

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Christmas—God's Gift to You

This year in our monthly articles we are considering favorite verses from the Bible. This month's favorite Bible verse is: **Galatians 4:4,5**

"When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons."

It's the moment for which children wait so excitedly: the time for tearing open Christmas presents. It's thrilling to see their excitement and joy to find out what lies beneath the bow and paper. But often, just as quickly as the excitement erupted, it begins to disappear.

When the flying bows and paper settle, feelings of disappointment and ingratitude so often start to surface. The moment everyone so eagerly looked forward to becomes yet another disappointment.

For so many, the Christmas season and celebration ends up like the boxes strewn across the floor—empty. Because, eventually, the decorations are taken down, the parties end, and life goes back to normal.



But this won't be the case when we remember what Christmas is really about. Christmas is the celebration of the gift of God's one and only Son, a gift he gave to the world. It's the gift that I need, that you need, that this whole world needs. You see, this world—including you and me—is wrapped and covered in sin. It is this covering of sin that leaves us empty and disappointed and looking for more gifts and other presents that we hope will fill the void. But they can't.

It is only through the gift of God's Son, and his life and death that removes from you the ugly covering and wrapping of your sins. Jesus did not come to be placed under a Christmas tree, but to hang upon a tree, not as an ornament, but as the one who would die upon it to pay for all of your sins. His perfect,

innocent life and death are gifts he offers to you to make you his perfect and holy child and heir of heaven.

Christmas is so much more than presents placed beneath a tree. It's the sure and certain fulfillment of God's most treasured gift to you—your Savior from sin, Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP WITH US

See back page for full Holy Days schedule.

SUNDAY Mornings at 8:00 and 10:30

Social distancing, mask requirements in place for on-campus worship.

ONLINE SERVICE uploaded every Sunday by 8:00 at www.zioncolumbus.org

Zion Lutheran Church and School

December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 No school 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting	2 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 9:00 am Organ tuning 1:30 pm Pastor-Principal Meeting 4:00 pm Catechism Grades 6-7, 8 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Advent Devotion: Looking Ahead 7:45 pm Evangelism Board	3 2:00 pm Ladies Aid	4 6:00 am Midterm Bible Breakfast	5
6 8:00 am Worship, Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship: Communion 8:00 pm Online Worship Posted	7 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	8 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	9 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Pastor-Principal Meeting 4:00 pm Catechism Grades 6-7, 8 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm Advent Devotion: Looking Ahead	10	11 6:00 am Sanctuary reserved Bible Breakfast	12
13 Advent Song Service 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 8:00 pm Online Worship Posted	14	15	16 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Pastor-Principal Meeting 4:00 pm Catechism Grades 6-7, 8 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Advent Devotion: Looking Ahead	17 1:00 pm Sanctuary reserved 6:00 pm Sanctuary reserved	18 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	19 Grocery Outreach
20 8:00 am Children's Christmas Service 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Children's Christmas Service 8:00 pm Online Worship Posted	21	22	23 7:00 am Early Release 4:00 pm Faculty Bible Study 6:30 pm No Catechism Bell Choir Practice	24 No School: Christmas break Christmas Eve 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship	25 No School: Christmas break Christmas Day 8:00 am Christmas Day Worship 10:30 am Christmas Day Worship	26
27 8:00 am Christmas 1 Worship, Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship, Communion 8:00 pm Online Worship Posted	28 No School: Christmas break	29 No School: Christmas break	30 4:00 pm No School: Christmas break No Catechism	31 No School: Christmas break New Year's Eve 5:00 pm Worship, Communion		

Grocery Outreach with Praise and Proclaim Ministries



October 23-24 was a great weekend for our church. A group of volunteers enjoyed some food and fun together on a Friday night while they received outreach training from Dave Malnes of Praise and Proclaim ministries. The next day, they put their training to work.

1,000 postcards were mailed out to people in town in advance of our efforts in the hopes that they would grab people's attention in a good way for Zion. With 85 bags of groceries packed and ready to go, our volunteers went in teams to various apartments and homes in town delivering food to people in need and looking for opportunities to tell the good news about our people and our church.

In the afternoon, we knocked on 280 doors in the hopes that people in neighborhoods around Columbus had seen our postcards, and most of them had. As we were able we directed them to find out more about our church, including viewing short devotions by our pastors that are still up on our site. You can view them at

<http://www.zioncolumbus.org/peace-thru-jesus-devotionals>

All in all it was a great weekend of being built up in the faith and gaining experience finding ways to say good things about our God to people in our area. Thanks to our Outreach Board (Nils J., Noah L., Tina L. and Pastor Z), our volunteers, to Dave Malnes, and most of all, our Lord Jesus for making it happen.

Our work continues on **Saturday, December 19th** as the outreach committee at Zion will be leading an effort in the community to hand out

groceries and to look for openings to plant gospel seeds. We invite everyone who's interested to join us. We will carry this out for two hours, from 9:30a until 11:30am, on this date. If interested, please speak with Nils Johansson (608)358-5137 or nitrucker76@gmail.com or Pastor Zuberbier (920) 517-7940 or pastorbenzuberbier@gmail.com. If you're interested in assisting with providing groceries, we've decided to collect offerings to purchase them instead of receiving grocery donations directly. Please indicate on your offering envelope that your designated offering will go toward "grocery outreach." We're also working on making it easier to do this through online giving, so stay tuned for more details. WELS Christian Aid and Relief has decided to match funds on these offerings. The deadline for submitting them is December 10th. Meanwhile, we look forward to further outreach in God's kingdom.



HOLY DAYS WORSHIP

ADVENT WORSHIP: November 29 and December 6
8:00 and 10:30 am

MIDWEEK ADVENT DEVOTIONS: December 2, 9, 16
7:00 pm

ADVENT SCRIPTURE AND SONG: December 13
8:00 and 10:30 am

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: December 20
(Pre-recorded recitation and songs) 8:00 and 10:30 am

CHRISTMAS EVE: December 24
3:00, 5:00 and 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: December 25
8:00 and 10:30 am



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Council Names and Numbers

Dan Retzlaff, Chairman	920-319-0018
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Nils Johansson, Outreach	608-239-5123
Jim Greiling, Property	920-948-1746
Otto Mattke, Stewardship	608-516-5279
Craig Lathrop, Family Ministry	608-770-2498

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.

Get in Touch

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Thanks
be to God
for his
indescribable
gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

Greeter Schedule



December 6th

8:00am — E5
Emily Henning &
Nancy Huebner

10:30am — L12
Nils & Lara Johansson

December 13th

8:00am — E6
Jim & Jenny Greiling

10:30am — L13
Aaron & Rachel Larson

December 20th

8:00am — E7
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik

10:30am — L1
Janell Allar &
Kay Salzwedel

December 27th

8:00am — E8
Wilma Lenz &
Joan Herzberg

10:30am — L2
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.



December 6th & December 13th

8:00am - <u>Team E4</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L1</u>
Mark Lindell (C)	Tom Schultz (C)
Remington Lindell	Aaron Larson
Roger Weiland (C)	James Kopfer
Bryce Weiland	Dayne Kopfer
Brett Weiland	Brandon Lee
Normal Weiland	Brian Vierck
Eric Turnquist (C)	

December 20th & December 24th

8:00am - December 20th	10:30am - December 20th
5:00pm - December 24th	7:00pm - December 24th
<u>Team E5</u>	<u>Team L2</u>
Kim Schilling (C)	Dale Schultz (C)
Ronald Knudson	Daniel Schultz
Andy Tratar	Dylan Schultz
John Zandler	Michael Hallberg
Scott Brenner	Nathan Hallberg
Matt Vosberg	Henry Tews

December 25th, December 27th & December 31st

8:00am - December 27th	10:30am - December 25th
5:00pm - December 31st	10:30am - December 27th
<u>Team E6</u>	<u>Team L3</u>
Jim Greiling (C)	Jim Kluetzman (C)
Matt Greiling	Gabe Uttech
Rick Gentz	AJ Uttech
Hunter Sommer	Michael Uttech
John Brey	Gary Schuhmacher
Bob Marousek	Tony Owens
Jordan Crave	

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 (608) 296-4333.



**Church Attendance
October 2020**

Date	Total
1/4	222
8/11	199
15/18	201
22/25	210

Raymond Grueneberg	3rd	85 years
Merle Nehmer	12th	86 years
Shirley Knudson	12th	89 years
Clara Sennhenn	16th	96 years

Membership



Membership Changes

Transfers In: Dean & Dorothy Anderson from St. John's, Pardeeville, WI.

Transfers Out: Reuben Christian - Removal by request.

Ministrations

Baptism:

- 8. Daisi Perez - Baptized 10/19/2020
- 9. Christina Nickol - Baptized 10/19/2020

Confirmation:

- Carissa Tramburg - Confirmed 10/18/2020
- Christian Perez - Confirmed 10/19/2020

Death:

- 8. Selma Dykstra - Born 1/20/1929; Died 10/23/2020.

Christmas Cheer Boxes

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Ladies Aid Society will not be giving out cheer boxes this year.

Zion's Ladies Society

At our meeting at 2pm on December 3rd, we will make a final decision about our Christmas gift giving.



Zion's Relief Committee always appreciates items or money.

If you feel uncomfortable coming to our meeting because of the virus, feel free to contact Judy Vick at 623-3864 and she will let you know what is happening at our meetings.

Please remember we do not have a meeting in January, so we will see you in February.

May everyone have a blessed and joyful Christmas.

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.

Silent Auction Volunteer Information

We are excited to continue the silent auction we started last year in conjunction with our spring concert on May 11, 2021. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available. Please contact Becky Maas, at beckymaas@gmail.com or 608-228-7755 if you are able to help.

Basket Donations: A team of people to call/email businesses for basket donations. A rolling list will be placed on a google sheet, so an organization is not asked more than once.

Timeline: November- April - We will have our first meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, November 17 at 7 pm. We will review the list we collected last year and start assigning the business for individuals to call/email.

Basket Bundling: Organize the donations that we receive into baskets, create descriptions and opening bids.

Timeline: Mid-April to Silent Auction

Set-Up: Help set-up tables and display the auction items the night before the event.

Timeline: May 10 (6pm-?)

Payments: Do you have neat handwriting? We need one person to write out the final bids on a white board to be displayed at the end of the concert. A team of people to bring baskets from the basket area to the payment area. A team of people to take payments and give baskets to winners.

Timeline: May 11 (6:30PM—?)

Clean Up: A team of people to help clean-up the event.

Timeline: May 11 (7:30pm—?)

Thank-You Notes: A team of people to print thank you notes to those that donated basket items.

Timeline: May 11—May 31

Donation Request Form: See included form or go to <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mKQlGDJYy736p7SF19dKISnXMjeQ57zE5JuXOqSxDM/edit?usp=sharing>

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by December 18th.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



2021 Men of His Word Conference: Everyone wants to be a winner, but we often feel like losers. We work so hard to be the best and do our best. We want to be loving husbands, caring fathers, faithful church members, hardworking employees, good neighbors and so much more. We try, but it's easy to feel conquered. The devil is constantly attacking us. The world lures us away from God and responsibility. Our sinful natures condemn us. Should we just give up? No! God promises that we are **MORE THAN CONQUERORS** through him who loved us (Romans 8:37). Not only does God promise strength for our battles now; he promises **MORE** - that nothing will separate us from his love until we live with him in eternal joy as **CONQUERORS**. Join us on February 20, 2021 to find strength for the battles and guaranteed victory through Christ.

The 12th Annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 20 2021. Additional details and online registration are available at www.menofhisword.org. The registration fee is \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth – these rates increase to \$60 and \$30 respectively after January 31st. Please join us for a day of fellowship in God's Word!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our goal is to keep our participants safe:

- Our maximum capacity is 300 participants to enable social distancing
- Masks are required while inside the Hotel and Convention Center
- All food (continental breakfast and box lunch) will be individually packaged
- Hand sanitizer will be available
- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home

Dear Friends of Zion Lutheran School,



We are excited to be coordinating a silent auction in conjunction with our spring concert on May 11, 2021. The goal of this event will be to connect the members and friends of Zion Lutheran congregation with the mission to assist parents in providing a Christ-centered, quality education for their children. More specifically, the auction proceeds will help fund the playground equipment to serve the growing number of children enrolled in this ministry.

We are now in the process of collecting merchandise for this auction, and looking for community partners, individuals or businesses that would be willing to make a contribution toward this event. The donation could be an item, a full themed basket or a gift certificate for services.

Basket donation ideas are listed below. If you search in your web browser for silent auction basket themes along with the theme you have in mind, you will see specific items that will help you create a basket.

For the Golfers, Griller's Delight, Baby Love, Outdoor Adventures, Wine & Cheese,

Family Game Night, Movie Night at Home, For a Book Club, Chocolate Celebration, Garden in a Box,

One-Stop Wrap Shop, Let Your Candles Shine, Electronic Gizmos & Gadgets, Spoil Fido & Fluffy, Fourth of July,

Paint for a Cause, Auto Detailing, Warm & Cozy, At Home Salon, Makeup Maven,

Dude Crate, All Access Pass, Music Lover's, Sing Your Heart Out, Weekend Staycation

Your tax-deductible contribution will be recognized on the program and on the merchandise display the night of the event. More importantly, it will support our efforts in providing quality, Christian education to a growing number of families in our local community.

Sincerely,

Becky Maas, Coordinator

Please complete the section below and return to:

Zion Lutheran School
822 Westeran Ave
Columbus, WI 53925

or

E-mail: beckymaas@ymail.com

Please contact Becky Maas at 608-228-7755 with any questions.

Merchandise should be dropped off with the school office prior to April 30, 2021. We would like to promote the auction items via our website to those who may not be able to attend in person.

_____ Yes! We would like to support Zion Lutheran School with our tax-deductible gift of:

_____ a merchandise item or basket of : _____

with a value of : \$ _____

_____ sponsorship via a contribution of \$ _____

Name: _____ Business (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Financial Statement
October 2020**

	Oct 20	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 20 - Oct 20	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Extra Synod Missions Income	400.00		1,156.00	
General Fund Offerings	49,952.36		204,461.43	
LLHS Building Income	-		-	
Other Donations	(1,465.00)		(5,122.45)	
Other Receipts	25.00		52.11	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	-		-	
<i>FMUB Revolving Line of Credit @ 3.5%</i>	-		-	
WLCFS Income	-		-	
WLIM Income	-		-	
Total Income	48,912.36		200,547.09	
Expense				
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	27,944.16	28,152.17	114,711.68	337,826.00
Church Supplies	485.63	454.17	591.04	5,450.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	83.33	-	1,000.00
Copier	-	275.00	429.53	3,300.00
Elders Board	-	20.83	-	250.00
Family Ministry Board	-	350.00	134.58	4,200.00
Guest Pastor	287.00	125.00	573.00	1,500.00
Health Insurance	8,418.39	8,504.17	25,186.56	102,050.00
HRA Savings	1,500.00	1,500.00	7,000.00	18,000.00
Interest Expense	-	166.67	-	2,000.00
Custodial	656.66	1,950.00	4,243.18	23,400.00
LLHS Building Expense	-	-	-	-
LLHS Expense	2,750.00	2,750.00	11,000.00	33,000.00
Maintenance	696.95	4,150.00	6,290.12	49,800.00
Meditations	375.00	125.00	737.00	1,500.00
Mileage	500.00	500.00	1,548.24	6,000.00
Miscellaneous	245.00	12.50	288.21	150.00
Organists	498.41	566.67	1,838.32	6,800.00
Outreach Board	(550.00)	666.67	3,450.00	8,000.00
Payroll Expenses	339.15	308.33	1,266.05	3,700.00
Pension Insurance	200.00	3,558.67	800.00	42,680.00
Postage and Delivery	64.82	150.00	193.75	1,800.00
Secretarial	3,362.72	2,144.17	8,434.53	25,730.00
Stewardship Board	379.33	291.67	1,627.19	3,500.00
Substitute Teaching	(13.08)	-	35.86	-
Sunday School/VBS	-	250.00	-	3,000.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,900.00	5,500.00	23,156.00	66,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	272.52	291.67	1,179.34	3,500.00
Utilities	3,486.04	1,827.08	5,138.41	21,925.00
WLCFS Expense	-	-	450.00	-
WLIM Expense	-	-	-	-
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,250.00	-	15,000.00
Worship	-	545.83	1,105.77	6,550.00
Total Expense	57,998.70	66,467.58	221,406.36	797,611.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

October 2020

Previous Month Assets	\$45,646.26
Total Transactions	\$2,906.35
Total Current Assets	\$48,552.61

New Church/School Total	\$43,764.43
checking/savings	

Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Explanation	----- Monthly Statements -----		NEW Church/School Checking	Explanation
			Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/School Fund Savings		
Previous Balance	\$445.81		\$4,492.36	\$39,039.57	\$2,668.52	
Monthly Transactions *	(\$149.99)		\$0.00	\$3,056.34	\$0.00	
Current Balance	\$295.82		\$4,492.36	\$41,095.91	\$2,668.52	

Transactions	(\$150.00)	Joan Marks Interest		\$338.00		10-1 deposit
	\$0.01			\$2,229.00		10-2 deposit
				\$650.00		10-5 deposit
				\$130.00		10-6 deposit
				\$75.00		10-7 deposit
				(\$125.00)		10-8 varnoo return
				\$3,214.56		10-9 deposit
				\$145.00		10-13 deposit
				(\$5,425.00)		10-13 Mortgage payment
				\$75.00		10-14 deposit
				\$1,947.50		10-15 deposit
				\$799.00		10-16 deposit
				\$130.00		10-19 deposit
				\$205.00		10-20 deposit
				\$260.00		10-21 deposit
				\$1,812.50		10-22 deposit
				\$40.00		10-23 deposit
				\$315.00		10-26 deposit
				\$80.00		10-27 deposit
				(\$5,425.00)		10-27 Mortgage payment
				\$75.00		10-28 deposit
				\$1,510.78		10-30 deposit
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.99)		\$0.00	\$3,056.34		\$0.00
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	\$2,906.35					
Interest Received	\$0.01					

Notes:

TOGETHER



November 17, 2020

Synodical Council reviews blessings, makes plans

The Synodical Council (SC) held its November meeting via video conference on Fri., Nov. 6. The SC welcomed six new members: Mr. Pete Aisbet (Southeastern Wisconsin lay representative); Rev. Mark Gabb (chairman of the Board for Home Missions), Mr. Jake Lemke (Western Wisconsin lay representative), Mr. Tom Plitzuweit (teacher-at-large), Mr. Chip Woods (Nebraska lay representative), and Mr. Kyle Egan (WELS chief financial officer).

The president's report included the following:

- A reminder of the many continuing blessings of God even in a very challenging and difficult time. God permitted us to find creative ways to continue worship and to educate our children.
- God enabled his people to continue their faithful support of their congregations and the synod with their thank offerings.
- Enrollment at our synodical schools was only minimally affected by the pandemic.
- Home Missions was able to open or restart five mission congregations.
- World Missions continued to adjust proactively to new realities and to address new opportunities.

The Synodical Council adopted the draft proposal for the synod's Ministry Financial Plan for the coming biennium. The plan calls for a 2% increase in spending and called worker compensation in each of the next two years. The plan will be reviewed again in February, and once it is given final approval it will be forwarded to the synod convention next July.

The SC had planned to implement changes to the synod's pension plan in 2020 if district conventions in 2020 indicated strong support. Since the district conventions were not able to be held, the SC is now planning to bring its recommendation to the 2021 synod convention. The SC will still have the opportunity to make changes to its recommendation in February if necessary, but for now the original recommendation shared with the synod in 2020 remains in place.

Congregation Mission Offerings for the fiscal year that ended June 30 totaled \$21.4 million, which was \$467,000 higher than planned and \$353,000 more than the prior year. Those increased offerings and the \$750,000 in lower-than-planned expenditures combined to enable WELS to end the year in a better-than-expected financial position. The financial position of the four synodical schools, WELS Church Extension Fund, WELS Foundation, WELS Investment Funds, and Northwestern Publishing House also improved significantly. The financial blessings continue as Congregation Mission Offerings for the year have increased 2% over the prior year.

Rev. Dan Sims, director of WELS Christian Aid and Relief, reported that his goal is to ensure the policies and procedures of WELS Christian Aid and Relief are clearly articulated. He also reported that plans have begun to train WELS members and congregations how to work together to provide help in times of disasters. He is also developing devotional materials to be used by those affected by disasters.

The Synodical Council will meet next in February 2021. ●

Serving with you in Christ,
WELS President Mark Schroeder

Worship resource previews new hymns

To help WELS members get a taste of some of the new hymns that will be included in *Christian Worship: Hymnal*, the WELS Hymnal Project has released *Christian Worship: Hymn Preview*.

This digital resource showcases 54 of the more than 200 new hymns that will be included in the new hymnal scheduled to be released by Advent 2021. With each hymn is a brief comment on its origin, spiritual meaning, usage in the wider Christian church, or other interesting detail. The booklet also includes several examples of additional ac-

companiments that will be available for musicians in the accompaniment edition.

“It’s more than just a little appetizer—it’s a full course,” says Rev. Aaron Christie, chairman of the Hymnody Committee. “If you spend time with it, you will have an excellent sampling of the various types of hymns and concepts that are there for you in the new hymnal.”

Due to copyright restrictions, *Christian Worship: Hymn Preview* is only available as a downloadable, viewable (but not printable) PDF at christianworship.com. The WELS Hymnal Project has also added several other hymn resources online, including

a comprehensive list of the 683 hymns planned for inclusion in the new hymnal and a list of cut and retuned hymns from the 1993 hymnal and 2008 supplement. Several articles explain more details behind the creation of a new hymnal. Read more about these new additions.

Christie prays that the preview will be a tool to help leaders make a decision about the new hymnal but also that "it gives a wide swath of members a new appreciation for the treasures we have in hymnody."

He continues, "Spend time experiencing it. See what wonderful things are there. Work with it. Read it. Listen to it. Pray its texts."

Learn more about *Christian Worship: Hymnal* at christianworship.com. ●

Did you know...

WELS has a Facebook page?
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WELS has Instagram?
instagram.com/welslutherans

WELS has Twitter?
twitter.com/welstweets

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