The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI





FAITHFUL FRIENDS

A friend is someone who knows all about me and likes me anyway. Have you heard that description of a friend? How would you define what a friend is? Are you happy with the friends you have? Do you wish you had more friends or different kinds of friends? That your friendships were healthier or more helpful?

People might define friends in various ways, but one thing is certain. God designed people with a need for friendship. When he created the first man, he offered this observation: "It is not good for the man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). We naturally feel the need that God observed, but faithful friends might be hard to come by.

In the internet world, friends often call each other BFF's—Best Friends Forever. But those same friends often turn on each other and end up more as enemies than as friends. No matter how well someone knows and likes you, there really is no friend who knows all

about you. Your innermost secrets remain locked within you, and there are deeper feelings than anyone could ever understand.

God wants you to know what you might have suspected all along. He does know all about you. He observes that you need someone to whom you can pour out your heart, and he is willing to be that one.

But do you want God to be a BFF, when deep down you know what he knows about you? As his own

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

Word says, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves" (1 John 1:8). Few of us would make such a claim, but the good news is that God still wants to claim us as friends, despite our shortcomings.

That is why Jesus Christ, God's Son, came into the world long ago. He came to do what only the best of friends would do—he came to lay down his life for you. He came to stand in for you and take whatever punishment God's justice demanded for your sins. And God accepted his own Son's sacrifice to wipe out the guilt of your sin.

That is why God invites you to see him as your best friend. He knows all about you and everything that you need. He extends his love to you without conditions, for the sake of his Son's death on the cross.

You will not find a more faithful friend than God. Look to the living God and learn more about his faithfulness and love. The more you learn, the more you will find that he is a true Friend that you can always trust.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE



A Community Event

February 19, 2019 6:30 PM

Zion Fellowship Hall

Must be 18+ to attend

8:00 am Sunday Zion Lutheran Church and School 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:15 am 9:15 am Holy Communion 8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 8:00 am 24A-boy's BB Ixonia Classic25 8:00 am Tournament 10:30 am 10:30 am 9:15 am Holy Communion 10:30 am **Tournament** A-team BB LLHS18 A-team BB BLAC11 Sunday School 6:30 pm Meeting Sunday School Sunday Schoo Sunday School Worship with Worship with Worship with 5:00 pm Bible Study Boys A and Girls A-teams Ensemble Bible Study Boys A teams only Bible Study Bible Stud Worship Worship Worship Worship Mountain Top Girls A and 7:00 pm Worshi Worship (regional holiday) Randolph Christian School 7:00 pm Monday Presidents' Day 5:00 pm LLHS Kinderfest 19 *Board of Ed 7:00 pm BB Home vs Open House BB Away1:30 pm Zion Spelling Bee 7:00 am 7:00 pm Ensemble Tuesday 6:30 pm Ensemble Ensemble 7:00 pm K4 & Kindergarten 13 *WELS WindStudy Stewardship 6:30 pm *WELS WindStudy Cyber safety 7:00 am WELS Wind 7:00 am WELS Wind 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 4:00 pm Study 4:00 pm Wednesday 7:00 am 8:00 pm 4:00 pm 7:30 pm 4:00 pm 20 Council Meeting Catechism Class Meeting Catechism Clas Catechism Class Catechism Class Zion Staff Bible Redeemer Zion Staff Bible 6:30 pm Zion Staff Bible 6:30 pm Zion Staff Bible Valentine's Day **Adult Choir Adult Choir Adult Choir Adult Choir** Bell Choir Bell Choir 6:30 pm Bell Choir Bell Choir 2:00 pm Thursday 6:30 pm BB Home vs Our8 No School15 Ladies' Aid6:00 am Bible Breakfast Worship A-boy's BB Ixonia Worship Tournament Worship Worship Friday 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 6:00 am Bible Breakfast A-team BB LLHS Spirit Week Pardeeville Tournament Classic BB Home St. John's,2 A-team BB BLAC9 February 2019 No School 16 Midterm23 Classic Saturday Tournament Tournament Tournament B-girl's BB Juneau A-boy's BB Ixonia A-team BB BLAC A-team BB LLHS

7 Questions for Jeff and Melody Krakow

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

Jeff - Grew up and went to school in Fall River in a family of 12 kids along with our parents.

Melody - My family moved every 4 years but my parents made sure I attended a WELS grade school no matter where we lived. Even though we moved a lot, most of my grade school years were at St. Peter's in Fond Du Lac and finished at our Zion School. I attended both Columbus and Fall River High schools.

2. When and how did you meet and marry?

The first time I saw Melody was when I was on leave in the Marine Corps and visiting my high school. I saw her and went "Wow, who is that?" Every time I read the story of Rebeka and Isaac, I know the feeling they had upon seeing each other for the first time. We didn't date for a while, but when we did get to know each other better, Melody told me she had the same thoughts as I did. We got married 16 May 1981.

3. Where in life are your kids?

Both our daughters have married and have children. Mamie has 3 kids and lives in Appleton. Katrina has 4 kids

and lives in Verona. So happy that they are close enough to visit with relative ease. Mamie works outside the house and her kids attend St. Paul's Lutheran School in Appleton and belong to that church. Katrina home schools, except their oldest who is a freshman at Lakeside, and they belong to Resurrection Lutheran Church.

4. Where did the Marine Corps take you when you served? What opportunities did it open up for both of you when your time of active duty was over?

My entire active duty career was in Sunny Southern California. I was also in ROTC

at the University of Wisconsin - Madison and did join the active reserve for a while, but my travels with them kept me in the United States, just different parts of it.

It was well after active duty that we actually dated and married, but I never forgot the first time I saw Melody. I like to think the Marines gave me some leadership qualities as well as enhance proper respect, chain of

command (this is relevant in all vocations), following orders, and independence, since it was the first time away from home, but finding Melody, I never long for independence again. I enjoy depending on her as well as she depends on me. It has also given me a desire to help veterans in need and their families as well as keeping patriotism in front of people.

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?

Jeff - Growing up my Sunday school teachers encouraged me to go into the ministry. Obviously, I didn't. I think Pastor Cares taught me a lot especially all we can do is preach and teach, preach and teach, preach and teach and, yes, he always said it three times. Pastors Sims and Wilke taught me the lessons for the Congregational Assistant Program along with going to MLC, Seminary, and Synod Offices. Their faith, outward love for their Savior, and humility are the biggest influences.

Melody - My mother was my biggest influence as she helped me memorize Bible passages, sang hymns with me while doing household chores. I have so many bible verses, (King James, of course) and hymns still within my memory. Only shows what starting young and often does in helping grow and keeping faith in Jesus. My mother

introduced me to my Savior very early walking me through the church year. Another very influential man was Pastor Karl Gurgel during my years at St Peter's in Fond Du Lac. He taught me to value and to respect ALL of Gods children and pressed upon me the importance of memory work.

6. Reflect, if you would, on your time serving as an elder and in other areas of our congregation. What's the greatest challenge and the greatest joy about service in a church?

Elders is very challenging as well as rewarding. You get to meet a lot of people even though it is for some difficult reasons, mainly

church/communion attendance. When they respond in a positive way, we have to understand the power of the Holy Spirit is working in them and it's nothing I did. Also, when the response is negative, for the time being, they are rejecting God and not me. I can only imagine what would happen if our entire congregation visited someone they



know that is straying and encouraged them. But then, God can do much more than I can imagine!

Jeff - The greatest joy is serving God's people, whether it is serving communion, assigning communion help, teaching Bible Study, or actually doing the service when our pastors are out of town or ill. Christ and Him crucified is the most important thing for people to know and it is truly a joy and blessing to bring that message to people.

Melody - I have great joy in singing in the choir, thanking God for restoring my voice. And an even greater joy is doing ETC (Extended care). There are some challenges with coordinating sometimes but the joy of the children is wonderful! I sometimes think I get more hugs from the children than I do from Jeff (ha ha). Being on Zion's staff is a wonderful opportunity for me to stay young as I grow older. The family atmosphere is warm and inviting. Working in a place where I can share my Jesus is priceless.

7. Looking ahead, what challenges do you see our congregation facing? What unique things set this church apart as a good place to call your spiritual home?

Our congregation faces the same problems as many others, attendance and financial. What sets us apart are our very faithful and gifted called workers along with our active members. We have young, old, and everything in between that are very faithful, loving people. We are a family. Whether we talk about the big family I grew up in, my Marine Corps family, or our church family, we all need each other and others need us. As God tells us in 1 Corinthians, we are one body but many parts. Not one is less important than any other.

Melody - My faith in Christ Jesus has got me through every trial the Evil Foe throws at me. Zion Lutheran Church has been a spiritual beacon of light sustaining my faith through word and sacrament and bible studies until Jesus takes me Home.

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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



February 3

February 10

8:00am — E8 10:30am — L12

Wilma Lenz & Nils & Lara Johansson

Joan Herzberg

February 17

8:00am — E9 10:30am — L13

Bill & Merle Nehmer Aaron & Rachel Larson

February 24

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 February 2019

3 Gary Schuhmacher

10 Phil Manteufel

17 Matt Greiling

24 Randy Koehn



February 3 & February 10

8:00am - Team E4

Mark Lindell (C)

Remington Lindell

Andy Tratar

Andrew Bussian

Matt Yaroch

Nick Yaroch

10:30am - Team L1

Tom Schultz (C)

George Decker (A)

Aaron Larson

James Kopfer

Dayne Kopfer

Brandon Lee

Brian Vierck

February 17 & February 24

8:00am - Team E5
Kim Schilling (C)
Ronald Knudson
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

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 December 2018

Date	Total
2	67
6/9	366
13/16	498
23	817
24	527
30/31	379

Ladies Aid

Our winter meeting break is over so plan to come to our next meeting on February 7th at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall.



At the beginning of our meeting, Brady Weiland will be there to explain our church finances and our new church envelopes.

We will discuss upcoming church events during our regular business meeting. All ladies in our congregation are welcome to attend.

Ministrations

Baptism:

- Parker David Uebelacker, son of Nick & Roselynn Uebelacker. Born 11/3/2018, Baptized 12/2/2018.
- 16. Jasper Michael Werner, son of Christopher & Sarah Werner. Born 12/4/2018, Baptized 12/22/2018.
- 17. Linda Jo King, daughter of Johnny & Becky King. Born 11/28/2018, Baptized 12/15/2018.
- 18. Colin Eric Longseth, son of David & Stephanie Longseth. Born 8/26/2015, Baptized 12/25/2018.
- 19. Aydra Ann Longseth, daughter of David & Stephanie Longseth. Born 6/13/2017, Baptized 12/25/2018.

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by February 22nd. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Link to Your Library

Zion's church library has been a blessing for members and guests for 14 years. It has been used by 232 people of all ages. We currently house 993 items, and thanks to generous donors, are adding new things all the time. This year, I hope to increase



awareness of our valuable resources by highlighting a few things each month.

Some recent additions are: The Lord Is My Light CD, How Great Our Joy CD, The Wandering Pirate Ship (Tween section), 2 Lutheran Science Institute Journals, Show Me Your Mighty Hand: Peace from God's Word for Special-Needs Moms, Real People: Meditations on 101 People of the Bible, Stronger Together: 30 Days to a More Godly Marriage, Searching for Light in a World of Darkness (Teen section), Escaping the Deathtraps: The Joy of Gathering Around the Truth, On Giving Advice to God (2 in the set), Gory Deaths (Teen section), Master Criminals (Teen section). Cozy up with a good book and grow in your faith!

WONDERFUL NEWS

By God's grace and through your generous commitments to the Foundation for Our Future campaign, we have been able to make a significant reduction in our church mortgage with American Bank. Our campaign was focused on raising enough funds to eliminate our mortgage of \$1.7 million dollars. We are happy to report that we were able to make a \$100,000 reduction in principal on January 18th. This along with the regular payments we have been making since the campaign began has already reduced our balance to just over \$1.5 million.

In addition, sufficient funds have been kept in reserve in the building fund to ensure that we have the monies necessary to make our bimonthly payments for the next year. Also, since the voters decided to use money from the building fund to pay any unusual repairs that are needed on the school, a reasonable amount was held in reserve in case they are needed for this as well.

The building fund balance will be continued to be monitored and as is prudent, additional amounts will be used to reduce the principle of the church mortgage in addition to our regular payments.

Thanks be to our Lord for his generous gifts to us that allowed us to reciprocation by committing to funding the campaign.

IT'S NEW - IT'S NOT WORKING RIGHT!

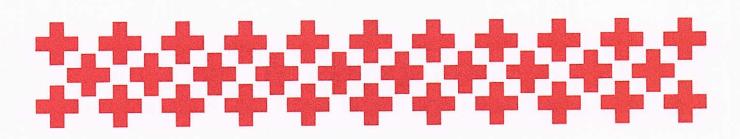
Often when something is new it takes a while to get used to the way it works. This seems to be happening with our new envelope system. Here are a few suggestions to make it function properly and make it easier for the wonderful members who generously donate their time each week to tabulate our offerings.

- Please use your envelope number and write it <u>legibly</u>. This helps our counter people to work faster and to guaranty that the amount is credited to the right account.
- If you don't know your envelope number, please <u>print</u> your name on the envelope. Also, you can get your envelope number by contacting the church office.
- The section on the envelope marked "BUILDING FUND" is the same as the FOUNDATION FOR OUR
 FUTURE. If you are contributing to the Foundation for Our Future campaign, check the "Building Fund"
 square and list the amount in the space provided for it.
- Please make sure that the total amount enclosed in the envelope is reflected in one or more of the selections on the outside of it so that the counters know which fund to assign the money to.

With a little effort this new system will work seamlessly and soon will be our normal process. Isn't a little effort on our part worth the \$4000 savings we enjoy by using these envelopes?

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive Columbus Community Faith Lutheran Church

120 Faith Dr

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome!

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.



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Our 2019 USO theme is inspired by Paul's encouragement to the Galatian Christians, "After all, brothers, you were called to freedom.

Only do not use your freedom as a starting point for your sinful flesh Rather, serve one another through love." (5:13)

its mission to assist parents in educating, encouraging and equipping teens for life—not We are grateful for your freely-offered prayers and support for Lakeside, a ministry with just for their earthly lives, but life eternal, when our freedom will be complete.

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FOR DETAILS & TO PURCHASE TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS 3/13 - RESERVE TODAY! EARLY BIRD; \$50/EACH | \$100/COUPLE | \$500/5POH50R5 A TABLE OF B

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Attend: Feliowship & Silent Authon 4:30 | Catered Dinner 7 | Live Author 8

... serve one another through love (Galatians 5.13)

HERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE LLHS GRAND EVENT!

Advertise business in catalog • Make cash donation • Pray for event success! Talk up the event in your circles • Aftend as a guest or sponsor a table • Call or e-mail Bari with your Qs/comments: 920.648.2321 • bvredeve@llhs.org Is yours a crafty generosity? See gift basket ideas at bit.ly/GE8baskets Volunteer before or during the event • Donate an auction item •

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Names of Additional Guests
E-mail
Phone
Church Home/City
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Address
Name of Purchaser
Other sponsorship opportunities available at: WWW.LLHS.ORG/GRANDEVENT
Table Sponsorship: \$500.00 (incl. 8 tickets, table perks & program recognition; \$225 gift to LL)
Couple \$100 (2 tickets: \$40 is gift to LLHS)
Single \$50 (\$20 is gift to LLHS)
Please reserve the following for the 2019 LLHS Grand Event:

Send reservation & payment to LLHS Development Office Make check payable to Lakeside Lutheran High School 231 Woodland Beach Rd. Lake Mills, WI 53551

Notify me of reservation only by phone/e-mail (circle one)

Please mail acknowledgement or

Online reservations available at llhs.org/grandevent or by calling Bari 920-648-2321 x2223

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church General Fund Financial Statement December 2018

	Dec 18	<i>Estimated</i> Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 18 - Dec 18	Budget
dinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Church Picnic Income	-		283,00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	15.00		1,020.00	
General Fund Offerings	75,417.00		286,774.99	
General Fund Offerings - ONLINE GIVING	12,898.00		67,856.00	
LLHS Building Income	170.00		860,00	
Other Donations	996,00		3,493.00	
Other Receipts	25.00		901.58	
Transferred from Office Account	(3,900.00)		-	
Transferred from Undesignated			15,500.00	
Transferred from Building Fund for School Repairs			6,243.51	
FMUB Revolving Line of Credit @ 4.85% Interest	•		-	
WLCFS Income	165,00		1,052.00	
WLIM Income	115.00		750.00	
Total Income	85,901.00		384,734.08	
Expense				
Apartment Rent	655.00	655,00	3,930.00	7,860.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	29,046.42	28,799,50	171,541.41	345,594,00
Church Supplies	456.99	250.00	2,245,46	3,000.0
Convention/Cont' Education	46.12	58,33	336.12	700.0
Copier	-	300.00	1,703.21	3,600.0
Elders Board	*	20.83	-	250.0
Family Ministry Board	(40.35)	358.33	1,227.53	4,300.0
Guest Pastor	· -	58.33	412.70	700.0
Health insurance	7,966.80	7,716.67	46,610.80	92,600.0
HRA Savings	1,300.00	2,023.00	1,300,00	24,276.0
Custodial	967.06	1,250.00	5,837.84	15,000.0
LLHS Building Expense	170.09	-	860.00	-
LLHS Expense	4,180.75	2,250.00	17,257.55	27,000.0
Maintenance	4,159.17	2,250.00	28,902.84	27,000.0
Meditations		125.00	724.00	1,500.0
Mileage	251.75	333.33	1,801.90	4,000.0
Miscellaneous		12.50	100.00	150.0
Organists	310.20	453.33	1,944.98	5,440.0
Outreach Board	55.00	250.00	1,007.19	3,000.0
Payroli Expenses	307.25	283.33	1,796.00	3,400.0
Pension Insurance	9,078,00	2,663.33	17,340,00	31,960.0
Postage and Delivery	251.99	104.17	499,38	1,250.0
Secretaries	2,889.50	2,033.33	13,131.86	24,400.0
Stewardship Board	632.88	525.00	3,603.45	6,300.0
Substitute Teaching	(176.41)	•	55.18	-
Sunday School	725.06	233.33	1,421.12	2,800.0
Synod Mission Expense	8,376.50	4,666.67	35,435.11	56,000.0
Telephone & Internet Expense	309.10	241.67	1,568.74	2,900.0
Utilities .	2,919.36	3,531.25	22,893.88	42,375.0
WLCFS Expense	165.00	-	1,052.00	-
WLIM Expense	115.00	-	750.00	-
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,166.67	-	14,000.0
Worship	2,686.24	500.00	3,627.39	6,000.0
Total Expense	77,804.38	63,112.92	390,917.64	757,355.0

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Interest Received	Monthly Transactions TOTAL																					Transactions		Current Balance	Monthly Transactions*	Previous Balance	Accounts			Total Current Assets	Total Transactions		Report for the Month of:
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