# News From Zion

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### **Announcements**

Baptism and Confirmations On Monday Jenna Healy was baptized in a private service. On Sunday in 10:30 worship Jenna and Kim Laabs will be received as communicant members by the rite of adult confirmation. Welcome Jenna and Kim!

**Baptism** On Saturday, April 2 Braxton Dan Rutter was baptized in a private service. Braxton, the son of Zachary and Brandie Rutter, was born on Jan. 31, 2022. Pray for God's blessings on Braxton and his family!

Good Confession Sunday is in 10:30 worship today. Members of this year's class are: Ella Denor, Bryce Dobberpuhl, Raina Evenson, McKayla Mathies, Isaiah Muchka, Samantha Schmidt, Trenton Schuettpelz, Venna Van De Walle, Andrew Wegner, Seth Witig, Brylie Zirbel, and Joshua Zirbel.

**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 today to help pay for their trip.

**Romans—Part Two Study** We will finish the study today (ch. 16). 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.

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

Last Week we had 271 worship in person and 43 online. That is 42% 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.

**Men's Bible Study** We will meet Monday, April 4 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 worship Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This Wednesday we will look at Philadelphia: Neglect—Locked out in death's night. Join us!

**Choir** meets Wednesdays after worship. in the church

balcony. Please join us!

**Barnabas Ministry Training** is this Thursday, April 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 more information.

Fun Day will begin again in April. It will meet 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 21, May 5, and 19.

Worship Committee will meet Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

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

**Bible Reading Plan** Join us in an online reading plan. April 3-7: Navigating this season of wandering. Go to mzluth.org or our Facebook page to join.

**Easter Lilies** Order a lily for Easter in the pink basket on the table in the church basement. Please place your order by Sunday, April 10.

**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 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.

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!

**Easter & Confirmation Cards** are available in the library in the church basement.

**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 volleyball or basketball next school year, contact Mrs. Muchka.

Morrison Zion Athletics will have a flower fundraiser in partnership with Braun Acres to support of our athletic programs. 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

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### Weekly Calendar

Sun.	9:15 a.m. Romans Study, basement	Thurs.	9:00 a.m. Fun Day
	9:15 a.m. Commons Bible Study,		6:30 p.m. Band, school
	9:15 a.m. Sunday School		7:00 p.m. Barnabas Ministry Training, church basement
	7:00 p.m. Book Study, Nickel (ch. 6)	Sat.	9:00 a.m. Barnabas Ministry Training, church basement
	7:00 p.m. Youth Group		9:00 a.m. Worship Committee
Tues.	7:00 p.m. School Board	Sun.	8:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship, communion
Wed.	11:00 a.m. Lenten Worship		9:15 a.m. 10 lies Study, basement
	12:00 p.m. Soup Supper, basement		9:15 a.m. Commons Bible Study
	5:00 p.m. Confirmation		9:15 a.m. Sunday School
	6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, church		10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship, comm., confirm.
	7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship		7:00 p.m. Book Study, Nickel (ch. 7)
	8:00 p.m. Choir, church balcony		7:00 p.m. Youth Group

### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 271 (203, 68) Online: 43 Communion: 170 (111, 59) Midweek Lenten: 192 (118. 74) Online: 17 Bible Class: 26 (5, 4, x, 17, x,) Youth Group: 6

### 2022 WELS International Youth Rally Underway

**WELS News** 

Registration has opened for the 2022 WELS International Youth Rally, June 28–July 1, University of Tennessee—Knoxville. Usually held every other year, this will be the first rally since 2018, as the 2020 event was canceled due to COVID-19.

The rally is open to all WELS teens heading into their freshman year of high school through seniors graduating this spring. Youth from around North America will gather for group worship, small workshops, and recreation and fellowship.

The first ever WELS youth rally was in 1974; in nearly 50 years there has never been a four-year gap between events. "This is the longest we've ever gone without a rally," says Rev. Donn Dobberstein, director of WELS Discipleship.

Dobberstein says this rally is going to be really important for two reasons. First, it's bringing together teens to help them realize the church of God is so much larger than individual WELS congregations—where the average weekly worship attendance is at 70. Second, it's an opportunity for the youth leaders to connect and share ideas.

Jennifer Wockenfuss will be attending as a youth leader for a group of 17 teens from Messiah in Nampa, Idaho. She says, "We are in the heart of Mormon country so most of our kids are constantly surrounded by kids of other religions and have never been around many other kids that believe the same thing. I am excited for them to grow as a youth group and grow in their faith as they worship and fellowship with so many other Lutherans their age."

The theme for the 2022 rally is "Here and Now," inspired by Esther 4:14. Dobberstein says, "Esther probably isn't the first name you think of as a biblical hero; her story isn't as well known. But when you read it, it's powerful. It's a story of how God can choose someone out of obscurity and use them for his purpose. God doesn't have a use for our youth only in the future or down the road. Like a young Esther, you don't know what God's timing is for you, but he does have a plan for you. I believe God has a plan for you here and now."

Two keynotes will be presented to the attending teens based on the theme. Rev. Aaron Robinson, English professor and cultural diversity coordinator at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., will present "Why Not Us? Royal People," focusing on how Christians should be asking "Why not us?" instead of "Why us?". Rev. Jon Bare, profes-

sor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., and director of the Pastoral Studies Institute, will present "Why Not Now? We Serve at a Momentous Time with Momentous Purpose," which will examine how God places his people right where he needs them right when he needs them to serve.

Additional workshops address the challenges young Christians face in today's world, with topics such as "Superhero Training: Bystander Intervention Strategies," "Where's God When... Responding to Faith Challenges," and "Creating Mental Health Resilience: Strategies for Thriving in a Stressful World." Dobberstein says some of the workshops will be recorded so they can be used as resources for youth ministry in the future.

So far, in the first week of registration, hundreds of people have already registered for the rally. Rally organizers are anticipating about 2,000 attendees. Registration runs March 8–May 31. The cost is \$375 if groups register by April 30 and \$395 from May 1-31.

Learn more about the workshops, recreational excursions, and the rally—and register—at wels.net/youthrally.

## 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

MLHS Easter Concert: Come to the Easter Concert at MLHS on , April 13, 7:00 p.m.

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). family!

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

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