The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI

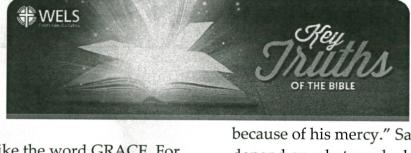


Saved by Grace

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. - Titus 3:4-5

What can happen if you forgot to close the gate in your back yard and you let the dog out? You were 99% sure you closed it. What might happen if you are 99% sure you turned the stove off before you left the house? We don't

like to be less than 100% sure of something; it makes us uncomfortable that something bad can happen.



That's why we really like the word GRACE. For the past 500 years the Lutheran church has focused on the fact that the Bible tells us very plainly that we are saved by grace. God tells us that he has done everything for our salvation and he gives eternal life to us as a free gift—there is nothing we have to do for it. This is an amazing message of good news!

However, the proclamation of God's Word wasn't always clear. For many years the message of the Bible was not made available to everyone. People went to church, they

confessed their sins, they heard the priest tell them to go and do certain things and then maybe, hopefully they might make it into heaven. How would people ever know if they did enough, or if they were good enough? They were led to believe that Jesus' life and death were not enough; they still had to contribute in some way for their salvation. Even after they died, someone still might need to do something to help them finally reach heaven. Imagine the doubt.

The Word of God removes all doubt about our salvation. The Bible teaches us: "When the

kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but

because of his mercy." Salvation does not depend on what we do, but entirely on what Jesus Christ came to do for us.

Jesus had great mercy on us. In his love he died the death we deserved and rescued us from our sins. By faith in him as our Savior, we have complete confidence of eternal life in heaven.

This is the main message of the Bible that we preach and teach in the Lutheran church. We are saved by grace through Jesus. We love for you to come and hear this for yourself.

Zion Lutheran Church & School

Saturday		LLHS Grand Event Fundraiser		Lakeside's Electronics Recycling Event	
Satt	1 Fine Arts Fair	8 4:30 pm LLH5 Fund	15	8:00 am Lake B:00 am Elect Recy	29
Friday		7 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 6:00 pm *Family Dance Night	14 *No School - Good Friday 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 1:30 pm Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship	Trimmel Wedding MESSENGER DEADLINE 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 3:30 pm Lakeside's Electronics Recycling Event	28 *Parents' Day & Arbor Day 6:00 am Bible Breakfast
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Wednesday		5.30 pm Lent Worship 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Lent Worship 8:00 pm Zion Choir	6:30 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm Lakeside Easter Concert 7:30 pm Zion Choir	19 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	3:45 pm Confirmation Practice 4:00 pm LLHS Math Meet 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir
Tuesday		4 7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study 6:00 pm Bible Information Class	7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study 6:00 pm *PATZ Meeting	Pastors Conference 7:00 am *Faculty Bible Study 6:00 pm Christian Education Planning Workshop 7:00 pm Zion Tea Planning
Monday		\$ *No School - Teachers' Inservice Organ Tuning	6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	17 *No School - Easter Monday	24 Pastors Conference
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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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Bible Information

Class

Bible Information Class begins April 4th at 6:00 pm. This class is taught by our pastors and covers the



basic truths of the Christian faith, taken from the bible for anyone interested in what our church believes.

There is no fee or obligation to join our church by taking this class.

There are ten lessons in this class. Any questions you have will be welcomed and answered honestly from the bible. The scheduling following April 4th is very flexible. Whether you, a friend, or family member are new to our church or just want to be renewed in your faith, this class is for you. People who complete all the lessons will be eligible for membership in our congregation.

For more information, please call Pastor Schwartz.

Greeter Schedule



April 2

8:00am — E10 10:30am — L6

Gene & Elaine Beier Dan & Laurie Weiland

April 9

8:00am — E11 10:30am — L7

Harold & Delphine Schaefer Wayne & Darlene Powers

April 16

8:00am — E12 10:30am — L8

Waldamar Vick Otto & Sheree Mattke

April 23

Nicole Henning

April 30

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.



April 2 and April 5

8:00am April 2 10:30am April 2

7:00pm April 5

Team E1 Team L1

Jeff Henning (C) Tom Schultz (C)

Daryl Berndt (A) George Decker (A)

Leo Fischer Aaron Larson

Matt Weidner James Kopfer

Rodney Hacht Dayne Kopfer

Mark Tiedt Brandon Lee

April 9 ~ Palm Sunday, April 13 ~ Maundy Thursday and April 14 ~ Good Friday

8:00am April 9 10:30am April 9 7:00pm April 13 7:00pm April 14

<u>Team E2</u> <u>Team L2</u>

Delmar Vick (C)
Dale Schultz (C)
Dale Gajdosik (A)
Daniel Schultz
Randy Vick
Matt Ganser
Kenneth Schulz
Dylan Schultz
Eric Turnquist
Michael Hallberg
Eliot Turnquist
Nathan Hallberg

Henry Tews

April 16 ~ Easter

6:00am - Team E3
Randy Koehn (C)
Harold Schaefer
Jadon Schwartz
Joe Grambsch
Ben Grambsch
Double Harle
Rodney Cooley
Gary Schuhmacher

April 16 ~ Easter and April 23

8:00am April 16 8:00am April 23 10:30am April 23

Team E4 Team L4

Dale Sennhenn (C)

Mark Lindell (A)

Brian Sennhenn

Kane Browskowski

Andrew Bussian

Remington Lindell

Brett Schraufnagel

Bruce Zander (C)

Kurt Zander (A)

Kane Browskowski

Bradley Sennhenn

Neal Sennhenn

Mike Sommer

April 30

8:00am - Team E5
Mike Vick (C)
Dale Schilling
Ron Yerges
Pick 10:30am - Team L5
Phil Manteufel (C)
Peter Lewky
John Cares

Bruce Hatzinger Paul Musser James Stadler Brian Baney

J Doyle Andy Tratar

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 April 2017

- 2 Gary Schuhmacher
- 9 Mark Lindell
- 16 Randy Koehn
- 23 Matt Greiling
- 30 Gary Schuhmacher



February Church Attendance

Date	Total
2/5	386
9/12	398
16/19	394
23/26	453





Membership Changes

Transfer: John Hasenfuss

Remove: Kodi Batchelder, Doug Bussian, Jeff Hacht, Ben Kehoe, Jason Priem, and Paul Voss

Ministrations

Deaths

- 1. Harriet Parpart. Born 8/20/1923. Died 2/3/2017.
- 2. Marjorie Selje. Born 11/8/1912. Died 2/7/2017.



Edwin Knudson

19th 88 years

2nd Ladies' Christian Tea

On Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00pm, there will be an informational meeting in the Fellowship Hall for ladies interested in being on one of the planning committees to organize this event. Our hope is to



have a late summer or early fall tea. Any questions, please contact Emily Henning at 623-2274.

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by April 21st. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Ladies' Aid Society

We will once again try to view a taping of the style show members of the Ladies' Aid performed about twenty years ago.



Please check your calendar to see if you are available April 9th to help with the WLMS door collection and April 22nd for the rally.

Our meeting will be April 6th at 2:00 pm. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Adult Co-Ed Softball Team

Zion is interested in fielding an adult co-ed softball team this summer. I need to know if we have enough players ASAP. Any confirmed members can sign up and play. Games are



against other WELS church teams and are played on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. There is a sign-up in the back of church. If anyone has questions, please contact Chad Grambsch at 414.313.4308 or chadnrache@gmail.com.

Christian Education Planning Workshop

LLHS is sponsoring a 45-minute presentation Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00pm on various strategies to plan ahead for funding Christian secondary education. Guests are welcome. Hosted by Greg Buxa, FIC. Refreshments will be served, no selling. Please RSVP to Scott Gronholz at (920) 648-2321 or email questions to sgonhol@llhs.org

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2016 were given out in March. We were told by a local representative that over \$10.000 was



available in Thrivent Choice Dollars to current Zion Members, but has been left with Trivent unused. They are in their 7th year of this giving program and won't send out reminders in the mail. Thrivent would like members to CALL them to direct this money. If you have an email or would like automatic renewal giving, please call 1-800-847-4836 to give them your information for future use. Zion church and school have benefited greatly from past giving, in fact, we received \$6,785 in 2016 from your Choice Dollars designations. Thank you for your support!

The Facts Are The Facts

The Zion Board of Education would like to again take the opportunity to remind parents that it's time to apply for financial aid for the upcoming year with FACTS. The online application deadline is May 1, 2017. Applications will be considered and aid granted at our May BOE meeting. It's very important to get this information in as soon as possible to prevent missing the application deadline. Remember, even if you don't initially qualify for aid or have additional need for assistance, special requests for aid can be made to the BOE and will be considered on a case by case basis. The application can be found on the Zion website (www.zioncolumbus.org) by clicking on school at the top and selecting the admissions option, or directly at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid.

Thank you, Zion Board of Education

Elder's Board by Jeff Krakow

If anyone had the right to say "I don't deserve this," it would be Jesus. He didn't deserve to be beaten and crucified, but he never uttered those words. In fact,



he also never said "You don't deserve this." Instead he said "I love you."

Every word he said on the cross is filled with "I love you" even though he never said those exact words. Let's look at just a few.

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them." (Luke 23:34a). After our sins nailed him to the cross, he pleads with God in heaven to forgive us! Yes, our sins nailed him there. Our hateful, greedy, lustful thoughts; our hurtful, lying, vulgar words; our drunken, thieving, adulterous actions nailed him to that cross, yet he asks God to forgive us. What wonderful love!

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43) He said this to the thief hanging next to him, but we know from the rest of scripture, he says the same to us. He died so we could go to paradise! What wonderful love!

Jesus said, "It is finished." (John 19:30b) What he had come to earth to do was finished. He lived a perfect life in our place. He suffered and died in our place. He did all of this because of his love for us. Soon we will once again peer into that empty tomb and see that he rose from the dead assuring us that we too will rise and join him in paradise because he paid the price required by God. That means God has forgiven us. What absolutely tremendous love!

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement February 2017

	Feb 17	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul - Feb 17	Budget
dinary Income/Expense				
Income				
General Fund Offerings	47,111.73		372,741.15	
LLHS Building Income	100.00		1,728.50	
Other Donations	650.00		4,392.50	
Other Receipts	61.00		1,511.10	
Substitute Teaching Reimbursement	397.18		1,366.18	
Transfered from Undesignated	19,500.00		93,550.00	
WLCFS Income	95.00		3,521.00	
WLIM Income	120.00		1,154.50	
Total Income	68,034.91		479,964.93	
Expense				
ACH fee	0.20		(10.70)	
Apartment Rent	635.00	666.67	5,080.00	8,000.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	26,916.07	27,829.83	216,768.75	333,958.00
Church Library Expense	-	12.50	164.18	150.00
Church Supplies	679.99	283.33	3,935.24	3,400.00
Convention/Cont' Education	13.66	75.00	386.66	900.00
Copier	-	291.67	1,571.21	3,500.00
Elders Board	_	29.17	1,071.21	350.0
Guest Pastor		58.33	125.00	700.0
Health Insurance	6,729.00	8,217.00	60,368.03	98,604.0
HRA Savings	2,023.00	0,217.00	6,069.00	30,004.00
Janitors	931.86	1,000.00		10,000,0
LLHS Building Expense	100.00	1,000.00	7,433.18	12,000.0
LLHS Expense	2,353.04	2 250 00	1,728.50	07.000.00
Maintenance	5,005.60	2,250.00 2,559.42	18,559.75	27,000.00
Meditations	3,003.00	125.00	26,805.55	30,713.00
Mileage	365.85	291.67	698.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	30.00	12.50	2,399.15	3,500.00
Organists	229.03		495.02	150.00
Outreach Board		258.33	2,130.99	3,100.00
Payroll Expenses	577.63 256.48	375.00 233.33	1,217.90 2,043.43	4,500.0
Pension Insurance	230.40			2,800.00
Postage and Delivery	61.96	2,220.83	15,246.00	26,650.00
Secretaries	1,554.94	108.33	1,011.60	1,300.00
Stewardship Board		1,666.67	13,469.11	20,000.00
Substitute Teaching	904.26	416.67	3,239.15	5,000.00
Sunday School/VBS	- 0.40.00	044.07	1,241.55	0.000.00
	842.60	241.67	2,639.98	2,900.00
Synod Mission Expense	4,757.07	4,666.67	38,665.53	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	241.63	333.33	2,035.02	4,000.00
Utilities	5,640.10	5,250.00	31,219.41	63,000.00
WLCFS Expense	95.00		3,521.00	
WLIM Expense	120.00		1,154.50	
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,208.33	201.00	14,500.00
Worship	390.32	316.67	2,937.27	3,800.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

February 2017

 Previous Month Assets
 \$396,077.27

 Total Transactions
 -\$194,632.53

 Total Current Assets
 \$201,444.74

New Church/School Total

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	Three CD's		Plus	(\$194,632.53)	TOTAL TRANSACTIONS
(\$5,233.50)	(\$169,774.11)))	(\$19,475.00)	(\$149.92)	Monthly Transactions TOTAL
	\$530.00 deposit 2-28				
	\$4,441.00 deposit 2-27				
	\$262.00 deposit 2-24				
	\$2,267.00 deposit 2-20				
	(\$381,513.00) Checking			er e	
	\$2,685.66 deposit 2-13				
	\$210 200 denosit 2-9				
(\$381,513.00) payment	\$3,020.00 Deposit 2-6				
American National Bank					
Check # 2222					
transfer from \$381,513.00 savings	Transfer to (\$125.00) Checking				
(\$2,304.74) Dauman Electric	(\$2,300.00) Checking	transfer to)) General Fund	transfer to (\$15,000.00) General Fund		
Fhank # 1771	Transfer to				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
transfer from \$2,300.00 savings	American National Bank (\$4,623.38) church Ioan	transfer to (\$4,500.00) General Fund	(\$4,500.00	\$0.08 Interest	
Check # 2220 (\$5,228.76) Verdin Bell	National Bank (\$4,623.38) church loan	\$25.00 Deposit 2-13	\$25.00	(\$150.00) Joan Marks	Transactions
	Amontons				
\$2,228.87 EX	\$164,071.53 EX		\$8,675.82	\$994.06	Current Balance
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\$7,462.37	\$333,845.64	nati	\$28,150.82	\$1,143.98	Previous Balance
			Undesignated Savings	Checking	Accounts
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JESUS IS **RISEN!**

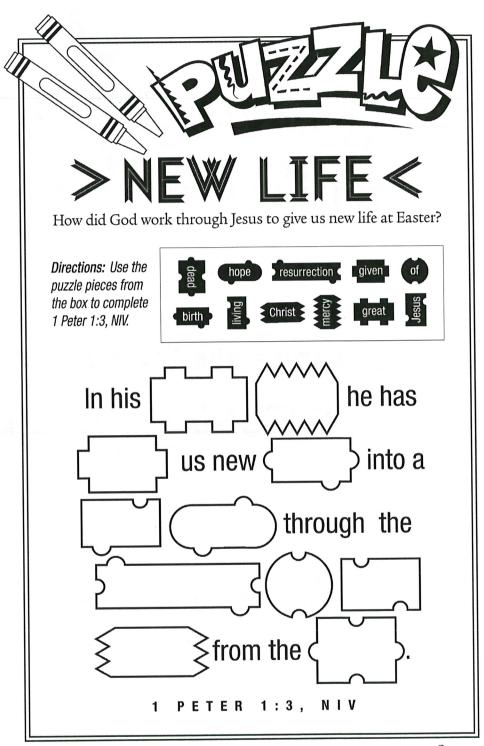
When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



- 1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
- 2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
- 3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
- 4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
- 5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
- 6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.



Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. I Peter I:3, NIV



WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

5K FAMILY RUN-WALK & 1/2 MILE KIDS DASH

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

CHECK-IN @ 9 AM RACES START @ 10 AM

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER FREE FOR GRADES K-12 \$20 FOR ADULTS

T-SHIRT & LUNCH IS INCLUDED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS
ALL ARE INVITED TO A FREE LUNCH, BOUNCE HOUSE, AND FACE PAINTING AFTER THE RACE

REGISTER AT WWW.WLS.WELS.NET/SEMINARY-SCURRY-2017/

EVENT INFORMATION ON SEMINARY WEBSITE CONTACT: PAUL SPAUDE PAUL.SPAUDE@WLS.WELS.NET



8 Questions for Matt & Becky Weidner

Where did you grow up? How did you meet and marry and end up in Columbus?

Matt grew up in Racine, WI while Becky grew up between Mosinee and Marshfield on the Big Eau Pleine Flowage. In college we both participated in campus ministries at our respective colleges; Matt at UW-Platteville and Becky at UW-Eau Claire. We met at a campus ministry retreat hosted by Eau Claire. We would see each other annually at these retreats for three years. We would also occasionally see each other in Platteville when Becky would visit her brother Nick. Our relationship didn't take off until Becky's brother graduated and moved out of state.

We moved to Columbus shortly after we got married in 2003; we were looking for a house close to Matt's job in Sun Prairie. We ended up buying the house across the street from the old church building.

What do you like to tell people about each of your kids?

Noah: Noah is a serious 11 year old who likes life to be precise and orderly. He spends time thinking, planning and mapping out his future.

Gabe: Gabe is a nine year old with a good sense of humor. He is smart, witty, and enjoys a good pun. Ellie: Ellie is an imaginative 7 year old. She dances through life, bouncing around and coming up with stories and little plays.

Simon: Simon is an inquisitive 5 year old. He wants to know what everything is and why the world works.

If you were to move, what would you miss the most about living here?

We would miss most the families we have met and the friendships that have developed over the time we have been here. We would also miss the school we have at Zion; the faculty and staff are excellent.

Any pivotal moments in your life when your faith was in question, but then strengthened?

For Matt, the biggest challenge was to stay involved in church when he went away to college. At that point it was easy to stop going to church since I didn't have my parents right there telling me to get to church. Luckily I had a roommate that nagged me to go to church and join campus ministry. For Becky, college was probably the hardest time as well, having friends with so many different ideas about life and faith. The campus ministry group and Bible study helped to keep us

grounded in faith.

How did you come to be a part of Zion? Becky and I both grew up going to Wisconsin Synod churches, so it was natural that we joined Zion when we moved to Columbus.

What went into your choice to send your kids to Zion school?

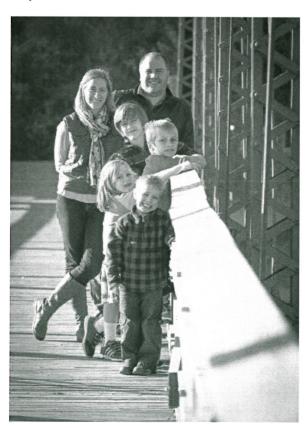
Becky and I both went to WELS parochial schools and enjoyed the experience and wanted the same for our children.

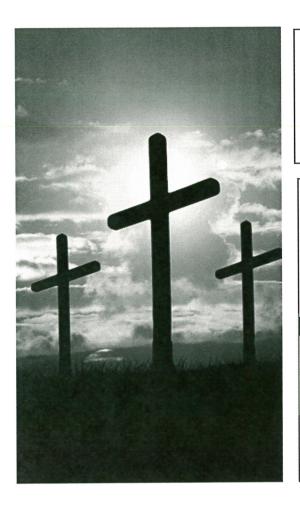
What do you do to keep your faith strong – bible study habits, prayer time, etc...

We are both regular attenders of church and Sunday Morning Bible Study; Matt also attends the Friday Morning Breakfast Bible Study.

When you think about the future of Zion, how do things look different? What do you hope remains unchanged?

I can see the church and school having the opportunity to grow as Columbus keeps growing. The thing I know will not change is the message, I believe our church and the Wisconsin Synod are committed to teaching the true Word of God.





WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday Worship during Lent 3:30, 7:00pm Friday Bible Breakfast............6:00am Sunday Worship at Church......8:00, 10:30am Sunday Adult Bible Study at Church.....9:15am Sunday School School.........9:15 am

Upcoming Events

Mon., April 3 - No School - Teachers' Inservice Thurs., April 6 - Ladies' Aid Meeting, 2:00pm Mon., April 10 - Board of Ed Meeting, 6:30pm Tues., April 11 - Stewardship Board Meeting, 7:00pm Wed., April 12 - Council Meeting, 6:30pm

Holy Week Worship

Thurs., April 13 - Maundy Thursday Worship, 3:30 & 7:00pm Fri., April 14 - Good Friday Worship, 1:30 & 7:00pm Sun., April 16 - Easter Worship, 6:00, 8:00 & 10:30am Easter breakfast served between services

Fri. & Mon., April 14 & 17 - No School - Easter Break Tues., April 18 - PATZ Meeting, 6:00pm

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