

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Is God Up There?

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

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

"God, if you are up there, please show yourself to me." Have you ever said that to God? Wouldn't it be great if God just came down and showed himself to us?

God does show himself. In the first line of the Bible, God reveals himself to us. He tells us that he made all things. He made the huge galaxies of the universe. He made the tiniest atoms. He made you and me. His creation demonstrates his power, creativity, wisdom, and tender concern for us.

Take time to notice and to marvel at all God made—the colors of the sky, the light of the sun and stars, the mosaic of leaves outside your window, the beauty of the landscape within your view. Consider how God made you. Think of how your body



works—your eyes and ears, your arms, legs, fingers and toes, your brain.

However, God did not make the world and then stand back as a disinterested observer far removed from it all. He is watching over it all. He continues to care for us by providing for all our needs.

Sadly, we often don't thank him for what he has done for us. We forget him. For that, God has every right to turn his back on us. Amazingly, he still cares for us. More than that, he came down to us and saved us from our wayward ways. He came down in love in the person of his Son, Jesus, and rescued us. Jesus lived the perfect life of thanks that we should live. On the cross, he died the death we should die for our sins. He promises a new and perfect world where all who believe in him will live forever in perfect joy.

Is God up there? Yes, he is! And, thankfully, he was willing to come down here to save us so that, one day, we will see him face to face.

Worship at Zion Restarts June 7

See page 3 for details.

Zion Lutheran Church and School Calendar

June, 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Online Council Meeting	4 6:30 pm Sanctuary Reserved: Zion School Graduation 7:30 pm Sanctuary Reserved: Worship Recording	5 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	6 11:00 am Fellowship Hall in use
7 8:00 am Online Worship Posted 8:00 am Worship, Communion 10:30 am Worship: Communion 12:00 pm Sanctuary Reserved: Wedding	8 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	9 9:00 am LLHS Textbook Collection 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	10 9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting	11 6:30 pm Worship	12 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	13
14 8:00 am Online Worship Posted 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	15	16 6:00 pm PATZ Meeting	17 9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting	18 6:30 pm Worship	19 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	20
21 8:00 am Father's Day Online Worship Posted 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	22	23 11:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive	24 9:15 am Pastoral Staff Meeting	25 6:30 pm Worship	26 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	27
28 8:00 am Online Worship Posted 8:00 am Worship, Communion 10:30 am Worship, Communion	29	30				

WORSHIP RESTART DURING COVID-19

May, 2020

Loved ones of Zion,

⁸ Do not owe anyone anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law...¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Love, therefore, is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:8, 10 (HCSB)

Love is the primary force of God's church. God's love for sinners saves us. Love for God, his Word and his people drives our mission to preach the gospel. Love that the Holy Spirit works in us by the gospel moves us to love each other.

Love for God in Worship

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has ruled against an extension of the Safer at Home Order. Local police have verified that restrictions on people gathering in any number are no longer in effect. As God's people who last worshiped together over two months ago, we rejoice at the opportunity to be in God's house to listen to God's Word, pray, praise, and give thanks to God together. **With the Lord's blessing, we will start up services on Sunday, June 7 at 8:00 and 10:30 am.** Following our initial services, we will resume worship at our regular times: Thursdays at 6:30 and Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am. **We will continue to produce and post an online service by 8:00 each Sunday for those who want to continue worshipping at home.**

Love for our Neighbor in Worship

While "Safer at Home" is no longer in effect, a higher law, "Love does no wrong to a neighbor" remains, especially for Christians. COVID-19 and the fears that go along with it continue to spread. **As we gather for worship, we must ensure that we do no harm to our neighbor by putting them at risk or causing them fear.** In love, we have consulted with local people in the medical field to issue the following encouragements and measures will be in place as we gather for worship for the foreseeable future:

- **Encouragement: You are not obligated to come to worship until the current crisis has passed.** We will continue to post video

versions of our services through our website www.zioncolumbus.org and on local cable channel 930. *If you fear that you are at risk for contracting the virus, please worship at home.*



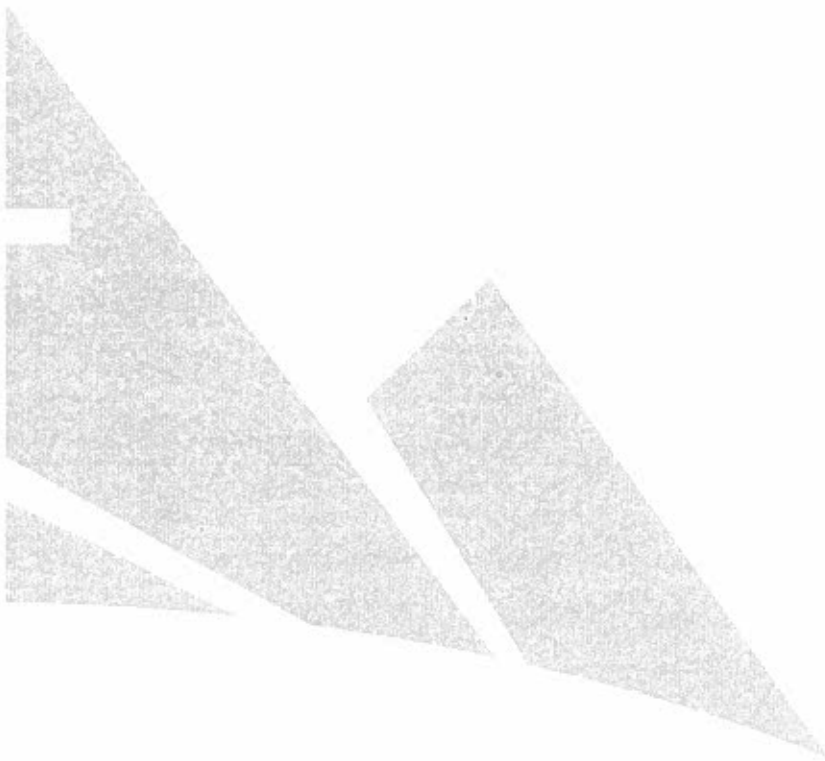
- **Encouragement: Please take every precaution not to spread the virus through attendance at church.** *If you have a high amount of contact with the public and are concerned about putting others at risk, please worship at home until things change.*
- **Measures:**
 - **Wash** your hands and face frequently. Hand sanitizer will be placed throughout the facility.
 - You are welcome, but not required, to wear a **mask**.
 - **Seating** will be staggered to encourage social distancing. Please respect the markers placed on the pews and sit in designated seating areas.
 - **Offerings** will be collected in baskets as you enter and exit church instead of passing the offering plates. We encourage the use of giving offerings online.
 - We will not be serving **coffee or food**.
 - We will be **removing the hymnals** from our pews. The entire service will be printed in a worship folder that you will be asked to take home with you. Words to music will be projected on the walls.
 - Interior **doors** will be propped open so that you won't need to touch door handles.
 - The time between services will be used to **sanitize** high contact areas.
 - We will be discouraging the practice of **shaking hands**. Any gathering ought to be done voluntarily and outside the church building.
 - **Communion** will be offered in a continuous flow manner, with instructions at the beginning of each service given. The communicants will line up in a single-file and approach their side of the altar individually, rather than being ushered up in "tables" as in years past.

Again, if you are not comfortable receiving communion, you may refrain with God's blessing. The gospel you receive through communion is the same faith-giving gospel you receive through hearing his Word. God will strengthen your faith as you take in his gospel.

Final Encouragement: Our Christian duty to each other is to approach issues about which we have strong feelings with understanding and a spirit of helping each other. We are not to let our practices become divisive or political.

Instead, we will "*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*" (Ephesians 4:3, NIV) Things may change with circumstances. Our practices may change as we try things and find out what works best to communicate the gospel and what does not. Throughout this time of pandemic, everyone has been very understanding and has worked together to care for each other and to make the best of a situation that no one asked for. We pray it continues as we work together to believe and spread God's unchanging, life-giving message of Jesus.

Pastor Schwartz and Pastor Zuberbier



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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



June 7th

8:00am — E9
Merle Nehmer

10:30am — L3
Rick & Lisa Gentz

June 14th

8:00am — E10
Gene Beier

10:30am — L5
Marcia Rewolinski &
Arlene Sennhenn

June 21st

8:00am — E11
Harold & Delphine
Schaefer

10:30am — L7
Wayne & Darlene Powers

June 28th

8:00am — E14
John & Jane Evers

10:30am — L8
Otto & Sheree Mattke

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 June 2020

7 Gary Schuhmacher
17 Matt Greiling
21 Randy Koehn
28 Gary Schuhmacher



June 7th & June 14th

8:00am - Team E5
Kim Schilling (C)
Ronald Knudson
Andy Tratar
John Zandler
Scott Brenner
Matt Vosberg

10:30am - Team L1
Tom Schultz (C)
George Decker (A)
Aaron Larson
James Kopfer
Dayne Kopfer
Brandon Lee
Brian Vierck

June 21st & June 28th

8:00am - Team E6
Jim Greiling (C)
Matt Greiling
Rick Gentz
Hunter Sommer
John Brey
Bob Marousek
Jordan Crave

10:30am - Team L2
Dale Schultz (C)
Daniel Schultz
Matt Ganser
Dylan Schultz
Michael Hallberg
Nathan Hallberg
Henry Tews

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.

Membership



Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by June 19th.



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

Adult Confirmation:

Jamie Steele

Ministrations

Baptism:

6. Lillian Grace Caine

Born: 3/20/2020; Baptized: 4/5/2020

Parents: Tim & Katie Caine

MLC Grant Programs

Martin Luther College is offering two opportunities to help our future pastors and teachers. Please check out the following:

Congregational Partner Grant Program

This program allows congregations to encourage and support their members who are preparing for the public ministry at MLC.

The congregation awards a grant to any undergraduate student enrolled at MLC for the 2019-2020 academic year. The student must be a member of the congregation that submits money for the program. MLC matches that grant from \$100 to \$1,000 per student!

Grant amounts should be whole numbers – our system cannot process cents.

<https://mlc-wels.edu/financial-aid/congregational-partner-grant-program/>



Lois White	18th	84 years
Richard Derr	20th	88 years
Bernard Dysktra	21st	97 years

Equipping Christian Witnesses Campaign

With support from the WELS Conference of Presidents, this two-year capital campaign will celebrate the 2020 silver anniversary of MLC. The title, "Equipping Christian Witnesses," reflects not only the mission of our institution—to train a corps of Christian witnesses to meet WELS ministry needs—but also the pillars of this campaign: Student Recruitment, Student Aid and Student Facilities.

<https://mlc-wels.edu/mlc-campaign/>

To donate to either of these through Zion Lutheran Church, please indicate the specific program you are supporting on a church offering envelope with your donation or make a note of your desires with your online donation. Thank you!

Zion Ladies Society

Zion's Ladies Society officers have decided to not have a meeting until September. Hopefully it will be safer for everyone to enjoy being together.



Ladies Aid

The Bloodmobile is still happening in June, but we will not be allowed to make food or serve it.

We pray everyone is healthy and keeping safe.

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

	April 20	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 19 - Apr 20	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Church Picnic Income	-		-	
Extra Synod Missions Income	435.00		2,974.00	
General Fund Offerings	72,451.69		573,098.64	
LLHS Building Income	-		1,259.00	
Other Donations	613.00		8,575.57	
Other Receipts	362.00		(2,720.39)	
SBA-Paycheck Protection Program	79,871.64		79,871.64	
FMUB Revolving Line of Credit @ 4.85%	(3,000.00)		44,490.00	
WLCFS Income	-		908.00	
WLIM Income	900.00		908.00	
Total Income	151,633.33		709,364.46	
Expense				
Apartment Rent	-	655.00	(585.00)	7,860.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	25,197.33	28,043.33	286,335.14	336,520.00
Church Supplies	135.33	264.58	3,887.07	3,175.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	58.33	-	700.00
Copier	-	304.17	2,901.13	3,650.00
Elders Board	-	20.83	-	250.00
Family Ministry Board	395.54	375.00	3,768.38	4,500.00
Guest Pastor	-	250.00	1,661.68	3,000.00
Health Insurance	8,418.39	8,047.00	82,600.95	98,564.00
HRA Savings	2,000.00	1,000.00	14,000.00	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	27,500.00	33,000.00
Maintenance	(4,459.91)	2,722.92	15,451.80	32,675.00
Meditations	-	125.00	1,086.00	1,500.00
Mileage	721.03	350.00	5,626.44	4,200.00
Miscellaneous	2,767.24	12.50	2,824.71	150.00
Organists	65.40	481.67	3,209.97	5,780.00
Outreach Board	-	375.00	1,577.65	4,500.00
Payroll Expenses	432.65	291.67	3,171.20	3,500.00
Pension Insurance	200.00	3,116.83	31,190.00	37,402.00
Postage and Delivery	49.58	116.67	1,389.08	1,400.00
Secretarial	1,080.08	2,041.67	20,330.98	24,500.00
Stewardship Board	239.23	150.00	2,830.94	1,800.00
Substitute Teaching	1,964.34	-	2,955.81	-
Sunday School/VBS	-	166.67	929.14	2,000.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,935.00	5,500.00	57,874.00	68,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	265.27	283.33	2,794.95	3,400.00
Utilities	4,692.41	2,385.42	41,158.61	28,625.00
WLCFS Expense	-	-	908.00	-
WLIM Expense	900.00	-	908.00	-
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	11,210.00	1,208.33	14,703.00	14,500.00
Worship	1,145.92	644.17	3,674.07	7,730.00
Total Expense	66,084.83	62,906.75	626,686.75	754,881.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

April 2020

Previous Month Assets	\$143,226.90
Total Transactions	-\$16,723.87
Total Current Assets	\$126,503.03

New Church/School Total	\$121,520.76
checking/savings	

Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Explanation	Monthly Statements		NEW Church/School Checking	Explanation
			Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/School Fund Savings		
Previous Balance	\$345.73		\$21,476.53	\$121,170.14	\$334.50	
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.99)		(\$16,690.00)	(\$2,028.00)	\$2,144.12	
Current Balance	\$195.74		\$4,786.53	\$119,142.14	\$2,378.62	

Transactions	(\$150.00) Jean Marks		(\$15,000.00) General fund	\$75.00 4-1 deposit	\$5,000.00 Savings	4-20 Transfer from NCS
	\$0.01 Interest		\$310.00 4-15 Deposit	\$125.00 4-2 deposit	(\$2,855.88) Check # 2277	
			(\$2,000.00) General fund	\$724.00 4-3 deposit		
				\$160.00 4-6 deposit		
				\$95.00 4-7 deposit		
				\$5,252.50 4-8 deposit		
				\$40.00 4-10 deposit		
				\$50.00 4-13 deposit		
				\$145.00 4-14 deposit		
				(\$5,425.00) 4-14 Mortgage payment		
				\$2,085.00 4-15 deposit		
				\$245.00 4-16 deposit		
				\$1,874.00 4-17 deposit		
				\$240.00 4-20 deposit		
				(\$5,000.00) 4-20 transfer to NCS		
				\$380.00 4-21 deposit		
				\$1,562.50 4-22 deposit		
				\$40.00 4-24 deposit		
				\$300.00 4-27 deposit		
				\$95.00 4-28 deposit		
				(\$5,425.00) 4-28 Mortgage payment		
				\$75.00 4-29 deposit		
				\$259.00 4-30 deposit		
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.99)		(\$16,690.00)	(\$2,028.00)	\$2,144.12	
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$16,723.87)					
Interest Received	\$0.01					

Notes:
Check # 2277 Dixon Drywall- drywall repairs