



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. 25, or Jan. 1.

Youth Group will not meet again until Sunday, Jan. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

New Life in Christ Class will meet this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement.

New Year's Eve Worship is Saturday, Dec. 31 at 7:00 p.m. Communion is a part of worship. Join us and bring a friend!

Sunday Book Study will meet on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Nickel Funeral 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 410 worship in person and 52 online. That is 62% of our membership. Please encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to stay close to Jesus through use of Word and sacraments!

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God's Great Exchange Join us Saturday, Jan. 14 at 9:00 a.m. or Monday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. for a God's Great Exchange workshop. In this hour long class you will learn one way to share Jesus with others. 1 Peter 3:15.

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.

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!

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!

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.

Mailboxes have been updated, your box may have moved. Envelopes for 2023 are in your mailbox. Please pick them up and take along a friend or neighbors. Please discard your 2022 envelope boxes.

Youth Skate Night is Saturday, Jan 2, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Cost is \$8. We will leave Morrison at 6:15. There will be a bus to take kids to and from skating. Speak to Pastor Enderle if you are interested or have questions.

Fun Day is a free program held in the church basement. The focus is to learn school readiness and the love of Jesus, while having fun with peers. Fun Day is 8:30-10:30 a.m. for 3 & 4 year olds (already potty trained). We usually meet every first and third Thursdays of the month. In January we will only meet on Thursday, Jan.19.

Women's Bible Study will meet Saturday, Jan.14 at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a bible and invite a friend. We will also meet Feb. 18 and March 18. Any questions contact Jen Enderle (920-372-3818).

Mission Journey The second weekend in December 10 members of Morrison Zion went on a Mission Journey to South Dakota. While there they worked on the parsonage of Our Savior Lutheran Church, South Shore. They worked on the congregation's parsonage and another parsonage in town. Thank you for your service to the Lord and his people!

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Dec. 15 & 18,
2022
4th Sunday in
Advent

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Poinsettias

Thank you to everyone who provided poinsettias for worship! Please pick up all poinsettias after worship on Christmas or by Sunday Jan. 1. The poinsettias were given by those listed below in memory of or in honor of the following people.

In Memory of

David Evenson
 Walter & Florance Beyer
 Brooklynn Mae Zeamer
 Marvin & Arvilla Kuchenbecker
 Keith Zeamer
 Carla Steffel
 Milan & Lorraine Heling
 Don Edinger
 Michele Eichhorst
 Melvin Eichhorst
 Roger Eichhorst
 Alvin & Mildred Wegner
 Andrew & Rose Rasmussen
 Elroy & Alice Wegner
 Margaret Wendt & Debra Falck
 Bob Brumm & Noel Petit
 Ruth Tisler
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 Walter & Elvira Piepenburg
 Walter & Florence Beyer
 Ervin Zeamer Sr.
 Patricia Stephani
 Elroy & Dolores Lemke
 Victor & Adela Laabs
 Marcia Beyer

In Honor of

Alfred & Sylvia Eichhorst
 Donna Guyette

Donated

Phyllis Wegner
 Brenda Kuchenbecker
 Annette Lemke

Given by

David Evenson Family
 John & Amy Beyer
 Erv & Jackie Zeamer
 Darrell & Diane Suchomel
 John & Jodi Zeamer
 The Heling Family
 The Heling Family
 Gloria Edinger
 Steven Eichhorst
 Steven Eichhorst
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 Harriet Van Der Wegen
 Gail & Glan Wegner
 Gail & Glen Wegner
 Bruce & Julie Wendt
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 Andrea, Carl & Asher Mueller
 Richard & Carrie Tisler
 Dawn, Emily & Evan Vaughn
 Richard Tisler Sr. & Janet Gollnick
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 The David Hockers Family
 Lois Zeamer
 Jake & Aimee Stephanie & Family
 Glenn & Mary Laabs & Family
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 Alvin Beyer

James & Sheryl Eichhorst
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Weekly Calendar

Sunday 9:15 a.m. *Elijah, Elisha* Study, basement
 9:15 a.m. Commons Study

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. New Life in Christ Class
 5:00 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Christmas 1 Worship

Saturday 2:00 p.m. Offsite Wedding
 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship, communion

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Christmas 1 Worship
 9:15 a.m. *Elijah, Elisha* Study, basement
 9:15 a.m. Commons Study
 10:30 a.m. Christmas 1 Worship

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 410 (15, 233, 162)

Online 53

Bible Class: 22: (x, 22, x)

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A Christmas Greeting From District President Zank

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A Christmas to Remember

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19).

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a lot of Christmas memories, some dating back to the earliest years of my life. But one of my fondest memories is from just a few years ago. Cindy and I spent Christmas Day 2018 with my mom. She was in hospice care, dying of leukemia. She had been ill since Thanksgiving, and she had been getting weaker by the day – until that day – Christmas Day. That day she rallied – so much so that I seriously questioned the doctor’s prognosis. When we arrived, mom was sitting up in bed, watching a Hallmark Christmas movie. She had eaten lunch – something she hadn’t done for days. She felt pretty good, and she was in the mood to visit.

Early in the afternoon, I offered to read the Christmas account to mom from Luke 2. It won’t surprise you to learn of things that stood out to her that day, like the angel’s announcement to the shepherds: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11). You could see the anticipation in mom’s eyes. Soon she would hear that angelic choir in person. Soon she would be in the company of Bethlehem’s shepherds, and the many millions who through the centuries of time, have died trusting in the One who was born on Christmas to save the world from sin. But very best of all, mom was looking forward to seeing that same Jesus, the One Mary cradled in her arms, God in human flesh, the One who so loves sinners that he sacrificed himself to have them, have us with him forever. Mom was longing to hear his voice as he called her by name and welcomed here into the home he had prepared for her, the one bought and paid for with his own blood.

Mom’s Christmas rally was short-lived. In the days that followed, it was clear that the doctor’s prognosis had been correct. On January 8th, two weeks after Christmas day, mom’s soul went to be with Jesus. You might think the memory of that Christmas Day would be bittersweet. But, truthfully, it’s hard to find anything bitter about it. It was an amazing thing to spend time with a believer who knew that she was celebrating her last Christmas on earth. For mom’s part, there was no regrets, no resentment, and no fear. There was only an eager expectation of the life to come. For our part, Cindy and I got to see Christmas through mom’s eyes. Suddenly all the things that make this such a hectic and, sometimes frantic, time of year, all melted away. There were no presents to buy and exchange, no meal to plan, nothing pressing on the schedule. There was time to speak of Jesus, God’s Christmas gift to us. There was only the importance of what Jesus had come to do for us and what he accomplished. And...there was the eager expectation of what he won for us, the home waiting for us with him in heaven.

As we left mom that day, we could see gratefulness in her eyes – yes gratefulness for time spent with family, but more than that, gratefulness for the meaning of the day. Mom was treasuring up the truths of Christmas. She was pondering in her heart the same things that Mary was pondering on the first Christmas as she held the God-man in her arms, knowing, believing, as we do, that in him we will live forever.

My prayer for you, is that you will take the time to savor the message you’re hearing. Ponder, like Mary, what the gospel means to you. Treasure up the forgiveness that is yours and the peace that you have with our God through Christ.

I, too, am grateful for your faithful work and for the fellowship we share in Christ.

With the same grateful heart, I wish you and yours a very blessed Christmas!

Pastor Joel M. Zank, President
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