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Working Together for the Gospel

Have you ever finished a project at work just to learn that several people were all duplicating the same work at the same time? Each person's work was a little different and was done well. But could they have benefited by working together? Could their unique gifts and ideas been shared to have a better final product? Could some have saved time by working together and others on different projects?

As the Christian church throughout the United States, including our synod, is facing called worker shortages, we are led to look at ministry in different ways. The shortage can bring challenges, but it can also bring opportunities to rethink things. Many of the churches in our area have long histories blessed by God. There is so much to be thankful for! Yet, the world has changed a lot since the late 1800s. If you were starting churches and schools in our area today, with a blank slate, what might it look like? How can we be the best stewards of God's gifts?

Our church and our synod have been blessed with a unique unity and fellowship. We are all part of the body of Christ, and we can serve him together in different ways each using the many gifts given by God (1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12). We have always done this a synod, area churches, and within the local church. Zion has been blessed with opportunities to partner with area ministries to better accomplish our goals. Consider how we support local high schools like Manitowoc Lutheran and Fox Valley. For around a decade, Morrison Zion and Immanuel Shirley have partnered to supporting a Lutheran Elementary School.

Over the last few years, Zion and Immanuel have begun to partner in more ministry opportunities. One of the best examples of this is our Youth Group program. Churches of all sizes struggle to have functioning youth groups, often due to lack of volunteers. Organizing and running a youth group, hosting events, making meals, having devotions, and much more can be done well by one person who has the time to make it a major focus of their time (often as a volunteer). With called worker shortages, these jobs are often asked of called workers who don't have the time to give a healthy

focus to the program and the kids.

With Zion and Immanuel, a team was formed of pastors and lay people working together, using their talents, gifts and ideas. It also makes sense to work together since many of the students in the youth group age from both congregations know each other well from elementary school. Some events and Bible Studies are done together, while others are still done separately. By working together for the Youth Group, what one church couldn't do at all or at least well on their own, is done with ease and with excellence. We are able to be a blessing to the area, invite kids who have no youth group at their churches to join us for activities, like our corn maze trip. More people with new ideas and gifts are able to be involved from more churches. The goal is not 1+1=2 but 1+1=3. Working together produces more than we can imagine through God.

Zion and Shirley have had a history of working together with the Lutheran Elementary School, with youth group, online Bible Studies, Advent by Candlelight and more. We are starting a joint Bible Reading Plan and beginning a monthly pulpit rotation.

What more could we do in the future if we work together, using the gifts God has blessed us with? For around a decade, both Immanuel and Zion have discussed ideas of having an Early Childhood ministry. Individually, both churches have interest and see the blessings, but apart these ideas have stalled. Would merging to be one church with two locations benefit our reach with the Gospel, to get more Jesus, to more people, in more locations?

God is blessing our current partnerships. We will seek God's guidance as we plan, pray, and discuss how God has gifted Zion and Immanuel, and what he has for us in the future. We plan to discuss these ideas and opportunities more and more. Join us for two open forums in January, on Sunday, Jan. 14 and Sunday, Jan. 28 from 9:15 - 10:15 am. We will look into God's word to lead us and discuss past, present, and future opportunities. If you are unable to attend please speak to a Leadership Team Member to learn more or to bring questions and ideas.

- Pastor James Enderle



Our Mission

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 God
 as we
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 around the
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 to
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 in the
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 and then
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 with the Gospel



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Congregational News



Leadership Team Notes

In December, the Leadership Team (LT) began discussing the book “The Five Dysfunctions of a Team,” focusing on the importance of trust in teamwork and rejoicing in the unity in our goal of sharing the Gospel of Jesus.

The LT discussed the progress on our 3 main emphasis. Serving in Joy will be continued to be encouraged. The service booklet and surveys are available at church and online. The possibility of Marriage Enrichment sessions hosted at Morrison Zion was discussed.

Adjustments to the Barnabas Ministry were shared, including following up with people who have not attended worship first after 8 weeks instead of 4. The Barnabas Ministry will also be focusing on members who have not attended worship at all in the last 2 years.

The new lights for church have arrived. We are working with Van Oss on when the installation will take place and how long it will take. We may need to worship in the gym for a time. Speak to Randy Loppnow if you are interested in the old light fixtures.

The LT is meeting Feb. 25 to begin long range planning.

Current and future ministry opportunities with Immanuel Shirley were discussed. Open Forums at Zion were set for Jan. 14 and 28 from 9:15 - 10:15 am.

The Bookkeeper’s hours were discussed and adjusted to reflect work helping with audits. Several people have expressed interest in filling this position.

Thanks to God was given for several larger year end gifts!

The Treasurer reported the following November balances.

Income	\$82,535
Expenses	\$44,212
Monthly balance	\$41,323

Fiscal year to date balance	-\$42,992
Checkbook balance	\$130,211
Gen. reserve fund	\$167,716
DPI reserve fund	\$2,508
High School	\$455
Fiscal year total	\$5,625
2023-24 fiscal goal	\$18,000
Synod Mission	\$2,845
Fiscal year total	\$13,235
2023 goal	\$31,000

Average Worship Attendance			
November		Yearly	
2023	243	2023	262
2022	250	2022	257
		2021	225

Average Bible Study Attendance			
November		Yearly	
2023	36	2023	45
2022	44	2022	36
		2021	48

Leadership Team

- Pastor James Enderle
- Principal Jake Geidel
- Randy Loppnow (Church President)
- Erv Zeamer (Vice President, Go)
- Steve Laabs (Treasurer)
- Kurt Heling (School Board)
- Hans Herzog (Gather)
- Kurt Voster (Grow)
- Charles Edinger (Called Worker Care)

Baptism

On Sunday, Dec. 10 Warren Jack Juern was baptized in a private service. Warren is the son of Wyatt and Brianna Juern. Warren was born July 14, 2023.

Call News

On Dec. 3 Pastor Ben Schone was called to serve as an associate pastor at Morrison Zion. He currently serves at Abiding Word in Houston, TX. On Dec. 4 Katie Muchka was called to serve as 7th grade teacher at Bethany in Manitowoc. We pray for God’s peace and guidance for these called workers.

Cemetery/Grounds Committee update:

On Friday, A number of trees have been removed around the parsonage these past years. Last spring the leadership team inquired on the large tree/ceder near the parsonage/church parking lot. That tree (severely damaged from the major storm that took out many trees on church/school property years ago), was removed in November. The tree next to it has also been cleaned of dead and hanging branches. On another note: the committee was asked about extending the drive path to the far south end of the cemetery. Work on this was begun and will continue through 2024. A permit from the WI DOT for a new entrance will be looked into.

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

Foundations of Faith Class Are you, a friend, or relative interested in becoming a member at Morrison Zion? Join us Fridays at 1pm starting again Jan. 5 and Mondays at 6:30pm starting on Jan. 8. Members are invited to join this 12 session Bible Class to review your faith. Come and bring a friend!

Sunday Morning Bible Study In January we will continue our study on Paul's letter to the Romans. This Bible Class aims at defining the Christian "X" factor. In other words, what is it that makes Christianity unique from every other religion and what makes Christians so different from other people? Romans is a great overview of the Christian faith and the application of that faith in a Christian's life.



Online Bible Study If you are unable to join in-person or miss a Sunday you can join the study online with Pastor Enderle and Pastor Ruddat from Immanuel in Shirley, Wednesdays at 9 pm. This online Bible Study is on YouTube page and in a Facebook group. Videos remain online for you to watch whenever. Join the online bible class Facebook group: <https://bit.ly/xfactoronline>

Sunday Night Book Discussion meets Sundays at 7 p.m. in the church basement. In January we will continue "Hidden Christmas" by Timothy Keller. Join us starting again January 8 as we look at Chapter 2. Join the discussion even if you haven't been able to read the chapter that week. Books are available for \$7.

Wednesday Confirmation Class for public school students 5th-8th grade meets Wednesdays from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm. Classes are held at Morrison Zion Lutheran Church. Please contact Pastor Enderle with any questions james.enderle@mzls.org

Men's Study will not meet for the next few months. Please join us for the Foundations of Faith class Mondays at 6:30 pm.

Women's Study will not be meeting in the month of January due to the Enderle's newborn. Look for future announcements as to when and where we will meet in the future.

Youth Group meets Sunday nights at 6 pm—8 pm. We are looking at how God blesses us with relationships. Snacks and refreshments are provided with open gym to follow study.

English as a Second Language will meet Thursday, Jan. 11 and 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. New students and volunteers are welcome!

Whole Bible Reading Plan Join us in reading the whole Bible in 2 years. Find the schedule and more information on page 6.

Sunday School classes for 3 year olds-5k, 1st-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade take place each Sunday from 9:15-10:15 at school. We are studying the life of Jesus. No sign up is needed and we love having new friends join in! ***Sunday School begins again on January 7, 2024.***

Thank you to all our Sunday School teachers and helpers. We appreciate your serving to teach the children about Jesus' love!

Fun Day

Fun Day is a free program held in the Morrison Zion Church basement every Tuesday morning from 8:30am - 10:30am, unless there is no school at Morrison Zion. The focus is to learn school readiness and the love of Jesus, while having lots of fun with peers. Children ages 3 & 4 (already potty trained) are invited to attend. **Please share with a friend or a neighbor if they had a child recently turn 3!** Children are welcome to join anytime throughout the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Ripp: dani.pues27@gmail.com.

Worship In January

Notes on Worship

In January the church year moves from Christmas to Epiphany. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning “reveal.” Epiphany is sometimes known as “The Gentiles’ Christmas.” We Gentiles (non-Jews) rejoice in the good news that this Jewish baby is not just the Savior of Jews. He is for all people—The Savior of the world. The days between Christmas and Epiphany are the original 12 Days of Christmas. Epiphany falls on January 6.

We will not have a special separate Epiphany service but will celebrate Epiphany on January 4 and 7. This will shift the traditional weeks of Epiphany slightly as we will still celebrate Epiphany 1—The Baptism of the Lord the following week. Epiphany takes us from the Jordan River and the baptism of Jesus to the Mount of Transfiguration leading up to the season of Lent as Jesus heads to the cross.

Christmas: Good News of Great Joy...

Jan. 7	Epiphany of Our Lord Sermon: Matthew 2:1-12	For All the People Hymns: 80, 79, 83	white
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From Jordan’s Shore to Mountain’s Glory

Jan. 14	1 st Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of our Lord Sermon: Romans 6:1-11	It Begins with Baptism Hymns: 82, 89, 737, 297	white <i>communion</i>
Jan. 21	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany: Sermon: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21	Committed to a Lofty Charge Hymns: 376, 560, 453	white Preacher: Dave Ruddat
Jan. 28	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany: Sermon: Hebrews 3:1-6	Absolute Authority Hymns: 735, 556, 353, CW ²¹ 562	white <i>communion</i>

Live stream is Sunday morning worship at 8:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook. The service is available at any time after that as well. Our page is www.youtube.com/c/morrisonzionlutheran. Share the link with a friend! Find resources for worship at www.mzluth.org/online worship. The online register has been simplified. You may also register by texting (920)949-1038.

Consider using the hymns, readings and the sermon text as a personal or family devotion some-time before worship!

Altar Committee members serving in January: Sharon Faulds and Shannon Otto

Pulpit Rotation

Morrison Zion currently has a pastoral vacancy. Pastor Enderle is moving from rarely preaching while in China for 8 years, to preaching 1/3 of the time while serving as Associate Pastor, to now preaching every service. Since we are also exploring ways for Morrison Zion and Immanuel Shirley to partner in ministry for the good of the gospel—getting more Jesus to more people—Pastor Enderle and Pastor Dave Ruddat from Immanuel Shirley will switch pulpits once a month, on the third Sunday of the month, when it doesn’t interfere with other important events.

Previously, guest preachers were discussed and approved. In the November LT Meeting this regular pulpit rotation was discussed and approved by the Leadership Team, especially as we explore joint ministry opportunities with Immanuel Shirely. During these pulpit rotation weeks, Pastor Enderle will preach and lead Bible Study at Immanuel Shirley and Pastor Ruddat will preach and lead Bible Study at Morrison Zion.

Choir

Thank you to all of our choir members for their time and dedication to singing praises during 2023. Our choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday January 3rd at 7:00 in the church balcony. We’re excited to prepare our concert Rejoice that will be held on Sunday, February 11th. We invite all to join us as we continue to proclaim God’s love in song in 2024.

Church Band

Thank you to the many instrumentalists who helped beautify our worship services in the church band. We will continue rehearsals in January in preparation for the concert on February 11th and for Easter. See the monthly calendar for rehearsal dates.

Scrip

NEW LOCAL scrip availability

Culvers \$10 or \$25 at 5%
 Lighthouse \$10 or \$25 at 5%
 McDonald's \$10 and \$25 at 5%
 Seroogy's \$25 at 11%
 Shell local dealer at \$25, \$50 and \$100 at 10%
 School house \$25 at 9 %

A complete printed list of all SCRIP is available at school and church.

Starting in January, orders will be made the second and fourth week of the month. Please make note of this to plan accordingly for placing your orders. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rhonda Heling at 920-676-6277.

Soup for Souls

In 2023, the Soup for Souls Ministry provided approximately 200 meals to our congregation members, friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors. What a wonderful gift it is to not only share encouraging words and a delicious meal with someone in need, but to share the love of Jesus with them. Currently we have meatloaf, chicken, casserole, and lasagna meals available.

Food Pantry

We served 48 families during the Dec. 2 giveaway. Each family received ground beef, eggs, milk, mixed nuts, nonperishable items, fresh produce, and treat bags for each child!

Thank you for all sock and monetary donations to the sock drive! We were able to provide about 220 people with a pack of socks during our food giveaway. On December 9th, toys were given out to families supported by our pantry benefiting 123 kids. Thank you to Ponderosa for holding meat raffles to raise these funds and Brenda Skinkis for shopping for all the toys!

We'd also like to extend our thanks to the Zettel family for the donation of a handcart to help us move heavy loads of food more easily, Sprangers Apple Orchard for donating apples this fall and winter, and De'Vondre Campell of the Green Bay Packers who donated 70 meal boxes to our pantry that were distributed this month. Finally, we are so thankful to our congregation for the prayers, monetary and food donations, and volunteering hours that helped make an impact on our community in 2023!

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call the food pantry phone (920) 246-5435 to schedule an appointment. Volunteers are welcome to join us for our next distribution on January 6 for set up from 7-8am and distribution from 8-10 am!

Calendars

2024 Calendars are available in the church basement, at the back of the church, by the school office. The calendars are a gift from Nickel Funeral Home. Thank you!

Youth Group Sledding

Join us January 13th for sledding at Kewaunee Winter Park. Cost is approximately \$5. Invite your friends too! Scan the QR Code to sign up.



Youth Group

In December, the youth group hosted a babysitting night where the kids enjoyed coloring, play doh, pizza and snacks, a candy cane craft, playing games in the gym and a movie! It was a great time for everyone and parents got a few hours off! A Christmas Party and devotion with 13 in attendance was held at Immanuel Shirley.

Youth Group Rally to Colorado planning will start very soon! Watch church announcements or your email for details!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

- January 7th Youth Group Bible Study
- January 13th Youth Group Sledding Event
- January 21st Youth Group Bible Study
- January 28th Youth Group Bible Study

Happy Birthday Jesus!

On December 9, we had 13 children who celebrated Jesus' Birthday! The kids enjoyed making a manger craft, playing games, and decorating cupcakes! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success!

Bible Reading Plan for January

Monday, Jan 1 Genesis 1 Matthew 1	Monday, Jan 8 Genesis 8 Matthew 8	Monday, Jan 15 Genesis 16 Matthew 15	Monday, Jan 22 Genesis 23 Matthew 22	Monday, Jan 29 Genesis 30 Mark 1
Tuesday, Jan 2 Genesis 2 Matthew 2	Tuesday, Jan 9 Genesis 9 & 10 Matthew 9	Tuesday, Jan 16 Genesis 17 Matthew 16	Tuesday, Jan 23 Genesis 24 Matthew 23	Tuesday, Jan 30 Genesis 31 Mark 2
Wednesday, Jan 3 Genesis 3 Matthew 3	Wednesday, Jan 10 Genesis 11 Matthew 10	Wednesday, Jan 17 Genesis 18 Matthew 17	Wednesday, Jan 24 Genesis 25 Matthew 24	Wed., Jan 31 Genesis 32 Mark 3
Thursday, Jan 4 Genesis 4 Matthew 4	Thursday, Jan 11 Genesis 12 Matthew 11	Thursday, Jan 18 Genesis 19 Matthew 18	Thursday, Jan 25 Genesis 26 Matthew 25	
Friday, Jan 5 Genesis 5 Matthew 5	Friday, Jan 12 Genesis 13 Matthew 12	Friday, Jan 19 Genesis 20 Matthew 19	Friday, Jan 26 Genesis 27 Matthew 26	
Saturday, Jan 6 Genesis 6 Matthew 6	Saturday, Jan 13 Genesis 14 Matthew 13	Saturday, Jan 20 Genesis 21 Matthew 20	Saturday, Jan 27 Genesis 28 Matthew 27	
Sunday, Jan 7 Genesis 7 Matthew 7	Sunday, Jan 14 Genesis 15 Matthew 14	Sunday, Jan 21 Genesis 22 Matthew 21	Sunday, Jan 28 Genesis 29 Matthew 28	

Scan to join the online reading plan and discussions.



Bible Reading Plan

There are several ways to take part in the 2 Year Plan with Morrison Zion and Immanuel Shirley Please join us anytime! Feel free to join even if you didn't start on January 1!

1. The reading plan will be made available in newsletters, announcements and other communications. Use one of those printed lists and read each day. Feel free to discuss your readings with others involved in the reading plan.
2. Join the YouVersion Bible Reading Plan hosted by Pastor Enderle and Pastor Ruddat. This app will remind you what to read each day. The app also lets you listen to the sections of scripture. There is a space for you to discuss what you read. Join by clicking the picture below.
3. Sign up to receive daily text messages of what to read, including links to listen or read to the section of scripture. Fill out the form below with your name, email, and phone number to receive these reminders.
4. Join the facebook group to discuss what you read. Share thoughts or questions with others. Find resources to learn more about what you read.

Go to <https://mzluth.org/2-year-bible-reading-plan/> or scan the QR Code above to join online.

Online Church Directory

Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> or scan the QR code to access the secure membership directory. Update your family picture and any contact information. You will need to create a new account the first time you login. If your email doesn't work, contact Pastor Enderle to get registered.



School News

Knight for a Day!

On Knight for a Day is Tuesday, January 9. Morrison Zion Lutheran School would like to welcome children ages 3 and 4 to spend the morning in Mrs. Geidel's 4K/5K classroom from 8:30am – 10:30am. Knight for a Day is a free event where kids will do fun activities with the current 4K/5K class, eat a snack, and join for recess! Contact Mrs. Geidel with any questions or to register your child: hillary.geidel@mzls.org

4K and 5K

Mrs. Geidel

We are back and ready for 2024! This month in Christ Light we will learn about the wise men, God keeping baby Jesus safe from King Herod, Jesus being baptized, and Jesus' first miracle of changing water into wine. In reading class, the 5K class will begin a new unit on CVC words and we will focus on CVC words with an 'a' in the middle. The 4K will learn the letters K, L, M and N. In math, the 5K class will continue to work on addition and subtraction and also begin to learn the numbers 11-20. The 4K class will learn all about patterns. In art class we will have fun creating snowmen, snowflakes, and polar bears. 5K will continue to travel around the world in social studies to learn about holidays around the world. They will begin to learn about different fabrics in science class. This month will also be fun as we begin to prepare for our Play in February. Blessings from the 4k and 5k students.

Grades 1-2

Mrs. Kuchenbecker

The lower grade classroom enjoyed all the activities that came with Christmas. They enjoyed making many projects, reading Christmas books, singing lots of songs and learning their parts for the Christmas Eve service. They enjoyed giving a Christmas presentation at Parkview in Wayside. With all the special celebrations we still managed to do our regular classes. The first graders worked with family facts. The second graders worked hard to master 2 digit addition and subtraction. In Phonics the first graders finished a study of short vowel words. The second graders began cursive handwriting. They studied maps and earth's landforms. Thank you to Bonnie Evenson and Don Pantzlaff for coming to read to our class! The kids look forward to playing with their friends in the snow after vacation. From grades 1-2 we wish everyone a very happy New Year.

Grades 3-4

Mrs. Hagenow

Happy New Year from the 3rd and 4th grade classroom! We continue to read about the Old Testament Israelites in Religion, and how God continuously showed them mercy and forgiveness in spite of their sin. We are practicing mental math strategies and learning more about fractions in Math. In Language Arts, we are studying the different types of pronouns as well as adding prefixes and suffixes to base words. We are finding out about the water cycle and learning about the water supply in Science. We pray that God continues to bless our classroom and our school in 2024.

Grades 5-6

Mr. Geidel

The 5th and 6th grade have had a productive December. They have found many ways to use their gifts to glorify God. They use their athletic talents in basketball, they use their musical abilities to praise God at both our Christmas Presentation and our Children's Christmas Service. Everything they are doing they are using their individual gifts to glorify God. Merry Christmas.

Grades 7-8

Mrs. Muchka

Happy New Year! In Christ Light we are now focusing our study on the prophet Jeremiah and the messages of

law and gospel God is sharing through him. The seventh and eighth graders are learning to simplify expressions and interpret scatter plots in Math. In American History our focus is currently expanding American influence and trade in the Pacific during the early 1900s. Our students have been writing persuasive essays in English class. Please keep the seventh and eighth grade classroom in your prayers as we begin a new calendar year!

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Transfiguration Choir Concert

Join us Sunday, February 11 at 8 am and 10:30 am for a special Concert lead by the Morrison Zion Choir. The theme of the concert is "Rejoice."

Open Forum

Join us for an open forum and God's Word on Sunday, January 14 and 28 from 9:15 am – 10:15 am to discuss current and future opportunities of ministry cooperation with Immanuel Shirley. The Morrison Zion and Immanuel Shirley leadership teams met at the end of October. We discussed current collaborations of ministry, such as our Lutheran Elementary, Youth Groups, and Online Bible Studies. We also discussed future opportunities. Join us to rejoice in what God is doing now at our churches and discuss what we could do better for the gospel by working together. If you are unable to attend in person, please feel free to connect with a leadership team member at any time to learn more or share your thoughts.

Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading through the whole Bible in 2 Years beginning January 1. Look inside to see the scheduled readings each day. You can also scan the QR code to join online discussion groups, the YouVersion group, and to receive daily text messages. During January we will read Genesis 1-32, all of Matthew, and Mark 1-3.



Gift to Grace in Grenada

Over \$1,300 was given to help Grace in Grenada share the love of Jesus with special needs children. Thank you for your help!

Morrison Zion Athletics

Fri., Jan. 5th AWAY at Luxemburg CHANGED IN GAME TIMES AND LINE-UP

Note Luxemburg's gym has LIMITED seating and NO standing room. Please plan accordingly.

5:00pm A Boys

6:00pm B Girls

7:00pm B Boys

NO A Girls

Fri., Jan. 12th AWAY at Wayside

5:00pm B Girls

6:00pm B Boys

7:00 A Girls

NO A Boys

C- Team Tournament January 13th at Wayside

Wed., Jan. 17th AWAY at Immanuel, Manitowoc (Scrimmage)

7:00 A Girls

B Team Tournament January 19-21 at MLHS

A Team Tournament January 26-28 at MLHS

Thank You

- Thank you to Lori Lemke, Lisa Boncher for Action Team Cards for having our Christmas cards printed along with Chris Magley, Cathy Gawrych, & Charles Lemke for getting cards to help with the purchase of stamps for this project and other projects. We sent out over 400 Christmas cards to members and the others in the community.
- Thank you to Charles and Annette Lemke for a Action Team card for Sunday School materials.
- Thank you to Carrie Cappelle, Linda Bruegge, and Don Pantzlaff for getting Thrivent Action Team Cards to purchase the candy and other items that went in the bags that were handed out at the food pantry for Christmas as well as those handed out on Christmas Eve.
- Thank you to Mark Kuchenbecker, Bonnie Isley, Glenn and Mary Laabs, Jr. & Marie Pantzlaff, Charles and Annette Lemke, and Don Pantzlaff who helped put the 270 bags together for the Christmas bags. Your time and valuable help is greatly appreciated.
- Thank you to Glenn & Mary Laabs, Darrell & Diane Suchomel, Don Pantzlaff for helping to deliver the meals to members. Again, this was done with a Thrivent Action Team card by Sally Suchomel. We delivered 30 meals on Saturday, December 9th to members. *I truly appreciate your kindness in helping with this project of showing kindness to others. - Sandy Pantzlaff.*
- Thank you to the children of Morrison Zion for making these beautiful blankets that were handed out to our members that are in assisted living or nursing homes.
- Thank you for the gifts, cards and well wishes extended to me and my family during the holiday season. I thank God for your love and kindness and for letting me serve in this congregation. - *Mrs. Brenda Kuchenbecker*
- Thank you to the members of the congregation and school families for your cards and well wishes as well as gifts. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. - *Nancy Pantzlaff*
- Thank you everyone for your care, encouragement, cards, and gifts this Christmas season. As we get to serve you all in Jesus, we know of your care and love for us. - *Pastor Enderle and family*

Game Time

Save the date for Game Time at Morrison Zion Lutheran School on February 18 from 2-4pm! Bring your family to play board games and hang out with your friends. Families are encouraged to bring their favorite game to play with others. Snacks, drinks and some games will be provided. Families of all ages from the community are invited to join in the fun!