



News From Zion



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Announcements

Thank You to everyone who served the Lord and his people in worship this Holy Week! Many served behind the scenes to clean, set up, and facilitate worship. Others served us musically in choir, band, as an accompanist, or as our director. Others served by encouraging their brothers and sisters in Christ by worshipping together! Thank you for your service to God!

Sunday Morning Study will study Romans at 9:30 am.

Gospel Words "New Testament Gospel Words" Study will begin Sunday mornings on Sunday, April 7 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. *We will not meet on March 31.*

Fun Day for children ages 3-4 years old meets 8:30-10:30 am each Thursday in the church basement. *Fun day will not meet April 4.*

Sunday School for ages 3 - 6th grade meets at school 9:15-10:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the school building. *Sunday School will not meet March 31 or April 7.*

Youth Group meets Sunday nights at 6pm at school for Bible Study, food and fun. *Youth Group will not meet Easter Sunday.* Join us Saturday, April 6 at 6 pm at Immanuel Shirley and April 7 at Morrison Zion. Youth Group will also go bowling April 14.

Women's Study We are starting Women's Bible Study again!! We will meet on Saturday, April 20th at 9:30am.

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!

Merge for Mission Presentation please give your feedback if we should proceed to Phase 2.

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.

No School Morrison Zion School will have Spring break from March 29th through April 7th. The school will be in session again on Monday, April 8th.

Call Meeting On Sunday, April 7 we plan to have a call meeting for a pastor and a teacher.

Open Forum Sunday, April 14 we plan to have an open forum after the 10:30am worship. We would like to discuss the Merge for Mission feedback, the 2024-2025 budget and other questions you may have.

Voters Meeting Sunday, April 28 we plan to have our voters meeting after the 10:30am worship. We would like to possibly vote on Merge for Mission to move onto Phase 2. The 2024-2025 budget and Leaders team will be presented and voted on.

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.

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

The Geidel's Adoption Application has been approved! We are planning a baby shower in honor of Mrs. Geidel on May 5! Watch for more details!

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.

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

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.

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.

Our Mission is to **Glorify God** as we **Gather** around the Gospel
so that we **Grow** in the Gospel and **Go** with the Gospel

Weekly Calendar

3/29 Fri.	11:00 a.m.	Seven Words Worship w/Communion	4/6 Sat.	7:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Setup
	7:00 pm.	Tenebrae Worship w/Communion		8:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
3/30 Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil w/Communion		6:00 p.m.	Youth Group @ Immanuel Shirley
3/31 Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Easter Festival w/Communion	4/7 Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Easter 2 Worship
	9:15 a.m.	NO Sunday School		9:15 a.m.	NO Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study		9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Festival w/Communion		10:30 a.m.	Easter 2 Worship
4/1 Mon.		Spring Break— NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK		11:30 a.m.	Call Meeting
4/4 Thur.	7:00 pm.	Easter 2 Worship		6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
				7:00 p.m.	Book Study—Screwtape Letters

Mission Journeys: Connecting with cultures in the U.K. Written by Ben and Abby Hillmer, Mission Journeys volunteers in England. **WELS NEWS**

“John 3:16 tells us that ‘God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.’ Our sins are forgiven and heaven is our home because of Jesus!”

Bible Reading Plan Week 14

This was our response to a question moments earlier. We were attending a course on Christianity and a young man had asked, “But why did Jesus need to die on the cross?” As lifelong WELS Lutherans, we were eager to provide the answer we knew so well. But, as we surveyed the room, we were met with blank stares and raised eyebrows. The course leader moved on quickly with another question, “So, do you guys actually think Jesus rose from the dead?” People went on to debate theories and opinions, never once mentioning the Bible. We left the class with heavy hearts. In a room full of 30 questioning Christians, why did our words have little to no effect? Why did the Bible cause so much confusion and offense? We realized that for those British Christians, evidence, emotion, and reason determined faith; not God’s Word.

How do we communicate God’s word in a culture that is not our own? During our six months of volunteering for WELS Missions in the United Kingdom, Pastor Michael Hartman challenged us to answer this question while working to start a church in Central London. By visiting other churches and building relationships with locals, we have learned that the vast majority of London churches lack a clear understanding of the Bible and disregard the Means of Grace entirely. They view Jesus as a good role model and God as our benevolent cheerleader. People in the U.K. are missing the real hope found in the Bible.

Realizing that Biblical illiteracy would play a role in how we communicate Christ, British members of the U.K. mission effort decided to name the church, “Holy Word – Your Hope.” This name and tagline communicates that our church values God’s holy word as its foundation. Through Scripture-based worship services and quality Bible courses, we plan to spread our hope to searching souls in London and across the U.K.

Connecting with cultural values provides opportunities to share God’s Word in an unfamiliar setting. In the past, WELS has done this in various countries by providing free medical care, English classes, and soccer camps. In the United Kingdom, we have found that charity work is highly valued. There are thousands of charities sprinkled throughout London, with programs to help protect the environment, make and distribute meals for the poor, and provide companionship for the lonely. Many people, including the royal family, dedicate hours of their time to volunteer work. We plan to reach out within our communities by providing volunteers for various charities in London throughout the summer. We hope to build relationships through these volunteers and connect people to Holy Word.

God’s Word transcends cultural barriers. Because London is one of the most diverse cities in the world, our church has the unique opportunity to teach God’s Word globally. We experienced this when we had an opportunity to serve our Christian sister from Pakistan, who left her home to pursue a master’s degree in London. We helped her through extreme culture shock. Despite the vast differences between our cultures, were able to connect and encourage her through our shared faith.

Our experience volunteering in the U.K. has shown us that the Bible is both deeply needed and immensely powerful. In a country struggling with loneliness and doubt, God’s holy word is a sure and certain hope. Our prayer is that God continues to bless the members of Holy Word as they consider how best to communicate the Bible in the U.K. and abroad.

Sunday, Mar 31

Leviticus 4

Psalm 1 & 2

Monday, Apr 1

Leviticus 5

Psalm 3 & 4

Tuesday, Apr 2

Leviticus 6

Psalm 5 & 6

Wed., Apr 3

Leviticus 7

Psalm 7 & 8

Thursday, Apr 4

Leviticus 8

Psalm 9

Friday, Apr 5

Leviticus 9

Psalm 10

Saturday, Apr 6

Leviticus 10

Psalm 11 & 12

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: Members (Visitors) **Communion**

3/24 Sun. 8 am 156 (29) **115**

3/24 Sun. 10:30 156 (126) **160** **Bible Study:**

Total	312 (155) 275	3/20 Catechism Class	4
	467	3/21 Fun Day	6

Online:	14 (0)	Total: 14	3/24 Sunday Study	28
			3/24 Sunday School	10

3/20 Wed. 11 am	113 (28)	Teachers/Helpers	3/3
3/20 Wed. 7 pm	47 (2)	3/24 Youth Group	3

Total	160 (30)	3/24 Book Study	11
	190	Total	62

Online: 5 (0) Total: 5

News from our High Schools

MLHS Grade School Track Clinic hosted by the MLHS Track and Field coaching staff for 5th - 8th graders on Sunday, April 14th. www.mlhslancers.org/kids

FVL Sacred Concert is Sunday, 4/7, at 2 PM in the Auditorium. All are invited to attend.

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