



# News From Zion



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## Announcements

**Here We Stand Study** will meet in church Sunday at 9:15 a.m. The last lesson of this study is *He Has Given Us Work to Do*. Join us!

**Commons Bible Study** will not meet this week.

**Last Week** we had 142 worship in person and 27 online. That is 22.5% 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 5 of *On Being a Christian: A Personal Confession*. Chapter 5 is *how I Face Death and What Lies Beyond*. 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 11, Communion) in the Bible Study room in the church basement. Join us when you can!

**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!

**Confirmation Class** will not meet this Wednesday.

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

**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.

**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 questions.

**Men's Bible Study** We will meet Jan. 10 and 24 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 year-long 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.

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January 2,  
2022  
2nd Sunday  
after Christmas

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



### Weekly Calendar

Sun.	9:15 a.m. <i>Here We Stand Study</i> , church	9:15 a.m. <i>Romans Study</i> , church basement
	7:00 p.m. Book Study, Nickel (ch. 5)	9:15 a.m. Commons Bible Study
Mon.	6:30 p.m. New Life in Christ Class (lesson 11)	10:30 a.m. Epiphany 1 Worship, communion
Wed.	5:00 p.m. No Confirmation Class	11:30 a.m. Voters Call Meeting, church
Thurs.	7:00 p.m. Epiphany Festival Worship, communion	7:00 p.m. Book Study, Nickel (ch. 6)
Sun.	8:00 a.m. Epiphany 1 Worship, communion	7:00 p.m. Youth Group

### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 142 (80, 62) Communion: 109 (60, 49) Online: 27 Bible Class: 33 (18, 8, 7)

Christmas Program: 692 (358, 337) Online: 36 Candlelight: 37 Online: 5 Christmas Festival: 181 Communion: 49 Online: 24

### Prison ministry Resources

WELS Prison Ministry works to reach those impacted by incarceration with the saving message of God’s grace. It does this through a vigorous ministry-by-mail program that has two components. One is mailing Bible studies to inmates that include a test to complete and mail back; it then gets reviewed by volunteers and sent back with words of encouragement. The other is an active pen pal program, composed of WELS volunteers who correspond with inmates via letters to share Christ’s love.

In addition to reaching the incarcerated, WELS Prison Ministry also seeks to equip members and congregations to help those who have been released from prison or jail. Through the faithful and generous support from WELS members in addition to a generous grant, Prison Ministry has a range of resources that were recently released or are in the planning stages.

Mentoring a Returning Citizen is a video-based training resource that helps church leaders prepare their members to mentor people returning to the community from incarceration. It can be found at [welscongregationalservices.net/mentoring-a-returning-citizen](http://welscongregationalservices.net/mentoring-a-returning-citizen).

Two resources to help promote awareness of Prison Ministry’s work are also available. Worship planning re-

sources for a Prison Ministry Sunday include suggested hymns, psalm, and prayers together with a sermon on 2 Corinthians 5:16,17. A few stories and comments from inmates who have benefited from Prison Ministry’s Bible studies are included at the end of the sermon sheet.

A Sunday school/Lutheran elementary school lesson based on Onesimus and Philemon emphasizes the importance of welcoming those with troubled backgrounds into God’s family. The lesson contains student and leader sheets for four grade levels (PreK- Grade 6). These resources can be found online at [welscongregationalservices.net/prison-ministry-awareness](http://welscongregationalservices.net/prison-ministry-awareness).

Looking ahead, the WELS Prison Ministry committee is examining ways to reach inmates as communication methods change. “Methods used to deliver the gospel to inmates are changing. Inmates are communicating less frequently via U.S. Mail. More inmates are being given access to electronic communication (similar to e-mail) as well as other services such as book or music downloads to tablets that the inmates own. Our ministry needs to adapt to this new environment. Frequent opportunities to share law and gospel with many more inmates nationwide are available if we can adapt our efforts to this new real-

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ity,” explains Mr. Dave Hochmuth, WELS Prison Ministry administrator.

There are three components to this new effort:

- Produce devotions that support outreach to people with little if any biblical knowledge.
- Implement a system for distributing the devotions using electronic messaging services to inmates.
- Test and implement a system using electronic messaging services to collect Bible study tests, return corrected tests, and exchange pen pal letters with inmates.

Hochmuth says, “With changes in the environment of our ministry, we are grateful that the Lord continues to provide generous gifts from donors and organizations to meet the new opportunities for outreach right now.”

Learn how to support or get involved with WELS Prison Ministry at [wels.net/prison-ministry](http://wels.net/prison-ministry).

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Living Hope Counseling Ministries De Pere (WELS counseling)	338-8699

### 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!

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