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## Known for a Higher Hope

*“Hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us” (Romans 5:5).*

At a time when we have limitless entertainment options at our fingertips, we have fewer and fewer shared experiences. When the series finale of M\*A\*S\*H aired in 1983, over 100 million viewers turned in, topping even the ratings for the Super Bowl. Today if you ask people for a TV show recommendation, you might not even be able to access it because of all the subscription packages available.

### Stories that define the world’s reality

We don’t all have the same tastes in—or even the same access to—the same music, movies, and shows. We do, however, share some basic needs with all people. These needs can leave people feeling hopeless.

If we can be thoughtful, humble, and curious, we might be able to find openings to share the hope that defines us. Stories have the power to draw us in. Great stories can grip our attention and pull unsuspecting audiences into their gravitational pull. Carefully crafted stories can do more than merely entertain us. They can reveal how people view the world, exposing issues in their hearts.

Over the past 100 years the most influential thinkers have defined our human existence as a search for meaning in a meaningless world. Critically acclaimed artists in recent generations depict hopelessness. There is struggle, but there’s no certainty of any purpose behind it.

Now compare the stories pushed on us by intellectuals with the stories that captivate us. The highest grossing movies in the last two decades are from the Avatar, Avengers, and Star Wars franchises. Good has to stand up against evil. There has to be a bigger purpose behind the struggle. Stories we find compelling ex-

pose the inconsistencies between what people say they believe and what they want to believe. People might surrender to the assumption that this life is all there is, but we all know there is more. There has to be.

### The story that offers hope

Author J. R. R. Tolkien once described the way the best fiction contains elements of the universal truth. There has been a fall from perfection. There is conflict between good and evil. Ultimately good will triumph over evil and provide a happy ending. It traces back to the gospels. Tolkien wrote: “The Birth of Christ is the eucatastrophe of Man’s history. The Resurrection is the eucatastrophe of the story of the Incarnation” (On Fairy-Stories, p. 34). The coming of Jesus was a tragedy, but a good one. His resurrection provides meaning to suffering.

God’s people have hope that our lives are more than our choices because God has given us meaning and purpose. We gather in communities of hope that pull us away from simply feeding our personal preferences. And we have hope to share with a world that desperately needs it. Jesus provides the story that is too good because it is true. Jesus triumphed over personal evil and universal wickedness. His victory is ours individually and available for the entire world. “Hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

Even the greatest tragedies and the most captivating stories give us a chance to be known by our higher hope. If we are known as God’s people in a distinctive community, we can offer our world a distinctive hope.

- Pastor Jeffrey Enderle, *Forward in Christ*, October 2023



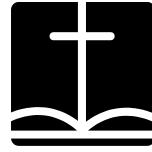
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# Congregational News



## Leadership Team Notes

In January, the Leadership Team (LT) continued discussing the book “The Five Dysfunctions of a Team,” stressing unity in goals, while encouraging healthy conflict. This all must be established on trust.

The LT discussed the 3 main emphasis for 2023. 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.

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

Call decisions were discussed including future call meetings for a teacher and a pastor. Much thanks was given to Mrs. Muchka for her years of service. Pastor Enderle’s call to Risen Savior and ministry at MZLC was discussed.

## Mrs. Muchka Accepts Call

On January 3 Mrs. Katie Muchka accepted the call to serve as 7th grade teacher at Bethany in Manitowoc. We thank God for her years of teaching and service in so many ways to the Lord here at Morrison Zion.

## Pastor Schone Declines Call

On January 3 Pastor Ben Schone decline the call to serve as an associate pastor at Morrison Zion. Our next pastor call meeting is scheduled for Feb. 18.

## Jared Matthies Issued Call

On Sunday, January 21 Jared Matthies was called to serve as 7-8 Grade teacher and athletic director at MZLS. He currently serves at Crown of Life in West St. Paul, MN.

The first Open Forum concerning current and future ministry opportunities with Immanuel Shirley was discussed. The LT encourages continued feedback concerning these ministry opportunities. A joint meeting between members and Morrison Zion and Immanuel Shirley is a possible next step.

The new lights for church were installed by Van Oss Jan 15-16. We thank all the members who assisted in moving pews and cleaning afterward. Upgrades to the church parking lots were approved and completed by Van Oss. Van Oss also installed the electrical for a stove in the church basement.

A transfer was granted to Josh Knuas to St. Paul’s in Amherst, New Hampshire. A peaceful release was granted to Jackie Rutter and children Carter and Violet.

Several people have expressed interest in filling the

Bookkeeper position. Interviews will be held in January and we hope to higher someone by the end of January.

Synod Mission goal for 2024 was set at \$32,500. A yearly average of \$33,940 has been given in 2022 and 2023.

The next monthly LT meeting will be Feb. 20. Barnabas Elders will also meet at 6 pm on Feb. 20.

The Treasurer reported the following December balances.

Income	\$43,724
Expenses	\$48,947
Monthly balance	-\$5,234
Fiscal year to date balance	-\$42,752
Checkbook balance	\$101,471
Gen. reserve fund	\$118,020
DPI reserve fund	\$2,509
High School	\$1,125
Fiscal year total	\$6,750
2023-24 fiscal goal	\$18,000
Synod Mission	\$3,390
Fiscal year total	\$16,625
2023 goal	\$31,000

	Average Attendance			
	December		Yearly	
Bible Study	2023	35	2023	44
	2022	44	2022	36
Worship	2023	289	2023	264
	2022	282	2022	257

## Baptism

On Sunday, Dec. 31 Archer David Lopez was baptized in a private service. Archer is the son of Brittany Van Rossum Jesus Lopez.

## Pastor Enderle Receives Call

On January 14 Pastor James Enderle received a call to serve at Risen Savior in Orlando, FL. Your thoughts concerning ministry are welcomed. Please continue to pray for him and his family during this time.

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

**Foundations of Faith Class** Dig into the Bible, either to review your faith in Jesus or to become a member at Zion. Join us Fridays at 1pm and Mondays at 6:30pm. Join this 12 session Bible Class to see how amazing our Savior Jesus is. Bring your questions!

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** In February 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** are Wednesdays at 9 pm and moving to Thursdays during Lent. 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 February we will finish reading "Hidden Christmas" by Timothy Keller. We will not meet Feb. 11. Our next book is "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis which discuss temptations and how God helps us resist them. The book is available for \$13 (but contains another book we will read in the future).

**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](mailto: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** is not meeting in the month of February 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. Study is followed by open gym. Snacks and refreshments are provided. We will not meet Feb. 11.

**English as a Second Language** will meet Thursday, Feb. 8 and 22 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. No sign up is needed and we love having new friends join in! This spring we **Follow Christ to the Cross**. Join us each week as we grow closer to Christ and learn of his unconditional love for each of us. Sunday School this year focuses on the New Testament while MZLS focuses on the Old Testament. We hope you can join us!

## Fun Day

The Fun Day program has fun plans for February: Knights for a Day on 2/1, Plants on 2/8, Quack like a Duck on 2/15, Recycling on 2/22, and Senses on 2/29. This FREE program is held in the Morrison Zion Church basement every Thursday morning from 8:30am - 10:30am, unless there is no school at Morrison Zion. 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](mailto:dani.pues27@gmail.com).

## Worship In February

## Notes on Worship

Epiphany takes up to the Mount of Transfiguration leading up to the season of Lent where Jesus is revealed as our promised Savior. We will say farewell to Alleluia for a time, and enter into the 40 day journey through the penitential season of Lent.

### *From Jordan's Shore to Mountain's Glory*

Feb. 1/4	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Sermon: 1 Peter 5:6-11	<b>The Devil's Work Undone</b> Hymns: 431, 760, 333	green
Feb. 8	Transfiguration of our Lord Sermon: Mark 9:2-9	<b>A Glimpse of His Future Glory</b> Hymns: 265, 97, 281, 95	white <i>communion</i>
Feb. 11	Transfiguration of our Lord	<b>Concert: Rejoice!</b>	white

### *Rethinking Religion (Sundays in Lent)*

Feb. 18	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent Sermon: 1 Peter 5:6-11	<b>Rethinking Trials, Tests &amp; Temptations</b> Hymns: 714, 200, 419	purple Preacher: Dave Ruddat
Feb. 25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Sermon: Romans 5:1-11	<b>Rethinking Suffering Under the Cross</b> Hymns: 465, 434, 385, 453	purple <i>communion</i>

### *God on Trial (Midweek)*

Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday Sermon: Job:40:1-2 & 42:1-6	<b>Accusations</b> Hymns: 376, 560, 453	black <i>communion</i>
Feb. 21	Midweek 2 Sermon: Luke 22:47-53	<b>Restraint</b> Hymns: 100, 110, 593	purple
Feb. 28	Midweek 3 Sermon: Matthew 26:57-75	<b>Testimony</b> Hymns: 116, 127, 593	purple

Sunday morning worship at 8:00 a.m. is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook and on demand at [www.youtube.com/c/morrisonzionlutheran](http://www.youtube.com/c/morrisonzionlutheran). The online register has been simplified.

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

Altar Committee members serving in February: Connie Blauert

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 11. We will have special services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Instructions for the beginning of Lent, Imposition of Ashes, and Communion will be a part of worship. A meal will follow the morning service and at 6:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent. Thank you Tamara Schultz!

## Men of His Word & Dare to Lead

Men of His Word is at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, Feb. 17. Additional details and registration are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org). Registration is \$75.

Dare to Lead is a conference to encourage and equip men and women to help with many aspects of ministry. Join Pastor Enderle in attending April 11-13 in Green Bay. Go to [stmarksministries.com/d2l/](http://stmarksministries.com/d2l/) for more details.

## Rejoice

Join us on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> as our choir, junior choir and our church band lead us in worship in concert. The concert theme is Rejoice. The concert will be presented at both worship services. We hope you'll be able to join us as we share our many reasons to rejoice!

## Church Band

Special joint rehearsal with the choir and junior choir on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at church.

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> church band rehearsal 6:30pm at church.**

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> joint dress rehearsal 7:00 at church.**

## Easter Lilies

The worship committee would like your help. Each year we like to make a visual contrast from Good Friday to Easter morning. We do this by decorating with black for Good Friday then lots of Easter lilies on Easter morning. The worship committee will pick up Easter lilies for Easter Sunday. We would like to give the opportunity to purchase a lily in memory of a loved one or in honor of one. These names will be included in the weekly announcement sheet on Easter. Please sign up in the church basement by Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost per lily is \$12.00. Order forms are available in the church basement. Place your order and the money in a provided envelope and place it in the Easter lily box. Please plan to pick up your lilies after worship on Easter or by Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for helping to beautify our Easter worship.

## Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us for Soup Suppers after the 11 am services and before the 6 pm services Wednesdays during Lent. Speak to Tamara Shultz if you can donate a Thrivent card or if you can bring food or help setup or take down.

## Youth Group

- ◆ **Bible Study:** We meet Sunday nights from 6-8 pm at Morrison Zion School for study and open gym. We will not meet Feb. 11.
- ◆ **Sledding Rescheduled:** Our January sledding event was canceled due to the weather. Watch church announcements for a re-schedule date.
- ◆ **International Youth Rally:** Informational Meeting for all who are interested in attending will be after late service on Sunday February 4th (11:30 AM) at church. Come and find out what it is all about! We will discuss transportation, lodging, and excursions! Deadline for registering for the rally will be February 25th.
- ◆ **Service Event - Lent supper:** We will be helping serve at a Lent supper as a service event with a date to be determined.

## Couple's Dinner and Babysitting

We will once again be doing a Couple's dinner on Saturday, February 17th at Immanuel Shirley and offering free babysitting at Morrison Zion. Lots of help from our youth group members is needed for babysitting that starts at 5PM. Signup to attend or help at [immanuelshirley.com/couples/](http://immanuelshirley.com/couples/)

## Items Needed

We are once again in need of containers such as Cool Whip bowls. If you have any that you are willing to donate, please send them to school or put them in the kitchen area of the church basement in the food pantry cart.

## Scrip

### Local scrip available

McDonalds 5% in \$10 (limited) and \$25  
 Culvers 6% \$10 (limited) and \$25  
 Taylor creek at 8% in \$25 and \$50  
 Shell gas 10% \$25,50 and 100  
 Pizza Ranch 10% at \$10  
 Gallaghers 10% at \$5  
 School house 9% at \$25

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

Rhonda will be available between services in the church basement most Sundays. Leave an order in her mailbox or with Nancy at school at any time! Rhonda Heling at 920-676-6277.

## Soup for Souls

Soup for Souls meals are FREE and available at church and school to give to someone going through a hard time, illness, or for any other reason to show them their Savior loves them and we are thinking of them.

## Food Pantry

We served 34 families during the snowy Jan. 6 giveaway. Each family received hot dogs, eggs, pizza, potatoes, Sprangers' apples, fresh produce, hygiene items, and nonperishable items. Volunteers are welcome to join us for our next distribution on Feb. 3rd from 8-10 am! Set-up is at 7am.

## Pancake Porkie Breakfast

We will Youth group will be serving a Pancake Porkie Breakfast to raise money for those attending the International Youth Rally this summer. The breakfast will be on Sunday, April 28th. All youth should plan to help with this event.

## Blindmen's Volleyball

Adult and Teen blindmen's volleyball tournament will be all on the same day this year! Get your teams together for Saturday, March 16th. Go to [mzls.org](http://mzls.org) to sign up.

## Bible Reading Plan for February

<b>Thursday, Feb 1</b> Genesis 33 Mark 4	<b>Thursday, Feb 8</b> Genesis 41 Mark 11	<b>Thursday, Feb 15</b> Genesis 48 Luke 1	<b>Thursday, Feb 22</b> Exodus 5 Luke 8	<b>Thursday, Feb 29</b> Exodus 12 Luke 15
<b>Friday, Feb 2</b> Genesis 34 Mark 5	<b>Friday, Feb 9</b> Genesis 42 Mark 12	<b>Friday, Feb 16</b> Genesis 49 Luke 2	<b>Friday, Feb 23</b> Exodus 6 Luke 9	
<b>Saturday, Feb 3</b> Genesis 35 & 36 Mark 6	<b>Saturday, Feb 10</b> Genesis 43 Mark 13	<b>Saturday, Feb 17</b> Genesis 50 Luke 3	<b>Saturday, Feb 24</b> Exodus 7 Luke 10	
<b>Sunday, Feb 4</b> Genesis 37 Mark 7	<b>Sunday, Feb 11</b> Genesis 44 Mark 14	<b>Sunday, Feb 18</b> Exodus 1 Luke 4	<b>Sunday, Feb 25</b> Exodus 8 Luke 11	
<b>Monday, Feb 5</b> Genesis 38 Mark 8	<b>Monday, Feb 12</b> Genesis 45 Mark 15	<b>Monday, Feb 19</b> Exodus 2 Luke 5	<b>Monday, Feb 26</b> Exodus 9 Luke 12	Scan to join the online reading plan and discussions.
<b>Tuesday, Feb 6</b> Genesis 39 Mark 9	<b>Tuesday, Feb 13</b> Genesis 46 Mark 16	<b>Tuesday, Feb 20</b> Exodus 3 Luke 6	<b>Tuesday, Feb 27</b> Exodus 10 Luke 13	
<b>Wednesday, Feb 7</b> Genesis 40 Mark 10	<b>Wednesday, Feb 14</b> Genesis 47 Luke 1	<b>Wednesday, Feb 21</b> Exodus 4 Luke 7	<b>Wednesday, Feb 28</b> Exodus 11 Luke 14	



## 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 to read through the Bible in 2 years!

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

### School Registration for 2024-2025

If you are looking to enroll, or you know someone who is looking to enroll please let Mr. Geidel know. [jacob.geidel@mzls.org](mailto:jacob.geidel@mzls.org) or [school@mzls.org](mailto:school@mzls.org)

### 4K and 5K

Mrs. Geidel

Brrr... January was a cold and snowy month. We are having lots of fun with the big snow piles at recess. We have been working hard on our play that will be Thursday, February 22nd at 10 am or Friday, February 23rd at 6:00 pm. This year we will be performing Noah's Zoo. The kids are having lots of fun pretending to be animals. We would love for you to join us for this fun event! This month in Christ Light we will be focusing on many of Jesus' miracles such as calming the storm, healing a paralyzed man, feeding the five thousand, and Jesus walking on water. In reading class the 5K students will continue to work on CVC words with e, i, and o in the middle. The 4K class will learn letters N, O, P, and Q. Preschool students get so excited to learn new letters each week. In math our 5K students will learn how to put together or break apart numbers 11-19. 4K will continue to learn number 6-10 and also begin to compare numbers. In social studies, the 5K class will begin our unit on Then and Now where they will learn all about how people lived, what they wore and ate in the past compared to now. In science the 5K will learn all about motion and have fun building ramps of different heights to see how far they can make a ball travel.

### Grades 1-2

Mrs. Kuchenbecker

The lower grade God's love for us is truly the best Valentine we can receive! We're amazed when learning the history of the Israelites, how God continued to bless them no matter how many times they messed up. It's a real comfort to know that the same loving God is watching over us too. In math we studied basic facts and measurements. In phonics the second graders worked with blends and digraphs. The first graders worked with vowels. In grammar they worked with nouns and verbs. We studied earth systems and maps for social studies and started a unit on light and sound in science. We survived winter MAP testing and enjoyed dressing up for spirit week. Our third quarter reading challenge is Fun Around Reading More. Prizes are earned as they read their way around the farm. Please keep these little lambs in your prayers as they learn and grow in God's love every day.

### Grades 3-4

Mrs. Hagenow

There are lots of exciting things coming up in the month of February for the 3rd and 4th graders! We have been hard at work learning our lines and songs for our upcoming musical with the 1st and 2nd graders, "Three of a Kind" on February 22nd & 23rd. The Israelites have reached the Promised Land in Christ Light, and we are studying about the lives of Gideon, Ruth, and Samson. In Science we are discussing the different tools used to measure weather, as well as evaporation and condensation. The students will be learning how to write a personal narrative in English. We are looking forward to our end of the month field trip to Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve where we will get to snowshoe and learn about winter survival.

### Grades 5-6

Mr. Geidel

The 5th and 6th graders continue to learn, grow, and use their gifts to the best of their abilities. In Catechism, we are finishing our discussions around the third commandment. In Math, 6th grade is diving into ratios and 5th grade is developing their understanding of fractions in all their forms. Science has us finishing our discussions on the universe that God has created for us before beginning our lessons on mixtures and solutions. Social Studies has us learning about early American history. We are concluding our Elements of Art study in two weeks. 5th and 6th grade and PreK and K began reading buddies as a weekly activity. How great it is to be able to work together and have upper graders willing to help out their younger schoolmates.

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## School Choice Applications

School Choice application window opens February 1<sup>st</sup>. The window for this closes on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Mr. Geidel for more information on school choice.

## Transfiguration Choir Concert

Join us on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> as our choir, junior choir and our church band lead us in worship in concert. The concert theme is Rejoice. The concert will be presented at both worship services. We hope you'll be able to join us as we share our many reasons to rejoice!

## Joint Ministry Opportunities

Following the two Open Forums held at Morrison Zion we are looking to hold a joint meeting with members from Morrison Zion and Immanuel Shirley. Look for announcements concerning when this meeting can be held.

## Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading through the whole Bible in 2 Years in 2024-2025. 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 February we will finish Genesis and begin Exodus, finish Mark and begin Luke.





## Grades 7-8

Mrs. Muchka

The days continue to fly by in 7th and 8th grade! In Christ Light we are now focusing our study on God's answers to our everyday questions. We find guidance and comfort in the promises of His Word. The seventh and eighth graders are learning to solve multi step equations and solve systems by graphing in Math. In American History our focus is currently on the causes and effects of World War 1. Our students have been writing persuasive essays in English class. Please keep the seventh and eighth grade classroom in your prayers as we continue our calendar year!

## School Choice

School Choice application window opens 2/01/24. The window for this closes on April 1st. Contact Mr. Geidel for more information on school choice. [jacob.geidel@mzls.org](mailto:jacob.geidel@mzls.org) or [school@mzls.org](mailto:school@mzls.org)

## Knight for a Day!

Knight for a Day is Thursday, February 1st. 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](mailto:hillary.geidel@mzls.org)

## Game Time

Family Game Day is February 18 from 2-4pm at school! Snacks and drinks will be provided at this free event! Bring your favorite board game to play with others. We hope you can join us for fun and fellowship! Invite a friend!

## 3 of a Kind! Grades 1-4 School Play

3 of a Kind! It's the name of the play that we'll be presenting on Thursday, February 22nd at 10AM and Friday, February 23 at 6PM. We're having fun learning the songs and dances that will be part of our show. Wondering who makes 3 of a kind? Come to our show to find out!

## Music Night

Music Night will be held at 6:30pm on Friday, March 1st. This concert will feature all of our instrumentalists in grades 5-8. All are invited to hear our young musicians. We hope you can join us for this musical event in the school gym

## Rise Up with Jesus

Make plans to join us for our Easter event – Rise Up with Jesus on March 23! This free event will be from 10-11:30am at school for children 3 years old (potty-trained) through 4th grade. Children that are two years old and accompanied by an adult are welcome to participate. More details and registration coming soon!

## VBS 2024

Camp Firelight will be July 9-11 from 9-11am! Registration and more details coming soon!

## Junior Choir will Participate with other Schools

On Friday, February 16th our junior choir will be heading to MLHS to participate in a day of making music with other children's choirs from our federation schools. At 6:30 pm, a concert will be held in the MLHS gym featuring a sacred song performed by each individual choir along with 4 sacred songs performed by the combined choirs. All are invited to attend.