



# News From Zion



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## Announcements

**Gospel Events Elijah** Join us Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the basement as we continue the study *Great Gospel Events in the Lives of Elijah and Elisha*. Join us in the basement as we see God at work in their lives and ours!

**Commons Study** Join us as we will look at *Everything New—A Study of Genesis*, at 9:15 in the commons.

**Sunday School** will not meet Dec. 18, 25, or Jan. 1.

**This Poinsettias** Worship committee will pick up poinsettias for Christmas. Please sign up in the church basement by Sunday Dec. 11. The price for a poinsettia is \$12. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet the name of the person the poinsettia is being purchased in honor of memory of. Please plan to pick up all poinsettias after worship on Christmas or by Jan. 8.

**Youth Group** will meet on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the commons. Please join us!

**Men's Study** will meet on Dec. 12. Join us in the church basement.

**Church Band** will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7:00 p.m. at church. Please note the change of time and location.

**New Life in Christ Class** will not meet this week. We will meet Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement.

**Thursday Worship** this week is at the normal time.

**Partnering in the Gospel** seminar is Dec. 17, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Please note the date change. We want every member (new and old) go through this seminar! We will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month. Join us!

**Choir/Band Concert** will be in both services next Sunday. Join us and bring a friend!

**Voters' Meeting** The voters directed the Leadership Team to not pursue selling the teacherage at the present time. Thank you to everyone who attended. Thank you to everyone for supporting the decision of the voters!

**Sunday Book Study** will meet Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at Nickel Funeral home on Jan. 8 to begin

our new book, *Prepared to Answer*. This book equips us to share our faith using Bible narratives. Books are available from Pastor Ott for \$10.

**Last Week** we had 242 worship in person and 34 online. That is 37% of our membership. Please encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to stay close to Jesus through use of Word and sacraments!

**Soup For Souls** Meals and cards are available in the freezers at church and at school. Please share the love of Christ in a tangible way by taking a meal and card to a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to brighten their day!

**Bible Reading Plan** Go to mzluth.org or our Facebook page to join. Contact Pastor Enderle with any questions. Dec. 4-28: Advent; Dec. 29-31: Teach Your Kids.

**Books** are available in the church basement. New books are added each week. Take as many as you would like to keep. There is a box for any free will offering you wish to give. Take a look at these excellent resources to grow your faith!

**Snow Removal** If you are interested in removing snow from the sidewalks at church and school this year please contact Randy Lopnow (864-7584).

**Can you help with tech?** We are looking for 5 people to help with slides in worship and 10 people to train to run the livestream Sundays at 8:00 a.m. If you are interested in helping, please talk to Pastor Enderle.

**Children's Activity Bags** By the balcony stairs you will find new activity bags for children during worship. There are bags for ages 0-2, 3-4, and 5 and older. Use these during worship then leave them at church. The items in the bag are to remain at church. Each service, look for an activity sheet that corresponds to the worship theme outside of the bags. Thank you to those who put the bags together.

**Christmas Cards** are available in the library area of the basement.

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Advent

Our  
Mission  
is to  
**Glorify  
God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around  
the  
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so that we  
**Grow**  
in the  
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and  
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### Weekly Calendar

Sun. 9:15 a.m. *Elijah, Elisha* Study, basement  
 9:15 a.m. Commons Study  
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, commons  
 Mon. 7:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study, basement  
 Tues. 7:00 P.M. Church Band, church  
 Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Advent 4 Worship

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Choir/Band Concert  
 9:15 a.m. *Elijah, Elisha* Study, basement  
 9:15 a.m. Commons Study  
 10:30 a.m. Choir/Band Concert  
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, commons

### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 242 (25, 120, 82) Online: 34 Bible Class: 25 (3, 24, x, 10) Youth Group Study: 6

### Visit to Kenya and Ethiopia

WELS News

Along with Rev. Larry Schlomer, WELS World Missions administrator, and Missionary Howard Mohlke, head of the WELS One Africa Team, I was privileged to visit two of our sister synods in Africa in October. The experience is one I will never forget.

The first visit took place in Nairobi, Kenya. There we were greeted at the airport by representatives of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ–Kenya (LCMC–Kenya). The LCMC–Kenya was received into fellowship with WELS at our synod convention in 2019.

We had the opportunity to worship in the new partially constructed church building (made possible by the generous support of WELS members). We spent the next two days attending the synod convention of the LCMC–Kenya. The faith, zeal, and commitment of the pastors and laypeople attending the convention were truly

moving. In the days after the convention, we visited several congregations where members themselves are erecting new church buildings.

Later in the week we traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. There we were greeted by Dr. Kebede Yigezu, the president of the Lutheran Church of Ethiopia (LCE). The LCE is also a relatively new sister synod of WELS, with fellowship declared at our synod convention in 2017.

One of the priorities of the LCE is Christian education on all levels. In a building in Bishoftu (also made possible by the generous gifts of WELS members), Dr. Kebede operates a school where three levels of theological training take place. We were privileged to attend the graduation of four men who had completed their training in one of the levels and are now ready to

begin seminary training.

With his emphasis on Christian education, Dr. Kebede also has permission from the local government in Dukem to operate a Lutheran elementary school there. It will have an enrollment of 900 by next year. We visited the school at the start of the school day and were impressed by the enthusiasm of the students and the commitment of the teachers.

God is blessing the gospel ministries of these two growing sister synods. Your prayers and offerings have been a special blessing to them.

*Serving with you in Christ,  
 WELS President Mark Schroeder.*

### News from our High Schools

**MLHS Jr. Lancer Band Concert** is Sunday, Dec. 11 in the gym, 3:00-4:30pm

**MLHS** called Pastor Larry Seafert to serve in the theology department. He currently serves at St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church in Kawkawlin, MI.

**FVL Choirs Christmas Concert** is Sunday, Dec. 18 at 1:00 p.m.

**FVL Grads** who were a part of the band program, please join us for a special alumni band performance at Musicfest on Sunday, Feb. 5. Details and registration are at [fvlhs.org/musicfest](http://fvlhs.org/musicfest) and registration deadline is Jan.10.

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