



News From Zion



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Announcements

Merge for Mission Presentation All members from Morrison Zion and Immanuel Shirley are invited to join us Saturday, March 9 from 9-11am at the Ponderosa in Morrison for a presentation and Q & A with Pastor Joel Gaertner from WELS Congregational Services. Pastor Gaertner will present on the history and current situation of the church, some ideas concerning how to better serve the Kingdom, and other topics. This meeting is called “Stage One— Exploration.” This is a continuation of our discussion on how Morrison and Shirley can continue our joint ministry opportunities. More details can be found on back.

Call News On Sunday, Feb. 25 Morrison Zion called Tyler Tesch to serve as 7th and 8th grade teacher and Athletic Director. He currently serves Neenah Lutheran School in Neenah, WI. Please pray for Mr. Tesch and both ministries as he considers where God is calling him to serve.

Call Returned On Sunday, March 3 Pastor Larry Seafert returned the call to serve as pastor at Morrison Zion. Pastoral call meetings have around a month wait time.

Foundations of Faith Would like to become a member? Join us Fridays at 1 pm and Mondays at 6:30 pm. Members are invited to join this 12 session Bible Class to review your faith. Come and bring a friend!

Sunday Morning Study will study Romans at 9:15 am.

Sunday Book Study meets Sundays at 7 p.m. in the church basement to discuss, “The Screwtape Letters” by C.S. Lewis. On March 3 we look at Chapters 3 & 4.

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.

Cards Easter, Confirmation, Graduation cards and more are available in the church basement for purchase.

Lenten Worship Join us for Wednesday Lenten worship at 11 am and 7 pm. The theme is God on Trial.

Soup Suppers will be served after the morning service and before the evening service. Speak to Tamara Schultz if you have Thrivent cards, can help serve, or bring food.

Thank You The family of Lois Zeamer would like to thank everyone who helped out with our mom’s funeral. We thank those who took care of what needed to be done at church, those who helped serve the lunch, and everyone who brought food for the meal. We have so many blessings in our congregation.

Confirmation 2024 Good Confession Sunday with examination is March 17 10:30am. Confirmation Sunday is March 24 at 10:30am. A reminder that these services will have more in attendance than usual.

Easter Lilies are available for purchase in the church basement in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone to help the Worship Committee decorate for Easter. These names will be included in the weekly announcement sheet on Easter. Please use the order forms in the church basement by Sunday March 24th. The cost per lily is \$12.00. Thanks for helping to beautify our Easter worship. You can take them home after Easter or April 7th.

Blindmens Volleyball Blindmens Volleyball has moved to Saturday, March 16. The adult tournament will be in the morning and the teen tournament in the afternoon and evening. Teams and Volunteers sign up using the QR codes.



Rise Up for Jesus Easter Event will be March 23 from 10am-11:30. FREE Event for children 3 years old (potty-trained) through 4th grade. Children that are two years old and accompanied by an adult are welcome to participate. More details and registration link coming soon!

Volunteers are needed for Easter for kids and for VBS. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Geidel: hillary.geidel@mzls.org

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Weekly Calendar

3/7 Thur.	5:30 p.m.	ESL (English Class)	3/13 Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
3/8 Fri.	1:00 p.m.	Foundations of Faith		7:00 pm.	Midweek Lenten Worship
3/9 Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Merge for Mission Presentation at the Ponderosa in Morrison		7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
3/10 Sun.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School	3/14 Thur.	8:30 a.m.	Fun Day
	9:30 a.m.	Romans Study	3/15 Fri.	1:00 p.m.	Foundations of Faith
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study	3/16 Sat.	8:00 a.m.	Blindmens Volleyball Tournament
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study - <i>Screwtape Letters (3-4)</i>	3/17 Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Lent 5 Worship
3/11 Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Foundations of Faith class		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
3/12 Tue.	7:00 p.m.	Church Band Practice		9:30 a.m.	Romans Study
	7:00 p.m.	LT Team Budget Planning Meeting		10:30 a.m.	Good Confession
3/13 Wed.	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship		6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Soup Supper		7:00 p.m.	Book Study - <i>Screwtape Letters (Ch 5-6)</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Catechism Class			

Bible Reading Plan Week 11

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- a) the challenges facing the American church in this culture and the opportunities that it presents.
- b) WELS history of starting churches.
- c) the mission of the Church.
- d) the importance of critical mass in carrying out that mission.
- e) types of mergers/consolidations: absorption, rebranding, multi-site, etc.
- f) the things that can derail a merger.
- g) explanation of the "Merge for Mission" process.

Households/members will take home a "Phase 1 – Exploration discussion guide" for further study. Members will be encouraged to use this study in their homes, and then as a congregation discuss it together and then voters decide if the congregation wants to proceed to phase 2 (of 4 phases).

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace			
Worship: Members (Visitors)			
3/3 Sun. 8 am	89 (12)	Bible Study:	
3/3 Sun. 10:30	66 (8)	2/28 Catechism Class	5
Total	155 (20)	3/1 Foundations Class	6
	175	3/3 Sunday Study	24
Online:	21 (5) Total: 26	3/3 Sunday School	12
2/28 Wed. 11 am	99 (25)	Teachers/Helpers	2/4
2/28 Wed. 7 pm	47 (5)	3/3 Book Study	9
Total	146 (30)	3/4 Foundations Class	5
	176	Total	61
Online:	7 (0) Total: 7		

Sunday, Mar 10
Exodus 22
John 1
Monday, Mar 11
Exodus 23
John 2
Tuesday, Mar 12
Exodus 24
John 3
Wed., Mar 13
Genesis 46
Mark 16
Thursday, Mar 14
Exodus 26
John 5
Friday, Mar 15
Exodus 27
John 6
Saturday, Mar 16
Exodus 28
John 7

News from our High Schools

MLHS Spring Musical

MLHS Presents 'Bye Bye Birdie'
 - March 8 - Opening Night - 7:00 PM
 - March 9 - Saturday Performance - 7:00 PM
 - March 10 - Sunday Matinee - 2:00 PM
 \$10 General Admission
 \$14 Reserved Seating
 For tickets visit www.mlhslancers.org/

FVL's International Program already has over 12 applicants from China, S. Korea, and Spain who are waiting for host families in 2024-2025. Families receive a stipend to offset costs. For information go to fvlhs.org/ hosting or contact Monica Uhlenbrauck (muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org). This is a wonderful ministry opportunity for your family!

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