# News From Zion

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#### **Announcements**

Romans—Part Two Study will meet this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the basement. We will look at lesson 7, How Rome fits in with Paul's apostleship and missionary work, Romans 15:14-33. Join us and grow! We will not meet on March 27.

Commons Bible Study The Commons Bible Study will meet at 9:15 a.m. this Sunday.

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

Last Week we had 170 worship in person and 44 online. That is 28.6% 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** will continue discussing *Being Lutheran*. We meet at Nickel Funeral Home at 7:00 p.m. Join us! We will not meet on March 27.

**New Life in Christ Class** will conclude this Monday. We plan to start another class after Easter. The day of the week and time is yet to be determined. Please talk to Pastor ott if you are interested in attending.

**Men's Bible Study** We will meet Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. to look at the worship readings.

Soup Suppers will be after the morning service and at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Please contact Tamara Schultz if you are able to make soup. Let her know when you can help and what soup you will make.

Midweek Lenten Worship We will worship Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This year we will look at what Jesus looks for in the local church on the basis of the 7 letters to 7 churches in Revelation 2-3. This Wednesday we will look at Thyatira: Immorality, Highway to the Grave. Join us!

**Choir** meets Wednesdays after worship. in the church balcony. Please join us!

**Church Band** Join us in the church band as we prepare for Easter worship. In March we will rehears on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at school

Partnering in the Gospel seminar is March 26, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This seminar covers what it means to be a part of our congregation and how we can partner in the Gospel to get more Jesus to more people. We hope to have every member (new and old) go through this seminar! We will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month. Join us when it works for you!

Bible Reading Plan Join us in an online reading plan. March 20-23: Is your life in focus?; March 24-28: How to be patient; March 29-April 2:Certain comfort in uncertain days. Go to mzluth.org or our Facebook page to join.

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

**Open Forum** will be April 3 after late worship in the front of church. Everyone is invited to join us and offer input as we prepare for the voters' meeting on April 24.

**Door Offering** Pastor and Mrs. Enderle will attend the Grow in Grace retreat in San Antonio for Pastor Enderle's 10th anniversary in the ministry. We will have a door offering on April 3 to help pay for their trip.

Barnabas Ministry Training will be on Thursday, Prol 7 at 7:00 p.m. and then repeated on Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 a.m. We still need more Barnabas Ministers. Talk to Pastor Ott for mor e information.

**Bookkepper Position** We will add this position beginning in July. If you are interested, please speak to Randy Loppnow for more information.

Easter Eggstravaganza We will celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Saturday, April 2! Join us at Morrison Zion Lutheran School for an egg hunt and the greatest story ever told! This event is for ages 2–2nd grade. Find registration information on our website: <a href="mailto:mlzuth.org">mlzuth.org</a> or Facebook Page.

**Save the Date** for Vacation Bible School at Morrison Zion Lutheran School, July 12-14.

Passion History Readings If you wish to review the Passion History according to Luke during Lent here are the 5 weekly readings: Luke 22:1-34; Luke 22:39-54; Luke 22:54-71; Luke 23:1-24; Luke 23:26-56.

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#### Weekly Calendar

Sun.	9:15 a.m.	Romans Study, basement		7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Commons Bible Study, gym		8:00 p.m.	Choir, church balcony
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School	Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Band, school
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, Nickel (ch. 5)	Sat.	10:30a.m.	Partnering in the Gospel, church
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Lent 4 Worship, communion
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class		9:15 a.m.	Commons Bible Study
Wed.	11:00 a.m.	Lenten Worship		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	12:00 p.m.	Soup Supper, basement		10:30 a.m.	Lent 4 Worship, communion
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation (only 8th grade)		7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper, church			

### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 170 (85, 85) Communion: 127 (62, 65) Online: 44 Midweek Lenten: 204(139. 65) Online: 13

Bible Class: 56 (x, x, 11, x, 3) Youth Group: 6

#### Additional Update from Ukraine

WFLS News

The situation for our brothers and sisters in the Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC) remains dire. We thank God that none of the pastors or members have lost their lives, but at least some members report that their homes have been destroyed. Some of the pastors and members have relocated to places that are relatively safe and removed from the heavy fighting, but others remain in areas where military activity is taking place every day. We continue to pray for their safety.

Last weekend, several ULC congregations-even some in areas controlled by foreign forces-were able to hold worship services either in person or virtually. God's Word continues to be proclaimed even in the middle of a terrible war.

Rev. V'yacheslav Horpynchuk, the bishop of the Ukrainian Lutheran Church, has been in regular contact via Zoom with Rev. Roger Neumann, the WELS liaison to the ULC. I am also able to communicate with the bishop. Pastor Neumann has been providing daily updates on the situation as reported by Bishop Horpynchuk.

WELS members have already been very generous with gifts intended to support relief and humanitarian efforts both for members of the ULC and for the refugees and local citizens in need of help. We thank all those

who have given gifts for Ukraine relief. Those gifts are being channeled through WELS World Missions, which remains in contact with the ULC and is still able to transfer funds. To date, \$125,000 has been sent by World Missions. You can give a gift by going to wels.net/give-ukraine.

Currently, collecting physical relief items (blankets, water, canned goods, diapers, etc.) to send to Ukraine is not the best option for assisting those impacted by this war. The expense and logistical complexity of getting such items to those who need them make such an effort impractical. WELS is assisting with humanitarian aid for refugees in Poland through an agency called Direct Relief. To date. WELS Christian Aid and Relief has sent \$50,000 to Direct Relief. This highly rated disaster relief organization specializes in providing medical assistance and supplies where they are needed most. It has both the inventory and infrastructure to bring medical aid to an area quickly. We have worked with this organization for many years and trust its work. Other sister churches in Europe are also looking for ways to provide assistance.

Missionary Luke Wolfgramm and his Russia, have safely exited the country. They Luke is providing continuing education to

wife, Jennifer, who were living in Novosibirsk, are currently staying in Durres, Albania, where

## News from our High Schools

MLHS Campaign News Thanks to some generous donations, a matching gift of \$600,000 has been given to the campaign! Any new pledge or donation during the March will be matched by this gift

FVL's International Program needs host families. Students stay for 9 months and pay

their own expenses. Families receive a stipend to offset costs. Contact Monica Uhlenbrauck (muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org). This is a wonderful ministry opportunity for your fam-

FVL Sacred Concert is Sunday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

leaders of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church of Albania, WELS' sister church. From there they maintain regular contact with the three national pastors in Russia, encourage the Russian Lutheran Church's leadership and 270 members, and continue online seminary training. The Wolfgramms will be returning to the United States this summer for regularly scheduled meetings and family time. Depending on how events unfold, they will most likely relocate to another location in Europe to partner with sister church bodies in their theological education and outreach efforts.

This entire tragic drama is another stark reminder of the wickedness and depravity that infects the human soul. And vet, even in these darkest of days, we remain confident that the Lord of lords is still ruling with his grace and power. We pray for an end to the war. We pray that God would preserve the lives of his believers in Ukraine, as well as the lives of all the citizens of Ukraine. With confidence in his promises, we commend them all to his gracious care and protection.

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