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## Announcements

**It has pleased** our heavenly Father to call the soul of Jessica Beyer to her eternal home. Jessica died on Sunday, July 30. Her Christian funeral is at Morrison Zion at 4:00 p.m. this Sunday. Visitation begins at 1:00 p.m. Please pray for all who mourn Jessica.

Sunday Morning Bible Study Join us Sunday in the church basement at 9:15 a.m. as we begin a study of *Esther* from the God's People Series. Books are free and are available at the study. Join us!

Sunday Book Study will meet at Nickel Funeral home at 7:00 p.m. to finish our book *I Will*, by Thom Rainer. Books are available from Pastor Ott for \$5. Join us or pick up a book to read at home! Pastor Enderle plans to begin Book Study again in the future. Please watch the announcements for more information.

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

**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!

Choir On All choir members and former choir members are invited to join together to sing at the 10:30 service on Aug. 13 for Pastor Ott's farewell. We also invite anyone who's never been in choir to join us. This is a perfect opportunity to see what choir is like! We will rehearse on Wednesday Aug. 9 in church at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you the

Pastor Ott Farewell is next 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!

**Outdoor Worship** is planned for next 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 259 worship in person and 29

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. July 31–Aug. 7: Names of God; 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!

Women's Study will meet Saturday, Aug. 19 at 9:30 a.m. at Phyllis Wagner's. 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.

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 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.

**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 Mission is to Glorify God as we Gather around the Gospel so that we Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel



## **Weekly Calendar**

Sun. 9:15 a.m. Esther study (p. 8-11), basement 7:00 p.m. I Will, chapters 4-6, Nickel Funeral Mon. 6:30 p.m. Friendship Witnessing Workshop Wed. 5:00 p.m. Church Golf Outing, Wander Springs

Thur. 7:00 p.m. Pent. 11 Worship, communion Sun. 8:00 a.m. Pent. 11 Worship, Comm., outdoor 9:15 a.m. Esther study (p. 12-15), pavilion 10:30 a.m. Pent. 11 Worship, Comm., outdoor

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace Worship: 259 (56, 95, 108) Online: 29 Bible Study: 36 (26, 10)

## Synod Convention

The WELS 67th Biennial Synod Convention was held July 31-Aug. 3, at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Mich., under the theme "Embrace the Cross—Anticipate the Crown."

Every other year a contingency of delegates from WELS congregations and schools, both called workers and lay members, convene to learn about the mission and ministry work of WELS and determine the course of that work for the following years. The convention delegates form 20 different committees that will present reports and resolutions on WELS' ministry and the administration of that work.

The convention began with an opening worship service.. WELS President Rev. Mark Schroeder presided, and WELS First Vice President Rev. James Huebner preached. The following three days were filled with updates from WELS areas of ministry as well as a declaration of fellowship with the Obadiah Lutheran Synod of Uganda and a public affirmation of fellowship with Iglesia Cristo WELS Internacional, a newly formed synod in Latin America

comprised of a merger of national churches that have already been in fellowship in WELS.

Rev. Philip Hirsch, Nebraska District president, presented the convention essay based on the convention's theme. Elections were held for synod president and second vice president as well as other committee and commission positions.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary is one of two ministerial education high schools, serving grades 9-12. Initially a pastoral seminary for the old Michigan Synod, Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) has served as a ministry preparatory high school of WELS since 1910. Over the past 113 years, more than 5,000 graduates have been given a Christian education that is focused on encouraging and equipping students for the public ministry. The 2022-23 enrollment was 194, comprising students from seven different states and 10 international students.

MLS President Rev. Mark Luetzow says, Michigan Lutheran Semi-

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nary is truly honored to host WELS delegates and advisors for the 67th biennial WELS convention this week. We consider it a privilege and opportunity to showcase our campus and our ministry to the entire Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Planning really began two years ago but has been in high gear over the past six months so that delegates will feel welcome and proud of the campus that WELS members support to train high school students for the public ministry of the gospel."

The convention proceedings will be livestreamed for the public to view at welsconvention.net. In addition, news stories will be posted daily highlighting the biggest news and events from the convention. The convention website also includes the convention agenda, the complete Book of Reports and Memorials, election results, resolutions and reports, and more. Get it all at welsconvention.net.

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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.

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