

# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



## *God's Encouraging Word when I am burdened with guilt.*

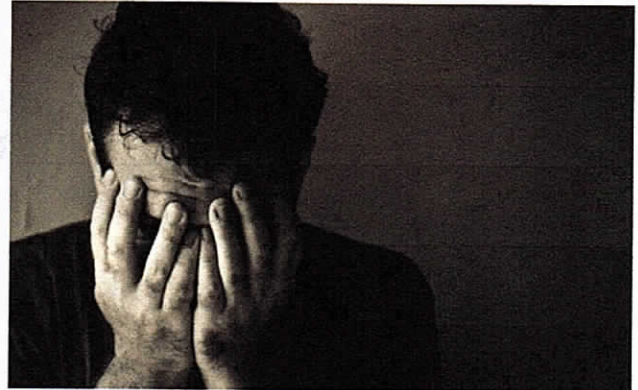
What she had done in the past weighed heavily on her conscience. She was living under the soul-crushing conviction that the death of her nine-year-old daughter was God paying her back for her sins.

He was resigned to live the rest of his life in despair. His wife had begged him to get help for his alcoholism through their entire marriage. Now suddenly, she was gone and so was any opportunity to make up for being a lousy husband and father. It was too late.

His head hung low as he dissolved into tears. When he looked up, he asked, "What kind of person would steal from his own family?" He knew the answer. That was why he was sobbing.

How does your guilt feel? Does it hit you like a wrecking ball when you are confronted with the horrifying truth of how evil you really are or how much damage and pain you've caused? Does it leave you hopeless or even horrified at the truth you have to face sooner or later? The truth that you're never going to be the person you know you should be. The truth that makes you a failure to a holy God and undeserving of anything good from him.

You should know something about all those people mentioned above. They all found relief from guilt. They found it in the only place it can be found—in the God who pledges, **"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."**



You might think your sins and weaknesses define you. They don't. Not in God's eyes. You know how you highlight a phrase and then hit "delete" when you are editing a document? God does that with your sins. He not only doesn't see them anymore, he doesn't even remember them. He doesn't recall the worst things you've done or your habitual failings. So your sins not only don't define you to God, they don't condemn you to his punishment either.

How is that possible? God loved you with a love so amazing that he charged his Son, Jesus, with your sins and punished him in your place. All of the ways you have sinned or ever will sin, have been paid for. They are not on your record or clinging to your identity anymore.

Believe it, and in Jesus live unburdened from your guilt and in the joyful freedom of forgiveness.

**Jesus Lives and Gives Us Life!**  
*Join us for Worship This Holy Week and  
Easter*  
**Good Friday (March 30): 1:30 and 7:00 PM**  
**Easter Sunday (April 1): Sunrise Service 6:00**  
**Easter Worship: 8:00 and 10:30**  
*Breakfast Served in the Zion gymnasium between services*

# Zion Lutheran Church and School

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Pastor's Day at LLHS 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 4:00 pm Girls' Basketball Party *Get Fit 6:15 pm	<b>2</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 8:00 am ZION'S FUTURE CRUSADER DAY	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Study 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	<b>5</b> AD Meeting 8:00 am SonBeams 6:15 pm *Get Fit	<b>6</b> 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 4:00 pm Catechism	<b>7</b> 3:30 pm Lent Worship 3:30 pm Grades 5th-8th Sing 4:30 pm Supper - 4:30-6:45	<b>8</b> 6:15 pm *Get Fit	<b>9</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Daylight Saving Time starts 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Bible Study 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>12</b> 8:00 am SonBeams 9:30 am Pastor's Circuit Meeting 6:15 pm *Get Fit	<b>13</b> 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 10:00 am Organ Tuning 4:00 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	<b>14</b> 10:00 am LLHS Swing Choir visit 3:30 pm Lent Worship Jr. Choir & Handchimes 4:30 pm Supper - 4:30-6:45 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm Lent Worship	<b>15</b> 6:15 pm *Get Fit	<b>16</b> 6:00 am End of 3rd Quarter Bible Breakfast	<b>17</b> 12:30 pm Schultz baby shower
<b>18</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Bible Study 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>19</b> *No School-Spring Break 8:00 am SonBeams	<b>20</b> *No School-Spring Break 4:00 pm No Catechism - Spring Break	<b>21</b> *No School-Spring Break 3:30 pm Lent Worship 4:30 pm Supper - 4:30-6:45 7:00 pm Lent Worship	<b>22</b> *No School-Spring Break	<b>23</b> *No School-Spring Break 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:00 am Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Bible Study 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion	<b>26</b> Holy Week 8:00 am SonBeams	<b>27</b> Holy Week 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 4:00 pm No Catechism - Spring Break	<b>28</b> Holy Week 7:00 pm Lakeside Easter Concert	<b>29</b> Holy Week 3:30 pm Maundy Thursday - Communion 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday - Communion	<b>30</b> *No School-Happy Easter 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 1:30 pm Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship	<b>31</b> *No School-Happy Easter



# 7 Questions for Eric and Heidi Turnquist

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

Eric grew up on the east side of Madison, and attended Eastside Lutheran, then high school at Lakeside Lutheran and college at UW-Madison. Heidi grew up in Middleton, attended Springfield and Martinsville for elementary school, graduated from Middleton High School, then completed the Medical Assistant Program at M.A.T.C. Later, she completed the Therapeutic Massage Program, also at M.A.T.C.

2. *How did you meet and marry? How do you keep your marriage strong?*

We met through a mutual friend while attending a local country music venue. We danced the two-step and have been together ever since that day. We try to have date nights as often as possible, including getting together frequently with other Christian couples.

3. *What makes your two kids different from each other?*

Our kids are vastly different in personality. They have each enjoyed much success in all areas of their lives, however, they each have a unique approach to life. Alyssa tends to be a perfectionist and will agonize over every detail. Eliot tends to be a bit more laid back and is able to move on more quickly after a setback.

4. *What is the best vacation you have taken together and why?*

Our best family vacation was a 2005 trip to Michigan. We stayed for a portion of the trip at a horse ranch, then made up the rest as we went along. We traveled along the coast of Lake Michigan, toured a state park in a dune buggy, played mini golf, visited a beach, and explored the area without an agenda.

5. *What is the most satisfying thing about your work?*

Eric recently made a career change and is a real estate/corporate paralegal. He is most satisfied with the variety of work he does every day. Heidi is a histotechnologist and certified medical assistant at a dermatology clinic in Madison. She enjoys the versatility of the day-to-day work, in which she splits time between the lab and the procedure room.

6. *How did you come to be a part of Zion?*

When we moved from Madison to our current home (between Columbus and Sun Prairie), we kept our Madison connections for awhile and remained members of Eastside. After having a conversation with a Zion family a few years later, we decided to make the switch and became members of the church

and enrolled Alyssa and Eliot in the grade school. We are so happy with our decision as we have met so many wonderful people at Zion and now feel much more connected with our community.

7. *What do you do to keep your faith strong?*

It is very easy to focus on life's daily challenges and stresses, so we try to make a conscious effort to be grateful for the gifts we have been given. Among those gifts are wonderful Christian friends with whom we surround ourselves, and we are so thankful to have them in our lives.

8. *What are the greatest challenges you see facing our congregation? What is your favorite thing about it?*

A tremendous challenge we face as a congregation are life's distractions that cause us to lose focus on Zion's mission and fail to prioritize our time, talents, and treasure for God's glory.

When we first joined Zion, we were overwhelmed by how we were welcomed in by so many friendly and outgoing people. We are very grateful for the friendly atmosphere that is still present at Zion; our lives have been enriched by all the wonderful people we have met here.



# ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Zion Lutheran School has been a part of the Columbus Community for years, educating children since 1856. We offer:

- **Accredited Education for K4 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Safe, Christian Learning Environment**
- **Experienced teachers in small classrooms**
- **Competitive Athletic and Music programs**
- **Affordable Tuition**
- *To set up a family tour, ask questions or enroll, please call (920) 623-5180 or visit [WWW.ZIONCOLUMBUS.ORG](http://WWW.ZIONCOLUMBUS.ORG) today!*



Join us on  
Saturday, March 10,  
from 9-11:30 for  
**Zion's Family Easter.**

- Free pancake breakfast
- Egg hunt
- Family projects

Visit [www.zioncolumbus.org](http://www.zioncolumbus.org)  
for more information

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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  
incredible  
gift!  
2 Corinthians 9:15

## Greeter Schedule



### March 4

8:00am — E7	10:30am — L5
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn

### March 11

8:00am — E8	10:30am — L7
Wilma Lenz & Joan Herzberg	Wayne & Darlene Powers

### March 18

8:00am — E9	10:30am — L8
Bill & Merle Nehmer	Otto & Sheree Mattke

### March 25

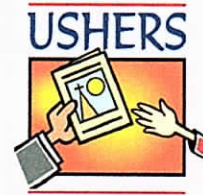
8:00am — E10	10:30am — L9
Gene & Elaine Beier	Bev Herold & Nicole Henning

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 March 2018

4 Gary Schuhmacher  
11 Randy Koehn  
18 Phil Manteufel  
25 Mark Lindell



### March 4

10:30am - Team L7  
Roger Weiland (C)  
Bryce Weiland  
Brett Weiland  
Peter Klokow  
Randy Koehn

### March 4, March 7 & March 11

8:00am - March 4	7:00pm - March 7
8:00am - March 11	10:30am - March 11
<u>Team E5</u>	<u>Team L1</u>
Mike Vick (C)	Tom Schultz (C)
Dale Schilling	George Decker (A)
Ron Yerges	Aaron Larson
Bruce Hatzinger	James Kopfer
James Stadler	Dayne Kopfer
J Doyle	Brandon Lee

### March 14, March 18 & March 21

7:00pm - March 14	10:30am - March 18
8:00am - March 18	7:00pm - March 21
<u>Team E6</u>	<u>Team L2</u>
Kim Schilling (C)	Dale Schultz (C)
Ronald Knudson	Daniel Schultz
Tracy Busse	Matt Ganser
John Zandler	Dylan Schultz
Scott Brenner	Michael Hallberg
Matt Vosberg	Nathan Hallberg
	Henry Tews

### March 25 (Palm Sunday), March 29 (Maundy Thursday) & March 30 (Good Friday)

8:00am - March 25	10:30am - March 25
7:00pm - March 29	7:00pm - March 30
<u>Team E7</u>	<u>Team L3</u>
Jim Greiling (C)	Jim Kluetzman (C)
Matt Greiling	Matt Huber (A)
Nicholas Arndt	Dale Harle
Mark Hintz	Michael Uttech
John Brey	Gabe Uttech
Bob Marousek	Rodney Cooley
	Gary Schuhmacher

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 Julie Doyle at (608) 846-5103.



### January Church Attendance

Date	Total
4/7	333
11/14	403
18/21	358
25/28	405



Delores Hasenfuss 4th 87 years  
 Harriette Moll 5th 88 years

## Membership



### Membership Changes

**Transfer:** Mabel Hein

**Remove:** Paul Schoenherr

### Ministrations

#### Marriage:

Suzanne Lloyd & Adam Erdmann, 1/21/18.

#### Baptism:

1. Mason Richard Caine, son of Tim Caine and Katie nee Yaroch. Born 1/9/18. Baptized 1/28/18.



## *Ladies Aid*

### Ladies Aid

At our last meeting it was decided to help Zion's Relief Committee by collecting money or products for them at each of our meetings. This will be done in place of the Mite Box. We also decided to do the March 7th Lenten meal. At our March 1st meeting everyone will have a chance to sign up for how you can help.

Brittany Bergum, an independent insurance agent, will tell us about various insurances Seniors may want to consider.

### Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **March 16th**. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or [suehenning25@gmail.com](mailto:suehenning25@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Financial Statement  
January 2018**

	January 18	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 17 - Jan 18	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Church Picnic Income	-		310.00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	200.00		505.00	
General Fund Offerings	56,311.03		391,547.79	
LLHS Building Income	303.55		756.55	
Other Donations	(310.25)		4,341.37	
Other Receipts	302.00		767.80	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	<b>5,500.00</b>		<b>36,000.00</b>	
WLCFS Income	185.00		766.00	
WLIM income	190.00		525.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>62,681.33</b>		<b>435,519.51</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
ACH fee	31.40		94.50	
Apartment Rent	735.00	635.00	4,545.00	7,620.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	28,702.49	28,229.75	196,221.24	338,757.00
Church Supplies	375.49	208.33	1,906.01	2,500.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	66.67	430.00	800.00
Copier	967.49	283.33	2,667.34	3,400.00
Elders Board	-	29.17	-	350.00
Family Ministry Board	(175.69)	358.33	1,110.28	4,300.00
Guest Pastor	50.00	58.33	368.20	700.00
Health Insurance	7,807.00	7,150.00	50,537.00	85,800.00
HRA Savings	2,023.00	2,016.67	14,161.00	24,200.00
Custodial	999.75	1,225.00	6,622.68	14,700.00
LLHS Building Expense	303.55		925.55	
LLHS Expense	2,815.54	2,250.00	19,460.70	27,000.00
Maintenance	1,858.20	2,204.17	13,330.98	26,450.00
Meditations	362.00	125.00	1,073.00	1,500.00
Mileage	291.25	358.33	2,370.01	4,300.00
Miscellaneous	30.37	16.67	105.06	200.00
Organists	302.86	282.67	2,107.62	3,392.00
Outreach Board	26.90	291.67	543.04	3,500.00
Payroll Expenses	667.75	241.67	2,157.40	2,900.00
Pension Insurance	-	2,445.00	15,708.00	29,340.00
Postage and Delivery	396.26	116.67	1,038.54	1,400.00
Secretaries	2,376.65	2,033.33	16,779.90	24,400.00
Stewardship Board	496.09	391.67	4,296.65	4,700.00
Substitute Teaching	94.20		(240.89)	
Sunday School/VBS	-	233.33	2,448.82	2,800.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,831.10	4,666.67	39,921.51	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	251.37	258.33	1,754.61	3,100.00
Utilities	5,756.48	3,093.75	28,426.57	37,125.00
WLCFS Expense	185.00		959.00	
WLIM Expense	190.00		698.00	
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,066.67	-	12,800.00
Worship	85.44	316.67	3,545.44	3,800.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>63,836.94</b>	<b>60,652.83</b>	<b>435,872.76</b>	<b>727,834.00</b>



Report for the Month of:

January 2018

## Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Previous Month Assets	\$265,697.52
Total Transactions	\$1,534.03
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$267,231.55</b>

New Church/School Total	\$181,742.84
checking/savings	

Accounts	Undesignated		Monthly Statements		NEW Church/School	
	Checking	Savings	Fund Savings	Explanation	Checking	Explanation
Previous Balance	\$494.60	\$54,667.40	\$173,877.29		\$781.55	
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.97)	(\$5,400.00)	\$7,084.00		\$0.00	
Current Balance	\$344.63	\$49,267.40	\$180,961.29		\$781.55	
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Transactions	(\$150.00)	(\$2,500.00)	\$2,129.00	1-10 Transfer to General Fund	\$514.00	1-2 Deposit
	\$0.03	\$100.00	\$500.00	1-12 Deposit	\$50.00	1-4 Deposit
		(\$3,000.00)	\$2,745.00	1-30 Transfer to General Fund	\$500.00	1-5 Deposit
			(\$5,425.00)		\$2,760.00	1-8 Deposit
			\$2,760.00	1-9 Loan Payment	\$2,760.00	1-15 Deposit
			\$2,260.00		\$2,260.00	1-16 Deposit
			\$6,578.00		\$6,578.00	1-22 Deposit
			(\$5,425.00)	1-23 Loan Payment	\$1,806.00	1-29 Deposit
			\$400.00		\$400.00	1-30 Deposit
			\$200.00		\$200.00	1-31 Deposit
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.97)	(\$5,400.00)	\$7,084.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	\$1,534.03					
Interest Received	\$0.03					

Notes:

