

# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



**FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES** 

## What More Could We Want?

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

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want."*

John D. Rockefeller was one of the richest men in the world. An interviewer once asked him, "How much money is enough?" Rockefeller replied, "Just a little bit more."

How many times have we told ourselves that if we had "just a little bit more" we would be happy? A higher-paying job. A larger home. An earlier retirement. Better health. Successful children.

But what happens when those wants are met? Are people truly happy? And what happens when those wants aren't met? When you find yourself unemployed. When in rough times your savings are depleted. When plans for better housing or earlier retirement have to be put on hold. When your health takes a turn for the worse or your children struggle in school. Where do you turn? Turn to Jesus and remember, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want." We might not have everything we want in life, but Jesus, our Good Shepherd, has truly given us everything we need. He's given us his word. He's given

us his promises. He assures us that our sins are forgiven and eternal life in heaven is ours through his death and resurrection.

He promises to provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs richly and abundantly here on earth until he takes us to the glorious home that he has prepared for us in heaven. There we will experience the fulfillment of his promise, "You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand" (Psalm 16:11).

Not long after his death, someone came up to the accountant of John D. Rockefeller and said, "We know Rockefeller was a very wealthy man. How much did he leave?" Without a moment's hesitation, the accountant answered, "Everything!" A man who seemed to have it all was forced to leave it all behind in the end. The only things that will go with us from this life to the next are the spiritual treasures that belong to us through faith in Jesus.

What do we want out of life? What we need the most has already been fully and freely supplied by Jesus, our Good Shepherd. So, what more could we want? What more could we need?



## May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Current events are changing at such a rate that we are not publishing a printed calendar this month. Any printed calendar would be outdated before it is mailed out. Please continue to check in at <http://www.zioncolumbus.org/church-calendar> for the most current schedule. Add the "Zion Church Calendar" to your own Google Calendar for easy access.

*If you know of someone who does not have online access, please make every effort to communicate with them and keep them up to date. Thank you.*

## Communion During "Safer at Home"

Loved ones,

***"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42, NIV)***

***"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:26, NIV)***

### **The need for the gospel**

Christians need the gospel. Christians grow very aware of their need for the gospel during times of hardship – personal or national – as hardship reminds us of our weakness, our mortality, and of our dependence on God. The gospel is God's good news in which he fulfills our every spiritual need with forgiveness and grace.

God gives us the gospel in three ways – through baptism, the spoken and written Word, and holy communion. The Church calls these tools of the Holy Spirit "the means of grace."

Using each of the means of grace does the same thing: it conveys the message of Jesus' love, forgiveness, and salvation to our hearts. If a Christian does not see a need to be baptized, to regularly hear and read the Word, or to receive communion, there is typically something seriously wrong with his/her faith.

You must know this during a time when we are restricted in our ability to receive the means of grace in the manner to which we are accustomed. The current law prohibits us from gathering in groups of more than 10 people.<sup>1</sup> As Christians we both desire to



obey the earthly authorities God has placed over us and we desire the means of grace. We have stopped holding on-site worship, but have been offering online worship. We have stopped meetings and classes and school, but are meeting online for: Bible study, as a faculty, and as boards and committees. We are doing everything we can think of to partake of the means of grace in a godly way.

### **Communion**

What about communion? While a Christian will feel a need for communion because it is a means of grace, communion is not absolutely necessary to sustain your faith. The Holy Spirit will sustain our faith as we continue with online worship, Bible study, Bible reading and prayer on your own. For children, people in military service -- to name just two examples -- God sustains their faith through the gospel in his spoken and read Word. This means that if you are not comfortable taking communion, if you are at risk for infection or might possibly in any way put others at risk, it is not necessary that you take communion during the current crisis.

However, if you are confident that you can safely come to church, we will be offering communion by appointment. Here is how it will work. . .

***You may sign up online (preferred) at [www.zioncolumbus.org](http://www.zioncolumbus.org) to***

***receive communion or call the church office for an appointment.*** We will have chapels set up in the sanctuary and the library for you to have a short devotion with one of our pastors with enough time in between for us to sanitize and prepare for the next group.

Please take every precaution in coming to church for communion.

- ***Wash your hands*** often. Do not touch your face.

<sup>1</sup> <https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf>

- **Do not touch door handles.** Use the "handicap accessible button" to enter the church.
- **Do not touch light switches.** Motion sensors will turn the lights off and on.
- **Do not linger** to interact with another group that may be at church. While we are allowed to have more than one group of ten or fewer in the facility at one time, they are not to interact and risk spreading infection.

Thank you for understanding our precautions. Out of love for God, let's do what we can to stay strong in the faith and watch out for each other.

*Pastor Schwartz Pastor Zuberbier*

## Pastor Tim and Linda Gumm



We try to get an interview of someone who is important to our congregation in each monthly *Messenger*. Pastor Tim Gumm has been serving our neighboring congregations in Fall River, St. Stephens and in Doylestown (St. John's) for a couple years now. Mrs. Gumm teaches piano at Zion.

1. Give us some background – Where did each of you grow up – How did you meet and marry – where have you lived and served? *Tim grew up in Downer's Grove, Illinois and Linda grew up on a dairy farm in Watertown, Wisconsin. They met on the campus of current Luther Prep School; Tim was at Northwestern College and Linda attended Northwestern Prep. Tim was assigned to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in West Allis after graduation from the Seminary. He served there for 10 years before accepting the call to serve Peace in Loves Park, Illinois. He served the members of Peace for 25 years, and then accepted the call to St. Stephen's and St. John's. By God's grace, we will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this coming June.*

2. What do you have for kids and grandkids? *We have 4 adult married children, and 15 grandchildren. One family lives in Florida, and all the rest reside in Wisconsin. There are 5 teachers and one pastor among the adult children.*
3. How do you like Fall River? *We are still getting used to (very) small town living. We came from a "suburb" of Rockford; the Rockford metro-area population is around 250,000. So it's a bit different for us!*
4. When you aren't doing things involved with church, how do you like to spend your time? *We love to travel and spend time with our kids and grandkids. We enjoy being outside, and you can find us out on the deck or around the fire pit in the middle of winter.*
5. What do you personally do to keep your faith strong? *A rich blessing of the schedule change when moving to Fall River was the allowance of ample morning devotional time.*
6. Pastor Gumm, what kind of ministry experience do you like the most? What's the most challenging for you? *I love preaching and teaching. Ministering to inactives is the most challenging for me.*
7. Mrs Gumm, what's your experience as a piano teacher? What is your student load/role at Zion? *My experience as a piano teacher began at Zion! I thought about giving lessons for years, and this was just the opportune time and place! I have 16 students at Zion School on Wednesdays, and one Zion student comes to my home on Monday afternoons. During Safer at Home, I'm giving virtual lessons. I love it!!!! I love being able to teach hymns to the children and talk about the possibility of them playing for worship someday.*
8. What do you hope for when it comes to the relationship between St. John's/St. Stephens/Zion? By that I mean, do you see a lot of connections between the churches? Do you have any hopes for the future as to how things might be different? *I hope that our families with children will make use of the Christian education offered at Zion.*

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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

## Greeter Schedule



### May 3rd

8:00am — E4                      10:30am — L11  
 Delmar & Carol Vick              John & Sarah Brey

### May 10th

8:00am — E5                      10:30am — L12  
 Emily Henning &                      Nils & Lara Johansson  
 Nancy Huebner

### May 17th

8:00am — E6                      10:30am — L13  
 Jim & Jenny Greiling                      Aaron & Rachel Larson

### May 24th

8:00am — E7                      10:30am — L1  
 Dale & Joyce Gajdosik                      Janell Allar &  
    Kay Salzwedel

### May 31st

8:00am — E8                      10:30am — L2  
 Wilma Lenz &                      Laurie Kirchberg &  
 Joan Herzberg                      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.



## Video Team Schedule May 2020

3 Phil Manteufel  
 10 Gary Schuhmacher  
 17 Matt Greiling  
 24 Randy Koehn  
 31 Phil Manteufel



### May 3rd

8:00am - <u>Team E2</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L4</u>
Dale Schilling (C)	Bruce Zander (C)
Dale Gajdosik	Kurt Zander (A)
Randy Vick	Kane Browskowski
Kenneth Schulz	Wyatt Browskowski
Matt Yaroch	Jack Schultz
Nick Yaroch	Jesse Schultz
Nate Yaroch	

### May 10th & May 17th

8:00am - <u>Team E3</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L5</u>
Randy Koehn (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Dan Retzlaff	Peter Lewke
Noah Litherland	Dave Harle
Jim Stadler	Paul Musser
Ben Grambsch	Brian Baney
Josiah Schwartz	Eric Musser
William Penterman	

### May 21st (Ascension/Graduation)

6:30pm - Team L6  
 Otto Mattke (C)  
 Paul Kehl (A)  
 Dennis Winter  
 Carl Wolf  
 William Mattke  
 Nils Johansson  
 Shaun Opsahl

### May 24th & May 31st

8:00am - <u>Team E4</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L7</u>
Mark Lindell (C)	Matt Huber (C)
Remington Lindell	Carter Huber
Roger Weiland	Jeremy Maas
Bryce Weiland	Peter Klokow
Brett Weiland	Tony Owens
Norman Weiland	Jack Klokow
Eric Turnquist	

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 March 2020

Date	Total
1	320
4/8	597
11/15	475

### Membership



### Membership Changes

Transfers Out: Bobby Wilke to Bethel, Menasha

### Ministrations

#### Death:

3. Jeanette Parpart - Born 9/16/1929; Died 3/10/2020
4. William C. Nehmer - Born 10/26/1929; Died 3/20/2020



Lorraine Huebner	1st	91 years
Elaine Vangen	5th	94 years
Delores Karow	16th	89 years

### Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by May 22nd.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

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



### Ladies Aid

Zion Ladies Aid will not be meeting in May due to the extension of the "Stay Safe at Home" order by our Governor. Once we know when events can start again, the Ladies Aid officers will meet to decide what changes are needed to our schedule. You will each be notified of our next meeting date.



*Ladies Aid*

### LWMS Convention Goes Virtual

In light of the current health pandemic we are all facing, a decision has been made to combine the international LWMS convention, originally scheduled for late June in Athens, Georgia, and the Taste of Missions, which was to be held in July at the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. To comply with rules and cautions for social distancing, the physical, face to face events have been cancelled. Instead, these two events will be held virtually, on line, from June 27-July 11. Instead of hopping into your car or booking a flight, you will be able to view them both from the comfort of your home. Seminars and devotions will be just a click away! Details are available on the LWMS and WELS websites.

## The Lord's Blessings Come in Different Packages

Sometimes we get things in strange ways; some bad, some good. Take, for instance, the current situation brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. Who would have thought 10 weeks ago that so many would be out of work? At the same time, who would have thought that the government would be sending every adult in the country \$1200 as part of the CARES Act?

Sometimes God's institution of the government provides opportunities for the mission of the Church to advance with financial support. Through the government he has provided unemployment benefits to help make up for the loss of income from a lost job and the \$1200 stimulus check to supplement it. We further rejoice that not all are unemployed or have lost their source of income. To those who belong in the second category, the \$1200 is really an unexpected gift.

As a gift from the Lord, we want to consider what his Word says about management of such blessings. Proverbs 3:9 says: **"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops."** Because God has given us his one and only Son to provide the unending eternal blessings of forgiveness and peace, we have an opportunity to say thanks to him with our offerings.

At this time we're still here to provide spiritual encouragement and "coaching." With prayerful consideration, continue to evaluate your giving to the Lord. In the words of the Apostle Paul: **"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God"** (2Co 9:10,11). May the Lord continue to bless you as you serve him in his kingdom.

In Christ,

Your Stewardship Board

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

	March 20	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 19 - Mar 20	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Church Picnic Income	-		-	
Extra Synod Missions Income	290.00		2,539.00	
General Fund Offerings	60,414.06		500,646.95	
LLHS Building Income	-		1,259.00	
Other Donations	1,405.00		7,802.57	
Other Receipts	(1,395.00)		(2,066.21)	
<b>FMUB Revolving Line of Credit @ 4.95%</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>		<b>47,295.00</b>	
WLCFS Income	900.00		908.00	
WLIM Income	-		8.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>67,614.06</b>		<b>558,392.31</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
Apartment Rent	-	655.00	(585.00)	7,860.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	26,311.53	28,043.33	241,137.81	336,520.00
Church Supplies	877.79	264.58	3,751.74	3,175.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	58.33	-	700.00
Copier	685.08	304.17	2,901.13	3,650.00
Elders Board	-	20.83	-	250.00
Family Ministry Board	1,655.63	375.00	3,372.84	4,500.00
Guest Pastor	-	250.00	1,661.68	3,000.00
Health Insurance	8,418.39	8,047.00	74,182.56	96,564.00
HRA Savings	1,000.00	1,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Interest Expense	-	-	384.36	-
Custodial	-	1,166.67	8,379.69	14,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	-	-	1,259.00	-
LLHS Expense	2,750.00	2,750.00	24,750.00	33,000.00
Maintenance	2,299.33	2,722.92	19,911.71	32,675.00
Meditations	-	125.00	1,086.00	1,500.00
Mileage	695.04	350.00	4,905.41	4,200.00
Miscellaneous	-	12.50	57.47	150.00
Organists	256.41	481.67	3,144.57	5,780.00
Outreach Board	21.25	375.00	1,577.65	4,500.00
Payroll Expenses	318.10	291.67	2,738.55	3,500.00
Pension Insurance	9,622.00	3,116.83	30,980.00	37,402.00
Postage and Delivery	260.12	116.67	1,339.50	1,400.00
Secretarial	1,974.04	2,041.67	19,270.90	24,500.00
Stewardship Board	179.06	150.00	2,591.71	1,800.00
Substitute Teaching	2,047.35	-	2,007.65	-
Sunday School/VBS	-	166.67	929.14	2,000.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,790.00	5,500.00	51,939.00	66,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	260.27	283.33	2,529.68	3,400.00
Utilities	5,424.51	2,385.42	36,466.20	28,625.00
WLCFS Expense	900.00	-	908.00	-
WLIM Expense	-	-	8.00	-
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	3,493.00	1,208.33	3,493.00	14,500.00
Worship	139.75	644.17	2,528.15	7,730.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>75,378.65</b>	<b>62,906.75</b>	<b>561,618.10</b>	<b>754,881.00</b>







## CONFIRMATION

- **God's blessings to our 2020 Confirmation Class:** *Caitlin, Megan, Elsa, Bryan, Ethan, Rebecca, Caanan, Olivia, Noah, Keira, Cameron, Caitlin, Brady, Madison and Micaela.*
- Each of these young souls are being confirmed in the Christian faith in individual ceremonies during the months of April and May.



## WORSHIP ONLINE

- Go to [www.zioncolumbus.org](http://www.zioncolumbus.org)
- New service every Sunday at 8:00 AM.
- View worship guide and YouTube video of service of Bible readings, hymns, prayers, and sermon
- *Worship with your family at home. Share with those you love!*