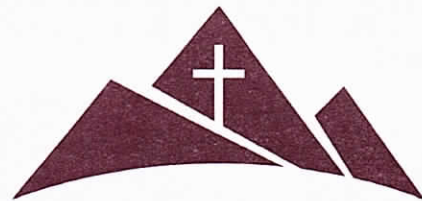


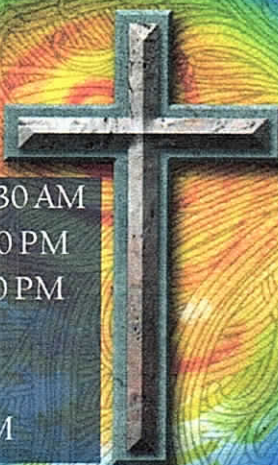
The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, April 14	8:00 and 10:30 AM
Maundy Thursday, April 18	3:30 and 7:00 PM
Good Friday, April 19	1:30 and 7:00 PM
Easter Dawn, April 21	6:00 AM
Breakfast	
Easter Day, April 21	8:00 and 10:30 AM



What should we do when we need more strength? Hand that jar over to the Lord. He has all the strength we need and so much more. After all, he is the One who created the earth and everything in it. More than that, this strong, wise, loving God came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ. The all-powerful God came in human weakness to rescue us from sin and death. He was condemned and crucified. Weakness, right? No! Strength! Jesus used his strength to remain on that cross until every last sin of ours had been paid for. His

empty tomb proves it. "Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4). Death has been defeated! The guilt of sin before God has been removed! By trusting in Jesus, life in heaven is waiting for us.

Need more strength? The One who created the earth has it. The One who died and rose for you has it. He is the One who gives us the strength to face each day with fresh confidence. Find that strength in his Word. And then be ready to soar. Be ready to soar on eagles' wings with renewed strength and through every challenge of life! Be ready to soar on eagles' wings to the home that Jesus has prepared for you in heaven!

I need more... **STRENGTH**

After several attempts of twisting and tapping, the lid just wouldn't budge. "Honey, can you open this for me?" Her teenage son is eager to flex his muscles. He opens the jar and hands it back to his mother.

Life is sometimes like that jar, isn't it? Sometimes we just don't have the strength we need to tackle what's in front of us. Not the strength it takes to move a piano or change a flat tire, but the strength we need to raise our children or stay married to someone who is difficult to live with. We need the strength it takes to go to work and deal with people who are rude, inconsiderate, and lazy, or to walk to the mailbox that contains bills we'll have difficulty paying.

I need more strength!

"Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth... He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak... Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:28-31).

Zion Golf Tournament

May 19, 2019



Columbus
Country Club

- Two or four person scramble format.
- Compete for special prizes.
- Benefits Martin Luther College students of Zion.
- Donation included with \$50 registration.
- Online begins April 1.
- At church begins April 28.

Zion Lutheran Church and School

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 pm Pastors Conference	2 Pastors Conference 12:30 pm Organ tuning 4:00 pm Catechism Class 7:00 pm WELS Wind Ensemble	3 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 1:00 pm LHHS visit 3:30 pm Worship, Lent 4:30 pm Lenten Meal 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir Sing 8:00 pm Adult Choir	4 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting	5 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	6
7 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	8 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	9 4:00 pm Catechism Class 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	10 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 3:30 pm Worship, Lent 4:30 pm Lenten Meal 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Worship, Lent 8:00 pm Adult Choir 8:00 pm Council Meeting	11	12 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	13
14 8:00 am Worship, Palm Sunday 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship, Palm Sunday	15 Tax Day	16 7:00 pm Golf Committee	17 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	18 3:30 pm Worship, Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Worship, Maundy Thursday	19 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 1:30 pm Worship, Good Friday 7:00 pm Adult Choir Sing 7:00 pm Worship, Good Friday	20
21 The Resurrection of Our Lord 6:00 am Easter Dawn Worship 7:00 am Easter Breakfast 8:00 am Adult Choir Sing 8:00 am Easter Day Worship 10:30 am Easter Day Worship	22 No School Easter Monday	23 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble	24 7:00 am Zion Staff Bible Study 3:45 pm Confirmation Practice 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	25 6:30 pm Worship	26 Midterm Parents' Day/ Arbor Day 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	27
28 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Confirmation Examination 10:30 am Worship: Confirmation, Holy Communion 11:30 am Confirmation family celebration	29	30 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble				

Questions for Dayne Kopfer

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

I always considered going to MLC based on the influence my teachers made on me in grade school. I thought it was awesome that such cool people could be great Christian role models. After gaining experiences at Lakeside and after going on two mission trips I knew this was the path God had planned for me.

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

Throughout my years at Zion I furthered my education and most importantly built up my faith. The attitude and dedication Zion members showed inspired me to always consider being a teacher or pastor. After that, Lakeside further encouraged and shaped me to be a Christian influence to anyone I would come in contact with and what better place to influence people than being a teacher in our WELS schools? Lakeside gave tons of opportunities to show my faith and ultimately find out where best I could serve the Lord.

3. *What kind of friends have you found to hang out with?*

MLC students are unique from other colleges as all students and professors have the same faith, all encouraging each other with God's help to develop throughout college. My friends at school also love to play sports after school and we enjoy hanging out in the dorms watching movies, playing cards, board games, or just doing homework.

4. *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?*

After living at the dorms for two years I didn't expect to enjoy living with someone in my room as much as I do. The friendships you build in the dorms are ones that last a long time. Moving almost 6 hours away from home has definitely been the most difficult thing adjusting to. It's rough not seeing my family everyday or even once a month. It's something you never get use to.

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

My favorite class was freshman year with my tutor/professor Paul Spaude. I had a freshman religion class with him and the classroom atmosphere was very open and comfortable, but at



James and Heather Kopfer, Dayne and Audra

the same time I learned so much. My sophomore year I've taken a lot of teaching classes and those are more directed to making lesson plans and teaching kids' lessons to my peers. I've learned so much in my short experiences with Dean Clemons about urban education and just being a great teacher in general.

6. *What do you miss about home?*

Not seeing my friends that I went to school with in highschool or grade school is difficult at times. When I'm home it's great to see them and it reaches you to realize how important your friends and family are.

7. *You have had a couple of early field experiences in the classroom. How do you view teachers differently now that you are looking at being one?*

Well after shadowing several teachers you begin to realize the time-consuming work they do that often gets underappreciated. Especially looking at creating lesson plans and making block plans, I never understood how much time it takes to prepare for

one day of school until I did it.

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

Chapel! Chapel helps keep you involved with praying and communicating with God. Life doesn't get any slower, and going to chapel once or twice a day creates time for you to stop and regroup.

9. *While living in Columbus who encouraged you in your faith the most? Have you found someone in New Ulm who offers you*

encouragement in your faith?

My grandparents influenced my faith life growing up the most. In my eyes they were the closest thing to perfect as a person can be in life. They showed their faith and love for God in everything they did. They affected my life positively in the best way possible, and the impact they left on me is something I hope to share with my students. If said that I was even a little bit like them I would be honored. The older I get, the more I realize how important Christian role models are in a child's life. I see some of those same qualities as I expand talking to my teachers and coaches at school. Also, I daily grow a relationship with those in town with interactions within a community that has two churches in the town.

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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



April 7

8:00am — E4	10:30am — L8
Delmar & Carol Vick	Otto & Sheree Mattke

April 14

8:00am — E5	10:30am — L9
Emily Henning & Sylvia Stadler	Bev Herold & Nicole Henning

April 21

8:00am — E6	10:30am — L11
Jim & Jenny Greiling	John & Sarah Brey

April 28

8:00am — E7	10:30am — L12
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	Nils & Lara Johanson

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 April 2019

7 Phil Manteufel
14 Gary Schuhmacher
21 Matt Greiling
28 Mark Lindell



April 3 & April 7

8:00am - April 7	7:00pm - April 3
<u>Team E2</u>	<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

April 7, April 10 & April 14

7:00pm - April 10	10:30am - April 7
8:00am - April 14	10:30am - April 14
<u>Team E3</u>	<u>Team L7</u>
Randy Koehn (C)	Roger Weiland (C)
Jadon Schwartz	Bryce Weiland
Joe Grambsch	Brett Weiland
Ben Grambsch	Norman Weiland
Josiah Schwartz	Peter Klokow
Jim Stadler	Tony Owens

April 18 (Maundy Thursday), April 19 (Food Friday) & April 21 (Easter Sunday)

7:00pm - April 18	7:00pm - April 19
8:00am - April 21	10:30am - April 21
<u>Team E4</u>	<u>Team L1</u>
Mark Lindell (C)	Tom Schlutz (C)
Remington Lindell	George Decker (A)
Andy Tratar	Aaron Larson
Andrew Bussian	James Kopfer
Matt Yaroch	Dayne Kopfer
Nick Yaroch	Brandon Lee
	Brian Vierck

April 21 (Easter Sunday)

6:00am - Sunrise Service
Team E5
Kim Schilling (C)
Ronald Knudson
John Zandler
Scott Brenner
Matt Vosberg

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April 28 & May 5

8:00am - Team E7	10:30am - Team L2
Jim Greiling (C)	Dale Schultz (C)
Matt Greiling	Daniel Schultz
Mike Sommer	Matt Ganser
John Brey	Dylan Schultz
Bob Marousek	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
February 2019**

Date	Total
3	18
7/10	354
14/17	390
21/24	343
28	76

Membership



Membership Changes

Accept: Kyle & Emilie McFadden and son Dominic, Patricia Heiman, Charles & Nancy James

Ministrations

Baptism:

3. Miles Cash Lanzhammer, son of Paul & Amy (nee Voelker) Lanzhammer. Born 1/11/2019, Baptized 2/17/2019.



April Birthdays

Laura Sennhenn 1st 83 years
 Athlyn Herzberg 10th 85 years
 Edwin Knudson 19th 90 years
 Don Lee 23rd 83 years
 Raymond Owens 25th 84 years

Ladies Aid

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 4th at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Ladies Aid

Along with the regular business reports, we will be discussing what we need to do for the Lutheran Women's Mission Society Rally, which we will host in October. Gertrude Stillson will also be there because St. John's Lutheran Church in Doylestown is the co-host. All ladies in these congregations are welcome to help with this event.

Also, Delphine Schaefer will tell us about her recent trip to the Czech Republic.

All ladies in the congregation are always invited to attend out meeting.

Messenger Deadline

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



Link to Your Library

Last month I mentioned some Dewey decimal numbers. The Dewey decimal system is simply an organizational tool that allows a library to shelve items grouped by topic (it is the same system used by the Columbus public library). Since religious books fall into the 200s in the Dewey system, Zion's collection falls almost entirely within 200 - 299, but you can use the shelf labels to help differentiate devotion books from Bible studies, church history from biographies, etc. The librarian's phone number is listed near the check out area, so feel free to call or text if you need assistance or have a request.

These items were recently added to our collection: Clearly Christian: Following Jesus in this Age of Confusion (230), Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? (232), Being Lutheran: Living in the Faith You Have Received (248.4), Hope When Your Heart Breaks: Navigating Grief and Loss (248.86), Echo: Unbroken Truth Worth Repeating Again (Teen 230.41), and Because Jesus (Teen 248.83).



Principal Reduction - IT'S GOING DOWN

By God's grace and through your generous commitments to the Foundation for Our Future campaign, we have again 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 another \$100,000 reduction in principal this month. Along with the regular payments we have been making since the campaign began, our balance is now just over \$1.4 million.

Sufficient funds have been kept in reserve in the building fund to ensure that we have the monies necessary to make our bimonthly payments. In addition, funds have been kept in reserve to cover the cost of improving the quality of sound in the church. 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 principal of the church mortgage in addition to our regular payments.

Thanks be to our Lord for his generous gifts that allow us to reciprocate by contributing to the funding of the campaign.

Beaver Dam Circuit LWMS Spring Rally 2019

St. John's Lutheran Church
505 E Lafollette Street, Pardeeville
(co-host is Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Portage)

Guest Speaker
Paul W. Schupmann and the Horicon Mission

Saturday, April 27, 2019
Registration begins 9:30 AM
Morning Session & Business Mtg 10:15 AM
Lunch 11:45 AM
Afternoon Session and Speaker 12:40 PM

Come for some fun Christian fellowship with Door Prizes, a Trivia Contest over lunch, Mission Displays and a White Elephant Sale to raise funds for the Hmong Outreach in Vietnam!

The Mission of Jesus

JESUS
Know. Share. Love.

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...."

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
General Fund Financial Statement
February 2019**

	Feb 19	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 18 - Feb 19	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Church Picnic Income	-		283.00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	72.50		1,247.50	
General Fund Offerings	31,178.32		352,702.80	
General Fund Offerings - ONLINE GIVING	15,506.00		97,441.00	
LLHS Building Income	30.00		1,845.00	
Other Donations	764.00		3,881.00	
Other Receipts	70.00		1,096.58	
<i>Transferred from Office Account</i>	-		-	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	-		15,500.00	
<i>Transferred from Building Fund for School Repairs</i>	-		9,439.62	
<i>FMUB Revolving Line of Credit @ 4.85% Interest</i>	200.00		6,400.00	
WLCFS Income	-		1,952.00	
WLIM Income	5.00		1,660.00	
Total Income	47,825.82		493,448.50	
Expense				
Apartment Rent	655.00	655.00	5,240.00	7,860.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	27,749.44	28,789.50	227,796.87	345,594.00
Church Supplies	343.02	250.00	2,713.43	3,000.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	58.33	336.12	700.00
Copier	-	300.00	2,811.14	3,600.00
Elders Board	-	20.83	-	250.00
Family Ministry Board	178.58	358.33	1,561.60	4,300.00
Guest Pastor	-	58.33	412.70	700.00
Health Insurance	7,866.80	7,716.67	62,544.40	92,600.00
HRA Savings	-	2,023.00	2,300.00	24,276.00
Custodial	845.56	1,250.00	7,573.15	15,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	30.00	-	1,845.00	-
LLHS Expense	2,750.00	2,250.00	22,757.55	27,000.00
Maintenance	787.11	2,250.00	31,567.57	27,000.00
Meditations	-	125.00	1,086.00	1,500.00
Mileage	202.00	333.33	2,334.90	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	-	12.50	155.94	150.00
Organists	374.20	453.33	2,717.13	5,440.00
Outreach Board	-	250.00	1,007.19	3,000.00
Payroll Expenses	298.70	283.33	2,656.10	3,400.00
Pension Insurance	-	2,663.33	17,340.00	31,960.00
Postage and Delivery	45.89	104.17	1,016.15	1,250.00
Secretaries	2,208.41	2,033.33	17,774.59	24,400.00
Stewardship Board	229.12	525.00	4,402.81	6,300.00
Substitute Teaching	(7.80)	-	(6.71)	-
Sunday School	-	233.33	1,421.12	2,800.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,572.50	4,666.67	46,862.61	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	252.56	241.67	2,265.86	2,900.00
Utilities	5,084.77	3,531.25	33,251.90	42,375.00
WLCFS Expense	-	-	1,952.00	-
WLIM Expense	5.00	-	1,660.00	-
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,166.67	-	14,000.00
Worship	369.18	500.00	5,266.57	6,000.00
Total Expense	55,940.04	63,112.92	512,423.69	757,355.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

February 2019

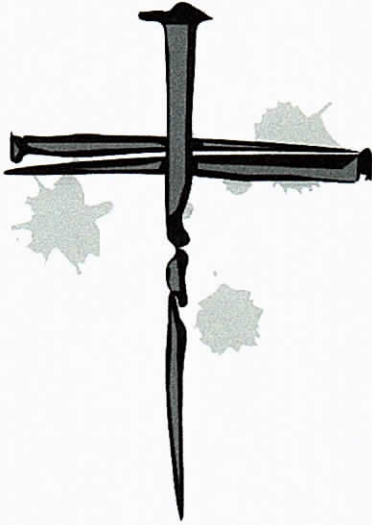
Previous Month Assets	\$146,112.16
Total Transactions	\$140,333.20
Total Current Assets	\$286,445.36

\$284,851.44	New Church/School Total
	checking/savings

Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Explanation	Undesignated Savings	Explanation	Monthly Statements	NEW Church/School	Explanation	NEW Church/School	Explanation
Previous Balance	\$95.35		\$1,628.54		\$136,478.63	\$7,909.64		\$7,909.64	
Monthly Transactions*	\$150.03		(\$280.00)		\$140,463.17	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Current Balance	\$245.38		\$1,348.54		\$276,941.80	\$7,909.64		\$7,909.64	
Transactions	(\$150.00)	Joan Marks	(\$300.00)	2-4 Transfer to Under Checking	\$650.00	2-1 Deposit			
	\$300.00	2-4 Deposit	\$20.00	2-8 Deposit	\$7,502.78	2-4 Deposit			
	\$0.03	Interest			\$255.00	2-5 Deposit			
					(\$5,425.00)	2-5 Mortgage Payment			
					\$20.00	2-6 Deposit			
					\$250.00	2-7 Deposit			
					\$59.00	2-8 Deposit			
					\$30.00	2-11 Deposit			
					\$30.00	2-12 Deposit			
					\$3,047.00	2-13 Deposit			
					\$50.00	2-14 Deposit			
					\$25.00	2-15 deposit			
					\$1,831.56	2-18 Deposit			
					\$430.00	2-19 Deposit			
					(\$50.00)	2-19 Varco Return			
					(\$5,425.00)	2-19 Mortgage Payment			
					\$295.00	2-20 Deposit			
					\$185.00	2-21 Deposit			
					\$59.00	2-22 Deposit			
					\$4,177.78	2-25 Deposit			
					\$30.00	2-26 Deposit			
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	\$150.03		(\$280.00)		\$132,436.05	Foundation for our Future		\$0.00	
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	\$140,333.20				\$140,463.17				
Interest Received	\$0.03								

Notes:
 The separate Foundation for our Future account was closed on 2-28 and the funds transferred to the NCS Savings account

Three Words



of
TRUTH

WORSHIP TIMES:

SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30

SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY
9:15

WEDNESDAY LENT SERVICES:

Through April 10 **3:30 & 7:00**

Supper Served Between Services

STAY CONNECTED
TO WELS ON
SOCIAL MEDIA!

fb.com/welslutherans
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@welsweets

Sunday School

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

★ Purchase gift cards to use like cash as local retailers.
★ Support our Christian Schools!
★ More information and cards for purchase available in the fellowship hall between services.

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[HTTP://WWW.ZIONCOLUMBUS.ORG/SUPPORT/](http://www.zioncolumbus.org/support/)

ZION'S FAMILY EASTER

- SATURDAY, March 30th
9:00-11:30
- FREE pancake breakfast
- FAMILY FUN: egg hunt, family projects, and prizes.
- Register at church or call 920 623 5180