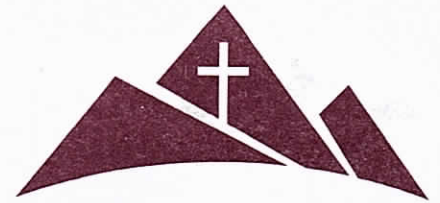


# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



## *God's Encouraging Word... when I deal with death*

Everyday tragedy bombards you. The world news scene is constantly flooded with horrible stories. Another bombing, another mass shooting, and another natural disaster fill your newsfeed. This sad and frustrating news isn't just out there. It's personal. A co-worker is diagnosed with a terminal illness. A close friend dies. You're attending the funeral of a family member.

No matter how many happy days we enjoy, these sad days come too. When faced with death, our hearts may cry out, "It shouldn't be this way!" And we're right. It shouldn't be like this. Death is a jolting end of life. Death is a separation of body and soul. We don't want that. God doesn't want that. God didn't intend it to be like this when he created the first man and woman. Why is it then that death eventually comes to all people?

Quite simply and tragically, death comes because of sin. The first man and woman rebelled against God. When they chose to rebel, they brought death upon themselves. And they have passed both their sin and death on to all their descendants—to you and to me. We see their rebellion in our little rebellions—in our lies, our pride, our arrogance, our hate, our sin. And where there is sin, there is death.



How much does Jesus hate sin and death? Jesus detested sin and death so much he fought and defeated them. Jesus took our sin. In our place, Jesus suffered and died. He endured the punishment we deserved. When Jesus died, his death was not a result of his sin. Jesus' death came as punishment because he shouldered the sins of the whole world—every one of your and my sins. Since Jesus dealt with the cause of death—which is sin, death lost its sting.

Jesus comforted a friend who was grieving the death of her brother by proclaiming: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Jesus promised that because he is "the resurrection and the life," all believers will be raised to eternal life too. Jesus gives eternal life to all who believe in him.

You will face death over and over again—in the relentless stream of world news and in the sad news that death is striking those you love. Listen to Jesus' words. Trust Jesus. He is the resurrection and the life. One day death will come to you. And even though you die, because you believe in Jesus you will live eternally with him in heaven.

## *Worship with Us!*

Sunday Mornings 8 & 10:30 AM  
Sunday School and Bible Study 9:15  
Thursday Evening 6:30 PM

# Zion Lutheran Church and School

## April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 am Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Our Lord: Sunrise Worship (Communion) Easter Breakfast 8:00 am The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day Worship 10:30 am The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day Worship	<b>2</b> *No School-Happy Easter	<b>3</b> 7:00 am 6:30 pm Faculty Bible Study Outreach Board	<b>4</b> 4:00 pm 8th Grade Catechism only (no 6th & 7th)	<b>5</b> 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:30 pm 3rd and 4th Field trip Mantowoc Maritime Museum Ladies Aid Meeting Basketball open gym Worship	<b>6</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Basketball Open Gym
<b>8</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Bible Study 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>9</b> 8:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm SonBeams *Board of Ed Meeting Bible Information Class	<b>10</b> 7:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm Faculty Bible Study Fine Arts Festival Concert Stewardship Board	<b>11</b> 4:00 pm 6:30 pm Catechism Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 4:00 pm 6:30 pm Basketball open gym Worship with Holy Communion	<b>13</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>14</b> Fine Arts Festival
<b>15</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 1:30 pm Fine Arts Festival Concert	<b>16</b> *No School-Teacher Inservice	<b>17</b> 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study	<b>18</b> 4:00 pm Catechism	<b>19</b> 4:00 pm 6:30 pm Basketball open gym Worship	<b>20</b> 6:00 am *Science Fair Bible Breakfast	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Basketball Open Gym
<b>22</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Bible Study 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study	<b>25</b> 4:00 pm Confirmation	<b>26</b> 4:00 pm 6:30 pm K-4 Field Trip to LPS Play Pastor's Day for Seniors at LLHS Basketball open gym Worship (Communion)	<b>27</b> 6:00 am Parents Day/Arbor Day Bible Breakfast	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Confirmation Examination 10:30 am Confirmation Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Grades K4-7th Sing 11:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	<b>30</b>					



## 8 Questions for Ed and Michelle Wolf

1. *Where did each of you grow up? Where did you go to school?* Michelle was born in Milwaukee, moved to West Bend at the age of 3, and graduated from West Bend West in 1984. Ed grew up just outside of Slinger in a place called Ackerville, attending Kettle Moraine Lutheran H.S. 1983.

2. *How did you meet and marry?* We met the "old fashion way" at a dance club in Milwaukee on New Year's Eve, welcoming 1988. I told him, (as assistant manager) I could get him a free meal from the fast food restaurant I worked at, and the rest is history. Well, there's more to it than that and he will tell you he never got that meal free (though he received many).

We were married during a blizzard Dec. 2, 1989 on Ed's grandpa's 80<sup>th</sup> B-day. The sun shone thru the stain glass windows at Peace Lutheran in Hartford when we were pronounced husband & wife and Ed's grandma loudly said "It's a sign!" We moved to Columbus in 2000. We have had the business, Chestor Bandits, for 33 years.



3. *What is one thing that you would like people to know about each of your kids?* Our oldest daughter Miranda went to school at Zion then graduated from Lakeside 2009. She is our assistant at the station. It wasn't her original plan but we are the best bosses she has ever had so it's a win-win. She and her husband Andrew have a son Benjamin, who is currently 8 months old. Our son Eddie is 24, he is on the Autism spectrum & nonverbal but we try to harass him as often as we do his sisters. (Gotta keep things fair.) He stocks candy at the station and does crafts at the Workshop. Katelyn also went to Zion & graduated Lakeside 2015, she's currently a junior at WLC, and she is interested in the field of digital Media. (Please don't ask me to explain it.)

4. *Please explain a little about Eddie and his challenges. How has raising Eddie been good for you?* I am always surprised when I am asked about raising little Eddie because now it's been such a part of everyday living that we forget it's different. It comes down to us learning his communication abilities –just like with a baby or toddler-figuring out the need takes guess work & then recognition. Eddie has learned many things as he's gotten older, just not with the same speed as someone else his age. There's the plan A, plan B, and plan Eddie. Where he needs the structure, we had to learn to be

flexible. We will try to throw in a curve ball (say change where we sit in church) and then try to deal with the fallout. Sometimes it's smoother than we think it will be. It's easy to say we have a lot of faith but in practice there's more reminding ourselves that God has reasons for having us raise Eddie. It didn't divide us so maybe it makes us stronger.

5. *How did you become such big Badger hockey fans?* Along with Autism specialists, counselors tell married people to take time for yourselves and each other, so date night is a little different here. We usually put another couple between us and go to a Badger College Hockey game, sitting right where the pucks fly over the glass. Actually Michelle fell for the sport back before the Miracle on Ice of 1980 and she'd follow the Stanley Cup games & the Admirals. In 2004, Ed got tickets to the Sea of Red & White with the Badger Band playing and it was love. It is the sport we share together.

6. *How did you come to be a part of Zion?* When we married we were members at Peace in Hartford, but the station was in Columbus – After 10 years Michelle was finally convinced to move away from her mom & we transferred to Zion- our major interest was having a Christian school for the kids- we feel that yes, we can read the Bible, talk about the Lord & pray at home but to have it reinforced by many more people all around would make the girls stronger and more confident in their beliefs. In 2000, I asked Pastor Cares to give me a tour of the church when it was on Mill St. We stood at the back & he pointed "Well there's the altar, & over there is the organ." I said, "You're a funny guy." He said he'd been at Zion a long time. I said, "Wow, when was that?" He said, "1966," I said, "Gee-that's the year I was born. He said "Well then, you know how I feel. (Remember he retired in 2001.)

7. *What do you do to keep your faith strong?* We rely on God's Word as our truth. Attending church is a wonderful feeling, to know everyone around us has the same belief. Having a strong family support group continues to strengthen us, so if one of us stumbles, we are lifted up from all sides.

8. *What are the greatest challenges you see facing our congregation?* Our congregation is full of wonderful, giving people. To have each next new generation continue that in large numbers is challenging but it's good to have goals. We enjoy the interaction with other congregants and the church activities.

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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  
indefinable  
gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

## Greeter Schedule



### April 1

8:00am — E11	10:30am — L10
Harold & Delphine Schaefer	Rebeca Kramer & Joan Marks

### April 8

8:00am — E12	10:30am — L11
Waldamar Vick	John & Sarah Brey

### April 15

8:00am — E13	10:30am — L12
John & Jane Evers	Nils & Lara Johansson

### April 22

8:00am — E1	10:30am — L13
Jeff & Melody Krakow	Aaron & Rachel Larson

### April 29

8:00am — E2	10:30am — L1
Dave & Kathy Harle	Nancy Huebner

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 2018

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



### April 1 - (Easter)

6:00am - <u>Team E8</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L4</u>
Mike Vick (C)	Bruce Zander (C)
Troy Kehoe (A)	Kurt Zander (A)
Dale Schilling	Kane Browskowski
Logan Kehoe	Wyatt Browskowski
Jake Boness	Bradley Sennhenn
Brian Peck	Neal Sennhenn
	Mike Sommer

### April 1 (Easter) & April 8

8:00am - April 1 Easter	
8:00am - April 8	10:30am - April 8
<u>Team E1</u>	<u>Team L5</u>
Jeff Henning (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Daryl Berndt (A)	Peter Lewke
Leo Fischer	John Cares
Matt Weidner	Paul Mussser
Rodney Hacht	Brian Baney
Mark Tiedt	Andy Tratar

### April 15 & April 22

<u>Team E2</u>	<u>Team L6</u>
Delmar Vick (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 29 & May 6

<u>Team E3</u>	<u>Team L7</u>
Randy Koehn (C)	Roger Weiland (C)
Harold Schaefer	Bryce Weiland
Jadon Schwartz	Brett Weiland
Joe Grambsch	Peter Klokow
Ben Grambsch	Randy Koehn
Matt Yaroch	
Nick Yaroch	

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.



### February Church Attendance

Date	Total
4	267
8/11	371
15/18	432
22/25	395

## Membership



### Membership Changes

**Accept:** Gene & Jacquie Herzberg, Ashley Erdmann, Livia Erdmann, Brian Vierck

### Ministrations

#### Death:

1. Russell Hundley Born 10/1/1923. Died 2/20/2018.

#### Baptism:

3. Elijah Michael Sommer, son of Mike & Paulette Sommer. Born 1/2/18. Baptized 2/25/18.
4. Laikynn Christine Kovalaske, daughter of Tyler & Brooke (nee Senn) Kovalaske. Born 1/17/18. Baptized 2/25/18.

### LWMS Spring Rally

All of the women from our congregation are invited to attend the Lutheran Womens Missionary Society Spring Rally on Saturday, April 21st in Fox Lake. The service project for the spring rally is two fold, focusing on the needs of our area WELS Lutheran Camp, Camp Phillip in Wautoma, Wisconsin. We will be accepting monetary donations for the \$500,000.00 building project to upgrade the facilities, and, secondly, we will be collecting a wide range of supplies needed by the campers. Included in the wish list are things like balloons, hornet spray, finger paint, gift cards, toilet paper, frisbies, and duct tape. Please contact Carol Peeper if you have any items of this nature to donate, or if you would like to see the complete list. Another highlight of the rally will be a silent auction. Each congregation in our district will be donating a gift basket to be auctioned off. The funds raised will be used to assist with the cost of attending the national rally in June. This financial assistance is available to first time attendees. Applications for the assistance are due by April 15th to be considered.

### Ladies Aid

Our next meeting is April 5th at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All congregation ladies are invited to join us.

Gertrude Stillson will be there to give us helpful hints on caring for household plants.



### *Ladies Aid*

### Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **April 20th**. 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  
February 2018**

	Feb 18	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 17 - Feb 18	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Church Picnic Income	-		310.00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	20.00		525.00	
General Fund Offerings	47,037.46		438,585.25	
LLHS Building Income	104.00		860.55	
Other Donations	1,348.00		5,689.37	
Other Receipts	83.00		850.80	
<b>Transferred from Undesignated</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>		<b>44,000.00</b>	
WLCFS Income	23.00		789.00	
WLIM Income	28.00		553.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>56,643.46</b>		<b>492,162.97</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
ACH fee	10.40		104.90	
Apartment Rent	655.00	635.00	5,200.00	7,620.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	28,130.64	28,229.75	224,351.88	338,757.00
Church Supplies	117.69	208.33	2,023.70	2,500.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	66.67	430.00	800.00
Copier	-	283.33	2,667.34	3,400.00
Elders Board	-	29.17	-	350.00
Family Ministry Board	-	358.33	1,110.28	4,300.00
Guest Pastor	-	58.33	368.20	700.00
Health Insurance	7,807.00	7,150.00	58,344.00	85,800.00
HRA Savings	2,023.00	2,016.67	16,184.00	24,200.00
Custodial	812.08	1,225.00	7,434.76	14,700.00
LLHS Building Expense	104.00		1,029.55	
LLHS Expense	2,351.87	2,250.00	21,812.57	27,000.00
Maintenance	1,166.64	2,204.17	14,497.62	26,450.00
Meditations	-	125.00	1,073.00	1,500.00
Mileage	357.65	358.33	2,727.66	4,300.00
Miscellaneous	10.00	16.67	115.06	200.00
Organists	278.22	282.67	2,385.84	3,392.00
Outreach Board	90.74	291.67	433.78	3,500.00
Payroll Expenses	282.35	241.67	2,439.75	2,900.00
Pension Insurance	-	2,445.00	15,708.00	29,340.00
Postage and Delivery	68.93	116.67	1,107.47	1,400.00
Secretaries	2,094.22	2,033.33	18,874.12	24,400.00
Stewardship Board	590.15	391.67	4,886.80	4,700.00
Substitute Teaching	-		(240.89)	
Sunday School/VBS	-	233.33	2,448.82	2,800.00
Synod Mission Expense	4,723.75	4,666.67	44,645.26	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	443.52	258.33	2,198.13	3,100.00
Utilities	6,260.06	3,093.75	34,686.63	37,125.00
WLCFS Expense	23.00		982.00	
WLIM Expense	28.00		726.00	
Worker Comp./Liability Insurance	-	1,066.67	-	12,800.00
Worship	143.35	316.67	3,688.79	3,800.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>58,572.26</b>	<b>60,652.83</b>	<b>494,445.02</b>	<b>727,834.00</b>

Report for the Month of:

February 2018

## Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Previous Month Assets	\$265,697.52
Total Transactions	-\$8,322.98
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$257,374.54</b>

New Church/School Total	\$181,569.84
<i>checking/savings</i>	

Accounts	Undesignated		Monthly Statements	
	Checking	Savings	Fund Savings	Checking
Previous Balance	\$344.63	\$49,267.40	\$180,961.29	\$781.55
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.98)	(\$8,000.00)	(\$173.00)	\$0.00
Current Balance	\$194.65	\$41,267.40	\$180,788.29	\$781.55
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Transactions	(\$150.00)	\$84.00	\$84.00	
	Joan Marks 2-13 Transfer to Gene ral Fund			
	\$0.02	\$1,330.00	\$1,330.00	
	Interest 2-5 Deposit			
		(\$5,425.00)	(\$5,425.00)	
	2-6 Loan Payment			
		\$1,872.00	\$1,872.00	
	2-12 Deposit			
		\$170.00	\$170.00	
	2-13 Deposit			
		\$3,425.00	\$3,425.00	
	2-19 Deposit			
		\$30.00	\$30.00	
	2-20 Deposit			
		(\$5,425.00)	(\$5,425.00)	
2-20 Loan Payment				
	\$420.00	\$420.00		
2-22 Deposit				
	\$3,226.00	\$3,226.00		
2-26 Deposit				
	\$20.00	\$20.00		
2-27 Deposit				
	\$100.00	\$100.00		
2-28 Deposit				
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.98)	(\$8,000.00)	(\$173.00)	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>(\$8,322.98)</b>			
Interest Received	\$0.02			

Notes:



## 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!*



**HOLY WEEK AT ZION**  
*Jesus Lives and Gives Us Life!*

**Maundy Thursday (3/29): (3:30 & 7:00)**  
**Good Friday (3/30): 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*