

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



Short Stories that
Speak Volumes
for Our Lives



Built on Solid Rock

Jesus said, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock" (Matthew 7:24,25).

If you had to evacuate your home because of rising water following severe storms, imagine how difficult it would be to return and assess the damage: muddy floors, moldy walls, and worldly possessions headed for a dumpster. It would be emotionally devastating to observe the physical destruction that the waters caused.

Jesus told a story about building on a location to avoid destruction. He compared a wise builder and a foolish one. The foolish builder built his house on a nice sandy stretch by the water. It was a beautiful place to live until the storm hit. There was no defense against the rising waters—a complete loss (maybe even a loss of life!). In contrast, there was a wise builder. He built his house in the hills; he spent the extra time and money to firmly position it on solid rock. It was worth it. The building remained high above the floodwaters and stood strong against the wind.

Jesus' short story speaks volumes for our lives. He wants us to think carefully about the foundation on which we build our lives. It needs to be strong when

life's storms strike. When the company is downsized, we want the strength to keep a positive outlook. When conflict loosens family ties, we want tight knots to hold it together. When we've really messed up, the guilt must not sweep us away. When bad news comes, there needs to be rock-like endurance to get us through it.

There's much advice today about successfully building our lives: build up a network of reliable family and friends, develop more of a positive attitude, get different forms of insurance for rainy days, and pursue proven avenues of achievement. But in the end, they're all "sand foundations." The storms that overwhelm human hearts and hopes are far too violent. We need something stronger on which to build.

Jesus tells us to build our lives and futures on the solid rock of his Word. It takes some time and effort to build that way, but Jesus says it's worth it. Hearing of his sacrifice on the cross brings us the lasting peace that we're forgiven. Hearing that Jesus rose and ascended to rule over all things gives us firm hope in the midst of life's uncertainties.

Don't build your life on shifting sand. Build on solid rock. That's Jesus. His teachings give you the strongest foundation for life. Confidently build your life on him. We'd be glad to help you do exactly that.

Sundays 8 & 10:30 am

Thursdays 6:30

resurrection
REALity

Worship with us this Easter Season!
You are always welcome here.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Easter 6 8:00 am Worship, Communion Online Worship Posted 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship: Communion	6 Teacher App. Week 6:30 pm Board of Education Mtg.	7 Teacher A. Week 1:30 pm Spring Concert 6 pm Spring Concert 6:30 pm Elders 7pm *WELS Wind Ensemble practice	1 MAPS Testing 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Adult Choir 10 pm Church cleaning	2 MAPS Testing Field Trip to LPS 11:30 am Ladies Aid 6:30 pm Worship, Communion	3 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 1-4 th Track Meet 7 am Donuts with Dad 2 pm F. H. reserved 7 pm Marriage Seminar	4 D2 Track Meet 8:30 am Marriage Seminar
12 Easter 7 8:00 am Worship Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Stewardship Board Mtg	13 9:30 am Pastors Circuit Meeting	14 6 pm PATZ mtg 7pm *WELS Wind Ensemble practice	15 5pm Worship Committee 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7 pm Adult Choir 10 pm Church Cleaning	16 3-4 Field Trip K-2 Field Trip 6:30 pm Worship	17 6:00 am Bible Breakfast BLAC Softball Tourn. 12:30 pm Early Release	18 9am FH in use - Craft Group Rain Date - Track Conf.
19 Pentecost 8:00 am Worship Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2 pm F.H. reserved 4 pm *Gym reserved	20 8 th Grade Banquet F.H. reserved	21 7pm *WELS Wind Ensemble practice	22 10 pm Church cleaning	23 Graduation Last Day of School 6:30 pm Worship, Communion 6:30 pm 4K-8 sing	24 Faculty Inservice 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	25 7 am Zion Free Cycle
26 Trinity 8:00 am Worship, Communion Online Worship Posted 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship, Communion 9:15-10:15 am Zion Free Cycle	27 9am Sanctuary monthly cleaning 9:30 am F.H. in use	28 7 pm *WELS Wind Ensemble Practice	29 10 pm Church cleaning	30 6:30 pm Worship, Communion	31 6am Bible Breakfast	

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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

USHERS FOR MAY

April 28th & May 5th

8:00am - Team E3	10:30am - Team L2
Randy Koehn (C)	Dale Schultz (C)
Dan Retzlaff	Daniel Schultz
Noah Litherland	Dylan Schultz
Steven Hahn	Michael Hallberg
William Penterman	Jesse Schultz
Brian Baney	Henry Tews

May 9th (Ascension), May 12th & May 19th

8:00am - May 12th	6:30pm - May 9th
8:00am - May 19th	10:30am - May 12th
Team E4	Team L3
Mark Lindell (C)	Jim Kluetzman (C)
Remington Lindell	Gabe Uttech
Roger Weiland (C)	AJ Uttech
Bryce Weiland	Michael Uttech
Brett Weiland	Gary Schuhmacher
Norman Weiland	Jadon Schwartz
Eric Turnquist (C)	

May 19th, May 26th & June 2nd

8:00am - May 26th	10:30am - May 19th
8:00am - June 2nd	10:30am - May 26th
Team E5	Team L4
Kim Schilling (C)	Kurt Zander (C)
Ronald Knudson	Jim Yohn
John Zandler	Wyatt Browskowski
Andy Neuman	Tim Petrie
Matt Vosberg	John Loeffler
	Madden Henning

May 23rd (Graduation), June 2nd & June 9th

6:30pm - May 23rd	10:30am - June 2nd
8:00am - June 9th	10:30am - June 9th
Team E6	Team L5
John Brey (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Jim Greiling	Peter Lewke
Rick Gentz	Cam Weiland
Hunter Sommer	Dan Weiland
Jordan Crave	Josiah Schwartz
Christian Bagocius	Micah Schwartz

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 (920) 296-4333.

WORSHIP WELCOMERS

May 5th

8:00am	10:30am
Jeff & Sue Henning	Rick & Lisa Gentz

May 12th

8:00am	10:30am
Jeff & Melody Krakow	Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn

May 19th

8:00am	10:30am
Mark & Carrie Lindell	Otto & Sheree Mattke

May 28th

8:00am	10:30am
Kathy Harle & Joan Sennhenn	John & Sarah Brey

If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact Sheree Mattke at (920) 623-5180.



Church Attendance March

Date	Total
3	265
6/7/10	505
13/14/17	516
20/21/24	468
28/29/31	1179

Membership Changes

Transfer In:

None

Transfer Out:

None

Released:

None

Removed:

None

Ministrations

Baptisms:

5. Hudson Jon Vertz

Born 2/14/2024 - Baptized 3/2/2024

Parents: Mike & Megan Vertz

Deaths:

None

Marriages:

None

Confirmations:

None

Affirmations of Faith:

None

Marriage Workshop

Zion will be offering a marriage enrichment seminar for married and engaged couples called "Lifetime Lasting Love". The purpose of this weekend workshop is to dig into God's Word with a pastor and other married couples to give and receive encouragement in your life as a married couple.

The sessions run on Friday night, May 3rd from 7:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday, May 4th from 8:30am-1:00pm and includes refreshments and brunch.

If interested or just curious, speak with Pastor Schwartz. A \$25 fee per couple covers the costs of materials and food. To register, go to www.zioncolumbus.org/lifetime-lasting-love

Divine Call

Pastor Schwartz has received a divine call to serve as a pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Pewaukee, WI with an emphasis on member assimilation. Please do speak with him if you have any questions or input to offer. Most of all, pray for wisdom, faith and the ministries of both of our congregations that the Lord place our called workers where they can best serve to his glory.

Zion Spring Concert

Everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesday, May 7th for Zion School's Spring Concert. The concert is performed twice at 1:30pm and 6:00pm. The whole school is a part of the concert. We will have some snacks and fellowship after the second performance. We look forward to performing for you.

Ascension Service

Thursday, May 9th at 6:30pm, Zion is hosting an Ascension service with St. John's in Juneau. Following the service we are having a "sweet and salty" gathering. We need volunteers to provide snacks. If you are able to bring a treat, please see the sign up sheet in the narthex. Call/text Hannah Zuberbier at 920-948-1113 with any questions.

Taste of Missions

Taste of Missions will be held **June 15, 2024**, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, WI. Come and learn all about WELS mission work around the world, meet the missionaries, and sample ethnic foods. Find all the details at tasteofmissions.com.

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by May 24th.

Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or

suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Income and Expense Statement
GENERAL FUND 01, March 2024

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Annual Budget Percentage
INCOME				
CONTRIBUTION INCOME				
UNRESTRICTED	\$102,919.92	\$722,791.76	\$0.00	0.00%
DONOR RESTRICTED	2,739.00	-7,271.44	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Contribution Income	105,658.92	715,520.32	0.00	0.00%
INTEREST INCOME	17.83	51.48	0.00	0.00%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	3,440.16	53,184.63	0.00	0.00%
RELEASE FROM RESTRICTIONS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION	0.00	33,484.84	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL INCOME	109,116.91	802,241.27	0.00	0.00%
EXPENSES				
FIXED EXPENSES				
CALLED WORKER PAYROLL	\$32,323.82	\$282,603.85	\$285,445.44	74.25%
SUPPORT STAFF	5,384.44	63,222.77	39,967.56	118.64%
BENEFITS	29,956.62	143,253.70	143,424.78	74.78%
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	600.89	10,400.70	18,796.50	41.50%
BUILDING & GROUNDS	7,780.32	72,193.33	93,453.75	57.94%
Subtotal Fixed Expenses	76,046.09	571,674.35	581,088.03	73.75%
DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES				
OUTSIDE SUPPORT	9,480.00	85,520.00	85,320.00	75.18%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	3,065.02	2,025.00	113.52%
WORSHIP/MUSIC	50.99	7,648.77	10,582.38	54.21%
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	4,875.03	0.00%
ELDERS	400.00	400.00	74.97	400.00%
STEWARDSHIP	641.25	2,187.28	2,999.97	54.68%
FAMILY MINISTRY	296.20	3,478.36	2,512.53	103.83%
Subtotal Departments/committees	10,868.44	102,299.43	108,389.88	70.79%
OTHER EXPENSES				
CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS	2,402.18	2,519.18	749.97	251.92%
Subtotal Other Expenses	2,402.18	2,519.18	749.97	251.92%
TOTAL EXPENSES	89,316.71	676,492.96	690,227.88	73.48%
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS				
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	-\$46,140.28	-\$138,804.08	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL TRANSFERS	-46,140.28	-138,804.08	0.00	0.00%
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$26,340.08	-\$13,055.77	-\$690,227.88	1.42%

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

MARCH 2024

Previous Month Assets	\$301,339.50
Total Transactions	-\$85,734.26
Total Current Assets	\$215,605.24

\$210,494.48	New Church/School Total
\$510.44	Checking/Savings

Accounts	Undesignated		Monthly Statements		NEW Church/School	
	Checking	Explanation	Fund Savings	Explanation	Checking	Explanation
Previous Balance	\$448.82		\$295,518.03		\$510.44	
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.89)		(\$85,593.99)		\$0.00	
Current Balance	\$298.93		\$209,924.04		\$510.44	
	(\$150.00)	3/8 Transfer Loan Marks	(\$1,067.50)	3/4 Transfer to CBS checking	\$1,067.50	3/4 Transfer from savings
	\$0.11	3/29 interest	\$10,438.67	3/5 Deposit	(\$1,067.50)	3/5 1901 Inc [hester]
			\$9,519.98	3/8 Vanco	\$140,391.49	3/28 Transfer from savings
			(\$5,425.00)	3/12 American Bank	(\$375.00)	3/28 American Bank fees
			\$7,525.00	3/13 Deposit	(\$140,016.49)	3/28 American Bank
			\$19,144.61	3/13 Deposit		
			\$382.45	3/13 Deposit		
			\$8,223.87	3/18 Vanco		
			\$7,525.00	3/19 Deposit		
			\$1,069.00	3/26 Vanco		
			\$1,507.00	3/26 Deposit		
			(\$5,425.00)	3/28 American Bank		
			(\$140,391.49)	3/28 American Bank		
			\$465.55	3/29 Interest		
			\$913.87	3/29 Vanco		
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.89)		\$9.62		(\$85,593.99)	\$0.00
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$85,734.26)					

Notes: \$18214.54 paid to Groth Design Group

Zion Freecycle

May 25 7:04 am to 7:04 pm

May 26 9:15-10:15 am

Calling all shoppers!
Come as you are able.
Everything is
Free! Free! Free!

If compelled to help we are collecting school supplies and books. Just know you are helping by simply showing up to

The Nehmer Family

Life in general:

Where did you each grow up?

Nathan grew up in Columbus and Amy grew up in Rhinelander Wi.

How did you meet and marry and end up in Columbus?

We met through mutual friends and were both living in Columbus at the time. We married at Zion.

What do you do for work and how did you get into it?

Nathan works at the family produce farm. Amy works at Fortrea doing clinical trial research she's worked at the company for 25 years.

What do you like to do for vacation?

We like to explore new warm beach locations or hiking trails around Wisconsin.

Spiritual life:

How did you come to be a part of Zion?

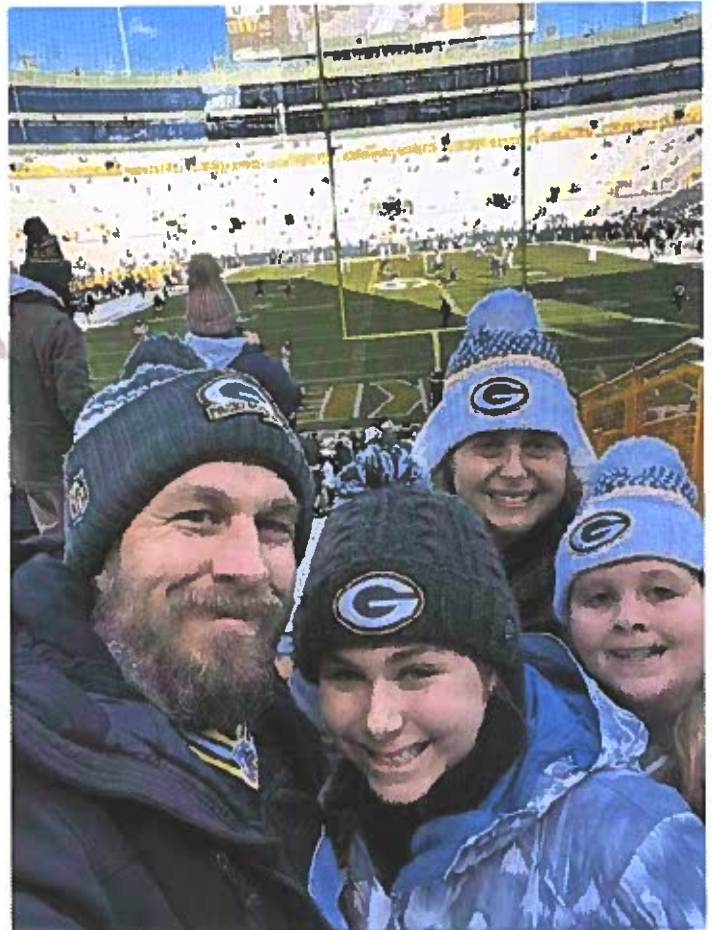
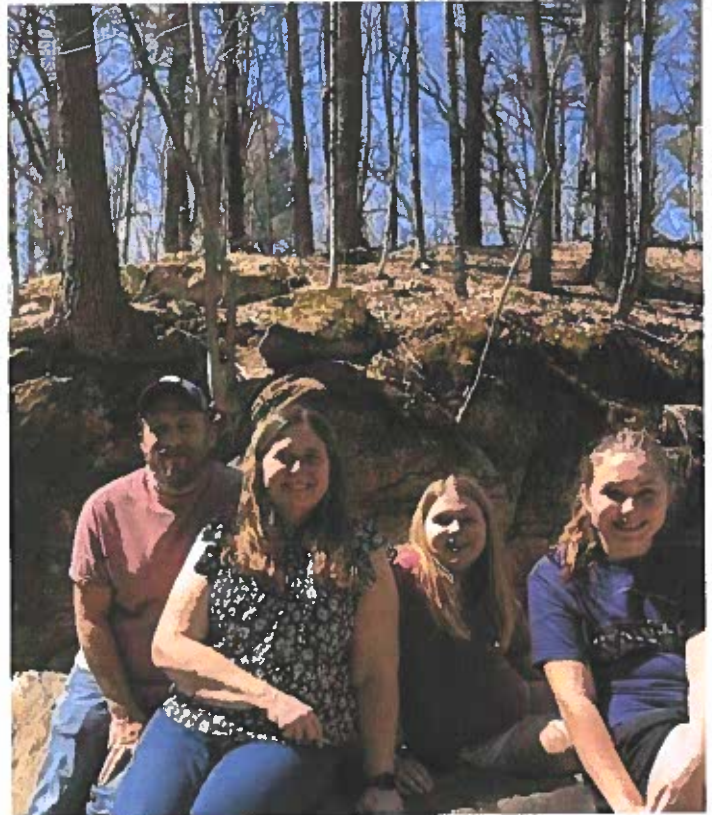
Nathan was baptized and attended school at Zion, Amy took the BIC classes and became a member when the girls were early in school.

Your kids attend Zion Lutheran School. What do you tell someone who asks "Why are you sending them there?"

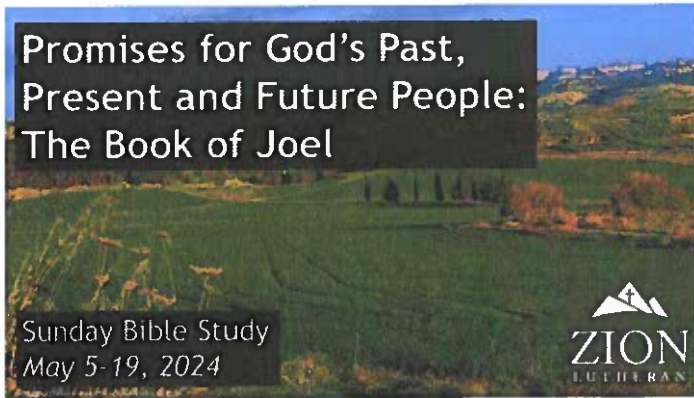
It was a natural choice for us, we both attended a church school, Nathan at Zion and Amy went to a Catholic elementary school so we knew that we wanted our children to have the same experience with Christian education that we did.

When you think about the future of Zion, how do things look different? What do you hope remains unchanged?

We look forward to the building of a new school so they can continue to grow academically and spiritually in a safe environment.



Bible Study in May:

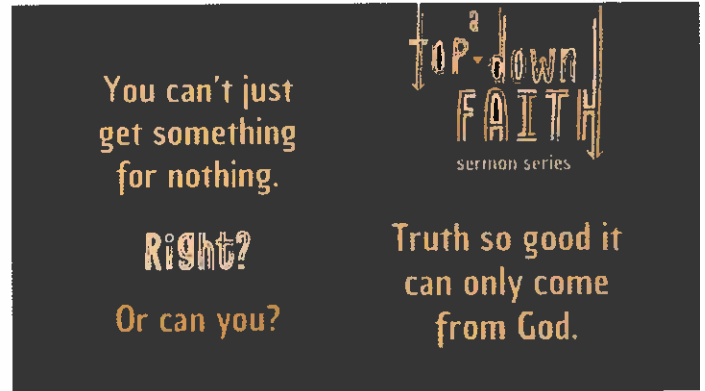


Promises for God's Past,
Present and Future People:
The Book of Joel

Sunday Bible Study
May 5-19, 2024

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Worship series begins May 23/26

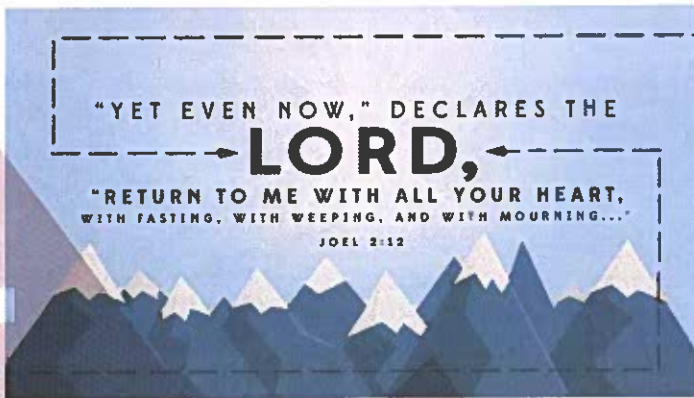


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for nothing.

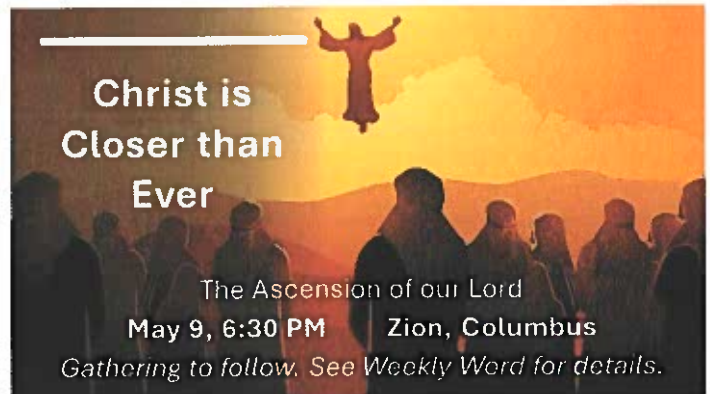
Right?
Or can you?

TOP-down
FAITH
sermon series

Truth so good it
can only come
from God.



"YET EVEN NOW," DECLARES THE
LORD,
"RETURN TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH FASTING, WITH WEeping, AND WITH MOURNING..."
JOEL 2:12



Christ is
Closer than
Ever

The Ascension of our Lord
May 9, 6:30 PM | Zion, Columbus
Gathering to follow. See Weekly Word for details.