



# News From Zion



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## Announcements

**Voter's Meeting** this Sunday in church after late worship to discuss future pastoral needs.

**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. Pray that God leads Mr. Biedenbender to the best decision for the kingdom of God.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** Join us Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the basement as we conclude the study, *Prepared to Answer*. Next week we will begin the study *Pass It On: Seeing opportunities to pass on the gift of faith through family, church and all of life*. The first lesson focuses on sharing your faith with your family. The second lesson focuses on how we share the faith as a congregation. The final lesson focuses on seeing our individual gifts and how we may share them with others.

**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 6, Vocation of *Lutheran Spirituality*. We meet at Nickel funeral Home. On May 14 we will finish the book. On May 21 we will begin *More Prepared to Answer*.

**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 at church on Monday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

**Partnering in the Gospel Follow-Up** Join us at school on Monday, May 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m. for a follow-up to the Partnering in the Gospel Seminar. We will discuss several of the "take home" sections of the Seminar (Lies We Believe, Spiritual Healthy Discipleship, and the Spiritual Gift Inventory) along with in any other questions.

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

**Women's Study** We will meet on Saturday, May 13 at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a bible and invite a friend. Any questions contact Jen Enderle (920-372-3818).

**Youth Group** On Saturday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m., we will gather at school to bake muffins to share with moms (and others) after church the next day. Let Kelly or Dee know if you can come help.

**Barnabas Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the commons. Everyone in the ministry is encouraged to attend.

**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. Tick-

ets are \$14 (plus an online fee). The tickets will be emailed to you. You can print them out or use your smartphone. Join us for tailgating before the band plays. Meet at Wrightstown High School parking lot (600 High Street Wrightstown, WI 54180) to follow the group to the stadium. We will leave at 10:00 a.m. and travel stadium in a group and park together. Bring your own tailgating supplies. Gates open at 11:30 a.m. The band will go in at 12:30 and take the field at 12:40. We hope you can join us!

**Last Week** we had 252 worship in person and 24 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!

**Bible Reading Plan** Go to [mzluth.org](http://mzluth.org) or our Facebook page to join. Contact Pastor Enderle with any questions. May 1-30: Romans: Deeper into Scripture.

**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.

**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 go to [mzluth.org](http://mzluth.org). Orders will be accepted online through May 7. Thanks for your support!

**Mr. Muchka Celebration** Join us after late worship on Sunday, June 18 to celebrate Mr. Muchka's ministry at our school. Watch the announcements for more details and ways you can help!

**Pastor Ott** will retire at the end of August. A celebration of his ministry is set for Aug. 13. The Otts invite everyone in the congregation to South Shore, SD on Saturday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day weekend) for a party. Please let Pastor Ott know if you plan to attend so we have enough food.

**VBS Registration** is open! Go to [mzluth.org](http://mzluth.org) or the school facebook page to register. Invite your friends or neighbors to join us July 11-July 13, 9:00-11:00 a.m. All children 3 years old (potty-trained) through entering 6th grade are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Muchka at [katie.muchka@mzls.org](mailto:katie.muchka@mzls.org).

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

- Sun. 9:15 a.m. *Prepared to Answer* Study, basement
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:30 p.m. Voters' Meeting, church
- 7:00 p.m. *Lutheran Spirituality*, ch. 7, Community
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Study
- Mon.. 6:30 p.m. Friendship Witnessing, church
- 6:30 p.m. Partnering Follow Up, school
- Thur. 7:00 p.m. Easter 6 Worship, communion
- Sat. 9:00 a.m. Women's Study
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Easter 6 Worship, communion
- 9:15 a.m. *Pass It On* Study, basement
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Easter 6 Worship, communion
- 11:30 a.m. Voter's Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. *Lutheran Spirituality*, ch. 8, Promise
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Study

### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 252 (25, 100, 127) Online: 24 Bible Study: 61 (2, 8, 32, 11, 8)

### Moving Forward in Vietnam

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. 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 completed their instruction in biblical and Lutheran doc-

trine. 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](http://wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach). Serving with you in Christ, WELS President Mark Schroeder

### News from our High Schools

**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 [fvlhs.org/youth-sports](http://fvlhs.org/youth-sports) for info on upcoming youth sports opportunities.

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

**FVL Golf Outing** Sign up for \$125 per golfer from May 1-31. Beginning June 1, the price is \$150. The outing is Friday, June 16, at High Cliff Golf Course in Sherwood. More at [fvlhs.org/golf](http://fvlhs.org/golf).

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