

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 156 **Bible Study:** 47 (17, 18, 4, 3, 5) **Youth Study:** 14

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	10:00 a.m.	Open Forum, church
	1:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study, commons
	6:30 p.m.	His Word My Life Bible Study, church
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word My Life Bible Study, church
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, commons
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study, church
	2:00 p.m.	Pray and Play Bible Study, school
Wednesday	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation Class (5 th -8 th grade)
	4:45 p.m.	Bible History Class (3 rd -4 th grade)
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class (1 st -2 nd grade)
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Fun Day (3-5 year olds at school)
	7:30 p.m.	Worship
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	C Basketball vs. Wayside at home (2 games)
	12:00 p.m.	A/B Basketball vs. Howards Grove, home (4 games)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
	8:00 a.m.	Challenges and Blessings Study, commons
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	10:00 a.m.	Voters Meeting, commons
	6:30 p.m.	His Word My Life Bible Study, church

Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS/ELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

Open Forum There will be an Open Forum for all members of our congregation after worship on Sunday. If you have any questions or concerns about our ministry you are invited to bring them to this meeting.

Men’s Bible Study will meet Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the school commons. We will continue our study of *Men as Leaders*. After the study stay for basketball, cards, or whatever your heart desires!

His Word—My Life Bible Class will meet this Sunday evening and Monday morning. We will begin a study of 2 Corinthians. Join us!

Tuesday Bible Study will continue the study, *The Daze Before Christmas* at 2:00 p.m.

Pray and Play Bible Study will meet Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten room.

Adult Christ-Light Bible Study will meet this Thursday after worship. We will also meet Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us!

Blessings and Challenges Bible Study meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. Next week we will study, *Our Christian Response to Blessings and Challenges When a Loved One Dies Suddenly*. Join us at school.

Voter’s Meeting will be after worship on Sunday, January, 18.

MLC Choir Housing The MLC Choir will sing in a special worship service at Zion on Friday, February 27. We will need 20-25 people willing to house choir members that evening. We will also ask for donations of food for the choir’s meal that evening and a sack lunch to send along on Saturday. Watch for sign up sheets in the basement.

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration will be Jan. 22 (11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. & 5:00-7:00 p.m.) If your child is 4 by Sept. 1 for Preschool, or 5 by Sept. 1 for Kindergarten, a packet will be mailed next week. Please fill out the necessary paperwork and return it that day to the Kindergarten classroom. Mr. Humann will also call everyone the week before as a reminder. If you know of someone who might be interested in our early childhood program, please direct them to Mr. Humann.

Poinsettias If you purchased one of the poinsettias that are in church, please pick one up after worship today. Thank you!

Sunday is the final deadline for any matching funds through Thrivent for the 2008 calendar year. If you wish to match funds, please take care of it Sunday!

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Epiphany 1
The Baptism of our Lord
January 11, 2008



Prayer before worship

Lord, in your baptism you revealed yourself as the promised Messiah. Open my eyes today so that I see you more clearly every day of my life. Amen

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Prayer of the Day

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 2 (p. 65)

Sermon: Acts 16:25-34

Jailhouse Miracles

Broken doors
Loosed chains

1st Sunday after Epiphany—Series B
The Baptism of our Lord

During the Epiphany season we get to know Jesus. Today we get to know him by baptism, both his and ours. But the glory is evident only to a chosen few. The greater the glory, the more hidden its manifestation—the glory of our life with Christ is by faith, not by sight.

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, you islands;
hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the LORD called me;
from my birth he has made mention of my name.
He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me into a polished arrow
and concealed me in his quiver.
He said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."
But I said, "I have labored to no purpose;
I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing.
Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand,
and my reward is with my God."
And now the LORD says—
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD
and my God has been my strength—
he says:
"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

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Second Lesson: Acts 16:25-34

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening

to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God--he and his whole family.

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the double stairs.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.