilities	3,828.95	3,531.25	19,974.52	42,375.00
WLCFS Expense	120.00	-	887.00	-
WLIM Expense	100.00	-	635.00	-
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,166.67	-	14,000.00
Worship	18.00	500.00	941.15	6,000.00
Total Expense	63,899.97	63,112.92	313,136.26	757,355.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

November 2018

Previous Month Assets	\$243,114.28
Total Transactions	-\$19,046.71
Total Current Assets	\$224,067.57

New Church/School Total	\$223,051.98
checking/savings	

Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Explanation	Monthly Statements		NEW Church/School	NEW Church/School
			Undesignated Savings	Explanation		
Previous Balance	\$195.27		\$950.26		\$231,198.39	\$10,770.36
Monthly Transactions*	\$50.06		(\$180.00)		(\$19,335.77)	\$419.00
Current Balance	\$245.33		\$770.26		\$211,862.62	\$11,189.36
Transactions	(\$150.00)	11-14 transfer from Undesignated Savings		11-14 transfer to Undesignated Checking		(\$2,167.00)
		11-14 transfer from Undesignated Savings		11-14 transfer to Undesignated Checking		(\$50.00)
		\$0.06 Interest		\$20.00 11-30 deposit		(\$3,682.00)
				\$1,870.00 11-5 deposit		\$10,000.00
				\$100.00 11-7 deposit		Check # 2243
				\$1,620.00 11-12 deposit		(\$50.00)
				\$100.00 11-13 deposit		Check # 2244
				11-13 mortgage payment		
				\$30.00 11-14 deposit		
				11-14 transfer to NCS checking		
				11-15 transfer to General checking		
				\$177.00 11-16 deposit		
				\$2,975.00 11-19 deposit		
				\$420.00 11-23 deposit		
				\$1,383.00 11-26 deposit		
				\$50.00 11-27 deposit		
				11-27 Mortgage payment		
				\$20.00 11-28 deposit		
				\$207.00 11-30 deposit		
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	\$50.06		(\$180.00)		(\$19,335.77)	\$419.00
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$19,046.71)					
Interest Received	\$0.06					

Notes:

- Check # 2241 Walsh & Associates
- Check # 2242 MH Printing
- Check # 2243 Walsh & Associates
- Check # 2244 Melissa Cooley - Capital Campaign supplies

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 !

FOUNDATION FOR OUR FUTURE

Campaign Kickoff:
November 4, 9:15 am

Commitment Sunday:
December 16

Celebration Sunday: January 6

A large group of people, including children and adults, are gathered in a church entryway for a group photo. The group is diverse in age and is smiling for the camera. The church interior is visible in the background, featuring large wooden pillars and a bright yellow wall.

Sunday School



- Begins September 9, 9:15 am
- All Kids ages preK – 8th Grade are welcome!
- Register in church entryway or online zioncolumbus.org