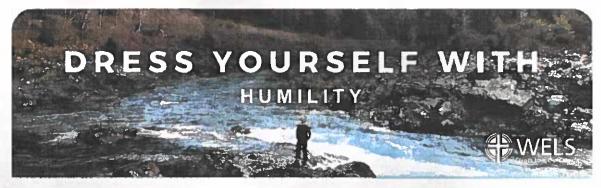
# The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI





October, 2021

"Jump roping capital of the World!" a sign in Bloomer, Wisconsin once read.

"I am king of the World!" shouted the director of the

movie Titanic after it won several Academy Awards.

"USA! USA! USA!" shouted millions of Americans after our Olympic hockey team beat the Russians in 1980 and then went on to win the gold.

We want to be the best in the world at something and to be able to shout: "We are number one!"

It is not all bad to be proud of our

accomplishments. After all, it is God who has blessed us with our talents, and we want to express our appreciation for them.

On the other hand, we need to realize that being first, last, or somewhere in between is not really all that important. What really matters is the attitude of our hearts.

God has something very special to say on this subject. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3).

As we pursue being the very best we can be, it must never be at the expense of others. Nor should it be with the attitude that we are more deserving of what we have than others. The perfect example of humility is Jesus. St. Paul wrote, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider

equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:5-8)!



We have all failed to meet that standard of God's expectations perfectly having an attitude the same as Christ's. Fortunately, Jesus humbled himself to take our place and bring us close to God.

We have plenty more we would love to share with you about how Jesus lived

and how we want to live in response to him. Give us a call, or worship with us some Sunday.

### **WORSHIP TIMES**

### Everyone Welcome

Thursdays

6:30 pm

Sundays

8:00 and 10:30 am

Sunday School & Bible Study 9:15 am

Friday Bible Study

6:00 am

# Zion Lutheran Church and School

# October 2021

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# Zach and Tanya Freter and Family

1. Let's start with your family: Where did you grow up? How did you meet and marry?

Tanya- I grew up in Madison and attended Holy Cross Lutheran School. I graduated from Lakeside Lutheran in 2004. Zach- I was born in Green City, Missouri. My family ran cattle and moved to Mount Hope, WI in 1984 to continue running cattle.

We met at Anytime Fitness in Sun Prairie in 2014. We both worked out every morning at 3:30 so we had the gym to ourselves. It was like a date every morning!

Eventually we had our first official date outside the gym and I knew I wanted to marry him!

I decided to sign up for a half marathon a week before the race. Zach came along and was my biggest cheerleader! The following year, I signed up for the full marathon, but an injury prevented me from running. Zach decided to take my place. He had no training at all, but completed it and I got to be his cheerleader. We got engaged after that race; October 2015. It seemed fitting that we get married the weekend of the race the following year (October 2016) and ran the half marathon together the day after our wedding!

2. What do you want people to know about each of your kids?

Zach has 2 children from his previous marriage, Cheyanne and Wyatt. We also have 1 daughter together, Bonnie.

Wyatt is 14 and loves to build things. He's also a big gamer, and an excellent hunter. He loves sports and has played baseball since he was 8. He just started his freshman year at Fall River School.

Cheyanne will be 13 in October. She is very artistic, and loves to paint and make slime. She is a great swimmer, and loves animals. She just started 7th grade at Fall River School.

Bonnie is 4 and loves to do anything that is messy. She's a great swimmer, and has known how to swim since she was TWO! Bonnie loves horseback riding which she just started a few months ago. She started 4K at Zion this year.

3. What have been some of your more interesting work experiences?

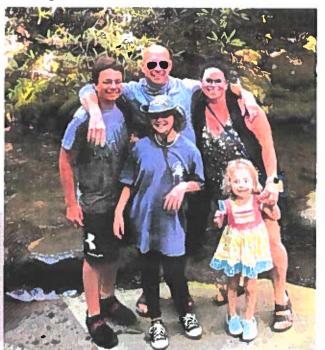
Zach was a professional bull rider in his teens/early 20's and has many interesting stories to tell! Ask him sometime. His "safer" career after bull riding is as a Union Ironworker which has him erecting tower cranes reaching over 200 feet in the air. He has some amazing photos from on top of these cranes.

I worked in the medical field as a ParaOptometric Technician at GHC-SCW for 13 years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. Please don't sleep with your

contacts in.

4. What's been your favorite family vacation?

I think our favorite vacation is to the Smoky Mountains. We have gone the past 2 years, and I think we plan to go again next Summer. Ziplining through the mountains is beautiful! Chey's favorite vacation was to Texas because it was her



first airplane ride.

5. What was your change to the Christian faith like for you?

Tanya- I grew up learning about God in school, and it wasn't until very recently that I realized how much I took my faith for granted. During the shutdown of 2020, I had a major life event happen. This event turned my world upside down, and I remember being so lost. I hadn't read my Bible in over a decade, and hadn't attended church for a while either. I remember grabbing a chair to get my Bible from the top shelf of my bedroom closet and I just started reading and reading. About a year later, Zach and I started Bible classes together to start the process of

becoming members of Zion and I remember Pastor Schwartz telling us to think about a triangle. God is at the top of the triangle, and Zach and I were at the other points of the triangle. He said when you study God's word together, it brings your marriage closer together too. This could not be more accurate! It has been the best blessing to see the Holy Spirit bring Zach to faith, and to watch Zach eagerly learn about God's word.

Zach- My faith was very slow to come around, and I was very hesitant about the teachings of the Bible. I started becoming more interested in my faith because of Bonnie starting school, so I started school as well.

6. What are the hardest challenges to your faith that you face today? What do you do to deal with those challenges?

Tanya- I don't ever want to go back to having that lost feeling like I had before when my world was turned upside down. I think the events of 2020, made me realize it's so important to constantly be learning and

studying God's word. I think I allowed myself to get lazy, and made excuses why I didn't have time to go to church. Zach and I have made the decision to make church part of our weekly schedule, as well as daily devotions. It's no longer optional, and that helps us stay strong in our faith. It helps that we have always have such great sermons here at Zion!

Zach- My biggest challenge is cursing. I work in construction, and there is a lot of cursing around me daily. It's a difficult habit to break. I've started getting to work early so I can read my Bible in my car before I start my workday.

7. What challenges do you see facing our church in the near future? What do you hope stays the same as time goes on?

Tanya- Last week in church we learned of the budget shortage Zion is facing. I hope our congregation can overcome this shortage so we can continue to grow and spread Gods Word.

Zach- I hope we don't run out of pew space because everyone is going to realize how great our church is.

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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.



### Council Names and Numbers

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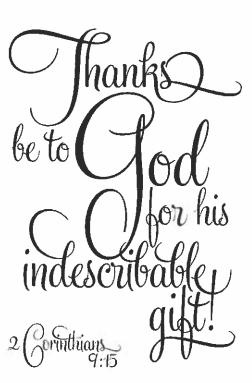
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### October 3rd & October 10th

8:00am - Team E2 10:30am - Team L5
Dale Schilling (C) Phil Manteufel (C)
Dale Gajdosik Peter Lewke
Kenneth Schulz Dave Harle
Matt Yaroch Brian Baney
Nick Yaroch Josiah Schwartz
Nate Yaroch Micah Schwartz

### October 17th & October 24th

8:00am - Team E3
Randy Koehn (C)
Dan Retzlaff
Noah Litherland
Steve Hahn
William Penterman

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

### October 31st & November 7th

8:00am - Team E4 10:30am - Team L7 Mark Lindell (C) Matt Huber (C) Remington Lindell Carter Huber Roger Weiland (C) Jeremy Maas Bryce Weiland Peter Klokow **Brett Weiland** Jack Klokow Brady Grambsch Norman Weiland Michael Vertz Eric Turnquist (C)

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.

### Greeter Schedule



October 3rd

8:00am — E7 10:30am — L2
Dale & Joyce Gajdosik Laurie Kirchberg &
Pat Premo

October 10th

Joan Herzberg

October 17th

8:00am — E11 10:30am — L5
Delphine Schaefer Marcia Rewolinski &
Arlene Sennhenn

October 24th

8:00am — E1 10:30am — L7

Jeff & Melody Krakow Wayne & Darlene Powers

October 31st

8:00am — E2 10:30am — L8

Dave & Kathy Harle 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.



### Church Attendance August

Date	Total
1	196
5/8	253
12/15	307
19/22	348
26/29	271

### Membership Changes

### Transfer In:

None

### **Transfer Out:**

David & Stephanie Longseth & Family - Released Marlene Schultz - Released

### **Ministrations**

### Baptisms:

16. Rowan Lee Summars Born 8/19/2020; Baptized 8/11/2021 Parents: Thomas & Alicia Summars

17. Norah Lynn Cox Born 3/11/2020; Baptized 9/29/2021 Parents: Chris & Erica Cox

### Deaths:

- 9. Frederick Schultz Born 9/5/1934; Died 8/7/2021
- 10. Lorraine Hacht Born 3/20/1925; Died 8/17/2021
- 11. Mary Jo Radke Born 5/11/1928; Died 8/242/2021

### Marriage:

2. Mandy Masters & Matthew Ganser Married 7/30/2021

### Affirmation of Faith:

8/26/2021 - Tom Summars

### Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by October 22nd. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or



suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.

### Zion's Ladies Society

If you have not paid your yearly dues, please do so at our next meeting Thursday, October 7th. If you wish, you may also bring a



donation for Zion's Relief Committee.

Do you like to work with simple crafts? We are in need of someone who would like to make objects that could be given to shut-ins when we visit them. Please think about it and we will discuss it at our next meeting.



15th	87 years
16th	92 years
20th	82 years
23rd	85 years
26th	82 years
29th	81 years
	16th 20th 23rd 26th

### Hymnal: Christian Worship

As you may have seen in the August WELS Connection, a new hymnal called Christian Worship was released this summer and will be ready for us to implement in our congregation as of January 1. The total expense for our congregation is \$7,500. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the project that includes hymnals, musicians resources and electronic support you can mark "Hymnal" on a church envelope with your donation or go to our website's online giving page http://www.zioncolumbus.org/online-giving to contribute. You may also order personal copies for \$25. Contact our office for more details.

A hymnal is an important confession of faith as it contains worship resources that plainly show what we believe as we gather together to hear the Word, pray, and proclaim God's praises. With up-to date resources, we both connect to our spiritual heritage and reach out to the modern-day worshiper, all for the glory of God in worship. A preview of the hymnal is available for you to look at in our entryway. If you have any questions please speak with either of our pastors or Mary Kluetzman.

Update: The hymnals have arrived and an additional group order will be placed by November 1st if needed. Please contact the office for placing you order.

### **Luther Preparatory School Presents**



**BY ANDREW ROSS** 

What is there to do in the middle of **Nowhere**? Years ago, a corrupt congressman promised a highway to the desert town of **Nowhere**, Nevada, but it missed their town by 200 miles, making rival Rattle Snake City the benefactor. Now the government has 500 tons of toxic waste they need to store somewhere, so they decide to dump it in Nowhere and send government agents to force the citizens to leave the economically depressed town.

Meanwhile, miles away, a movie crew is filming a western when their highstrung star actress walks out on them. She finds herself in **Nowhere**, where spies, paparazzi and the crooked Congressman Snord soon converge.

Fall Play General Admission Saturday, October 23 at 7pm Sunday, October 24 at 2:30pm Chaos and hilarity reign as the toxic waste is about to be dumped, and the citizens of **Nowhere** witness possibly the worst performance of Shakespeare ever staged, compliments of the Gass

brothers! Get ready for tons of fun and an outpouring of laughter!

### Saturday October 23, 7pm\*\*

\*\*Saturday also has a \$25 Dining Option at 5:15pm (includes performance). Must RSVP online by Oct 6: https://forms.gle/Av6X6HU2kmaj2fjZ7 or by calling Sue at 920-262-8104

Sunday, October 24, 2:30pm

Luther Prep Auditorium (enter at Blue 'n Gold Rd) 1300 Western Ave Watertown, WI

Seats are \$6 general admission-no RSVP needed. (free for ages 6 and under)



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# Treasure of the Reformation

Principals Pen

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" Rom. 5:1

Is God angry? This may seem like an odd

question. But, think about it. Is God angry?

Some religions—even some Christian denominations—picture God as an angry judge. To them, he is enthroned in heaven continually frowning. To them, God is always angry.

Consider for a moment the confession of sins. Because those words are used so often and may perhaps be overly familiar to us, we may well overlook their meaning. They are, "Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature <u>sinful</u>, and that I have <u>disobeyed</u> you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is <u>evil</u> and <u>failed</u> to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity ..."

Is God angry? Yes, he is. The underlined words above remind us that he is angry about our sins. He is angry that we repeatedly sin and continually fail to do good.

What is amazing about God is that he doesn't remain angry. In his righteous anger over our sins, he did something about it! He sent his one and only Son to

pay for all our sins. Jesus was sacrificed for every single sin. Through Christ, our "transgressions are forgiven, [our] sins are covered" (Psalm 32:1). Through Christ, God's "anger has turned away" (Hosea 14:4).

By inspiration, Paul wrote, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." We have peace with God because of Jesus. We didn't create our peace. Rather, our peace from forgiveness comes through Christ alone.

As you prepare for the Reformation, treasure your peace with God through Jesus. Christ made peace between God and all people. This is the Reformation's treasure. Christ's blood covers all sins. Through God's great love and mercy, you have peace with him through Jesus.

Lord, thank you for my "peace ... through [my] Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

Jim Grasby is principal of Lakeside Lutheran. Reach him at 920.648.2321 or jgrasby@llhs.org



### STAY IN THE LOOP! OUR WEEKLY NEWS VIDEO IS BACK FOR '21-22

Don't miss the fun in every week's "Lakeside Loop." 10-min. episodes feature unusual student interests like gentling wild mustangs, competitive wakeboarding and auto racing, school events like Pastors Day and team updates, and a new segment, "Teacher Time," where teachers answer submitted questions about their personal and professional lives.

Watch these 3 episodes & subscribe for Wednesday drops at youtube.com/user/Ilhstechclub/videos

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, me have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which me stand and we boast in our hope of sharing the glong of God. Find not only that, but me also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and

## ..hope does not disappoint us,

because Ood's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the weath of God. Romans St. 9, 0050

### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Profit & Loss YTD Comparison August 2021

	Aug 21	Jul - Aug 21
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Extra Synod Missions Income General Fund Offerings	215.00 59,124.61	369.00 117 <sub>-</sub> 770.18
Gifts to Payoff Bank Loan Money Borrowed from FMUB Other Donations	110.00 5,000.00	294.00 10,000.00
Building Fund Donation	4,766,56	4,766.56
Thrivent Choice Other Donations - Other	321.00 0.00	321.00 50.00
Total Other Donations	5,087.56	5,137.56
Other Reciepts		
Facilities Rental Other Reciepts - Other	175,00 51,41	425.0 <b>0</b> 51.4 <b>-1</b>
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Total Other Reciepts	226.41	476.41
Total Income	69,763.58	134,047.15
Gross Profit	69,763.58	134,047.15
Expense		
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes Payroll Taxes	1,916.11	3,943.85
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes - Other	30,645.12	59,911.31
Total Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	32,561.23	63,855.16
Church Supplies		
Bible Study Materials Church Supplies - Other	-279.98 0.00	-279.9 <b>8</b> 158.27
Total Church Supplies	-279.98	
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Convention/Cont' Education Copier	560.00 488,99	3,560.00 488.99
Extended Care Expense	145.99	145.99
Family Ministry Board Church Picnic	104.05	404.05
	-124.05	<u>-124.05</u>
Total Family Ministry Board	-124.05	-124,05
Guest Pastor Health Insurance	366.00	366,00
HRA Savings	8,418.39 2.000.00	16,836.78 4,000.00
Interest Expense Janitors	0.00	125.60
Church Labor	705.00	1,128.00
School Labor	1,710.77	2,626.37
Total Janitors	2,415.77	3,754.37
LLHS Expense Maintenance	0.00	2,850.00
Inspection fees	0.00	120.00
Janitorial Supplies, Church	71.18	197.26
Janitorial Supplies, School Pest Control	167.84	567.16
890 Western Ave	40.00	80.00
896 Western Ave Church	103.00 34.00	151.00 68.00
Dix St. Parsonage	42.00	84.00
School	34.00	68.00
Total Pest Control	253.00	451.00
Property Improvements	440.00	440.00
Church Property Improvements - Other	-140.00 0.00	-140.00 2,335.58
Total Property Improvements	-140.00	2,195.58

# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Profit & Loss YTD Comparison August 2021

	Aug 21	Jul - Aug 21
Property Repair		
Church	1,016.12	1,016,12
School Building	0.00	795.40
Total Property Repair	1,016.12	1,811.52
Trash Removal	0.00	349.10
Total Maintenance	1,368.14	5,691.62
Meditations	0.00	375.00
Mileage	0.00	133.00
Organists	487.16	1.007.16
Outreach Board	0.00	220.52
Payroll Expenses	244.50	485.75
Pension Insurance	200.00	400.00
Postage and Delivery	43.94	198.06
Secretaries	1,917.56	3,991.46
Stewardship Board	1,811.50	3,991,40
Vanco invoice reimbursement	268.09	F22 00
		522.98
Stewardship Board - Other	455.00	455.00
Total Stewardship Board	723.09	977.98
Synod Mission Expense	0.00	5.804.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	179.95	559.90
Utilities		
Water and Light		
890 Western Ave.	318.13	579.09
896 Western Ave.	269.06	526.08
Ann St.	226 74	The state of the s
		429.03
Chapin St. Teacherage	264.54	554,26
Dix St. Parsonage	352.64	651.21
New Church	1,324.39	2,650.82
School Building	1,533 46	2,780.26
Total Water and Light	4,288.96	8,170.75
We Energies		
890 Western Ave.	65.00	120.00
896 Western Ave.	24.62	53.06
Ann St.	20.31	44.71
Chapin St. Teacherage	38.36	81.05
Dix St. Parsonage	90.00	162.00
New Church	32 04	68.29
School Building	161.82	432.88
Total We Energies	432.15	961.99
Total Utilities	4,721.11	9,132.74
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	0.00	75.00
Worship		
Licensing	380.00	380.00
Worship - Other	41.15	3,220,79
Total Worship	421.15	3,600,79
Total Expense	56,858.94	128,390.11
Net Ordinary Income	12,904.64	5,657.04
Vet Income	12,904.64	5,657.04

# Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

Previous Month Assets Total Transactions	\$99,408.86 -\$8,603.50		New Church/School Total	Total
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	Undesignated	Undesignated Savines	NEW Church/ School  Fund Savings	NEW Church/School
Previous Balance	\$795.96 atio	\$7,568.64	8	\$24,286.20
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Current Balance	3		\$57,287.06	\$25,203.70
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Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$150.00)	\$100.00	(\$9,471.00)	\$917.50
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$8,603.50)	Notes:		
Interest Received				

### **TOGETHER**



September 7, 2021

### The new hymnal has arrived

Northwestern Publishing House, in partnership with WELS Commission on Worship, is sending two copies of the new WELS hymnal and one copy of *Christian Worship: Psalter* to every congregation. These free copies were shipped late last week. Congregations that preordered hymnals should see deliveries begin this month.

Additional supporting resources for pastors, musicians, and worship planners will be available to congregations and WELS members, including 17 books, 3 digital products, and multiple accompaniment volumes. Nearly 100 volunteers served on 12 committees for the last 9 years as part of the WELS Hymnal Project. Learn more about the hymnal at christianworship.com.

To help introduce congregations to the new hymnal and celebrate the blessings of worship, WELS Commission on Worship is providing resources for congregations and individuals to observe National Hymnal Week, Sept. 19–26:

- A worship service for Sunday, Sept. 19. This service will be based on the new lectionary readings of the day and include hymns and music from *Christian Worship: Hymnal*. Materials have already been sent to those who signed up for worship resources.
- A hymn sing. A video recording of various choirs will lead members through hymns from different seasons of the church year. Some congregations are offering this during the Bible class hour on Sept. 19. The video will be available by Sept. 10 to assist with final planning. A promotional video preview was just released.
- Presentations. Throughout WELS National Hymnal Week, WELS members can watch video presentations on new hymnal resources as well as on broader worship topics. Members can meet in small groups to view and discuss the presentations or watch them at home on their own.
- Concert. A pre-recorded online concert featuring a children's choir, chamber choir, college choir, and liturgical ensemble will be available for viewing beginning Saturday, Sept. 25.

Resources will be available at **welscongregationalservices.net/national-hymnal-week**.

Congregations will make their own decisions whether or not to use the new hymnal. It's my prayer that they do. I believe that it will be a rich resource that will keep us unified in our worship and will be a blessing to all who use it.

Serving with you in Christ, WELS President Mark Schroeder

### **WELS Endowment Fund** again receives accolade

or the second year in a row, the WELS Endowment Fund's net investment return placed in the 90th percentile of the foundations that participated in the 2020 Council on Foundations—Commonfund Study of Investment of Endowments for Private and Community Foundations®. The investment returns for the WELS Endowment Fund were 22.39% and 21.22% in 2019 and 2020, respectively.

"This is a tremendous blessing to WELS organizations that have an endowment fund through WELS Foundation, because the distributions from the endowments help fund ministry," says Mr. Jim Holm, WELS Foundation executive director. "This year, WELS Foundation distributed a total of \$3.5 million to gospel work from more than 350 endowments. We praise God for his blessings!"

The 2020 study marks the ninth year that Commonfund Institute and the Council on Foundations have partnered to produce this research. With 260 participating private and community foundations representing combined assets of \$115.4 billion, the study is believed to be the most comprehensive annual survey of its kind.

The WELS Endowment Fund is one of four portfolios managed by WELS Investment Funds, a self-supporting subsidiary of WELS. Synodical endowments, along with endowment funds benefiting WELS congregations

and WELS-affiliated ministries, are invested in the WELS Endowment Fund.

To set up an endowment fund or learn how an endowment fund can support your ministry for years to come, contact Jim Holm at iim.holm@wels.net or 414-256-3206. Learn more about WELS Foundation at wels.net/foundation.

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