

# The Messenger



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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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## Sing God's Truth

### Our King Reigns Forever

#### "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

***"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:12).***

"The king is dead! Long live the king!" is a traditional acclamation in some European countries. These words are used when a monarch dies and is succeeded, usually by the prince. The phrase arose especially to emphasize the fact that sovereign power transfers immediately to the new king upon the death of the previous monarch. The ruling class wants its subjects to believe that old kingdoms never die; they just get new kings.

History teaches us, however, that even old kingdoms die. One of history's most famous ruling families, the Hapsburgs, reigned in Europe for about eight hundred years. The name became synonymous with power. Still, even this longstanding kingdom finally came to an end.

So what happened to Jesus' kingdom on Good Friday? Pilate asked Jesus whether or not he was a king. Our Savior replied, "You are right in saying I am a king," though he assured the Roman governor, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36,37). Later that same day, our King would heave his last breath to the horror of his followers. There would be no heir apparent to take his place! No one would shout, "The king is dead! Long live the king!" With Jesus' death, it would seem as though his kingdom had died as well.

Of course, we know better! Our victorious King rose from death three days later, proving his victory over all our enemies, the greatest of which is death. The angel herald announced the good news: The King was dead, but now he is alive! (Mark 16:6) Long live the King! Yes, our King was slain, yet now he lives forever. What joy fills us all!

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (CW 341) glories in this magnificent paradox. Written by a 19th-century hymnist, Matthew Bridges, the hymn is based on hymns in the book of Revelation. It reminds us that while our King is the Lamb who was slain, he is now the "matchless King through all eternity" (st. 1). We are invited to "behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified" (st. 2). Here is the "Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave" (st. 3). The King was dead! Long live the King!

We sing God's truth: our King was slain, yet now he lives forever. His kingdom—yes, our kingdom—will never end!

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# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Christian friends,

God tells us that our relationship with him is established and maintained by him through his Word. "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). In other words, the more contact we have with the gospel in Word and Sacraments, the more opportunities the Spirit has to strengthen and deepen our faith in Jesus.

I recently heard an interview with Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps in which he talked about his diet. He eats about 12,000 calories a day. That's six times greater than the average diet of 2,000 calories per day mentioned on food labels – an astounding amount of food! Why so much? He needs all those calories, all those carbs and all that protein to be able to compete at such a high level. Without all that food-fuel he couldn't have won eight gold medals.

Think of God's Word and Sacraments like food-fuel for faith. As we feast on the rich spiritual protein of God's Word faith becomes stronger. As we dine at our Savior's Supper, he increases our trust in him. As we have contact with the Means of Grace, we become more and more convinced that in Jesus forgiveness, life and salvation are ours, and we have more power to thank him for those gifts with lives of love and service to him and others.

How much contact do you have with the gospel? How much time do you spend with an open Bible on your lap? Do you remember your Baptism each day? Have you missed worship and the Sacrament because you were too busy? Have you neglected the very means by which the Spirit himself makes you a Christian? Know that this is sin. But know also what Jesus says to the repentant sinner: "Take heart! Your sins are forgiven!" (Matthew 9:2).

Dear fellow forgiven children of God, washed in Baptism, strengthened by the Holy Supper, absolved by our Savior's own Word of truth, continue to seize every opportunity to hear the message of his forgiveness. Listen and be blessed!

Serving CHRIST,  
Pastor Sims

## Ladies Society

The next meeting of the Zion Ladies Society will be Thursday, September 4th at 2pm in the church basement. All ladies are welcome to come for an afternoon of fellowship.

## Ministrations In Memoriam

12. Boyd Bader went to heaven August 18, 2008.
13. Ruth Weihert went to heaven August 18, 2008.

## Lakeside Ladies

The Lakeside Lutheran Ladies Guild will be meeting on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00pm at Lakeside. Ruth Hirschfeld and Darice Brumm of Lakeside will explain how the Extended Learning Center (ELC) works. St. Paul of Lake Mills will be serving. Everyone is invited. See you there!

## New Secretary

After many years of faithful service our church/school secretary, Judy Vick, has retired. We are pleased to welcome a new secretary, Rhonda Minick. Please be sure to thank Judy for her many years of service to us, and say a word of welcome to Rhonda.

## Lost and Found

The number of items in the Lost and Found at church has grown out of the box in the entry. Items will be placed in the back of church for people to find. At the end of September, the left over items will be taken to Twice as Nice.

## Sunday School

Sunday school is almost here. Everyone is welcome from 4 years old through 8th grade, starting Sunday, September 7th. Children can bring a friend, neighbor or cousin. Extra forms are available on the information table. You can also find more information and printable forms at our website ([www.zioncolumbus.org](http://www.zioncolumbus.org)). You can place your completed forms in the box on the information table. Contact Pastor Sims with any questions.

## Morning Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible Study will be starting on September 2nd at 10:00am. Join us in the church basement as we continue our look at the Very Important Chapters of the Bible. Childcare is provided. For more information, contact Pastor Wilke.

## Messenger Articles

Please submit your articles by September 19th. Contact Becky Weidner at 623-5796 if you have any questions.

## Church Picnic

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the church picnic. It was a great day. Look for pictures and details in next month's Messenger.

## Lakeside Sunday

Lakeside Sunday is coming up on October 12th. The A Cappella choir will sing in both services, and the CCEO will serve a brunch between services.

We are excited to begin another school year at Zion with the opportunity to teach and strengthen the faith of our students with the gospel! The theme for this year is *Building on the Rock*, based on a passage from Isaiah 28:16 which says, “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed.” Christ is our cornerstone, and everything we do is built off of his love for us and the salvation we have received through his sacrifice! As we continue building our faith and lives on God’s Word, we create a firm foundation that will last for an eternity in heaven!

We are blessed to begin the school year with 78 students in Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is once again an increase over last year. Our largest classes are 1<sup>st</sup> grade, kindergarten, and preschool with 10 students each.

Our fund raisers are up and running. Paper drives are scheduled throughout the year. The first takes place on Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. Drop off papers at the bus barn behind school from 9-12pm. Stay and help load papers if you have time. It’s a big job! The paper drive is a great source of income for Zion, especially since the price of newspapers went up from \$0.45 per pound to \$0.70! Our last paper drive in July earned over \$1,800! Money raised benefits our bus fund for field trips and the technology fund for maintenance and upgrades.

**More school news and upcoming events on page 4...**

**Ushering Schedule**

**September 7th and September 14th**

**Team 12**

7:45 am  
John Evers, Capt.  
Lee Evers  
Terry Braatz  
Aaron Braatz  
Seth Zunker  
John Mielke

**Team 8**

10:30am  
Roger Gavitt, Capt.  
George Peeper  
Eric Parpart  
Bradley Sennhenn  
Neal Sennhenn

**September 21st and September 28th**

**Team 10**

7:45 am  
Jeff Henning, Capt.  
Leo Fischer  
James Stadler  
Michael Fischer  
Andy Fischer  
Christopher Henning

**Team 6**

10:30am  
Gerald Salzwedel, Capt.  
Otto Mattke  
Paul Kehn  
Dennis Winter  
Kyle Winter

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.

**September Birthdays**

Elaine Schilling	17th	80 years
Ethel Schoengrund	21st	88 years
Mary Jane Premo	27th	85 years

**Happy Birthday!**



**Treasurer’s Report**

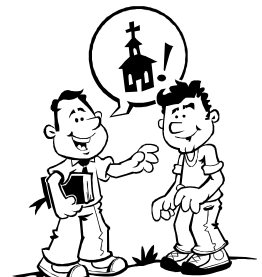
Needed monthly—General Fund .....	\$41,215.75
General received in July .....	27,437.34
Transfer from Undesignated Funds.....	0
Needed monthly—Missions .....	6,000.00
Missions received in July .....	5,372.97
Disbursements in July .....	40,154.34
Checkbook balance July 31st .....	11,628.88

**Summaries of other reports**—Receipts for

1. Synod Missions—July .....	\$5,372.97
Synod Missions since January .....	55,145.04
2. Lakeside Operational—July .....	1,673.15
Lakeside Operational since January.....	12,769.53
3. Lakeside Building—July .....	231.50
Lakeside Building since January.....	2,297.59

**Church Attendance**

Date	Total
July 17/20	295
July 24/27	310
July 31/Aug 3	314
Aug 7/10	275
Aug 14/17	262



**Invite a Friend to Church**

## School News from page 3...

Please consider paying for groceries and other family expenses through our Scrip program. Scrip is another word for "gift card." Families can purchase these gift cards for a very wide variety of retailers. These retailers return a portion of the purchase to school. Scrip benefits our school's tuition assistance fund, which helps families in financial need attend Zion and receive a Christian education. Order forms can be found in the rear of church, the school office or online at our church and school website: [www.zioncolumbus.org](http://www.zioncolumbus.org). If you have any questions, please contact our coordinator, Diane Schultz or Mr. Ihde at 623-5180.

The events for September are listed to the right, but I did want to highlight Grandparents' Day taking place on Wednesday, Sept. 24th. Grandparents will receive a photo-button of their grandchild, cinnamon roll and coffee. Stay for lunch from Mrs. McKay! The cost is only \$2.75.

## Upcoming events for September

Mon.	Sept. 1	Labor Day, No School
Tue.	Sept. 2	Fall Athletic Meeting, 5pm in gym
Wed.	Sept. 3	Volleyball vs. Peace Sun Prairie, away, 4pm
Wed.	Sept. 10	Volleyball vs. Waterloo, home, 4pm
Fri.	Sept. 12	Early Release at 12:30pm
Sat.	Sept. 13	B-Girls Ixonia Tourney, away, TBA
Sun.	Sept. 14	5-8 Grade sing in both services
Sun.	Sept. 14	A-Girls Ixonia Tourney, away, TBA
Wed.	Sept. 17	Volleyball vs. Pardeeville, away, 4pm (A girls only)
Fri.	Sept. 19	No School, Teachers' Conference
Sat.	Sept. 20	1-4 Princeton Tournament
Wed.	Sept. 24	<i>Grandparents' Day</i>
Sat.	Sept. 27	Paper Drive, 9-12pm
Sat.	Sept. 27	BLAC 4-8 Grade Tournament
Sun.	Sept. 28	3-4 sing in 10:30 service 5-8 Hand chimes play in 10:30 service



## Back to Basics: Reading, Writing, and Religion

As a new school year begins, let's all make time to study the basics of our faith. The People's Bible Teachings is a series of books that can help us do just that. Written for laypeople, each volume covers a certain topic in-depth. All are available from the church library. They are as follows:

Angels and Demons: Have Wings- Will Travel

Baptism: My Adoption Into God's Family

Bible: God's Inspired, Inerrant Word

Christ: He Is My Lord

Christian Freedom: Christ Sets Us Free

Church Fellowship: Working Together For the Truth

Church-Mission-Ministry: The Family of God

Civil Government: God's Other Kingdom

Conversion: Not By My Own Choosing

Creation: God Made All Things

God's Providence: He Cares For You

Heaven and Hell: Eternal Life, Eternal Punishment

Holy Spirit: The Giver of Life

Justification: How God Forgives

Law and Gospel: Bad News-Good News

Lord's Supper: The Lamb's High Feast

Man: From Glory to Ashes and Back

Marriage and Family: The Family Photo Album

Predestination: Chosen in Christ

Prayer: An Audience with the King

Sanctification: Alive in Christ

Stewardship: What I Do with What God Gave Me

Trinity: One God, Three Persons

## Elders Board

by Jeff Krakow, chairman

We will be starting a Bible study on Sept. 7th titled My Brother's Keeper. This study will help kick off our shepherding program and will, hopefully, help everyone understand that this is the responsibility of the **whole** congregation. This study is for everyone not just shepherd prospects. It is an important Bible study, but what Bible study isn't important. We encourage everyone to attend every Bible study offered along with studying the Bible on your own.

Let's take a look at First Kings 19: 11-18. This is where God has a little visit with Elijah, who feels he is the only believer left. God shows His mighty power with a great and powerful wind, an earthquake and fire, but God was not in any of those. Instead, God was in just a whisper. His Word is powerful enough to accomplish His will with just a whisper. We do not need to be afraid of sharing His Word. His Word works!

## Board of Education

by Roger Weiland, chairman

Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2008

- Opened with a devotion.
- Brian Steffen has resigned from the board . The Board is looking to find a replacement.
- The purchase of two projectors for the 5th & 6th grade and 7th & 8th grade classrooms were approved. The projectors should be an asset to the new computer lab.
- The Board reviewed tuition fees. Tuition is set at: Zion members - \$700, Nonmember - \$700, Other Wels - \$1000.
- Our school continues to grow as we welcome our preschool class of 10 along with Abigail Dixon to 1st grade, Hallie & Walker Beitz to 2nd grade, Austin Manson to 4th grade, Thor Manson to 7th grade.
- Closed with the Lords Prayer.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 9th @ 8pm.

## Family Ministry Board

The Family Ministry Board is planning a church campout at Indian Trails in Pardeeville next June 19-21. Ten sites have been reserved and four of those sites have already been taken. If you would like to join the group, please sign up on the camping sheet on the information table in the back of church by October 31st. If you have any questions, please contact out Family Ministry Board chairman, Mark Lindell.

Also, preparations for the Fall Harvest Festival are underway. More information will be coming out soon.

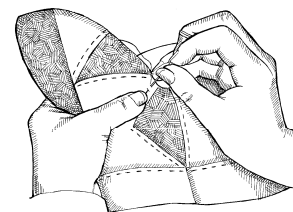
All our shepherding committee is doing is sharing the truth of God's Word and letting His Word do the work. We are the instruments God uses to spread His Word.

In First Kings God says, "*What are you doing here, Elijah?*" Today He might be saying, "What are you doing here, Zion member?" He might follow that with a statement like this, "Get out there and spread my Word." He gave Elijah a threefold assignment and, as we look further in His Word, He gives us an assignment. *Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.* (Matthew 28: 19-20) This is also threefold, go, baptize, and teach.

Please join us for our Bible study on Sept. 7th at 9:00am in the church basement. Please encourage the person sitting next to you in the pew to join us also.

## Quilts of Comfort

LWMS, Quilts of Comfort began in February 2007. Quilts are made and given to people who are in need of comfort during their illness. As of this writing (June 2008) we have given away 12 quilts and have 5 on hand. Carla Borde, Judie Ehlke, Gert Stilson, and Clara Sennhenn began gathering material, and Ruth's Circle from St. Stephen's Church donated \$100.00; also Thrivent gave us a donation. We usually meet 1-2 times per month. Each quilt has two labels on the back. One is a Bible passage from Psalms and the other identifies the Quilts of Comfort, LWMS, Beaver Dam Circuit. Anyone who knows of someone who would like a quilt, contact one of the ladies listed above.



QUILTING GROUP

## Vacation Bible School

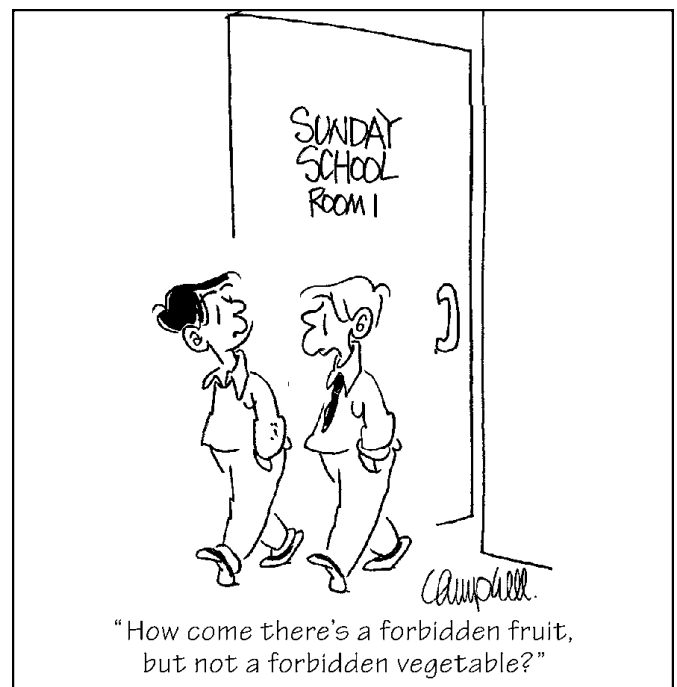
Our final VBS Sunday on August 10th was a splashing good time. The kids learned about calling for help. We can call 911 for emergency help, but we can also pray anytime we need help. God hears and answers our prayers just as with the disciples on the boat.

Pictures from our 2008 VBS are posted on the bulletin board in the church basement. If you see one you'd like to keep, please take it home with you. The photos are a great reminder of all the fun we had at VBS this year. Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS a success!



### WANTED: Volunteer Babysitters

Teen babysitting volunteers are needed to watch the young children of parents who would like to attend the 9am Sunday morning Bible class. Babysitting will take place at the Weidner residence (205 N. Spring St.) across the street from church. Volunteers will be paired up; we are hoping to get enough volunteers that each team will be asked for minimal service. This will also allow the teens to attend the morning Bible Study and visit with the parents of the children when not-on-duty. The first schedule will cover September and October. To be placed on the schedule, please contact Jen Sims (623-5175).



# kid's page

## OUR HOUSE

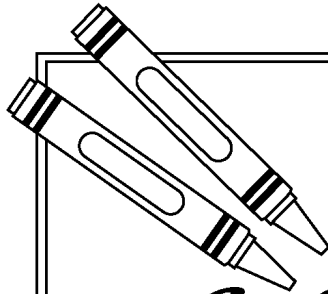
This craft is a reminder of the blessing of your family and what you and your family should do for God.

### What you need:

- 8 1/2" x 11" cardstock
- Markers or crayons
- A photograph of each person in your family that you can cut apart
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- A hanging picture frame that holds an 8 1/2" x 11" photo (optional)

### What you do:

- Draw a colorful picture of the outside of your house. Remember to add a door and windows.
- Decide where you want each person's photo to go. Cut out a whole body (if you want someone to stand on the front porch, for example) or just cut out a face (if you want someone to be looking out a window).
- Use the glue stick to glue the cut-out photos onto your drawing.
- Write out Joshua 24:15b, NIV: "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."
- To frame your picture, have an adult help you. If you don't have a frame, display your house on a refrigerator or bulletin board for everyone to see.

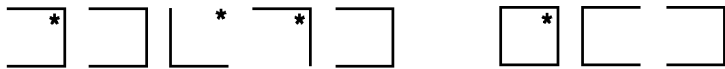
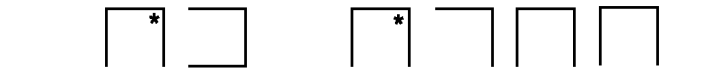
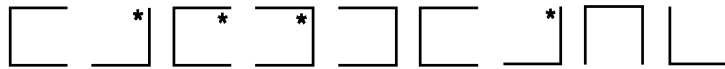
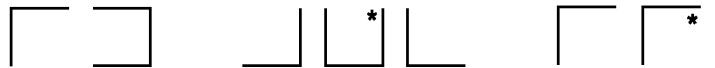
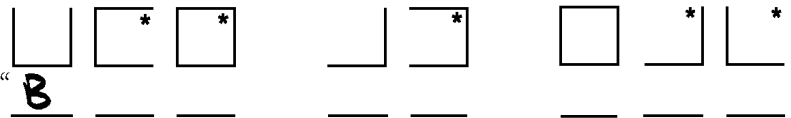
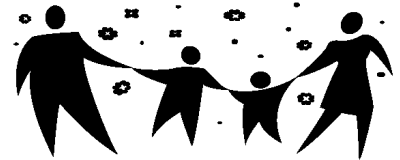


Just for **KIDS**

## As for our family...

With school starting, schedules are getting busy again. Sometimes you might feel like you're going in too many directions and forgetting what's really important. Use the key below to remind you of where your family's real focus should always be.

	A	B	D	O*	N*	R*
KEY:	E	F	H	S*	T*	U*
	I	L	M	V*	W*	Y*



JOSHUA 24:15B

Answer: "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."