



# 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** for age 3 through grade 6 meets at school at 9:15 a.m.

**Voters' Meeting** There will be a voters' meeting after late worship this Sunday. The voters will discuss whether or not we will sell the teacherage.

**Sunday Book Study** will meet Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at Nickel Funeral home. We will finish *Has American Christianity Failed?* We will not meet again until 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.

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

**New Life in Christ Class** will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

**Happy Birthday Jesus** for ages 3 (potty trained) through 2nd grade is Friday, Dec. 9, 6:00-6:45 p.m. in Mrs. Geidel's classroom. We will read stories about Jesus' birth, decorate cupcakes, and make a craft! Please register via the link on the Morrison Zion School's Facebook page or the church website ([mzluth.org](http://mzluth.org)).

**Parents Night Out** hosted by Youth Group is Saturday, Dec. 10, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Food and fun will be provided for your kids while parents can finish Christmas shopping or have a night out together. Sign up at church or school.

**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.

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

**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!

**Last Week** we had 193 worship in person and 37 online. That is 31% 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](http://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 Loppnow (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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2nd Sunday in  
Advent

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### Weekly Calendar

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| Sun. 9:15 a.m. <i>Elijah, Elisha</i> Study, basement | Fri. 6:00 p.m. Happy Birthday Jesus             |
| 9:15 a.m. Commons Study                              | Sat. 5:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out               |
| 9:15 a.m. Sunday School                              | Sun. 8:00 a.m. Advent 3 Worship, communion      |
| 7:00 p.m. Book Study, ch. 11 Nickel                  | 9:15 a.m. <i>Elijah, Elisha</i> Study, basement |
| 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, commons                       | 9:15 a.m. Commons Study                         |
| Wed. 10:00 a.m. New Life in Christ Class, basement   | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School                         |
| 5:00 p.m. Confirmation class, basement               | 10:30 a.m. Advent 3 Worship, communion          |
| Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Advent 3 Worship, communion         | 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, commons                  |

### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

**Worship:** 193 (112, 83) **Communion:** 140 (83, 57) **Online:** 37 **Thanksgiving:** 294 (81, 213)  
**Bible Class:** 25 (3, 15, 3, 4) **Youth Group Study:** 6

### Growth and Partnership in Indonesia

WELS News

In July 2022, WELS Friendly Counselor Rev. Gregory Bey made his first visit to Indonesia since the pandemic began. Bey attended the convention of WELS' sister synod in Indonesia, Gereja Lutheran Indonesia (GLI). GLI currently has about 1,650 members in 29 congregations served by 30 pastors and 5 vicars.

The GLI convention was held on the new seminary campus on the island of Java. Construction of this seminary, called Sekolah Tinggi Teologi Lutheran (STTL), was completed in 2021. Seminary classes are taught by Indonesian pastors with support from Bey. The seminary currently has 27 students, many of whom are graduates of a Lutheran high school that was established in July 2018.

"Walking through the new campus evoked emotions of exhilaration

and excitement coupled with thankfulness to God for this beautiful blessing," says Bey. "But it was interacting with the students, staff, and faculty that brought to mind these words of St. Paul: 'Entrust the things you heard from me, in the presence of many witnesses, to faithful men who will also be able to teach others' " (2 Timothy 2:2 Evangelical Heritage Version).

Bey concludes: "God-willing, STTL will produce a steady stream of qualified national pastors for many years to come."

GLI continues to grow in number and maturity. In 2015, a plan was set in motion to transition a significant amount of financial support from WELS to GLI. Pastor salaries for men in established congregations will, prayerfully, be fully

supported by local members by 2025. In some cases, GLI pastors may need to serve as "tent ministers" who support themselves with secular jobs. WELS would continue to provide funding for seminary professors and possibly the synod chairman. Savings could then be used to support building projects for existing churches as well as exploratory work in new regions. This is a huge step toward self-sufficiency and independence as a stand-alone church body.

WELS' Asia One Team is in the process of calling for a full-time friendly counselor to support and advise the work in Indonesia. Bey has been filling the role on a quarter-time basis since he retired from full-time work in 2019.

*Learn more at [wels.net/indonesia](http://wels.net/indonesia).*

### News from our High Schools

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

**MLHS Kevin Buch** accepted the call to serve as the Director of Mission Advancement. Martin Plocher accepted the one-year call to serve full-time as campaign director.

**MLHS** called Pastor Larry Seafert to

serve in the theology department. He currently serves at St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church in Kawkawlin, MI.

**FVL and FVL Schools Bands** will hold their concert in the FVL auditorium on Saturday, Dec.10 at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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