

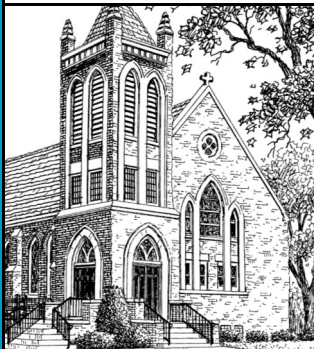
ZION EV. LUTHERAN
CHURCH

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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"How blessed is the person whose rebellion is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

(Psalm 32:1 EHV)

THE BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS

We should always have a kind, giving spirit toward others. Yet all too often we only look after ourselves. Maybe you can't seem to forgive even yourself because of the envious way you looked at someone. You thought, "It's not fair that they have it so good." But then you remembered that you should have thought of that other person as a friend rather than an enemy in your way.

It can be even more damaging to a relationship if we outright betray someone's trust. If someone confides in you only to have you spread around a bad report about them it can be really hurtful. It hurts their reputation, and also your relationship with them. When we sin against someone else like that it can leave a lasting scar. We can feel separated from people who ought to be friends and family. And, even if they don't ask for any extra space, we may be tempted to avoid them.

Rebellion breaks a relationship. It is a sin against the love that the other person wants and expects from you. What is worse is that when we hurt those around us, it also strains our relationship with God. At the same time that we have rebelled against a friend, a family member, or a coworker, we have also rebelled against God. God wants us to love others to the degree that he has loved us. He wants us to protect others' property, good name, and health. It's how we show God that we cherish our relationship with him.

The amazing thing is that even in our rebellion God restores what we have bent or broken. He comes to forgive our rebellion and put our relationship with him back the way it ought to be. In Christ, nothing stands between us and our holy God because he has made us holy. What a gift you have that God has made a relationship with you. It is founded on Christ's perfect life of love. It is secured by the punishment Christ went through--a death that pays for every rebellion. Cherish this forgiveness you have in Christ.

And the more you appreciate the relationship you now share with God the more you will be able to treat others as he has treated you. God gives you real power to love in amazing ways. He teaches, equips, and empowers you to live and love like Christ. Walk in God's forgiveness. It's a great blessing!

**Lord God, may your peace always show in the way we relate to those around us.
Amen.**

Pastor Michael Schneider

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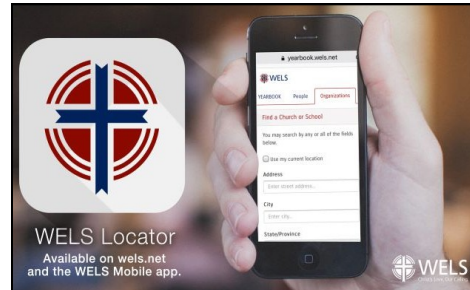
Are you out of town for a weekend? Here are some worship options for you.

You can use the “WELS Locator” to find a WELS church near you.

You can do this by visiting the WELS website (wels.net) or by using the new WELS App. To use the app, visit wels.app.

Instructions for adding the app to your mobile device or computer’s home screen can be found within the app.

The WELS App also features devotional, educational and news content from the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod.



As part of our A/V upgrade, Zion is now able to stream our worship services.

To view a live stream of our worship service, visit Zion’s FaceBook page.

To view previously recorded services, visit Zion’s website (zioncrete.org) and click on the “video” tab.

Our sister church, Trinity will have Tuesday evening Communion services at 7 PM on the following dates:

August 6 & 20 September 3

Summer Bible Classes - Topics of Study

Sunday Bible Class - Jesus’ Parables

Wednesday Mens’ Bible Class - Portrait of a Mature Christian

Wednesday Morning Bible Class - Prepared to Answer

Board Meetings

Bd. of Discipleship

Thursday, August 1 at 7:00 PM

Bd. of Elders

Monday, August 5 at 6:00 PM

Bd. of Outreach

No August Meeting

Bd. of Property

Monday, August 5 at 7:30 PM

Church Council

Monday, August 12 at 7:00 PM

ILS Bd. of Directors

Monday, August 19 at 7:00 PM

Group Meetings/Information

Altar Guild

August- Sue Becker, Ruth Reils

St. James Manor

Tuesday, August 6 & 20 at 10:00 AM

Women’s Ministry

Hot Dog Roast - August 16 at 5:00 PM

Worship Committee

TBD

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

INFORMATION FOR THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SHOULD BE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.

THANK YOU!



August Birthdays



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| Alexis Lewis | 8/1 | Barb Horath | 8/13 | Tonya Danielewicz | 8/22 |
| Wendi Snow | 8/1 | Susan Most | 8/13 | Cathy Most | 8/22 |
| Stephan Cook | 8/2 | Hannah Schneider | 8/13 | Vicky Neis | 8/22 |
| Margaret Frey | 8/2 | Tabitha Kresen | 8/14 | Liz Zaklan | 8/22 |
| Nathan Pasbrig | 8/3 | Jane Bechtold | 8/15 | Emily Poropat | 8/23 |
| Hunter Schmitt | 8/4 | Lester Lattz | 8/16 | Jim Moeller | 8/24 |
| Adan Soto | 8/5 | James Frey | 8/17 | Edna Segert | 8/26 |
| Betty Williams | 8/5 | Isabella Madonia | 8/17 | Sara McComsey | 8/28 |
| Amy Constantinou | 8/6 | Jessica Sadus | 8/17 | Jeff Spiaser | 8/29 |
| Phillip Arnold | 8/10 | Bruce Flamini | 8/18 | Debra Weishaar | 8/29 |
| Bailey Potempa | 8/10 | Kelly Soria | 8/19 | Ryan Weishaar | 8/29 |
| Dolores Schmidt | 8/11 | Christopher Henson | 8/21 | Orlin Riegel | 8/30 |
| Te'a Cantu | 8/12 | Dee Steiber | 8/21 | Lloyd Schoenbeck | 8/30 |

But now, this is what the LORD says-- he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "
Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
Isaiah 43:1

At Home In Heaven

Edward Neitzel, Jr.
Called Home on June 2, 2019
Age: 89 years, 6 months, 11 days

Gail Lynn Schultz
Called Home on July 3, 2019
Age: 62 years, 8 months, 27 days

"Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have the right to the tree of life!"
(Revelation 22:14)

Special Gifts and Memorials

In memory of Lester & Louise Segert,
\$25.00 was given to the A/V Fund

United in Christian Marriage

Jack Blauert and Gabriella Moline
were united in Christian Marriage
Sunday, May 26, 2019 at Trinity



Kyle Hoffman and Katie Spiaser
were united in Christian Marriage
Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Trinity



Zion Lutheran Church

**Invites you to
the Fall 2019**

Welcome Back to School Hot Dog Roast

Meet & greet with ILS faculty and their families

Friday, August 16th 5-8 p.m.

at the Ryan Ministry House

(directly north of the church-1588 Main St.)

Rain or Shine-Bring Lawn Chairs

**Please RSVP to the Zion Church Office by phone 708-672-8600
or email office@zioncrete.org by Sunday, August 11th**



Zion Church Picnic

Ryan Ministry House
August 25th at 11 AM

Potluck meal - Bring side dishes & desserts
Bounce House, bag toss, & more
Everyone invited

ZION'S PICTORAL DIRECTORY NEEDS YOU!

Church members and their families are encouraged to sign-up for a sitting time. Zion will be doing this endeavor with the help of Katie Petrie (KMC Photography).



These are the times available in the near future:

Wednesday, July 31st (5:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

Saturday, August 3 (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM &
Saturday, August 3 (4:00 PM - 6:00 PM)

Sunday, August 4 (10:30 AM - 3:00 PM)

You now also have the option of signing up for pictures via our website too (zioncrete.org) or you can call the office to sign up as well.

Pictures will be taken in the fireplace room at the Ryan Ministry Center. If you have any questions for Katie, please call (708) 516-3527.



Sunday School News

All parents, please take note that our fall session of Sunday School will begin on **September 8th, at 10:15.**

To those with an interest in helping us to feed these precious lambs with the Word of God, please contact our Sunday School Coordinator, Kris Kuether (708-600-5955).

Your willing service is greatly appreciated.

Trinity's LWMS is extending a special invitation to Zion members, friends and families. On Sunday, August 18, they will be sponsoring 'Pancakes for Pakistan'. A pancake breakfast will be served from 8:30-11:30 in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. The free-will donation will be used to purchase Bibles for the Sunday school and non-traditional middle school students in Pakistan. 200-300 hundred Bibles at a cost of \$7 apiece are needed. Enjoy good food, Christian fellowship and the opportunity to help spread the 'Healing Word'.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Need some spiritual support and encouragement while you're at school?

As a college student you can get both *Forward in Christ* magazine and *Meditations*, a book of daily devotions, mailed to you free of cost.

Sign up at www.wels.net/campus-ministry

Also, if you will be going away to college, please give your college information (address and email) to the church office so that we may keep in touch while you are at school. Thank you!

ILS Teacher Installation

On Sunday, August 18 in our regular worship service, Zion will have the privilege of installing the new ILS teachers. After worship on that Sunday, there will also be a cookie and coffee reception for them in the church hall. All are invited!



Thanks For Your Help!

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and offered donations for VBS!

There were 22 kids signed up for VBS this year.

News from the Kjenstad's...

Dear Pastor Kuether, Pastor Schneider, and members of Zion.

It's been 1 month already since we packed up our U-Haul and left for Wisconsin and we wanted to reach out and share a few things with you. We are nearly settled in Madison and both Jessica and I have begun our work at the school and church. It is an exciting time as we are starting to see how God will be using us at Westside Christian School and St. Andrew Lutheran Church. For now, Jessica is getting her 2nd grade classroom ready and I have been meeting with church leaders and getting acquainted with my areas of ministry. The people here have been very friendly and very supportive and have helped make this transition go well. Rylen and Reah are adjusting well and seem very happy in their new home and huge backyard (it's actually a city park!).

We are so grateful for the many kind words, cards, and gifts that were shared at our farewell and in our final weeks at Zion. Our memories are filled with 20 wonderful years and the many good people we got to know along the way. We hope things are well at Zion. We think of you and pray for you often.

In Christ,

Mark and Jessica
Rylen and Reah

Illinois Lutheran News

School Starts Soon!

Classes at both ILES and ILJH/HS start on August 15.
(Preschool dates may differ).

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

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 7:00 PM Bd. of Discipleship Meeting | 2 | 3 Directory Pictures 10:00- 12:00 Directory Pictures 4:00 - 6:00 6:00 PM Communion |
| 4 Directory Pictures 10:30- 3:00 Pentecost 8 9:00 AM Communion 10:15 AM Bible Class | 5 6:00 PM Board of Elders 7:30 PM Bd. of Property | 6 10:00 AM St. James Manor 7:00 PM Communion Service @ Trinity | 7 6:30 AM Mens' Bible Class 8:30 AM Morning Bible Class | 8 | 9 | 10 6:00 PM Worship |
| 11 Pentecost 9 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Financial Peace University | 12 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting | 13 | 14 6:30 AM Mens' Bible Class 8:30 AM Morning Bible Class | 15 1st Day of School - ILS | 16 5:00 PM Hot Dog Roast | 17 6:00 PM Communion |
| 18 Pentecost 10 8:30 AM Pancakes for Pakistan (Trinity Fellowship Hall) 9:00 AM Communion (w/ILS Teacher Installation and reception to follow) 6:00 PM Financial Peace University | 19 7:00 PM ILS Board of Directors | 20 10:00 AM St. James Manor 7:00 PM Communion Service @ Trinity | 21 6:30 AM Mens' Bible Class 8:30 AM Morning Bible Class | 22 | 23 | 24 6:00 PM Worship |
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