



# News From Zion



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## Announcements

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** Join us Sunday in the pavilion (weather permitting) at 9:15 a.m. as we continue a study of *Esther* from the God's People Series.

**Pastor Ott Farewell** is this Sunday, Aug. 13 after late worship. We will have a meal of pulled pork, coleslaw, and cheesy hash browns. Please bring a dessert to share. After the meal there will be a program in the gym. After the program there will be a bounce house and dunk tank outside with some ice cream treats. Join us!

**Sweet Corn** will be available after worship this week and the following two weeks. Donations support MLHS' voucher program. Each voucher is given to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$200 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

**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!

**Women's Study** will meet Saturday, Aug. 19 at 9:30 a.m. at Phyllis Wagner's (7067 County Road W). Our topic is "Rejoice Always! Really?" to finish our study of Philippians. Please bring a bible and invite a friend! Contact Jen Enderle (920-372-3818) for more info.

**Last Week** we had 246 worship in person and 26 online. That is 36% 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. Aug. 8-Sept. 4: *Esther Born for Such a Time as This*

**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!

**Men's Study** will meet Monday, Aug. 21 at 7:00 p.m. Join us at the bonfire or in the church basement depending on the weather.

**Can you Help?** Pastor Ott will have a trailer at Nickel Funeral Home on Tuesday, Aug. 22. He would love some help loading the items going to South Shore. We will start loading at noon. Thanks for your help!

**Partnering in the Gospel Follow-Up** Join us at school on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 9:00 a.m. and Monday, August 28 at 6:30 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 questions.

**The Ott's** 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.

**Sunday Book Study** Pastor Enderle plans to begin Book Study again in the future. Please watch the announcements for more information.

**Church Lighting** The Leadership Team approved replacing the lights at church. The cost will be around \$35,000 for the lights and installation. We will need help moving pews to install the lights. Watch the announcements for the date of installation.

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Our  
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## Weekly Calendar

Sun. 9:15 a.m. *Esther* study (p. 12-15), basement      Sun. 8:00 a.m. Pent. 12 Worship  
Wed. 5:00 p.m. Church Golf Outing, Wander Springs      9:15 a.m. *Esther* study (p. 16-21), pavilion  
Thur. 7:00 p.m. Pent. 12 Worship      10:30 a.m. Pent. 12 Worship  
Sat. 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

## Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 246 (54, 119, 73) Online: 26 Bible Study: 50 (6, 26, 14, 4)

## Delegates approve balanced ministry plan and re-elect President

WELS News

On Tuesday morning, Mr. Kyle Egan, WELS' chief financial officer and treasurer, shared an overview of WELS financial results with synod convention delegates. He explained key elements of the proposed ministry financial plan for the upcoming biennium covering fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Egan noted the continued strength of Congregation Mission Offerings, individual gifts and grants, as well as strong reserve levels. "Overall the synod is in a very strong financial position heading into the biennium," said Egan. "We have continued to see strong levels of unrestricted support through gifts, grants, and bequests, which allows for the continued expansion of mission and ministry. We ask for God to provide us with the wisdom and leadership to carry out these plans for the next biennium."

On Thursday morning, delegates approved the ministry financial plan. Rev. Matthew Brown, a delegate from the South Central District, served as chairman of the convention floor committee that dealt with the ministry

financial plan. "It is with joyful thanks for the blessings of our gracious God that we note that WELS is financially strong," he said. "We ask the Holy Spirit to continue to inspire his people to give as they have been given, in support of our synod's task to hold before the world the good news of Jesus."

The ministry financial plan includes support for WELS ministerial education, home and world missions, congregation and district ministry, and general ministry. For plan details, see Egan's full presentation, which is available at [welsconvention.net](http://welsconvention.net).

Delegates re-elected Rev. Mark Schroeder as synod president Tuesday morning.

Schroeder was first elected as synod president in 2007. "It's been a joy and a privilege to serve you and our Lord in this position," he said. "Through the years I can say that you as God's people have been nothing but encouraging and supportive and faithful in doing the work God has given you to do."

Schroeder accepted the call to serve in this role for his fifth four-year term. "I humbly accept your call as synod president, and I do so with the prayer that God will continue to work in you as members of our synod through his powerful Word, working a stronger faith and continuing to work in you the zeal to carry the message of the gospel around the world."

He continued, "I want to thank you for this undeserved privilege, and I want to ask God that he continue to keep us strong. . . . I am only a clay jar. Thankfully it's God who does the work."

Rev. Joel Voss, pastor at Resurrection, Centerville, Ohio, was also re-elected as the synod's second vice president. He already has served in this position for three-and-a-half terms, elected first in 2009.

View full election results for other various WELS boards and commissions at [welsconvention.net](http://welsconvention.net).

## 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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