

# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It happens: a believer stops going to church. It could be for a number of reasons.

- He had a disagreement with someone else at church. It could even have been with the pastor.
- His life got busy. Weekends were chocked full of sporting events and other activities. Church was lost in the hustle.
- He simply didn't feel like it one Sunday. That made it easier to skip the next Sunday... and the next. Soon, not going to church was the new norm.

Note what I wrote: "It happens. *A believer* stops going to church." One does not become an unbeliever the moment he stops going to church. However, Scripture does say, "**Faith comes from hearing the message**" (Romans 10:17 NIV). If I remove myself from regular contact with God's Word, my faith will slowly die. I won't feel it, because my faith is not tied into my nervous system. I will probably still remember the Lord's Prayer, some Bible passages, some hymn verses. However, remembering those things is NOT the same thing as having a living, saving faith. That type of faith "comes from hearing the message" on a regular basis.

Moreover, when people stop going to church, they lose the connection to the Christian community that our Creator designed us to need. Christ intends for the Church to function as a family.

*Welcome Home Sunday is meant primarily as a celebration of that Christian family.* How great would it be to have a packed church... to see smiling faces you

haven't seen in a while... to shake the rafters with the joyful singing of that many saints. However, *Welcome Home* also serves as a great opportunity for those who have stopped going to church to come back.

Maybe it is someone you know: a sibling, a son, a friend, someone you used to serve with on some church committee. You know this individual has not been in church for a long time. They might not realize it, but they are harming themselves spiritually. In love, might you reach out to them and encourage you to come with you on *Welcome Home* Sunday. Assure them no one is going to look down on them for having been absent. We will simply be happy to have them back home. Welcome home!

**Sunday,  
October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**We are celebrating  
*Welcome Home* Sunday.  
Our hope is to have our  
entire church family—  
100% of our members  
— come together on  
that day.**

WELCOME  
*Home*

However, maybe it is you who have stopped coming. Again, it happens. *Welcome Home* Sunday is the perfect time to come back. Jesus has things to say to you—good news... the gospel! He wants you to know the peace and security you only have by dwelling in his home. Welcome home!

So, can you please set October 27<sup>th</sup> aside? Do not plan any trips that weekend. If you have something going on that day, have it start after worship. Again, we want to have 100% of church's name members present on that day—one big family, knit together by Christ's grace.

Your brother in Christ,

*Pastor Tim Schwarty*



# Zion Lutheran Church and School

# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 am Worship, Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship, Communion	<b>2</b> No School Labor Day	<b>3</b> 5:30 pm Weekly Golf at CC	<b>4</b> VB Away Eastside, Madison 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 6-7th grade	<b>5</b> 8:30 am Lakeside Pastors Day 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 8th Grade 6:30 pm Worship	<b>6</b> CC Meet St. Paul's, Janesville 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 8:30 am Lakeside Pastors Day	<b>7</b> A-team VB Tourn Ixonia Eastside Soccer Tournament
<b>8</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School Start Up! 10:30 am Worship	<b>9</b> 4:00 pm Soccer Game vs Faith Christian, Randolph 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm Weekly Golf at CC 7:00 pm Stewardship Board	<b>11</b> VB Home Our Redeemer, Madison 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 12:30 pm LWMS Committee 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 6-7th grade 6:30 pm Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 8th Grade 6:30 pm Worship	<b>13</b> CC Meet St. Paul's, Lake Mills 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>14</b> B-team VB Tourn St. Mark's, Watertown
<b>15</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship, Communion Pastor Zuberbier Installation service 4:30 pm Installation Supper	<b>16</b> 4:00 pm Soccer Game vs Faith Christian School, Randolph	<b>17</b> VB Away Holy Cross, Madison 9:00 am LLHS visit 5:30 pm Weekly Golf at CC	<b>18</b> VB Away (B-team only) St. John's, Pardeeville 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 6-7th grade 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 8th Grade	<b>19</b> CC Meet Peace, Sun Prairie 6:30 pm Worship	<b>20</b> Midterm 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>21</b> BLAC Soccer Tournament
<b>22</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>23</b> CC Meet BLAC	<b>24</b> 1-4th Grade Horicon Marsh Field Trip 7:00 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble	<b>25</b> VB Home St. John's, Juneau 7:00 am Faculty Bible Study 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 6-7th grade 4:00 pm Catechism Class - 8th Grade 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm Parent's Day 6:30 pm Worship	<b>27</b> No School-Teacher Inservice 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:00 am Worship, Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship, Communion	<b>30</b> CC Meet Lakeside High School					





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On August 18, we celebrated Christian Education Sunday. To grow in your faith in God, join us for any of the following opportunities that we offer at Zion:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL *Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am*** Time in God's Word for ages K3-8<sup>th</sup> grade. We meet on Sunday mornings during Bible Study (9:15-10:15) in the Zion Lutheran School building. Online registration is open! You may also register in person through forms that will be on the counter in the church beginning next week.

**BIBLE STUDY: FLOWERS IN THE DESERT – *Sundays, 9:15 – 10:10am***  
*Flowers in the Desert* will help you appreciate the prophets and the messages they conveyed to God's people. It will also provide a sense of purpose when reading the Old Testament on your own.

**BIBLE BREAKFAST *Fridays, 6:00 -6:50 am***. We are currently studying the book of Job and will choose another book of the Bible when we are finished with that book. The class is taught by our pastors and is an excellent way of starting your day and your weekend in the Word before you go to work!

**BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS *Tuesdays 6:30 pm*** This class is open to everyone, but geared for those who would like an introduction to the Christian faith. We will study what the Bible has to say about the nature of God, baptism, death and heaven, a Christian and his government, and other basic teachings of the Christian faith. Those who complete the 10 week class are welcome to become members of Zion and the WELS, but are not obligated to do so. Pastors Schwartz and Zuberbier will alternate teaching the class. If you have family or friends who might be interested, invite them and offer to come with them.

**ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL** – Zion is a WELSSA accredited school that provides a quality Christian education. Students in grades 4K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade learn about the Christian faith through daily religion class, devotions, and prayer. God's Word guides all activities, whether academic, musical, social, athletic, or extra-curricular activities. Mr. Alex Vandenberg, 920-623-5180  
<http://www.zioncolumbus.org/>

**LAKESIDE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** – Grades 9-12 Christian Education –Mr. James Grasby, principal 920-648-2321 <https://www.llhs.org/>

**LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL** – Grades 9-12 Christian Education with emphasis on training for public ministry 920-261-4352  
<https://www.lps.wels.net/>

SEPTEMBER – MAY  
9:15-10:15 AM  
K3 – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Zion Sunday School  
<http://www.zioncolumbus.org/sunday-school>

Flowers in the Desert  
a Bible Study

"Learning to Love the Prophets"  
Sundays 9:15-10:05  
Everyone welcome  
Begins September 8

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Fridays at 6:00 AM Everyone welcome!  
*Start the day in the Word before you go in to work!*





## WELCOME

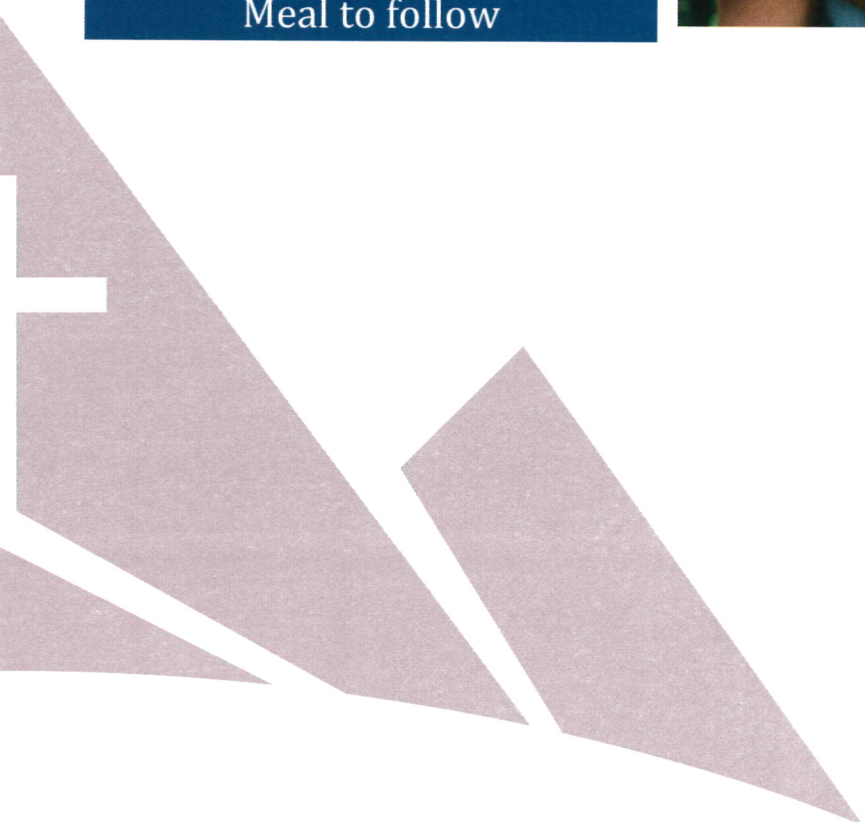
Pastor Ben Zuberbier, Hannah  
and Jack!

You are invited to join us for a service of  
installation for Rev. Benjamin Zuberbier at  
Zion. Please make every effort to attend and  
welcome the Zuberbier Family.

**September 15, 2019**

3:00 Worship with Installation

Meal to follow





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## Council Names and Numbers

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Otto Mattke, Stewardship	608-516-5279
Craig Lathrop, Family Ministry	608-770-2498

### 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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Thanks  
be to God  
for his  
incredible  
gift!  
2 Corinthians 9:15



## Greeter Schedule



### September 1

8:00am — E1	10:30am — L7
Jeff & Melody Krakow	Wayne & Darlene Powers

### September 8

8:00am — E2	10:30am — L8
Dave & Kathy Harle	Otto & Sheree Mattke

### September 15

8:00am — E4	10:30am — L9
Delmar & Carol Vick	Bev Herold & Nicole Henning

### September 22

8:00am — E5	10:30am — L11
Emily Henning & Nancy Huebner	John & Sarah Brey

### September 29

8:00am — E6	10:30am — L12
Jim & Jenny Greiling	Nils & Lara Johansson

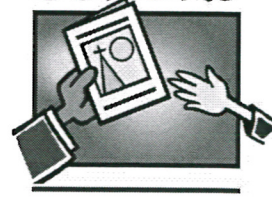
If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact Melody Krakow at (920) 210-6323.



## Video Team Schedule September 2019

1 Gary Schuhmacher  
8 Phil Manteufel  
15 Matt Greiling  
22 Gary Schuhmacher  
29 Randy Koehn

## USHERS



### September 1 & September 8

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	

### September 15 & September 22

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

### September 29 & October 6

8:00am - <u>Team E4</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L6</u>
Mark Lindell (C)	Otto Mattke (C)
Remington Lindell	Paul Kehl (A)
Roger Weiland (C)	Dennis Winter
Bryce Weiland	Carl Wolf
Brett Weiland	William Mattke
Norman Weiland	Nils Johansson
Eric Turnquist (C)	Shawn Opsahl
Eliot Turnquist	

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 (608) 296-4333.



## Church Attendance

July 2019

Date	Total
7/7	355
11/14	311
18/21	316
25/28	351



## Membership



### Membership Changes

**Transfer to Zion:** William & Emily Penterman

**Transfers:** Rebecca Kramer to Crown of Life Lutheran; Gary Pearson to St. Paul's, Lake Mills; Sarah Werner and children Flint & Jasper to St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam

### Ministrations

#### Baptisms:

- LilyRose Heim, daughter of Andrew & Miranda Heim. Born 6/6/2019; Baptized 6/7/2019.
- Elijah K. Vierck, son of Brian & Ashley Vierck. Born 6/24/2019; Baptized 6/24/2019.

#### Marriage:

- Jessica Bachofen & David Roundy. Married 7/20/19.
- Mitchell Groh & Amanda Kehl. Married 7/27/2019.

### Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by September 20th. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or [suehenning25@gmail.com](mailto:suehenning25@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Jeanette Parpart	16th	90 years
Arthur Sharpee	18th	90 years
Allyn Kitzerow	24th	85 years
Harold Schaefer	30th	87 years

## Ladies Aid

Welcome back to our ladies Society. We will always welcome new members to help us with our activities. Much work needs to be done with few laborers to do it.

Our meeting to start this year is September 5th at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing unfinished business from June along with going over the schedule for 2019-2020. Please try and pay the \$5.00 dues that day.

### LWMS Rally

Attention All Ladies, ages 12-112! You are all invited to attend the fall circuit rally of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, to be held here at Zion on Saturday, October 19th. The featured topic will be the Apache mission, which promises to be fascinating. Registration begins at 9:00. Check out our silent auction. Each congregation from our Beaver Dam circuit will donate a basket. The proceeds will send someone new to the 2020 international LWMS rally, to be held next June in Athens, Georgia. If you have never been to an international rally, fill out a form! You may be chosen to receive funding! After the morning session, a lunch will be served. The day will conclude at 2:30. Come for the whole day, come for part of the day. We would love to have you!

### SAVE THE DATE: WELCOME HOME SUNDAY ON OCTOBER 27th

Worshiping our God - listening to him speak to us in his Word and responding with our praise - is always special. However, it can be especially joyful when the house is packed. Think of singing on Christmas Eve...or the way we need to set up chairs on Easter Sunday. Yet, even on those days, we have members who are out of town.

The goal of Welcome Home Sunday is to have a day when everyone that is part of our Christian family comes together. After all, church is supposed to be a home, and believers are kin. Our focus of worship on this day is the blessing of Christian community. Thus, we want 100% of our members there.

Please do everything possible to set that date aside so that we can pack the house that day.



Report for the Month of:

July 2019

## Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Previous Month Assets	\$199,277.47
Total Transactions	-\$46,124.18
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$153,153.29</b>

\$151,230.88	New Church/School Total
	checking/savings

	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	Monthly Statements -	
Accounts			NEW Church/School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking
Previous Balance	\$245.52	\$1,826.85	\$189,932.96	\$7,272.14
Monthly Transactions*	\$150.04	(\$300.00)	(\$45,974.22)	\$0.00
Current Balance	\$395.56	\$1,526.85	\$143,958.74	\$7,272.14
<b>Transactions</b>				
	(\$150.00) Jean Marks 7-17 Transfer from Undes Savings	(\$300.00) Undes Checking	\$2,147.00 7-1 deposit	\$50,000.00 7-17 transfer from NCS savings
	\$300.00 Savings		\$125.00 7-2 deposit	(\$50,000.00) Check # 2262
	\$0.04 Interest		\$50.00 7-3 deposit	
			\$150.00 7-5 deposit	
			\$3,493.78 7-8 deposit	
			\$50.00 7-9 deposit	
			(\$5,425.00) 7-9 Mortgage Payment	
			\$20.00 7-10 deposit	
			\$59.00 7-12 deposit	
			\$2,665.00 7-15 deposit	
			\$225.00 7-16 deposit	
			(\$50,000.00) 7-17 transfer to NCS checking	
			\$25.00 7-19 deposit	
			\$3,235.00 7-22 deposit	
			\$220.00 7-23 deposit	
			(\$5,425.00) 7-23 Mortgage Payment	
			\$20.00 7-24 deposit	
			\$59.00 7-26 deposit	
			\$1,725.00 7-29 deposit	
			\$269.00 7-30 deposit	
			\$338.00 7-31 deposit	
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	\$150.04	(\$300.00)	(\$45,974.22)	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>(\$46,124.18)</b>			
Interest Received	\$0.04			

Notes:  
Check # 2262 Extra Principle payment on mortgage