

# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



## *I need more...* REST

People put in many hours of work each week. Weeknight evenings are filled with activities for children and meetings of all sorts. When the weekend rolls around, there are many activities that we want to participate in. There are sports for children, recreation for families, and leisurely interests for individuals. Hours on Saturday are taken up by home improvement projects or needed maintenance. By the end of it all we are tired.



I heard a message about my sin and Jesus' forgiveness. I was reminded every time that I had real rest in Jesus. I had the rest of a clear conscience because Jesus took my sin away with his death and resurrection. I had the rest of knowing that when I die, I will rest eternally with Jesus. I had the rest of knowing that the same Savior who loved me enough to die for me is ruling all things in this world for me, and for the benefit of all his people.

Such a busy life! It makes you wish you could have more rest. You do! In Jesus you have the rest you truly need. The church may not have that Bible passage printed on the wall, but through the Word of God you hear, you will receive rest for your soul in Jesus. Next Sunday morning, come and get some rest with us at church. It is good for your soul.

Finally, it is Sunday morning, a day of rest, and I get to sleep in. It is the one morning that if I don't get out of bed, my work will not call, and my children will not bother me. Nothing much happens on Sunday morning, so it is a good time to relax. I get so tired during the week. I need more rest and Sunday seems to be the perfect day to get it. If I sleep in on Sunday morning, I may be well rested physically but spiritually I am exhausted.

On the front wall of the church where I grew up is this Bible passage. "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Those are Jesus' words. It is his invitation to provide rest, not for our bodies but for our souls. There were plenty of times I walked into that church physically tired, but I always received rest for my soul.



**Built on  
the Rock**



# STEAM



***Join our faith lab this summer!***

- **June 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>**
- **9:00-11:30am each day.**
- **Cost: \$5 per participant**
- **Ages: Entering 4K-6<sup>th</sup> grade**

Register at [www.zioncolumbus.org](http://www.zioncolumbus.org)

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# Zion Lutheran Church and School

# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 8:00 am Worship (Communion) 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship (Communion) 6:00 pm Western WI District Pastor-Teacher Conference	<b>3</b> Western WI District Pastor-Teacher Conference	<b>4</b> Western WI District Pastor-Teacher Conference *WELS Wind Ensemble	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 6:30 pm Worship	<b>7</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 10:00 am College Reunion	<b>8</b> 11:00 am Bridal shower
<b>9</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Kramer Farewell 2:00 pm Golf Tournament 2:00 pm Zion Golf Tournament	<b>10</b> 9:00 am STEAM+ Camp 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	<b>11</b> 9:00 am STEAM+ Camp 6:30 pm Call Meeting for Pastor 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble 6:30 pm Congregational Meeting	<b>12</b> 9:00 am STEAM+ Camp 6:30 pm Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00 am STEAM+ Camp 6:30 pm Worship	<b>14</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 9:00 am STEAM+ Camp	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Father's Day 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Red Cross Blood Drive *WELS Wind Ensemble	<b>19</b> Zion Teen Group Six Flags Trip	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Worship	<b>21</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Wilke farewell to follow	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Worship (Communion)	<b>28</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:00 am Worship 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship						

## A Message from Pastor Robert Wilke

"I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant." (Genesis 32:10) Jacob spoke these words in a prayer to God on the night before he would be reunited with his brother Esau after being away for 20 years. He had fled his home after Esau had threatened to kill Jacob because he had stolen his birthright. Jacob left home with just a staff in his hand. Now as he returned and looked at all the physical and spiritual blessings God had given him in his life, as he realized his own sinfulness, he couldn't help but cry out his own unworthiness and God's amazing grace.

As I come to the end of my 40 year ministry with over 35 years here with you, my Zion family, I echo those same words. "I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant." The Lord has truly and generously blessed me, a sinner, with a Savior and the forgiveness and salvation he has won for me. He has blessed me with my wife Donna, my five children, my 13 grandchildren and my extended family. He has blessed me by allowing me to serve as your pastor and has blessed me with you, my Zion family, my brothers and sisters in Christ, through the love and support you have shown me all these years. The memories I have of my ministry with you are precious and priceless, memories I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

One of the reasons I accepted the call to Zion was because of the school. I love children and wanted the opportunity to work with teachers, the students and the families. To see their smiles, to have fun with them, to be able to teach them, to get hugs and high fives from them has always been one of the highlights of my ministry. I was even blessed to be able to coach flag football, basketball and softball for many years which I truly loved. I know that the school and the young children in the church and school are what I am going to miss the most when I retire. They bring so much joy to my life.

As far as memories go, there are so many in 35 years here that I can't even begin to enumerate. So instead

of going down memory lane, I would like to start my list of what I am thankful to God for in my ministry here. I thank God for allowing me, a sinner, to be one of the shepherds here, taking care of the flock entrusted to my care. I thank God for surrounding me with pastors, teachers and secretaries whom I have worked with and who have helped to make my ministry a real joy. I thank God for the many Zion members who have given of their time to serve on boards, councils, committees, in the choirs and the list could go on and on. I thank God for allowing me to bring comfort to families who are going through difficult times or grieving over the death of a loved one. I thank God for the privilege of watching young couples starting their lives together and pronouncing them husband and wife. I thank God for the privilege of being able to preach law and Gospel from the pulpit at Zion and assuring you that your sins are forgiven and heaven is yours. I thank God for the love and support, the friendship and encouraging words that come from you. I thank God for the many opportunities I have had to worship and pray with you. In general, I thank God for all of you, my Zion family.



*Pastor Bob and Donna Wilke*

You can see why I echo Jacob's words. "I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant." In his grace, God has blessed me beyond measure through you, the members of Zion. 35 years is a long time to serve in a congregation. I am so thankful God allowed me to do that. It's hard to describe the love I feel for all of you. It will be so hard to bid you farewell. I know there will be lots of tears coming from me. Sorry about that.

I am a very emotional man. But I leave with the comfort of knowing that if I don't see you again here on earth, I pray I will one day see you in heaven as we gather around the throne of our Savior to spend our eternity with him. God bless all of you.

Your shepherd in Christ,

Robert A. Wilke

Everyone is welcome to join us for **Pastor Wilke's last Sunday at Zion** upon his retirement **June 23**. We will celebrate his ministry with worship followed by a meal and program in the Zion gymnasium.



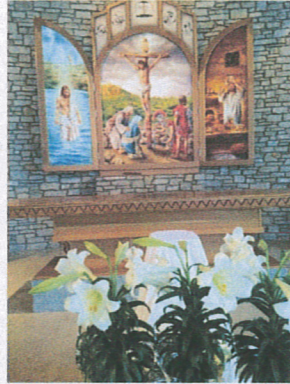
## Worship with Us!

*You are always welcome here.*

**Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

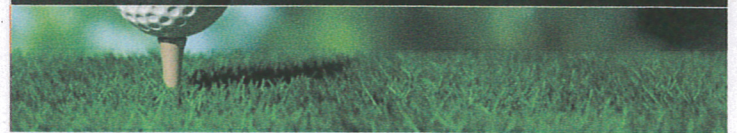
**Thursday 6:30 PM**

*Bible Study and Sunday School  
between services through May.*



## Zion Golf Tournament

*Date changed:*  
**June 9, 2019**



*For more information, go to our website [www.zioncolumbus.org](http://www.zioncolumbus.org)*

## July 4<sup>th</sup> at Zion



Family Fun Night

812 Western Ave

Games, Treats, Fireworks

*Look for our Float in the Columbus July 4 Parade!*

***Join us for a great view of the fireworks!***

## STEAM+ "Built on the Rock"

9-11:30am each day

4K-6th grade

**\$5 per participant**

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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

#### Church/School Office

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### Council Names and Numbers

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Brady Weiland, Treasurer	920-285-7362
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Craig Lathrop, Family Ministry	608-770-2498

Thanks  
be to God  
for his  
indescribable  
gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

## Greeter Schedule



### June 2

8:00am — E12  
Waldamar Vick

10:30am — L4  
Bernard & Genevieve Setz

### June 9

8:00am — E14  
John & Jane Evers

10:30am — L5  
Marcia Rewolinski &  
Arlene Sennhenn

### June 16

8:00am — E1  
Jeff & Melody Krakow

10:30am — L7  
Wayne & Darlene Powers

### June 23

8:00am — E2  
Dave & Kathy Harle

10:30am — L8  
Otto & Sheree Mattke

### June 30

8:00am — E4  
Delmar & Carol Vick

10:30am — L9  
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.



## Video Team Schedule June 2019

2 Randy Koehn  
9 Matt Greiling  
16 Gary Schuhmacher  
23 Randy Koehn  
30 Phil Manteufel



### June 2

8:00am - Team E2  
Dale Schilling (C)  
Dale Gajdosik  
Randy Vick  
Kenneth Schulz  
Eric Turnquist  
Eliot Turnquist

10:30am - Team L4  
Bruce Zander (C)  
Kurt Zander (A)  
Kane Browskowski  
Wyatt Browskowski  
Jack Schultz  
Jesse Schultz

### June 9 & June 16

8:00am - Team E3  
Randy Koehn (C)  
Jadon Schwartz  
Joe Grambsch  
Ben Grambsch  
Josiah Schwartz  
Jim Stadler

10:30am - Team L5  
Phil Manteufel (C)  
Peter Lewke  
Dave Harle  
Paul Musser  
Brian Baney  
Eric Musser

### June 23 & June 30

8:00am - Team E4  
Mark Lindell (C)  
Remington Lindell  
Andy Tratar  
Andrew Bussian  
Matt Yaroch  
Nick Yaroch

10:30am - Team L6  
Otto Mattke (C)  
Paul Kehl (A)  
Dennis Winter  
Carl Wolf  
William Mattke  
Nils Johansson

If you have any questions about the 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.



### Church Attendance April 2019

Date	Total
3/7	568
10/14	596
18/19/21	1,170
25/28	587

### Membership



#### Membership Changes

**Accept:** Confirmation Class of April 28, 2019: Morgan Hacht, Jack Klokow, Nora Larson, Nina Litherland, Jack Schoenherr, Hunter Sommer, Evelyn Wodill, Aaron Uttech, Nathan Yaroach, Makenna Winter, Caleb, Nehmer, Nels Opsahl, Emma Jo Peck

#### Ministrations

##### Baptism:

4. Jaiden Russell DeVries, son of Jason & Jennifer DeVries. Born 5/30/2015, Baptized 4/7/2019.

##### Deaths:

4. George Andler. Born 1/20/1921. Died 4/27/2019.

#### Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by June 21st.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

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



#### June Birthdays

Lois White	18th	83 years
Bernard Dykstra	21st	96 years

#### Link to Your Library

In this month known for weddings, here are a few titles for anyone not currently living a "happily ever after" - I Didn't Plan to Be a Single Parent (306.8), Left Alone: A Book on Widowhood (248.86), Life After Divorce (306.89), Survival Guide for Being Alone (with Christians in Crisis series), Godly and Girly: Your Life in a Crazy, Messy, Confusing World (Teen section), as well as several titles in the Family Life Issues series. All series are grouped together in the mid to lower shelves of the center book shelf.



**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
General Fund Financial Statement  
April 2019**

	April 19	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul 18 - Apr 19	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Church Picnic Income	-		283.00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	375.00		1,937.50	
General Fund Offerings	53,824.91		448,102.44	
General Fund Offerings - ONLINE GIVING	19,081.00		132,123.22	
LLHS Building Income	20.00		1,865.00	
Other Donations	1,789.00		7,494.00	
Other Receipts	-		1,172.58	
<i>Transferred from Undesignated</i>	-		15,500.00	
<i>Transferred from Building Fund for School Repairs</i>	-		9,439.62	
<i>FMUB Revolving Line of Credit @ 4.85% Interest</i>	(2,000.00)		10,800.00	
WLCFS Income	10.00		1,962.00	
WLIM Income			1,660.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>73,099.91</b>		<b>632,339.36</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
Apartment Rent	655.00	655.00	6,550.00	7,860.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	28,688.09	28,799.50	284,880.36	345,594.00
Church Supplies	440.30	250.00	3,625.37	3,000.00
Convention/Cont' Education	275.00	58.33	611.12	700.00
Copier	1,110.86	300.00	3,922.00	3,600.00
Elders Board	-	20.83	-	250.00
Family Ministry Board	164.70	358.33	1,928.08	4,300.00
Guest Pastor	-	58.33	412.70	700.00
Health Insurance	7,966.80	7,716.67	78,478.00	92,600.00
HRA Savings	1,000.00	2,023.00	3,800.00	24,276.00
Custodial	868.72	1,250.00	9,397.16	15,000.00
LLHS Building Expense	20.00	-	1,865.00	-
LLHS Expense	2,750.00	2,250.00	25,507.55	27,000.00
Maintenance	2,310.54	2,250.00	35,608.15	27,000.00
Meditations	362.00	125.00	1,448.00	1,500.00
Mileage	371.80	333.33	2,905.20	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	71.59	12.50	227.53	150.00
Organists	425.79	453.33	3,571.34	5,440.00
Outreach Board	151.17	250.00	1,172.81	3,000.00
Payroll Expenses	303.30	283.33	3,260.95	3,400.00
Pension Insurance	-	2,663.33	17,340.00	31,960.00
Postage and Delivery	142.74	104.17	1,215.48	1,250.00
Secretaries	2,291.40	2,033.33	22,106.35	24,400.00
Stewardship Board	522.68	525.00	5,109.13	6,300.00
Substitute Teaching	-	-	(18.42)	-
Sunday School	-	233.33	2,088.33	2,800.00
Synod Mission Expense	5,815.00	4,666.67	52,477.61	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	362.08	241.67	2,880.50	2,900.00
Utilities	5,210.84	3,531.25	44,756.40	42,375.00
WLCFS Expense	10.00	-	1,962.00	-
WLIM Expense	-	-	1,660.00	-
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	10,557.00	1,166.67	14,220.00	14,000.00
Worship	988.84	500.00	6,335.31	6,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>73,836.24</b>	<b>63,112.92</b>	<b>641,304.01</b>	<b>757,355.00</b>



# Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

April 2019

Previous Month Assets	\$195,836.15
Total Transactions	\$2,477.90
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$198,314.05</b>

\$196,943.35	<b>New Church/School Total</b>
	<i>checking/savings</i>

	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	Monthly Statements		NEW Church/School Checking
Accounts			NEW Church/ School Fund Savings		NEW Church/School Checking
Previous Balance	\$395.42	\$1,050.25	\$186,480.84		\$7,909.64
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.97)	\$75.00	\$2,552.87		\$0.00
Current Balance	\$245.45	\$1,125.25	\$189,033.71		\$7,909.64
Transactions	(\$150.00) Joan Marks	\$75.00 4-26 Deposit	\$2,389.00 4-1 Deposit		
	\$0.03 Interest		\$205.00 4-2 Deposit		
			(\$5,425.00) 4-2 Mortgage payment		
			\$70.00 4-3 Deposit		
			\$134.00 4-5 Deposit		
			\$30.00 4-8 Deposit		
			\$4,115.78 4-9 Deposit		
			\$104.53 4-10 Deposit		
			\$200.00 4-12 Deposit		
			\$3,248.00 4-15 Deposit		
			\$330.00 4-16 Deposit		
			(\$5,425.00) 4-16 Mortgage Payment		
			\$20.00 4-17 Deposit		
			\$75.00 4-18 Deposit		
			\$59.00 4-19 Deposit		
			\$4,042.56 4-22 Deposit		
			\$30.00 4-23 Deposit		
			\$25.00 4-25 Deposit		
			\$1,525.00 4-26 Deposit		
			\$1,876.00 4-29 Deposit		
			\$349.00 4-30 Deposit		
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.97)	\$75.00	(\$5,425.00) 4-30 Mortgage Payment		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>\$2,477.90</b>				
Interest Received	\$0.03				

Notes:

# Thoroughly Lutheran

In the hassle of church life, sometimes we forget who we are. Luther's teachings rocked the world because they called people back to an understanding of the Bible that had been lost among the distractions that occurred throughout church history. It is therefore sometimes good for us amid our distractions to look at some of the ideas of Luther that revolutionized theology and gave us our Lutheran heritage.



Beginning in September 2019, Dr. Arthur Eggert will teach a year-long course that looks at some of the defining teachings of Martin Luther as seen through key works by WELS authors.

*The Foolishness of God* by Dr. Siegbert Becker

*The Narrow Lutheran Middle* by Prof. Daniel Deutschlander

*Simply Lutheran* by Dr. Arthur Eggert

The 90 minute classes will be held at Eastside Lutheran in Madison on Sunday evenings beginning at 6:30 and at Peace Lutheran in Sun Prairie on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00. All are welcome. Sign up details and the course syllabus will be available in July.