

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



The Struggle Against Sin

I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ... What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! - Romans 7:18-19, 24-25

“I wanted to be done with that bad habit, but there I went and did it again.” Does it surprise you that even when you are a Christian, and have a heart that wants to follow God, you still struggle against sinful impulses, and too often fall to them?

You are not the first Christian to feel that way. Almost 2000 years ago the apostle Paul wrote: “I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.” Right before that verse, he explained why this was so. He wrote, “I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.”

When God brings people to faith in Christ, he covers them with Christ’s forgiveness and counts them as completely holy. He creates in them a new heart that loves the Lord and wants to walk in his ways. But as long as we are in this life, the old, sinful self that we have from birth still wants to do what is evil and fights against the good desires of the new heart God created within us.

So Christians still struggle against sin every day. They often stumble and do sinful things their new hearts don’t want to do. And it frustrates them! Paul wrote, “What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?”

But there’s good news: “Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!” Though we struggle each day, each day God forgives us because of Jesus’ perfect sacrifice that was complete payment for all our sins. At last, Jesus will come and take us to be with him in heaven. There will be no sin there, around us, or inside us, to fight against or drag us down.

Keep looking forward to that day. Meanwhile, let your daily struggle with sin make you appreciate even more how good it is to have Jesus as your Savior, and to be covered by his mercy and forgiveness.

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Zion Lutheran Church & School

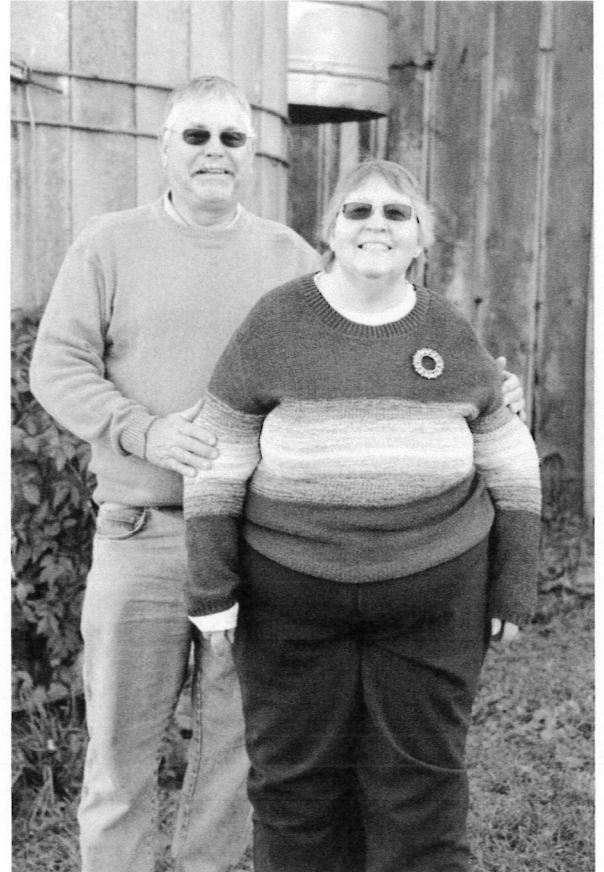
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Items with * take place at school.	1 5:30 pm *Teacher Inservice Golf Fellowship	2 6:30 pm *Teacher Inservice Church Softball vs St. John's, Juneau at Juneau City Park	3 6:30 pm *Teacher Inservice Worship with Holy Communion	4 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	5
6 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 1:00 pm Church Softball Tournament at Waterloo Fireman's Park	7 10:00 am AD Meeting	8 9:00 am 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:30 pm *Registration Day *Registration Day Golf Fellowship Stewardship Board	9 6:00 pm 6:30 pm *Parent Orientation Night Council Meeting	10 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm *Board of Ed Meeting Worship WELS Night at Miller Park	11 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	12
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Seven Questions for George and Carol Peeper

1. *How long have you been a part of the Columbus/Zion community?* The Columbus area has been home to both our families for many generations. It looks like we are here to stay. We transferred to Zion in 1996 because we were drawn to the positive atmosphere and warmth that we felt here. Pastors Cares and Wilke were wonderful to us.
2. *What do you like to tell people about your kids or grandkids?* We have two children and two grandchildren. We are very proud of all of them.
3. *Do you have a favorite work or family story to tell?* On several occasions when our family was experiencing darker moments, the pastors were there for us. When George's dad was dying, Pastor Sims, even though he himself was sick, drove through a snow storm to see him in Wyocena. And, when George's brother was killed in a farm accident, Pastor Wilke was the first to call us, and then came to the wake at St. Jerome's. Our hearts were filled with gratitude for both of these pastors.
4. *It is said that one is never busier than in retirement. What is keeping you active in the community?* While George is still working at Mid-State Equipment, Carol has found retirement to be a great blessing. Retirement is an opportunity to do all those things you've wanted to do before but never had time for. I am catching up on my reading, have become more active at church, and enjoy more time with friends and family. It's absolutely wonderful!
5. *You clearly have a heart for service. Tell us about some of your Christian role models.* There are so many Christian role models here at Zion! Every day we see people give of their time and talents above and beyond. It is so inspiring!
6. *Any pivotal moments in your life when your faith was in question, but then strengthened?* The Lord has held us up many times, too many times to count. No matter how dark the days have been, God has been with us. That has been without question.
7. *When you think about the future of Zion, how do things look different? What do you hope remains unchanged?* The future at Zion looks very, very

bright. God has blessed us as a congregation in so many ways for so long, being with this group of believers through good times and bad. As long as we cling to Him, He will surely be with us all as individuals, and collectively as a church. Christ's death and resurrection assures us of that.



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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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REMINDER

August 27th is the
Zion Picnic.

Stay tuned to the Weekly Word
for further details.



Greeter Schedule



August 6

8:00am — E1	10:30am — L2
Jeff & Melody Krakow	Nils & Lara Johansson

August 13

8:00am — E2	10:30am — L13
Dave & Kathy Harle	Aaron & Rachel Larson

August 20

8:00am — E4	10:30am — L1
Delmar & Carol Vick	Nancy Huebner & Sara Hanna

August 27

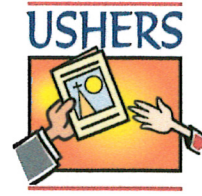
8:00am — E5	10:30am — L2
Emily Henning & Sylvia Stadler	Laurie Kirchberg & Pat Premo

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.



June Church Attendance

Date	Total
1/4	327
8/11	348
15/18	310
22/25	367



August 6

8:00am - <u>Team E4</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L5</u>
Dale Sennhenn (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Mark Lindell (A)	Peter Lewke
Brian Sennhenn	John Cares
Andrew Bussian	Paul Musser
Remington Lindell	Brian Baney
Brett Schraufnagel	Andy Tratar

August 13 & August 20

8:00am - <u>Team E5</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L6</u>
Mike Vick (C)	Otto Mattke (C)
Dale Schilling	Paul Kehl (A)
Ron Yerges	Dennis Winter
Bruce Hatzinger	Carl Wolf
James Stadler	William Mattke
J Doyle	Nils Johansson

August 27

8:00am - <u>Team E6</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L7</u>
Kim Schilling (C)	Roger Weiland (C)
Ronald Knudson	Bryce Weiland
Tracy Busse	Brett Weiland
John Zandler	Peter Klokow
Scott Brenner	Randy Koehn
Matt Vosberg	

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 August 2017

6 Gary Schuhmacher
13 Mark Lindell
20 Randy Koehn
27 Phil Manteufel



Membership



Membership Changes

Accept: Kaitlin Lepke; Jordan and Leah Crave and sons Huck, Jed, and Maverick; Josh and Laura Voelker and children Olivia and Jack; Ashley Meyers; Dana Oelke; Kyle Rowe; Kathryn Kohn; Adam Erdman

Release: Michael and Carmen Schrader (Gentz)

Remove: Sarah Altschwager; Aaron Braatz; Jim Higgins and adult daughters Tanya and Dara; Ross Selje; Adam Thessin

Ministrations

Baptisms:

7. Ashley Meyers, Baptized 6/25/17 (adult).

Deaths

6. James Manke. Born 6/6/1924. Died 6/13/2017.

7. Russell Sennhenn. Born 11/27/1931. Died 6/19/17.



Laura Hundley	5th	92 years
Evangeline Berg	10th	85 years
Louis Weishoff	16th	93 years
Wilma Lenz	17th	91 years
Laverne Linde	19th	89 years
Beverly Adam	22nd	81 years
Barbara Owens	22nd	84 years

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **August 25th**. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Wrapped in the Comfort of God's Love

Zion ladies, please save the date for a Women's Christian Tea afternoon program on September 16th, 2017. Sign up sheets for ladies and guests will be on a table in the entryway of the fellowship hall the first three Sundays in August (6th, 13th, and 20th), along with invitation cards to give your friends. Bring your favorite quilts for viewing. Our theme is Wrapped in the Comfort of God's Love. We will have quilt viewing beginning at 1pm, followed by a light lunch, entertainment, information, and tea. Come join us!

When the signup sheets appear, please note the following:

Sign up A: Please write your name, phone number, and any guest's name and phone number.

Sign up B: List your name and how many quilts you will be bringing to view (they must be brought in Friday, Sept 15th). Please pick up a label card for each one and take it with you. We ask that you tell us the story of your quilt (who made it and when) on the label card and attach it to the quilt.

Sign up C: If you have any quilt racks you are willing to lend us for the event, please write your name and how many racks you have available. Pews and coat racks will also be used for display.

If you will be bringing quilts or racks, please bring them to the fellowship hall Friday, September 15th between 9am and 12pm. Make sure your quilt labels are securely attached. You may take your items home with you after the program. Contact Emily Henning at 623-2274 or Melody Krakow at [920-210-6323](tel:920-210-6323) if you have any questions.



2016-2017 Scrip Recap

Once again our Scrip customers and volunteer team have wowed us with their commitment and efforts for Christian education! We saw a 36% increase in sales this year, with more families who don't have Zion, LLHS, or LPS students buying. This means rebates that directly boost our Zion Tuition Assistance fund - thank you!

We also noted an increased rebate value of 6% for our current Zion students, and 80% increase in rebates being saved for Christian education at the high school level. In addition, we are thrilled to note that four future Crusaders (infants and toddlers) are banking tuition dollars for their future education at Zion!

The Board of Ed is currently in discussion about how best to use the Scrip rebate resources that are now at their discretion. When their final decision is made, we will post an update. Thank you again, Zion family, for your support!

*If you are wondering what all this is about, call the Zion office at 623-5180 to learn more.

Evening for Life

Save the Date!

Plan to attend WELS Lutherans for Life fall fundraiser scheduled for Friday, October 13th at Country Springs in Pewaukee. Please pencil it into your calendar.

This year they are holding two similar events on the same day: a new luncheon and the traditional dinner. Details are still in the works but we can tell you that:

- This year's presenter is Pastor Ken Fisher, President of Wisconsin Lutheran High School. He is adopted and has a compelling story and he is currently discovering new facets of his birth family.
- We plan to demonstrate "live" ultrasound scans, along with ministry updates, and inspirational stories.
- We're looking for table hosts and sponsors.

We look forward to seeing you there. Plan ahead and watch for details at www.eveningforlife.org.

Zion Lutheran School

Now Enrolling!

- Accredited Education for K4 – 8th 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 today!

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Financial Statement
June 2017**

	June 17	<i>Estimated Monthly Budget</i>	Fiscal Year to Date Jul - Jun 17	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Church Library Donation	19.29		33.29	
Extra Synod Missions Income	49.00		427.00	
General Fund Offerings	47,212.62		590,371.35	
LLHS Building Income	26.00		2,370.50	
Other Donations	3,280.01		11,808.91	
Other Receipts	5.00		6,136.10	
Substitute Teaching Reimbursement	-		1,927.18	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	-		104,250.00	
WLCFS Income	50.00		3,900.00	
WLIM Income	50.00		1,641.50	
Total Income	50,691.92		722,865.83	
Expense				
ACH fee	(11.10)		(11.00)	
Apartment Rent	635.00	666.67	7,620.00	8,000.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	24,542.55	27,829.83	325,103.82	333,958.00
Church Library Expense	-	12.50	183.29	150.00
Church Supplies	175.68	283.33	4,778.38	3,400.00
Convention/Cont' Education	100.00	75.00	612.91	900.00
Copier	-	291.67	2,466.45	3,500.00
Elders Board	-	29.17	-	350.00
Guest Pastor	-	58.33	1,273.70	700.00
Health Insurance	6,729.00	8,217.00	87,284.03	98,604.00
HRA Savings	2,023.00		14,161.00	
Janitors	1,830.91	1,000.00	12,340.81	12,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	26.00		2,370.50	
LLHS Expense	2,360.63	2,250.00	29,427.76	27,000.00
Maintenance	858.95	2,559.42	36,982.64	30,713.00
Meditations	-	125.00	1,047.00	1,500.00
Mileage	58.50	291.67	3,351.40	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	-	12.50	515.87	150.00
Organists	264.78	258.33	3,375.55	3,100.00
Outreach Board	-	375.00	2,364.67	4,500.00
Payroll Expenses	232.65	233.33	2,994.97	2,800.00
Pension Insurance	7,446.00	2,220.83	30,138.00	26,650.00
Postage and Delivery	115.31	108.33	1,416.80	1,300.00
Secretaries	1,737.71	1,666.67	22,125.48	20,000.00
Stewardship Board	-	416.67	4,463.17	5,000.00
Substitute Teaching	-		1,747.58	
Sunday School/VBS	116.75	241.67	2,756.73	2,900.00
Synod Mission Expense	4,770.26	4,666.67	60,828.54	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	50.35	333.33	2,936.16	4,000.00
Utilities	(7,769.76)	5,250.00	38,408.52	63,000.00
WLCFS Expense	50.00		3,900.00	
WLIM Expense	50.00		1,641.50	
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	105.00	1,208.33	13,691.00	14,500.00
Worship	-	316.67	5,015.84	3,800.00
Total Expense	46,498.17	60,997.92	727,313.07	731,975.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

June 2017

Previous Month Assets	\$307,867.57
Total Transactions	-\$49,992.48
Total Current Assets	\$257,875.09

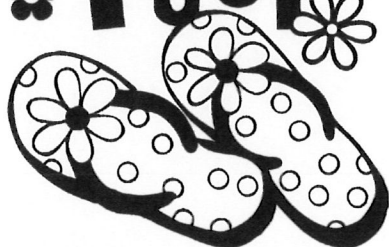
New Church/School Total	\$177,049.51
checking/savings	

		----- Monthly Statements -----			
Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/ School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking	Explanation
Previous Balance	\$544.24	\$53,781.54	\$225,838.46	\$2,228.87	
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.96)	\$1,175.30	(\$49,479.72)	(\$1,538.10)	
Current Balance	\$394.28	\$54,956.84	\$176,358.74	\$690.77	
Transactions	(\$150.00)	\$1,135.00	(\$4,623.38)	\$50,000.00	
	\$0.04 Interest	\$40.30 Interest	National Bank church loan	Transfer from Savings	Check to Zion School (see note below)
			National Bank church loan	start of Accoustical study	
			\$3,571.00 6-6-17 Deposit	(\$1,538.10)	
			\$45.00 6-9-17 Deposit		
			(\$50,000.00) 6-8-17 Transfer to NCS Checking		
			\$1,481.00 6-12-17 Deposit		
			\$1,386.10 6-19-17 Deposit		
			\$10.00 6-23-17 Deposit		
			\$2,619.00 6-26-17 Deposit		
			\$480.00 6-30-17 Deposit		
			\$174.94 Interest		
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.96)	\$1,175.30	(\$49,479.72)	(\$1,538.10)	
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$49,992.48)				
Interest Received	\$215.28				

Notes:
 \$50,000 check was part of the Helen Petrich estate that was designated to Zion School for scholarships
 The entire estate was deposited into the NCS Savings account until the School was ready for the funds.

kids page

Happy Feet



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

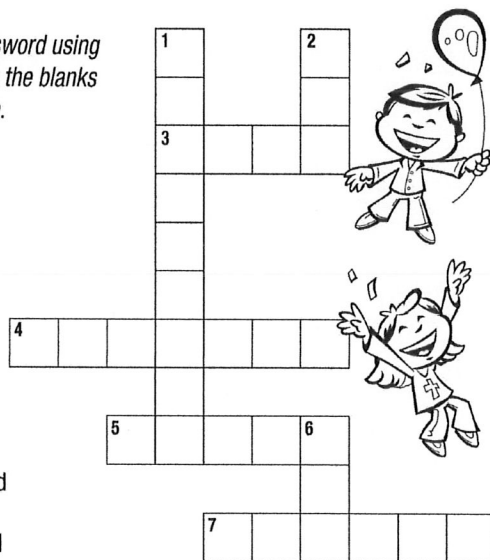
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



"But may the 1. _____ be 3. _____ and
4. _____ before 2. _____; 6. _____ they
be happy and 7. _____." 5. _____ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thursday Worship.....6:30pm
Friday Bible Breakfast.....6:00am
Sunday Worship at Church.....8:00, 10:30am
Sunday Adult Bible Study at Church.....9:15am

Church and School located at 822 Western Avenue

Upcoming Events

Sun., Aug 6 – Church Softball Tournament 1:00pm
Tues., Aug 8 – Zion Lutheran School Registration 9:00am-12:00pm
Tues., Aug 8 – Zion Lutheran School Registration 5:00pm-8:00pm
Wed., Aug 9 – Parent Orientation Night 6:00pm
Sun., Aug 27 – Zion Picnic and School Supply Dropoff 12:00pm
Mon., Aug 28 – Zion’s First Day of School