



2026 Aug.-Sept. Messenger

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Message from Pastor

The first three weekends in July, I preached a sermon series called, *The Big Relief*, based on a book of the same title by David Zahl. Here's a portion of the last sermon, called *Surrender: Relief from Control*.

Faith in Jesus is a surrender of sorts. It is surrendering our agency, our ability to manage and control our lives as we think we can or should. Be that all the items on our work and family to-do lists, or the items on our baptized children of God to-do lists. Faith says, "I surrender, Jesus. I cannot do the things I ought to do, and I cannot free myself from my sinful condition. I cannot control things as I should or as I'd like to. I'm waving the white flag, hitting my knees before the cross and I'm sending up an S.O.S.

To which Christ, through his gospel says, "You thought you were in control? No, I've been carrying you your entire life. I've got this. I've got you. I carried your sins upon my shoulders, and I'll carry you through this day, through this season of life, and even out of the grave on the last day. Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Everything's under control...my control. In life and in death, everything's taken care of through me."

What a relief. We don't need to be in complete control. Not of our busy lives and not of our spiritual lives. Our good standing before God, is what Martin Luther calls passive righteousness. Much like the paralyzed man, we contribute nothing to our salvation, we are passive recipients of God's grace. God loves and forgives and promises us eternal life not because we've mastered this temporal life with complete control, or mastered our spiritual lives, but rather through our surrender of that illusion of control. What a relief, a relief from control, a relief to know that Jesus is in control and that he holds us in the very palm of his hand. In His name, Amen.

Whether you enjoyed this sermon series or didn't get to hear it, I highly recommend reading *The Big Relief* by David Zahl. If you ever feel weary or worn out in this world (who doesn't?) you'll find the comforting news of God's grace for you in Jesus in these pages.

In His Service,

Pastor Menz

Message from Principal

Hello Zion families! I hope everyone is enjoying their time off from school and making the most out of each sunny summer day we have left!

For those who don't know me yet, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself as your Interim Principal at Zion. My name is Cassie Foco. My husband, Jon and I have two children who attend Zion. Maverick is in fourth grade, and Max is in second grade this year. I have been an educator and

administrative professional since 2014. I find the greatest joy in my work when I can be a source of support for others. As I am settling into my new role here, and getting to know our school community better, I pray that God blesses me with the opportunity to support each of you in some way. I look forward to learning more about you and your children in the coming months and can't wait to see what the new school year brings!

I also want to give a very special welcome to our new 4th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Jessica Beson. Mrs. Beson has been a Zion parent and faithful volunteer for several years, and her children; Adeline, Max, and Emma are students. We are overjoyed to welcome her to the staff! Please pray for her and her students as they embark on their school year together.

Our theme for the new school year is *"Rooted in Christ!"* based on the verse, *"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."* Colossians 2:6-7

There is so much goodness in this verse that ties into everything we do here at school, but my favorite part is the end. Let's begin (and end!) the school year abounding in thanksgiving!

Here are just a few notes for your calendars as we are near the end of summer break:

- We have 99 kids enrolled in K-8 and including preschool it is 118 overall. What a blessing!
- 4th graders are getting their own space this year! They will be moving into the library, and the library will be relocated to a portion of the cafeteria.
- Teachers return to school August 10th for meetings, training, and prep.
- Parent Orientation night is **Wednesday, August 19th at 6:00pm.**
- The first day of school with opening worship and blessing of the backpacks is **Monday, August 24th.**
- Aftercare begins August 25th.
- School supply lists are posted on our Facebook page and were emailed.
- Parents: Be on the lookout for more communication via email as we approach Orientation night.

Many summer blessings to you,

Cassie Foco, Interim Principal

Ladies Bible Study & Quilting – LWML Collection Months

Ladies **Bible Study and Quilting** will resume on **Wednesday, September 9th**. During the month of September, they will only meet until noon. After Smorgasbord, Bible Study and Quilting will return to the normal time frame.

September and October are Mite collection months for LWML. You can contribute by filling a Mite Box. Please take one from the narthex next to the wooden Mite box, fill it, and then return it. Thank you for supporting this mission.

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Cherie Whalen

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Setup/Snacks: Curt and Diane Horning
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Norma Jean & Gary Koch, Lynn Leinberger, Stacey Mieske, Brandy Miller, Emily Rosenbrock, Deb Shufelt, Gail & Terry Wegener

SCHOOL FACULTY

Cassie Foco, *Interim Principal*
Cherie Whalen, *Admin Assistant-Athletic Director*
Lacie Steelmon, *Preschool Director*
Angela Riske, *Kindergarten*
Samantha Schnell, *Grade 1*
Kayla Panzner, *Grade 2*
Ruth Schian, *Grade 3*
Jessica Beson, *Grade 4*
Patty Hemme, *Grades 5-8*
Julie List, *Grades 5-8*
Mary Ann Woods, *Grades 5-8 L.A.*
Cynthia Bright, *Librarian & Teacher Assistant*
Kathy Ladwig, *Z.I.P. Teacher*
Tonya Short, *Preschool Assistant Teacher*
Sophia Steelmon, *Preschool Assistant Teacher*
Molly Riker, *After School Care*
Veronica Riker, *Hot Lunch Coordinator*
Lynn Helm, *Hot Lunch*

*Denotes newly elected/re-elected

Official Acts and Membership Report July 2025-June 2026

	Baptized Membership	Communicants
Beginning Total July 2025	1054	802
GAINS		
Baptisms	21 (a) (2 adult)	
Confirmations	7 (youth) 19 new adults 4 (baptized members)	30 (b & c)
Affirmation of Faith	(d)	
Transfer	11 (e)	5 (e)
LOSSES		
Death	13 (f)	14 (f)
Transfer Out	12 (g)	6 (g)
Release to Other Denominations	2 (h)	2 (h)
Loss of Communications	4 (i)	2 (i)
Membership as of June 30, 2026	1074	813
(a) Baptisms		
Gwen Jaye Grocholski	Ryan Martin ©	Benjamin Martin
Ellison Martin	Violet Short	Jackson Gerald Allen
Dodge Lee Prior	William Joseph Kristal	Brooks Lee Brondstetter
Sloan Amy Kern	Michael Joseph Resmer	Hannah Elizabeth Resmer
Summer Anne Samborn	Colter Robbie Engelhart	Scottlyn Marion Engelhart
Marcus Jacob Musselman ©	Grayson Steven Graham	Nash Michael Musselman
Gavin Joseph Simon	Connor Alan Panzner	Olivia Grace Panzner
(b) Junior Confirmation Class May 3, 2026		
Aiden Boyat	Matthew Hemme	Carter Rossow
Makayla Schwannecke	Konnor Tomczak	Mya Tomczak
Graham Varner		
(c) Adult Confirmation		
Jamie Keidel	Ryan Martin	Andrew Miller (baptized member)
Dominic Miller (baptized member)	Gabriel Miller (baptized member)	Brandon Resmer
Heather Resmer	Daniel Short	Tonya Short
Lindsay Sheperd	Kourtney Collins	Lillian Keyser (baptized member)
John McClelland	Braden Armstrong	Emily Armstrong
Tyler Engstrom	Joyce Gehringer	Marcus Musselman
Kirsten Musselman	Andrew Schumacher	Joseph Simon
Ashley Simon	Robert Szeszulski	
(d) Affirmation of Faith		
(e) Transfer in © indicates communicant		
Kyle Friday ©	Leigha Friday ©	Kylee Friday ©
Danielle Szeszulski ©	Lana Szeszulski	Raya Szeszulski
Melissa Engelhart ©	Rosalyn Collins	Willow Collins
Asher Collins	Liam O'Neill	

(f) Deaths		
Janette Marie McCann	Sandra Sallach	Virginia Alice Lederer
Caroline Julia Dora	Marvin Frederick Kuch	Randy Roth
Alva Junior Foor	Theodore “Ted” Carl Kaiser	John D. Kohn
Marci Jammer	Emil J. Philipp	Alice Lederer
Lois Ellen Melinat		
(g) Transfer to LCMS Congregations © indicates communicant		
Carlisle Pomaville ©	Melissa Fick ©	Brynn Fick
Walter Fick	Emmett Fick	Adam Fick
Charles W. Krause, Jr ©	Jenna Krause ©	Charles Krause, III
Owen Krause	Joseph Suchy ©	Carol Suchy ©
(h) Release to Other Denominations © indicates communicant		
Ken Pinnow ©	Carolyn Pinnow ©	
(i) Release due to moving away, loss of communication, or self-exclusion © indicates communicant		
Paul Meylan ©	Lori Meylan ©	Ethan Meylan
Elijah Meylan		

Treasurer's Financial Report

Income	Approved Budget 2026/2027	Approved Budget 2025/2026	End of Year 2025/2026
Budgeted Offerings (envelope, loose, Thrivent, kindred, tithe & rentals)	\$ 715,000	\$ 715,000	\$ 705,970
Non-Budgeted Offerings (Aftercare, Summer care, Hot Lunch, PS Tuition, K-8 Tuition)	\$ 314,310	\$ 290,000	\$ 297,103
Non-Budgeted One time (Loons, Misc. & Non-Recurring)	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 62,062
Total Income	\$1,064,310	\$1,040,000	1,065,135
Expenses			
Staff & Pastor Wages (Full time & Part Time)	\$ 729,992	\$ 652,274	\$ 650,302
Benefits (FICA, Health, Retirement, Disability)	\$ 175,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 174,858
Organists	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,875
Auto Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,569
Operating Expenses	\$ 249,400	\$ 245,400	\$ 271,025
Expenses Total	\$1,177,392	\$1,080,674	\$1,117,628
Reimbursement from CEF (Pastor Teacher/Organ Fund/Food Pantry/Endling)			\$ 9,773
Reimbursement from BCDS			-
Income Over/(Under) Expenses	\$ (113,082)	\$ (40,674)	\$ (42,719)
Detailed Income	Approved 26/27 Budget	Approved Budget 25/26	End of Year 25/26
Budgeted Offerings	\$ 715,000	\$ 715,000	\$ 705,970
Non-Budgeted Offerings	\$ 314,310	\$ 290,000	\$ 297,103
Non-Budgeted One time	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 62,062
Total Income	\$1,064,310	\$1,040,000	1,065,135

Detailed Expenses			
Wages	\$ 729,992	\$ 681,299	\$ 650,302
Payroll Expenses-Paychex	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,629
Auto Mileage	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,569
Organists	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,875
Substitute Teachers	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,999
FICA-Employer	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 31,486
Health Insurance	\$ 80,000	\$ 77,000	\$ 89,822
Retirement Plan	\$ 42,000	\$ 38,000	\$ 42,881
Disability Insurance	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,669
Mission	\$ 58,000	\$ 58,000	\$ 64,117
Utilities (Elec & Gas, Water)	\$ 46,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 44,074
Communications	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,085
General Maintenance	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 22,079
Office Maintenance	\$ 11,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,871
Church Supplies	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,231
School & Office Supplies	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,065
Church Janitorial Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,517
Valley Lutheran HS	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 20,716
Postage	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,110
Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 20,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,934
Lawn Mowing/Snow Removal	\$ 16,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 17,877
Membership, Dues, Convention	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 72
Vacation Bible School	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 671
Trash Removal	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,836
Sunday School Adult Education	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 125
Music/Choir supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 368
Consulting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Licenses & Copyrights	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 311
Family Ministry	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 839
Hot Lunch	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 21,053
Preschool & Ext Care Supplies	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,858
Continuing Education & Pastoral leadership	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 2,062
Moving Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,527
Expenses Total	\$1,177,392	\$1,109,699	1,117,628

Board of Christian Day School Financial Reports

INCOME	
40100 · Thrivent Member Giving	
40106 · Thrivent Choice	\$1,051.00
Total 40100 · Thrivent Member Giving	\$1,051.00
40500 · K-8 Registration Income	
40514 · 25-26 K-8 Registration	\$4,660.78
40515 · 26-27 K-8 Registration	\$33,868.16
Total 40500 · K-8 Registration Income	\$38,528.94
40700 · Interest Earned	
40701 · Interest earned checking	\$12.91
Total 40700 · Interest Earned	\$12.91
41100 · Funds Income	
41101 · Class Trip Fund	\$2,988.02
41109 · Chapel Fund	\$1,063.77
41112 · Chapel Tithe	\$118.26
41113 · Grant Fund	\$20,509.68
41115 · Athletics Fund	\$10,136.94
Total 41100 · Funds Income	\$34,816.67
41300 · Misc. School Income	
41301 · Box Top	\$19.70
41306 · Misc. School	\$14,120.28
41311 · Library Donation	\$890.96
41312 · Student Council	\$215.00
41314 · Technology	\$1,600.00
41315 · Greenhouse Project	\$1,430.00
41300 · Misc. School - Other	\$500.00
Total 41300 · Misc. School Income	\$18,775.94
50100 · Annual Fund Income	\$36,109.10
Total Income	\$129,369.56
Expenses	
20100 · Curriculum Expense	
20102 · Curriculum - Math	\$7,000.04
20103 · Curriculum - Science	\$67.15
20104 · Curriculum - Language	\$6,767.17
20106 · Curriculum - PE	\$68.21
20100 · Curriculum - Other	\$2,914.07
Total 20100 · Curriculum Expense	\$16,816.64
20500 · Teacher Supplies	
20507 · Teacher Supplies - General	\$23.55
20508 · Teacher Supplies - Art	\$288.87
Total 20500 · Teacher Supplies	\$312.42

20600 · Technology - Expense	
20601 · Technology - Charter	\$1,519.70
20602 · Technology - Portal	\$850.00
20603 · Technology - Fast Direct	\$1,830.00
20604 · Technology - Computer	\$3,016.40
20600 · Technology - Other	\$3,162.08
Total 20600 · Technology - Expense	\$10,378.18
20800 · Fund Expenses	
20801 · Class Trip	\$1,177.00
20809 · Chapel	\$1,247.71
20814 · Grant	\$9,593.06
20815 · Athletics	\$10,374.36
Total 20800 · Fund Expenses	\$22,392.13
21000 · School Expense	
21003 · Testing	\$3,824.92
21004 · Christmas	\$46.99
21005 · Conference	\$605.00
21006 · Accreditation	\$800.00
21007 · Advertising/Marketing	\$108.11
21008 · Miscellaneous - (CD \$40,000)	\$54,009.43
21012 · Professional Development	\$504.00
21014 · Library	\$445.67
Total 21000 · School Expense	\$60,344.12
21600 · School Services - expense	
21601 · Fees	\$1,786.00
21602 · MANS	\$416.80
21606 · Music Festival	\$282.00
21607 · Tuition Assistance Analysis	\$500.00
Total 21600 · School Services - expense	\$2,984.80
21902 · K-8 Reg Reimburse	\$100.00
21900 · K-8 reg. Reimburse - Other	\$100.00
Total 21900 · K-8 reg. Reimbursement	\$200.00
22100 · Office Supplies Expense	
22101 · Office Supplies	\$1,411.16
Total 22100 · Office Supplies Expense	\$1,411.16
4000 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	\$ -
51100 · Annual Fund Expense - (CD \$20,000)	\$20,005.00
Total Expense	\$134,919.45
Net Ordinary Income	(\$5,549.89)
Net Income	(\$5,549.89)

Board of Christian Day School Financial Reports -continued

	Jun 30, 2026
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10200 · Checking account	
Athletics Fund	5,080.54
Chapel Fund	1,951.24
Chapel Tithe Fund	118.26
Class Trip Fund	2,263.21
Grant Fund	17,460.63
10200 · Checking account - Other	3,616.87
Total 10200 · Checking account	30,490.75
Zion BCDS CD	40,262.88
10300 · Zion School Annual Fund	16,104.10
Annual Fund CD	20,131.44
Total Checking/Savings	106,989.17
Total Current Assets	106,989.17
TOTAL ASSETS	106,989.17
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
1110 · Retained Earnings	43,675.95
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	8,468.79
CD's	60,394.32
Net Income	-5,549.89
Total Equity	106,989.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	106,989.17

Sunday School

On **Sunday, September 13th**, we will kick off a new year of Sunday School, and we want you to be a part of it. Classes for children 3 years of age through 6th grade feature exciting Bible lessons and music along with opportunities to plant the life-giving Word of God in our hearts. **Sunday School will be held each week during the Family Bible Hour beginning at 10:15 AM.** We start in the cafeteria with a unified opening led by Pastor Hemme or Pastor Menz. After the opening, the Sunday School students will break off to their classrooms. Pre-registration is not required and new students as well as guests and friends are always welcome. Make Sunday School a part of your Sunday morning routine.



College Address & Campus Connect

Are you headed away to college? We would like to keep in touch with you by sending "The Messenger" and/or a nice note either by regular mail or email. Please call the church office and provide us with your college mailing address or check that we have your email address.

Are you attending a college in Michigan? Help us connect you to an LCMS Campus ministry. A network of campus ministries and local congregations from the Michigan, English, and North Wisconsin Districts are ready to support college students this fall. Campus Ministry provides a nurturing environment where students can thrive and find belonging within a faith community during their time at school. Join us in creating meaningful connections and fostering spiritual growth among the next generation of leaders. All we need from you is to make the introduction! Visit: <https://michigandistrict.org/campusconnect/> to fill out the Campus Connect form. OR to see a list of active campus ministries in Michigan visit:

<https://michigandistrict.org/ministries/specialized-ministries/campus-ministry/>

Santa Store Financial Report 7/1/2025-6/30/2026

Checkbook Balance 7/1/25			\$9,828.77
	Debit	Credit	
Interest Earned 7/31/25		\$0.25	
Interest Earned 8/29/25		0.25	
Interest Earned 9/30/25		0.24	
Santa Store at the Country Store 10/16/25		\$196.50	
Check # 1799 Santa Store Supplies 10/27/25	\$756.59		
Interest Earned 10/31/25		0.25	
Interest Earned 11/28/25		0.23	
Interest Earned 12/31/25		0.23	
Grave Blanket Sale 1/05/26		\$9,590.00	
Santa Store 1/5/26		\$2,798.00	
Check #1800 Grave Blanket Supplies 1/12/26	\$1,954.20		
Interest Earned 1/30/26		0.48	
Check #1801 Grant for Mission Trip 2/5/26	\$800.00		
Check #1802 Grant for Breakfast w/Pastors 2/5/26	\$113.68		
Interest Earned 2/27/26		0.44	
Check #1803 Classroom Grant 3/2/26	\$246.91		
Check #1804 Grant for Wax Supplies 3/23/26	\$77.37		
Check #1805 Classroom Grant 3/30/26	\$143.85		
Interest Earned 3/31/26		0.47	
Check #1806 Grant for Office Furniture 3/31/26	\$2,727.00		
Check #1807 Grant for Greenhouse Supplies 4/15/26	\$753.95		
Interest Earned 4/30/26		0.37	
Check #1808 Santa Store Supplies 4/30/26	\$162.99		
Interest Earned 5/29/26		0.37	
Check #1809 Grant for Equestrian Team 6/8/26	\$648.00		
Check #1810 Grant for Livestream Equipment 6/10/26	\$1,500.00		
Checkbook Balance 6/30/26			\$12,532.64

This year's Santa Store will be held on **Monday, December 14th**, from 8:00AM until noon. We know that this is a very busy time of the year but hopefully you can come spend the morning with some very excited shoppers. We are always looking for people to help the students shop, check out, and have their Christmas presents wrapped for the special people in their lives.

We are also looking for donations to help the Santa Store be successful. Besides your typical crafts and Christmas supplies we are also looking for Christmas bags, Crayola brand crayons (new and used), bins with lids, Christmas and religious stickers as well as general stickers. We are also, always looking for items for men's gifts.

Thank you to all those who have been so generous with their donations and giving of their time. Besides helping our school children shop for Christmas gifts, you make it possible for the Santa Store (and Grave Blanket Sale) to provide grants for many worthy causes at our church and school.

Religious & Charitable Endowment Fund Financial Report 7/1/2025-6/30/2026

		<u>Edward Jones - Mutual Funds</u>			
Fund Balance July 1, 2025					\$ 382,086.89
Dividends Transferred to Money Market				\$ (7,527.64)	
Return on Investments				\$ 30,515.87	
Fund Balance June 30, 2025					\$ 420,130.40
		<u>Edward Jones - Money Market</u>			
Balance July 1, 2025				\$ 16,676.88	
Dividends from Mutual Funds & MM				\$ 7,527.64	
Donations				\$ 100.00	
Other Income				\$ 334.50	
Distributed Requests				\$ (5,019.73)	
Other Subtractions				\$ (334.50)	
Ending Money Market Balance June 30, 2026					\$ 19,284.79
*	Total Edward Jones Account Value				\$ 439,415.19
		<u>Church Extension Fund</u>			
Fund Balance July 1, 2025				\$ 20,325.21	
Interest Earned				\$ 694.33	
*	Fund Balance June 30, 2026				\$ 21,019.54
*	Total Endowment Fund Balance				\$ 460,434.73
<u>Total Interest & Dividends Earned July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026</u>				\$ 8,221.97	
Carry-over from prior year				\$ 17,214.70	
Total Distributed				\$ (5,019.73)	
Reserved for approved Requests				\$ (4,145.00)	
Total Available for Grants				\$ 16,271.94	
		<u>Edward Jones - Money Market</u>			
Fund Balance July 1, 2025					\$ 16,676.88
ADDITIONS: Dividend Income:					
Dividends from Mutual Funds				\$ 7,006.36	
Dividends from Money Market				\$ 521.28	
Total Dividend Income					\$ 7,527.64
Other Income:					
Member Donations & Memorials				\$ 100.00	
Life Insurance Policy				\$ 334.50	
Total Other Income					\$ 434.50
Total Additions					\$ 7,962.14
SUBTRACTIONS					
Distributed Requests					
Flags for Cemetery				\$ (60.00)	
Micro Scrubber				\$ (2,509.95)	
Defibrillator				\$ (2,100.00)	
School Supplies				\$ (349.78)	
Total Distrubuted Requests					\$ (5,019.73)
Other					
Thrivent - Life Insurance Policy				\$ (334.50)	
Total Other					\$ (334.50)
Total Subtractions					\$ (5,354.23)
Ending Account Balance June 30, 2026					\$ 19,284.79

Cemetery Fund Financial Report 7/1/2025-6/30/2026

7/1/2025 Huntington Checkbook Beginning Balance		\$2,550.03	
<u>Checking Income</u>			
Member Memorial(s)/Donations	\$ 2,735.00		
Plot(s)	\$ 1,500.00		
Bank Interest	\$ 0.95		
6/30/2026 - TOTAL CHECKING INCOME		\$4,235.95	
<u>Checking Expenses</u>			
Parts	\$ (275.19)		
7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026 Grounds Keeping Maintenance - Gas, Oil, and Labor with Invoices on File (2 Six-Month Invoices)	\$ 2,741.73)		
6/30/2026- TOTAL CHECKBOOK EXPENSES		\$(3,016.92)	
6/30/2026 - ENDING CHECKBOOK BALANCE		\$ 3,769.06	
7/1/2025 - Huntington Savings Account Beginning Balance		\$14,169.80	
<u>Savings Income</u>			
Huntington Bank Interest Income	\$ 1.44		
Thrivent Annuity ACH Quarterly Interest Deposits @3%	\$ 520.00		
6/30/2026 - TOTAL SAVINGS INCOME		\$ 521.44	
<u>Savings Expenses</u>			
6/30/2026- TOTAL SAVINGS EXPENSES		\$ -	
6/30/2026- ENDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$14,691.24	
Thrivent Fixed Annuity Investment = @3% (Quarterly Interest ACH Deposited in Savings)			
12/31/2025 - Cash Value of Thrivent Annuity		\$17,914.16	*
6/30/2026 - Zion Beaver Cemetery Association Net Assets		\$36,374.46	
* Thrivent Only Calculates Cash Value at End of Year			
Cemetery activity during the past 12 months			
1. Sexton performed 5 burials			
2. 5 plots were purchased.			
3. A new roll up door was installed on the shed with funds from the Endline memorial.			
4. The cemetery can now be a recipient of Thrivent Choice dollars.			

T.E.A.M. Assembly Report

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AT 7/1/2025:		\$ 18,880.92
INCOME:		
Apple pie sales and donations	\$ 45,788.50	
Dueling piano 1/30/26 - fundraiser for Nature Program	\$ 15,381.00	
Donations - Misc.	\$ -	
Interest	\$ 10.60	
TOTAL INCOME:		\$ 61,180.10
TITHE:		
Fundraiser tithe to General Fund - Apple Pie		\$ (4,216.50)
Fundraiser tithe to General Fund - Dueling Piano		\$ (1,538.10)
EXPENSES:		
Apple pie fundraiser costs	\$ (11,107.68)	
Dueling piano show 1/30/26 - fundraiser expenses	\$ (4,608.73)	
Teacher gift cards for school year expenses	\$ (3,600.00)	
Harvest party	\$ (386.32)	
Teacher Christmas gifts	\$ (739.00)	
Parent/Teacher conference - teacher meals	\$ (154.93)	
Milk for cookies after Christmas program	\$ (20.16)	
Sleds for playground	\$ (409.00)	
Book fair	\$ (1.27)	
Mother/Son event - Loon's game	\$ (513.00)	
Nature Program - Greenhouse	\$ (4,151.28)	
Carts for Popcorn and Kitchen	\$ (574.73)	
Jesus' Birthday Party	\$ (461.96)	
Lutheran Schools week event	\$ (1,500.00)	
Cordless snow shovel	\$ (173.97)	
Egg Hunt	\$ (198.30)	
Mrs. Klauer retirement gift and party expenses	\$ (1,119.70)	
Teacher appreciation week gifts/food	\$ (1,351.30)	
Monarch Waystation	\$ (43.95)	
Chris Eastlick - weather presentation gift	\$ (50.00)	
Last day of school event - field day	\$ (1,138.45)	
Ministry Fund - Confirmation	\$ (80.00)	
Ministry Fund - Baptism cupcakes/cookies	\$ (142.00)	
VBS Dinner	\$ (208.88)	
New 2nd grade classroom books/supplies	\$ (1,522.64)	
New lockers for 2nd grade	\$ (1,640.00)	
Teacher request for classroom	\$ (55.24)	
Keidel family tuition donation	\$ (645.00)	
Bank fee - checks for TEAM account	\$ (131.80)	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ (36,729.29)
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AT 6/30/2026:		\$ 37,577.13

T.E.A.M. Assembly's mission statement is "Together Enhancing Academics & Ministry" at Zion Lutheran School working with teachers and parents as a single entity. We help enable special projects and activities within the school through our fundraising efforts. We are grateful for our school, church, and community who support our efforts every year. Funds raised are used for purposes ranging from educational and technological upgrades to fund events for the students and community to enjoy.



T.E.A.M.'s Annual Apple Pie Fundraiser is held every October. **Workdays will be Wednesday, October 7th through Saturday, October 10th.** We love to see the church and the school come together to make 3,000 pies or more. This is a great time to spend with friends and enjoy some fellowship. **Please mark your calendar.** Watch the bulletin and Beaver Log for workday details as we get closer.

*An Apple Pie Order Form is included with this Messenger. **Orders are due Friday, September 18th.**

Seller's Name _____

Phone Number _____



Zion Beaver Lutheran School's
ANNUAL HOMEMADE APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER

\$15.00 Each

All pies are unbaked Dutch Apple and individually boxed. You can
bake immediately or freeze-to-bake later.

Pickup Saturday, October 10th, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

Pickup location: Zion Lutheran School, 1557 Seidlers Rd, Auburn

NOTE: You NEED to arrange for pickup during this time. **Ensure the purchaser knows who sold them the pie(s), to allow for easier pick up.** The school does not have facilities to store any remaining pies.

	Name	Phone #	Quantity	TOTAL \$
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TOTAL PIES _____ Grand Total \$ _____

Please collect money when you take the order.

Make checks payable to: "Zion Lutheran Church, Auburn". In the Memo line note: "Apple Pies".

We encourage each family to purchase at least one pie and sell as many as possible to make this fundraiser a success.

Please turn in orders with the money securely attached to the form to the office or the "Apple Pie" box in the hallway.

Orders are due by: Friday, September 18th.

THANK YOU!

NOTE: Please keep a copy of the form for your personal records and easier pie distribution.



Drive Thru Smorgasbord & Country Store will take place on Sunday, October 4th from 11:00AM-2:00PM. Each meal is \$15. The Country Store will open at 10:00AM on the east side of the school in the gym and parking lot.

Smorgasbord donation request postcards will be mailed in the first part of September. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Deb Shufelt (989) 662-2496 or Gail Wegener (989) 415-8170. Thank you very much for your support.

Attention Crafters, Bakers, and Gardeners: Donations of handcrafted, homemade, and homegrown items are needed to be sold at the Annual Country Store to be held on October 3rd & 4th this year. Your donations may be dropped off on Saturday the 3rd by noon.

Ladies Bible Study Financials

Beginning Balance 1/1/2025	\$ 27,025.16
Deposits	
Flowers	\$ 1,679.00
Cards/RADA	\$ 650.53
Funerals	\$ 2,068.91
LWML Mite	\$ 496.11
Smorgasbord/Country Store	\$15,214.45
Donations	\$ 215.00
Bake Sale	\$ 844.00
Interest	\$ 580.08
Total receipts	\$21,748.08
Expenses	
Flowers	\$ (1,865.00)
Memorials	\$ (200.00)
Cards/RADA	\$ (1,302.60)
Church Support	\$ (4,844.00)
LWML Mite	\$ (496.11)
LWML Expenses	\$ (162.72)
Ministry Support	\$ (2,182.00)
Smorgasbord/Country Store	\$ (2,436.20)
Alter Guild	\$ (1,102.03)
Funeral Expenses	\$ (671.12)
Seasonal Meals	\$ (249.26)
Kitchen Supplies	\$ (725.61)
Total Expenses	\$(16,236.65)
Ending Balance 12/31/2025	\$32,536.59
Balance in Accounts	
Checking	\$45,315.24
Savings	\$ 9,563.33
Church Ext. 17 mo. Note	\$ 11,496.45
Church Ext. 24 mo. Note	\$ 6,161.57
Total	\$32,536.59

Grave Blanket Greens: If anyone has any plans to remove any spruce or cedar trees, the grave blanket committee can use the boughs. However, they cannot be cut until the 3rd week of October, so they are fresh for making grave blankets. Please contact Diana Hebel at 989-280-3185.

AUGUST 2026

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH/SCHOOL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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23 9:00 AM Worship w/communion 10:00 AM <i>Coffee & Cookies</i> 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	24 8:00 AM -11:30 AM First Day of School *Half Day	25	26	27	28	29 No Worship
30 9:00 AM Worship w/communion 10:00 AM <i>Coffee & Cookies</i> 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	31 6:30 PM Elders meeting					

SEPTEMBER 2026

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH/SCHOOL

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