



News From Zion



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Announcements

Worship Today Communion will be offered New Year's Eve Sunday. There is no evening New Year's Eve worship.

Call News On 12/3 Pastor Ben Schone was called to serve as an associate pastor at Morrison Zion. He currently serves at Abiding Word in Houston, TX. On 12/4 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.

Foundations of Faith Would like to become a member? 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 Study Today, January 7 and 21 we will continue our study on Paul's letter to the Romans at 9:15 am. On January 14 and 28 there will be an Open Form with a look at God's Word.

Sunday School for ages 3 - 6th grade meets at school 9:15-10:15 a.m. does not meet today. It will meet again on Jan. 7.

Fun Day will not meet Jan. 2. On Jan. 9 it will meet for Knight for a Day.

Knight for a Day is Tuesday, Jan. 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: hillary.geidel@mzls.org

Youth Group will not meet today. We will meet next on Sunday, Jan. 7 at 6 pm.

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.



Sunday Book Study meets Sundays at 7 p.m. in the church basement to begin, "Hidden Christmas" by Timothy Keller. We will meet Jan. 7 to discuss Ch. 2.

Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 pm in the church balcony.

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.

Church Band will have rehearsal on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7:00pm in the school basement.

Lord's Supper is being served at the altar. If you have questions or concerns speak to pastor or another leader. We will continue to serve communion to those who wish to remain in the pews.

SCRIP Rhonda will take SCRIP orders between services. Check out the special holiday bonus cards and new local cards.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Advent Soup Suppers. So many people made food, setup, took down and did so much more to provide this great opportunity of fellowship.

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

Bible Reading Plan Join us in reading through the whole Bible in 2 Years beginning January 1. Look on the back to see the scheduled readings for next week. 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.



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

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| <p>12/31 Sun. 9:15 a.m. NO Sunday School 9:25 a.m. Bible Study</p> <p>1/4 Thur. 7:00 p.m. Worship, Epiphany 1—Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>1/5 Fri. 1:00 p.m. Foundations of Faith</p> <p>1/6 Sat. 7:00 a.m. Food Pantry Setup</p> <p>1/7 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Worship, Epiphany 1—Baptism of the Lord 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Bible Study</p> | <p>1/7 Sun. 10:30 a.m. Worship, Epiphany 1—Baptism of the Lord 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Book Study - <i>Hidden Christmas Ch. 2</i></p> <p>1/8 Mon. 6:30 p.m. Foundations of Faith</p> <p>1/9 Tue. 8:30 a.m. Knight for a Day 6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m. Church Band Practice 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting</p> |
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Pastor, you get seven minutes! Written by Rev. Mark Henrich, home missionary at Hope Lutheran Church in Toronto, Ont.

WELS News

It is our largest and most time intensive outreach event of the year. It involves over 60 participants and volunteers, months of preparation, with practices on Sunday afternoons often going past 5 p.m. All leading up to Hope Lutheran Church’s annual free Christmas concerts for the community.

Why Christmas concerts?

Honestly, to me, Hope seems unusually blessed with musical talent in voice and instruments. Standing out among the instruments is Hope’s steel pan orchestra, which has been a part of Hope’s worship from the start and reflects the Caribbean roots of many members.

Years back Hope was searching for a church building to call its own. A building became available in an area of the city that typifies Toronto’s population, which encompasses over 50 percent first generation immigrants from all over the world. This diversity is reflected in languages, foods, customs, and religious beliefs.

Hope was searching- searching for different ways to reach out to our new and present community. A mission counselor visited and simply said, “Make use of your strengths. Share your strengths. You love music. Share your music.” From that encouragement, Hope has used music for outreach. In the summer, Hope plans a music camp

for children, and in December, Hope offers free Christmas concerts for the community. Many non-Christians see the outward signs of Christmas and are interested in learning more. And who doesn’t love free?

This is where, “Pastor, you get seven minutes” comes in. The concert is planned out in detail and to the minute. Every year I am reminded that I get seven minutes for a devotion. If this is our biggest outreach event of the year why only seven minutes?! Is it because I am the least musically gifted of all people? Perhaps.

Or as a church leader said to me when I first came and got my first seven minutes, “People are coming for a concert, but we want our community to know you, see you, hear you. Tell everyone the message of Christmas – and please do it in seven minutes.”

And so I plan and prepare a message for those seven minutes for so many who are searching but don’t really know the Christ of Christmas. Then I sit down and realize once again that it’s more than seven minutes. From the start of the concert to the finish; in words, songs, and the re-enactment of Luke 2, the message of Christmas is shared – and shared in a beautiful way. From parking lot guides and greeters welcoming, to refreshments and fellowship afterward, Christian love is shown and invitations are given, “Christmas Eve is coming, won’t you join us?”

Bible Reading Plan
Week 1

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| Monday, Jan 1 |
| Genesis 1 Matthew 1 |
| Tuesday, Jan 2 |
| Genesis 2 Matthew 2 |
| Wed., Jan 3 |
| Genesis 3 Matthew 3 |
| Thursday, Jan 4 |
| Genesis 4 Matthew 4 |
| Friday, Jan 5 |
| Genesis 5 Matthew 5 |
| Saturday, Jan 6 |
| Genesis 6 Matthew 6 |
| Sunday, Jan 7 |
| Genesis 7 Matthew 7 |

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: (Communion)

12/20 Wed. 11 am 106

12/20 Wed. 7 pm 38

Total 142

12/24 Sun. 8 am 153

12/24 Sun. 10:30 370

12/24 Sun. 6 pm 259

12/24 Sun. 11 pm 37

12/25 Mon. 9:00 215 (159)

Total 1034

Bible Study:

12/13 Catechism Class 7

12/15 Foundations Class 3

12/16 Youth Group 13

12/17 Sunday Morning 35

12/17 Sunday School 15

Teachers/Helpers 3/5

12/17 Book Study 9

12/19 Fun Day 4

12/20 Catechism Class 6

12/24 Sunday Morning 18

Total 110

News from our High Schools

NHS Pizza Sale Show your support for the Manitowoc Lutheran High School National Honor Society (NHS) Students with prayers and pizza orders! From now until Tuesday, January 2nd, the NHS students will be taking orders for freshly made 12" pizzas! Visit www.mlhslancers.org to order!

Long Term Care Seminar sponsored by the FVL Mission Advancement Office is Thursday, 1/18 at 6 PM. Hear professionals share information regarding options so that you can determine what is right for you and your family. Go to fvlhs.org/seminar for more.

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