



# News From Zion



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## Announcements

**Adult Confirmation** On Thursday we will receive Taylor Bruss, Dayna Van Egeren, and Brett Van Eperen as communicant members by the Rite of Adult confirmation. On Sunday in early worship we will receive Lea Ann Laabs and Brittany Matthies as communicant members by the Rite of Adult Confirmation. Please welcome our new members and pray for God's blessing on them!

**Christian Baptism** In late worship on Sunday Daniel John Zeamer, the son of Liz and Jason Zeamer will be baptized. Daniel was born on June 3. Please pray for God's blessings on Daniel and his family!

**Installation** In late worship on Sunday the 2023-2024 Leadership Team will be installed. The members of this year's LT are: Randy Loppnow, Erv Zeamer Jr., Steve Laabs, Hans Herzog, Charles Edinger, Kurt Voster, and Kurt Heling. Pray for God's blessings on our LT as they serve the Lord and his people.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** Join us Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the basement as we continue to study *Lifestyle Witnessing*. The remaining lessons are: 4. Witness with the Teaching of Election in Mind, 5. Get Ready to Speak, 6. Adapt, 7. Let the Church Help, 8. Speak the Gospel: It's Our Goal. This Fall we will have a Festival of Friendship in place of Welcome Home. Every member is encouraged to bring a friend to worship with them that day. Join us for this study and learn how to share Jesus with your friends!

**Call Meeting** The voters will meet to call an associate pastor after late worship this Sunday, June 25.

**Help Needed** We need help to move items out of the classrooms after late worship on June 25. The school floors will be waxed the following week.

**Sunday Book Study** will meet at Nickel Funeral home at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *More Prepared to Answer*, pages 142-176. We will not meet on Sunday, July 2.

**Church Golf Outing** is each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. at Wander Springs. Tee times are in Charles Edinger's name. Everyone is invited to join us!

**Outdoor Worship** Join us Thursday, June 29 before the July 4 weekend for outdoor worship. Worship Committee will offer ice cream after worship. Other outdoor services are planned for Sunday July 16 (ice cream provided by worship committee, please bring a pie to share after each service); and Sunday, Aug. 13 (Pastor Ott farewell, meal in gym to follow, bounce house and dunk tank after the meal). Join us and bring a friend!

**Last Week** we had 271 worship in person and 18 online. That is 38% 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 questions. June 10-30: With God's Help.

**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 Saturday, July 8 at 9:00 a.m. and Monday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. Join us to prepare for this Fall's Festival of Friendship!

**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!

**Snow Plowing** If you are interested in plowing the church and the school parking lot next winter, please contact Randy Loppnow by July 1.

**WELS Brewers Night** Immanuel Shirley will host a bus to WELS Brewers night on Friday, July 7. Cost is \$15 a person to ride the coach bus from Immanuel Shirley to the game and back. Seats are limited. Go to <https://immanuelshirley.com/2023welsbrewers/> to sign up. You will need to buy your own ticket(s) to the game: <https://www.mlb.com/brewers/tickets/specials/wels>

**Call Accepted** Michaela Hagenow accepted the call to teach grades 3-4 in our school. Mrs. Muchka will teach grades 7-8 next year. The installations of Mrs. Hagenow will be in late worship on July 9.

**We are looking for help** getting the teacherage ready for the Geidels. Our plan is to paint all of the rooms prior to their move in the end of June. If you have some time available and are willing to help please reach out to Zach Ripp (920) 680-6841 or Danielle Ripp (920)621-3196. They will work with you on the dates and times

**VBS Registration** is open! Go to 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.

**Partnering in the Gospel Follow-Up** Join us at school on Monday, July 17, 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). Speak to Pastor Enderle if you have any questions.

**St. John-St. James** in Reedsville will install Rev. Thaddeus and Abigail Flitter as their second pastor and grades 4-5 teacher (one-year emergency call) on July 23 at a 4:00 pm service with a dinner to follow. All are welcome to attend this special event.

**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.

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Our  
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**Gather**  
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so that we  
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### Weekly Calendar

Sun. 9:15 a.m. *Lifestyle Witnessing* , basement  
 11:30 a.m. Call Meeting, church  
 11:30 a.m. Empty classrooms at school  
 7:00 p.m. *More Prepared to Answer*, 142-176

Wed. 5:00 p.m. Church Golf Outing, Wander Springs

Thur. 7:00 p.m. Pent. 5 Worship, outdoors  
 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Pent. 5 Worship  
 9:15 a.m. *Lifestyle Witnessing* , basement  
 10:30 a.m. Pent. 5 Worship

### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 271 (27, 85, 159) Online: 18 Bible Study: 26 (24, x, 2)

### New Director for WELS Special Ministry

WELS News

Rev. Joel Gaertner has accepted the call to serve as the director of the Commission on Special Ministries, taking over for Rev. James Behringer who served in the role for 11 years and is retiring this month. Gaertner has started his work and officially was commissioned at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry, Waukesha, WI, on Wed., June 21.

“I want to give thanks and gratitude and appreciation to Jim Behringer for all that he’s done in the last 11 years for continuing to advance Special Ministries. I am grateful and humbled for the opportunity to serve in this role,” says Gaertner.

The Commission on Special Ministries offers spiritual care and other services to people whose needs are not typically met by the regular ministries of WELS congregations and schools. This includes ministry to members in the military; outreach to those in prison; resources for those who are deaf, hard of hearing, or visually impaired; support for parents with children who have spe-

cial needs; resources for mental health needs; and more.

Gaertner is not new to the work of WELS Special Ministries. He has spent many years on the commission and has served as the director of Jesus Cares Ministries for the last 10 years. He says even from his earliest days in the ministry, he has always had the opportunity to serve those with different needs in congregational ministry.

“One of the exciting things for me in taking this call is to grow awareness,” says Gaertner. “Look at all the various things Special Ministries does. It gives us the opportunity to share Jesus with a whole lot of people who, sadly, a lot of times get left out, are marginalized, or just aren’t taken care of. That’s where I want to keep it going and raise the awareness.”

Behringer says, “There’s nobody better equipped to succeed as director of Special Ministries than Joel because he has been working in the

field for a lot of his ministry.”

After more than a decade serving as the director of Special Ministries, Behringer reflects, “Love the people who struggle. Love the prodigals. Love people so much that you can’t stand the thought that they are unable to hear a sermon or read a Christian devotion. Love them so much that you ask the Lord how he wants us to overcome the obstacles that loom large. Love them so much that you see the gifts God gave them. And love those who serve with you.”

He concludes, “In addition to being in the Word, sharing the faith, and worshipping the Lord, how we love one another is an essential part of Christian and congregational life.”

Learn more about WELS Special Ministries at [wels.net/special-ministries](http://wels.net/special-ministries).

### 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** 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.

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