News From Zion

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Announcements

Here We Stand Study will meet in church Sunday Men's Bible Study We will meet Jan. 10 and 24 at 9:15 a.m. and look at We Are His Chosen People. Join us!

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

Last Week we had 308 worship in person and 54 online. That is 46.9% of our membership. Please encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to stay close to Jesus through faithful use of Word and sacraments!

Sunday Night Book Discussion This Sunday we will discuss chapter 4of On Being a Christian: A Personal Confession. Copies of the book are available for \$13 from Pastor Ott. We meet at Nickel Funeral home at 7:00 p.m.

New Life in Christ Class meets Monday at 6:30 p.m. (lesson 10) in the Bible Study room in the church basement. Join us when you can!

New Year's Eve Worship is Friday, Dec. 31 at 7:00 p.m. Communion is a part of worship.

Epiphany Worship On Thursday, Jan. 6 we will have a special Epiphany Festival Service at 7:00 p.m.

Voters Call Meeting On Sunday, Jan. 9 we will have a voters meeting to extend a call for a grades 5-6 teacher and a call for a 4K-5K teacher. We will meet in church after late worship.

Bible Reading Plan Join us in an online reading plan. Jan. 1-5: The Lies of Busyness; Jan. 6-10: Fighting Negative Thoughts; Jan. 11-15: Jan. 16-22: In God's Eyes; Jan. 23-27: Answering Skeptics; Make an Impact; Jan. 28-Feb 1:Making Sense of Suffering. Go to mzluth.org or our Facebook page to join. Contact Pastor Enderle (864-2348) with guestions.

Rooted A new Bible study for those in their 20s and 30s will meet Monday Jan. 3, 17, and 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. We will look at contentment and joy in Philippians 4. We will meet twice a month. Join us!

to take a closer look at the readings from weekly worship.

Choir meets on Wednesdays. Rehearsals will begin again at 7:00 p.m. on Jan. 12 in the church balcony. Please join us!

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!

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.

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!

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

Men of his Word Conference is Feb. 19 at the Best Western Convention Center in Oshkosh. Registration is open. Go to menofhisword.org for more information.

Couples Devotional The Enderles will lead a yearlong devotional for married couples using the book The Meaning of Marriage - A Couple's Devotional. The 1-2 minute devotion is done as a couple at home each day. The hope is this will bless your marriage, your family and our church and community. A Facebook and texting will be available for encouragement and questions. Sign up for the book in the church basement or at school.

Open House The Enderles invite you to an open house at the parsonage on Saturday, Jan. 8, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Come for a drink, some snacks, and good conversation.

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Weekly Calendar

Sun. 9:15 a.m. Here We Stand Study, church Sun. 8:00 a.m. Christmas 2 Worship

7:00 p.m. Book Study, Nickel (ch. 4)

6:30 p.m. New Life in Christ Class (lesson 10) Mon.

Wed. 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Fri. 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship, communion

9:15 a.m. Here We Stand Study, church

9:15 a.m. Commons Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Christmas 2 Worship

7:00 p.m. Book Study, Nickel (ch. 5)

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 308 (20, 152, 136) Online: 54 Bible Class: 18 (32, 6, 9, 4, 0) Youth: 0

WELS Christian Aid and Relief Responds to Tornados

WELS News

On Dec. 10, tornadoes caused devastation across the South Central part of the United States, Rev. Daniel Sims. director of WELS Christian Aid and Relief, reports: "At this time, we are unaware of any of our WELS congregations or members who have been directly impacted by this storm. Praise God for watching over his people!"

Because no WELS congregations are near the affected areas, WELS Christian Aid and Relief is currently not planning to mobilize volunteers for onsite disaster relief work. "Because we don't have the deep resources or infrastructure of FEMA or the Red Cross. it's very difficult to go into areas where we don't have a congregation nearby to use as our 'home base' for volunteers," says Sims. "However, we will continue to look for opportunities to go to the area and help those in need."

To support those affected by the tornadoes, WELS Christian Aid and Relief has sent a gift of \$10,000 to Direct

Relief, which has people on-site and active in providing disaster relief in the form of medical aid.

Sims is thankful for the response from WELS members wanting to help: "We are grateful for your support and your messages of care and concern. Your love for those who are hurting is obvious. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts to 'do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10)."

To help those affected by the tornadoes, you can make a financial gift through WELS Christian Aid and Relief's disaster fund at wels.net/ CARgift (designate the gift to "disaster relief"). Stay updated on relief efforts at wels.net/relief.

Christmas Message from WELS President Schroeder

What greater reason to give God glory than to hear the message of the angels that first Christmas night: Be-

cause of this child born in Bethlehem. God was bringing his peace and good will to all people on earth. This was not just any kind of peace. It was the peace between man and God that was possible only because of the Savior who would bring sinful man and a holy God back together again. This was not just any good will that had come. It was the good and gracious expression of love from a God who would not let his people die in their sins.

In a world in which peace is hard to find and in a world in which the love of many has grown icy cold, God once again fills our ears and hearts with the message of the only kind of peace and love that really matters—the peace and love that reaches down to us and, through Jesus, brings us joy that extends to all eternity.

May these days of celebration focus on that gift of God's love—his own Son—and fill you and your families with the peace that he brings.

News from our High Schools

MLHS Campaign-Building Our Future On Christ Thank you! We not only met our goal of \$75,000 in November, but we surpassed it!

MLHS Newsletters Stay in touch and subscribe to various newsletters by going to www.mlhslancers.org/ subscription. After subscribing you will receive the newsletter(s) you signed up for. Be sure to check your junk mail ,the first one may go there instead. The alumni newsletter is one of the options listed. You will want to read what a recent alumnus shared in the December Alumni newsletter. For any questions contact mlhs@mlhslancers.org.

FVL Interested families can enroll for Semester 2 at FVL. Contact the Admissions Office at admissions@fvlhs.org or 920-560-5105 for details.

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