



News From Zion



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Announcements

Festival of Friendship thank you for joining us today! Jesus gives the world forgiveness and peace that never fades. He is always there for you, has loved you, and will always love you! May you continue to grow in your friendship with him.

Sunday Morning Bible Study Join us Sunday in the church basement at 9:15 a.m.. Today we will have a special study on Friendship. Next week we will meet in the school gym and finish the Esther study.

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.

Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday September 20. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday at 7pm in the church balcony. All are invited to join in singing praise to God.

Sunday Morning Romans Study will begin Sunday, October 1. This Bible Class aims at defining the Christian "X" factor. In other words, what is it that makes Christianity unique from every other religion and what makes Christians so different from other people? 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 starting September 20. 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>

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

WLS Symposium Pastor Enderle will be at a conference and mentor training Monday—Wednesday, Sept 18-20 at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. Contact Pastor Ruddat (920) 632-8632 if you have immediate pastoral needs.

Call News The Lord called Rev. Matthew Kuske to serve as our associate pastor on August 27 at our voters' meeting. Pastor Kuske presently serves St. Paul's in Lomira, WI and St. Luke's in Knowles, WI. Please pray for God's blessings on Pastor Kuske as he deliberates on his call.

Breakfast on Sunday, September 24 Join us next Sunday morning for a special breakfast in school gym. The menu will include breakfast burritos and hashbrowns. Join us anytime from 7:30 a.m. - noon in the school gym. The Morrison Zion Youth Group will be serving. All donations at the breakfast will support the Youth Group's upcoming International Youth Rally trip to Colorado in summer of 2024. Youth group please plan to help this morning.

Youth Group Bible Study begins this Sunday, September 17 at 6 pm at school. A snack will be provided.

SCRIP is looking for an assistant or two to help with orders and distribute physical cards. Speak to Pastor Enderle if you are interested.

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 we will discuss *Chapters 2 & 3* of the book "The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness" by Timothy Keller. Books are available downstairs for \$2.

Ladies and Daughters of Morrison Zion Let's sprinkle Jen and baby girl Enderle with some love! A little sprinkle for Jen to help welcome their newest addition will take place on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 12:00p.m. in the commons of school. Sign-up downstairs. If you have any questions or would like to attend or help in any way please reach out to Hillary Geidel, (262)-689-3492.

Food Pantry is looking to be open one evening during the month. Speak to Pam Mueller if you can give an hour to help.

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: Members (Visitors) Communion

9/7 Thur.	34	(7)	35
9/10 Sun. 8 am	113	(9)	92
9/10 Sun. 10:30	57	(7)	51
Total	204	(23)	178

227

Online:	31	(0)
Total	31	

Bible Study:

9/6 Confirmation Class	5
9/7 English Class	4
9/9 Women's Study	8
9/10 Sunday Morning	23
9/10 Book Study	5
9/12 Fun Day	5
Total	50

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so that we **Grow** in the Gospel and **Go** with the Gospel

Weekly Calendar

9/17 Sun.	9:15 a.m.	Friendship Study	9/21 Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Pentecost 17 Worship, communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, school	9/23 Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Breakfast prep, school
	12:00 p.m.	Baby Sprinkle for Mrs. Enderle, <i>school</i>	9/24 Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast, school gym (<i>until noon</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group, <i>school</i>		8:00 a.m.	Pentecost 17 Worship, communion
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study - <i>Self-Forgetfulness</i> , church		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, school
9/19 Tue.	8:30 a.m.	Fun Day, church		9:15 a.m.	<i>Esther</i> study (p. 37-42)
9/20 Wed.	5:00 p.m.	Catechism Class, church basement		10:30 a.m.	Pentecost 17 Worship, communion
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, church		6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, school
9/21 Thur.	5:30 p.m.	English Class		7:00 p.m.	Book Study

Keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus

WELS News

Jill walked up to our front door, and I could tell she was nervous. With a smile and hopefully a friendly greeting, I gave her a bulletin and welcomed her to church. That Sunday she heard about Jesus' love for her.

Jill sat in her living room, and I could tell she was distraught. Her husband had passed away a few months ago, so she moved closer to family. That past Sunday was the first time she had been to church in a while. But it wasn't just her husband. Her story was all too common: shame, regrets, broken relationships. These weighed on her conscience. That afternoon, she heard about Jesus' love for her.

Jill began to attend Sunday worship, and I could tell she loved it. She talked to the other members of Our Savior. She participated in Bible Class. She told me how she was working to invite her family to come and visit her new church, a place that told her about Jesus' love. Jill studied God's Word in our new member class, and I could see evidence of the Spirit's work. She learned the depth and the glory of God's love for her in Jesus. She surprised me with how well she applied what we learned to her life and her religious background.

Not long after Jill suffered from a fall. Jill lay in the nursing home after her fall and I could tell she was confused. She couldn't talk very well and the pain was bad. She questioned why God would allow this to happen. I told her about the forgiveness we have in Jesus and the hope of eternal life we both shared. We prayed that God would

grant her healing and recovery.

As God saw fit, he did not grant her that full recovery. Over the next few weeks, her condition worsened. Jill was moved to a hospital, so I visited her frequently. I continued to tell her about Jesus' love for her. Sometimes she was "there." Other times, the medicine made it hard to remain engaged.

Her eyes are what I noticed. The medicine wasn't as strong now because she was in hospice. Every time I walked in, her eyes lit up. She knew I was there. I held her hand; she squeezed back. I told her about Jesus' love for her. Her eyes followed along as I read from the Psalms, from the Gospels, and from Paul's epistles. Her family was there sometimes. They heard too. I had opportunities to share Jesus' love with them directly. She and I prayed that God would keep her eyes firmly fixed on her Savior, Jesus, and that Jesus would bring her home to heaven.

God answered. Within a span of about 3 months, Jill visited our church, worshiped with us, grew in Bible class, fell sick, and entered into glory. God granted me in those last months the wonderful opportunity to tell her about Jesus' love for her. God granted me in those last months the wonderful opportunity to witness to her family about Jesus' love.

Jill lives now in heaven, rejoicing in paradise. I know she couldn't be happier.

Written by Rev. Orie Thomford, home missionary at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Burlington, Iowa.



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News from our High Schools

MLHS Groundbreaking Celebration is on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 5:30PM followed by a cookout and bonfire. Go to www.mlhslancers.org/campaign for more information.

FVL Schools Parent Night is Wed., Sept. 20 at 6:30. The topic is, "Against the Grain: Raising Christian Children in an Ungodly World." Free babysitting is offered. Go to fvlschools.org/events for details.

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