

# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



I'm facing a crisis.

## Can God help me through it?

No one really likes it. Yet it happens to all of us time and again. I'm talking about a crisis. You don't see it coming. You have no control over it. You're not even sure what step to take next—much less knowing all the necessary steps to take to bring it to an end. That's a crisis.

What do you do in a time of crisis? Who do you go to for help? Who helps you understand what's going on and why? Who do you lean on for strength and support? Who carries you through those times of crisis to better and brighter days?

From my experience, there is only one person who can really help every time. I'm talking about our Savior God, Jesus Christ.

Jesus once said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). When a crisis hits, I remember these "tell it like it is" words of Jesus. He reminds you and me that we shouldn't be surprised by times of trouble and crisis in our lives. In truth, he says we should expect that these times will come.

Why? We live in a world filled with crisis—brought on by our own mistakes as well as the failures of others. All of our troubles remind us that our greatest crisis isn't about money, health, national security, or personal safety. The greatest crisis we face—a crisis of our own making—is a broken relationship with our Creator God.



How do we handle that crisis? We don't. We can't. But Jesus does. Jesus is the one who has overcome the world and the crises we face in it. He did it by living in a perfect relationship with his heavenly Father for you and me.

Jesus settled the crisis of our rebellion before God when he died in our place. Through Jesus, we are restored into a right relationship with God. Jesus says, "I have told you these things, so that you may have peace" (John 16:33).

Through Jesus, you are on God's side. Through Jesus, God will help you overcome every crisis that comes your way!

## WORSHIP with us this October!

TELL US  A STORY  
JESUS' POWERFUL PARABLES

Thursdays: 6:30 pm  
Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 am

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# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

# October 2023

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Pentecost 18</b>		2	3	4	5	6	7
8:00 am Worship, Communion	9:45 am LPS Visit	School Picture Day	A-Team VB Away	2:00 pm Ladies Aid	6:00 am Bible	State CC Meet	
8:00 am Online Worship Posted	Fort Atkinson	CC Meet Lakeside	4:00 pm 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	6:50 pm Worship	Breakfast	9:00 am	
9:15 am *Sunday School	6:30 pm Board of Education Mtg.	11:00 am LLHS 8 <sup>th</sup> grade visit	Catechism classes			Fellowship Hall	
9:15 am Bible Study		7:00 pm *WELS	6:00 pm Bell Choir			Reserved	
10:30 am Worship		Wind Ensemble practice	7:00 pm Adult Choir				
6:30 pm Stewardship Bd Mtg.			10:00 pm Church cleaning				
<b>8 Pentecost 19</b>		9	10	11	12	13	14
8:00 am Worship	BLAC CC Meet at Fort Atkinson	4K-2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. field trip	11 Cap. Camp. Visit	12 Cap. Camp. visit	6:00 am Bible	LLHS VB	Tournament
Online Worship Posted		6:30 pm Zion	School reward lunch	6:30 pm Worship, Communion	Breakfast	Marriage	Workshop
9:15 am *Sunday School		Forensics Meet	4 pm 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> gr. class		7-8 Field trip to Workshop		
9:15 am Bible Study		7:00 pm *WELS	6:00 pm Bell Choir		7:00 pm Marriage Workshop		
10:30 am Worship		Wind Ensemble practice	6:30 pm Cap. Camp.				
6:30 pm Stewardship Bd Mtg.			7:00 pm Adult Choir				
<b>15 Pentecost 20</b>		16	17	18	19	20	21
8:00 am Worship, Communion		Sanctuary & FH	Pastors' Conf.	9:00 am Vision /	6:00 am Bible	9:00 am Craft	Group
Online Worship Posted		Reserved – Pastors' Conference	6:00 pm Bell Choir	Hearing Screening	Breakfast		
9:15 am Bible Study			6:30 pm Church Council Mtg.	6:30 pm Worship	Chick-til-A Lunch		
9:15 am *Sunday School			7:00 pm PATZ Mtg.		District Forensics		
10:30 am Worship, Communion			7:00 pm *WELS		LLHS Fall		
			Wind Ensemble		Children's Play		
<b>22 Pentecost 21</b>		23	24	25	26	27	28
8:00 am Worship	Cap. Camp. Visit	Cap. Camp. Visit	Cap. Camp. Visit	Cap. Camp. Visit	Cap. Camp. weekend	Cap. Campaign announcement weekend	
Online Worship Posted	9:00 am Sanctuary monthly cleaning	9:00 am Sanctuary monthly cleaning	LLHS 8 <sup>th</sup> gr. Open House	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter	No school – Teacher Conference	6:00 am Bible	
9:15 am Bible Study	6:30 pm Cap.	6:30 pm Cap.	3:30 pm Capital	4:00 pm 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	6:30 pm Worship, Communion	Breakfast	
9:15 am *Sunday School	Campaign mtg.	Campaign mtg.	Campaign mtg.	Catechism classes		No school –	
10:30 am Worship	8:00 pm Cap.	8:00 pm Cap.	7:00 pm *WELS	6:00 pm Bell Choir		Teacher Conf.	
3:00 pm Reformation Worship	Campaign mtg.	Campaign mtg.	Wind Ensemble practice	7:00 pm Adult Choir			
				10pm Church clean.			
<b>29 Pentecost 22</b>		30	31				
Cap. Campaign Announc. weekend	9:00 am FH reserved	9:00 am FH reserved	7:00 pm *WELS				
8:00 am Worship, Communion			Wind Ensemble practice				
Online Worship Posted							
9:15 am Bible Study, Sunday School							
10:30 am Worship, Communion							
3:30 pm Zion Trunk or Treat							

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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.

## Get in Touch

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Thanks  
be to God  
for his  
incredible  
gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

## USHERS FOR OCTOBER

### September 24th & October 1st

8:00am - Team E5	10:30am - Team L3
Kim Schilling (C)	Jim Kluetzman (C)
Ronald Knudson	Gabe Uttech
John Zandler	AJ Uttech
Andy Neuman	Michael Uttech
Matt Vosberg	Gary Schuhmacher
	Jadon Schwartz

### October 8th & October 15th

8:00am - Team E6	10:30am - Team L4
John Brey (C)	Kurt Zander (C)
Jim Greiling	Jim Yohn
Rick Gentz	Wyatt Browskowski
Hunter Sommer	Tim Petrie
Jordan Crave	John Loeffler
Christian Bagocius	Madden Henning

### October 22nd & October 29th

8:00am - Team E7	10:30am - Team L5
Mike Vick (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Troy Kehoe (A)	Peter Lewke
Bruce Hatzinger	Dan Weiland
Bryan Peck	Cam Weiland
Isaac Peck	Josiah Schwartz
Jake Boness	Micah 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.

## WORSHIP WELCOMERS

### October 1st

8:00am	10:30am
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik	Otto & Sheree Mattke

### October 8th

8:00am	10:30am
Delphine Schaefer	Bev Herold

### October 15th

8:00am	10:30am
Jeff & Melody Krakow	John & Sarah Brey

### October 22nd

8:00am	10:30am
Kathy Harle & Joan Sennhenn	Nils & Lara Johansson

### October 29th

8:00am	10:30am
Delmar & Carol Vick	Aaron & Rachel Larson

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 August

Date	Total
3/6	268
10/13	253
17/20	355
24/27	287
31	45

## Membership Changes

### Transfer In:

Jackson Stake, Eastside, Madison, WI  
Emily Kohlwey, St. John's, Pardeeville, WI

### Transfer Out:

Dominic & Kellie Caminata, Elijah & Aurora to Peace  
Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, WI  
Tom, Riley & Rowan Summars to Cross of Christ,  
Portage, WI

### Released:

None

## Ministrations

### Baptisms:

9. Dutton Lane Kovalaske  
Born 5/26/2023; Baptized 8/6/2023  
Parents: Tyler & Brooke Kovalaske
10. Norma Rae Hildebrandt  
Born 5/4/2023; Baptized 9/2/2023  
Parents: Jeremy & Jennifer Hildebrandt
11. Holden Russell Taylor  
Born 7/10/23; Baptized 9/2/23  
Parents: Dakota & Tiffany Taylor

### Deaths:

None

### Marriages:

4. Jesslynn Baker & Maxwell Tramburg  
Married 8/4/2023
5. Faith Zellmer & Kevin Schultz  
Married 8/18/2023

### Confirmations: None

### Affirmations of Faith:

Lorna Schultz



Gertrude Stilson	6th	83 years
Norman Stilson	9th	85 years
Wayne Powers	15th	89 years
Adeline Voss	16th	94 years
Larry Fischer	26th	84 years
Marilyn Beitz	29th	83 years

## Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by October 20th.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

[suehenning25@gmail.com](mailto:suehenning25@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## ZION JOB OPPORTUNITY

Zion continues to seek help in Zion's Extended Care (ETC) program. If interested, contact Mr. Grambsch at 414-313-4308.

## LWMS FALL RALLY

LWMS Fall Rally will be held on **October 21st** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Beaver Dam. All women of Zion are invited and feel free to bring a friend. (See Weekly Word online for more information)

## ZION CRAFT GROUP

Zion Craft Group will be meeting Saturday, **October 21st** from 9am-12pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## MISSION FESTIVAL

Friedens of Randolph will celebrate Mission Festival on **October 8th**. Rev. Mark Zondag will give a presentation at 9am and preach for our 10am worship service. Pastor Zondag presently serves as a WELS missionary in Chang Mai, Thailand. A dinner will be served following the worship service. All are welcome to attend. Friedens is located on the corner of Jones and Germania, on the south side of Randolph. If you have any questions, please call 507-450-377.

## ZION FORENSICS MEET

We have a school event coming up which highlights public speaking on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 PM. This event is for grades 5-8 to practice their forensics pieces in front of friends and family. All students in grades 5-8 are asked to be there. Put it on your calendar!

## CLASSROOM WISHLISTS

Teachers have created Amazon wishlists for their classroom. You can view the wishlists on Zion's website [zioncolumbus.org](http://zioncolumbus.org) under the "Support" tab under the School heading. If you have questions concerning a particular list, feel free to contact that teacher.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
**Income and Expense Statement**  
 GENERAL FUND 01, August 2023

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Percentage
<b>INCOME</b>				
CONTRIBUTION INCOME			\$0.00	0.00%
UNRESTRICTED	\$55,862.82	\$121,857.75		
DONOR RESTRICTED	310.00	510.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Contribution Income	56,172.82	122,367.75	0.00	0.00%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,234.50	1,234.50	0.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>57,407.32</b>	<b>123,602.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
FIXED EXPENSES			\$63,432.32	96.06%
CALLED WORKER PAYROLL	\$30,651.59	\$60,932.51		
SUPPORT STAFF	5,819.90	10,503.09	8,881.68	118.26%
BENEFITS	11,921.35	25,220.45	26,098.84	96.63%
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	804.24	2,005.99	4,177.00	48.02%
BUILDING & GROUNDS	10,536.35	18,319.96	20,767.50	88.21%
Subtotal Fixed Expenses	59,733.43	116,982.00	123,357.34	94.83%
DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES			18,960.00	101.05%
OUTSIDE SUPPORT	9,480.00	19,160.00		
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	282.37	676.37	450.00	150.30%
WORSHIP/MUSIC	296.00	1,623.95	2,351.64	69.06%
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	1,083.34	0.00%
ELDERS	0.00	0.00	16.66	0.00%
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	0.00	666.66	0.00%
FAMILY MINISTRY	400.00	630.01	558.34	112.84%
Subtotal Departments/committees	10,458.37	22,090.33	24,086.64	91.71%
OTHER EXPENSES			166.66	0.00%
CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS	0.00	0.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>70,191.80</b>	<b>139,072.33</b>	<b>147,610.64</b>	<b>94.22%</b>
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS			\$0.00	0.00%
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	-\$4,602.32	-\$11,400.72		
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>-4,602.32</b>	<b>-11,400.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$17,386.80</b>	<b>-\$26,870.80</b>	<b>-\$147,610.64</b>	<b>18.20%</b>

# Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

August 2023

Previous Month Assets	\$140,344.98
Total Transactions	-\$13,213.91
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$127,131.07</b>

<b>New Church/School Total</b>	<b>\$120,941.89</b>
Checking/savings	

Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Explanation	Monthly Statements		Explanation	NEW Church/School	NEW Church/School
			Undesignated Savings	Fund Savings			
Previous Balance	\$497.80		\$5,841.25	\$133,705.58		\$100.35	
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.87)		\$0.00	(\$18,325.34)		\$5,261.30	
Current Balance	\$347.93		\$5,841.25	\$115,380.24		\$5,561.65	
	(\$150.00) 8/8 Joan Marks						\$1,925.58 8/3 Transfer from Savings
	\$0.13 8/31 Interest						\$4,500.00 8/7 Transfer from Savings
							(\$1,925.58) 8/8 1901 Inc. - School HVAC
							(\$4,500.00) 8/17 Walsh Payment
							\$5,270.00 8/23 Transfer from Savings
							(\$8.70) 8/24 FNUB Check order
							\$777.00 8/25 Vanco Deposit
							(\$5,425.00) 8/15 American Bank
							\$783.08 8/17 Deposit
							\$525.00 8/18 Deposit
							\$1,531.46 8/22 Vanco Deposit
							\$578.08 8/22 Deposit
							(\$5,270.00) 8/23 Transfer to Checking
							\$1,165.00 8/29 Deposit
							(\$5,425.00) 8/29 American Bank
							\$828.00 8/31 Vanco Deposit
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.87)		\$0.00	(\$18,325.34)		\$5,261.30	
<b>TOTAL TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>(\$13,213.91)</b>						

Notes:

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



# Reformation 500

(1521-1523)

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

**4:00 P.M.**

*Lakeside Lutheran High School  
The New Auditorium*

231 Woodland Beach Road,  
Lake Mills, WI

Preacher: The Rev. Mark Jeske

## ***OUR AREA REFORMATION FESTIVAL WORSHIP***

The Reformation was not merely an event that took place on October 31, 1517. Rather, it was a struggle that took place over quite a number of years, and our Central Conference's Reformation Festival worship since 2017 has endeavored to unfold some of the bigger struggle we aren't always aware of in our Lutheran heritage. This year we consider the crucial stand which Luther took in 1521 at the papal and imperial assembly at the **city of Worms** that would temporarily land Luther in hiding at the Wartburg castle for a number of months to preserve the safety of his life.

**Pastor Mark Jeske** will help us appreciate how our Savior-God gave Luther strength and resiliency in facing fierce opposition to the Gospel's message of mercy and forgiveness. Luther also used his "hidden time" in the Wartburg castle to accomplish some important activities in advancing the blessings of the Reformation, such as his first translation of the New Testament into German, or the very first beginnings of a Lutheran hymnal (1523).

## **THIS YEAR'S REFORMATION FESTIVAL OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

**Singers! Brass Players!** -- Dear members of the WELS' West. Wis. District's *Central Conference* as well as neighboring WELS conferences: We're looking for adult singers and brass players (trumpets, F horns, trombones, and tuba/bass) from our WELS churches to play and sing for this autumn's **Reformation Festival Worship** in the *new auditorium* at **Lakeside Lutheran High School** on **Sunday, October 22 at 4 p.m.** The **brass ensemble** and **adult choir** will be praising our God with two hymn concertantes that were used 6 years ago at the Madison Coliseum. The reason for reusing them is that then you hopefully will be able to have access to the choral copies that are probably in your church choir's music library. ***We cannot supply all the choral copies for "A Mighty Fortress" since we have no Conference choral fund to purchase them. We can, though, supply the music for all the brass*** players as well as the choral copy for "*The Church's One Foundation.*" If you cannot secure borrowing copies of the music, you can order online, too. Use the web address below to do so.



Worship, October 19 & 22

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**GODLY GOVERNMENT**  
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Thursday: 6:30 pm  
 Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am



**Sunday School**

September - May  
 Age 3 - Teen  
 Register at  
[www.zioncolumbus.org](http://www.zioncolumbus.org)

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OH TASTE & SEE THAT  
**THE LORD**  
*is good*

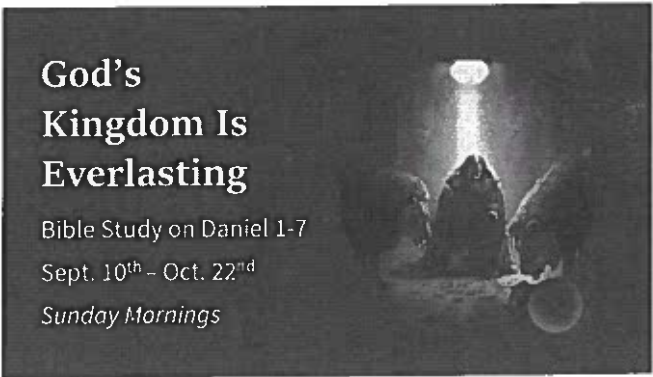
BLESSED IS THE  
 MAN WHO TAKES  
 REFUGE IN HIM

PSALM 34:8



**God's Kingdom Is Everlasting**

Bible Study on Daniel 1-7  
 Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Sunday Mornings



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