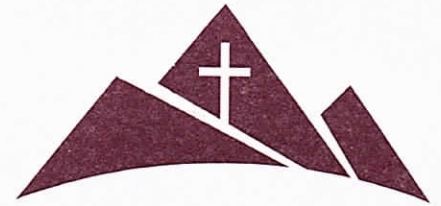
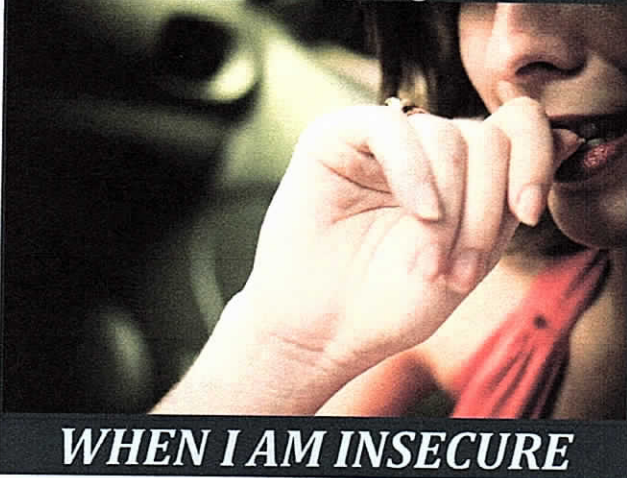


# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



## God's Encouraging Word...



### WHEN I AM INSECURE

July 2018

What is the strongest building in your neighborhood? I'm guessing that many people have never even thought about it, but if you live in a trailer home in tornado alley or near an ocean where hurricanes can strike, you've probably considered that question many times. When a tornado approaches, being in building that you know is constructed to withstand the worst, provides a sense of security in the chaos of a storm.

Where do you go when the threat isn't from the weather? Where do you go when you and your spouse are having a rough time? Where do you go when the doctor says, "I'm sorry, it's cancer." Where do you go when you did something that really hurt a person you love and you can't change it now? Where do you go when you are troubled with thoughts of what lies beyond this life? The Bible gives us the answer.

In the book of Proverbs, God's Word says, **"The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."**

Does that mean if we call on God, he will whisk away whatever trouble or hardship is weighing us down? No, the storms of life will rage on, but like a strong building God will give us what we need to weather the storms. When we connect with him by reading the Bible or hearing his promises as we attend worship services, God gives us strength. There we find the LORD God who loves us no matter how big the messes we have made in life. There we find the LORD God who loves us no matter how much confidence we have in ourselves. There we find the LORD God who doesn't leave us asking, "Have I been good enough?" or "Have I done enough?" Instead we find the LORD God who has freely given us a place in heaven after we die. There we find the LORD God who will give us the strength we need to survive the storms of this life until we reach the next.

Have you noticed that many churches have a tower or steeple? What a fitting reminder that in these buildings we find the LORD God who is the strongest tower ever built! This Sunday would be a good time to visit.

## Worship with Us!

Thursday Evening 6:30 PM

Sunday Mornings 8 & 10:30 AM

Sunday Bible Study 9:30

## July 4<sup>th</sup> at Zion



Family Fun Night

812 Western Ave

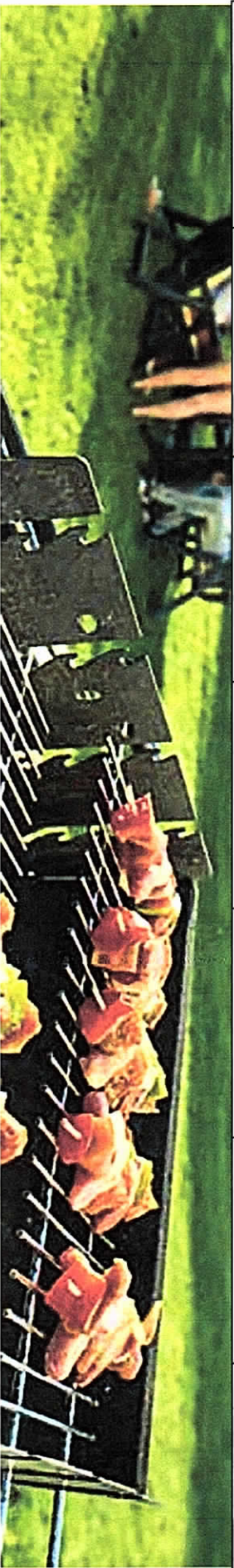
Games, Treats, Fireworks

Look for our Float in the Columbus July 4 Parade!

# Zion Lutheran Church and School

# July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship	<b>6</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion	<b>13</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship	<b>20</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship	<b>27</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 1:00 pm Meyers bridal shower	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:30 pm Teacher Inservice Worship Committee Meeting				



## Questions for Cooleys

1. *Where did you grow up and go to school? How did you two meet and marry?*

Rodney was born and raised on a farm in Bloomington, WI, which is just outside of Prairie du Chien. During the school year, however, he attended the public schools in La Crosse, WI because he is hard of hearing and required sign language interpreters to understand his teachers in the mainstreamed classrooms. Melissa was born in La Crosse. She attended Mt. Calvary Lutheran School through eighth grade and then went to public high school in La Crosse.

We first met in speech class when we were sophomores in high school. She made such an impression on him that he has no recollection of her being in class with him. But something about Melissa stood out because 12 years later, they ran into each other at a local gas station and he did remember her. After a five-minute conversation, Rodney thought, "Now there's a nice girl." A month after that chance meeting, he managed to track Melissa down and asked her out on a date. Seven weeks later, we were engaged and got married the following year. This winter, we will be celebrating our 20-year anniversary.

2. *How did you end up in Columbus?*

We first moved to the general area in Spring 2002, renting out the bottom half of a farmhouse between Lodi and Prairie du Sac. One summer of stinking silage was all that Melissa could handle, however, so we made plans to move somewhere – anywhere – before the weather heated up too badly in 2003.

A major requirement we had was that there needed to be a WELS church and school in the community. (Though we didn't have children at the time, we prayed that they would be a part of our future. Thankfully, God answered that prayer!) ☺ After going on home tours and open houses for 3-4 months, we found our house in Columbus. It met all of our needs – a church and school in the community, it was within commuting distance for our jobs, big enough to accommodate any additions to our family, and no silage! We closed on it in June 2003 and have been here ever since.

3. *What do you like to do with time off – your day off and vacation?*

Lately, time off consists of cheering on our children at their sporting events and traveling to visit family.

4. *Tell us a little about each of your kids – name and ages and what they are into.*

We adopted both of our children from Korea. Micaela joined our family when she was 16 months old, and Allen came along 16 months later at 9½ months. Micaela is now 12 and going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. Sports of one kind or another fill her days. At the beginning of the school year, she plays volleyball. In November, practice for basketball season starts. By January, she is starting practice for her summer fastpitch softball league. Micaela also enjoys music, particularly piano and singing. When asked what her favorite subject is, Micaela replies without hesitation, "Religion."

Allen is 10 and going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade. He has long had a fascination with big vehicles – semi trucks, construction equipment, farm equipment. Going to some kind of event with big equipment is something he looks forward to doing every summer. He also loves basketball, Legos, and (because of Rodney's influence) the Chicago Bears. And Allen's favorite part of school? "Recess."

5. *Both your kids go to Zion Lutheran School. How do you see their time at Zion affecting them as young adults? The impact of going to a Christian day school like Zion is immeasurable. Every day begins with God's Word. That alone provides them with a good start to the day. No matter what may be happening in life, their spiritual*

foundation is fortified. This is a practice that they can continue throughout their lives.

We also like the fact that all the subjects at Zion are taught from a Biblical standpoint. This is important because, as they go out on their own, they will face some perspectives that are very different than what God tells us. The teachers at all grade levels provide daily instruction in the Biblical truths as they relate to each course and then, when the students are old enough, compare these truths with the beliefs of the world so the children have a better understanding that they are being taught the Word of God in all its truth and purity. This

will allow them as young adults to better defend their faith when it is challenged.

The knowledge that everyone who teaches at Zion is a member of a WELS church is very comforting, as well. With our children being in school roughly half of their waking hours in any given year, that is a lot of influence that teachers have over them. We feel assured that Christian values and attitudes are being emphasized in every interaction, and that the teachers' love for their Savior motivates them to be positive role models that our children can emulate in the future.



6. *How has your own faith helped you through a challenge that you have faced?*

While adoption was always a part of how we hoped to grow our family, we didn't realize that God would intend for it to be the only way for us to become parents. As friends and family members were having babies, the inevitable question of "When are **you** going to have a baby?" came. It was very difficult seeing babies everywhere, and yet our arms were empty. We leaned hard on our faith, not understanding God's plan for us, but trusting that he would work all things for our good.

Just after our 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary, God led us to the woman who would help us make our dream of becoming parents a reality. She was a local social worker who had a connection to an adoption agency in the Midwest, and they worked with an agency in Korea. Three months after our first meeting, we saw the picture of the little girl who was being referred to us – our daughter, Micaela. Melissa cried upon seeing the picture because she had no doubts that this was our daughter; this was God's answer to our prayers. Nine months after seeing her photo, Micaela arrived home, and Allen followed 16 months after that.

It is such a miracle that two children born half a world away could be just the perfect fit for our family!

7. *Can you point out a blessing that Zion has which you enjoy the most and a challenge we face? What do you think we need to face that challenge?*

A blessing we have enjoyed as members of Zion is the openness to accommodate Rodney's hearing loss. When we first looked into transferring our membership here, we asked if it was possible to have a sign language interpreter to sign the services for Rodney. They were very willing to find an interpreter who came about once a month. It was especially appreciated when she was able to sign a special event like a baptism or confirmation,

which made it more meaningful to Rodney since he could understand everything that was being said.

Prior to the new church being built, we had visited another church that had an induction hearing loop in its sanctuary, and it worked well with the technology in Rodney's hearing aids. Along with lip reading and the printed liturgy, he was able to follow along with a good portion of the service. When we brought this information back to the technology committee for the new church, they were enthusiastic about learning more since this would help members of all ages who wear behind-the-ear hearing aids. We were very pleasantly surprised when we learned that they put in an induction hearing loop in both the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

Regarding the challenges that Zion faces, our prayer in meeting them as a unified congregation is that we respect all perspectives and, when considering the solutions that are offered, we stay true to God's Word and glorify his name with the actions we take.

### **ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL NOW ENROLLING!**

- **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!*

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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  
incredible  
gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

## Greeter Schedule



### July 1

8:00am — E12  
Waldamar Vick

10:30am — L13  
Aaron & Rachel Larson

### July 8

8:00am — E14  
John & Jane Evers

10:30am — L1  
Nancy Huebner

### July 15

8:00am — E1  
Jeff & Melody Krakow

10:30am — L2  
Laurie Kirchberg &  
Pat Premo

### July 22

8:00am — E2  
Dave & Kathy Harle

10:30am — L3  
Rick & Lisa Gentz

### July 29

8:00am — E4  
Delmar & Carol Vick

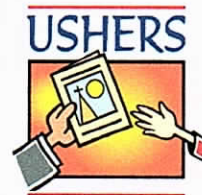
10:30am — L4  
Bernard & Genevieve Setz

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 July 2018

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



### July 1

8:00am - Team E8  
Mike Vick (C)  
Troy Kehoe (A)  
Dale Schilling  
Logan Kehoe  
Jake Bonness  
Brian Peck

10:30am - Team L5  
Phil Manteufel (C)  
Peter Lewke  
John Cares  
Paul Musser  
Brian Baney  
Andy Tratar

### July 8 & July 15

8:00am - Team E1  
Jeff Henning (C)  
Daryl Berndt (A)  
Leo Fischer  
Matt Weidner  
Rodney Hacht  
Mark Tiedt

10:30am - Team L6  
Otto Mattke (C)  
Paul Kehl (A)  
Dennis Winter  
Carl Wolf  
William Mattke  
Nils Johansson

### July 22 & July 29

8:00am - Team E2  
Delmar Vick (C)  
Dale Gajdosik  
Randy Vick  
Kenneth Schulz  
Eric Turnquist  
Eliot Turnquist

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

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.



### May Church Attendance

Date	Total
3/6	327
10/13	283
17/20	315
24/27	407

Genevieve Diels	1st	86 years
Verna Maier	5th	95 years
June Derr	19th	88 years

## Membership



### Membership Changes

**Accept:** Noah and Melissa Litherland and children  
Nina, Julia and Elana

**Transferred:** Julie and J Doyle

### Ministrations

#### Death:

5. Laura Hundley Born 8/5/1925. Died 5/14/2018.

#### Marriage:

2. Calvin Higgins and Kaitlin Lepke  
Married 5/20/2018.

### Thank You, Zion

A sincere thank you to all of you, our brothers and sisters at Zion. What a joy it has been to serve you these past eight years! More than a joy, our time here has been filled with blessings from God many of which came directly through this congregation. Thank you for all of your generous words, actions, and gifts throughout our years together and especially these last months as we have said farewell. We are leaving with an abundance of happy memories and dear friends. Zion will always have a special place in our hearts. The LORD bless and keep you always.

Matt, Jill, and Martin Kanzenbach

### Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **July 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  
May 2018**

	May 18	<i>Estimated Monthly Budget</i>	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 17 - May 18	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Church Picnic Income	-		310.00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	170.00		890.00	
General Fund Offerings	48,201.49		605,119.13	
LLHS Building Income	274.00		1,448.55	
Other Donations	143.00		6,608.37	
Other Receipts	(574.35)		293.45	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	<i>10,000.00</i>		<i>73,500.00</i>	
WLCFS Income	208.00		1,316.00	
WLIM Income	213.00		1,130.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>58,635.14</b>		<b>690,615.50</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
ACH fee	-		104.90	
Apartment Rent	655.00	635.00	7,165.00	7,620.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	28,815.17	28,229.75	308,757.74	338,757.00
Church Supplies	381.28	208.33	2,862.66	2,500.00
Convention/Cont' Education	43.50	66.67	610.50	800.00
Copier	-	283.33	3,637.87	3,400.00
Elders Board	-	29.17	-	350.00
Family Ministry Board	-	358.33	1,680.38	4,300.00
Guest Pastor	-	58.33	368.20	700.00
Health Insurance	7,807.00	7,150.00	81,765.00	85,800.00
HRA Savings	2,023.00	2,016.67	22,253.00	24,200.00
Custodial	1,696.89	1,225.00	10,168.41	14,700.00
LLHS Building Expense	274.00		1,617.55	
LLHS Expense	2,407.57	2,250.00	30,123.26	27,000.00
Maintenance	1,406.31	2,204.17	15,233.91	26,450.00
Meditations	-	125.00	1,435.00	1,500.00
Mileage	256.25	358.33	4,077.69	4,300.00
Miscellaneous	15.00	16.67	130.06	200.00
Organists	337.32	282.67	3,255.37	3,392.00
Outreach Board	-	291.67	1,618.03	3,500.00
Payroll Expenses	323.30	241.67	3,326.65	2,900.00
Pension Insurance	-	2,445.00	23,970.00	29,340.00
Postage and Delivery	43.34	116.67	1,348.15	1,400.00
Secretaries	2,217.10	2,033.33	25,361.18	24,400.00
Stewardship Board	118.60	391.67	6,148.70	4,700.00
Substitute Teaching	86.38		(162.31)	
Sunday School/VBS	-	233.33	2,668.42	2,800.00
Synod Mission Expense	4,985.15	4,666.67	61,628.65	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	251.95	258.33	2,952.74	3,100.00
Utilities	3,893.83	3,093.75	48,248.98	37,125.00
WLCFS Expense	208.00		1,509.00	
WLIM Expense	213.00		1,303.00	
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	9,546.00	1,066.67	13,174.00	12,800.00
Worship	8.39	316.67	5,750.43	3,800.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>68,013.33</b>	<b>60,652.83</b>	<b>694,092.12</b>	<b>727,834.00</b>



# Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

May 2018

<b>Previous Month Assets</b>	<b>\$265,697.52</b>
Total Transactions	-\$17,718.07
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$247,979.45</b>

<b>New Church/School Total</b>
\$178,139.75
<i>checking/savings</i>

Accounts	----- Monthly Statements -----			
	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	New Church/School Fund Savings	New Church/School Checking
Previous Balance	\$594.72	\$31,708.78	\$184,926.40	\$781.55
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.87)	(\$10,000.00)	(\$7,568.20)	\$0.00
Current Balance	<b>\$444.85</b>	<b>\$21,708.78</b>	<b>\$177,358.20</b>	<b>\$781.55</b>
<b>Transactions</b>	<b>(\$150.00)</b>	<b>(\$10,000.00)</b>	<b>\$284.00</b>	
	Joan Marks	5-30 Transfer to General Checking	5-1 Deposit	
	\$0.13	6-1 Interest	5-1 Mortgage payment	
			(\$5,425.00)	
			\$20.00	
			5-2 Deposit	
			\$50.00	
			5-4 Deposit	
			\$2,136.40	
			5-7 Deposit	
			\$1,130.00	
			5-14 Deposit	
			(\$5,425.00)	
			5-15 Mortgage payment	
			\$20.00	
			5-16 Deposit	
			\$1,600.00	
			5-21 Deposit	
			\$446.40	
			5-22 Deposit	
			\$2,620.00	
			5-29 Deposit	
			(\$5,425.00)	
			5-29 Mortgage Payment	
			\$200.00	
			5-30 Deposit	
			\$200.00	
			5-31 Deposit	
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.87)	(\$10,000.00)	(\$7,568.20)	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>(\$17,718.07)</b>			
Interest Received	\$0.13			

Notes:

**ZION BUDGET (Final)**  
**JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

	2017-2018	2/1/17-1/31/18	2018-2019	Percentage
	Final	Actual	Proposed	Change
Utilities	48,000	52,381	53,500	11.5%
School Utilities reimbursed by Tuition	(10,875)	(11,125)	(11,125)	2.3%
Net Amount	37,125	41,256	42,375	14.1%
Insurance				
Workers Compensation & Liability	12,800	13,490	14,000	9.4%
Health Insurance	85,800	84,182	92,600	7.9%
Health Reimbursement Account	24,200	24,276	24,276	0.3%
Office & School Expense				
Church Supplies	2,500	3,158	3,000	20.0%
Telephone & Internet	3,100	2,898	2,900	-6.5%
Copier	3,400	3,563	3,600	5.9%
Postage	1,400	1,506	1,250	-10.7%
Convention/Continuing Education	800	695	700	-12.5%
Mileage	4,300	3,688	4,000	-7.0%
Maintenance - Building & Grounds	26,450	28,514	27,000	2.1%
Worship & Spiritual Enhancement				
Elders	350		250	-28.6%
Outreach	3,500	2,067	3,000	-14.3%
Family Ministry	4,300	1,401	4,300	0.0%
Stewardship	4,700	6,425	6,300	34.0%
Sunday School	2,800	3,408	2,800	0.0%
Worship/Music	3,800	6,014	6,000	57.9%
Meditations	1,500	1,422	1,500	0.0%
Guest Pastors	700	1,517	700	0.0%
Synod	56,000	66,842	56,000	0.0%
Lakeside Operating	27,000	32,682	27,000	0.0%
Miscellaneous	200	156	150	-25.0%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 306,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 329,160.00</b>	<b>\$ 322,201.20</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
Called Worker Compensation				
Pastor Wilke (39)	52,272	52,272	53,213	1.8%
Pastor Schwartz(19)	41,592	41,592	42,423	2.0%
Alex Vandenberg (8)	34,087	34,087	34,857	2.3%
Mr. Grambsch (21)	38,763	38,763	39,543	2.0%
Mrs. Becker (6)	34,402	34,402	32,220	-6.3%
Miss Kramer (12)	34,402	34,402	35,149	2.2%
Mrs. Grambsch (15)	35,856	35,856	36,614	2.1%
Mrs. Schwartz (10)	16,972	16,972	17,087	0.7%
Partial reimburse by school tuition	(875)	(875)	(875)	
Equity compensation			2,911	
<b>Total Called worker Compensation</b>	<b>\$ 287,471.00</b>	<b>\$ 287,471.00</b>	<b>\$ 293,141.45</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
Other Worker Compensation				
Secretarial	24,400	26,991	24,400	0.0%
Custodial	14,700	12,462	15,000	0.9%
Organists	3,392	3,581	5,440	60.4%
Apartment Rent	7,620	7,720	7,860	3.1%
Part-Time Teacher	23,652	23,150	24,150	0.9%
<b>Total Other Worker Compensation</b>	<b>\$ 73,764.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,904.00</b>	<b>\$ 76,850.00</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
Related Compensation & Expenses				
Payroll Expenses (Paychex)	2,900	3,365	3,400	17.2%
Payroll Taxes	27,634	25,615	28,304	2.4%
Pension Fund	29,340	30,600	31,960	8.9%
<b>Total Related Expenses</b>	<b>59,874</b>	<b>59,580</b>	<b>63,664</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
<b>Total Compensation &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 421,109.00</b>	<b>\$ 420,955.00</b>	<b>\$ 433,655.80</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 727,834.00</b>	<b>\$ 750,115.00</b>	<b>\$ 755,857.00</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 13,996.81</b>	<b>\$ 14,425.29</b>	<b>\$ 14,535.71</b>	