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2021

MESSENGER

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 10:32, 33

MEMBERSHIP HAS IT'S PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Annually, it usually takes place the third Sunday in May. This year Confirmation will be on May 23. Youth, who have studied the chief teachings of Scripture, want to become communicant members of our congregation. We also have adults who are waiting to be confirmed in a public worship service. Both youths and adults know how important it is for them to confess their faith and promise to be faithful. For our benefit, let us review what our membership means.

Why become a member of a Christian congregation?

First of all, becoming a member of a Christian congregation confesses Christian faith. This extends beyond the boundaries of any denomination. Christian faith is a gift worked in human hearts by the Holy Spirit using the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. Because of faith in Jesus Christ, people are members of the Holy Christian Church. They are part of the gathering of all believers.

Where there is faith, there will be confession of that faith. When we confess our faith it is the admission and proclamation that faith is within us. Jesus said it would be natural for us to confess our faith. As a matter of fact, it's necessary. We are moved to confess our faith because of our faith.

We are reminded of these parallels in the realm of congregational membership too. As we welcome anyone into communicant membership at Zion, we are reminded of all that our membership means. We believe in all the Bible teaches. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Savior of the world. We believe that the Lord's teachings are correctly understood and applied in our church (Zion) and the church body of which she is a member (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod).

We welcome people as members when they confess they believe the same things we believe. That's why people become members in our church. It's their faith and confession which makes us one in agreement.

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So what are the privileges and responsibilities of being a member of Zion. **Zion's constitution provides us this overview:**

Section 2. Privileges and Responsibilities

“God is love” (1 John 4:8), and His love ever moves Him to bless the members of His church with physical and spiritual gifts (1 John 3:1; James 1:17). In return for all of these undeserved blessings, we can do nothing less than love Him with all our hearts (1 John 4:19) and show that love with the works that we do. The exercise of such love we acknowledge as both a privilege and a responsibility. Some of the privileges and responsibilities to be noted are the following:

- A. Our God has given us His Word, the one thing needful (Luke 10:42), which alone can save our souls and tell us how to live a God-pleasing life (2 Timothy 3:15-17). Consequently, members of His church will consider it a distinct privilege and a responsibility to ...
 - 1) Hear and receive the Word of God diligently;
 - 2) Provide and promote opportunities for Christian education;
 - 3) Bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)

- B. Our God has given us two sacraments: Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, which are means that our Lord uses to bring His grace to us. Consequently, members of His church will ...
 - 1) Have their children baptized early in life, for “baptism now saves you also” (1 Peter 3:21).
 - 2) Frequently partake of Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:23-26), if they are recognized as such who can properly examine themselves (1 Corinthians 11:28). Only those in the confessional fellowship of faith are permitted to commune at our altar (Close Communion – Matthew 7:15; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 2 Corinthians 6:14-15; Ephesians 5:7-11; 1 John 4:1).

- C. Our God has given us the privilege and responsibility of being managers over a certain portion of His estate and assures us He will graciously bless such faithful management (Matthew 25:14-30; 2 Corinthians 9:6). Therefore, members of His church will under grace ...
 - 1) continually remember that all their possessions, time and abilities are really a trust from God;
 - 2) cheerfully decide in their hearts (2 Corinthians 9:7) the portion of their possessions and time and abilities which they will regularly devote to the Lord for use in carrying out that which the congregation has made its concern, not omitting the work of the synod (Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 9:14; 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; 1 Peter 4:10);
 - 3) if eligible, become voting members and regularly attend the voter's meeting and lend the congregation their counsel and aid.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Communion is offered regularly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, and the Wednesday that precede that Sunday. Individual Cup will be available at the Sunday Communion Services. Individual Cup will be available at the Wednesday Communion Services.



**Wed., April 28 &
May 12
Sun., May 2 & 16**

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Please join us for an afternoon worship service on the third Tuesday of this month. Individual cup communion will be served.

**Tues., May 11
@ 1:30 p.m.**

WELLSPRING WORSHIP

Zion is not yet able to conduct worship services at Wellspring.

Wellspring
Lutheran Home is
located at
1236 S. Monroe St.
Monroe, MI
48161



D. Our God has implanted within us who are Christians the new man, who desires to live righteously (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:24). Consequently, members of His Church will

- 1) Not live in obvious acts of sinful nature (Galatians 5:19-21), but lead a Christian life (Galatians 5:22-25);
- 2) When they have erred, permit themselves to be fraternally admonished and corrected in the spirit of Matthew 18:15-18, and likewise lovingly admonish others who have gone astray;
- 3) Refuse to hold membership in any organization whose teachings and practices conflict with the Word of God (e.g. lodges, scouting) (John 5:23; 8:31, 32; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

Notice how the emphasis regarding the privileges of membership have to do with faith. The same common denominator of faith which makes us members also continues to be stressed in the privileges of membership. We don't just bury the dead; we conduct worship services in which faith in God is confessed as we bid farewell to a loved one in this life. We not only legalize two lives becoming one in the eyes of the state; we listen to the Author of marriage for His guidance and His blessing. We don't just belong at Zion; we are a part of the body of Christ. Being a member of Zion has its privileges rooted in faith as well as its opportunities to express faith. Privileges and responsibilities go hand in hand.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Think about your privileges of membership. Take advantage of them. Utilize them. For they either enrich or reflect your faith. MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**CLASSES WILL RECESS FOR THE SUMMER AND RESUME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE CLASSES AND YOUTH GROUP meet most Sunday mornings unless otherwise noted. The Adult Bible Class meets in the gym; Sunday school (ages 3 through 8th grade) meet in the church basement; and Youth Group (8th through 12th grades) meets in the youth room in the church basement. All Sunday classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. **The last class is the Sunday before Memorial Day Weekend, May 23rd.**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Youth Confirmation will take place Sunday, May 23. *Jayden Jagodziski and Julie Nielsen are our youth confirmands this year.*

CALL NEWS:

✠ Pastor Benjamin Radtke at St. Martin's Lutheran church of Watertown, South Dakota is presently deliberating Zion's call to serve as our associate pastor. Please keep him in your prayers. SOLI DEO GLORIA.

✠ Mr. Ryan Roth has accepted Zion's call to serve as middle grades teacher, athletic director and coach. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CHURCH CLEANING – It's that time of year again. Groups can start the annual church cleaning. All ladies of Zion congregation are members of these groups; however men are more than welcome to help out at any time. You should receive a call, as soon as we are able to plan, from your group leader when they will be doing their area. If you don't know what group you are on, please contact the office and we can help you.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 school year is now open. If you have any questions, please contact the office. If you know of someone who is interested in sending their child to Zion next year, have them contact the office or Mr. Schneck.



**HELP SUPPORT ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL'S RUMMAGE SALE**

June 5th 8am-4pm

Proceeds Benefit Zion Lutheran School

DONATION IDEAS:

GENTLY USED CLOTHING & SHOES, TOYS, HOLIDAY
DECORATIONS, FURNITURE, BOOKS, HOUSEWARES, TOOLS,
BABY ITEMS, BICYCLES, APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS,
SPORTING EQUIPMENT, STUFFED ANIMALS, KNICK-KNACKS,
JEWELRY, ETC.

***SORRY, WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT: MATTRESSES, TVs,
EXERCISE EQUIPEMENT AND NON-OPERATIONAL OR BROKEN ITEMS**

**If you have any questions or to volunteer please contact
Melissa Freiny 734-652-1638 or melissa.freiny@gmail.com**

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

There were 10 Voter's present for the meeting:

- I The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM by chairman Sordahl.
 - A. The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Ulrich.
- II. Membership changes:
 - A. M/S/C to accept
- III. M/S/C to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2021 Voters Meeting as printed and distributed. (Krueger, Schneck)
 - A. With correction that meeting of 1/31/21 opened with prayer by Pastor Ulrich.
- IV. M/S/C to approve the Pastor's Report as printed and distributed. (Krueger, Heusman)
- V. M/S/C to approve the Principal's Report as printed and distributed. (Krueger, Kohler)
- VI. Board Reports
 - a. M/S/C to approve the Board of Education Report as printed and distributed. (Kipf, Krueger)
 - b. M/S/C to approve the Board of Elders report as printed and distributed. (Krueger, Schneck)
 - c. Board of Outreach – No printed REPORT
 - d. Board of Service and Fellowship – NO REPORT
 - e. Board of Stewardship – NO REPORT
 - f. Board of Trustees – To accept verbal report (Kipf, Heusman)
- VII. M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's Report through MAR 31, 2021. (Krueger, Heusman)
- VIII. M/S/C to accept the Financial Secretary's Report for March 2021. (Kipf, Heusman)
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A, Financial Staff – no report
 - B. Budget Committee – no report
 - C. Technology Committee – no report
 - D. Nominating Committee – no report
 - E. Security Committee – no report
- X. Unfinished Business
 - A. Membership changes
 - i. To accept into membership Sharon Wahl into communicant membership by profession of Faith (Kipf, Freiny)
 - ii. To accept into membership Sharon Wahl into communicant membership by profession of Faith (Krueger, Bober)
 - iii. To release Martin Meier, Martin Meier Jr. and Madelnn Meier from membership (Krueger, Freiny)
 - iv. To accept into membership Sharon Wahl into communicant membership by profession of Faith (Kipf, Freiny)
 - B. To ratify items A – G from the Open Forum handout (Bober, Heusman)

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

XI. New Business

- A. M/S/C Recommend the Board of Education recommendations to a \$20/month discount for a second child in PreK from common household (\$200/month for one, \$380/month for two students) (Kipf, Heusman)
- B. M/S/C To ratify the following signers for the Church Checking and Savings at First Merchants Bank. (Kipf, Heusman)
 - i. Financial Secretary – Joe Schmeling
 - ii. Treasurer – John Hill
 - iii. Accountant – Kathleen McBee
 - iv. President – Steve Sordahl
 - v. Secretary – Ben Husby
- C. M/S/C To ratify a new checking and savings account at First Merchants Bank to replace the two accounts that were compromised by a data breach. (Kipf, Heusman)
- D. M/S/C Recommend to cover the Church Mutual deductible from 9605 Undesignated in the event that the church incurs any liability related to a data breach. Deductible is \$2,500 for \$25,000 of coverage. (Kipf, Heusman)
- E. M/S/C Recommend to not engage in any contracts with lawyers or security/data breach firms that would exceed our coverage of \$25,000 (Heusman, Schneck)
- F. M/S/C Ratify a lawn care contract with 4 Seasons at \$130/week at the school, \$300/week for even weeks with trimming at cemetery, \$150/week for odd weeks w/o trimming (Krueger, Heusman)
- G. M/S/C Recommend Voters approve install/replace concrete sidewalks by Tony Pierce for \$7,500 (pending insurance verification). Funds to come from undesignated 9605 (Bober, Heusman)
- H. M/S/C Recommend Voters execute a waxing contract with R&J – tile stripping, waxing, materials and labor \$4,490 to come from Undesignated 9605 (Krueger, Heusman)
- I. M/S/C Recommend Voters to execute a fill, seal, and strip contract with Jones and Son for both parking lots, \$6,300 to come from Thrivent Choice Funds 9604 (Kipf, Heusman)
- J. M/S/C Recommend to provide \$1,500 to Olivia Krueger for tuition assistance in accordance with Zion's Tuition Assistance Policy (Kipf, Heusman)

XII. M/S/C With no further business needing attention, adjourn at 1:02 PM (Kipf, Heusman)

XIII. Next Voters meeting will be July 25, 2021 12PM

XIV. Close with prayer by Pastor Ulrich

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Krueger (Fill in for Ben Husby)

MEMORIALS (GIVEN TO GENERAL FUND, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

In memory of Tom Fitzgibbon

From Family and Friends

MAY VOLUNTEERS

	Apr. 28 & May 2	May 5 & 9	May 12 & 16	May 19 & 23	May 26
ALTAR GUILD			Ruth Ann Peters		
USHERS	<p><u>April 28</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Klaus Koenig Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p> <p><u>May 2</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Bob Trowbridge Dave McKenzie</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Klaus Koenig Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p>	<p><u>May 5</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Bob Trowbridge Dave McKenzie</p> <p><u>May 9</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé</p>	<p><u>May 12</u> Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>May 16</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>May 19</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé</p> <p><u>May 23</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Klaus Koenig Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p>	<p><u>May 26</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>
COMMUNION HELPERS	<p><u>8:15 a.m.</u> Rob Krueger</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Alan Bober</p>		<p><u>May 12</u> Ben Husby</p> <p><u>May 16</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Mark Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> John Hill</p>		

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

Sun., May 2	8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship services (IC) 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, Youth & Adult Bible class BIC Class #7
Tues., May 4	7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
Wed., May 5	7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Fri., May 7	No School—Office Closed
Sun., May 9	8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship services 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, Youth & Adult Bible class NO BIC Class
Mon., May 10	7:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
Tues., May 11	1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Wed., May 12	7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Sat., May 15	9:00 a.m. Outdoor Clean-up at Zion
Sun., May 16	8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship services (IC) 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, Youth & Adult Bible class 6-8:00 p.m. BIC #8
Wed., May 19	7:00 p.m. Worship Service - Youth Examination
Thurs., May 20	7:00 p.m. Church Council
Sun., May 23	8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship services 10:45 a.m. Service includes Youth Confirmation 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, Youth & Adult Bible class
Wed., May 26	7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Fri., May 28	Last Day of School at Zion
Sun., May 30	Worship services—to be determined

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit. 3 "You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be^l my disciples. 9 "As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. 10 If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete. 12 "This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 17 These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.

John 15:1-17

CHURCH COUNCIL & BOARDS

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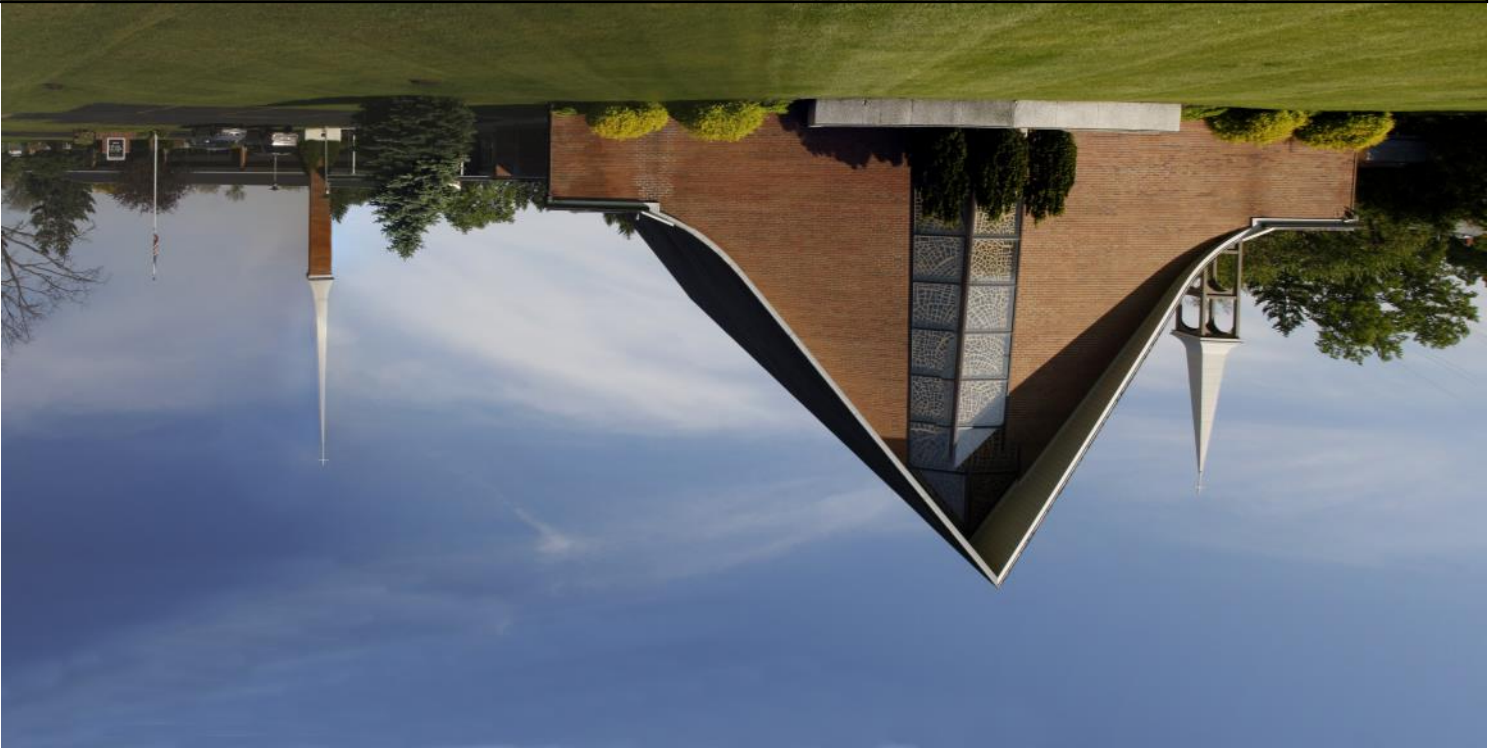
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2 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship (IC) 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, youth and Adult Bible class 6-8:00 p.m. BIC #7	3	4 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting	5 7:00 p.m. Worship	6	7 No School/Office closed	8
9 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, youth and Adult Bible class NO BIC—Mother's Day	10 7:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting	11 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship (IC)	12 7:00 p.m. Worship (IC)	13	14	15 9 am –Noon Outdoor Clean-Up
16 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship (IC) 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, youth and Adult Bible class 6-8:00 p.m. BIC #8	17	18	19 7:00 p.m. Worship—Youth Examination	20 7:00 p.m. Church Council	21	22
23 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, youth and Adult Bible class	24	25	26 7:00 p.m. Worship	27	28 Early Dismissal— Zion's last day of school	29
30 Worship Service times to be determined	31 Memorial Day No school/office closed					



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