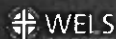


The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Ever Wonder?
Answers to
Important Questions



How can God forgive me for all the bad things I've done?

I forgot Valentine's Day! I had no excuse. There were plenty of reminders. My wife asked, "Should we go out to eat or to a movie for Valentine's Day next week?" and "Wouldn't that make a good gift for Valentine's Day?" Still, I forgot Valentine's Day.

That was five years ago. Thankfully, my loving wife has forgiven me for my mistake.

My mistake was relatively minor. But sometimes, we are wronged by others in ways that are very difficult to forgive and impossible to forget. Have you been forsaken by a close friend? Is your connection to parents or children strained? Does your marriage have forbidden subjects, subjects that only reopen old wounds? Forgiveness was offered, but the hurt feelings don't just disappear. To forgive and forget is what you want, but sometimes the hurt is so deep that after forgiving, you still remember.



A friend once told me that every time I hurt or offend anyone, I also offend God. With the strain, my mistakes have placed on other relationships, what hope exists for a good relationship with God? If forgiveness from friends is uncertain, how can I hope for God's forgiveness?

I can have this hope because, thankfully, God thinks differently from the way you and I think. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8). The forgiveness won by Jesus' death on the cross is different. "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12). "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more" (Jeremiah 31:34). Through Jesus, God forgives, and God forgets!

That is the good news we are reminded of every week when we worship. It is the very best news. We hope you will join us in celebrating God's forgiveness!

WORSHIP WITH US!

Everyone Welcome

Thursdays 6:30 pm

Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 am

Sunday School and Bible Study between Services



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 Epiphany 5</p> <p>8:00 am Online Worship Posted</p> <p>8:00 am Worship, Communion</p> <p>9:15 am Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship; Communion</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:30 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 am R4 & Kindergarten Information Night</p> <p>6:30 pm Stewardship Board</p> <p>7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble Practice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 am Faculty Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:30 pm Pastor-Principal Meeting</p> <p>4:00 pm 6th & 7th Grade Catechism</p> <p>4:00 pm 8th Grade Catechism</p> <p>6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:45 am Sanctuary: Weekly Cleaning</p> <p>6:30 pm Worship</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Midterm</p> <p>BLAC A-team BB Tour</p> <p>6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>12</p> <p>BLAC A-team BB Tour</p>
<p>13 Epiphany 6</p> <p>BLAC A-team BB Tour</p> <p>Gr- 5 & 8 Sing</p> <p>8:00 am Online Worship Posted</p> <p>8:00 am Worship</p> <p>9:15 am Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day</p> <p>9:30 am Pastor's Circuit Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Board of Ed Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1:30 pm Zion Spelling Bee</p> <p>6:00 pm PATZ Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 am Faculty Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:30 pm Pastor-Principal Meeting</p> <p>4:00 pm 6th & 7th Grade Catechism</p> <p>4:00 pm 8th Grade Catechism</p> <p>6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>6:30 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:45 am No School</p> <p>Sanctuary: Weekly Cleaning</p> <p>6:30 pm Worship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>No School</p> <p>LLHS A-team BB Tournament</p> <p>6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>19</p> <p>LLHS A-team BB Tournament</p>
<p>20 Epiphany 7</p> <p>LLHS A-team BB Tournament</p> <p>8:00 am Online Worship Posted</p> <p>8:00 am Worship</p> <p>9:15 am Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>21 Presidents' Day</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 am Faculty Meeting</p> <p>6:00 pm Sanctuary Reserved (Practice the Service: Setting Two)</p> <p>7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble Practice</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 am Faculty Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:30 pm Pastor-Principal Meeting</p> <p>4:00 pm 6th & 7th Grade Catechism</p> <p>4:00 pm 8th Grade Catechism</p> <p>6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:45 am Sanctuary: Weekly Cleaning</p> <p>6:30 pm Worship, Communion</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ixonnia Boy's A-team BB Tour</p> <p>6:00 am Bible Breakfast</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Ixonnia Boy's A-team BB Tour</p>
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Untangling the Web of Addiction:

The Relationship between Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

(PART 1 IN A 4-PART SERIES)

By: [Madeline Kelly](#), LPCC, NCC, LADC, CCTP. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor.

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Since the beginning of the coronavirus epidemic, we have witnessed the continued rise of mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and PTSD. Many who suffer from these symptoms also experience substance use disorders, leading to a tangled web of problems. The research shows that drugs and alcohol make mental health symptoms worse. This co-occurring condition is called “Dual Diagnosis,” and it is difficult to unravel without specialized treatment.

45% of people in the United States struggle with a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance use disorder

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Madeline Kelly knows this subject matter well. Kelly and her colleagues help clients untangle the dual diagnosis web by addressing both substance use and mental health concerns, equally, so that individuals may experience long-term recovery. In the Q&A below, Kelly shares the causes that often influence a co-occurring disorder and how to recognize common behaviors that are associated with dual diagnosis.

Q: Why do mental health and substance use disorders co-occur so frequently?

A: Some people have the misunderstanding that mental health and addiction are choices. We know that it is much more complex than that. For example, about 40-60 percent of an individual’s vulnerability for mental illness and substance use comes from genetic components. Family history of mental illness and addiction can be indicators of potential predispositions.

Q: Are there other contributors to a dual diagnosis?

A: The environment plays a significant role in the development of these comorbid disorders. An individual’s exposure to stress, trauma, and adverse childhood experiences can increase the likelihood of

mental illness and addiction issues. When risk factors for substance use and mental illness are overlapping, such as genetic predispositions and trauma, this makes a person more likely to develop these issues.

Q: How do you know if someone has a substance use disorder?

A: There are noticeable signs to determine if someone may have a substance use disorder. You may see changes in their physical appearance if they are not keeping up with self-care. Other identifiers include changes in appetite and their inability to manage responsibilities. This comprehensive list of behaviors will provide insight to determine if someone has a substance use problem.

Q: How do you know if someone is struggling with mental health issues?

A: The symptoms of a mental health condition can vary greatly. Looking for warning signs is the first step to help you identify if someone would benefit from mental health counseling or treatment. These signs include extreme mood changes, confused thinking or problems concentrating, avoidance of friends and social activities and thoughts of suicide. Sometimes those who suffer with mental illness may also use drugs or alcohol to mask their pain. This is referred to as “self-medicating.” Substance use may be the only coping mechanism of choice, but it exacerbates symptoms and leads to compounding issues. When this happens, it is important to seek help for both mental health and substance use disorders. In many cases, they are truly co-occurring, and treatment needs to untangle the interrelated issues.



Q: How do you recognize the behaviors of someone struggling with a co-occurring condition?

A: The defining characteristic of dual diagnosis is the evidence of a mental health and substance abuse disorder occurring simultaneously. Because many combinations of disorders can occur, the symptoms of dual diagnosis vary widely. A disorder does exactly that – it puts one’s life out-of-order. Someone struggling

with dual disorders might find their substance use and mental illness leading to problems in relationships, at work, or leading to legal issues, financial problems, or health complications.

Q: How do you guide someone toward treatment after recognizing dual diagnosis symptoms?

A: It is important to understand that there are several next steps to navigate before enrolling in a treatment program. *Part 2* of this series, [Untangling the Web of Addiction: Overcoming Challenges Toward Treatment](#) highlights best practices for:

- Engaging in the initial conversation
- Understanding the assessment process
- Managing and removing barriers to treatment

In *Part 3* of this series, we'll analyze unique treatment solutions and identify differences between them. [Untangling the Web of Addiction: Effective Treatment Solutions](#).

Part 4 of this series will highlight the benefits of integrating faith and therapy if this approach is requested by a client. [Untangling the Web of Addiction: The Role of Spirituality in Treatment](#)

Learn more about the Christian Family Solutions [Adult Dual Diagnosis Intensive Outpatient Program](#).

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be to God
for his
indescribable
gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15



February 6th & February 13th

8:00am - <u>Team E5</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L2</u>
Kim Schilling (C)	Dale Schultz (C)
Ron Knudson	Daniel Schultz
John Zandler	Dylan Schultz
Scott Brenner	Michael Hallberg
Matt Vosberg	Nathan Hallberg
	Henry Tews

February 20th & February 27th

8:00am - <u>Team E6</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L3</u>
John Brey (C)	Jim Kluetzman (C)
Jim Greiling	Gabe Uttech
Rick Gentz	AJ Uttech
Hunter Sommer	Michael Uttech
Jordan Crave	Gary Schuhmacher
	Jadon Schwartz

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.

Greeter Schedule



February 6th

8:00am — E9	10:30am — L2
Delphine Schaefer	Janell Allar

February 13th

8:00am — E1	10:30am — L3
Jeff & Melody Krakow	Laurie Kirchberg & Pat Premo

February 20th

8:00am — E2	10:30am — L4
Dave & Kathy Harle	Rick & Lisa Gentz

February 27th

8:00am — E4	10:30am — L5
Delmar & Carol Vick	Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn

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
December**

Date	Total
1/5	274
8/12	407
15/19	557
24/25/26	842
31	69

Membership Changes

Transfer In: None

Transfer Out: None

Released: None

Ministrations

Baptisms:

- 24. Laynee Lynn Broesch
Baptized 12/5/2021
- 25. Liam Patrick Seep
Baptized 12/11/2021
- 26. Brooklyn Sicilia Seep
Baptized 12/11/2021
- 27. Easton William Coker
Baptized 12/11/2021

Deaths:

- 14. Jacqueline Herzberg - Born 8/21/1938; Died 12/9/2021
- 15. Waldamar Vick - Born 10/3/1931; Died 12/27/2021

Marriages: None

Confirmations: None

Affirmations of Faith:

None

Ladies Aid

It has been a while since we met. I hope everyone is doing well.



Our next meeting is February 3rd at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will need to discuss Lenten Meals in March. Check your calendar to see if you can help March 23rd to help set up, serve from 4:30-6:30pm and clean up. If you know anyone that would be willing to help us, please invite them.

You may be interested in other events that are coming up this spring. I hope you are able to attend the meeting.



John Potenberg	3rd	81 years
Sharon Mielke	13th	80 years
Delmar Vick	28th	83 years

The WELS/ELS-LCMS Split

The Birth and Demise of the Synodical Conference

The Synodical Conference was established in 1872 as the bulwark of confessional Lutheranism in North America. Its existence was always disturbed by controversies, both within and among its member synods, and about 60 years ago it fell apart. Many Lutherans still feel the tragedy of this event through the divisions within their families. Dr. Eggert, using material from seminary professor Dr. John Brenner's PhD thesis and his own personal involvement in the synodical break-up, will discuss the birth, troubled existence, and death of the Synodical Conference in a four-session course as part of this year's MultiCongregational Bible Class Series. Arthur Eggert is an Emeritus UW-Madison Professor and a WELS author. The classes will meet at Peace in Sun Prairie at 6:30 pm on Thursdays beginning February 3 and at Eastside in Madison at 6:30 pm Sundays beginning February 6. (You can switch between sites if you like.) The Thursday session will be available on zoom for those of you who are physically unable to attend either in-person session. There is no book to purchase for the course, but there will be reading assignments from Brenner's thesis, the Internet and several other sources.

Note that the class will not be held the week of February 13 because there is the Superbowl on Sunday and the WELS teacher conference on Thursday of that week.

To sign up or get more information, email church.office@peacewels.org.

Messenger Deadline Please submit your Messenger articles by February 18th. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.





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Rise and shine

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn" (Isaiah 60:1-3).

Often, sleepy people need a wake up call. To awaken someone, a common 18th century phrase may be used: "Rise and shine!" Actually, this phrase has its roots in Scripture.

Seven centuries before Jesus, Isaiah called his nation to wake up. Judah's political and spiritual leaders had led it astray. Although good rulers promoted worship of the Lord, wicked ones led the people down the slippery slope of corrupt worship and idolatry. The world situation was also dire. Assyria recently conquered Israel and now hoped to do the same to Judah. It seemed only a matter of time before it would no longer exist.

In the midst of this gloom, Isaiah essentially called out, "Rise and shine!" Although sin darkened the lives of God's Old Testament people, their "light [had] come" in which "the glory of the Lord [rose] upon [them]." Isaiah wanted his hearers to know that the Lord's light was there and there was hope. This light was not physical. Rather, it refers to Christ, "the light of the world" (John 8:12). Those who trust in him will "never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Although Isaiah's wake up call was directed to Judah, he intended it for all people. It is for the "nations ... and kings [who would be drawn] to the brightness of [the] dawn." It is for all who see their need for a Savior and trust that Jesus is the One.

During Epiphany, Christians focus on Christ as "the light of the world." They seek ways to share him with those living in sin's darkness. They pray for opportunities to share his Word so that "the Lord rises ... and his glory appears over the peoples."

"Rise and shine!" It is our wake up call. Rise and shine!



"TOP TEN" of 2021

LLHS is pleased to announce the compilation of our 5th annual "top stories of the year" post on our blog, "Warrior Stories." While we consider every piece of good news to be worthy of celebration

-explaining our 65 blog entries and 723 other @yourllhs Facebook posts shared in calendar year 2021—there are always those that garner more attention. We narrowed 100s to 10 quick summaries, all with links allowing you to go more in-depth if you'd like.

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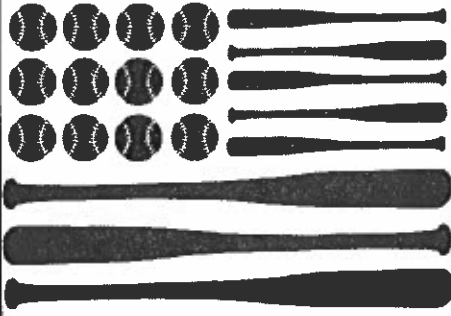
1. February: *Debt-free plans*
2. March: *The Loop debuts*
3. May: *Long-time librarian retires*
4. May: *A strong finish*
5. July/Aug: *Warriors help Warriors*
6. August: *New faces fill building*
7. October: *Cross Country to state*
8. October: *Core Values explained*
9. October: *Career Day*
10. Sep-Dec: *Honoring 1st responders*



Attention church and school groups! Our Grand Event committee is asking you to build a basket for our auction this spring. So that we can promote them well to bidders, we're asking for baskets by March 9. We'd love to arrange a local pick up! **See ideas at bit.ly/2022GEBaskets to sign up or see our basket ideas, or make one from your own ideas.**

LAKE SIDE GOOD NEWS *and* NOTES

MKE BREW BALL



A Cappella sings for Brewers Wednesday, June 22, 2022 and YOU are invited

Come out to the ol' ballgame with us!

- A Cappella will sing the National Anthem for a Brewers game this summer, and the entire Warrior fam is invited to the game!

Who's playing?

- It's the 7 pm game v. St. Louis on Wednesday, June 22 at AmFam Field.

What's the deal?

- This year we have the loge outfield section (2nd level, right/left baseline TBD). The Brewers organization is offering these nice seats for \$17 each (reg. \$30-34).

How do I join in?

- The Brewers have set aside 500 seats for our group with an option to grow. There are also a limited number of wheelchair accessible seats available in this area.
- Send an email to Warrior Choir Director Jim Buege at jbuege@llhs.org to let him know how many tickets you're interested in for you, your family and friends.
- Mr. Buege will respond with instructions on payment and the process and timeline for getting the tickets in hand.

Due to strong interest, please reach out via email to jbuege@llhs.org before Monday, February 28.



At a special meeting of the LLHS General Board on January 17, the following calls were placed to fill needs beginning with the 2022-23 school year:

- Mr. Ted Klug (currently serving at Martin Luther College) to serve as principal
- Pastor Peter Korthals (serving at St. Paul, Anherst, NH and Beautiful Savior, South Portland, ME) to teach Religion 12
- Mr. Dennis Leckvee to teach Religion 9
- Mrs. Tanya Tomfohrde to teach introductory mathematics

Please pray for our Christian brothers and sister—and their families—as they consider if God is calling them to join our ministry and build up the Lakeside family.

CALL NEWS



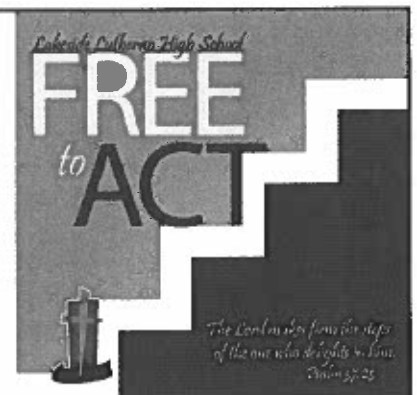
- ♦ Freshman Caleb Studnicka [*Peace, Sun Prairie*] is one of the top state trapshooters in Wisconsin and was named to the State All-Star Trapshooting team.
 - ♦ In an always-popular hands-on approach to learning, Matt Doering [*St. Paul, Lake Mills*] had his senior Government classes hold a mock criminal trial in the library. Students learned about the judicial system as they served as prosecution and defense lawyers, defendants, witnesses, and jurists.
 - ♦ Teens for Christ members worked during homeroom time in December to tie fleece that had been donated to LLHS. The finished blankets were given to Alpha Resource Center in Watertown.
 - ♦ Warrior Wrestling invited grade school students to weekly practices in January. Boys in 5-9th grade interested in learning the sport joined in for a few hours. Parents throughout the federation with an interest in helping to develop a Jr. Warrior elementary mat club are encouraged to contact Warrior coach Clayton Grow at cgrow@llhs.org
 - ♦ Operation Go mission trip teams were recently announced under the direction of Pastor Mike Helwig [*St. John, Newville*]. We are sending 78 Warriors on nine teams throughout the US—from Louisiana to Alaska, from New Jersey to Arizona. One will be a spring break trip and the others will happen over the summer months. Look to llhs.org/opgo to see more details and look for opportunities to assist these teams in efforts to GO and spread the gospel! Contact PH to have them speak to your church group (mhelwig@llhs.org).
1. Team Texas (North of Austin): Jarrell Mission Exploration ~ Mission Work, March 12-19
 2. Team Salt Lake City: Truth in Love Ministries ~ Witnessing to Mormons, June 4-11
 3. Team Alaska/STEAM: Faith, Anchorage ~ STEM (&Art!) Camp, June 12-19
 4. Team Arizona: Cross of Glory, Peoria ~ VBS Camp, June 4-11
 5. Team West Bend: Shepherd of the Hills ~ Soccer Camp, June 13-17
 6. Team Alaska/Soccer: Faith, Anchorage ~ Soccer camp, June 21-28
 7. Team NOLA: Trinity, Abita Springs ~ VBS Camp, July 17-23
 8. Team Virginia: The Way, Fredericksburg ~ Outdoor Camp VBS, July 9-15
 9. Team Jersey: Immanuel, Long Valley, NJ ~ VBS, July 31- August 7



In 2021, your LLHS became debt free, giving us freedom to plan for debt-free spending for facility renovation and upgrades.

What's on our list? Teachers and staff shared what areas of LLHS needed attention. Some ideas have already been implemented, such as modifications to a workroom, locker room renovation, and media center/study hall space. Plans for the West Gym reno are moving forward this summer and with enough support, the cafeteria and entryway will see addition and renovation in 2023. Then what? Free to dream!

Read more about our exciting future at llhs.org/freetoact/



Zion Profit & Loss YTD Comparison

December 2021

Ordinary Income/Expense	Dec-21	Budget Monthly	Fiscal YTD Jul 21 - Sep 21	YTD Budget
Income				
Extended Care Reimbursement	\$ 686.53		\$ 2,874.35	
Extra Synod Missions Income	0.00		1,242.50	
Family Ministry	400.00		400.00	
General Fund Offerings	73,419.64		388,850.56	
Gifts to Payoff Bank Loan	2,000.00		3,254.00	
LLHS Building Income	50.00		250.00	
Money borrowed from FMUB	15,000.00		35,000.00	
Other Donations	-2,590.00		-1,090.50	
Other Receipts	566.00		2,095.81	
Sub Teacher Reimbursement	53.00		-93.84	
Total Income	\$ 89,585.17		\$ 432,782.88	

Expense	1.00	0	1.00	0
ACH Fee	1.00	0	1.00	0
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	\$ 30,842.57	\$32,886.49	\$ 192,315.14	\$ 197,318.92
Church Supplies	349.08	83.33	1,053.87	500.00
Convention/Cont' Education	0.00	20.83	560.00	125.00
Copier	0.00	275.00	1,338.95	1,650.00
Extended Care Expense	597.01	0.00	3,061.63	0.00
Family Ministry Board	372.29	262.50	579.52	1,575.00
Funds in Transit	-1,039.00		-1,039.00	
Guest Pastor	0.00	62.50	631.00	375.00
Health Insurance	8,418.39	8,504.17	50,510.34	51,025.00
HRA Savings	0.00	2,000.00	10,000.00	12,000.00
Interest Expense	0.00	41.67	298.97	250.00
Janitors				

Church Labor	770.00	650.00	3,641.50	3,900.00
School Labor	922.74	791.67	6,820.80	4,750.00
Total Janitors	1,692.74	1,441.67	10,462.30	8,650.00
LLHS Buiding Expense	150.00		150.00	
LLHS Expense	5,700.00	2,850.00	17,200.00	17,100.00
Maintenance				
Inspection Fees		208.33		1,250.00
Janitorial Supplies Church		166.67		1,000.00
Janitorial Supplies School		166.67		1,000.00
Pest Control		208.33		1,250.00
Property Improvements		833.33		5,000.00
Property Repair		1,250.00		7,500.00
Trash Removal		191.67		1,150.00
Other		0.00		0.00
Total Maintenance	1,146.54	3,025.00	12,735.08	18,150.00
Meditations	0.00	125.00	750.00	750.00
Milage	136.17	583.33	422.17	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	210.00		210.00	
Organists	513.17	566.67	2,866.40	3,400.00
Outreach Board	0.00	541.67	480.05	3,250.00
Payroll Expenses	427.75	166.67	1,679.50	1,000.00
Pension Insurance	9,822.00	3,029.67	20,444.00	18,178.00
Postage and Delivery	42.37	100.00	740.53	600.00
Secretarial	2,251.83	2,563.17	13,476.92	15,379.00
Stewardship Board	255.87	291.67	2,024.39	1,750.00
Substitute Teaching	-33.67		-151.83	0.00
Sunday School/VBS	0.00		131.93	0.00
Synod Mission Expense	11,904.00	5,700.00	35,392.50	34,200.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	179.95	291.67	1,679.70	1,750.00
Utilities				
Water & Light	3,471.37	3,468.33	23,557.20	20,810.00

WE Energies	1,941.83	1,233.33	4,117.78	7,400.00
Total Utilities	5,413.20	4,701.67	27,674.98	28,210.00
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	0.00	1,383.33	75.00	8,300.00
Worship	1,611.19	1,141.67	16,604.47	6,850.00
Total Expense	80,964.45	70,366.83	424,359.51	0.00
Net Ordinary Income	8,620.72		8,423.37	

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

December 2021

Previous Month Assets	\$108,057.85
Total Transactions	\$8,026.57
Total Current Assets	\$116,084.42

New Church/School Total	\$108,194.37
Checking/savings	

Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Explanation	----- Monthly Statements -----		Explanation
			Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/ School Fund Savings	
Previous Balance	\$596.05		\$7,441.07	\$73,478.47	
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.98)		\$2.91	(\$1,687.44)	
Current Balance	\$446.07		\$7,443.98	\$71,791.03	
Transactions	(\$150.00)	Joan Marks	\$2.91	Int 12/31	\$1,512.00
	\$0.02	12/02 Int			\$5,425.00)
					Mort Pymt 12/07
					\$3,961.50
					Varco Deposits
					(\$5,425.00)
					Mort Pymt 12/21
					\$3,666.00
					Varco Deposits
					\$23.06
					Int
					\$950.00
					Deposits
					(\$4,057.15)
					CR 2289 - 1901 Inc
					\$6,117.00
					Deposits
					\$3,390.00
					Deposits
					\$1,740.00
					Deposits
					\$1,721.23
					Deposits
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.98)		\$2.91	(\$1,687.44)	\$9,861.08
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	\$8,026.57				

Notes: \$20,000 in New Church/School Savings is designated for New School Building seed money.

TOGETHER



January 18, 2022

Conference of Presidents January 2022

The Conference of Presidents (COP) held its winter meeting on Jan. 3-6. The following items were discussed or decided:

- Representatives from the Conference of Presidents will meet with the Board for Home Missions leadership and with several members of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary faculty as a part of the planning process for the effort to open 100 new home missions in ten years beginning in 2023.
- Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) is continuing its search for a new president. Mr. Bill Ziche, current NPH president, has announced his plans to retire. Mr. Mark Buske, director of marketing for NPH, will serve as acting president until a new president is found.
- There are currently 143 pastoral vacancies in the synod, 124 of which are parish pastor positions. Forty of the pastoral vacancies are in associate pastor positions (meaning those congregations are still being served by at least one pastor). This year's graduating class at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be larger than those in recent years, which will help to reduce the number of pastoral vacancies.
- With expanding enrollment at our WELS schools, the growing shortage of teachers continues, especially in the area of early childhood. The COP discussed ideas for enhancing recruitment efforts.
- The COP recently issued a pastoral letter on Christian freedom.
- Compensation for vicars was set at \$42,000, slightly lower than last year's amount.
- The COP expressed thanks to God for the high level of Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) in 2021. The exact total will be published in the coming days.
- Congregations are asked to submit their 2021 statistics and CMO subscriptions by the Feb. 4 deadline.
- The COP expressed its support for a proposal by Northwestern Publishing House and the Commission on Lutheran Schools to develop a comprehensive K-12 religion curriculum for schools and Sunday schools.
- The COP has been making final edits on the restatement of the synod's teaching on male and female roles. It is hoped that the final document will be ready for review by the district conventions this summer.

Serving with you in Christ,
WELS President Mark Schroeder ●

Increased school enrollments offer new opportunities for outreach

Enrollment in WELS schools is up 9.8 percent this school year (8 percent for Lutheran elementary schools alone), according to the recently released 2021–22 school statistics, with 26,586 students in 282 Lutheran elementary schools and 11,672 students in 363 early childhood ministries.

This is the highest ever recorded enrollment for WELS early childhood ministries and the highest number for Lutheran elementary schools since the 2004–05 school year, according to Mr. Jim Rademan, director of WELS Lutheran Schools.

About 70 percent of WELS schools increased their enrollment this year, while 25 percent decreased and about 5 percent stayed the same.

Besides enrollment increasing, schools are seeing more opportunities for outreach. More and more students attending WELS schools are mission prospects, with nearly 33 percent of families in early childhood ministries and 16 percent in Lutheran elementary schools identifying either as non-Christian or no church home.

“Enrollment is up in our schools,” says Rademan. “Now how can we take advantage of the opportunity? Conditions have been favorable for having more students sit at the feet of Jesus in our classrooms. But how long will that window be open and how well are we going to take advantage of that open window and be as urgent and resolute as we possibly can about sharing the gospel with those children and their families?”

To help congregations and schools connect with unchurched school families, WELS Congregational Services offers a workshop called *Telling the Next Generation: Utilizing our Schools for Outreach*. Available in person for groups of congregations or a single congregation or virtually for single congregations, the workshop provides resources and advice to help congregations develop outreach plans and strategies to share the gospel with school families.

Learn more about *Telling the Next Generation*. 

God’s work among us and through us

Your gifts, God’s blessings: An annual report to our members” is now available online. The report includes photos of Christian brothers and sisters around the world, stories of faith, and updates on WELS’ ministry.

“This report reviews some of the many ways that God has blessed his work among us,” says WELS President Mark Schroeder. “As you read about them, join with the psalm writer in singing, ‘Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, for your love and faithfulness!’”

Read more about

- Zach Satorius, a seminary student studying in Medellín, Colombia, during his vicar year;
- Arturo and Maricruz Navarette, who sold their living room furniture and purchased chairs, tables, and a coffeemaker so they can host a new church group in their home in Mexico City, Mexico;

- the help Christian Aid and Relief offered in New Orleans, La., following damage from Hurricane Ida; and
- the many resources available for congregations as they begin to use the new *Christian Worship: Hymnal*.

These stories and more are presented in the 2022 edition of "Your gifts, God's blessings." Print versions of the report are being sent to every WELS congregation and individual donor. Additional print versions are available from Northwestern Publishing House for free. Visit nph.net or call 800-662-6022.

To view the report online, visit wels.net/annualreport. There you can also download a PowerPoint presentation of the report with notes that allow anyone to share the highlights of our synod's work. Alternatively, churches can invite a WELS Christian giving counselor to give the presentation. Contact WELS Ministry of Christian Giving at 800-827-5482 for more information. ●



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