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Seeing Zion, Seeing the Gospel

Logos and messages go hand and hand. When you see the Kwik Trip logo, you know gas and a comfortable stop is around the corner. Think of all the other logos you see around you in the world and what they make you think of.

You may have noticed the graphic to the right on some pictures from devotions on Facebook, our website or in emails.

We have a new logo for Morrison Zion. We hope that when you see this logo you clearly

see the gospel. With this logo we share the peace we have in Jesus, the salvation and hope Jesus gives, how the gospel of Jesus is a light in this world and how Jesus gives eternal life.

At first glance you can see some of the most important features of the logo. The logo has a focus on Zion and the holy mountain. This fits well with how Morrison physically sits on a ridge. The next focus is how our congregation seeks to be a light of the gospel to the world. Next you will see an emphasis on the cross of Christ.

A WELS artist has worked with us to help design this logo that shows how Morrison Zion emphasizes the gospel. With changes in technology, it is necessary to update logos to fit the technology that are being used.

Here is an explanation that was

put together with some help of the artist Jonathan Meyer from Scapegoat Studios:

This design takes up the temple mount imagery, and also Matthew 5:14: "You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden." The fortress on the mountain and the mountain itself have some gothic design taking in-

fluence from the church chancel. The added accents on the mountain show texture but can also resemble organ pipes or piano keys to

honor the excellence and love of music the congregation has. The cross is at the center of the logo and also evokes a doorway or path. The number seven in scripture is the number of completeness, and the seven rays in a circle point us forward to eternal life in heaven.

Here in the paper version of the newsletter, the logo is only black and white. You can find the color version (which includes some red and gold) online. You may see some other versions around including all red and all white. We will still use the older logo at times, but you will find this logo showing up more and more.

On page 8 you will find a more complete breakdown of the logo including some of the passages that went into the creation of the logo. Numbers label different parts of the logo to help point out different key parts of the logo.



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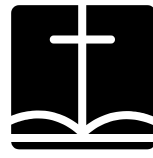
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and then
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Congregational News



Leadership Team Notes

The Leadership Team (LT) approved adding two members to the maintenance committee. We discussed what we will do with the Care Committee for Called Workers (CCCW) four of the six members of this committee have stepped down from service. We thank Shannon & Alec Otto and Jeremy & Holly Zirbel for their service. We will discuss this further in December.

The LT discussed the role of the Financial Secretary. In the past, this position was a part of the Church Council. In our new constitution, this position is appointed and is not on the LT. It is no longer a leadership position. It is now a service position. Since we have women serving as money counters (another service position) we decided to approach women to serve in the role of Financial Secretary. (Since our meeting, Betty

Kittell has agreed to serve in this role.)

Average worship attendance so far this year is 228 in person and 35 online. Each week this year we average 35.2% of our membership in worship in person or online. Please continue to encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to stay close to Jesus in Word and sacrament!

The Barnabas Ministry continues to refine its record keeping progress. Our visits are designed to encourage people to stay close to Jesus. Please pray for God's blessings on this vital ministry in our congregation!

The LT was informed of Miss Birner's letter of resignation at the end of this year (see below). We will discuss further calling from the field to fill this position. We also discussed Miss Holzhueter's call and Pastor Ott's call (see below).

The LT met offsite on Nov. 6 to plan our ministry for the next year. The three areas we felt need the most attention at this point in time at Morrison Zion are:

1. Increasing member worship in person or online.
2. Discipleship (membership is not a privilege like a country club, it is a responsibility to serve God).
3. Equipping our parents to be faithful Christian parents.

The Treasurer reported the following October balances:

Income	\$40,106
Expenses	\$62,826
Monthly balance	\$22,719
Fiscal year to date balance	-\$62,773
Checkbook balance	\$36,229
Gen. reserve fund	\$170,387
DPI reserve fund	\$15,803
High School	\$1,335
fiscal year total	\$5,905
2021-22 fiscal goal	\$16,990
Synod Mission	\$2,605
Calendar year total	\$39,949
2021 goal	\$29,500

Christian Baptism

On Oct. 30 Woods Steven Michael Kohlbeck was baptized at Aurora Hospital, Green Bay. Woods, the son of Michael and Steffany Kohlbeck, was born on Oct.29. He arrived early and has been in the NICU. He is doing well. Please pray for God's blessings on Woods and his family!

Ways To Serve

We have an area on our website where you can look for ways of serving Christ and others <https://mzluth.org/volunteer/>. You will find opportunities where you can serve God. Some areas include: food pantry , live streaming worship, slides for worship, and ESL.

Digital Weekly Announcements

Weekly announcements are sent out by email. The email is from church@mzls.org. Email this address to receive the email. If you do not want them you can unsubscribe in the email or message the same email to request to be removed.

Called Worker News

Miss Holzhueter received a call to teach Kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran, Livonia, MI.

Pastor Ott received a call to serve Grace Lutheran, La Crosse.

As Miss Holzhueter and Pastor Ott decide on whether to serve here or at their new calls, pray that God leads them to the best decisions for God's kingdom!

Miss Birner recently became engaged. She informed the congregation that she will resign her call at the end of this school year to move to Lake Mills area. We thank God for sending Miss Birner to serve God and his people at Morrison!.

Grow and Keep On Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus

Sunday Morning Bible Study in December we will begin the study *Here We Stand: The Legacy of Worms, 500 Years Later*. 2021 marks the 500th anniversary of the Diet of Worms, a pivotal event in the Reformation. This video based study will help us understand and apply this event. We will meet in the basement Bible Study room at 9:15 a.m. We will not meet on Dec. 12. The lessons for December are:

Dec. 5: Grace Makes all the Difference	Dec. 19: We Are His Chosen People
Dec. 12: No class	Dec. 26: The Scriptures Are God's Truth for Us

Commons Bible Study Bring your kids to Sunday School and join us for Bible Study in the School Commons. We will continue studying "Our Christian Response to Blessings and Challenges." in December. After that we will begin "The 4 D's of Discipleship."

Sunday Night Book Discussion In December we will begin to discuss *On Being a Christian: A Personal Confession* by Dr. Henry Hamann. Dr. Hamann's personal testimony encapsulates the Christian belief and reveals its significance in all walks of life—from personal to social, historical to eternal. We have a few books available. The cost of each is \$13. We meet at Nickel Funeral Home. Please park in the triangle in front of the funeral home and enter through the glass door. We meet at 7:00 p.m. Join us!

New Life in Christ Class We meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Bible Study room in the church basement. This course reviews the basic teachings of the Bible. Please join us whenever you can!

Men's Study continues to meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. Join us for time in the word! We will dig into the readings from worship. There will be no study on Dec. 20 or 27. We meet in the church basement.

Women's Study will meet on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. in members' homes. In December we will prepare for Christmas and see how God keeps his promises. We will not meet Dec. 23 or 30. Please join us, no prior attendance is needed. Contact Jen Enderle (920)372-3818 for more details or go to our FB group - Holy Hens of Greenleaf. Thanks!

Rooted We have a new Bible Study for those in their 20s and 30s beginning on Dec. 20. We will meet twice a month, Mondays at 7:00 p.m. We will also have special outings for those in their 20s and 30s. If you would like to help plan some of these events speak to Pastor Enderle.

ESL Class meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. New students and volunteers are welcome. You don't need any experience teaching. Contact Pastor Enderle (864-2348) if you are interested. Please also contact us if you have students who are interested but can't attend on Wednesday. We are receiving more interest in classes and might be able to have a second class.

Bible Reading Plan Contact Pastor Enderle with any questions. Go to mzluth.org or our Facebook page to join us in as we grow in God's Word together!

Dec. 1-5 Think About Thank	Dec. 20-22 Christmas Is...
Dec. 6-10 Find Joy in All Circumstances	Dec. 23-27 Unpacking The True Meaning Of Christmas
Dec. 11-15 An Abnormal Christmas	Dec. 28-31 Christian Resolutions
Dec. 16-19 Heroes Of Christmas:	

Sunday School for children aged 3 to Grade 6 at 9:15 a.m. at school. Bring your children and join the Bible Study in the Commons. If you are looking to serve, we welcome your help. Please talk to Pastor Enderle (864-2348) with any questions.

2022 Yearlong Marriage Devotional The Enderles will lead a yearlong devotional group for married couples. We will read the daily devotion book, *The Meaning of Marriage—A Couples Devotional*. Engaged couples and newly married couples will receive the book for free as a "wedding gift." However, we encourage couples married of any age to join us. We will have set up a Facebook group and a texting group that sends out a reminder and allows for discussion of the devotions. The cost of the book is \$5. Please sign up in the church basement or at school or contact Pastor Enderle james.endelre@mzls.org.

Men of His Word Conference

The 13th annual Men of His Word Conference (Theme: More than Conquerors) will be at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, Feb 19, 2022. Please go online at www.menofhisword.org to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. Registration is open.

Worship In December

Notes on Worship

Live stream is Sunday morning worship at 8:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook Our page is www.youtube.com/c/morrisonzionlutheran. Share the link with a friend! You can find recordings of all of our worship services on YouTube and Facebook. Resources for worship and an online friendship and communion register are at www.mzluth.org/online worship. You may also register by texting 920-362-7118

In December we conclude the season of Advent, celebrate the Festival of Christmas, and close the calendar year with worship on New Year's Eve. The themes of each service follows.

The Lord is Coming!

Dec. 2/5	Advent 2	Repent!	blue
	Sermon: Luke 21:25-36	Hymns: GR19, 16, 20	
Dec. 9/12	Advent 3	Rejoice!	blue
	Sermon: Luke 3:1-6	Hymns: GR19, 14, 15	communion
Dec. 16	Advent 4	Behold!	blue
	Sermon: Luke 1:39-51	Hymns: GR19, 23, 703	
Dec. 19	Concert	Come!	blue
Dec. 24	Children's Christmas program		9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 24	Christmas Candlelight	Here in the Dark	white
	Sermon: Micah 5:2-5	Hymns: 65, 54, 67, Here in the Dark, 60	
Dec. 25	Christmas Festival	The Glory of the Lord Shines!	white
	Sermon: John 1:1-18	Hymns: 42, 35, 62	communion
Dec. 26	Christmas 1	Promises Kept: Jesus Does the Father's Will	white
	Sermon: Luke 2:41-52	Hymns: 64, 41, 46	communion
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve	Time Passes. God's Blessings Continue	white
	Sermon: 1 Peter 1:22-25	Hymns: 71, 69, 75	communion

Consider using the hymns, readings and the sermon text as a personal or family devotion sometime before you join us at worship or online!

Altar Committee members serving in December: Linda Bruegge and Randy Loppnow

Concert

Join us on Sunday Dec. 19 at 8:00 or 10:30 a.m. for a choir Advent/Christmas concert. The concert theme is *Come*. We hope you'll join us as we worship Jesus!

Communion Registration

When you commune, please check your name on the sheets in the back of church, by the elevator, or in the basement. We no longer have someone check the names. Thank you!

Advent By Candlelight Invite

Ladies are invited to Immanuel's Advent by Candlelight on Dec. 5 at 4:00 p.m. "Signposts to the Savior" will highlight biblical messages that point us to the miraculous birth of Jesus. A free lunch will be provided. Sign up at www.shirleygreenleaf.com/abc

Poinsettias

The worship committee will pick up poinsettias for you for Christmas. You may purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of one. These names will be included in the Christmas service folder. Please sign up in the church basement by Sunday Dec. 12. The cost per poinsettia is \$10. Please indicate on the sheet the name of the person you wish to honor/remember. Please pick up all poinsettias after worship on Christmas, Dec. 26, or Jan. 2. After that left over poinsettias will be discarded. Thanks for beautifying our Christmas worship.

Planting Gospel Seeds

Place a seed on the picture in the back of church when you talk about Jesus outside of worship. The seeds are on each side of the double doors. Remember, being a member of Jesus' church is not about how others can serve you, it is all about you serving Jesus in love. Share that love by talking about Jesus! Put up a seed as a visual encouragement to your brothers and sisters to do the same!

Food Pantry

We were able to give our families each a turkey and other items for a Thanksgiving meal in November. This month we hope to give them hams, extra fruit and a bag of treats for each kid in the family. Thank you to everyone who has worked on Thrivent action teams or contributed in any other way to continue to serve these families. I have had more requests for emergency assistance in the last month and I think with the holidays and the economy we will continue to see this trend grow. It is in these times we need to remember Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Please pray that we are able to help all in need with physical and spiritual support.

Items always needed are canned fruit, cereal, juice, pasta and pasta sauce, snacks (pudding, fruit snacks, crackers), shampoo, soap, toilet paper, kleenex, toothpaste, laundry detergent and baking items.

In January the pantry is open on Monday Jan. 3 and Sat. January 8. If anyone is in need of assistance please leave a message at (920)246-5435.

Soup for Souls

In December many of us visit with family and friends as we celebrate Christmas. During this special time, we also have the opportunity to share the message of our Saviors birth and the love he has for each of us. We recently filled the freezers with new meals that are free and available for all to share, along with cards with messages of love. There are also small cards with details of the Christmas Worship Services by each freezer.

If you know of someone who could use some encouraging words and you are unable to get them a meal, please contact Nancy and she will assist with coordinating a meal delivery. Thank you to all who continue support this ministry tool and to Chris Magley who recently did a Thrivent Action Team for the ministry. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his On and Only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

Grandpa G's Christmas Trees

Grandpa G's Christmas Tree Farm will donate all designated monies collected from the sale of their u-cut trees to benefit Fox Valley Lutheran and Manitowoc Lutheran High School's tuition assistance funds. Grandpa G's has Fraser Firs (up to 13'), Blue Spruce (up to 9') and Canaan Fir (up to 14'). The farm is located at the corner of Morrison Rd and Hwy. 96 at 3159 Lark Rd. Hours are Friday, Nov. 26 (9:00 a.m. to dusk). Every Saturday and Sunday until Dec.12 (11:00 a.m. to dusk). After Dec. 12, you may call for an appointment and we will be happy to accommodate you until Dec 23. All trees are \$40 any size. Saws and twine for securing your tree are available. When you arrive to cut your tree, please let us know which tuition assistance fund you want to support or to be split between both. We will make a note of it and send the proceeds to the schools in time for Christmas. Questions or to cut a tree by appointment, please call Paul Griepentrog at (920)428-4303.

Scrip

Due to shipping charges on physical cards, I need to have enough orders in hand to be able to replenish inventory. Please consider using the RaiseRight app to access e-gift cards. These are very easy to use - simply pull up the app on your phone and present the barcode at checkout! The code to use is LCE5EE7B2774L. See copy insert in the newsletter with info or contact Danielle Ripp at dani.pues27@gmail.com.

The following stocking stuffers are on hand:

\$10

Papa Murphy's
Bath & Body Works
Starbucks
Target
Walmart
Taco Bell
Subway
Barnes & Noble
Dunkin' Donuts
Dairy Queen

\$25

Bath & Body Works
Chili
Pizza Ranch
Red Robin
Starbucks
Target
Walmart
Golden Corral
IHOP

\$50

Chili's

Scrip order dates:

Dec. 5 commons after early service
Dec. 19 commons after early service

Couples Dinner with Babysitting!

Morrison Zion and Immanuel Youth Groups will host a couple's dinner and babysitting Saturday Dec. 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

If you need a babysitter that night, babysitting is available at Morrison Zion Lutheran School. The Couple's Dinner is a catered meal served at Immanuel Lutheran. Cost is \$20 per couple, proceeds to benefit both youth groups. Link to register is <https://shirleygreenleaf.com/couples/> There are also sheets in the church basement. Please also follow the link or use the sign up sheets in the basement to let us know how many children you plan to drop off for babysitting.

You can make use of the babysitting even if you do not attend the Couples' Dinner!

Youth Group Christmas Party

The Immanuel, Shirley Youth Group invites our Youth Group Members in grades 8-12 to a Christmas party It will be at Shirley (3741 Shirley Rd) on Dec. 18 at 7:00 p.m. BBQ sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also bring a \$10 gift for a gift swapping game. To help them plan please RSVP to kruddat@gmail.com with your name and what grade you are in.

Youth Group Study

Youth Group Bible Study continues on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. Beginning in December youth in 8th grade are welcome to join us at Bible Study. We meet in the commons. Open gym follows. Join us and bring a friend!

Youth Group Babysitting Help Needed

Youth Group will host a parent's night out on Saturday, Dec. 4. Youth Group members, please sign up online or on the signup sheets in the church basement if you can help babysit.

2022 International Youth Rally

The rally will be June 28-July 1 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Save the dates and plan for this event! Those who missed out on a 2020 rally may attend. Registration begins in March. Contact Pastor Enderle for more info james.enderle@mzls.org. Sign up sheet are in the basement.

School News

4K-5K

Miss Holzhueter

With Thanksgiving in the month of November, it is a great time to reflect on thankfulness. In 4K and 5K, we talked about being thankful first and foremost for God. After that, we learned that we can be thankful for everything, big or small! Thank you, Morrison Zion Lutheran family for your support and continued prayers for our school - the faculty, staff, families, and students. We are truly blessed!

November is also a fun time for 4K and 5K because we begin practicing our Christmas program recitations and songs! We look forward to sharing the message of Jesus' birth!

Grades 1-2

Mrs. Kuchenbecker

In November we studied the very early history of America. We learned about the Pilgrims and the hardships they faced in their first year in America. We compared life in the past to life today. We are thankful for all the things that made our cooking much easier than how the Pilgrims would have had to do it!

The second graders are adding and subtracting with 2 digit numbers with regrouping. We are reading long vowel words, and studying nouns and verbs. The first graders continue to learn more ways to do simple addition. We're reading short vowel words, and learning nouns and verbs too.

The class successfully completed its first reading challenge and enjoyed a "beary" fun afternoon celebrating.

Our main focus now is to learn our parts for our Christmas program. The students are excited to share the message of Jesus' birth through word and song. From our classroom to all, have a very happy and blessed Christmas

No School

The students, faculty, and staff wish you all a Merry Christmas. May Christ's love fill you with joy! There will be no school Dec. 24-Jan. 2. Classes resume on Jan. 3.

Christmas Presentation

On Friday, Dec. 10, at 2:00 p.m. students will sing, play instruments, and piano in the school gym. Join us!

Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program will be on Dec. 24 at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Math Meet

In November 14 students from grades 6-8 participated in an FVL math meet.

School Enrollment

If you know of anyone interested in a solid Christian education, please mention our school! Mr. Muchka is willing to meet, give them a tour, or discuss their child's education. We have room for more children to learn about Jesus!

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the Athletic Christmas wreath and planter fundraiser! The funds will support our athletic programs. Thank you for your support

Thrivent Choice

If you are giving your Thrivent Choice dollars to church or school, thank you! If you have not done this, please consider designating your choice dollars. This needs to be done quarterly. Please call Thrivent if you have any questions.

Grades 3-4

Mrs. Muchka

We pray that your hearts are filled with the love of Christ this Advent. This year in Christ Light, we are studying the Old Testament. We will focus on the words and promises of God. In Math the third graders are multiplying one-digit numbers, and the fourth graders are multiplying multi-digit numbers. In Science we will focus on the qualities and properties of water. The class enjoys conducting lab experiments! In Social Studies we will learn about the importance and effects of natural resources on communities in our area and throughout the world. We will also learn about the proper use of prepositions and prepositional phrases in Shurley English. We look forward to practicing for the Christmas program! It is such a joy for the third and fourth graders to share good news of Jesus' birth with others! Please keep the third and fourth grade classroom in your prayers as we continue our school year!

Grades 5-6

Miss Birner

This month in Catechism we finished the Second Article and will begin the Third Article focusing on the Holy Spirit. We will also learn about Moses and his life of faith in Christ Light.

In Science, we are still learning about mixtures and solutions. Students will learn about states of matter and density. They will even get to try to layer 4 different liquids with different densities in a straw.

Coming up in art we will learn about medieval art and renaissance art. Students will create some mosaics, stain glass windows (out of paper), and work on 1st person perspective.

Grades 7-8

Mr. Muchka

God's blessings to you from our classroom. We certainly have a lot to be thankful for from our Lord and Savior. He has given our students some wonderful talents and abilities. In Christ Light they continue learning to know Jesus through the major prophets. In Reading we are reading the novel "To Kill a Mockingbird". In Social Studies we are studying the late 1800s rise of industry and immigration. It is awesome to see the students using their gifts and abilities in a variety of ways. For more information about our classroom, head to www.muchka.weebly.com. Keep our students, parents, and teachers in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to serve in our classroom with our gifts, talents, and abilities.

Athletics

Basketball games began in November. If you'd like to cheer on the Knights, game schedules can be picked up in the school office, or you can check our online school and church calendar. If you're looking for volunteer opportunities, our athletic program is always looking for coaches or extra help at home events. Please contact Katie Muchka if you'd like to get involved!

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Seeing Zion, Seeing the Gospel *continued*

1. Zion can refer to the temple mount in Jerusalem: "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." Ps 2:6;

2. Texture on the mountain can reference organ pipes or piano keys: "Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. Ps 33:1-3

3. Jesus is the light of the world. Zion can refer to the whole people of God who are his body and temple of God who are to let the light of the Gospel shine like a city on a hill: "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Jn 9:5; "You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden." Mt 5:14

4. On the mountain, the city of God there is a fortress and refuge. God is our refuge and strength: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Ps46:1

5. The cross is at the center and focus of the logo. Jesus and his cross mean our salvation. "Jesus said to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me." Jn 14:6

6. There are 7 rays of light. 7 is the number of perfection which represents heaven. The rays of light also resemble a crown like the crown of eternal life which awaits believers because of the work of Christ: "And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away." 1 Pt 5:4

We pray this visual expression of the gospel can be a blessing to our ministry.

