

News From Zion

Announcements

Festival of Friendship will be the week of Sept. 17. Invite a friend to join us in worship to meet Jesus or get reacquainted with him. Invitations will be available for you to use or do it in your own words!

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

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.

Morrison Marketplace is this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Join us in the school parking lot!

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!

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!

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.

Call Meeting Next Sunday, Aug. 27, we will have a meeting to call a associate pastor after late worship. We will meet in church.

Last Week we had 443 worship in person and 6 online. That is 59% 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!

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.

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

Leadership Team will meet Sept. 26 . Please note the change of date.

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.

Thank You! The farewell you all gave me and my family on Aug. 13 was an incredible blessing! I am so very thankful for all the work people did, for all the kind words that were shared with us, for the meal, the presentation, the time to laugh, and the time to thank God for each other!

Thank you especially to Steve Laabs and Don Heise (from Lake City, MN) for each smoking 60 pounds of pork for the day. Thank you to Howard and Tamara Schultz for the sweet corn. Thank you to the kitchen help (even Annette). Thank you to all the speakers at the presentation. Thank you to Liz and Claire for setting up the John Cena memory boards. Thank you to everyone else who I am forgetting to name.

As I think back to the day, I start to get emotional all over again. I imagine this is somewhat like the feeling I will have this year after the Lions win the Super Bowl! Thanks again! God bless and be with you all always. Please stay close to Jesus so we will all have a great meal again in heaven! — Randy Ott

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Our
Mission
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Glorify
God
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so that we
Grow
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Weekly Calendar

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

Sat. 9:00 a.m. Partnering in the Gospel, school
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Pent. 13 Worship, communion
9:15 a.m. *Esther* study (p. 23-26)
10:30 a.m. Pent. 13 Worship, communion
11:30 a.m. Call Meeting

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 443 (31, 80, 332) Communed: 331 (30, 67, 234) Online: 6 Bible Study: 37

Reaching One Soul at a Time

WELS News

At Synod Convention, Rev. Mark Gabb, chairman of the WELS Board for Home Missions, gave an update on the 100 missions in 10 years initiative, which was passed at the 2021 synod convention. The initiative, which began this year, involves planting 100 home mission churches and enhancing 75 ministries over the next 10 years.

In March 2023, the Board for Home Missions approved the first set of 15 new home mission starts and enhancements. Gabb shared updates about each during his presentation.

Gabb also addressed a common question about the initiative. "One of the biggest questions I've heard is, 'How can we do this with so many [pastoral] vacancies?' That's a fair question," he said. He then spoke about the Great Commission that Christ has given us to go and make disciples, while faithfully and wisely using the resources he has given us for both outreach and nurture. "It comes down to reaching the lost," Gabb continued. "It's still about one Savior, one mission, one synod, one soul at a time."

Gabb pointed delegates to wels100in10.net for updates and encouraged them to pray, get involved, and continue to support the work with their offerings. He concluded, "Trust God's promises. . . . God will bless us immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine."

In its report, the Home Missions floor committee noted: "Our committee would like to underscore our support of the 100 missions in 10 years initiative adopted at the last convention in pursuit of the Great

Commission. . . . This initiative gives us the opportunity to establish more footholds of gospel proclamation where the harvest is increasingly plentiful."

On Wednesday evening, delegates heard ministry updates from three WELS home missionaries.

- Paul Biedenbender is pastor at Christ, a bilingual congregation reaching out to its culturally diverse neighborhood in the middle of Denver, Colo. Christ serves and meets people from all over the world. Biedenbender showed a photo of a hallway at Christ, which displays the flags of the 12 nations represented in its congregation. In cooperation with local nonprofits providing for the community's physical needs, the church has established itself in the neighborhood as a place people can go for their spiritual needs. Biedenbender shared multiple stories of God's hand at work at Christ as entire families have come to be baptized into God's family.
- David Koelpin, Foundation, Folsom, Calif., shared photos of Foundation's unique approach to worship. Because Foundation began worshipping during the pandemic in 2019, members worshiped outdoors at community parks due to necessity. They soon found that their flexible, creative, and welcoming approach has made them known in the community as "the church that worships in the park."

They have continued to worship outside, providing a natural community awareness. Foundation members are also challenged to make new friends so they can invite those new friends to church—tapping into the strength of one-on-one evangelism.

- Timothy Spiegelberg, pastor at Carbon Valley, Firestone, Colo., reported that the congregation is in an area of extreme population growth. Since members knew that they wanted to be proactively in the path of that growth, they purchased and repurposed an existing building into a versatile ministry center that could serve the community, with the goal of having people in their building at all times. Carbon Valley's motto of "Connecting Christ . . . Connecting Community" places a heavy emphasis on building personal relationships as a way to reach out with the gospel.

Mr. Joseph Purcell, a lay delegate from St. Paul's, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, was inspired by the success stories being shared by WELS home missionaries in new locations. "Consistently all of them are considering what their community needs and asking how they can best serve them," he said. "I think if we can keep following that model, doing 100 mission congregations in 10 years is realistic."

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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