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MEET OUR LCEF CONSULTANT REV. DR. ERIC KENNAUGH

Eric serves as a Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) consultant for Ministry Support. Eric has committed himself to helping local congregations discover and fully live into their God-given purpose.

In his 18 years of pastor ministry he has served three congregations: Trinity Lutheran Church in Baton Rouge, LA, Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Springfield, OH, and Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Batavia, IL, where he currently serves as Senior Pastor. He has led these congregations through capital campaigns for building a sanctuary, renovating facilities and debt reduction.

Eric holds degrees from Western Michigan University; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and Ashland Theological Seminary.

Eric and his wife, Amy, reside in Canton, OH. Amy is a former school teacher and now works as a clinical mental health counselor. They are blessed to be the parents of three teenage daughters.



And so it begins...

Spring has sprung and so has our **Forward in Faith** Campaign!

God has great plans for Zion Lutheran Church and School. Thank you if you have already attended one of the Campaign Forums (or will this Sunday). There is a place and a role for us all in this effort to multiply ministry and pay off our beautiful new school building.

Please prayerfully consider how you and your family will join in the momentum as we work together "**Honoring the Past and Building the Future**" of Zion Lutheran!

See you in church!

- Pastor Huesmann

The Power of Prayer

Heavenly Father

We thank you for our daily blessings. We especially thank you for guiding the construction and the process of getting a beautiful new school here at Zion. Father, many members pledged faithfully to aid in that, and here we are, at the foot of the cross, looking to gather needed funds to retire that debt. Guide each of our members, alumni, and friends to dig deep to complete the task at hand. Bless our words and our actions that all would be to your Glory. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

-Jacque Collison, Campaign Prayer Leader

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Upcoming CAMPAIGN EVENTS

- * **Final Campaign Forum**
3/22/2026
after 9 AM church service
- * **Inspire Sermon Series**
4/12/2026
- * **Inspire Sermon Series**
4/19/2026
- * **Inspire Sermon Series**
4/26/2026 with
Guest Rev. Dr. Eric Kennaugh
- * **Inspire Sermon Series**
5/5/2026
- * **Commitment Celebration**
5/17/2026
- * **First Gifts Sunday**
6/7/2026



Where Our Story Began...

The history of LCMS churches in Pierce County indicates that these congregations each begin with the Lutheran Schools as an important part of their ministry. This was a common practice throughout the USA. So in 1903 when Zion Lutheran began its ministry the worship center became a school from Monday through Friday. Pastor Schieps began his pastoral service as pastor/teacher. He served as pastor and teacher from 1903-1909. The first called teacher was Mr. A. Franke serving from 1909-1914. In 1915 the brick school building was erected. An addition was added to the north in the 1950's. In 1969 another addition to the school included a gym, meeting room, school office, and two classrooms. They began using the new facilities in March of 1970.

In 1915 ZLS welcomed 51 pupils to the new brick two-room Zion Lutheran School. In the 1933-34 school year enrollment reached 97. The 1950-1951 enrollment hit a new low of 44 students. In 1968-69 the enrollment went to 106. For the 1970-71 school term we had a staff of 4.5 teachers. Kindergarten was only half day. Enrollment was 119 students for 1971-1972.

Beginning in the 1990's and into the 2000s, the LORD was and continues bringing new families to the Pierce community. What a BLESSING and CHALLENGE the Lord has placed before us today and in the future. Let us give praise and thanks to the Lord as He continues to challenge Zion Lutheran Church and School!
TO GOD BE THE GLORY! AMEN!

-Retired Principal Arlan Warneke



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