



News From Zion



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Announcements

Pie and Ice Cream Join us after each service on Sunday for pie and ice cream!

Sunday Morning Bible Study Join us Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the pavilion (weather permitting) as we continue to study *Lifestyle Witnessing*. The remaining lessons are: 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!

Sunday Book Study will meet at Nickel Funeral home at 7:00 p.m. to finish *More Prepared to Answer*, pages 207-234. On Sunday, July 23 we will begin our final book *I Will*, by Thom Rainer. It is the follow up to the book *I am a Church Member* by the same author we focused on in worship and small groups a number of years ago. Books are available from Pastor Ott for \$5. Join us or pick up a book to read at home!

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.

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!

Last Week we had 257 worship in person and 23 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 or our Facebook page to join. Contact Pastor Enderle with questions. July 11-15: Miracles; July 16-20: How do I forgive my abusive Dad?; July 21-30: Jesus' Church.

VBS Thank you to everyone who helped at VBS

This past week. Your service to the Lord and his people is greatly appreciated!

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!

Men's Study will meet on Monday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. Join us at the bonfire or in the church basement depending on the weather.

You Are Invited to St. John's, Wrightstown dedication of a new ministry center. Sunday, July 16 at 4:00 p.m. at 406 Plum Rd, Wrightstown.

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.

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, Aug. 5 and Monday, Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Join us to prepare for this Fall's Festival of Friendship!

Outdoor Worship is planned for 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!

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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**Glorify
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Weekly Calendar

Sun. 9:15 a.m. *Lifestyle Witnessing*, basement
 7:00 p.m. *More Prepared to Answer*, 207-234
 Tues. 7:00 p.m. Leadership Team
 Wed. 5:00 p.m. Church Golf Outing, Wander Springs
 Thur. 7:00 p.m. Pent. 8 Worship, communion

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Pent. 8 Worship, communion
 9:15 a.m. *Lifestyle Witnessing*, basement
 10:30 a.m. Pent. 8 Worship, communion
 7:00 p.m. *I Will*, chapters 1-3, Nickel Funeral

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 257 (66, 92, 99) Communion: 206 (61, 68, 77) Online: 23 Bible Study: 47 (2, 6, 23, 9, 2, 5)

European Retreats Restored...and Restoring

WELS News

Retreats for WELS service men and women (and civilians) are a big deal for our brothers and sisters scattered across Europe. In the early 1970s the European chaplains wanted to find a way to get their people all together in the same place—people living in many different locations across Germany and Europe. They started with an annual retreat at Easter. This was so popular that Fall retreats were added and even Spring retreats in the U.K. The retreats had a 50-year history when they were interrupted by the COVID pandemic. Because of government restrictions on travel and large group meetings, no retreats were held in the years 2020 and 2021. Then in 2022 when we scheduled our first retreat for Easter, the chaplain and his wife both came down with COVID, and the retreat had to be cancelled. But, we thank God, the retreats have been restored!

This past Easter service men and women who are WELS and living in Europe met in Würzburg where, once again, all areas of our current ministry were well represented—servicemen and women from Ramstein Air Base—part of the Kaiserslautern Military Community (the largest American community outside of the United States), from the U.S. Army

Garrison Bavaria in Grafenwöhr, from the U.S. Army Garrison Italy in Vicenza, a Navy family from the joint service military community in Stuttgart, as well as civilians from various places in Switzerland and Germany, including German friends from the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church (our sister synod in Germany), and even a couple visiting from the States.

Everyone enjoyed themselves, from the oldest to the youngest. Our oldest participant, Marilyn Galow, has been attending retreats since they began. She is the widow of a serviceman who stayed on in Germany after retiring from the military. She still works at the U.S. Army Garrison in Wiesbaden. And our youngest, one-year-old Otto Waldschmidt, especially liked the Easter egg hunt. His family is finishing up their tour at Ramstein and will be heading to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii in June. The three Waldschmidt children were baptized during their stay at Ramstein and mom Tana was also baptized and confirmed.

The retreats are restored, but more importantly they are restoring. In Würzburg we enjoyed special worship

on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, made even more special by being together with fellow believers from all over Europe. We grew together studying the Word, and the kids had the chance to grow in their faith and friendship as they learned and played together. It is a treat and a privilege to share our faith and our lives in this way. We want to thank our WELS brothers and sisters for supporting this ministry, which is so important for all of us.

Do you, or does someone you know, serve in the Military? Whether stateside or overseas, you can sign up to receive spiritual support and be put in contact with a WELS pastors near where you're stationed.

WELS has a civilian chaplain living in Germany to provide spiritual support to members of the military and their families while they're away from home as well as civilian WELS members who moved to Europe.

Chaplain John Hartwig, pastor, civilian chaplaincy in Germany

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

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

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