

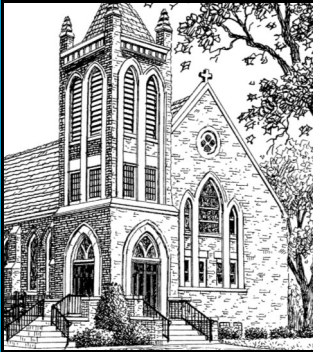
ZION EV. LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Worship Schedule

Saturday 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

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Mission Statement

Inspired by the love of Christ our Savior, we are determined to seek and to save the lost, and to teach his believers to do the same.

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September 2019

JOB ONE IS STILL JOB ONE!

Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age"

(Matthew 28:18-20).



The following story is printed in one of my sermon illustration books....

There is a legend which tells that when Jesus ascended into heaven following the completion of his great work of redemption, he was asked by an angel, "How do you propose to make known to the world the fact that you have died for the sins of all?" In reply, the Savior said: "I have my followers on earth, and I have commanded them to go into the entire world and preach the gospel to people everywhere." "But," said the angel, "What if they should fail?" "If they fail," concluded the Savior, "I have no other plan." (*Treasury of Themes and Illustrations*, pp.257-258)

God still honors us with this privilege and opportunity to guide and direct people to our sole source of eternal rescue. You and I hold a lifeline that alone will save a person forever from hell's punishment. Jesus alone is that lifeline. In his own words he tells us, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

As September ushers in the fall learning sessions within our schools and churches, it will be wise for us to again see how much each one of us still needs to learn and know the full story of Jesus' rescue mission. Before we can fill those empty glasses with the Water of Life, we need to keep our pitcher full. Our opportunities are numbered and limited. God help us to embrace Jesus' forgiveness for our sins of apathy and indifference when it comes to speaking God's Word to the lost. He helps us and empowers us to make his job our job. Jesus has stated this truth in Luke 19, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost".

Praise our God that Jesus' plan has worked. Because of his plan you and I have been brought into his fold. Indeed, Jesus' plan still works as his church continues to baptize and preach the saving message of Christ. This has been JOB ONE. This still is JOB ONE.

Pastor Lon P. Kuether

Worship SCHEDULE

Saturday 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

(Our sister church, Trinity will have their last Tuesday evening Communion service at 7 PM on September 3.)

Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday School (Ages 3-Grade 6)

Meets in the ILHS building (behind church) at 10:15 AM
Starts September 8

Sunday Morning Bible Class

Meets in the church fellowship hall at 10:15 AM
Resumes September 15

Men's (Wednesday) Morning Bible Class

Meets in Hearth Room of Ministry House from 6:30 - 7:15 AM

Wednesday Morning Bible Class

Meets in the church fellowship hall at 8:30 AM

Board Meetings

Bd. of Discipleship

Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 PM

Bd. of Elders

Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00 PM

Bd. of Outreach

TBA

Bd. of Property

Tuesday, September 3 at 7:30 PM

Church Council

Monday, September 9 at 7:00 PM

ILS Delegates

Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 PM

ILS Bd. of Directors

Monday, September 16 at 7:00 PM

Voters' Meeting

Sunday, September 22 at 10:15 AM

Group Meetings/Information

Altar Guild

Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM
September - Ruth Reils, Patti Schoenbeck

Banner Builders

Thursdays at 9:00 AM

Bread Visits

Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 AM

Confirmation Class 2020

Monday, September 23 at 6:30 PM

ILS Building Project Open Forum (Zion)

Sunday, September 8 (after church)

Senior Choir

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
(Begins Sept. 18)

St. James Manor

Tuesday, September 3 & 17 at 10:00 AM

Newsletter Deadline

Information for the monthly newsletter should be to the church office by the 20th of each month.

Thank you!

September Birthdays

Megan Lisota	9/1	Mary Lou Arnold	9/6	Anthony Kernagis	9/13
Leonard Streib	9/1	Jacob Bohlmann	9/6	Pastor Godfrey	9/14
Rachel Bohlmann	9/1	Joey Cantu	9/7	Ian Loftin	9/18
Ruth Bohlmann	9/1	Timmy Cantu	9/7	Sandra Herern	9/19
Millie Bennett	9/2	Vinny Cantu	9/7	Lindsay Segert	9/19
Matt Meyer	9/2	Gary Frey	9/7	Norma Thone	9/21
Erna Moeller	9/2	Ken Neis	9/7	Joel Buege	9/22
Kelly Siefert	9/3	Emily Moore	9/9	Lloyd Triebold	9/25
Eli Potempa	9/3	Lavergne Moline	9/10	Francisco Venegas	9/25
Pastor Schneider	9/3	Ramon Venegas	9/11	Tom Waggoner	9/25
Sue Turner	9/4	Kelly Clark	9/12	Trina Armitage	9/27
Jim Arnold	9/5	Elaine Moeller	9/12	Matt Tomfohrde	9/28
				Elmer Nacke	9/29



Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Special Gifts and Memorials

Through a special campaign, a total of \$1,050 was collected and sent to the WELS Joint Mission for the Grace - Hmong Outreach in Vietnam.

United in Christian Marriage

Eric Fette and Christen Woltzen were united in Christian Marriage
Friday, August 2, 2019
at Silver Lakes Country Club

Confirmation Class 2020

There will be a meeting for the parents of the 2020 Confirmands on Monday, September 23. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM and be held in the Ryan Ministry Center. Confirmands are welcome to attend with their parents if they choose to.

Voters' Meeting (Elections)

Sunday, September 22 at 10:15 AM

It is important that all voters attend this meeting
as elections for terms expiring 12/31/19 will be conducted.

Please have all reports to the church office
by Friday, September 13. Thank you!

Save the date for *WELCOME HOME* Sunday: October 26/27TH

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



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

Please do everything possible to set that date aside and be with us at Zion to be together in God's house that day.

WELS Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekend - Milwaukee, WI

How is your marriage? Would you like it to be healthier? God designed marriage and only he can improve the health of your marriage. Join us for a two-day marriage enrichment event September 20-21, 2019. The cost is \$185 per couple and includes a traditional Spanish family-style dinner Friday evening & lunch catered by Olde Madrid of Racine, continental breakfast Saturday morning, and all enrichment sessions.

Spend two days learning how to know each other better, appreciate each other more, gain trust, manage conflict, nurture intimacy and connect with each other intentionally – all in the light of God's grace. The result? A healthier marriage.

See the poster or brochure in the church hall or visit www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment for more information and to register.

Illinois Lutheran News

In Memory of Mr. Zastrow

Those of you who attended the memorial service for Mr. Zastrow learned that he lived his faith by how he cared for his students, and was very patient with his students. Mr Zastrow was also a very generous man with his time, talents, and resources.

Two years ago, Mr. Zastrow purchased a reserved parking spot for all home athletic contests at our ILS GALA. We would like to honor his contribution to ILS by keeping his spot open for all our home athletic contests this school year. Your understanding and cooperation is much appreciated.

School News

You can stay "in the know" by subscribing to the Grade School Charger News and the JH/HS News and Notes. Visit the school website (ilhs.org) and scroll to the bottom of the Home Page. You can also view the Athletic and Activities Calendars by going into the PARENT PORTAL.

Illinois Lutheran Pre-School and Elementary School | Phone 708-672-5850

Illinois Lutheran Jr. High and High School: | Phone: 708-672-3262

Illinois Lutheran Schools are a joint ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church.

ilhs.org

"10 for 10" Coming To Zion Lutheran Church This October

It has been a few years since we've done a significant Christian management emphasis that encourages regular, weekly offerings at Zion Lutheran Church. And God wants a lot more than our money! He wants us to love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. If we could love God in that way, money would be a non-issue at Zion Lutheran Church.

Spoiler alert: You will hear biblical preaching on the Christian management of treasures this fall at Zion Lutheran Church. Late in October, we will challenge our Zion Lutheran Church family to give a tithe (10%) *OR* to increase the proportion of what they are giving for their weekly offerings for a period of ten weeks. Why? Our giving shows the Lord the honor, love, and gratitude we have for what Christ has done for us. Generous giving is one of the ways that faith-filled hearts respond to the riches of Christ. Giving is *an act of worship*. That's the only reason we pass offering plates during church services.

The practice of *tithing* (giving 10%) is at least as old as Abraham (Genesis 14:20). In Old Testament Israel, tithing was commanded by law. In the New Testament Church, tithing—along with all other methods of giving—is inspired by the gospel of Christ. Many Christians, free from compulsion, tithe as an exercise of their faith. Christ's love empowers his people to give generously. It flows freely from Christ who **"loved us and gave himself up for us"** (*Ephesians 5:2*). Our generous giving to God is a response to Christ's willing sacrifice for us.

Tithing also serves New Testament Christians as a benchmark for *proportionate giving*. The Apostle Paul said, **"...each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income"** (1 Corinthians 16:2). As New Testament Christians, tithing is a practice to be engaged in freely rather than a requirement to be met legally. Some of us are already in the spiritual habit of tithing. Inspired by God's grace, we may seek to give more, more often, more creatively. For others, tithing will be a big step forward as well as a significant test of faith. For still others, because of life-issues known to God, the tithe might currently be unreachable. Then what about an extra percent, or two, or three? No matter where we find ourselves on the "giving spectrum," this is true: Our trust in God's goodness is well-placed! **"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."** (*Ephesians 3:20-21*).

May the Lord of the Church richly bless our Zion Lutheran Church family as we seek to excel in the grace of giving!

In Christ,
Pastors Kuether & Schneider

Selfishness

- Hoarding
- Discontent
- Fear
- Sadness



Generosity

- + Sharing
- + Content
- + Peace
- + Joy

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pentecost 12 9:00 AM Communion	2	3 10:00 AM St. James Manor 6:00 PM Board of Elders 7:00 PM Communion Service @ Trinity 7:30 PM Bd. of Property	4 6:30 AM Mens' Bible Class 8:30 AM Morning Bible Class	5 9:00 AM Banner Builders 7:00 PM Bd. of Discipleship Meeting	6	7 6:00 PM Worship
8 Christian Education Sunday - PK-6 sing Pentecost 13 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM ILS Building Project - Open Forum 10:15 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Bowling	9 Pastoral Conference (Ft. Wayne, IN) 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	10 Pastoral Conference (Ft. Wayne, IN) 6:30 PM Altar Guild 7:00 PM ILS Delegate Meeting	11 6:30 AM Mens' Bible Class 8:30 AM Morning Bible Class	12 9:00 AM Banner Builders	13	14 6:00 PM Communion
15 Pentecost 14 9:00 AM Communion 10:15 AM Bible Class 10:15 AM Sunday School	16 7:00 PM ILS Board of Directors	17 10:00 AM St. James Manor	18 6:30 AM Mens' Bible Class 8:30 AM Morning Bible Class 7:00 PM Senior Choir	19 9:00 AM Banner Builders	20	21 6:00 PM Worship
22 Pentecost 15 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Voters' Meeting	23 6:30 PM Confirmation Class Meeting	24	25 6:30 AM Mens' Bible Class 8:30 AM Morning Bible Class 7:00 PM Senior Choir	26 9:00 AM Banner Builders	27	28 9:00 AM LWMS Fall Rally 10:00 AM Bread Visits 6:00 PM Worship
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