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# **News From Zion**



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#### **Announcements**

Thank You to everyone who served the Lord and his people in worship this Holy Week! Many served behind the scenes to clean, set up, and facilitate worship. Others served us musically in choir, band, as an accompanist, or as our director. Others served by encouraging their brothers and sisters in Christ by worshipping together! Thank you one and all for your service to glorify God!

**10 Lies About God Study** continues today. We will look at *There are many ways into God's presence*. Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the basement.

**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.

Book Study will meet tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Nickel Funeral Home. Park in the triangle and enter through the glass doors. We will discuss chapter 8. join us!

Last Week we had 538 worship in person and 20 online. That is 74% 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 meet Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at Nickel Funeral Home.

Barnabas Ministry will not meet before leadership Team this Tuesday. We will begin the full ministry the first week in May. If you have any questions about this ministry, please speak to Pastor Ott.

**Leadership Team** meets this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. **Confirmation class** will meet Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. We have two more lessons remaining for the year.

Fun Day will meet 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, May 5, and 19.

Partnering in the Gospel seminar is April 23, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We want 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!

**Voters' Meeting** will be April 24 after late worship in the commons.

Announcements If you would like something in the announcement sheet or email, please get it to Pastor Ott by Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. This allows time for the people who do the slides to get it done. You can text Pastor Ott (362-7118) or email him (ottrr@mzluth.org).

Bible Reading Plan Join us in an online reading plan. April 18-22: No bones in the grave; April 23-27: Is Christianity the truth?; April 28-May 2: Have faith like a child. Go to mzluth.org or our Facebook page to join.

Women's Study will meet to study Ephesians in ladies' homes. We will meet on April 21 at 6:00 p.m. There is not study on April 28. Contact Jen Enderle 920-372-3818 with any questions.

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

**New Life in Christ Class** We plan to start another class soon. The day of the week and time is yet to be determined. Please talk to Pastor Ott if you are interested in attending.

**Food Pantry donations** may be placed in the grocery cart in the kitchen in the church basement.

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

**Coaches** If you are interested in coaching volley-ball or basketball next school year, contact Mrs. Muchka.

Morrison Zion Athletics will have a flower fundraiser with Braun Acres. All orders are placed online and payment is due at pick-up. More details and the link to order is on our website: <a href="mailto:mzluth.org">mzluth.org</a> or on our Facebook page: Morrison Zion Lutheran School. The order deadline is Sunday, May 8. Pick-up will be in the church parking lot Sunday, May 22, 10:30-noon

Morrison Marketplace will be the 2nd Sunday of the month, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in May, June, August, September, and October in the school parking lot. . If you would like to be a vendor, crafter, farmer's market vendor, etc., please contact Alicia Stevenson 366-0523.

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April 17, 2022 The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord

> Our Mission is to

Glorify God

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#### **Easter Lilies**

The Easter Lilies in the front of church today were given by the people listed below. Thank you to everyone for providing lilies for us to enjoy today. The contrast between the starkness of Good Friday worship and the sights and smells of Easter worship reminds us that everything has changed. Christ is risen! We have been declared not guilty!

In Memory of

David Evenson Micah Gifford Orville Otto Orville Otto

Micah Otto Gifford Alfred Eichhorst Sylvia Eichhors Donna Guyette Martin & Betty Dahl

Andrew & Rose Rasmussen

Elroy & Alice Wegner

Don Edinger Carter Hagenow

Walter & Florence Beyer

Marvin & Arvilla Kuchenbecke

Alice S. Wegner Marcella Wegner Victor & Adela Laabs Alvin & Mildred Wegner

**Ruth Tisler** 

Walter & Elvira Piepenburg

Ervin Zeamer Sr

Brooklynn Mae Zeamer

Given by

Bonnie Evenson Alec & Shannon Otto Alec & Shannon Otto Annette Gifford

Stephen & Annette Gifford Jim & Sheryl Eichhorst Jim & Sheryl Eichhorst Jim & Sheryl Eichhorst

Jacob & Aimee Stephani & Gabby

Gail & Glen Wegner
Gail & Glen Wegner
Gloria Edinger & family

Jason & Michaela Hagenow & family

David Hockers family
Darrell & Diane Suchomel

Gail M. Rutter Gail M. Rutter Laabs family

Harriet Van Der Wegen

Richard Tisler & Janet Piepenburg Gollnick Richard Tisler & Janet Piepenburg Gollnick

Lois Zeamer

Erv & Jackie Zeamer

In Honor of

Robert Pischk

Elmer Loppnow

John Loppnow

Jesus' gift of heaven through his resurrection

Sharon Faulds

Sylvia Loppnow

Sylvia Loppnow

Phyllis Wegner

Our dedicated choir & band Brenda Kuchenbecker

Donated by

Annette Lemke

Please pick up your lilies after worship on Easter or by Sunday, April 24. Thanks again!

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## **Weekly Calendar**

Sunday	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m.	10 Lies Bible Study, basement Commons Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study (ch. 8)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Easter 2 Worship, communion
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Partnering in the Gospel, basement
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Easter 2 Worship, communion
	9:15 a.m.	10 Lies Bible Study, basement
	9:15 a.m.	Commons Bible Study
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Easter 2 Worship, communion
	11:30 a.m.	Voters' Meeting, Commons
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, Nickel (ch. 9)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group

#### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 538 (169, 369) Communion: 293 (110, 183)

Online 20

Bible Study 40 (0, 29, 2, 9)

Youth Study: 5

#### Questions/Comments about Morrison Zion? Contact:

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

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#### Good Outcome for a Court Case in Finland

WELS News

Religious freedom and the ability to proclaim the teachings of Scripture without fear of government persecution is something we in the United States have taken for granted. But there are increasing examples from around the world where even seemingly free and democratic countries are attempting to restrict the abilities of Christians to express their faith and their teachings openly.

In Finland, a member of Parliament and former Minister of the Interior, Paivi Rasanen, was charged with "hate speech" for sharing her faith-based views dealing with marriage and sexual ethics in her writings and in media interviews. A Lutheran bishop, Juhana Pohjola, was also charged because he published some of Rasanen's writings.

When charges were brought, confessional Lutheran churches from around the world signed a letter to the prosecutors in Finland that strongly urged the court to uphold the principle of freedom of religion and free speech and to dismiss the charges against Rasanen and Pohjola. The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and our sister churches in Europe signed the letter, along with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and its partner churches.

Last week, the Finnish court upheld the right to free speech by dismissing all charges against Paivi Rasanen and Bishop Pohjola.

We are happy that the courts of Finland made this decision. But this entire episode is a reminder that the freedom we enjoy to proclaim the truths of Scripture can never be taken for granted. We pray that God would preserve this freedom for us here in America and give us the courage to "speak about the things that we have seen and heard."

### **News From Our High Schools**

MLHS's International Program Are you interested in becoming a Host Family or learning more about the International Student Program at MLHS? If so, please contact Nathan King at <a href="mailto:nking@mlhslancers.org">nking@mlhslancers.org</a> / Phone: (920) 682-0215 x 420.

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 (<u>muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org</u>). family!

**FVL's Electronics Recycling** is April 29 & 30. Check fvlhs.org/recycle for what is recyclable and any costs

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