# The Messenger ZION

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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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#### VOLUME XLVII, NO. 11 NOVEMBER 2014

#### **Always Thankful**

On Sunday, October 19th we had a farewell service of praise to God for blessing us with a church building that his people were able to gather in for worship for over 136 years. For all those years God blessed Zion by preserving the Gospel of Jesus Christ that was proclaimed from the pulpit. What a reason to give God thanks! On Sunday, October 26th we had a service of praise to God as we dedicated our new house of worship in which God's people will gather for generations to come to worship our Savior-God and to hear God's Word being preached and taught in all its truth and purity. What a reason to give God thanks! On Sunday, November 2nd we will be celebrating the Reformation, a day on which we praise God for using Martin Luther and other reformers to bring back to the people the Biblical truths that we are saved by faith alone, by grace alone, by Scripture alone. What a reason to give God thanks! What a special three week period of time this has been for Zion members!

Yet, when we think about it, isn't every week, isn't every day an opportunity to thank God for the blessings he gives us? Jeremiah said to the Lord in the book of Lamentations. "Your mercies are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Every day is a gift of God's grace and filled with gifts of God's grace. To wake up every morning knowing we have family and friends who love us and brighten every day for us; to know that every day gives us many opportunities to show love toward God and others: to not have to worry about what we will wear or if there will be food on the table; to know that even when we are having a bad day, God gives us the strength to make it through; to know that as many times as we sin that day, they are all washed away in the blood of our Savior, Jesus; to know that if the Lord

decides today will be our last day on earth, it will be the beginning of our new life in heaven. We can go through each day knowing we have a faithful God who keeps every one of his promises of love.

Every day God deserves our praise and thanks. Here's another blessing. He also forgives us for all the times we grumble and complain, and sad to say, this happens way too often. My five year old grandson who lives in Michigan was eating supper one night when he said to his dad, "Why can't we move to Wisconsin to be by grandma and grandpa?" His dad told him it was because he had a good job right now in Michigan. They owned a house there and the taxes in Wisconsin are much higher than in Michigan, so it would be tougher to make ends meet. My grandson said to him, "Dad, that's nothing. Do you know the government in China won't let their people believe in Jesus and if the people do, the government will throw them in jail? So dad, that's nothing." From the mouth of babes. My grandson must have heard something like that in school and my son-in-law was kind of left speechless. The point made is that at times our worries and fears are very trivial compared to what many others in the world are going through. They are trivial for another reason. We have a God who loves us and takes care of our every need in a very generous way; a God who never leaves us or forsakes us; a God who forgives us for Jesus' sake; a God who assures us heaven is our home. What wonderful reasons to give God thanks every day with our lips and with our lives! "Oh give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his loves endures forever.

Your shepherd in Christ, Pastor Robert Wilke

#### **Usher Schedule**

#### November 2 and November 9

8:00am 10:30am **Team E7 Team L4** 

Rick Gentz (C)
James Greiling (A)
Matt Greiling
Nicholas Arndt
Bob Marousek
Mark Hintz
Tom Kitzerow

Bruce Zander (C)
Kurt Zander (A)
Kane Browskowski
Wyatt Browskowski
Bradley Sennhenn
Neal Sennhenn
Zach Beyer

#### November 16 and November 23

8:00am 10:30am Team E8 Team L5 Jeff Krakow (C) Don Rahn (C) Phil Manteufel (A) John Evers (A) Lee Evers Peter Lewke Austin Evers John Cares Troy Kehoe Jason Lanaille Marcus Sims Logan Kehoe J Doyle

#### November 26 and November 30

7:00pm—Nov. 26 8:00am—Nov. 30 10:30am—Nov. 30 Team E1 Team L6 Otto Mattke (C) Jeff Henning(C) Daryl Berndt (A) Paul Kehl (A) Leo Fischer **Dennis Winter** Matt Weidner Kyle Winter Rodney Hacht William Mattke Mark Tiedt Brandon VerVelde

Brian Peck

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.

#### Video Team Schedule

#### November 2014

2 Dale Gajdosik

9 Mark Lindell

16 Phil Manteufel

23 Gary Schuhmacher

30 Randy Koehn



#### September Church Attendance

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Date	Total	
4/7	322	J====
11/14	345	
18/21	342	
25/28	397	2

#### **Greeter Schedule**

#### November 2

8:00am 10:30am

Dave & Kathy Harle Marcia Rewolinski Arlene Sennhenn

November 9

8:00am 10:30am

Emily Henning Wayne & Darlene

Sylvia Stadler Powers

November 16

8:00am 10:30am

Jim & Jenny Greiling Otto & Sheree Mattke

November 23

8:00am G-3
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik
Elaine Vangen
Bev Harold

November 30

8:00am 10:30am

Wilma Lenz Rebecca Kramer

Joan Herzberg Joan Marks

If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact Melody Krakow at 623-4346.

#### **Church Council Names and Numbers**

Rick Gentz, president - 623-2507

Bruce Zander, vice president - 623-5217 Jason Langille, secretary - 608-837-2148

Brady Weiland, treasurer - 920-285-7362

Dan Retzlaff, education - 623-2623

Jeff Krakow, elders - 623-4346

Matt Vosberg, outreach - 920-210-3817 Kurt Zander, property - 920-210-1107 Dave Harle, stewardship - 623-3819

#### **November Birthdays**

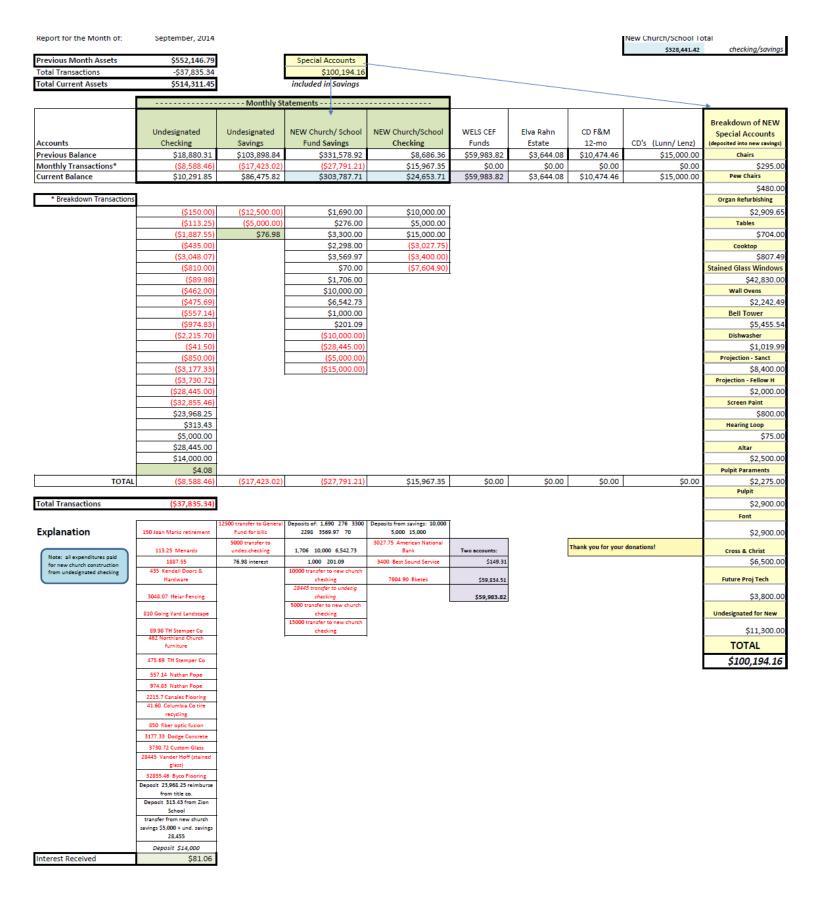
Doris Miller 5th 92 years

Marjorie Selje 8th 102 years

Rosalind Zeidler 9th 84 years

Elaine Dykstra 28th 88 years





## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

_	Sep 14	Jul - Sep 14
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Building Fund Donation	0.00	276.00
Extended Care Income	432.50	432.50
Financial Secretary	35,542.63	96,230.19
LLHS Building Income	455.40	1,086.90
LLHS Income	2,221.43	6,014.39
Other Donations	1,106.00	1,392.00
Other Reciepts	13,624.00	14,387.66
Sub teaching reimburse	0.00	1,385.30
Sunday School Income	0.00	2,000.00
Synod Missions Income	7,264.25	18,838.17
Transfered from Undesignated	12,500.00	29,000.00
WLCFS Income	275.30	669.30
WLIM Income	270.30	611.80
Total Income	73,691.81	172,324.21
Expense		
accounting-service	370.00	370.00
ACH fee	32.50	97.50
Building Fund Expense	70.77	346.77
Called Workers Salaries	21,910.46	64,950.23
Convention/Cont' Education	108.67	168.67
COPIER	488.77	488.77
Extended Care Expense	319.35	899.42
Health Insurance	6,188.75	18,252.25
Housing	635.00	2,030.00
Janitors	818.23	2,605.26
Liability Insurance	2,943.00	2,943.00
LLHS Building Expense	451.50	1,124.50
LLHS Expense Maintenance	2,257.74	6,407.60
Meditation/Forward in Christ	1,124.63 22.92	8,326.17 578.76
Mileage	458.55	500.85
Miscellaneous	751.04	751.04
Organists	230.82	715.57
Outreach Board	0.00	1,757.51
Payroll Expenses	147.39	722.77
Payroll Taxes	6,102.90	15,611.19
Pension Insurance	6,240.00	6,240.00
Postage and Delivery	0.00	147.78
Secretaries	1,599.62	4,597.92
Stewardship Board	0.00	746.37
Substitute Teaching	0.00	0.00
Sunday School/VBS	0.00	1,000.23
Synod Mission Expense	6,793.22	19,487.80
Telephone Expense	737.38	1,536.33
trash removal	0.00	180.00
Utilities	3,672.81	9,905.75
WLCFS Expense	357.00	644.00
WLIM Expense	256.50	596.50
Worship	97.86	534.36
Total Expense	65,187.38	175,264.87

#### **Ministrations**

#### **Deaths**

- 14. Kathryn L. Hermanson. Birth: 12/12/1921, Death: 9/3/2014.
- 15. Donald O. Manthey. Birth: 8/4/1933, Death: 9/5/2014.
- 16. Hatti C. Schallert. Birth: 3/15/1915, Death: 9/5/2014.
- 17. John H. Powers. Birth: 9/4/1942, Death: 9/27/2014.

#### Marriage:

3. Carl Wolf II and Amie Winter, 9/20/2014.

#### **Zion's Ladies Society**

On Thursday, November 6th at 2:00pm we will have our first meeting at the Western Avenue church. We will be able to get acquainted with our "pantry" and try out the new chairs. There are also a few other items I hope we can make decisions on. See you there!

#### **Messenger Articles**

Please submit your articles by **November 21st**. Contact Becky Weidner at 623-5796 if you have any questions.

#### **Greeters Needed**

Would you like to be a greeter on Sunday morning? Greeting our fellow brothers and sisters as they come to worship is a great way to get to know more of our members and to serve our Lord. Please contact Melody Krakow at 920-210-6323 or 920-623-4346.

#### **New Hymnal Survey**

As you may know our synod has begun work on a new hymnal. Those who are charged with this task would like your input. A new survey has been written for those who sit in the pew. Go to welshymnal.com/research/member-survey to add your voice and help our synod produce the best hymnal possible.

#### **Zion Bowling Night**

Who: Zion High Schoolers
Where: Cardinal Ale House
When: Friday, Nov. 14th at 7 pm

Why: Come enjoy food and fun and catch up with your Zion friends.

**How:** Sign up online at <u>zioncolumbus.org</u> by Nov. 9th. Go to Teen Group under the Youth section.

Click on the Bowling Sign up link.

Cost: Food, refreshments, and 2 games of bowling for a meager \$5 per

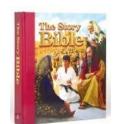
person.

Questions: Contact Mr. Grambsch at 414-313-4308 or

chadnrache@gmail.com.

#### **Early Christmas Gifts**

"The Story Bible," published by Concordia Publishing House, is the perfect gift for young children, grandchildren, and godchildren. Gorgeous and captivating illustrations highlight the greatest message of God's grace and love to us in Jesus. Zion was able to purchase the books at a discount for only \$20. Only 5 copies remain! Stop by the



Zion School office to pick up your gift today. Checks can be made payable to **Zion PATZ**, **memo line Story Bible**.

The Zion School office also has 1 Koine cd available for purchase for \$15. Check out Koine's music at <a href="https://www.koinemusic.com">www.koinemusic.com</a>.

### Lakeside Lutheran High School Warrior Events November

1st Final Cadet Band Rehearsal 9:00 -10:30am

2nd LLHS & LES Fall concert 2:00pm

**7th** Special Chapel Service in Honor of Veterans Day

8:00am

**7th-9th** Swing Choir goes to coral fest in Michigan

**13th** Fall Sports Awards Night 6:30pm

**16th** A-Cappella sings @ St. Stephen, Beaver Dam 7:30,

9:00 & 10:30am

27th-28th No School-Thanksgiving Recess



#### Pictures from Fall Family Night, October 24th







#### **New Church Hearing Loop**

The new church building has a system called a hearing loop that has been installed under the flooring in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall that will help those with hearing loss during our worship services and bible studies. What is a hearing loop? A hearing loop, also known as an Induction or Audio Loop, provides a wireless signal that is picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil) setting. When a hearing aid user selects the 'T' setting; he or she can pick up the sounds spoken into the PA system's microphone instead of the hearing aid's internal microphone. This results in improved speech understanding because the listener receives a clear signal without any background noise. If you would like more information about hearing loops please look at the website www.hearingloop.org.

Also available are portable receivers with an earphone, (similar to the previous system) that can be used and returned to the ushers. If you would like to purchase a receiver of your own please talk to Matt Weidner (920-623-5796) and he can work with you. The receiver would work in any venue that has a hearing loop system installed.





Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

**ref** · **or** · **ma** · **tion** *n*. **1.** the act of reforming or the state of being reformed

re · form v. re · formed, re · forming, re · forms v.tr. 1. To improve by alteration, correction or error, or removal of defects; put into a better form or condition.

Martin Luther is credited with the great reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> century and rightfully so. He wanted so bad to reform the Roman Catholic Church. Is reformation still needed today? I say yes. I know that I need to be reformed all of the time. I need to be corrected of my errors; I need defects to be removed; I need to be put into a better condition.

Having said that, I have been corrected, defects removed and put into a better condition by my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I continue to sin, yet my Father in heaven sees only the righteous man that Jesus made me. Are there others that need a reformation? Again, I say yes. I know we are all sinners. I also know that Jesus died for all of us. That really wasn't Martin Luther's reason for wanting to reform the Roman Catholic Church. His

major concern was what they were teaching and how it was not completely the truth of God's Word.

I was reading another blog by Pastor James Hein. It was about different denominations and why they are different and why people choose different denominations. It is a very interesting article based on the Weslevan Quadrilateral as he was taught at Seminary. "In simple terms, John Wesley stated that the reason why we all arrive at the theological conclusions that we do is based on what we emphasize as authoritative while we're forming our doctrinal beliefs. There are four pillars that every Christian (and Christian denomination) use to filter their beliefs - 1) the Bible, 2) Tradition/ Church History, 3) Reason, and 4) Personal Experience. Every single Christian church or church body emphasizes these to differing degrees when they establish their beliefs. This understanding of biblical interpretation is THE reason why you see so many different denominations out there." (Excerpt from Pastor Hein's blog).

Notice the statement that says "...while we're <u>forming</u> our doctrinal beliefs." This is why I say

there is still a need for reformation. While most Christian denominations (and I'm sure most Christians) have the Bible very high on the list, the other three get varying degrees of emphasis. When we start putting tradition/ church history, reason and personal experience even with or more important than the truths of God's Word some reformina needs to take place. Sometimes what we hear from God's Word is tough on us and maybe gives us a poor personal experience. Sometimes we have to change the way we do things and goes away from our tradition or the way we've always done it. There are times when God's Word doesn't really go with our human reasoning, thank God for that. He is greater than we are and knows all.

Let's thank God for Martin Luther and his reformation. Let's also thank God for Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and our mission of teaching and preaching God's Word in all of its truth and purity. Most importantly, let's thank God for His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ and His "reforming" us by His perfect life, innocent death and glorious resurrection to be His children!

#### **Christmas for Kids**

- December 6th, 9am-12:30pm
- Children 6 months 4th grade
- Registration info available in November
- Volunteers—contact Kelly Ihde, 608-712-7994 or kaihde@hotmail.com
- Donations—contact Becky Weidner, 623-5796 or beakers222@hotmail.com

Below is a summary of items to be donated. A detailed food and craft donation list/sign up is on the information table at church.

Food items needed: chicken nuggets, bread, applesauce, bananas, milk, cookies and bars, goldfish crackers, cheerios, ketchup, unfrosted cutout cookies, frosting, and sprinkles

**Craft items needed:** clean plastic water bottles, sequins or flat jewels, green pipe stem cleaners



#### **New Building Open House**

We've driven by it. We've seen the cranes, the team of roofers, the brick-layers, concrete trucks, and the men installing the street lights. Now it's time to see inside- the big reveal! What does it look like? Do we recognize the elements from the old building? Where should we sit for Bible study? How do the acoustics sound? Are all parts of the building really handicap-accessible?

Come and see! It's our show and tell. Zion wants to shout about the fantastic new building with all of its modern updates (like up-to-date wiring and handicap accessibility throughout), not to mention, the meaningful scriptural references within the architecture and furnishings. Listen to Pastor explain why the layout of this building is important and learn the meaning behind the Jerusalem Cross. See the worship space, the fellowship area, the church library, and every room!

You have 2 open house dates to choose. You are welcome to see Zion's new church on

## Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12-3pm, or on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am -12pm.

There will be plenty to see and do. Everyone can take a tour, gather information, enjoy fellowship and refreshments, and the kids will even have a station just for them!

Mark your calendars now. Share this information with your friends and neighbors. This "new, big building" has been the talk of the town. See for yourself what treasures are to be seen on the inside!



Big smiles on Dedication Sunday from Bruce Zander (project manager) and Jeff Henning (chair of the steering committee).









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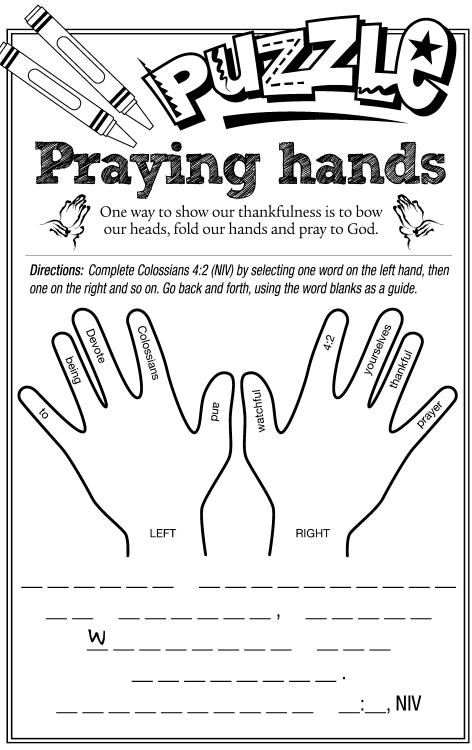
Make this Thanksgiving decoration and keepsake as a reminder of God's many blessings.

#### What you need:

- Acrylic paints
- Paint brush
- White cardstock (8" x 11")
- Baby wipes or wet paper towels
- 8" x 11" frame (available at dollar stores)
- Black permanent marker
- Bowls or paper plates

#### What you do:

- 1. Paint your palm, fingers, wrist and a portion of your arm with brown paint.
- 2. With the white cardstock placed vertically, press down your painted hand and arm. The print should resemble a tree trunk and branches.
- 3. Clean your hand and arm with baby wipes or wet paper towels.
- 4. Dip your fingertips into different-colored paints and press them onto the paper to make leaves. (It's autumn, so leaves can be falling!)
- 5. When paint is dry, write "thankful" down the trunk with permanent marker.
  Also write your name and the year in the corner.
- 6. Frame and display your decoration.



Answer: Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchtul and thanktul. Colossians 4:2, MIV

# November 2014

PATZ Shopping Extravaganza (11:30- 3:30 Ш)         Outreach Bd (6:00p Φ) Board of Ed (6:30p Φ)         18         19         20         21           16 Saints Triumphant WOR-HC (8:10:30a) ABS & SS (9:15a) BIC (9:15a Ш)         24         PATZ meeting with childcare (6-7p Ш) BC (6:30p Ф)         PSC (4:00p Ш) BC (6:30p Ф)         WOR (6:30p) BC (7:30p Ф)         WOR (6:30p) Men's BB (7p Ш)         Newsletter Deadline Men's BB (7p Ш)           23 WOR (8:10:30a) ABS & SS (9:15a) BIC (9:15a Ш)         24 Got Fitness? (6:00p Ш)         25 Zion Early Release at 12:30p         27 Zion Early Release at 12:30p         28 Thom/souring
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WOR-HC (8 10:30a)



# TV SERVICE SCHEDULE

(Cable Channel 98 and 98.1)

 Monday
 3:00p

 Tuesday
 3:00p

 Wednesday
 3:00p

 Thursday
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# CALENDAR KEY

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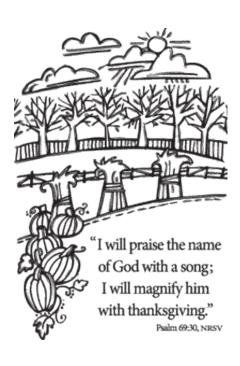


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#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Thursday Worship	6:30p
Sunday Worship at Church	8, 10:30a
Sunday Adult Bible Study at Church	9:15a
Sunday School at Zion School	9:15a

<u>School</u> located at 822 Western Ave. Church located at 812 Western Ave.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Sun., Nov. 2 • Community Open House

Wed., Nov. 12 • Meeting Night

Sat., Nov. 15 • Community Open House

Fri., Nov. 21 • Newsletter Deadline

Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 27-28 • No School - Thanksgiving Break