



News From Zion



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Announcements

Welcome Home Event Thank you for joining us for this special event! Refreshments will be available outside or in the basement (depending on weather) after every service this week!

Adult Confirmations On Sunday, Sept. 19 in early worship Adam & Jessica Baeten and Sue Leiberger were received as communicant members by the Rite of Adult Confirmation. Welcome to our family of faith!

Christian Baptism On Sunday, Sept. 12 in late worship Ainsley Annette Lemke was baptized. Ainsley, the daughter of Russell and Andrea Lemke, was born on Aug. 30, 2021. Please pray for God's blessings on Ainsley and her family!

Christian Wedding On Friday, Sept. 10 Todd Leiberger and Sue Dvorak were united in Christian marriage. Please pray for God's blessings on their life together as husband and wife!

Romans Study This Sunday we will look at Romans 2:6-29. We meet at 9:15 a.m. in the basement.

Sunday School for children age 3 to Grade 6 meets at 9:15 a.m. at school. Join us!

Parenting Bible Study *God's Word - The Foundation for Our Parenting* continues this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the commons at school. Join us when you take your children to Sunday School!

Pancake/Porky Breakfast is this Sunday. We will serve 7:30-9:00 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Night Book Discussion This Sunday we will continue *Your Questions, Scripture's Answers*. We will discuss chapter 6, *End Times*. We meet at Nickel Funeral home at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group Study will meet this Sunday at 7:00 p.m..

New Life in Christ Class This week we will meet on Monday (The Christian and Body Ministry and The Christian and Outreach Ministry). We meet in the Bible Study room in the church basement.

Men's Study will meet Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Worship Committee will meet this Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Wednesday Confirmation Class for students in grades 5-8 who do not attend Morrison Zion Lutheran School meets in the church basement, 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Choir meets on Wednesdays. Rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. in the church balcony. Open to all again!

Women's Bible Study meets Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Contact Jen Enderle (864-2348) for the location.

Bible Reading Plan Join us in an online reading plan.

Sept. 21-25: 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.

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. Please register online or text 920-362-7118 so we know who is worshipping with us!

Soup For Souls Meals continue to be available at school and at church for all to share the message of Jesus love with others. Don't forget to include a card with the meal when you deliver it to a friend/neighbor.

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.

Care packages for college students will go out in the next few weeks. Please contact Nancy Pantzloff at nancy.pantzloff@mzls.org with any address updates for Morrison Zion church members of college-age to make sure they receive their package. Thanks!

Announcements We want to keep the entire congregation informed about events. One way we do this is the announcement sheet. Please send your announcements to otrrr@mzluth.org by Tuesday evening. This allows the announcements to be done and sent to the people who put them on the slides for worship. Thanks!

Fall Festival will be Sunday, Oct. 10 12:00-3:00 p.m. with local food and vendors. If you would like to be a vendor or know others who would, contact Alicia Stevenson at (920)366-0523. More details are in the October newsletter.

Bake Sale As part of the Fall Festival, we will host a bake sale to raise funds for the Good Samaritan Fund and Mission Journeys. Baked good can be dropped off the morning of Sunday, Oct. 10.

Youth Group Corn Maze will be Oct. 23, 5:00-8:00 p.m. We will go to Polly's Pumpkin Patch. Please RSVP to Pastor Enderle by Oct. 15. Price will be around \$5 if we have enough to get group rates.

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18th Sunday
after Pentecost
Welcome
Home Event

Our
Mission
is to
**Glorify
God**
as we
Gather
around
the
Gospel
so that we
Grow
in the
Gospel
and
Go
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Gospel



Weekly Calendar

Sun.	9:15 a.m. Romans Study, basement		6:00 p.m. Women's Study
	9:15 a.m. Sunday School, school		7:00 p.m. Pentecost 19 Worship
	9:15 a.m. Parenting Study, school commons	Friday	1:00 p.m. Wedding, church
	7:00 p.m. Book Study, Nickel (ch.6)	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Pentecost 19 Worship
	7:00 p.m. Youth Group, school		9:15 a.m. Romans Study, basement
Monday	7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study		9:15 a.m. Parenting Study, school
Wed.	5:00 p.m. Confirmation, grades 5-8, church		9:15 a.m. Sunday School, school
	6:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal		10:30 a.m. Pentecost 19 Worship
	7:00 p.m. Choir, church balcony		7:00 p.m. Youth Group, school
Thursday	5:30 p.m. New Life in Christ, church		7:00 p.m. Book Study, Nickel (ch. 7)

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 240 (22, 86, 132) Online: 28 Bible Class: 47 (4, 25, 6, 9, x, 3) Youth: 0

Working with Congregations for Ministry

WELS Congregational Services addressed convention delegates this year via a video summary of the work it's doing to help congregations carry out local ministry.

Rev. Jim Behringer, director of the Commission on Special Ministries, followed. He began by saying, "Special Ministries helps congregations serve individuals with disabilities, struggles, and special circumstances, people who can't be served in the usual way churches function. We encourage Christian love in action."

Behringer reviewed the ways groups within Special Ministries carry out this calling. This includes the Mission for the Visually Impaired producing materials in digital audio formats and Braille; WELS Military Services reaching more service members due to an increased response to the online referral form; a new group, Light for Parents, formed for parents of children with extraordinary needs; and Freedom for the Captives encouraging churches to adopt abuse prevention policies and take the Standing Up For Children Training to recognize and prevent abuse.

Introducing the Commission on Evan-

gelism, Director Rev. Eric Roecker says, "Our culture is experiencing a radical shift in its attitude towards religion. Fewer and fewer people are growing up as active members of a Christian congregation. More and more people see the church as irrelevant at best, harmful at worst. We believe this means it will be even more important going forward for the members of our congregations to be encouraged and equipped for personal evangelism. The reason? While unchurched people may not trust churches, they do tend to trust their Christian friends and neighbors."

Rev. Donn Dobberstein, director of the Commission on Discipleship, describes what discipleship is: "It's a believer's walk in Christ, from life's first cry to final breath. It's the life of the Christian whether at their home or at their church. It's our unique callings as men and women, children and teens, and young adults. It's singles, parents, spouses. It's healthy living in Christ."

Resources range from the brief, weekly Marriage Moments videos to youth Bible studies to Catechism class models to women's ministry resources.

WELS News

Rev. Jonathan Hein, director of the WELS Commission on Congregational Counseling, reports, "In 2020, for the first time in American history, the number of Americans who claimed they had a church home dropped below 50 percent. Virtually every Christian denomination is in statistical decline. We are not immune. Last year, one WELS church closed about every five weeks. How do we face these challenges? What is our strategy for conducting ministry in a post-Christian America? What, if anything, can we do about the growing hostility toward religion? Those are the types of topics we will be discussing at the second WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership, which we are planning to hold in Chicago in January of 2023."

WELS Congregational Services is committed to building a library of resources to strengthen WELS congregations' ministries and members. More information can be found at welscongregational-services.net.

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News from our High Schools

MLHS 2 male students still need host families. They are currently with temporary host families and still need permanent placement. They are both in Grade 9, kindhearted, and very excited to be at MLHS! If you are interested in this amazing opportunity, please contact Nathan King nking@mlhslancers.org / (920) 682-

0215 x 420

FVL Schools Parent Night in the FVL auditorium is Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a special viewing of *Innocence Sold*. Adults and students (grade 7 and up) are invited. Babysitting provided for children 3K and older.