



News From Zion



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Announcements

Commons Bible Study The Commons Bible Study will meet in the church basement this Sunday and Feb. 6. There is no Romans study. Those who normally come to the Romans study can join us as we study the 4 Ds of Discipleship. This Sunday we will review the first 3 lessons. Drama, Doctrine and Doxology.

Romans—Part Two Study will not meet this Sunday or on Feb. 6.

Sunday School meets at 9:15 a.m. at school.

Last Week we had 205 worship in person and 45 online. That is 33.4% of our membership. Please encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to stay close to Jesus through faithful use of Word and sacraments!

Pastor Ott will be gone until Jan. 31.

New Life in Christ Class . We will meet Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m. (lesson 14) in the Bible Study room in the church basement. Join us when you can! We will not meet on Feb. 7.

Rooted Bible study for those in their 20s and 30s will meet Monday Jan. 31, Feb. 14, and Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. We will look at contentment and joy in Philippians 4. Join us!

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

Sunday Night Book Discussion will not meet this Sunday or on Feb. 6. On Feb. 13 we will begin our new book, *Being Lutheran*. We meet at Nickel Funeral Home at 7:00 p.m.

Call The Lord called Jacob Geidel to teach grades 5-6 at MZL next year. God also called Hillary Geidel to teach 4K-5K at MZL next year. The Geidels are married and presently teach at Zion Lutheran School, Rhineland, WI. Please pray that the Spirit lead the Geidels to the decision that is best for God's Kingdom!

Bible Reading Plan Join us in an online reading plan. Jan. 28-Feb 1: Making Sense of Suffering; Feb. 2-6: Justice against evil; Feb. 7-11: God's Word to abuse victims; Feb. 12-16: Where is God's grace in your life?; Feb. 17-22: Answering skeptics-part 2; Feb. 23-28: Where do I go? 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!

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.

Men's Bible Study We will meet Monday, Feb. 21 to take a closer look at the weekly worship readings. Join us!

Partnering in the Gospel The 1st of these seminars was held Jan. 29. We will have the same seminar on Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. This seminar is for new members and any other members who would like a refresher on what it means to be a member and how we can partner in the Gospel to get more Jesus to more people. We hope to have every member of the congregation go through this seminar! We will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month. Join us!

Streaming Worship If you worship online, please take the time to let us know that you worshipped! Please register online or text 920-362-7118.

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.

International Youth Rally is June 28-July 1 at the University of Tennessee. Register by February 15. Early-bird registration is \$375. Contact Pastor Enderle with questions. Signup online. Meetings February 6th after the services.

Blindmens Volleyball is March 4 and 5 with Pancake and Porky Breakfast on the March 6. Registration deadline is February 18

316NOW's 15 Days of Prayer 316NOW mentors future Confessional Lutheran church leaders in Asia. China's New Year and Spring Festival celebrations begin on Feb. 1. These 15 days mark the most significant of China's holidays. 316NOW suggests we use these days to ask the Holy Spirit to bring the gospel to millions more in China and to strengthen the faith of Chinese Christians. Prayer guides for personal and family use are available in the back of church. For more questions contact Pastor Enderle.

Can You Help? We would like people to help with keeping our website up to date. If you are interested in taking on a role in this area, please talk to Pastor Enderle!

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4th Sunday
after Epiphany

Our
Mission
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so that we
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Weekly Calendar

Sat.	10:30 a.m. Partnering in the Gospel	Wed.	5:00 p.m. NO Confirmation basement
Sun.	9:15 a.m. Commons Bible Study		7:00 p.m. Choir, church balcony
	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	Thurs.	7:00 p.m. Epiphany 5 Worship
	7:00 p.m. Youth Group	Sun.	8:00 a.m. Epiphany 5 Worship
Mon.	6:30 p.m. New Life in Christ Class		9:15 a.m. Sunday School
	7:00 p.m. Rooted Study, basement		9:15 a.m. Commons Bible Study
Tues.	7:00 p.m. School Board		10:30 a.m. Epiphany 5 Worship

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 205 (28, 85, 92) **Communion:** 157 (24, 64, 69) **Online:** 45 **Bible Class:** 36 (28, 8, x, x, 5) **Youth Group:** 3

Conference of Presidents January Meeting

The Conference of Presidents (COP) held its winter meeting on Jan. 3-6. The following items were discussed or decided:

- Representatives from the Conference of Presidents will meet with the Board for Home Missions leadership and with several members of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary faculty as a part of the planning process for the effort to open 100 new home missions in ten years beginning in 2023.
- Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) is continuing its search for a new president. Mr. Bill Ziche, current NPH president, has announced his plans to retire. Mr. Mark Buske, director of marketing for NPH, will serve as acting president until a new president is found.
- There are currently 143 pastoral vacancies in the synod, 124 of which are parish pastor positions.

Forty of the pastoral vacancies are in associate pastor positions (meaning those congregations are still being served by at least one pastor). Next year's graduating class at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be larger than those in recent years, which will help to reduce the number of pastoral vacancies.

- With expanding enrollment at our WELS schools, the growing shortage of teachers continues, especially in the area of early childhood. The COP discussed ideas for enhancing recruitment efforts.
- The COP recently issued a pastoral letter on Christian freedom.
- The overall cost of the vicar program is \$42,000 per vicar, down slightly from last year. The vicar stipend was increased by \$25 per month to \$1750. Vicar compensation also provides for housing most of the cost of health insurance.

WELS News

- The COP expressed thanks to God for the high level of Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) in 2021. The exact total will be published in the coming days.
- Congregations are asked to submit their 2021 statistics and CMO subscriptions by the Feb. 4 deadline.
- The COP expressed its support for a proposal by Northwestern Publishing House and the Commission on Lutheran Schools to develop a comprehensive K-12 religion curriculum for schools and Sunday schools.
- The COP has been making final edits on the restatement of the synod's teaching on male and female roles. It is hoped that the final document will be ready for review by the district conventions this summer.

News from our High Schools

MLHS During the Epiphany season the members of the MLHS federation congregations are encouraged to give support to the campaign with pledges or donations.

MLHS Open House is Tuesday, Feb. 15, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Come check out Manitowoc Lutheran High School as

they have an open house. See what MLHS has to offer for the mind, body and soul. Take a guided tour.

FVL Musicfest is Sunday, Feb. 6 at 1:00 p.m. Admission is free for all. Find out more at fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest

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