



# News From Zion



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## Announcements

**Call Meeting** The voters will meet after late worship this Sunday to call a 7th and 8th grade teacher for the school. We will meet in church.

**Open Forum** Join us after church after the call meeting this Sunday for an Open forum to prepare for the April 30 voters' meeting.

**Baptism** On Wednesday, April 12 Brooks Mason Cracraft, the son of Matt and Renee Cracraft was baptized into Christ. Please pray for God's blessings on Brooks and his family!

**It has pleased** our heavenly Father to call the soul of Luanne Wanie to her heavenly home. Luanne died on April 9. Her Christian funeral is being planned at this time. Please pray for God's blessings on all who mourn Luanne's death.

**Prepared To Answer Study** Join us Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the basement as we continue the study, *Prepared to Answer*. This study equips us to share Jesus.

**Sunday School** will meet at school at 9:15 a.m.

**Sunday Book Study** will not meet at 7:00 p.m. we will discuss chapter 4 of *Lutheran Spirituality*. We meet at Nickel funeral Home.

**Simple Law/Gospel Presentation Workshop** Join us and strengthen your ability to share Jesus! Simple Law/Gospel Presentations workshop will be on Monday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

**Men's Study** Join us Monday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. for time in the word!

**New Life in Christ Class** will meet on Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. Join us!

**Women's Study** will meet April 22 at 9:30 a.m.

**Last Week** we had 610 worship in person and 21 online. That is 85% of our membership. Please encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to stay close to Jesus through use of Word and sacraments!

**Bible Reading Plan** Go to mzluth.org or our Facebook page to join. Contact Pastor Enderle with any questions. April 1-20: Acts; April 21-25: As-

cended into heaven as one of us; April 26-30: Tough questions—Round 9.

**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. Take and keep as many as you would like. There is a box for any free will offering you wish to give. Take a look at these excellent resources to grow your faith! Many new books have been added.

**Children's Activity Bags** By the balcony stairs you will find the bags for children in worship.

**ESL class** will meet April 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the basement.

**LWMS Rally** is Saturday, April 29 at Trinity, Brillion. Pastor Dan Sims of WELS Christian Aid and Relief is the presenter. Call Marcia Wendt (920-646-0063) for more info.

**Crafting Night** join us for a fun crafting night on Friday, May 5, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Children ages 3 (potty trained) through 4th grade are welcome. Parents are welcome to stay! Registration is required, so please register by Friday, April 21 via the link on our website (mzluth.org) or Morrison Zion Lutheran School's Facebook page.

**On Saturday, May 20,** at 1:10 p.m. our grade school band will play the National Anthem at the Timber Rattler game. Tickets for band members have already been purchased. The link to buy your tickets is. <https://fevogm.com/event/Morrisonzion23>. For each ticket purchased, the Timber Rattlers will give \$3.00 to our school. The link will end on May 18 at 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$14 (plus an online fee). The tickets will be emailed to you. You can print them out or use your smartphone.

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2nd Sunday of  
Easter

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

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| Sun. 9:15 a.m. <i>Prepared to Answer</i> Study, basement | Thur. 7:00 p.m. Easter 3 Worship, communion             |
| 9:15 a.m. Sunday School                                  | Sat. 9:30 p.m. Women's Study                            |
| 11:30 p.m. Call Meeting/Open Forum                       | Sun. 8:00 a.m. Easter 3 Worship, communion              |
| 7:00 p.m. <i>Lutheran Spirituality</i> , ch. 4, Cross    | 9:15 a.m. <i>Prepared to Answer</i> Study, basement     |
| 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Study                              | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School                                 |
| Mon. 6:30 p.m. Simple Law/Gospel Presentations           | 10:30 a.m. Easter 3 Worship, communion                  |
| 7:00 p.m. Men's Study                                    | 7:00 p.m. <i>Lutheran Spirituality</i> , ch. 5, Witness |
| Wed. 5:30 p.m. ESL                                       | 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Study                             |

### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 610 (374, 236) Communion: 353 (203, 150) Online: 21 Bible Study: 44 (2, 42)

Maunder Thursday: 234 (113, 121) Communion: 165 (54, 111)

GF 7 Words: 107 Communion 63 GF Tenebrae: 214 Communion: 169 Easter Vigil: 74 Communion: 61

### Conference of Presidents (COP) Holds its Spring Meeting

WELS News

At its spring meeting, the COP discussed the following issues:

- The COP discussed the pastor/teacher shortage and how best to address the growing number of vacancies.
- The COP has adopted guidelines for congregations to follow as they work to fill teacher vacancies in a time of growing teacher shortages.
- A committee has been appointed to plan for the synod's 175th anniversary in 2025. Prof. Joel Otto is chairman. The theme of the celebration will be "Christ through Us." A special anniversary offering will support specific projects in Home Missions, World Missions, and Ministerial Education.
- Rev. Joel Gaertner accepted the COP's call to serve in Congregational Services as the director of Special Ministries.
- The COP discussed how best to advise congregations that are considering merging or closing. The COP is asking Congregational Services to provide materials that will guide congregations as they make those decisions.
- Rev. Dan Sims, director of WELS Chris-

tian Aid and Relief, encouraged the district presidents to assist in naming district liaisons by July 1 who can help coordinate disaster relief.

- The COP discussed a proposal to change the synod convention from a biennial to a triennial event. Since this would be a major constitutional change that would require approval by two conventions, the COP decided that the issue should be placed before the 2024 district conventions for reaction and input. The COP itself has taken no position on the issue.
- The COP continued its discussion of the re-statement of the synod's doctrinal statement on male-female roles. The issue will be discussed by district conventions in 2024 and at various called worker conferences.
- WELS Ministry of Christian Giving reported that 96 percent of all WELS congregations had submitted statistical reports and subscriptions for Congregation Mission Offerings.
- The COP approved a pilot project for a voluntary mentoring system for called

worker spouses. The pilot project will take place in the South Central District.

- With the growing need for Christian counselors, the COP was asked by Christian Family Solutions if the COP would encourage such training at Martin Luther College and/or Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The COP is aware that such a program is in the long-range plan of Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) and concluded that WLC is the appropriate place for such training to take place.
- The COP made the following appointments or re-appointments: Prof. James Danell, Prof. Joel Otto, and Prof. Nicolas Schmoller (Commission on Inter-Church Relations); Rev. Eric Steinbrenner (Chairman of the Commission on Constitutional Matters); Rev. Richard Waldschmidt (Commission on Constitutional Matters); Rev. John Dolan and Prof. James Westendorf (Publication Review Committee); Rev. Tim Ehlers (Support Committee); Rev. Joel Zank (COP representative on the Synodical Council).  
Serving with you in Christ,  
WELS President Mark Schroeder

### News from our High Schools

**MLHS** Continue to help us reach our phase one goal to raise an additional \$4 million! Visit [www.mlhslancers.org/campaign](http://www.mlhslancers.org/campaign).

**MLHS** Spring Band Concert is April 26 at 6:30 p.m. featuring the junior lancer bands-beginner band, concert winds, and jazz kids, the MLHS Symphonic Band and the MLHS Jazz Ensemble.

**MLHS** will have 15 international students next school year! Host Families are needed

for the 2023-2024 school year. Contact Nathan King. ([nking@mlhslancers.org](mailto:nking@mlhslancers.org) or 920-682-0215 x 420) to learn more.

**FVL** Go to [fvls.org/youth-sports](http://fvls.org/youth-sports) for info on upcoming youth sports opportunities, including spring and summer activities.

**FVL** Host families needed for 2023-24. Go to [fvls.org/hosting](http://fvls.org/hosting) for information or Monica Uhlenbrauck ([muhlenbrauck@fvls.org](mailto:muhlenbrauck@fvls.org)) with questions.

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