

News From Zion



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Announcements

Call News On Sunday, April 7 Morrison Zion called Pastor Joel Schulz who currently serves with Divine Savior Ministries at Delray Beach, FL to serve as a second pastor. Please pray for him, his family and the ministries involved as he considers where God is calling him to serve in His Kingdom.

Call Returned On April 23, Mr. Joshua Arndt who serves at Martin Luther Lutheran School in Oshkosh, WI returned the call to server as our 7th and 8th grade teacher. Our next step is to request a graduate from Martin Luther College. Call day is May 18.

Sunday Morning Study will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym. Grab breakfast and stay for Bible Study. We will look at John 20.

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 15 and 18 April 28.

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.

Women's Study will meet on Saturday, May 11 at 9:30am at Phyllis Wagner's home.

Foundations of Faith Would like to become a member? Join us Mondays at 6:30 pm. We will be beginning a new class this summer. Look for updates concerning when! Speak to Pastor Enderle if you are interested in joining.

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.

Thank You for supporting the Youth Group by donating aluminum cans. We recently received \$455.00 for cans donated. Please only drop off aluminum cans. No cans from vegetables, meats, etc. or plastic bottles are accepted. Thank you again for helping the Youth Group out by your donations and through supporting Pancake and Porkies.

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. Scan the QR code, look to Facebook, or mzluth.org to order. Contact abbeymlaabs@gmail.com with any questions.



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. Go to https://fevo-enterprise.com/Morrisonzion24 to purchase tickets. School band members do not need to order tickets.

Timber Rattler's Tailgating Join us for tailgating at the Timber Rattlers Game on May 4th. We will depart at 10:00 am sharp from the Wrightstown Middle School parking lot and caravan to the stadium. Everyone brings their own food, drinks, and tailgating supplies.

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.

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

4/28 Sun.	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Pancake Porky Breakfast (until noon) Easter 5 Worship w/communion	5/2 Thur.	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Fun Day Easter 6 Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School	5/4 Sat.	7:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Setup
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study (in the school gym)	,	10:00 a.m.	Timber Rattlers Tailgate Departure
	10:30 a.m.	Easter 5 Worship w/communion		1:00 p.m.	Timber Rattlers Game
	11:45 a.m.	Annual Voters Meeting	5/5 Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Easter 6 Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study—Screwtape Letters		9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
4/29 Mon.	6:30 pm.	Foundations of Faith Class		10:30 a.m.	Easter 6 Worship
5/1 Wed.	5:00 pm.	Catechism Class		11:45 a.m.	Geidel Baby Shower
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice		6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
				7:00 p.m.	Book Study—Screwtape Letters

Planned giving program bears fruit

WELS News

Nearly More than 20 years ago, the members of St. Peter, Schofield, Wis., realized their congrega-tion would benefit from forming a planned giving committee. One of the goals of the committee was to actively promote to members what a blessing planned giving could be in supporting the gospel work of the congregation.

Member Bob Stasney has been part of the congregation's planned giving committee since its inception. He recalls that the new committee benefited from the support of a WELS Christian giving counselor, who supplied startup resources and advice. "[The resources] were key in guiding us to establish policies that are very important to refer to over the years," remembers Stasney.

Since that time, St. Peter's planned giving committee has been encouraging members in their giving by providing regular communication in the bulletin or newsletter about gifting tools. The committee also assists members who have questions about making planned gifts, directing them to their local WELS Christian giving counselor as needed.

Through God's blessing, this targeted, supportive approach has resulted in members setting up gifts to benefit the church through a variety of methods, like gifts of appreciated stock or gifts through a will or estate plan. Last year the congregation received several large gifts, including \$220,000 to create an endowment and another \$400,000 to further God's ministry in multiple areas. Another \$20,000 gift went to tuition assistance (the church's scholarship program has distributed over \$130,000 to families since its inception). St. Peter's planned giving committee also oversees the congregation's endowment funds and invests with WELS Investment Funds.

Stasney encourages other congregations to consider setting up a planned giving committee, utilizing the resources and planned giving program manual available through WELS: "The current manual seems quite comprehensive and is a must-go-to for anyone starting from scratch."

Stasney gives all credit to God for his blessings on St. Peter. "The Holy Spirit has worked miracles at St. Peter over and over again, and our members have historically been cheerful givers," he says. "To God be all the glory."

Learn more about starting a congregational planned giving program at wels.net/plannedgivingprogram or contact your local WELS Christian giving counselor at 800-827-5482 or mcg@wels.net for assistance.

Our Stewardship **Bible Study:** 4/18 Catechism of the Means of Grace 5 4/19 Fun Day 6 Worship: Members (Visitors) 4/19 English Class 3 4/18 Thur. 28 (4)4/20 Women's Study 6 4/21 Sun. 8 am 106 (23) 4/21 Sunday Study 27 4/21 Sun. 10:30 59 (19) 4/21 Sunday School 12 Total 193 (46) Teachers/Helpers 2/4 239 4/21 Book Study Online: 14 (7) Total: 21 4/22 Foundations Class 5 **Total**

News from our High Schools

MLHS Prism Concert & Honors Art Show in the MLHS Gymnasium for fine student performances and displays is 5/11 4:00PM & 7:00PM FVL Spring Band Concert is

on Sunday, May 12 at 2 PM, and their Jazz Concert on Monday, May 13 at Pastor Enderle 949-1038; james.enderle@mzls.org Mr. Geidel 262-353-2859, jacob.geidel@mzls.org Randy Loppnow 920-864-7584 Website: www.mzluth.org / www.wels.net Secretary: Nancy Pantzlaff 470-7334 Custodians Church: Ron & Cindy Bever 864-7427 School: Abbey Ossmann 203-8627 Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service Appleton (WELS counseling) 731-9798 Living Hope Counseling Ministries De Pere (WELS counseling) 338-8699

Bible Reading Plan Week 18

Sunday, Apr 28

Numbers 6

Psalm 40 & 41

Monday, Apr 29

Numbers 7

Psalm 42 & 43

Tuesday, Apr 30

Numbers 8

Psalm 44

Wed., May 1

Numbers 9

Psalm 45

Thursday, May 2

Numbers 10

Psalm 46 & 47

Friday, May 3

Numbers 11

Psalm 48

Saturday, May 4

Numbers 12 & 13

Psalm 49

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