



News From Zion



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Announcements

Christmas Worship Join us for our special worship services to celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Sun. 12/24—8 am: Advent/Christmas Hymn Service

Sun. 12/24—10:30 am & 6 pm: Children's Program

Sun. 12/24—11 pm: Candlelight Service

Mon. 12/25—9 am: Christmas Festival Worship w/communion

Please note there is no communion on Christmas Eve Sunday. Communion will be offered on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve Sunday. There is no evening New Year's Eve worship.

Call News On 12/3 Pastor Ben Schone was called to serve as an associate pastor at Morrison Zion. He currently serves at Abiding Word in Houston, TX. On 12/4 Katie Muchka was called to serve as 7th grade teacher at Bethany in Manitowoc. We pray for God's peace and guidance for these called workers.

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 Study will have a shorten Advent/Christmas Bible Study beginning at 9:30 am on Sunday.

Sunday School for ages 3 - 6th grade meets at school 9:15-10:15 a.m. Dec. 17. It will not meet again until Jan. 7.

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

Youth Group will not meet on Sundays until January.

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

Sunday Book Study meets Sunday Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. in the church basement to begin, "Hidden Christmas" by Timothy Keller. We will not meet Dec. 24 or 31.

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

Church Band will have rehearsal on Monday, Dec. 18 at 7:00pm in the school basement.

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.

Lancer Singers from Manitowoc Lutheran High School will join us Sunday, December 17. They will sing at both the 8 am and 10:30 am services. Thank you to Pastor Krahn for preaching and to the choir and all involved for leading worship.

Barnabas Ministry will meet Tue. Dec 19. Elders will meet at 6 pm and all committee members at 6:30 pm. We will discuss the proposed changes to the ministry.

SCRIP Rhonda will take SCRIP orders between services. Check out the special holiday bonus cards and new local cards.

4 Weeks of Mid-Week Advent Worship continues with worship at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. year's theme is "The Clothing of the King." Soup suppers are after morning worship and before evening worship. This Donations to the soup supper are being given to the Organ Practice Fund.

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.

Knight for a Day is Tuesday, Jan. 9. Morrison Zion Lutheran School would like to welcome children ages 3 and 4 to spend the morning in Mrs. Geidel's 4K/5K classroom from 8:30am – 10:30am. Knight for a Day is a free event where kids will do fun activities with the current 4K/5K class, eat a snack, and join for recess! Scan the qr code to sign up. Contact Mrs. Geidel with any questions: hillary.geidel@mzls.org



Counting Team Volunteer We are looking for a volunteer to help on the counting team starting in January. The volunteer position helps count the offerings and the counting team typically meets two times per month. If you have interest in helping out or learning more, please contact Betty Kittell (920) 606-3846.

Soup For Souls was able to deliver 30 meals to members of Morrison Zion last weekend. It was a blessing to share the love of Jesus. Thank you to those who prepared and delivered the meals.

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

Weekly Calendar

<p>12/15 Fri. 1:00 p.m. Foundations of Faith Class</p> <p>12/16 Sat. 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party, <i>Shirley</i></p> <p>12/17 Sun. 8:00 a.m. MLHS Lancer Singer Sunday</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">9:15 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">9:30 a.m. Bible Study</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">10:30 a.m. MLHS Lancer Singer Sunday</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">7:00 p.m. Book Study - <i>Hidden Christmas</i></p> <p>12/18 Mon. 7:00 p.m. Church Band</p> <p>12/19 Tue. 8:30 a.m. Fun Day, <i>church</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">6:00 p.m. Barnabas Ministry Meeting</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">7:00 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting</p>	<p>12/20 Wed. 11:00 a.m. Midweek Advent 4 Worship</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">5:00 p.m. Catechism Class, <i>church</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent 4 Worship</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">7:30 p.m. Choir Practice</p> <p>12/24 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Advent/Christmas Hymn Service</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">9:30 a.m. Bible Study</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">10:30 a.m. Children’s Christmas Program</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">6:00 p.m. Children’s Christmas Program</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service</p> <p>12/25 Mon. 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship w/communion</p>
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Isolation and Gathering Together Written by WELS World Missionary to Thailand.

WELS News

Dear Members of If there were 100 Thai people in a room, how many would be a Christian?

One.

Let that sink in for a minute.

How would it feel to be the only Christian in a room with 99 unbelievers?

Let’s change the question.

If there were 100 Thai Christians in the room, how many would be Lutheran?

One.

Let that sink in for a minute.

How would it feel to be the only Lutheran in a room with 99 other Christians?

If you answered “isolated,” you would be correct. Often, Lutherans end up feeling especially isolated in their communities. On one hand, they are different from the 99% of unbelievers around them. On the other hand, in the small Christian

group, they are different from the 99% of other Christians. They don’t preach in a non-Lutheran worship service. They don’t commune with Christians in other churches. Due to fellowship problems, they will not participate with other Christians in evangelism or church activities. They are isolated.

Yet, they aren’t. Lutheran members gather regularly for church and fellowship. The pastors meet twice a year for conferences. During the conferences, they grow together, encourage each other, update each other, and preach the gospel to each other. They remind each other that they are not alone in their struggles.

Hebrews 10:24-25 – “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

The writer of the book of Hebrews reminds his readers to think about each other. He reminds them to stir each other up to love and do good works. Meetings face to face give Christians the time and place to spur each other on as well as encourage each other.

The leaders in Thailand take these reminders to heart. They encourage each other. They encourage each other with God’s promises: God no longer remembers their sins (Hebrews 10:17-18), God’s Word is powerful and active (4:12), and God is with them (13:5). They especially remind each other that God is with them in their lives and ministry, always (Matthew 28:20) even if they feel isolated. God is with them, even when they are the only Lutheran in a room with 100 other people.

Please keep the Lutherans in Thailand in your prayers, especially their leaders. Pray that they continue to encourage each other with God’s promises. Pray that they continue to stir each other into acts of love. Pray that they continue to gather—and all the more as they see the day of Jesus’s return approaching.

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace			
Worship:	Members (Visitors)	Communion	Bible Study:
12/7 Wed. 11 am	90	(13)	11/30 Catechism Class 8
12/7 Wed. 7 pm	40	(1)	12/7 Catechism Class 8
Total	130	(14)	12/8 Foundations Class 3
	144		12/10 Sunday Morning 26
Online: 8	(0)	Total: 8	12/10 Sunday School 12
12/10 Sun. 8 am	143	(3) 122	Teachers/Helpers 3/4
12/10 Sun. 10:30	56	(6) 46	12/10 Youth Group 8
Total	199	(9) 168	12/10 Book Study 9
	208		12/10 Men’s Study 7
Online: 18	(3)	Total: 21	12/12 Fun Day 5
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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!

MLHS Alumni—This year we would like to invite all MLHS Alumni to join us in singing the final song at the MLHS Christmas Concert. Visit www.mlhslancers.org/finearts for more information.

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

Long Term Care Seminar sponsored by the FVL Mission Advancement Office is Thursday, 1/18 at 6 PM. Hear professionals share information regarding options so that you can determine what is right for you and your family. Go to fvls.org/seminar for more.

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