



News From Zion



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Announcements

Call News On Sunday, April 7 Morrison Zion issued two divine calls. Mr. Joshua Arndt who currently serves at Martin Luther Lutheran School in Oshkosh, WI was called to serve as 7th and 8th grade teacher. Pastor Joel Schulz who currently serves with Divine Savior Ministries at Delray Beach, FL was called to serve as a second pastor. Please pray for them, their families and all ministries involved as they consider where God is calling them to serve in His Kingdom.

Sunday Morning Study will study "New Testament Gospel Words" at 9:15 am. Join us today as we discuss the words "redemption," "reconciliation," and more.

Sunday Book Study meets Sundays at 7 p.m. in the church basement to discuss, "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. We will look at chapters 11 and 12 April 14.

Fun Day for children ages 3-4 years old meets 8:30-10:30 am each Thursday in the church basement.

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

Youth Group meets Sunday nights at 6pm at school for Bible Study, food and fun. **Youth Group will go bowling April 14** meeting at Immanuel Shirley at 2:45pm. We will not meet for Sunday night study.

Women's Study We are starting Women's Bible Study again!! We will meet on Saturday, April 20th at 9:30am. We will meet at Ruth Zeamer's home. We will have a Bible study and Christian Women fellowship. Hope you can join us! Any questions contact Jen Enderle at 920-372-3818.

Foundations of Faith Would like to become a member? Join us Mondays at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to join this 12 session Bible Class to review your faith. Come and bring a friend!

Partnering in the Gospel seminar with lunch will be Apr. 27, 10:00 am – 1:30 pm. This seminar is for new members, new transfers, and any other members who would like a refresher on what it means to be a Zion member and disciple of Jesus.

Mrs. Muchka Appreciation of Ministry Dinner Join us Sunday June 2 for a special meal after 10:30 a.m. worship to show our appreciation and thanks to Katie Muchka for many years of faithful service to the Lord. Look for the sign up sheet of if you can attend the meal.

Pancake and Porky Breakfast is Sunday, April 28. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 until noon. This breakfast is hosted by the Morrison Zion Youth Group. This is an important fundraiser for the International Youth Rally. Please consider joining us! Youth please plan to help setup and serve.

Athletic Fundraiser Morrison Zion Athletics will be having a flower/vegetable fundraiser in partnership with Braun Acres to raise funds to support the ongoing costs of our athletic programs. Orders will need to be placed online and will be accepted from April 14 - May 5. Look to Facebook and mzluth.org to order. Contact abbeymlaabs@gmail.com with any questions.

Open Forum is after 10:30am worship Sunday, April 14 We will discuss the Merge for Mission feedback, the 2024-2025 budget and other questions you may have. The proposed budget is available in the church basement.

Voters Meeting is after 10:30am worship Sunday, April 28. Brunch will be provided since the Pancake and Porky breakfast will be going on. We will vote on moving to Merge for Mission Phase 2. The 2024-2025 budget and Leadership Team will be presented and voted on.

School Band at Timber Rattler's Game on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The grade school band will be playing the National Anthem at 1:10PM. Tickets are now available for \$14. The Timber Rattlers will give \$3.00 back to our school. Go to <https://fevo-enterprise.com/Morrisonzion24> to purchase tickets. School band members do not need to order tickets. We will tailgate before the game.

The Geidel's Adoption Application has been approved! The Geidel's adoption application has been approved! All women & girls from the congregation and school are invited to a baby shower in honor of Mrs. Geidel on May 5 after late service in the school commons. Please sign up in the church basement or school commons. Lunch will be provided. The Geidel's are registered at Amazon. If you have questions, please contact: Abbey Laabs, abbeymlaabs@gmail.com or Katie Muchka, katie.muchka@mzls.org.

Serving Opportunity Can you help prepare and serve the meal for Mrs. Muchka? Look for the sign up sheet or speak to Charles Edinger.

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

Weekly Calendar

<p>4/14 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Easter 3 Worship w/communion 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Easter 3 Worship w/communion 11:30 a.m. Open Forum 2:45 p.m. Youth Group Bowling 7:00 p.m. Book Study—Screwtape Letters</p> <p>4/15 Mon. Pastor’s Conference 6:30 pm. Foundations of Faith Class</p> <p>4/16 Tue. 6:00 pm. Barnabas Elders Meeting 7:00 pm. Leadership Team Meeting</p>	<p>4/17 Wed. 5:00 pm. Catechism Class 7:00 pm. Choir Practice</p> <p>4/18 Thur. 8:30 am. Fun Day 7:00 pm. Easter 4 Worship</p> <p>4/20 Sat. 9:30 am. Women’s Bible Study</p> <p>4/21 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Easter 4 Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Easter 4 Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Book Study—Screwtape Letters</p>
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Multiple home missions under one roof: Part 1 written by Daryl Schultz, Minnesota District Mission Board member **WELS News**

Bible Reading Plan Week 16

Nearly St. John’s Lutheran in St. Paul, Minn., is an old congregation established by German immigrants over 150 years ago. It was the second WELS congregation started in the Twin Cities area. In the 1980s, the neighborhood demographic started to change. Asians and African Americans moved in while Caucasians moved to the suburbs. Throughout the 1990s and in the 2000s, the change continued as Hispanic immigrants moved into the area.

In 2005, St. John’s opened their facility to Immanuel Hmong, a WELS congregation focused on reaching out to the local Hmong community. As the neighborhood around St. John’s changed, so did the congregation. By 2015 the membership had decreased to about 300 souls. Enrollment in the school continued to decline throughout the years. In 2017, St. Johns made the difficult decision to close the school.

Over the next three years, St. Johns considered merging with other area congregations or closing their doors as they could no longer completely support a full-time pastor. Then, in 2020 a member of the church passed away and left a large bequest to the congregation. With the help of District President Rev. Dennis Klatt and Rev. Tim Flunker, Hispanic Outreach Consultant, the members of St. John’s “opened their eyes and looked at the fields” around them and decided to move forward in a new direction. They decided to ask WELS Home Missions for some financial help to call a bilingual pastor with the goal of starting a Hispanic ministry in addition to the English-speaking community.

In spring of 2022, St. John’s installed Rev. Tim Otto to serve as pastor to focus on outreach to the Hispanic community. What a joy to see God answer in a greater fashion than we could ask or imagine: the building now hosts worship in three languages every weekend!

Hispanic Services in St. Paul, Minn.

Over the past year, St. John’s has started up Hispanic services and held various local community events under the name of Iglesia Lutherana San Juan.

In September, San Juan had a table at Fiesta Latina. It served to create a prospect list of around 100. The group gave away over 100 Bibles and a lot of flyers advertising their Hispanic ministry. This event was held by CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio) at a building next door to the church.

In January, San Juan started an evangelism program to the community called Kicks and Conversations (Patear y Platicar). They invited the community to come out of the cold and to play soccer or basketball in the gym. Attendees could also practice their English on Wednesdays in January and February leading up to Ash Wednesday. There was good participation and attendance from the community varied from 10 to 30 people.

In summer 2023, San Juan started a summer evangelism program partnering with Raices y Ramas, a Hispanic pregnancy counseling organization. The program is called Community Thursdays (Jueves en comunidad) and ran for six weeks over the summer. San Juan opened the gym and volunteers organized and ran crafts for the moms.

For more information on St. John’s/San Juan, please visit their website at stjohnnev.net

Sunday, Apr 14

Leviticus 19

Psalm 23 & 24

Monday, Apr 15

Leviticus 20

Psalm 25

Tuesday, Apr 16

Leviticus 21

Psalm 26 & 27

Wed. Apr 17

Leviticus 22

Psalm 28 & 29

Thursday, Apr 18

Leviticus 23

Psalm 30

Friday, Apr 19

Leviticus 24

Psalm 31

Saturday, Apr 20

Leviticus 25

Psalm 32

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: Members (Visitors)	Bible Study:
4/4 Thur. 24 (3)	4/7 Sunday Study 25
4/7 Sun. 8 am 77 (5)	4/7 Youth Group 4
4/7 Sun. 10:30 78 (13)	4/7 Book Study 9
Total 179 (21)	4/8 Foundations Class 5
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Online: 9 (0) Total: 9	

News from our High Schools

Around the World Spring Concert—April 21 at 2 PM featuring music by the Junior Lancer bands; Beginner Band, Concert Winds, and Jazz Kidz and more in the MLHS Gymnasium.

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