



News From Zion



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Announcements

Here We Stand Study we will meet in church and use the video *Here We Stand* study on the Diet of Worms. The first lesson is Grace Makes all the Difference. We will not meet on Dec. 12.

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

Commons Bible Study will meet this week at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday. Join us!

Last Week we had 156 worship in person and 50 online. That is 27.6% of our membership. Please encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to stay close to Jesus through faithful use of the Word and the sacraments!

Sunday Night Book Discussion This Sunday we will discuss chapter 2 of *On Being a Christian: A Personal Confession* by Henry Hamann. Copies of the book are available for \$13. Talk to Pastor Ott if you would like one. We meet at Nickel Funeral home at 7:00 p.m. We will not meet on Dec. 12.

Youth Group will meet for study and open gym Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Join us and bring a friend!

New Life in Christ Class This week we will meet on Monday at 6:30 p.m. (lesson 7). We meet in the Bible Study room in the church basement. at Zion, this is the class for you!

Men's Study will meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Choir meets on Wednesdays. Rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. in the church balcony. Please join us!

Women's Bible Study will not meet again until January. Join us then!

Bible Reading Plan Join us in an online reading plan. Dec. 6-10: Find Joy in All Circumstances; Dec. 11-15: An Abnormal Christmas; Dec. 16-19: Heroes Of Christmas; Dec. 20-22: Christmas Is...; Dec. 23-27: Unpacking The True Meaning Of Christmas; Dec. 28-31: Christian Resolutions. 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!

Communion Registration When you commune,

please mark your name on the sheets in the back of church or in the basement. Thanks!

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 are available at school and at church for all to share the message of Jesus love with others. Please include a card with the meal when you deliver it to a friend/neighbor.

Old Christian Christmas Cards may be dropped off in a box on the safe in the church basement library. The cards will be sent to inmates.

Blood Drive at the Morrison Town Hall Tuesday, December 7, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Go to red-crossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

Choir Concert is Sunday, Dec. 19 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

2022 Calendars are available in the basement or in the back of church. Thank you to Nickel Funeral Home for providing the calendars!

To the members of Morrison Zion, Jeremiah 29:11 states: *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Late in October, the Lord led the voters of St. Paul's Lutheran in Livonia, Michigan to call me to be their kindergarten teacher. As I took the time once again to reflect on my current and potential ministries, thank you for your kind thoughts, words of encouragement, and most importantly, your prayers, as I considered where I could best serve. Through prayers, reflection, and God's guidance, the Lord has led me to accept the call. It has been a joy serving the people of Morrison Zion. When the time comes for me to depart this summer, I will be leaving with wonderful memories of friendship and ministry. I am truly blessed to have served such a wonderful congregation. You are all in my prayers as you seek to replace my teaching position. Remember that God has a plan, and his ways are always good! Your sister in Christ, Hannah Holzhueter

Please pray that God blesses Pastor Ott as he liberates on the two calls he now holds.

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Advent

Our
Mission
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Weekly Calendar

Sun.	9:15 a.m. <i>Here We Stand</i> Study, church	Thurs.	7:00 p.m. Advent 3 Worship, communion
	9:15 a.m. Commons Study	Sun.	8:00 a.m. Advent 2 Worship, communion
	7:00 p.m. Book Study, Nickel (ch. 2, On Being...)		9:15 a.m. Commons Bible Study
	7:00 p.m. Youth Group, school		9:15 a.m. Sunday School, school
Mon.	6:30 p.m. New Life in Christ Class (lesson 7)		10:30 a.m. Advent 2 Worship, communion
Tues.	7:00 p.m. School Board		7:00 p.m. Youth Group, school
Wed.	5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class		

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 156 (89, 67) **Communion:** 121 (71, 50) **Online:** 50
Bible Class: 38 (x, 17, x, 14, 3, 4) **Youth:** x **Thanksgiving:** 270 (80, 190) **Online:** 20

Synodical Council Fall Meeting

The following items were discussed or decided at November’s meeting of the Synodical Council (SC):

- Reports from WELS Church Extension Fund, WELS Investment Funds, and WELS Foundation indicated strong and healthy financial results for all three subsidiaries.
- Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) reported it is planning to develop a new WELS religion curriculum called “Curriculum 22:6” (a reference to Proverbs 22:6, “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it”). The curriculum will include levels for early childhood through high school and will also be suitable for use in both Sunday schools and elementary schools. Development time will take approximately five years. NPH also reported that sales of the new hymnal are strong.
- WELS Benefit Plans reported the transition to the new retirement plan is going well. The SC gave final formal approval to implement the new plan on Jan. 1, 2022.
- Chief Financial Officer Mr. Kyle Egan

reported that Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) totaled \$22.6 million (the highest ever) and was \$1.2 million higher than the previous year. He also reported the Financial Stabilization Fund finished the year with a balance of \$19.5 million, an increase over the prior year by \$3.3 million. All four synodical schools ended the fiscal year with higher surpluses than the previous year. CMO for the first quarter of fiscal year 2022 remained strong.

- The synod learned last week that its Paycheck Protection Program loan of \$2.6 million was forgiven.
- The SC created a new “Ministry Opportunity Fund” to provide continuing support for unfunded priorities and for new ministry opportunities. The fund will initially include about \$5 million coming from the Financial Stabilization Fund. The SC passed a resolution that this fund would provide \$750,000 for four years to WELS Home Missions in support of its 100 new missions in 10 years initiative.
- The SC approved the transfer of the synod’s ownership interest in the Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel and Student

News from our High Schools

MLHS Campaign-Building Our Future On Christ If you are considering making a gift toward our Campaign, now is the time. Watch progress on the Lancer tracker month and find your donation information at www.mlhslancers.org/campaign.

FVL Choirs invite you to attend their Christmas concert on Sunday Dec. 19 at 4:00 p.m.. The concert is free and all are invited to join with the choirs as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. It will also be livestreamed on the FVLHS YouTube Channel.

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Center property in Madison, Wis. The property and buildings will be owned by the Chapel and Student Center.

- The SC will consider additional funding for WELS Military Services once it receives a detailed request of how the dollars will be used. A convention request for additional funding for WELS Prison Ministry was answered with grants from the Antioch II Foundation and the Schwan Foundation.
- The SC, with the encouragement of the Conference of Presidents, appointed a committee to begin the process of developing a new synod strategic plan for the year 2025 and beyond. First Vice President Rev. James Huebner will chair the committee.
- The SC will work with WELS Home Missions to support the 100/10 initiative that will begin in 2023.

Once again, the SC marveled at the grace of God and the generosity of our WELS members. To him be the glory!

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