



# News From Zion



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## Announcements

**Call News** Rev. Matthew Kuske has returned the call to serve at Morrison Zion. God's blessings to his family and continued ministry. Watch announcements for updates concerning call meetings.

**Sunday Morning Romans Study** begins this Sunday, October 1. This Bible Class aims at defining the Christian "X" factor. Romans is a great overview of the Christian faith and the application of that faith in a Christian's life. This Bible Study will also be offered online on Wednesdays at 8 pm. Join the conversation with Pastor Enderle and Pastor Ruddat from Immanuel in Shirley. Here's a short link to our online bible class facebook group: <https://bit.ly/xfactoronline> The online studies are saved online and available at anytime.

**Wednesday Confirmation Class** for public school students 5th-8th grade meets Wednesdays from 5:00-6:15 pm. Please contact Pastor Enderle with any questions.

**Sunday School** for ages 3 - 6th grade meets each Sunday at school 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the school building.

**Morrison Market** is Sunday, Oct. 8 from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. Join us for the last market of the year!

**Men's Study** will meet on Monday, October 2, 16, and 30 at 7:00 p.m. Join us at the bonfire or in the church basement depending on the weather.

**SCRIP** Rhonda Heling will be assisting with SCRIP. If you would like to order physical SCRIP cards put your orders in Rhonda Heling's mailbox.

**Youth Group** Bible Study meets each Sunday at 6 pm at school. Snacks and refreshments are provided.

**Fun Day** meets on Tuesdays from 8:30am – 10:30 am. In the church basement. It will be held every Tuesday morning unless there is no school at Morrison Zion.

**Sunday Book Study** meets Sundays at 7 p.m. in the church basement. This week will discuss Chapters 1 & 2 of "Revolution" by George Barna. The book is available for \$1.

**Youth Group Corn Maze Outing** is Oct. 21. Invite your friends. We will meet at school at 4 pm for dinner.

**Thank You** to everyone who donated to the Youth Group Breakfast last weekend. More than \$1000 was donated to assist with travel for the 2024 International Youth Rally. Thank you to all the youth who helped and to Shannon Otto and Jim & Cathy Laabs for helping organize the breakfast.

**Food Pantry** is open Saturday, October 7. Join us from 7 am - 10 am. New volunteers are always welcome to join in sharing Christ's love with our community. Food Pantry is also looking to be open one evening during the month. Speak to Pam Mueller if you can give an hour to help.

**Choir** rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7pm in the church balcony. All are invited to join in singing praise to God.

**Church Band** will have rehearsals on Monday, October 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 7:00pm in the school basement. Please contact Mrs. Kuchenbecker if you have any questions.

**Truck Jam** is Saturday, October 21! This free community event will be in the church parking lot from 9:30am-11:30am. Candy donations and volunteers are still needed. Speak to Mrs. Geidel if you have questions.

**MLHS Fall Festival** is fast approaching (Sunday, Oct 22nd 2023 at 2pm), and Morrison Zion is invited to be involved. The Fall Concert will begin at 4:00pm in the MLHS gym. Desserts and refreshments will be available starting at 2:00pm. The silent auction bidding will be starting at 2:00pm. Proceeds will be put towards offsetting the cost of the Fine Arts trip to Nashville in April. *Morrison Zion or individuals from the congregation are invited to donate a basket for the auction.* For details contact Holly Zirbel at [hzirbel@mlhslancers.org](mailto:hzirbel@mlhslancers.org) or call the main office at 920-682-0215.

### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

#### Worship: Members (Visitors) Communion

9/21 Thur.	18	(7)	21
9/24 Sun. 8 am	177	(48)	129
9/24 Sun. 10:30	45	(5)	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>189</b>
	<b>300</b>		
<b>Online:</b>	29	(0)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>		

#### Bible Study:

9/20 Catechism	9
9/21 English Class	4
9/24 Sunday Morning	42
9/24 Sunday School	13
Teachers/Helpers	3/8
9/24 Youth Group	7
9/24 Book Study	8
9/26 Fun Day	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>

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

10/1 Sun.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, school	10/5 Thur.	5:30 p.m.	English Class
	9:15 a.m.	Romans study, basement		7:00 p.m.	Pentecost 19 Worship, communion
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group, school	10/7 Sat.	7:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Setup
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study - <i>Revolution</i> , church	10/8 Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Pentecost 19 Worship, communion
10/2 Mon	7:00 p.m.	Men's Study, church		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, school
10/3 Tue.	8:30 a.m.	Fun Day, church		9:15 a.m.	Romans Study
10/4 Wed.	5:00 p.m.	Catechism Class, church basement		10:30 a.m.	Pentecost 19 Worship, communion
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, church		10:30 a.m.	Morrison Market
	8:00 p.m.	Online Romans Bible Study		6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, school
				7:00 p.m.	Book Study

## Hope in Houston

*"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine."*  
(Ephesians 3:20, CEB)

Hope Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas, started a capital campaign earlier this year with the theme "Beyond" based on that verse from Ephesians. We were in a bit of a tough spot at the time. A few months earlier we had a meeting with the owner of the dance studio we currently rent, and she let us know that unless something changed, she would have to close down by the end of the year. Without many other options, we decided to take on a substantial portion of her lease payment in exchange for more access to the space. But this was hardly a long-term solution. We knew we needed to act quickly to get into a permanent space. We started looking around, but in the middle of a big city like Houston, real estate is hard to come by. We searched for several months and toured several properties without finding any good options.

Meanwhile, our members were busy showing just how true it is that God can do "far beyond all that we could ask or imagine." Our leadership team had conducted an informal poll months earlier to assess how much we could expect our members to contribute when it came time to purchase a building. The total came in around \$400,000. So, trusting that God would provide, our leadership team set our fundraising goal at \$500,000. After only two months of fundraising, we held our Celebration Sunday, where we revealed how much our congregation had raised. The total came to \$607,153 with an additional \$120,000 pledged over the next two years! Sure enough, God provided far beyond what

Current worship space for Hope Lutheran



we asked or imagined.

Around the same time we were celebrating the results of our capital campaign, we found a church for sale in our target area. It was a Church of Christ that was built in 1927 and remodeled in the late 1950s. It is situated on its own block within a neighborhood in our target area. There is a large parking lot, ample street parking, and plenty of green space for kids to run around. We quickly put in an offer, and it was accepted. We are currently under contract, and if all goes well, we will close in the next few days.

It's an incredibly exciting time in the life of our church. Thanks to the Church Extension Fund's grant program for new missions, we get a 4:1 match on the land value and a 2:1 match for every dollar we spend on the remodel. Because of this, we can afford the necessary renovations to make the almost 100 year old building our home for the future. And because Church Extension Funds grants keep the cost down for us, we will be able to taper off of

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synod subsidy faster, which enables WELS to start more missions in the future. We are extremely grateful to Church Extension Fund for partnering with us on this project!

We hope to have the remodel completed by late 2024, when we will be able to move in and open our doors to the community. We cannot wait to see what kind of impact we'll be able to have in our community once we have a permanent space. Our people have been very involved throughout the process and have all kinds of great ideas for how to use our new space. We're very optimistic about the next stage of our congregation's life, knowing that God will do "far beyond all that we ask or imagine."

The original Church of Christ building in 1927



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Written by Rev. Andrew Nemmers, home missionary at Hope Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas.

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## News from our High Schools

**Fall Concert** is on Sunday Oct. 22 at 4 pm.

There is a silent auction before the concert beginning at 2 pm. All support goes to the Fine Arts trip to Nashville, TN in April.

**FVL's 8th Grade Welcome Night** is Wednesday, October 11 from 4-8 PM. While students enjoy games and socializing, parents can attend 20-minute info sessions on important topics! Register at [fvls.org/8GWN](http://fvls.org/8GWN).

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