

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Things are still different, aren't they?

As much as people wished we would get back to normal, COVID-19 changed us. It changed our personal lives, our work lives, our congregation. We learned how to worship online from home. We used virtual ways to stay connected to each other—to maintain our sense of Christian community. We also adapted how we serve each other and our neighbors while remaining socially distanced. But it's just not the same, is it?

When we look at the blessings from the pandemic, one of the biggest is that we were reminded in so many ways of the joy we experience when God's people gather. There is just no replacement for it.

It's about time we celebrate! Let's celebrate being able to gather together again. Let's celebrate the joy we experience as a family of believers when we worship together—fellowship with each other—serve together—and take the Lord's supper side by side.

On Sunday, September 25, we are going to celebrate as a church family and praise God on a very special celebration Sunday, as we re-gather after time apart. Psalm 26:8 says, "I love the house where you live, O Lord, the place where your glory dwells." This is why we gather.

Look for more details coming soon about celebration Sunday. It will also be the perfect opportunity to reach out to others with a personal invitation to join us as we gather and praise God for all of his blessings.

September 25

First Day of School
Tuesday, August 23
8:00 AM

Opening Chapel at 8:10

Back to school

Important Dates

Registration

Tuesday, August 2

8 AM-Noon or 5-8 PM

Sign up for a registration time

on Zion's website

Parent Information

Night

Wednesday, August 3

6:30 PM

Free Childcare



Megan Schwartz
7-8 and Athletic Director

Catherine Becker
5-6 and School Music

Installation of
our new
teachers

August 21
10:30 am



Zion Picnic Sunday, August 21

Bring your favorite dish to pass for a tasty potluck lunch.

Drinks, ice cream, and freeze pops provided.

Games and fun for everyone.

Complete details in the Weekly Word.

WORSHIP WITH US!

Thursdays

6:30 pm

Sundays

8:00 and 10:30 am

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:00 am BLAC Athletic Director Meeting	2 8:00 am -12 School Registration 5:00 pm -8:00 School Registration 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble Practice	3 6:30 pm Parent Information Night (Fellowship Hall)	4 7:45 am Sanctuary: Weekly Cleaning 6:30 pm Worship, communion 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble Practice	5 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	6
7 Pentecost 9 8:00 am Online Worship Posted 8:00 am Worship, Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship: Communion	8 6:30 pm Stewardship Board	9 6:30 pm Sunday School Staff Meeting 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble Practice	10 9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting	11 7:45 am Sanctuary: Weekly Cleaning 6:30 pm Worship 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble Practice	12 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	13
14 Pentecost 10 8:00 am Online Worship Posted 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm WELS Wind Ensemble concert	15 6:30 pm Board of Education	16 7:00 pm Fellowship Committee	17 9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Council Meeting	18 7:45 am Sanctuary: Weekly Cleaning 6:30 pm Worship	19 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	20 11:00 am Baptism: Sanctuary Reserved
21 Christian Education Sunday 8:00 am Online Worship Posted 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Catechism Parent and Student Meeting 10:30 am Worship, Teacher Installation 11:30 am Church Picnic	22 9:00 am Sanctuary: Monthly Cleaning	23 First Day of School	24 9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Catechism Parent and Student Meeting	25 7:45 am Sanctuary: Weekly Cleaning 6:30 pm Worship, Communion	26 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	27
28 Pentecost 12 8:00 am Online Worship Posted 8:00 am Worship, Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship, Communion	29 5:30 pm Faculty Meeting	30 6:00 pm Volunteer Meeting	31 9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting VB Away: Peace, Sun Prairie			

Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions.



What's a good Bible reading plan?

“Where do I begin?” is a question I have often asked. Whether it’s building a barbeque pit, fixing the kitchen sink, or helping my children with school projects, I have often asked, “Where do I begin?” and, “How can I finish?” The same can be true of reading your Bible. It helps to have a plan and know what to look for.

To begin with, realize that the Bible is a special book. In fact, it is the most special of all the books ever written. The Bible was given to us by God as he enabled men to write down the very words and thoughts of God. With that in mind, ask God to help you understand what he is saying when you read it.

Second, understand the purpose of why God gave us the Bible. The apostle Paul writes, “Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” The Apostle John wrote, “These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” The purpose of the Bible is to give us hope and life. When you read it, look for the true hope that God offers you in Christ. Look for everlasting life that God promises to his people—to you and me through his Son Jesus.

Third, you might ask, “Where do I start?” I suggest you read Genesis, where God gives life and hope to real people who really lived in ancient times. Then I suggest you read one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) to learn more about Jesus, the promised Son of God. From there, you may read the Psalms, which are prayers and hymns of God’s people. You may also read Acts, where the story of the early Christian church is told. Read Romans and the other letters that follow it. Though these were written 2,000 years ago, they are still fitting for us today.

At times, the Bible will trouble or confuse you. But as you read it, continue to focus on Jesus through whom God gives us life and hope. And if you would like some help understanding the Bible, we can help. Please give us a call.



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Council Names and Numbers

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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
indescribable
gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15

USHERS FOR AUGUST

August 7th & August 14th

8:00am - Team E7	10:30am - Team L4
Mike Vick (C)	Kurt Zander (C)
Troy Kehoe (A)	Jim Yohn
Bruce Hatzinger	Wyatt Browskowski
Isaac Peck	Peter Klokow
Jake Boness	Jack Klokow
Bryan Peck	

August 21st & August 28th

8:00am - Team E1	10:30am - Team L5
Jeff Henning (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Daryl Berndt (A)	Peter Lewke
Leo Fischer	Cam Weiland
Matt Weidner	Dan Weiland
Gabe Weidner	Josiah Schwartz
Rodney Nacht	Micah Schwartz
Mark Tiedt	

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

August 7th

8:00am	10:30am
Kathy Harle & Joan Sennhenn	Rick & Lisa Gentz

August 14th

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

August 21st

8:00am	10:30am
Emily Henning & Nancy Huebner	Otto & Sheree Mattke

August 28th

8:00am	10:30am
Jim & Jenny Greiling	Bev Herold & Nicole Henning

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

June

Date	Total
2/5	274
9/12	254
16/19	212
23/26	250
30	52

Membership Changes

Transfer In:

None

Transfer Out:

None

Released:

None

Ministrations

Baptisms:

5. Emery Annette Patrick
Born 5/2/2013; Baptized 6/12/2022
Parents: Brandon & Erin Patrick
6. Gavin Lee Patrick
Born 8/28/2017; Baptized 6/12/2022
Parents: Brandon & Erin Patrick
7. Brandon Patrick (Adult Baptism)
Baptized 6/12/2022

Deaths:

9. Glenn (Butch) Dykstra
Born 1/28/1947; Died 6/7/2022

Marriages:

1. Kathryn Sanderson & Dillon Wendt
Married 6/17/2022

Confirmations:

- Brandon & Katia Vine - 6/5/2022
Brandon & Erin Patrick - 6/12/2022
Dominic Herms - 6/12/2022
Whitney Neuman - 6/16/2022

Affirmations of Faith:

- Patti Brengle - 6/2/2022

Sunday School

Sunday School Registration will be available online and in person beginning Sunday, August 21st. At that time, children ages 3 (by September 1st) through 8th grade can register for this year's Sunday School. Sunday School will start Sunday September 11. In addition we are looking for substitutes and co-teachers. Co-teachers will be paired with a veteran teacher so that teachers can rotate Sundays. If you are interested in being a sub or a co-teacher, please contact Pastor Schwartz or Ruth Becraft (608) 698-0831; becraft31@gmail.com.

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by August 19th. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Zion Picnic

Join us on Sunday, August 21 for our annual picnic. Bring your favorite dish to pass for a potluck lunch beginning at 11:30. Drinks, ice cream, and freeze pops will be provided. Stay to join in on the fun and fellowship. We have 2 bouncy houses, BINGO, a cornhole tournament, kids games, face painting, and more. Students are invited to peek at their classrooms and drop off their backpacks from 11:30-12:00. The fellowship Committee is also looking for some volunteers to help with set-up, service, and cleanup as well as a few people to be the bingo callers. Please sign up on the sheet in the church entryway or contact Rachel Grambsch. 414-489-0235 or rgrambsch@zioncrusaders.com



Evangeline Berg	10th	90 years
Wilma Lenz	17th	96 years
Carolyn Vertz	17th	83 years
John Evers	18th	84 years
Laverne Linde	19th	94 years

WELS Wind Ensemble

Summer Concert

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

4:00PM

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall**

1310 N. Center Street - Beaver Dam



American Glory!

*Sacred – Patriotic – TV & Movie – Oldies -
Pops*

HOT DOG SUPPER, DOOR PRIZES & FUN!

Zion Profit & Loss YTD Comparison

June 2022

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jun 22	Budget Monthly	Fiscal YTD Jul 21 - Feb 22	YTD Budget	
Income					
Extended Care Reimbursement	\$ 555.50		\$ 6,518.80		
Extra Synod Missions Income	0.00		1,354.50		
Family Ministry	0.00		406.50		
General Fund Offerings	50,414.57		730,416.52		
Gifts to Payoff Bank Loan	6,605.00		45,899.00		
LLHS Building Income	0.00		450.00		
Money borrowed from FMUB	-53,575.00		2,425.00		
Other Donations	-6,665.46		5,338.73		
Other Receipts	0.00		3,294.21		
Sub Teacher Reimbursement	0.00		12.16		
Total Income	\$ (2,665.39)		\$ 796,115.42		
Expense					
ACH Fee	1.00	0	7.00	0	
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	\$ 30,082.60	\$ 32,886.49	\$ 378,586.95	\$ 394,637.85	96%
Church Supplies	163.00	83.33	2,792.70	1,000.00	279%
Convention/Cont' Education	0.00	20.83	586.00	250.00	234%
Copier	0.00	275.00	3,076.99	3,300.00	93%
Extended Care Expense	146.48	0.00	6,494.32	0.00	100%
Family Ministry Board	13.98	262.50	2,057.88	3,150.00	65%
Funds in Transit	0.00		253.95		
Guest Pastor	0.00	62.50	1,324.00	750.00	177%
Health Insurance	6,849.59	8,504.17	99,451.88	102,050.00	97%
HRA Savings	0.00	2,000.00	14,000.00	24,000.00	58%
Interest Expense	214.85	41.67	1,275.27	500.00	255%
Janitors					
Church Labor	770.00	650.00	8,646.50	7,800.00	111%
School Labor	688.27	791.67	11,958.56	9,500.00	126%
Total Janitors	1,458.27	1,441.67	20,605.06	17,300.00	119%
LLHS Buiding Expense	0.00		350.00		
LLHS Expense	2,850.00	2,850.00	34,300.00	34,200.00	100%
Maintenance					
Inspection Fees	0.00	0.00	1,572.04	2,500.00	63%
Janitorial Supplies Church	284.78	74.78	1,772.48	2,000.00	89%
Janitorial Supplies School	0.00	0.00	2,072.46	2,000.00	104%
Pest Control	0.00	198.00	2,782.00	2,500.00	111%
Property Improvements	0.00	833.33	2,587.58	10,000.00	26%
Property Repair	0.00	1,250.00	1,843.61	15,000.00	12%
Trash Removal	0.00	191.67	2,405.46	2,300.00	105%
Other	0.00	0.00	788.87	0.00	100%
Total Maintenance	284.78	2,547.78	15,824.50	36,300.00	44%
Meditations	0.00	125.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	100%
Mileage	0.00	583.33	915.21	7,000.00	13%
Miscellaneous	0.00		444.94		
Organists	458.81	566.67	5,893.09	6,800.00	87%
Outreach Board	0.00	541.67	480.05	6,500.00	7%
Payroll Expenses	244.50	166.67	3,070.00	2,000.00	154%
Pension Insurance	9,822.00	3,029.67	40,888.00	36,356.00	112%
Postage and Delivery	41.97	100.00	1,490.91	1,200.00	124%
Secretarial	1,626.70	2,563.17	26,381.30	30,758.00	86%
Stewardship Board	543.82	291.67	4,035.44	3,500.00	115%
Substitute Teaching	0.00		-102.25	0.00	
Sunday School/VBS	0.00		245.56	0.00	
Synod Mission Expense	5,700.00	5,700.00	69,704.50	68,400.00	102%
Telephone & Internet Expense	279.95	291.67	3,875.64	3,500.00	111%
Utilities					
Water & Light	3,626.88	3,468.33	45,714.04	41,620.00	110%
WE Energies	1,055.16	1,233.33	18,539.87	14,800.00	125%
School Utility reimbursement	-28,900.00	0.00	-28,900.00		
Total Utilities	-24,217.96	4,701.67	35,353.91	56,420.00	63%
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	0.00	1,383.33	16,207.00	16,600.00	98%
Worship	1,650.65	1,141.67	20,467.87	13,700.00	149%
Total Expense	38,215.00	70,366.83	811,837.67	844,402.00	96.14%
Net Ordinary Income	-40,880.39		-15,722.25		

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

June 2022

Previous Month Assets	\$161,119.89
Total Transactions	\$5,608.96
Total Current Assets	\$166,728.85

	\$158,490.96
New Church/School Total	
checking/savings	

Accounts	Undesignated		Monthly Statements		NEW Church/School
	Checking	Explanation	NEW Church/School Fund Savings	Explanation	
Previous Balance	\$296.19		\$8,091.65		\$63,066.15
Monthly Transactions*	\$450.05		(\$600.00)		\$11,928.38
Current Balance	\$746.24		\$7,491.65		\$74,994.53
Transactions					
	(\$150.00)	Joan Marks	(\$600.00)	6/27 Transfer out	\$509.23
	\$0.05	Int			6/2 Deposit
	\$600.00	Transfer In			6/14 Deposit
					6/23 Deposit
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