

# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What would it be like if every single member showed up for worship one week? There might be some challenges. Can you imagine how full the parking lot would be? Your favorite pew might be taken. However, it would be exciting too! There would be warm smiles from faces you might not have seen in a while. And with a packed church... the singing! It would be glorious. It would be an extremely joyful event. We get close to this happening a few times a year: Christmas, Easter, etc. But even then, many of our members are away on vacation or worshipping elsewhere.

That is why we are having a special *Welcome Home Sunday* on October 27<sup>th</sup>. This is why we are inviting our entire church family—100% of our members—to come together on that day. That is what Christ has called us to be, after all—a family. His Church is to be a home—a place of safety and support. Thus, the name *Welcome Home Sunday*.



We have been working hard on our goal. We have sent invitations and made phone calls and even knocked on the doors of our families at church.... our long-time members and new families, our every-Sunday attenders and those who have been missing for a while. If we achieve our goal of having everyone there, it may be a little tight. But we will have extra seating set up. There will be valet parking for people who want to pull right up to the front door and walk in. We hope to have packed services this weekend: the first at 8AM and the second at 10:30AM.”)

So, can you please keep this weekend set aside? Do all you can to be in town. If you already have plans for that day, can you delay them for a few hours? Family time is important and needs to be prioritized. It is no different with our Christian family. It would be very encouraging to our brothers and sisters in Christ if you would join us in worship on that day!

**Sunday,  
October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**We are celebrating  
*Welcome Home Sunday*.  
Our hope is to have our  
entire church family—  
100% of our members  
— come together on  
that day.**

WELCOME  
*Home*

*Welcome Home Sunday* will have other things going on in addition to the worship service. We are planning some time for “reunions and refreshments.” (When family gets together, there tends to be food!) So, plan on sticking around for a while!

What *would* it be like if every single member showed up for worship one week? Let’s find out! Set aside October 27 at either 8:00 AM or 10:30 AM and join us at Zion.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Tim Schwartz Pastor Ben Zuberbier*

# Zion Lutheran Church and School

# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> Daylight Saving Time ends 8:00 am Worship, Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship, Communion	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm Bible Information Class 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble	<b>6</b> 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 9:15 am Pastor Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Pastor Principal Meeting 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 6-7th grade 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 8th Grade 6:30 pm Bell choir practice 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 6:30 pm Worship	<b>8</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>11</b> 8:00 am *BOE 3:00 pm Observation Day *Board of Ed Meeting 6:00 pm Winter Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	<b>13</b> 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 9:15 am Pastor Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Pastor Principal Meeting 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 6-7th grade 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 8th Grade 6:30 pm Council Meeting 6:30 pm Bell Choir practice	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Worship	<b>15</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>18</b> 1:00 pm Principal's Conference	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm PATZ Meeting 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble	<b>20</b> 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 9:15 am Pastor Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Pastor Principal Meeting 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 6-7th grade 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 8th Grade 6:30 pm Bell Choir practice 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Lakeside Pastors Day 6:30 am Worship w/ communion 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble	<b>22</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:00 am Worship, Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship, Communion	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble	<b>27</b> 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 9:15 am Pastor Staff Meeting 12:30 pm Early Release 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship	<b>28</b> No School- Thanksgiving Day	<b>29</b> No School- Thanksgiving Black Friday 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 6:00 pm Advent by Candlelight Set-up	<b>30</b> 12:00 pm Family Gathering

## Hannah Rodewald

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Zion Lutheran School

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

*Hannah:* I was born in Rockford, Illinois. I have lived in New Ulm, Minnesota since I was four. I attended St. Paul's Lutheran School for grade school. I graduated from Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School and Martin Luther College.

*Joe:* I was born in Saginaw, Michigan and lived there for 8 years before my dad accepted a call as pastor in Simpsonville, South Carolina. I lived in South Carolina for 6 years before going to Luther Prep for high school and then to MLC for college.

2. What do you have for family?

*Hannah:* My dad is a professor at MLC and my mom serves as one of MLC's receptionists. I have one older sister, Abby Smart. She is currently in grad school at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She married her husband, Keenan, this past August. A crazy summer for our family!

*Joe:* My dad is a pastor at Abiding Peace Lutheran Church in Simpsonville, SC and my mom serves as a Kindergarten teacher at our school there. My oldest brother is currently pursuing his Doctorate in English Education at the University of Florida and my other older brother is serving as pastor at Paradise Valley Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ.

3. How did each of you decide that you wanted to go into the ministry?

*Hannah:* Growing up, my parents were always very encouraging as I thought about the future. Many members of my extended family are in the ministry and I learned how rewarding it is to serve in that way. Continuous support from friends and family brought us to where we are today!

*Joe:* My parents were always encouraging me to consider ministry but made it clear that I could pursue other areas of service. In high school, my teachers and coaches offered great encouragement and pointed out specific gifts that I had which could be used for ministry.

4. What do you remember from call day?

*Hannah:* I remember the high emotions in the gym and having absolutely no idea where we would be assigned. Not only were Joe and I waiting for assignment, but we also anxiously awaited to hear where our closest friends would be sent. I can't say I've ever experienced feelings like that before.

*Joe:* Call day was a surreal experience and one that I will always remember. I remember feeling a combination of excitement and nerves for the two of us and my friends receiving calls. I specifically remember looking around as we were singing "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" and being thankful for my friends and family who are now going all over the country to serve in God's Kingdom.



5. What do you remember from your first day teaching?

*Hannah:* It was a blur! I remember feeling so welcomed by my wonderful class. We were all nervous, but made it through together. It is crazy to think that it has already been two months since that day!

*Joe:* I remember being very nervous all morning, but once I met the students and we got started with class I felt much more comfortable and excited.

6. Joe, what are your duties at Luther Preparatory School?

*Joe:* Some of my duties at LPS include: Serving as a tutor in the dorm, helping coach Cross Country, teaching senior American History, driving the bus for various student activities, taking students to doctor appointments, giving evening chapel and offering council and encouragement to the students.

7. What about teaching has been more challenging than you expected? What has been more fun than you thought it would be?

*Hannah:* Having no previous experience as the lead teacher in a classroom has been the biggest challenge. However, there have already been plenty of trials and errors that I have turned into great things! Each day comes with another day of experience that I am grateful for. I could not have predicted such a fun dynamic for a class. Each student brings unique gifts and personalities that, together, make an awesome little family!

*Joe:* I think the biggest challenge for teaching comes from teaching seniors in high school. Pushing and challenging the students in my class is something that I continue to strive to do each day. I have loved getting to know my students more and loved the opportunity to have meaningful and deep conversations in class.

8. What kind of habits are you developing that keep your personal faith in Jesus strong?

*Hannah:* The daily reminders that I give my students about our Savior also serve as

reminders for myself! My drive to and from school has become a time for me to take my thoughts and bring them to God in prayer. It is a great start and end to my school day.

*Joe:* Being able to lead chapel has been a great opportunity for me to keep my personal faith with Jesus strong. I have loved getting into a habit of examining an assigned text, diving into commentaries and finding a way to relate it to high school students. It has truly been a blessing.



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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.

### Get in Touch

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

## Greeter Schedule



### November 3

8:00am — E11	10:30am — L4
Harold & Delphine Schaefer	Bernard & Genevieve Setz

### November 10

8:00am — E14	10:30am — L5
John & Jane Evers	Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn

### November 17

8:00am — E1	10:30am — L7
Jeff & Melody Krakow	Wayne & Darlene Powers

### November 24

8:00am — E2	10:30am — L8
Dave & Kathy Harle	Otto & Sheree Mattke

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.

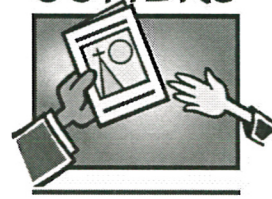


## Video Team Schedule

### November 2019

3 Phil Manteufel  
 10 Randy Koehn  
 17 Gary Schuhmacher  
 24 Matt Greiling  
 27 Randy Koehn

## USHERS



### November 3

8:00am - <u>Team E6</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L1</u>
Jim Greiling (C)	Tom Schultz (C)
Matt Greiling	George Decker (A)
Mike Sommer	Aaron Larson
Hunter Sommer	James Kopfer
John Brey	Dayne Kopfer
Bob Marousek	Brandon Lee
Jordan Crave	Brian Vierck

### November 10 & November 17

8:00am - <u>Team E7</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L2</u>
Mike Vick (C)	Dale Schultz (C)
Troy Kehoe (A)	Daniel Schultz
Bruce Hatzinger	Matt Ganser
Ron Yerges	Dylan Schultz
Jake Boness	Michael Hallberg
Brian Peck	Nathan Hallberg
	Henry Tews

### November 28

Thanksgiving Eve	7:00pm - <u>Team L3</u>
	Jim Kluetzman (C)
	Gabe Uttech
	AJ Uttech
	Michael Uttech
	Rodney Cooley
	Gary Schuhmacher

### November 24 & December 1

8:00am - <u>Team E1</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L4</u>
Jeff Henning (C)	Bruce Zander (C)
Daryl Berndt (A)	Kurt Zander (A)
Leo Fischer	Kane Browskowski
Matt Weidner	Wyatt Browskowski
Rodney Hacht	Jack Schultz
Mark Tiedt	Jesse Schultz

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 September 2019

Date	Total
5/8	347
12/15	243
19/22	393
26/29	388

### Membership



#### Membership Changes

**Transfers In:** Sara Klug and daughter, Lyla, from Peace, Sun Prairie; Emily Leuloff and daughter, Mahve, from St. Luke's, Watertown; Betty Rabbach from St. Luke's, Watertown; Lukas and Camille Lapp from Peace, Sun Prairie.

**Transfers Out:** Lydia Ibisch to Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church.

#### Ministrations

##### Death:

8. Nancy Lange - Born 8/22/1948; Died 9/24/2019.

##### Marriage:

3. Don Lamb & Sonja Weiland - Married 10/5/2019.

#### Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by November 22nd.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

[suehenning25@gmail.com](mailto:suehenning25@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Eleanor Schulze	5th	85 years
Rosie Zeidler	9th	89 years
Agnes Lindert	15th	94 years
Elaine Schultz	16th	86 years
Beatrice Selje	22nd	91 years
Sharon Salzwedel	23rd	86 years

#### Ladies Aid

In two weeks, November 7th, we will have our next meeting. Along with our business meeting, the kindergarten class will be there to spend some time with us. All Zion ladies are invited.



*Ladies Aid*

#### ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

All female Zion members (grades 7 and up) and their guests are welcome

to attend a Christ-centered program in preparation for the holiday season. There is no charge for this event. Reservations for this year's Advent by Candlelight will begin starting October 24/27 in the entryway to the church for the December 1st event. There also will be an online registration available through the Zion website. On December 1st, the doors will open at 6:00 pm for registration, fellowship and to admire the tables. Program will start at 6:30 pm. Space is limited and please make your reservations by November 24th. If you are willing to hostess a table or provide a dessert, indicate that on the sign-up sheet. Hostesses provide table settings, holiday decorations, and candles for a table of 8 ladies. Hostess sheets are due by November 17th for planning purposes. Many partner with one or two others to hostess a table. If you want to host a table or need more information before committing, please call one of the committee members: Joan Sennhenn 920-623-5618; Mary Kluetzman 920-296-1240; Colleen Winter 920-296-8679; Ruth Becraft 920-350-0163; Carol Peeper 920-992-3110; or Sara Uttech 608-772-0217.



# Make a plan

By Pastor Matt Ewart  
Time of Grace

If you believe Jesus is worthy to be worshiped, do you know what he said about giving? The Lord Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Do you wish you were more generous? Sure you do—who doesn't? *How* to become more generous is the question.

You might think that more money would make you more generous. That sounds good at first, but between the lines you are actually blaming God for your lack of generosity: until he gives you more money, you can't be generous.

Since blaming God never seems to end well, let's think through this a different way. God's greatest act of generosity did not require money. It required a plan and a sacrifice. Might the model of generosity he wants you to follow be similar?

Make a plan. Throw away the list of everything God *hasn't* given you and replace it with an inventory of what he *has* given you. Then the first thing you do is decide how much to give back to him through an offering.

So how much should you give? That's a fair question, but there's actually a better one that you can ask. It might scare you, but it goes like this: How much money do you have to sacrifice before you are forced to trust God with what's left?

**"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"** (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Having a plan insulates you from giving reluctantly or out of compulsion. A plan that includes sacrificial giving moves you to trust in God every day. Generous people don't make more money. They make a plan.

Your Stewardship Board





## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

November 8, 2019

### BBQ NIGHT

(Do you think of fried chicken, shrimp, steak or pork, this BBQ is up to you)

Texas

Australia

Korean

South Carolina

A night out to enjoy great food and great company!! We move to different locations through the night for each meal course. Contribute something for one of the courses and enjoy!!

6 pm – Drinks/Apps at Huber’s House (341 Ann St)

6:45 pm – Dinner at Meyer’s House (350 Brevity Ln)

7:45 pm – Dessert at Retzlaff’s House (325 Brevity Ln)

Kids can be dropped off at the school gym starting at 5:45 for supervised activities, Movie and LIGHT snacks (only for those parents who are attending this event)

Sign Up Genius to sign up for dishes - on the Zion Website under Crusader Life.

### PROGREESIVE DINNER

Please return RSVP to school by November 1nd

\_\_\_\_ YES, I can't wait to attend.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Kids will be staying at the gym (yes/no and how many) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Financial Statement  
September 2019**

	Sept 19	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 19 - Sept 19	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Church Picnic Income	-		-	
Extra Synod Missions Income	247.00		572.00	
General Fund Offerings	55,144.56		158,030.98	
LLHS Building Income	100.00		134.00	
Other Donations	498.00		2,943.00	
Other Receipts	60.00		(1,005.83)	
<i>FMUB Revolving Line of Credit @ 4.85%</i>	<i>9,800.00</i>		<i>23,500.00</i>	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	<i>-</i>		<i>-</i>	
WLCFS Income	-		8.00	
WLIM Income	-		8.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>65,849.56</b>		<b>184,190.15</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
Apartment Rent	-	655.00	(585.00)	7,860.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	26,720.59	28,043.33	78,518.39	336,520.00
Church Supplies	614.55	264.58	1,799.50	3,175.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	58.33	-	700.00
Copier	845.63	304.17	1,904.21	3,650.00
Elders Board	-	20.83	-	250.00
Family Ministry Board	(58.49)	375.00	254.58	4,500.00
Guest Pastor	120.00	250.00	1,661.68	3,000.00
Health Insurance	8,533.80	8,047.00	23,441.40	96,564.00
HRA Savings	-	1,000.00	5,000.00	12,000.00
Custodial	1,493.60	1,166.67	3,979.13	14,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	100.00	-	134.00	-
LLHS Expense	2,750.00	2,750.00	8,250.00	33,000.00
Maintenance	3,635.41	2,722.92	9,769.26	32,675.00
Meditations	-	125.00	362.00	1,500.00
Mileage	279.75	350.00	1,414.08	4,200.00
Miscellaneous	-	12.50	-	150.00
Organists	420.85	481.67	955.33	5,780.00
Outreach Board	-	375.00	623.31	4,500.00
Payroll Expenses	120.05	291.67	743.25	3,500.00
Pension Insurance	10,146.00	3,116.83	10,546.00	37,402.00
Postage and Delivery	64.23	116.67	446.85	1,400.00
Secretarial	2,162.77	2,041.67	5,993.93	24,500.00
Stewardship Board	178.11	150.00	994.57	1,800.00
Substitute Teaching	84.55	-	80.72	-
Sunday School/VBS	671.02	166.67	704.27	2,000.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,747.00	5,500.00	17,072.00	66,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	232.80	283.33	654.86	3,400.00
Utilities	3,561.76	2,385.42	9,326.11	28,625.00
WLCFS Expense	-	-	8.00	-
WLIM Expense	-	-	8.00	-
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,208.33	-	14,500.00
Worship	199.94	644.17	614.92	7,730.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>68,623.92</b>	<b>62,906.75</b>	<b>184,675.35</b>	<b>754,881.00</b>

# Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

September 2019

Previous Month Assets	\$155,299.11
Total Transactions	\$318.38
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$155,617.49</b>

New Church/School Total	\$153,993.10
checking/savings	

Accounts	Undesignated		Monthly Statements		NEW Church/School
	Checking	Explanation	Fund Savings	Explanation	
Previous Balance	\$245.60		\$146,254.52		\$7,272.14
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.99)		\$2,066.94		(\$1,600.50)
Current Balance	\$95.61		\$148,321.46		\$5,671.64
<b>Transactions</b>	<b>(\$150.00)</b>	<b>Joan Marks</b>	<b>\$3,085.78</b>	<b>9-3 deposit</b>	<b>(\$1,600.50)</b>
	\$0.01	Interest	(\$5,425.00)	9-3 Mortgage Payment	Check # 2263
			\$95.00	9-4 deposit	
			\$225.00	9-5 deposit	
			\$59.00	9-6 deposit	
			\$2,980.00	9-9 deposit	
			\$50.00	9-10 deposit	
			\$75.00	9-11 deposit	
			\$25.00	9-13 deposit	
			\$2,155.00	9-16 deposit	
			\$100.00	9-17 deposit	
			(\$5,425.00)	9-17 Mortgage Payment	
			\$105.00	9-18 deposit	
			\$184.00	9-20 deposit	
			\$1,815.00	9-23 deposit	
			\$50.00	9-24 deposit	
			\$75.00	9-25 deposit	
			\$25.00	9-27 deposit	
			\$1,626.00	9-30 deposit	
			\$187.16	Interest	
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.99)		\$1.93		(\$1,600.50)
<b>TOTAL TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>\$318.38</b>				
Interest Received	\$189.10				

Notes:

Check # 2263

Repair of A/C in Kindergarten room