News From Zion

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Announcements

Hymn Study . This Sunday we continue a study on hymns. We will look at is *On Things Needful*, Hymn 290. We meet in the church basement at 9:15 a.m. Next week we will look at Hymn 421, *All Depends On Our Possessing*. Join us!

Sunday Night Book Discussion This Sunday we will continue Your Questions, Scripture's Answers by John Brug. We will discuss the second half of chapter 4, The Sacraments, p. 125 to the end of the chapter. We meet at Nickel Funeral home at 7:00 p.m. We will not meet on Sept. 5.

New Life in Christ Class This week we will meet on Monday at 6:30 p.m. (Commandments 7-10) and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. (The sanctified life). We meet in the Bible Study room in the church basement. Join us whenever you can! We will not meet on Monday, Sept. 6.

Men's Study will meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. by the bonfire. We will not meet Sept. 6.

Golf Everyone is invited to join us for the Wednesday Church Golf Outings at Wander Springs at 5:00 p.m. Tee times will be in the name of Charles Edinger.

Bible Reading Plan Join us in an online reading plan. Sept. 2–6: Beating Stress: Devotions From Time Of Grace; Sept. 7–20: God's Gift of Money: Devotions from Time of Grace; Sept. 21–2: Modern Idolatry: Video Devotions From Your Time Of Grace; Sept. 26–30: GOD is Here!: Devotions from Time of Grace. Go to mzluth.org or our Facebook page to join. Contact Pastor Enderle (864-2348) with questions.

Wednesday Confirmation Class for students in grades 5-8 who do not attend Morrison Zion Lutheran School will begin this Wednesday, Sept. 1. We will meet in the church basement, 5:00-6:15 p.m. each Wednesday. Students will need a NIV Bible and Luther's Small Catechism.

Sunday School and Parenting Bible Study We plan to have in person Sunday School children age 3 to Grade 6 beginning Sept.12 at 9:15 a.m. at school. We need more teachers and helpers. Please talk to Pastor Enderle if you are able to help or if you have suggestions of helpers. Look for information coming soon concerning registration for your chil-

dren. The Bible Study God's Word-The Foundation for Our Parenting will begin in the school commons the same day at the same time.

Planting Gospel Seeds Place a seed on the picture in the back of church when you talk about Jesus outside of worship. The seeds are on each side of the double doors. Whenever you are at church put up a seed for each time you shared Jesus!

Streaming Worship is live on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and then available after that on YouTube at your convenience. If anyone does not plan to worship in -person and does not have internet access, we can mail the service folder and sermons, contact Nancy Pantzlaff (864-2349).

Soup For Souls Meals continue to be available at school and at church for all to share the message of Jesus love with others. We still have a few brat and hot dog meals available and recently added some cheesy hash brown and ham meals. Don't forget to include a card with the meal when you deliver it to a friend/neighbor. Donations received assist with purchasing meals/supplies this ministry uses to share the love of Jesus with others.

Volunteer Sign Up We have a new volunteer area on our website where you can look for ways to serve others. https://mzluth.org/volunteer/ You will find different opportunities at different times where you can use your gifts and talents to glorify God.

Basketball Coach The school needs a B Team Boys (5th & 6th grade) coach. No previous coaching experience is needed. Two basketball practices are held during the week. Games are on Friday evenings. Contact Katie Muchka if you are interested. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

Family Game Day-Outdoors Morrison Zion Church and School families, join us on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2:00-5:00 p.m. for Back to School Family Game Day-Outdoors! It will take place at the school playground. Bring your favorite yard/outdoor games! Snacks and drinks will be provided. This event is a great opportunity to meet new families! We hope to see you there! Contact Abbey Laabs, Shannon Otto, Hannah Holzhueter, or Katie Muchka with questions.

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Our Mission

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around the Gospel

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Weekly Calendar

Thur. 5:30 p.m. New Life in Christ, church Sun. 9:15 a.m. Hymn Study, basement 9:15 a.m. The Chosen Study, church 7:00 p.m. Pentecost 15 worship 7:00 p.m. Book Study (ch. 4), Nickel Sun. 8:00 a.m. Pentecost 15 worship 6:30 p.m. New Life in Christ, church 9:15 a.m. Hymn Study, basement Mon. 5:00 p.m. Church Golf, Wander Springs 10:30 a.m. Pentecost 15 worship Wed. 5:00 p.m. Confirmation, grades 5-8, church 11:30 a.m. Meal in the pavilion

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 195 (34, 84, 77) Communion: 152 (30, 62, 60) Online: 10

Bible Class: 52 (6, 14, 12, 9, 5, 6)

Delegates Endorse New Retirement Plan for Synod Workers at Convention **WELS News**

Mr. Joshua Peterman, director of WELS Benefit Plans, presented the findings of the WELS Retirement Benefit Strategy Committee to veloping a future retirement prodelegates on Wednesday morning. This included the details of the proposal to change WELS' current Pension Plan to a defined contribution plan for future worker retirement benefits.

"There are three main advantages to the change," notes Peterman. "First, workers will receive meaningful contributions for retirement benefits. Then, workers will have more flexibility to provide for their retirement income needs and to share savings with their survivors. Finally, sponsoring organization costs will remain more stable

over time."

As the WELS Retirement Benefit Strategy Committee worked on degram that would best serve the synod, sponsoring organizations, and workers, it sought input from called workers across the synod as well as experts in benefit plans and finance. It also developed tools to help workers and sponsoring organizations understand how the changes will affect them. In addition, Peterman answered questions from delegates today to make sure that the new plan is well understood.

The final proposal that was passed by convention delegates approves the Pension Plan to be

frozen on Dec. 31, 2021, which means that no new benefits will be earned under the Pension Plan for any service performed after Dec. 31, 2021. Beginning Jan. 1, 2022, eligible workers will be provided with contributions to be used for retirement benefits through a defined contribution plan that will be administered through the Shepherd Plan, which is the name of WELS' retirement savings plan for synod workers.

Learn more about the plan. Calculate retirement benefits for synod workers using the newly passed defined contribution plan online at https://welsbpo.net/retirementchanges-faq.

News from our High Schools

MLHS Are you interested in becoming a host family or to learn more about the international program at MLHS? If so, watch the video at www.mlhslancers.org/host and contact Nathan King at (920) 682-0215x 420

nking@mlhslancers.org

FVL Schools Band registration is

open for Federation students entering grades 5-8. Plan to attend the Instrument Discovery Open House at FVL, scheduled for 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Sept. 9. More details are available at fvlhs.org/fvlschools-band. Contact Elisabeth Wagner at ewagner@fvlhs.org for more information.

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