

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Ever Wonder?
Answers to
Important Questions.

WELS



Thankful... for my place in heaven.

Mom went over to the slow cooker where the Thanksgiving turkey had been all day. As the lid was taken off, a shriek filled the air. The slow cooker had been unplugged hours before to make room for Uncle Bob's famous sweet potato soufflé.

Tears filled Mom's eyes. "My dinner is ruined!" she cried. Dad chimed in, "Oh, honey. I am sure that it is good enough." However, the half-baked turkey was not good enough, nor was it safe to eat.

In our lives, we probably hear or say those words often. "Oh, the lawn looks good enough. I can wait another couple of days to mow." "Oh, the house isn't *that* dirty. It is good enough for now." "My job was done well enough for today. I am going home!"

What about when it is quitting time here in this life? Are we sure that we are going home to heaven? Are we good enough?

We may be individuals who settle for good enough more than we like to admit. However, we have a God who doesn't settle for anything but perfection. Jesus says, "Be perfect . . . as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

So are we good enough to go to heaven?

God takes the "lid" off of our hearts and tells us what he sees. "Every inclination of the human

heart is evil from childhood" (Genesis 8:21). Even if we try hard and work at being kind, good, and perfect, we still fail. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

So, now what will happen to us? Is our hope to live forever in heaven with God ruined?

Thanks to Jesus Christ, our Savior, the answer is, "No." We do have hope because Jesus has forgiven our sins by dying on the cross, and he has declared us to be innocent by rising from the dead. Because of what Jesus has done, every time that God looks at us, he sees us "holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation" (Colossians 1:22).

Are you good enough to go to heaven? Jesus did not just make you good enough, but he made you perfect! Through faith, you receive "the gift of God [which] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

WORSHIP WITH US!

Thursdays

6:30 pm

Sundays

8:00 and 10:30 am

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD

Thanksgiving Eve | November 23
7:00 pm

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 WELS Wind Ensemble Practice	2 4:00 6-7, 8 Catechism 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Zion Choir	3 7:45-11 Sanctuary Cleaning 2:00 Ladies Aid 6:30 Worship	4 6:00 Bible Breakfast No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences	5 Boys Volleyball Tournament
6 8:00 AM Worship, Communion 8:00 AM Online Worship Posted 9:15 AM Bible Study, Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship: Communion 8 & 10:30 Jr. Choir and Handchimes	7 Election Day Board of Education Observation Day 7:00 WELS Wind Ensemble Practice	8 Grade 3-6 Field Trip to Capitol 4:00 6-7, 8 Catechism 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Zion Choir	9 Picture Retake Day 7:45-11 Sanctuary Cleaning 6:30 Worship	10 Veterans Day LPS Forensics 6:00 Bible Breakfast	11 6-8:30 PATZ Progressive Dinner	12
13 8:00 AM Worship 8:00 AM Online Worship Posted 9:15 AM Bible Study, Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	14 9 AM - 1 PM Organ Tuning 6:30 Stewardship Board	15 6:00 PATZ 7:00 WELS Wind Ensemble Practice	16 4:00 6-7 Catechism 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Council 7:00 Zion Choir	17 7:45-11 Sanctuary Cleaning 6:30 Worship	18 6:00 Bible Breakfast	19 9-3 Zion Craft Group
20 8:00 AM Worship 8:00 AM Online Worship Posted 9:15 AM Bible Study, Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	21 Sanctuary Monthly Cleaning 3:30 Faculty Meeting	22 7:00 WELS Wind Ensemble Practice	23 12:30 Early Release 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship	24 Thanksgiving Day No School: Thanksgiving	25 Native American Heritage Day No School: Thanksgiving	26
27 8:00 AM Worship, Communion 8:00 AM Online Worship Posted 9:15 AM Bible Study, Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship: Communion	28	29 7:00 WELS Wind Ensemble Practice	30 4:00 6-7 Catechism 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Council 7:00 Zion Choir			



Seth and Danielle Nelson and Family

1. *Let's start with your family: Where did you grow up? How did you meet and marry?* Danielle: Fall River, Wi and Seth: Neosho, Wi, we met after college on match.com

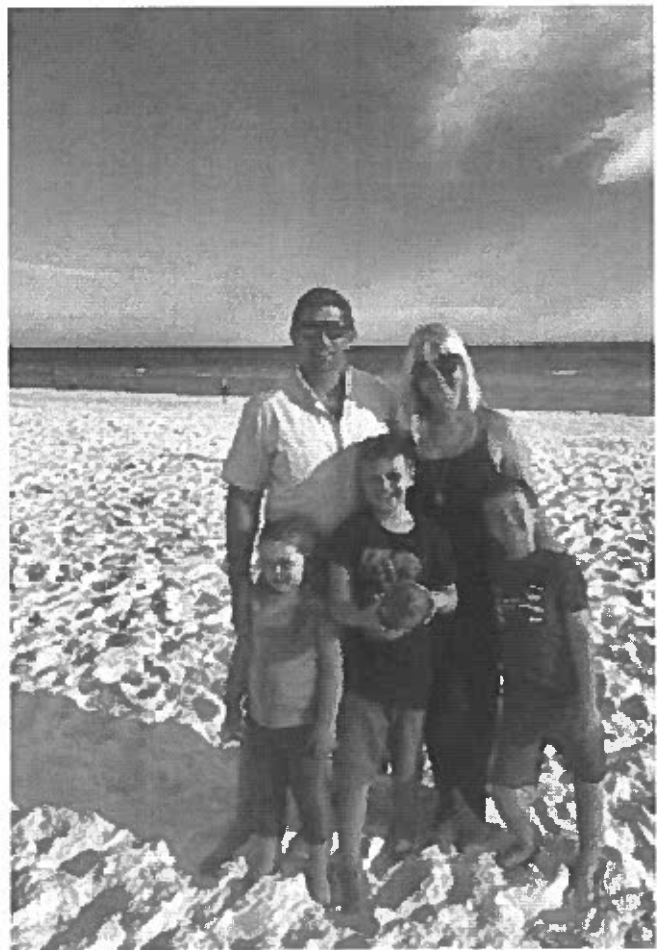
2. *What do you want people to know about each of your kids?* Brock is very caring and empathetic. Beau is very passionate and has a huge heart. Bianca is friendly and loves animals.

3. *What have been some of your more interesting work experiences?* Danielle: before becoming a nurse in my adult life I was a barista and developed my love for coffee :) Seth now works in the trucking industry but worked at a stone yard most of his teenage and college years.

4. *What's been your favorite family vacation?* Orange Beach, Alabama but we enjoy our summers in the north woods as well

5. *How did each of you become part of Zion?* Danielle: in childhood as my family are members. Seth: before we got married.

6. *What are the hardest challenges to your faith that you face today? What do you do*



to deal with those challenges? The worldly ways are becoming farther from God so it's important to ground ourselves in the word and keep it in our daily conversations at home.

7. *What challenges do you see facing our church in the near future? What do you hope stays the same as time goes on?* The worldly views keep drifting farther from the Bible. I hope people continue to cultivate their faith, and I am hoping all the changes that have occurred the last few years have grounded people in their faith.

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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.

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Thanks
be to God
for his
indescribable
gift!

2 Corinthians
9:15

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

October 30th & November 6th

8:00am - Team E6	10:30am - Team L3
John Brey (C)	Jim Kluetzman (C)
Jim Greiling	Gabe Uttech
Rick Gentz	AJ Uttech
Hunter Sommer	Michael Uttech
Jordan Crave	Gary Schuhmacher
Christian Bagocius	Jadon Schwartz

November 13th & November 20th

8:00am - Team E7	10:30am - Team L4
Mike Vick (C)	Kurt Zander (C)
Troy Kehoe (A)	Jim Yohn
Bruce Hatzinger	Wyatt Browskowski
Isaac Peck	Peter Klokow
Jake Boness	Jack Klokow
Brian Peck	

November 23rd - Thanksgiving Eve

7:00pm - Team L5
 Phil Manteufel (C)
 Peter Lewke
 Cam Weiland
 Dan Weiland
 Josiah Schwartz
 Micah Schwartz

November 27th & December 4th

8:00am - Team E1	10:30am - Team L6
Jeff Henning (C)	Paul Kehl (C)
Daryl Berndt (A)	Otto Mattke (A)
Leo Fischer	Dennis Winter
Matt Weidner	Carl Wolf
Gabe Weidner	William Mattke
Rodney Hacht	Nils Johansson
Mark Tiedt	Shaun Opsahl

If you have any questions about the usher 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 (920) 296-4333.

WORSHIP WELCOMERS

November 6th

8:00am	10:30am
Jeff & Melody Krakow	Nils & Lara Johansson

November 13th

8:00am	10:30am
Kathy Harle & Joan Sennhenn	Aaron & Rachel Larson

November 20th

8:00am	10:30am
Delmar & Carol Vick	Laurie Kirchberg & Pat Premo

November 27th

8:00am	10:30am
Emily Henning & Nancy Huebner	Rick & Lisa Gentz

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.



Church Attendance September

Date	Total
1/4	271
8/11	331
15/18	284
22/25	365

Membership Changes

Transfer In:

None

Transfer Out:

Janell Allar to Good Shepherd, Beaver Dam, WI
Jeff & Cathy Anton to St. Paul's, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Phillip Tetzlaff & Liam to St. Luke's, Oakfield, WI

Released:

None

Ministrations

Baptisms:

9. Palmer Belle Fischer
Born 1/23/2021; Baptized 9/10/2022

Deaths:

None

Marriages:

None

Confirmations:

None

Affirmations of Faith:

None

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by November 18th.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Income and Expense Statement
GENERAL FUND 01, September 2022

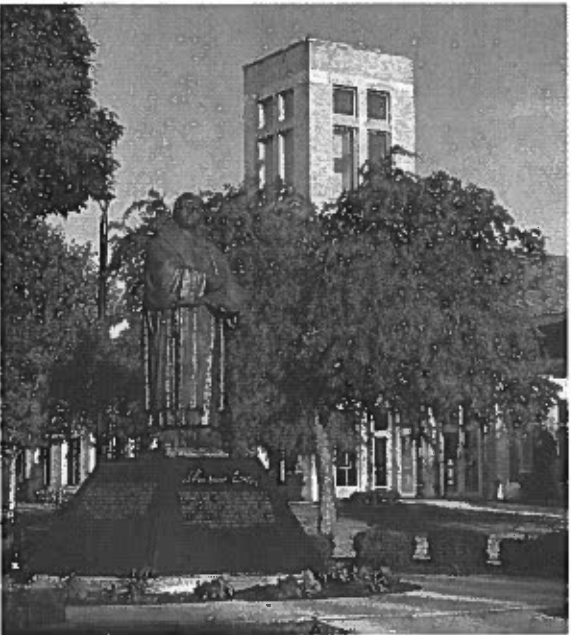
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	Current Period	Year to Date	Annual Budget Percentage
INCOME			
CONTRIBUTION INCOME			
UNRESTRICTED	\$58,069.15	\$169,685.57	0.00%
DONOR RESTRICTED	9,281.08	35,642.37	0.00%
Subtotal Contribution Income	67,350.23	205,327.94	0.00%
<i>Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	67,350.23	205,327.94	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME			
	2,108.26	2,168.26	0.00%
TOTAL INCOME	69,458.49	207,496.20	0.00%
<i>Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	69,458.49	207,496.20	
EXPENSES			
FIXED EXPENSES			
CALLED WORKER PAYROLL	\$29,672.05	\$87,848.62	23.66%
SUPPORT STAFF	4,092.31	9,157.18	18.31%
BENEFITS	21,405.49	42,827.80	19.43%
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	2,355.12	4,245.85	21.66%
BUILDING & GROUNDS	7,916.07	26,499.34	23.47%
Subtotal Fixed Expenses	65,441.04	170,578.79	22.03%
<i>Budgeted</i>	57,094.63	146,415.56	18.91%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	8,346.41	24,163.23	
DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES			
OUTSIDE SUPPORT	8,635.00	26,065.00	25.30%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	682.26	1,253.96	31.35%
WORSHIP/MUSIC	72.98	553.74	4.18%
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH	332.19	332.19	5.11%
ELDERS	0.00	0.00	0.00%
STEWARDSHIP	299.33	824.09	24.97%
FAMILY MINISTRY	146.55	651.58	20.36%
Subtotal Departments/committees	10,168.31	29,680.56	22.25%
<i>Budgeted</i>	9,528.59	28,763.84	21.56%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	639.72	916.72	
OTHER EXPENSES			
CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS	0.00	510.00	34.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	75,609.35	200,769.35	22.08%
<i>Budgeted</i>	66,623.22	175,689.40	19.32%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	8,986.13	25,079.95	
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS			
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	-\$8,842.08	-\$32,277.32	0.00%
TOTAL TRANSFERS	-8,842.08	-32,277.32	0.00%
<i>Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	-8,842.08	-32,277.32	
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	<u><u>-\$14,992.94</u></u>	<u><u>-\$25,550.47</u></u>	<u><u>2.81%</u></u>

LUTHER PREP PULSE

FALL 2022: ISSUE 01



MEET LUTHER PREP

Welcome to the *Luther Prep Pulse*! I'm excited to offer this regular update of Luther Prep, a high school which our whole church body owns and operates.

Luther Prep prepares and encourages students to become pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and witnesses for Jesus. About half of our students will be pastors in churches, teachers in classrooms, and staff ministers serving God's people. The other half will be awesome church members who share Jesus with family, friends, and neighbors.

Really, Luther Prep is for students who are willing to be encouraged toward the gospel ministry. Many of our students are unsure of how they want to serve God. That's OK! They are considering (and I hope you do, too!) this important question: "How can I tell others about Jesus?"

Pastor Evan Chartrand
Recruitment Director

*SHADOWING WHAT & WHY?

Grade school students often have questions about attending Luther Prep. "What are the classes like?" "Is it tough to live in the dorms?" "What's a typical day like?" "How's the food?"

A great way to answer those questions is to shadow an LPS student. Shadowing gives 7th-8th graders a firsthand glimpse of life at Luther Prep. You'll sit in on classes, worship in chapel, eat in the cafeteria, and meet lots of fun people. You can shadow for a day, or do an overnight stay in the dorms. The best part? These visits are FREE!

7th and 8th graders, have your parents contact LPS to set up your shadowing visit. We are excited for you to visit!



REQUEST A VISIT

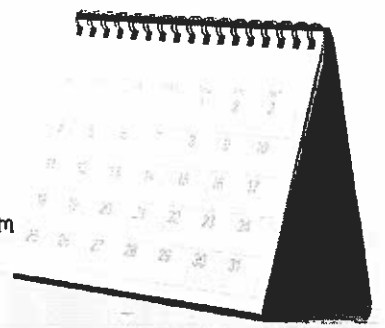
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Or call 920-261-4352
Or email info@lps.wels.net



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Starts Sept! SHADOWING*
- Sept. 16th Open House @ 5pm
- Sept. 30th Homecoming
- Oct. 22 & 23 Fall Play public shows
- Oct. 22nd Fall Play dinner theater
- Oct. 22nd Open House @ 5pm
- Nov. 13th Open House @ 5pm
- Nov. 13th Fall Band Concert @ 7pm
- Nov. 19th HSPT #1"
- Dec. 4th Dance Clinic
- Dec. 11th Christmas Concert @ 3pm

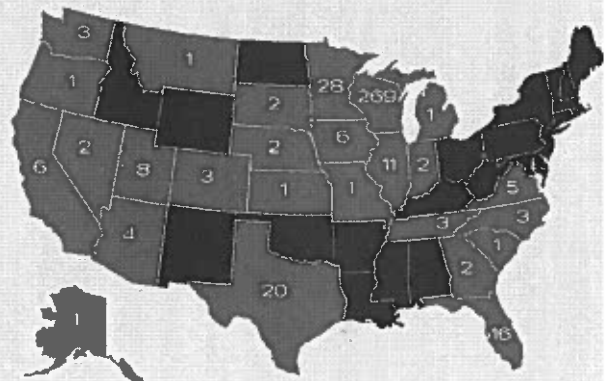


LPS BY THE NUMBERS

408
STUDENTS

FROM
26
STATES

FROM
174
DIFFERENT CONGREGATIONS





Aggressively reaching lost souls

My gift to 100 Missions in 10 Years

Together with you, we kick off this initiative trusting God to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.



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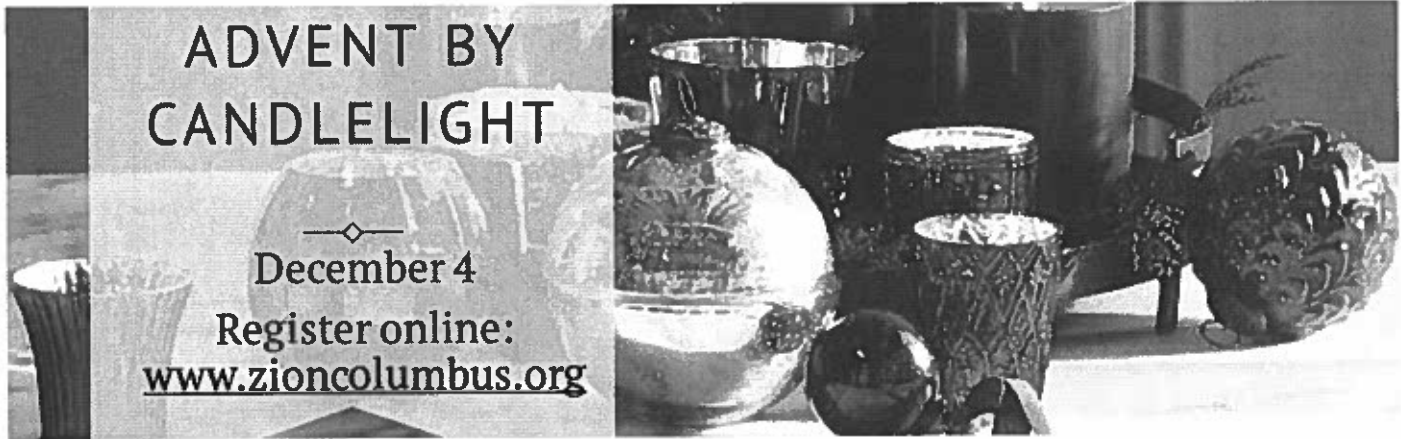
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December 4

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