

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Ever Wonder?
Answers to
Important Questions.



Where can I find God?

Christmas is a time for searching. People go from one store to another in search of one specific gift. When they finally find that special present, they feel a sense of relief and accomplishment.

What are you looking for this Christmas season? Many of us spend a lot of time looking but not finding. We look for peace in our lives, but the strains of work and stresses of our relationships bring tension and turmoil. We look for understanding about why our lives have taken the direction they have only to be left pondering and wondering. We look for happiness but find only sorrow. We ask the question, "What's life all about?" We wonder, "What have I accomplished?" We are left searching for answers.

All life's questions really boil down to one. Those who have found the answer to this question also have the answers to the question of peace, understanding, and happiness. This question may be asked more at this time of year than at any other. If your life needs meaning, peace, understanding, and happiness, then you need to first ask the big question: "Where can I find God?"

Long ago some ordinary blue-collar workers—some shepherds—were presented with the answer. These

shepherds were told that the world's Savior was born in the small town of Bethlehem. Was it true? They went to investigate. And they found God!

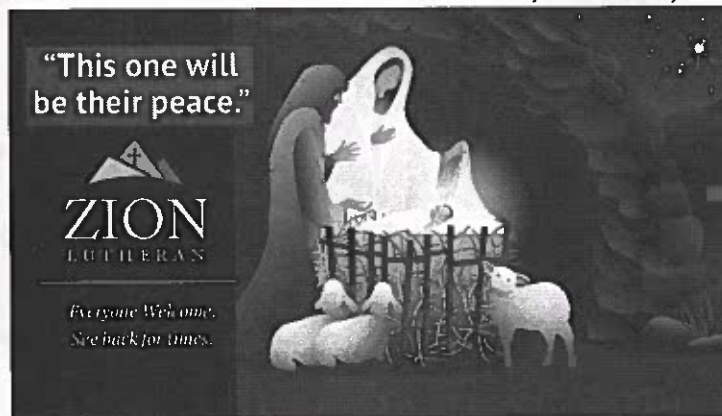
"When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger" (Luke 2:15,16).

Where can we find God? The Bible takes us back to Bethlehem, where we join the shepherds in beholding

the Son of God who took on our human nature and was born into the world. He came to seek and save all of us who had lost our connection with God. He came to give us the answer for finding God. We find God through him because he is the Savior

who has opened the way to life with God.

No more searching. Jesus is the answer for finding God.



Children ages 3-4th grade, together with their caregivers, are invited to join us for an afternoon of CHRISTmas activities.



Saturday,
December 10
1-3 pm
Zion Lutheran
School

Gingerbread CHRISTmas

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 8:00 AM Worship, Communion 9:15 AM Bible Study, Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship: Communion Online Worship Posted Advent by Candlelight 6 – 8:30 PM	5 Winter Sports Pictures 7:00 PM Bible Information Class 7:00 WELS Wind Ensemble	6 4:00 6-7, 8 Catechism 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Advent Devotion 7:30 Choir	7 BB Home vs. St. Paul's, Lake Mills 7:45-11 Sanctuary Cleaning 7PM WWE prac	8 6:00 Bible Breakfast BB Away vs St. John, Waterloo	9 6:00 Bible Breakfast BB Away (ATeams) LPS Tip-off	10 9-11 AM Children's Christmas Pract. 1-3 PM Ginger-bread CHRISTmas 2p WWE Concert
11 8:00 AM Advent Scripture and Song 9:15 AM Bible Study, Sunday School 10:30 AM Advent Scripture & Song Online Worship Posted	12 9:30 Pastors' Circuit Meeting 6:30 Board of Ed BB Home vs. St. Matthew's, Oconomowoc	13 1:30 & 6:30 School Christmas Concert	14 4:00 6-7, 8 Catechism 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Advent Devotion 7:30 Choir	15 7:45-11 Sanctuary Cleaning	16 6:00 Bible Breakfast BB Home vs Our Redeemer, Madison	17 9-11 Snow date- Christmas Practice
18 8:30 AM Worship: Children's Christmas Service 10:30 AM Worship: Children's Christmas Service Online Worship Posted	19 12:30 Early Release 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Council 7:00 Choir	20 12:30 Early Release 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Council 7:00 Choir	21 12:30: Early Release 7:45-11 Sanctuary Cleaning	22 6:00 Bible Breakfast No School: Christmas Break	23 6:00 Bible Breakfast No School: Christmas Break	24 4:00 & 7:00 PM Worship: Christmas Eve
25 10:00 Worship, Communion: Christmas Day Online Worship Posted	26 Sanctuary Monthly Cleaning	27 Sanctuary Monthly Cleaning	28 7:45-11 Sanctuary Cleaning	29 7:45-11 Sanctuary Cleaning	30 5:00 PM Worship, Communion: New Year's Eve	31 5:00 PM Worship, Communion: New Year's Eve

Christmas Break



7 Questions for Kim Schilling

1. *Let's start with the basics – Where were you born and where did you grow up? What have you done for work throughout your life?*

I was born in Columbus in the hospital that is now the Santa Maria apartments. I grew up and still live on Maple Avenue.

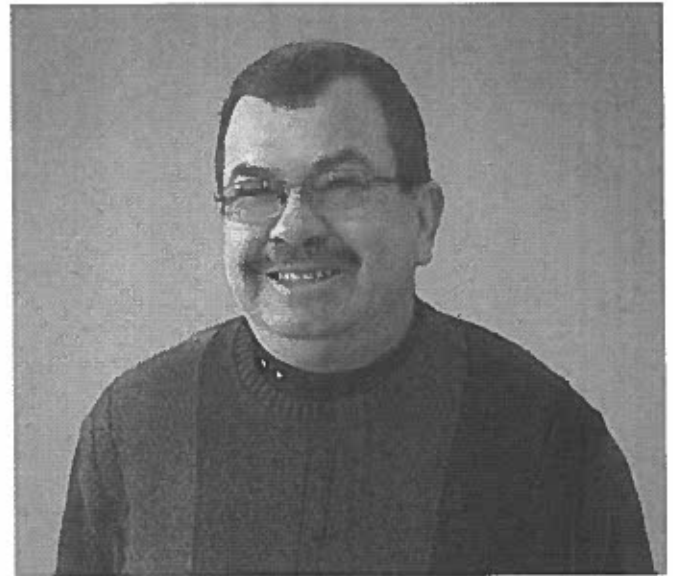
I have worked at Big Don's Shirt Shack that is located near the viaduct on Lewis Street. I also worked as bartender at Columbus CC for two years. I finished my working years at Enerpac (32 years).

2. *You have a passion for golf and for passing on your love of it to others. How did that start and develop? What about it has changed over the years?*

My dad taught me the game of golf back when I was in 5th grade. Mike O'Brien, my golf coach in high school, asked me to help coach while I was laid off from work in 1983. I've been coaching ever since. I love helping kids learn the game of golf; it is a sport you can do all your life. Golf teaches you how to deal with adversity, which is good as you go thru life. Technology has really changed over the years which has, I think, made the game easier.

3. *You have a reputation as quite a baker. How did that develop? What's your specialty?*

My mother taught me everything I know about baking. One thing she always said before I start, "Wash your hands," lol. I guess my specialty is "Ice Box Kranz," which my great grandmother brought over from Germany. Another thing that I love to make are cinnamon rolls with a secret ingredient that keeps them moist.



4. *How did you navigate the transition to retirement?*

Retirement was very easy for me. I love to golf, go to sporting events, and I have a golf simulator in my garage. I usually never get bored.

5. *What's the most significant challenge to your faith that you face today?*

Trying not to get too involved in social media. There are good things about it but the Devil works things in there too that can tempt you.

6. *What habits have you developed to keep your faith strong?*

My parents always stressed to me that it is important to go to church to help build my faith.

Praying when I'm troubled by something or praying for a friend who is struggling helps me get thru things. God answers prayers!

7. *What do you see as the strength of Zion? Its challenges? Your hopes for our future?*

I think the strength is that it preaches the true word of God, unlike some churches that preach what people want to hear. Zion preaches about the consequences of sin, but Jesus died on the cross to take those sins away.

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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

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

November 27th & December 4th

8:00am - Team E1	10:30am - Team L6
Jeff Henning (C)	Paul Kehl (C)
Darryl Berndt (A)	Otto Mattke (A)
Leo Fischer	Dennis Winter
Matt Weidner	Carl Wolf
Gabe Weidner	William Mattke
Rodney Hacht	Nils Johansson
Mark Tiedt	Shaun Opsahl

December 11th & December 18th

8:00am - Team E2	10:30am - Team L7
Dale Schilling (C)	Matt Huber (C)
Dale Gajdosik	Carter Huber
Kenneth Schulz	Jeremy Maas
Matt Yaroch	Korben Maas
Nick Yaroch	Brady Grambsch
Nate Yaroch	Michael Vertz

December 24th (Christmas Eve) &

January 1st (New Year's Day)

4:00pm - December 24th	7:00pm - December 24th
8:00am - January 1st	10:30am - January 1st
Team E3	Team L1
Randy Koehn (C)	Tom Schultz (C)
Dan Retzlaff	Aaron Larson
Noah Litherland	James Kopfer
Steven Hahn	Brandon Lee
William Penterman	Max Larson
Brian Baney	Andy Tratar

December 25th (Christmas Day), December 31st (New Year's Eve) & January 8th

5:00pm - December 31st	10:00am - December 25th
8:00am - January 8th	10:30am - January 8th
Team E4	Team L2
Mark Lindell (C)	Dale Schultz (C)
Remington Lindell	Daniel Schultz
Roger Weiland (C)	Dylan Schultz
Bryce Weiland	Michael Hallberg
Brett Weiland	Nathan Hallberg
Norman Weiland	Henry Tews
Eric Turnquist (C)	

If you have any questions about the usher 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 (920) 296-4333.

WORSHIP WELCOMERS

December 4th

8:00am	10:30am
Jim & Jenny Greiling	Laurie Kirchberg & Pat Premo

December 11th

8:00am	10:30am
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	Rick & Lisa Gentz

December 18th

8:00am	10:30am
Delphine Schaefer	Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn

December 25th

10:00am
Otto & Sheree Mattke

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.



Church Attendance October

Date	Total
6/9	289
13/16	327
20/23	352
27/30	316

Membership Changes

Transfer In:

Betty Oehlert from St. John's, Doylestown, WI

Transfer Out:

Philip & Marie Becker, Ingrid & Alden, St. John's, Jefferson, WI

Released:

None

Ministrations

Baptisms:

None

Deaths:

None

Marriages:

2. Chelsie Lindell & Andrew Hayes
Married 10/1/2022

Adult Confirmations:

John Kleist

Affirmations of Faith:

Stuart & Cathy Benzine



Merle Nehmer	12th	88 years
Clara Sennhenn	16th	98 years

Advent by Candlelight

The day has arrived for Advent by Candlelight. On December 4, hosts can set up tables between 11:30am and 2:00pm. Desserts and

Appetizers/Snacks can be brought during that time or at 6:00pm. Please have the food pre-cut or pre-portioned. The committee has been working hard and eager to share the Advent message with you. The doors will open at 6:00pm for guests to arrive for fellowship and viewing of the decorated tables. The program will begin at 6:30pm. Join us for an evening of the Word, music, fellowship, and treats in preparation for the holiday season.



ZION RELIEF COMMITTEE

Zion Relief Committee is collecting non-perishable food items (such as canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, etc.) and toiletries (such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, etc.) for its food pantry during the month of December. Items can be placed in the cupboard marked Food Pantry located in the entryway. If making a cash donation, please make the check payable to the Zion Relief Committee and put it in the box provided on the counter above the cupboard. If at any time after the food drive you have items or money you'd like to donate to the food pantry, you can place the items in the same cupboard and/or the cash donation in the box. If there are any questions, you can contact Denise Schilling at 623-2865.

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by December 16th.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



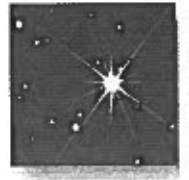
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Income and Expense Statement
 GENERAL FUND 01, October 2022

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Percentage
INCOME				
CONTRIBUTION INCOME				
UNRESTRICTED	\$64,857.90	\$234,543.47	\$0.00	0.00%
DONOR RESTRICTED	15,051.78	50,694.15	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Contribution Income	79,909.68	285,237.62	0.00	0.00%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	50,990.71	53,158.97	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL INCOME	130,900.39	338,396.59	0.00	0.00%
EXPENSES				
FIXED EXPENSES				
CALLED WORKER PAYROLL	\$29,759.62	\$117,608.24	\$123,786.00	95.01%
SUPPORT STAFF	3,945.09	13,102.27	16,670.00	78.60%
BENEFITS	11,745.16	54,572.96	73,463.00	74.29%
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	915.57	5,161.42	6,533.32	79.00%
BUILDING & GROUNDS	6,888.17	33,387.51	37,636.68	88.71%
Subtotal Fixed Expenses	53,253.61	223,832.40	258,089.00	86.73%
DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES				
OUTSIDE SUPPORT	8,690.00	34,755.00	34,346.00	101.19%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	394.00	1,647.96	1,333.36	123.59%
WORSHIP/MUSIC	66.14	619.88	4,416.72	14.03%
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH	0.00	332.19	2,166.68	15.33%
ELDERS	0.00	0.00	33.32	0.00%
STEWARDSHIP	289.71	1,113.80	1,100.00	101.25%
FAMILY MINISTRY	174.38	825.96	1,066.72	77.43%
Subtotal Departments/committees	9,614.23	39,294.79	44,462.80	88.38%
OTHER EXPENSES				
CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS	0.00	510.00	500.00	102.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	62,867.84	263,637.19	303,051.80	86.99%
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS				
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	-\$12,233.70	-\$44,511.02	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL TRANSFERS	-12,233.70	-44,511.02	0.00	0.00%
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$55,798.85	\$30,248.38	-\$303,051.80	-9.98%

Holy Days at Zion



December 7&14	Advent Devotions	7:00 pm
December 11	Advent Song Service	8:00&10:30 am
December 10	Gingerbread CHRISTmas	1:00 – 3:00 pm
December 18	Children’s Service	8:30&10:30 am
December 24	Christmas Eve	4:00&7:00 pm
December 25	Christmas Day	10:00 am
	(Communion, one service only)	
December 31	New Year’s Eve (Communion)	5:00 pm
January 1	New Year’s Day(Communion)	8:00&10:30 am

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