



News From Zion



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Announcements

Freewill Offering for Grace Lutheran in Grenada Christmas Gift outreach program continues. Morrison member Rachel Ihlenfeldt serves at Grace. Our Thanksgiving offering was designated to Grace Lutheran.

Foundations of Faith Would like to become a member or review your faith? Join us Fridays at 1 pm. This study will also meet Monday nights beginning in January.

Sunday Morning Romans Study continues this week at 9:15 am. This study will also be offered online on Wednesdays at 8 pm. Join us at <https://bit.ly/xfactoronline>

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

Fun Day meets on Tuesdays from 8:30am – 10:30 am .

Youth Group meets Sundays from 6-8 pm in the school commons for bible study, food, and fun. Youth Group will not meet Dec. 3.

Sunday Book Study meets each Sunday at 7 p.m. in the church basement. This Sunday we will begin a short book "The Basics" written by Pastor Mike Novotny. This book is free and would be great to share with a friend. Book Study will not meet Dec. 3.

Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays after Midweek Advent worship in the church balcony.

Church Band will have rehearsal on Monday, Dec. 4 at 7:00pm in the school basement.

Parents Night Out Babysitting Night is Saturday, December 2nd 5pm-8pm. Enjoy a night out with free babysitting provided for kids who are potty trained to age 12 by our youth group members. Scan this QR code to sign your kids up:



Lord's Supper is being served at the altar. If you have questions or concerns speak to pastor or another leader. We will continue to serve communion to those who wish to remain in the pews.

Soup For Souls meals are available at church and school. MLHS Choir

Lancer Singers from Manitowoc Lutheran High School will join us Sunday, December 17.

Call Meeting to call a second pastor will be December 3 after 10:30 am worship.

4 Weeks of Mid-Week Advent Worship begins Wednesday, Nov. 29. We will worship at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Soup suppers will be after morning worship and before evening worship. This year's theme is "The Clothing of the King." Scan here to download the Devotional.



Advent by Candlelight for are area WELS advent by Candlelight on Dec 3rd at Immanuel Shirley.

Happy Birthday Jesus is Dec. 9 from 9 am—10:30 am. This FREE event for ages 3—grade 4, we will celebrate the birth of our Savior, listening to the story of Jesus' birth, do a craft, play games, and enjoy a snack. Register online by Dec. 1, or scan this code.



Bookkeeper Position We are looking for a new person to fill this soon to be vacated. If you are interested in learning more about this position please contact Steve Laabs; 920.901.9478 or stevenjlaabs@gmail.com.

Facility Maintenance/Project Manager We are looking someone new to help in this position. **SCRIP** Rhonda will take SCRIP orders between services. Check out the special holiday bonus cards.

Youth Group Christmas Party is Saturday, Dec. 16 from 6-9 PM party at Immanuel Shirley with food, games, and a gift exchange.

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: Members (Visitors) Communion

11/22 Wed. 67 (5)

11/23 Thur. 160 (16)

Total 227 (21)

248

Online: 9 (2) Total:11

11/26 Sun. 8 am 90 (8) 81

11/26 Sun. 10:30 75 (9) 55

Total 165 (17) 136

182

Online: 33 (4) Total:37

Bible Study:

11/26 Sunday Morning 23

11/26 Sunday School 16

Teachers/Helpers 3/5

11/26 Youth Group 8

11/26 Book Study 9

11/27 Men's Study 5

11/28 Fun Day 5

Total 66

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

Weekly Calendar

<p>12/2 Sat. 7:00 a.m. Food Pantry Setup 5:00 p.m. Parents Night Out</p> <p>12/3 Sun. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, <i>school</i> 9:15 a.m. Romans study, <i>church basement</i> 11:20 a.m. Call Meeting</p> <p>12/5 Tue. 8:30 a.m. Fun Day, <i>church</i> 7:00 p.m. Church Band 7:00 p.m. School Board</p> <p>12/6 Wed. 11:00 a.m. Midweek Advent 2 Worship 5:00 p.m. Catechism Class, <i>church</i> 7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent 2 Worship</p>	<p>12/6 Wed. 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice</p> <p>12/7 Fri. 5:30 p.m. English Class</p> <p>12/8 Fri. 1:00 p.m. Foundations in Faith Class 2:00 p.m. Christmas Presentation</p> <p>12/9 Sat. 9:00 a.m. Happy Birthday Jesus</p> <p>12/10 Sun. 8:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Advent, communion 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Romans Study 10:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Advent, communion 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Book Study - <i>The Basics</i></p>
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Port of Calling

“Port is where the heart is.” If you’re stitching a saying onto a pillow or a quilt for a sailor, maybe you can use that one. Port is important: It’s where a sailor re-connects with land and with all the comforts to be found there—if only for a short time, until the ship is ready to sail again.

I was once a sailor on the M/V James R. Barker, a thousand-foot-long freighter ship hauling coal and taconite pellets back and forth across the Great Lakes of North America. Did you know that we have a system of Great Lakes here in Africa, too? My favorite port-of-call was Duluth, Minn. I enjoyed the beautiful book and music shops, as well as Ebert & Gerbert sub sandwiches. However, I had been hoping for more. I had hoped to find a WELS pastor who could visit me and give me communion. But there was a vacancy, a situation far too familiar to many of us in today’s WELS, some 20 years later.

The Port of Douala is one of the greatest port cities on the continent of Africa. In fact, it is the largest city in the country of Cameroon. When it comes to WELS mission work in West Africa, the Port of Douala actually functions like a spiritual port. When several of us missionaries met with pastors in September, only one of them was from Douala. All the rest of us were “ships,” so to speak, coming to Douala simply for the purpose of meeting around the gospel of Jesus Christ! Douala—for WELS mission work—is nothing more and nothing less than a

“port of calling.”

Missionaries Dan Witte and Dan Kroll were studying and meeting with pastors from three West African synods: Christ the King and All Saints of Nigeria and the Lutheran Church of Cameroon (LCC). Because of the multi-dimensional security threats present in the region, for the moment WELS missionaries are not able to travel to Nigeria or to Cameroon, apart from just one city in Cameroon: Douala. Because we couldn’t meet them where they were, our brothers came to meet us in port. Missionary Joel Hoff flew in from Zambia, to give a presentation about the very successful TELL online outreach program, which pastors can use both to teach their congregations and to discover new prospects in their own country. Director of Missions Operations Stefan Felgenhauer also flew in from Wisconsin.

I, Missionary Keegan Dowling, also ended up in Douala, our port of gospel calling. I met with yet a different church body: Holy Trinity Lutheran Synod. They hail from a distant part of Cameroon, where there is a violent and dangerous conflict. Yet, a group of leaders trekked down to Douala, so that we could study the Bible together and talk about Holy Trinity’s mission plans. Holy Trinity is not yet in fellowship with WELS, but this is their desire. So, my job is to work with Holy Trinity along a pathway of studies and discussions that the One Africa Team uses to

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bring church bodies into fellowship.

An interesting thing about Holy Trinity Lutheran Synod is that many of the leaders and members speak French! In fact, they are our first French-speaking partner church body (although God is blessing our efforts in other parts of francophone Africa, too—stay tuned for future blog posts!) When we “drop anchor” in our “port of calling” we read the Bible together in French. We discuss the issues in French. And outside of class, walking around the Port of Douala, guess what? Missionaries like Pastor Kroll and I get to practice a lot of real-life French! Each trip adds to our capabilities. It further increases our ability to call: to call our fellow sinners to our common Savior throughout French-speaking Africa. This is why the Port of Douala is our “port of calling.” And, God willing, it will be joined by more ports of calling, too.

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News from our High Schools

MLHS Christmas Concert—Joy to the World is at 4:30pm and 7:30pm on Thursday, Dec. 21. Join in us for this free concert at the Capitol Civic Centre in downtown Manitowoc!

The FVL Choirs invite you to attend their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, 12/17 at 4 PM. The concert is free.

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