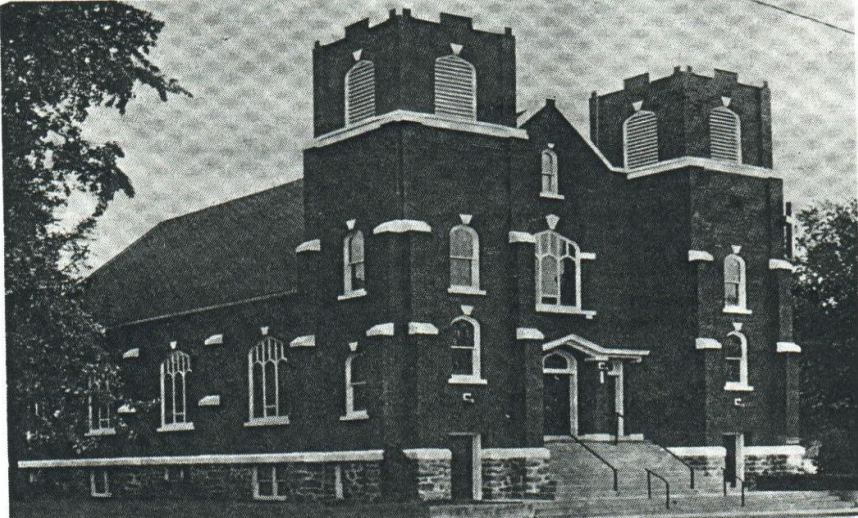


Zion Lutheran Church  
June & July 2023



**Special Edition**



## Pastor's Corner



Here at Zion, we've been using the narrative lectionary since mid-November. One of the hallmarks of this particular schedule of scripture readings is that there are no summer readings assigned. The schedule runs from September through May, so that means I get to design, plan, and implement various worship series for the summer months. Let's take a look at what's coming up over the next few months:

We begin with a series called I Believe (June 4, 11, and 18). The subject is the creed: how it all started, what it contains, why we say it during worship, why it's still radical, and why it matters now.

The obvious choice for a follow-up is a series called The Doubters' Club (June 25, July 2, and 9). There are many examples of champion doubters in scripture, and we're going to hear some of their stories and think about how those stories intersect with our own.

The Night is Long (July 16, 23, and 30) explores Job's story of faith in a context of loss and grief. Although Job's story is a real downer, there's comfort and even amusement to be found in the varying responses by Job's friends and by God. God gets a bit snarky in this book!

Our final series is one I've wanted to do for some time. I'm calling it Are Your Ears Awake? (Aug 6, 13, 20, 27, and Sep 3) and we'll be diving into the Revelation to John for five weeks.

This book of comfort and encouragement from John of Patmos to the church in Asia Minor has often been interpreted out of context as a book of the "end times". We need to hear what it really has to say to us in our current context. I know many of you

will be on vacation, or “up north,” or attending various family gatherings during the summer. Please remember that our sermons are available for listening on our website. We’d also love to see bulletins from worship services you may attend in other locations. Keep your eyes and ears open for what the Holy Spirit is nudging you to observe and bring that discussion back home to Zion. I pray for safe travels for you all and look forward to hearing about your adventures far away and close to home!

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

-Psalm 139:9-10

# **PAST**

## **HISTORY OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Stratford in 1898, located on the Big Eau Pleine River, was a small lumbering town. It was founded, named, and developed by the Connor Brothers from Auburndale. A small handful of people of German descent and Lutheran backgrounds, began to realize their need for a place to worship and hear the word of the Lord.

Through the efforts of seven men and one woman: Mr. Fred Schuette, Mr. Fred Hinzman, Mr. Fred Quade, Mr. Max Teske, Mr. Henry Schiller, Mr. Charles Doll, and Mrs. Mathilda Schmitbauer, with the leadership of Pastor R. Imms, a traveling missionary, Zion Lutheran Church was organized. Services were held in their homes.

On June 19<sup>th</sup> building operations began on property donated by R. Connor Company. The cornerstone was laid on August 15, 1901, and the building was dedicated on November 3, 1901.

The church was incorporated as Zion Lutheran Church on November 24, 1902. In 1910, Fenwood requested to be served and became Zion's Sister Church. All services were conducted in German. The German style seating arrangement was also practiced. The men seated on the left of the aisle and the women on the right.

In October 1913, the school, a new building, and the parsonage, a house purchased south of the church, were dedicated. The building purchased for the parsonage later proved to be unsuitable and was sold. A new modern parsonage was built in 1916. Total building costs were \$2,829.64. Due to the steady growth of membership, a change was needed. Nothing was done to remedy the situation until the Lord intervened and a bolt of lightning demolished the steeple and a sizable portion of the interior. This occurred April 16, 1922, the night before Palm Sunday. On November 23, 1924, the new brick building was dedicated. Each Sunday, a German and an English service were conducted. In 1961, the congregation appraised its financial status and began plans for a Parish Education Building. Groundbreaking ceremony was held on June 6, 1962 and dedicated on April 21, 1963. It was during this time that the roof and towers of the church were repaired. With the impossible task of keeping the steps in a state of repair, it was decided to have the entrance of the church enclosed. Groundbreaking ceremony was held on September 16, 1973. The project was completed and dedicated on June 9, 1974. Also celebrated on this day was Zion's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In the summer of 1987, a new parsonage was constructed at 121 East Oak Street, on the Southwest corner across from Zion. It was built on a vacant lot owned by Zion at a cost of \$75,000. The parsonage was dedicated by Rev. LeRoy Remmer, Assistant to the Bishop of the Northern District of Wisconsin. A.L.C., and Rev. Dan Alexander, Zion's pastor at that time, on Reformation Sunday, October 25, 1987. The former parsonage at 702 Second Ave., was sold and moved away. On January 1, 1988 Zion became a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which was formed by the merging of our former American Lutheran Church, The American Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Lutheran Church

in America. Zion is in the northwest Synod of Wisconsin with its office in Chetek, WI.

At its annual meeting in 1993, the members of Zion Lutheran Church voted to become a single parish served by one pastor. On June 1, 1993, St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Fenwood called an interim pastor to serve their congregation until they became associated with St. Stephen's Lutheran Church of Edgar, WI in January of 1994. All through 1999 celebrations with former pastors visiting and many special events took place. On September 12, 1999 the Congregation of Zion Lutheran Church celebrated 100 years of ministry with a banquet. A Centennial time capsule was buried on August 20, 2000 to be opened at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In 2006 a large addition was added with a new kitchen, dining room, gathering space and offices along with another parking lot. It is evident that down through the decades Zion has been sustained in mission and ministry only by the grace of God. God has blessed the mission and ministry that began so many years with a handful of faithful Christians who sought to begin a congregation.

### **Clergy of Zion Lutheran Church**

<b>Reverend Theodore Diemer</b>	<b>1913 - 1953</b>
<b>Reverend Arlin Adams</b>	<b>1953 - 1956</b>
<b>Reverend Carl Schulte</b>	<b>1956 - 1964</b>
<b>Reverend John Albrecht</b>	<b>1965 - 1969</b>
<b>Reverend Donald Gauerke</b>	<b>1969 - 1981</b>
<b>Reverend Jon Becker</b>	<b>1981 - 1986</b>
<b>Reverend Dan Alexander</b>	<b>1987 - 1997</b>
<b>Reverend Sue Eidahl</b>	<b>1998 - 2021</b>
<b>Reverend Amy Heinz</b>	<b>2022 - present</b>

# Present

## Growing up at Zion

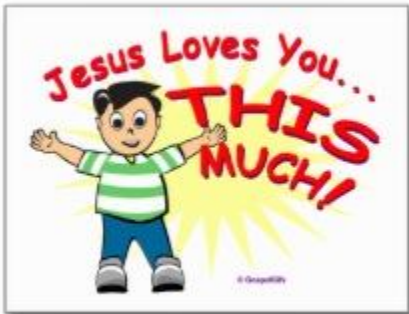


## Baptism

When children are baptized here at Zion their families are gifted with books, a blanket made by Nancy Schoenherr, and a wooden chest. The wooden chest construction has been headed up by Harold Wrench. There have been many helping hands in making these beautiful wooden chests. The children are then enrolled in the cradle roll.

The cradle roll banner in the narthex was made in 1998 and Wyatt Ehrike was the first baptismal name put on the banner on May 31, 1998. The first section is for 0-1 year olds, the second is 1-2 year olds and the third is 2-3 year olds. The names were left on the banner as the children grew and were taken off the banner when they started Sunday School. Nancy Schoenherr put on the names since 1998 and has a record of 216 names at her home. A few names may have been taken by parents at times. Eleanor Kroening took care of the cradle roll for nearly 30 years,

beginning sometime in the 1950's. When a child was born to a family in the congregation, she visited the family and gave them an introductory cradle roll packet and mailed follow-up materials as the child matured.



## JTeam / Little Lutherans

Little Lutherans (K -3rd) and JTeam( 4th - 6th) are our Christian education programs

for school ages Kindergarten through 6th grade. We meet on Wednesdays twice a month from 3:15 to 5:15 during the school

year. Our staff escorts our children attending Stratford elementary school to Zion on scheduled Wednesdays. Families may also drop their youth off at Zion if they are attending another school or participating in online learning. The program consists of age-appropriate lessons for K -1st, 2nd -3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4th -6th grade including snacks, bible lessons, music, crafts, and games. The Christmas program and the spring Children's worship service are also a part of this program and practices for these special events also take place on Wednesdays.

If you would like your child(ren) to participate in this program, there will be registration forms available online in August. You may contact the office for more information.

## **Confirmation**

Hi I am Dan Wieland and have been a member here for 62 years, my mom and dad joined the church when I was

2. Growing up here at Zion has truly been a great experience for me, from the time I was old enough to remember I have enjoyed

Zion. Growing up we had Sunday School every Sunday and singing as an opening before learning about Jesus. When I reached confirmation age my pastor was Pastor Don Gauerke- Pastor Din was a great pastor and friend, we did some meet things while in confirmation, we camped, and we help Pastor Don with his camping land.... Great memories!! Our confirmation program continues to evolve and in the past few years, we have combined



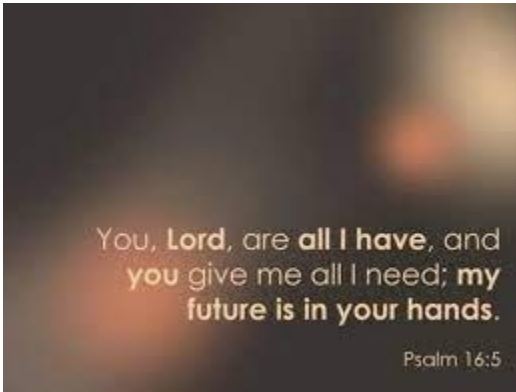
biblical learning with added learning sessions from finances to stress relief to positive attitudes and treating each other with respect. Being retired I still try to participate in as much as I can from being on the Faith Formation team to assisting minister and reader. Pastor Amy will be a great leader for this congregation and we all need to welcome her and continue to support this loved church.

As members of Zion, I hope you offer time and talent to the church, it is so very rewarding to be a part of Zion. While in high school we had the singing group “He Lived the Good Life” led by Elmer Hayes. My mom was also very involved. We traveled all over Wisconsin and into Iowa singing the musical he lived a good life for churches and prisons.

**Disciples for Christ** – The final year of formal teaching for Zion youth is during their 10<sup>th</sup>-grade year. It is during this year that they prepare to affirm their baptism, which typically occurs in early May. It is a year different than any other in the Faith Formation curriculum since each youth will choose a Zion mentor who is not a parent or relative and meet with them at least once a month in addition to meeting as a group with all other disciples and mentors at another time during the months of the program. At the group meetings, we share a meal and a program followed by faith discussions. It is typically a favorite year for the youth, and many mentors have commented on how it has helped them grow their faith, too. The first meeting is typically in September so if you are going to be in 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall, watch for information on our first meeting and feel free to seek out a mentor this summer and call the church office with that information.



## Senior Recognition



Graduating Seniors are recognized at a special service and presented with a blanket. Blankets are made by Nancy Schoenherr. There is a reception following the worship service. Four scholarships are offered each year to graduating seniors through Zion

Lutheran Church. The Faith Formation team facilitates the scholarship process to distribute the following scholarships:

- Bev Aschenbrenner Memorial Scholarship.
- Grace M.E. Carpenter Scholarships.
- Marie Zuelke Scholarship.

## Sounds in the Sanctuary



### Choir

The ZLC Choir, in its present form, has been providing special music for worship services and praise services since 2001, with Mary Wussow as director and Judy Polege as accompanist. Previous directors over the years have included Marge Redetzke, Lori Uthmeier, and Elmer Hayes.

Many of the current members have been with us throughout the 20+ years and a few new members have joined over time. We've had teen members who now come as they are able between school schedules.

We have enjoyed providing a variety of music from old hymns to contemporary styles, acapella, and southern gospel music. We have a wonderful library of music available and also utilize music from worship music subscription services which gives us a great variety for full choir, solo, instrumental, and praise service selections. We have four voices represented soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. We are blessed to have Judy Polege as the primary accompanist and occasionally have other instruments represented with Marsha Sipple playing flute, Darla Leick on the drum box and other rhythm instruments as the music calls. We are thankful for the congregational support and also the wonderful donations and memorials to help support our music ministry. We look forward to future upgrades with speakers, microphones, lighting, and technology to assist in providing our congregation with music that warms the soul, taps your feet, enhances special holiday services, and enriches weekly worship.

We are a musical family with open arms ready to welcome more members in any and all voice ranges and other musical talents. Guitar and other praise music rhythms would be wonderful additions. Middle and high school students joining would also be a plus for our choir family. We are very thankful for all the current members who continue to share their musical gifts. We are a fun, flexible group - come as you are able.

## **Bell Choir**

Zion Bell Choir began when a two-octave set of bells was donated to our church by Bethany Lutheran Church, Rice Lake, Wisconsin. A two-octave set of bells means we have twenty-five different bells ranging in size from small size bells to medium-large size bells. Each member of the choir plays two or three bells per song.

We try to play a selection for special worship services or when the “Spirit” moves us. We typically meet after church on Sundays, September through May, to practice for about an hour. Currently we have seven choir members, plus the director, Paul Untiet. New members are always welcome.

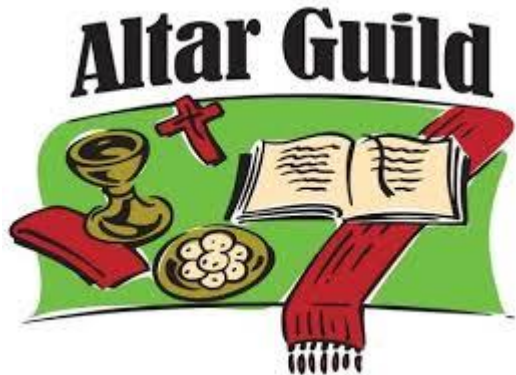
## **Organ and Piano**

Zion is blessed to hear wonderful music each Sunday at the worship service. The musicians are Judy Polege, Marge Redetzke and Ryan Huther.

## **Sanctuary**

Zion’s Sanctuary is cared for by a multitude of individuals. The Altar Guild is responsible for keeping the Chancel area clean, fresh, and inviting. The Altar is dusted monthly. Brass items

are polished in the Spring and Fall; linens are cleaned as needed. The paraments change according to the season: blue for Advent; white for Christmas and Easter; black for Ash Wednesday; purple for Lent. The rest of the year, other than special occasions, such as Pentecost Sunday, Reformation Sunday, and Confirmation when they are red, the paraments are green. The Guild is also responsible for setting up baptisms and tending fresh flower arrangements or live plants on the altar. We have several beautiful artificial arrangements that grace the altar the rest of the time. Members of the Altar Guild are Jill Dasler, Marge



Kollsmanberger, Brenda Huther, Lindsay White. The candles are also filled as needed. Gerry Viegut filled the candles during the time he was the custodian here at Zion. Now it is done by Kris & Amy Grell, and Terry Schoenherr. Banners are changed for the church seasons by Tom & Nancy Schoenherr. Many of the banners were made by Lil Kroeplin, June Krueger, confirmation students, and other Zion members.

## **Communion Stewards / Communion Bread**

Our communion stewards prepare the chalices and baskets with wine, grape juice, and bread for communion services throughout the year. They also clean up after each service. Our stewards who serve are Sandy Andersen, Jill Dasler, Amy Grell, Wendy Spaeth, Rhonda Thompson, Patti Casperson, and Deb Wieland.

Communion bread is prepared by individuals in their homes and brought to the church and made ready for the communion stewards. Our bakers are Mary Wussow, Darla Leick, Sandy Borman-Untiet, Sharla Dreiksen, Amber Knetter, Sydney Kafka and Anika Weber.



Worship is held each week and is accomplished with the help of many individuals that volunteer to assist with worship. Brenda Huther takes care of developing the serving schedule with the assistance of [signupgenius.com/go/60B0844A5A92B0](https://signupgenius.com/go/60B0844A5A92B0) Individuals can sign up online to help assist with worship. There are many duties one can volunteer to do in service for the church. Assisting Minister, Reader, Acolyte, Usher, Bell Ringer, Communion Assistant, and Media

## Media

In this day and age technology continues to advance. That is no different here at Zion. There is a team of members that give of their time to running the media portion of worship. Leon Tietyen headed up the team for many years. Team members are Mary Wussow and Brenda Huther who prepare the slides for the announcements and worship service. Ted Dasler, Marge Kollmansberger, Rod Huther, Kevin Miller, Garrett Smazal, and Connor Kreft are team members that run the media during worship. The sermon is also recorded each week and uploaded on Zion's website [www.zionstratford.org](http://www.zionstratford.org). Sarah Schuette provides photos and information for the Facebook page and Instagram.

## Fellowship

Coffee fellowship is an important part of Sunday mornings here at Zion. It is a time to enjoy a cup of coffee, hot chocolate, or tea. There always seems to be some kind of treat to enjoy. It creates a time to catch up with fellow members, friends, and family. Hosting fellowship is open to anyone that does not mind making coffee. Treats are optional.



## Meditation Garden

ion has a beautiful space that has been developed into a Meditation Garden. This garden is cared for by volunteers that enjoy sharing their gardening skills. Sharla Dreikosen, Gene Schedlo, Amber Knetter, Lois Miller, Kerri Schultz, Ken Strutz,

Kristi Ormond, Lance Casperson, and Wendy Spaeth. Take a few moments and step out into this wonderful garden and enjoy.

# Germanfest



Zion Lutheran Church has an Annual Germanfest Dinner that began in 1987. It typically was held the last weekend in October. The dinner is scheduled to be held in 2023 on October 22nd. The dinner features a menu of favorite German foods such as Pork Hocks, Homemade Sauerkraut, Dumplings, Pork Roast and Gravy, Homemade Applesauce, Rye Bread, and Homemade German Cheesecakes. The proceeds from the dinner are deposited in the Zion Lutheran Church Community Crisis Fund and given as direct aid to local individuals and families within the Stratford School District that have experienced a major crisis. Grants are given regardless of denominational affiliation. Bob and Donetta Ulrich, with a group of members, began the dinner as a way to help their community during times of crisis. John and Kathy Zuelke then headed up the committee. Presently Cory Wiesman, Stacey Spindler, and Amy Cournoyer are heading up the Germanfest committee and are blessed with many volunteers that help with donating food, prepping, cooking, and serving the dinner. Many families have benefited from Zion's Community Crisis Fund.

## Library

Zion's library has a wide variety of books, from adult novels and children's stories, to Bible studies and meditations. Some are displayed on the central bookcase, and many others are kept in their usual spot on the bookcases to the left of the door near the media resources. Come in to explore. Just sign the card from anything you want to check out and put it in the slot on the desk. Judy Polege was the librarian for several years. Now if you need help, call Sandy Borman at 715-687-2368.

## **SCRIP**

SCRIP program was started in 2013. Scrip gift cards are available for most retailers, restaurants, and gas stations. You pay the face value of the gift cards, and the retailer pays a percent back to Zion, designated for youth activities and mission trips. Let's prepare for Zion youth to participate in upcoming opportunities by using Scrip cards for your shopping and gift-giving needs. It's easy! Simply contact Janet Schoenherr at 715-650-0097 or Wendy Spaeth at 715-615-2500. Each card purchase returns a percent back of Zion, netting hundreds of dollars to the youth fund each year. Thank you for continuing to support Zion youth experiences! Thank you, June Krueger, for your dedication to this program for many years.

## **Homebound Visit**



There are several members of Zion that are homebound. This makes it difficult for them to come to church and receive communion. Pastor Amy makes frequent visits to these members and encourages other members of Zion to visit

their fellow members and serve communion. Pastor Amy will instruct anyone interested on how to serve communion at a member's home. Make a visit and create a smile.

## **Cards**

The Evangelism team sends birthday cards and anniversary cards to members of the congregation. Rhonda Knoll keeps track of all

these important dates and mails cards to each person celebrating a special day.

## **Newsletter**

There are many ministries here at Zion, these are but a few. If you would like the ministry you are involved with featured in the newsletter please submit it to [office@zionstratford.org](mailto:office@zionstratford.org).

## **Future**

**Thank you to all that continue the many ministries here at Zion. Zion looks forward to ministry ideas that will take our congregation into the future.**

## **God Bless**





Blessings to all the Fathers on this special Day



Happy 4th of July



Affirmation of Baptism



Members that affirmed their baptism on May 7<sup>th</sup> are Trevor Zawislan, Caleb Wrench, Trenton Cournoyer, and Mason Oertel.

## **Tuesday morning Bible Study**

There will be no Bible study this summer. Bible study will start again on **September 12, 2023**.

Bible study will now be held on **Tuesday** mornings at 10:00 am.

We invite anyone interested in exploring the scriptures and a time of fellowship to join in on Tuesday mornings.

## **Second Sundays Outdoors!!**

We're trying a fun experiment this summer called "Second Sundays," sponsored by the Worship and Evangelism committees.

Our 9 am worship service will be held outdoors on the second Sunday of June 11, July 9, and August 13. We'll serve Holy Communion and have a fun snack afterward as well!

Our beautiful green space along Legion Street will be our cathedral, weather permitting! Be sure to bring a comfy chair to sit in, or a blanket to sprawl on, a jacket if it's cool, and maybe a sun hat and bug spray...just in case.

We'll also have some chairs available if you don't have your own. Invite your friends to experience this casual worship service!

## **Don't Forget Your Offering!**

While you're enjoying your summer plans and spending time out of town or involved in sports and camp activities, our congregation will still be working hard to support your faith journey, respond to your pastoral needs, and plan for educational and worship opportunities for the rest of the year.

We know that summer can become so busy that we forget to continue our monetary support. Make it easy for yourself (and for us) by signing up for Simply Giving. Through Simply Giving, you can "set it and forget it" when it comes to donating to Zion's ministry. Your donation will automatically come out of your account in whatever amount and on whatever schedule is best for you.

Forms are available just outside the worship space and can be completed and returned to the office. Or just give Kathy a quick call in the office and she will be happy to help you out.

## **Healing Services Return for the Year**

The Worship Committee is bringing back healing services on the fifth Sunday of any given month. The first healing service will be July 30. During worship that day, we will have prayer stations available during Communion distribution where you may ask for prayer, a personal blessing, or anointing. There will be another healing service during worship on October 29.

## **Vacation Bible School**



Vacation Bible School will be held this year from July 16 through July 19. There will be a meal at 5:30 pm and VBS programs begin 6 pm- 8 pm. Details for registration will be coming soon.

## **Invitation June 25 / 9:00 am**

from Bethany Lutheran Church for a celebration to honor the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Pastor Sue Eidahl.

## **Marathon County Health Department**

*Screenagers Under The Influence: Addressing Vaping, Drugs, and Alcohol in the Digital Age*, the third feature documentary in the Screenagers trilogy, delves into how the tech revolution has reshaped adolescence and its effects on substance use. The film debunks myths and depicts strategies parents and schools

can use to encourage healthy decision-making, support teen mental health, set limits, and create healthy home environments. The film also includes many ways young people are using their wisdom and strength to help each other and themselves through this complicated terrain around substance use. While most documentaries about substance use focus on severe addiction, Screenagers Under The Influence fills a pressing need for a film that explores more common scenarios. The film is grounded in teens' current reality of being flooded by images on social media, movies, and TV shows about vaping, drugs, and alcohol.

Like the first two Screenagers films, Screenagers Under The Influence interweaves cutting-edge science with personal stories to create an informative and entertaining film experience for young people and adults alike. Screenagers Under The Influence focuses on practical solutions for keeping our teens safe in a changing world.

**FREE FILM VIEWING OPPORTUNITY**  
Brought to You By: Marathon County AOD Partnership & Nicotine Prevention Alliance of Central WI

**SCREENAGERS UNDER THE INFLUENCE**  
A film about how the tech revolution has affected substance use in the digital age

**ADDRESSING VAPING DRUGS & ALCOHOL IN THE DIGITAL AGE**

**WHEN:** View Any Time June 4 – June 17  
**WHERE:** On Demand | Register for Free [HERE](#) or Scan QR Code  
**AUDIENCE:** Anyone May Attend, Including Youth 6<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up With Parents

Nicotine Prevention Alliance of Central WI | AOD

## Treasurer's Report

To keep everyone informed of the financial status of Zion Lutheran, we include a monthly Treasurer's Report in the newsletter. The overall purpose is to be transparent about how Zion is building a culture of generosity and being a steward (manager) of God's gracious provision in order to fuel Jesus' ministry.

Through April 30, 2023, **income** received to the Current (general offering) was **\$54,975.30**. This money is used to provide financial support for the ministry budget expenses such as faith formation, evangelism, worship, staff salaries, property, etc. This amount does not include the 10% benevolence. Thank you to everyone who is going above and beyond to financially support the mission and ministry of Zion.

The ministry **expenditures** were **\$66,721.84** as of April 30, 2023. Our expense budget is \$238,486.82. We currently are at 24.5% of expenses. Thank you to the ministry teams for being good stewards.

As of April 30, 2023, the church's **undesignated cash balance** is \$14,374.74. This is money that is not specifically designated to a specific purpose, such as utilities, mortgage debt reduction, lawn mowing, GermanFest, etc. The undesignated cash balance is like our savings account or reserve fund when our expenses are more than our income. This can be quickly depleted if actual income doesn't match expenses.

As of April 30, 2023, our **benevolences (ministry to the world)** were:

Crossways Camping Ministry	\$ 2.00	0.1% of goal
ELCA 10% Benevolence	\$ 5,746.70	39.9 % of goal

Lutheran Social Services	\$ 325.00	18.1% of goal
Missionary Support	\$ 642.00	18.3% of goal
ELCA World Hunger	\$ 1,105.00	34.0% of goal

As of April 30, 2023, the balance available in the **GermanFest/Crisis Bank** account is \$11,556.28.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Zion’s ministry in Jesus’ name with financial gifts. It takes all of us together to fuel our ministry plan.

With a grateful heart, Marge Redetzke, Council Treasurer

### Building Update 2023

Total monthly principal payments	\$ 8,414.71
Total monthly interest payments	<u>\$ 885.29</u>
Balance of loan as of <b>04-21-2023</b>	\$ 92,999.83

Partners Bank

Building checking acct balance as of **05-03-2023** \$ 8,632.06

Payment Bi-Weekly	Start Balance	Payment Amount	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Ending Balance
02/10 & 02/24	\$101,414.54	\$3,100.00	\$303.54	\$2,796.46	\$98,618.08
03/10 & 03/24	\$98,618.08	\$3,100.00	\$295.11	\$2,804.89	\$95,813.19
04/07 & 04/21	\$95,813.19	\$3,100.00	\$286.64	\$2,813.36	\$92,999.83

**Thank you to all who continue to give generously toward the Building Fund.**

## **Stratford Food Pantry**

Stratford Food Pantry continues to serve the community throughout the summer months. Donations can be low through the summer months with people out of town or just enjoying the summer activities. Any items that you wish to donate will be greatly appreciated.

## **Blood Donations**

Save a Life

Please Donate Blood

Location: Stratford VFW Hall

June 27, 2023

Time: 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm

## **Council Minutes**

Council minutes are available on the church website at [zionstratford.org/publications](http://zionstratford.org/publications). You can also get a copy of the minutes by contacting Kathy in the church office or on the Information table by the church office.

## **Prayer Requests**

Did you know that you can submit your prayer requests on the ZionStratford.org website? You can also let people know that people are praying for them too. Check it out at <https://zionstratford.org/prayer>

## **Sermons by Phone or Podcast App**

Audio recordings of Sunday sermons are now available by calling **848.204.2721**. You can also find it on the podcast apps *PodBean* and *Bullhorn* under the podcast name "Open Doors Open Hearts Open Hands." You can also find a recording and a copy of the bulletin at <https://zionstratford.org/publications/>.

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Assisting Minister	Terry Schoenherr	Carmella Moon	Casey Dasler	Connor Kreft	Terry Schoenherr	Darla Leick	Marge Kollmansberger	Riley Spindler
Reader	Terry Schoenherr	Carmella Moon	Mary Wussow	Patti Casperson	June Krueger	Darla Leick	Marge Kollmansberger	Gary Wussow
Acolytes	Connor & Sierra Kreft	.....	Cooper & Brynn Wiesman	Ruby Casperson Sierra Kreft	Ella Schultz Abby Ballerstein	.....	Lily Cournoyer Avery White	Reese & Reid Spindler
Ushers	Tom & Nancy Schoenherr	Phil & Kerri Schultz	Gary & Mary Wussow	Ray & Lindsay White	Phil & Kerri Schultz	Tom & Nancy Schoenherr	Brian & Darla Leick	Gary & Mary Wussow
communion assistants	Terry Schoenherr Brian & Darla Leick	Carmella Moon Brenda Castellano Brenda Garrigan	Nancy Schoenherr Jill Dasler Casey Dasler	Lois Miller Angie Guralski Connor Kreft	Terry Schoenherr Carmella Moon June Krueger	Brian & Darla Leick Tadd Schoenherr	Marge Kollmansberger Wendy Spaeth Lois Miller	Riley Spindler Tierra Messerschmidt Sandy Andersen
communion steward	Patti Casperson	Amy Grell	Wendy Spaeth	Deb Wieland	Amy Grell	Wendy Spaeth	Rhonda Thompson	Jill Dasler
Fellowship	Dan Thompson	Evangelism	Looking for volunteer	Kevin & Lois Miller	coffee only	Evangelism	Brian & Chris Stroetz	Looking for volunteer
Host	Worship: Brian Stroetz	Faith Formation Ray White	FFY Casey Dasler	President Dan Thompson	Secretary Carmella Moon	Vice President Maryel Schoenfuss	Treasurer Marge Redetzke	Evangelism Brandon Aschenbrenner
Bell Ringer	Nancy Schoenherr	Phil Schultz	Gary & Mary Wussow	Ray White	Phil Schultz	Tom & Nancy Schoenherr	Brian & Darla Leick	Gary & Mary Wussow
Media	Marge Kollmansberger	.....	Ted Dasler	Kevin Miller	Garrett Smazal	.....	Kevin Miller	Marge Kollmansberger



Date	7/30/2023 Pent 9 9:00 AM	8/06/2023 Pent 10 9:00 AM
Assisting Minister	Brenda Huther	Dan Thompson
Reader	Jill Dasler	Wendy Grell
Acolytes	Ruby Casperson Emmercyn Schiller	Charlotte & Nolan Peirce
Ushers	Patti Casperson Garrett Smazal	Tom & Nancy Schoenherr
communion assistants	kneeling: Brenda Huther	Dan Thompson Kevin & Lois Miller
communion steward	Sandy Andersen	Wendy Spaeth
Fellowship	Looking for Volunteer	Looking for volunteer
Host	Property Robin Curtis	Stewardship Amy Cournoyer
Bell Ringer	Robin Curtis	Tom & Nancy Schoenherr
Media	Ted Dasler	Rod Huther

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4 <i>9am Worship / Communion</i>	5 <i>6pm Worship Team Meeting</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>9 am Outdoor Worship / Communion</i>	12 <i>6 pm Executive Team Meeting</i>	13	14 <i>7 pm Faith Formation Team Meeting</i>	15	16	17
18 <i>9 am Worship / Communion</i>	19 <i>6 pm Council Meeting</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25 <i>9 am Worship / Communion</i>	26 <i>Kathy Vacation</i>	27 <i>Kathy Vacation</i>	28 <i>Kathy Vacation</i>	29 <i>Kathy Vacation</i>	30	

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2 9 am Worship / Communion	3	4 Happy 4th of July	5	6	7	8
9 9 am Outdoor Worship / Communion	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9 am Worship / Communion 5:30 pm Meal 6-8 pm VBS	17 5:30 pm Meal 6-8 pm VBS	18 5:30 pm Meal 6-8 pm VBS	19 5:30 pm Meal 6-8 pm VBS	20	21	22
23 9 am Worship / Communion	24	25 6 pm Evangelism Team Meeting	26	27	28	29
30 9 am Worship / Communion Baptism Delilah Ruby Marquardt	31					