



News From Zion



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Announcements

Call Extended The Lord called Steven Biedenbender to be our 7th and 8th grade teacher at last week's call meeting. He presently serves St. Paul's Lutheran School in New Ulm. Please pray that God leads Mr. Biedenbender to the best decision for the kingdom of God.

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 meet at 7:00 p.m. we will discuss chapter 5, *Witness of Lutheran Spirituality*. We meet at Nickel funeral Home.

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

Voters' Meeting The annual voters' meeting will be after late worship in the commons next Sunday.

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 21-25: Ascended 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, Bible tabs, bookmarks, jewelry, and other items have been added.

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

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.

Friendship Witnessing Workshop This workshop will focus on how to build bridges with people and earn the right to talk to them about Jesus. This one hour workshop will meet on Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m. and on Monday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

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.

Morrison Zion Athletics will have a flower fundraiser in partnership with Braun Acres to support the costs of our athletic programs. To order or to learn more details go to mzluth.org. Orders will be accepted online through May 7. Thanks in advance for your support!

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Weekly Calendar

Sun. 9:15 a.m. <i>Prepared to Answer</i> Study, basement	9:15 a.m. <i>Prepared to Answer</i> Study, basement
9:15 a.m. Sunday School	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
7:00 p.m. <i>Lutheran Spirituality</i> , ch. 5, Witness	10:30 a.m. Easter 4 Worship
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Study	11:30 p.m. Voters' Meeting, commons
Thur. 7:00 p.m. Easter 4 Worship	7:00 p.m. <i>Lutheran Spirituality</i> , ch. 6, Vocation
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Easter 4 Worship	7:00 p.m. Youth Group Study

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 211 (20, 83, 108) Online: 28 Bible Study: 44 (2, 42) Youth Group: 3

Conference of Presidents (COP) Holds its Spring Meeting

WELS News

In 2011, leadership from the Hmong Fellowship Church (HFC), a church body in Vietnam numbering more than 140,000 members, invited Rev. Bounkeo Lor, a WELS pastor in Kansas City, to train their church leaders in the truth of the Scriptures. They desired not only to be trained in the Scriptures but also to know thoroughly Lutheran doctrine and practice. Regular theological training of dozens of HFC pastors began. In 2018, WELS was invited by the Vietnamese government and the HFC to build a theological education center near the capital city of Hanoi, an unexpected and unprecedented mission opportunity for our synod. While the COVID pandemic and other hurdles delayed initial plans, we're thankful that God has now made it possible for us to move forward. Just as God wisely and graciously guided the apostle Paul to carry out his mission efforts when and where God chose, so he has changed our plans—all for the good of his church.

The new Theological Education Center was completed and passed inspection at the end of January 2023. WELS took full ownership of the building at that time. The new center includes a chapel, classrooms, and dormitory/cafeteria space for up to 60 visiting students at a time. A formal building dedication and graduation ceremony for the first class of 57 pastors who have completed their seminary training is scheduled for July 2023.

The theological education of Hmong pastors in Vietnam, led by full-time professors Rev. Bounkeo Lor and Rev. Joel Nitz, trains those pastors to train other spiritual leaders. When COVID began, instruction shifted to online Zoom training, and a new three-year rural training program was started in order to reach more leaders *and* members in the rural congregations of the HFC. Until now efforts have focused on the first group of 57 students, who have com-

pleted their instruction in biblical and Lutheran doctrine. Now a second group of 60 students have begun their training. These men are taking what they learn and sharing it with nearly 1,500 local spiritual leaders of the HFC. The new education center will be a great blessing to the hundreds of rural HFC congregations as Lor and Nitz continue to equip their leaders to bring them the truth of God's Word.

Future plans are for Lor and Nitz, who so far have been making intermittent trips to Vietnam or using Zoom for training, to relocate to Hanoi to oversee the theological education program. Residency visas for Lor and Nitz and HFC government registration are still pending, but it is our prayer that paperwork will be finalized by the July trip.

Stay up to date on progress and learn more at wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach.

Serving with you in Christ,
WELS President Mark Schroeder

News from our High Schools

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 or 920-682-0215 x 420) to learn more.

FVL Go to 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 or Monica Uhlenbrauck (muhlenbrauck@fvls.org) with questions.

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