

# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



## I Need More...Joy

After hastily opening the wrapped package and making the obligatory thank you, it certainly didn't take long to turn away from the thoughtful gift as something ho-hum.

Just then three-year-old Eleanor came along and stopping by the discarded item exclaimed, "Oh, my, what a beautiful gift! Is that yours? You must be so happy!" As she walked away I thought to myself, "Why don't I have the joy of that little girl?"

At times we have those feelings which cause us to cry out, "I need more joy in my life!" That is so often true at this time of year when for one reason or another we find ourselves lacking joy. There are indications everywhere that joy should fill our lives. Decorations are going up inside and outside. Christmas music surrounds us, and cards are arriving daily.

Some days the festive joy fills our hearts as we excitedly go about our holiday shopping and schedule planning. Yet deep down we know that this joy will not last. Planning becomes overwhelming, schedules start falling apart, and decorating gets tiresome. Above all, we know from experience, there will be no joy when we find we don't have enough money to purchase the perfect gift or when credit card payments come due. All of this leads us to shout out, "I need more joy! I need joy that will last!"



Here's some great news. Christmas brings us joy that does last—the true joy found in Jesus.

With a love that we cannot comprehend, our heavenly Father gave his only Son, born to be our Savior. With perfect obedience Jesus lived the life all of us are unable to live. Each and every evil thought, evil word, and evil deed we have done has been picked from us by our heavenly Father

and placed on Jesus. On Calvary's cross, Jesus bowed his head in death declaring, "It is finished." These words of Jesus bring us true joy. They mean that all is done and Easter's announcement "He Is Risen!" guarantees that God our Father has accepted Jesus' life and death as payment in full for all our sins. True joy is the forgiveness of sins

that is ours through faith in Jesus.

While we are in the midst of the season when it seems hard to keep joy in our lives, focus on the true Joy-Giver. Ponder again the words of the angels to the shepherds, "Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord." Come and worship the Babe born in Bethlehem and may God the Holy Spirit fill you with a joy that never ends.

**Worship Times:**


Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Wednesday Advent Devotions: 7 PM

*See calendar on page 2 for more worship opportunities this month.*

# Zion Lutheran Church and School

# December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 am Worship, Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship, Communion Advent by Candlelight	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 3:00 pm Winter Sports' Pictures Fellowship Hall in use 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble	<b>4</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 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Advent Devotion 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble	<b>6</b> LPS Classic (A-teams only) 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 8:00 am Zion School Chapel	<b>7</b> LPS Classic (A-teams only) 11:00 am Fellowship Hall in Use
<b>8</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	<b>9</b> BB Away St. John's, Juneau (B-teams only) 9:00 am Pastors Circuit Meeting 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	<b>10</b> 1:00 pm LLHS 8th Grade Math Test 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall in use 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	<b>11</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 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Advent Devotion 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall in use 6:30 pm Worship	<b>13</b> BB Away St. John's, Juneau (A-teams only) 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 8:00 am Zion School Chapel	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Christmas Service Practice
<b>15</b> 8:00 am Worship: Advent Lessons and Carols 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship: Advent Lessons and Carols	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall in use	<b>18</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 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Advent Devotion 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> BB Away Randolph Christian (A-boys A-girls 6:30pm) 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall in use 6:30 pm Worship	<b>20</b> BB Away Peace, Sun Prairie 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 12:30 pm Early Release	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 am Worship: Children's Christmas Service 10:30 am Worship: Children's Christmas Service	<b>23</b> No School-Christmas Break	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve No School-Christmas Break 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship	<b>25</b> Christmas Day No School-Christmas Break 10:00 am Christmas Day Worship with Communion	<b>26</b> No School-Christmas Break	<b>27</b> No School-Christmas Break 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:00 am Worship, Communion 10:30 am Worship, Communion	<b>30</b> No School-Christmas Break	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve No School-Christmas Break 5:00 pm Worship: New Year's Eve Communion Service				

# WELCOME Home

October 27, 2019

Thank you to everyone for making Welcome Home Sunday so special. Our goal was to invite 100% of our members to gather together for worship that day, and by God's grace and people's good help we reached that goal! Our attendance that day was nearly 500 people, just over 51%. That might be



short of what we would have liked, but it is substantially more people than average. It was wonderful! If you were

unable to attend, please don't feel bad. Schedules get busy. We look forward to seeing you soon, hopefully this coming weekend and over the holidays.

Welcome Home Sunday involved a lot of work by members. If you were one of those people who



volunteered your time, thank you for that service too!

Welcome Home tried to drive home this truth: a congregation is a family... a home... a place of love, support, and encouragement. The reality is we desperately need the help of others if we are going to faithfully follow Jesus and his Word in this broken world. God knows we need this! It is why Scripture typically refers to believers as "brothers and sisters" or as "family." Family supports one another. They are quick to forgive one another. Family does not remain



quiet when one of their own goes down a dangerous path, but lovingly addresses that issue. We all need this. We need a spiritual home like this. It is what we want our church to be. If you ever have any ideas for how we might better do this, please contact one of our pastors!

Welcome Home was a way to celebrate and commit to this ideal. Why did we want to have 100% attendance? Because we are family. When you have a family reunion, your goal is not to have 40% of the family to show up. You want to see everyone... to catch up with all your family.



Scripture says, "Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25 EHV). Something about having our whole family together, gathered around the Word, singing Christ's praises... it is extremely encouraging. Let's keep that encouragement going!

See you Sunday!



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## Council Names and Numbers

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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



### December 1

8:00am — E4	10:30am — L9
Delmar & Carol Vick	Bev Herold & Nicole Henning

### December 8

8:00am — E5	10:30am — L11
Emily Henning & Nancy Huebner	John & Sarah Brey

### December 15

8:00am — E6	10:30am — L12
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	Nils & Lara Johansson

### December 22

8:00am — E7	10:30am — L13
Jim & Jenny Greiling	Aaron & Rachel Larson

### December 29

8:00am — E8	10:30am — L1
Wilma Lenz & Joan Herzberg	Janell Allar & Kay Salzwedel

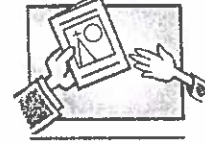
If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact Melody Krakow at (920) 210-6323.



## Video Team Schedule December 2019

8 Gary Schuhmacher  
15 Matt Greiling  
22 Phil Manteufel  
29 Randy Koehn

## USHERS



### 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

### December 8 & December 15

8:00am - <u>Team E2</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L5</u>
Dale Schilling (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Dale Gajdosik	Peter Lewke
Randy Vick	Dave Harle
Kenneth Schulz	Paul Musser
Matt Yaroch	Brian Bancy
Nick Yaroch	Eric Musser
Nate Yaroch	

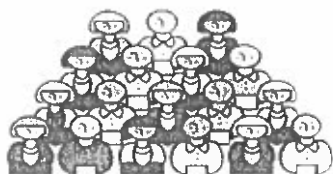
### December 22 & December 24

8:00am - December 22	10:30am - December 22
4:00pm - December 24	7:00pm - December 24
<u>Team E3</u>	<u>Team L6</u>
Randy Koehn (C)	Otto Mattke (C)
Dan Retzlaff	Paul Kehl (A)
Noah Litherland	Dennis Winter
Jim Stadler	Carl Wolf
Ben Grambsch	William Mattke
Josiah Schwartz	Nils Johansson
William Penterman	Shawn Opsahl

### December 25, December 29 & December 31

8:00am - December 29	10:00am - December 25
5:00pm - December 31	10:30am - December 29
<u>Team E4</u>	<u>Team L7</u>
Mark Lindell (C)	Matt Huber (C)
Remington Lindell	Carter Huber
Roger Weiland (C)	Jeremy Maas
Bryce Weiland	Peter Klokow
Brett Weiland	Tony Owens
Norman Weiland	Jack Klokow
Eric Turnquist (C)	

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 2019

Date	Total
3/6	402
10/13	416
17/20	350
24/27	495
31	70

### Membership



#### Membership Changes

**Transfers In:** Joseph & Hannah Rodewald; Denise Shi; Chad & Beth Linde (Adult Confirmation)

**Transfers Out:** Nathan Childs to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church; Kevin & Kara Amundson & Family to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

#### Ministrations

##### Death:

9. Donna Leisses - Born 5/13/1945; Died 10/29/2019.

#### Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by December 20th.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

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



## THIS MONTH'S birthdays

Raymond Grueneberg	3rd	84 years
Merle Nehmer	12th	85 years
Clara Sennhenn	16th	95 years
Reuben Christian	19th	87 years

#### Ladies Aid

It is that time of year when we discuss our Christmas gift giving at our December 5th meeting. The committee has discussed various options but would welcome other ideas.



*Ladies Aid*

Please remember a donation, product or money for Zion's Relief Committee.

We do not have a meeting in January, so we need to go over events until February.

May everyone have Happy Holidays and a Blessed New Year.

#### ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

The day has arrived for Advent by Candlelight.

On December 1st,

hostesses can set up tables between 11:30am and 3:00pm. Hostesses, please arrive at 5:50pm to light your candles and greet your guests. The doors will open at 6:00pm for guests to arrive for fellowship and viewing of the decorated tables. The program will begin at 6:30pm. Join us for an evening of the Word, music, fellowship, and desserts in preparation for the holiday season.



### Holiday Shopping with Scrip!

Christmas is less than four weeks away!?! We've got you covered there. 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 the details:

- Very soon, you will be seeing increased inventories of your favorites, as well as the addition of Christmas favorites like Bath & Body Works, Barnes & Noble, Noodles & Co., and more! If there is a particular card that you would like to see included, please let the Scrip sales volunteer know so we can get it in time for your needs.
- Now through December 23, 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 Home Depot are just a few of the many low-denomination cards you can purchase. To find the full list, go to [ShopWithScrip.com](http://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.
- The final day for ordering Scrip before Christmas is **Wednesday morning, December 11**. If you are placing your order online, it must be in by **noon** on the 11th. 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 17. 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 19. 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](mailto:mmcool_1@yahoo.com). Happy shopping!

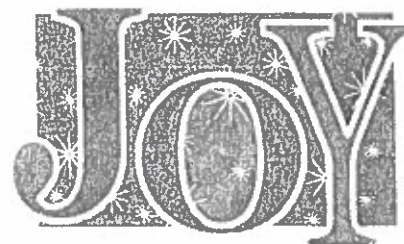
### Zion Relief Committee

Zion Relief Committee is collecting non-perishable food items (such as canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, etc.) and toiletries (such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, etc.) for its food pantry during the month of December. Items can be placed in the cupboard marked Food Pantry located in the entryway. If making a cash donation, please make the check payable to the Zion Relief Committee and put it in the box provided on the counter above the cupboard. If at any time after the food drive you have items or money you'd like to donate to the food pantry, you can place the items in the same cupboard and/or the cash donation in the box. If there are any questions, you can contact Denise Schilling at 623-2865.

## **WELS Wind Ensemble**

*Invites you to its annual*

# **Christmas Concert**



**Sunday, December 8  
2:00 PM**

**Fall River High School  
Auditorium**

**Ample parking - no stairs**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Financial Statement  
October 2019

	Oct 19	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 19 - Oct 19	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Church Picnic Income	-		-	
Extra Synod Missions Income	387.00		959.00	
General Fund Offerings	50,959.71		208,990.69	
LLHS Building Income	100.00		234.00	
Other Donations	265.00		2,638.00	
Other Receipts	556.20		28.02	
<i>Bank Revolving Line of Credit @ 4.85%</i>	<b>11,970.00</b>		<b>35,470.00</b>	
WLCFS Income	-		8.00	
WLIM Income	-		8.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>64,237.91</b>		<b>248,335.71</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
Interest Expense to Bank	204.49	-	204.49	-
Apartment Rent	-	655.00	(585.00)	7,360.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	26,101.13	28,043.33	104,619.52	336,520.00
Church Supplies	197.77	254.58	1,997.27	3,175.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	58.33	-	700.00
Copier	-	304.17	1,904.21	3,650.00
Elders Board	-	20.83	-	250.00
Family Ministry Board	331.13	375.00	585.71	4,500.00
Guest Pastor	-	250.00	1,661.68	3,000.00
Health Insurance	8,533.80	8,047.00	31,975.20	96,564.00
HRA Savings	1,500.00	1,000.00	6,500.00	12,000.00
Custodial	1,107.02	1,166.67	5,086.15	14,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	100.00	-	234.00	-
LLHS Expense	2,750.00	2,750.00	11,000.00	33,000.00
Maintenance	(78.71)	2,722.92	9,690.55	32,675.00
Meditations	362.00	125.00	724.00	1,500.00
Mileage	517.64	350.00	1,931.72	4,200.00
Miscellaneous	-	12.50	-	150.00
Organists	361.25	431.67	1,316.58	5,730.00
Outreach Board	152.96	375.00	776.27	4,500.00
Payroll Expenses	156.80	291.67	900.05	3,500.00
Pension Insurance	200.00	3,116.83	19,746.00	37,402.00
Postage and Delivery	63.32	116.67	510.17	1,400.00
Secretarial	2,392.96	2,041.67	8,386.89	24,500.00
Stewardship Board	215.33	150.00	1,209.90	1,800.00
Substitute Teaching	-	-	(11.63)	-
Sunday School/VBS	-	166.67	704.27	2,000.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,837.00	5,500.00	22,959.00	66,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	332.99	283.33	927.35	3,400.00
Utilities	3,048.78	2,385.42	12,374.89	28,625.00
WLCFS Expense	-	-	8.00	-
WLIM Expense	-	-	8.00	-
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,208.33	-	14,500.00
Worship	-	644.17	614.92	7,730.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>54,437.66</b>	<b>62,906.75</b>	<b>239,020.66</b>	<b>754,831.00</b>





## Worship with Us this Season



Sundays in December at 8:00 and 10:30 am

December 1 at 6:00 pm – Advent by Candlelight

December 4, 11, 18 at 7:00 pm: Advent Devotions

December 15 at 8:00 and 10:30 am:

Advent Lessons and Carols

December 22 at 8:30 and 10:30 am:

Children's Christmas Program

December 24 at 4:00 and 7:00 pm: Christmas Eve

December 25 at 10:00 am: Christmas Morning

December 31 at 5:00 pm: New Year's Eve

