



# Morrison Zion

Weekly Announcements



Our Mission is to Glorify God as we Gather around the Gospel so that we Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel

## Gather

**Dec. 1 Call Meeting** Members are encouraged to attend a Voters Meeting on Dec. 1, following the 10:30 am service to call a second pastor. We will also vote to approve new job descriptions for the two pastors.

**Advent by Candlelight** Men and Women are invited to this event at Immanuel in Shirley on Sunday December 1st, at 4pm. Sign up at <https://immanuelshirley.com/abc>

## Grow

**Sunday Book Study** meets Sundays at 7pm to read *Unoffendable* by Brant Hansen. We will look at Chapters 6, 7 & 8 on December 1. Books are available for \$10.

**Fun Day** at Immanuel Shirley from 8:30-10:30 am. is a free program for children who are 3-4 years old and potty-trained. Invite your friends and neighbors. Questions, contact Danielle Ripp, [dani.pues27@gmail.com](mailto:dani.pues27@gmail.com) or 920.621.3196.

**Meditations** The new *Meditations* daily devotions beginning Dec. 1 are now available at church. Donations of \$5 are encouraged.

**Advent Devotionals** from Martin Luther College are available at church. Please take one home for your family.

**Introducing Jesus** Bible Study is on Sundays at 9:15 am. This study looks at the uniqueness of the Bible and why we have 4 separate gospels about Jesus.

**Strange Visions** Bible Study looking at the book of Ezekiel is held at Immanuel Shirley on Thursdays at 3 pm, at 4:15 pm (online) and at 7 pm.

**Sunday School** meets Sundays from 9:15-10:15 am for all 3-year-olds through 6th graders.

**Youth Group** All those in grades 8-12 are invited to join the Morrison Zion and Immanuel Shirley youth group. Scan the QR Code to RSVP to events and to see the full calendar of events.



- Sunday, Dec. 1 - 6 pm: Bible Study and Open Gym
- Sunday, Dec. 15 - noon: Bowling and Christmas Gift Exchange

## Events

**Open House** Join us at our School Open House on January 28. Come anytime between 4-7pm to tour the school, meet the teachers, ask questions, enroll your child, and enjoy ice cream sundaes. Please invite friends and neighbors!

**Midweek Advent Worship** A series called "Christmas Trees" will be Wednesday, December 4, 11, 18. Worship at 11 am (lunch to follow) and at 7 pm (dinner before). There will be no Thursday worship during these weeks.

**Christmas Crafternoon** All are invited to join us on Saturday, December 14 from 2-4pm at school. Make crafts for yourself or to give to others. Each craft made is \$1 - cash only. Please bring your own scissors. Enjoy complimentary snacks and drinks. Questions: Hillary Geidel, [hillary.geidel@mzls.org](mailto:hillary.geidel@mzls.org)

**Knight for a Day** On Tuesday, January 28, Morrison Zion Lutheran School would like to welcome children age 4 (potty trained) 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! The kids should bring their own snack and water bottle. In order to plan for the morning, please register your child by January 21 using the QR code. Contact Mrs. Geidel with any questions: [hillary.geidel@mzls.org](mailto:hillary.geidel@mzls.org)



## Thanks, Go, and Give

**Thank You Nancy** Join us December 1 after 8 a.m. worship for a special time to thank Nancy Pantzlaff for 30 years as church and school secretary. Snacks and refreshments will be served afterwards in the basement.

**Thanksgiving and Christmas cards** are now available in the church basement.

**Thanksgiving Offering and Grant** This year's Thanksgiving offering will be designated to the food pantry and be matched up to \$400 from WELSt. You can begin giving to this gift at anytime. Please designate Thanksgiving Food Pantry gift.

**Poinsettias** The worship committee is offering to pick up poinsettias for Christmas. This year we would like to give the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of one. These names will be included in the weekly announcement sheet on Christmas. Please sign up in the church basement by Sunday, Dec. 15. The cost per poinsettia is \$12. Please indicate on the sign up sheet the name of the person the poinsettia is being purchased in honor of/memory of.

Please plan to pick up all poinsettias after Christmas Day worship or by Sunday, Dec. 29. After this date, any leftover poinsettias will be donated. Thanks for helping beautify our Christmas worship.

**Snow Shovelers needed for church & school** Please talk to Randy Lopnow if you are interested.

12/1	Sun	8:00 AM	1st Sunday in Advent Worship	12/4	Wed	5:00 PM	Catechism
		9:15 AM	Sunday School			7:00 PM	Midweek Advent Service (supper at 6:00 pm)
		9:15 AM	Thank You Nancy <small>snacks/drinks in basement</small>			7:45 PM	Choir
		10:30 AM	1st Sunday in Advent Worship	12/5	Thur	3:00 PM	Ezekiel Study - @ Shirley (& at 7 pm - 4:30 pm online)
		11:30 AM	Call Meeting	12/7	Sat	7:00 AM	Food Pantry Setup (Open 8-10 am)
		4:00 PM	Advent By Candlelight @ Shirley	12/8	Sun	8:00 AM	2nd Sunday in Advent Worship w/communion
		6:00 PM	Youth Group Bible Study			9:15 AM	Sunday School
		7:00 PM	Book Study <small>Unoffendable (ch 6-8)</small>			9:15 AM	Bible Study
12/2	Mon	7:00 PM	School Board			10:30 AM	2nd Sunday in Advent Worship w/communion
12/3	Tue	8:30 AM	Fun Day			6:00 PM	Youth Group Bible Study
12/4	Wed	11:00 AM	Midweek Advent Service (Lunch to follow)			7:00 PM	Book Study <small>Unoffendable (ch 9-11)</small>

### Unexpected ways to build connections

A little blonde haired boy is doing laps around a small play center in a mall near a Kmart. (Yeah, they still exist in Australia). He starts to play with a boy about his age. They chase each other and climb through the play center's obstacles to head for the slide. Each in turn, they inch down a slide that is inexplicably slow. And then they race back up to do it again. And at least for now, it doesn't matter at all that they can't speak the same language. After a while, the boys' mothers connect and begin talking. Before they leave the moms exchange contact information for hopefully a play date for the newly formed friends zooming around mall.

Three and a half months into living in Australia, we're just starting to get the hang of some new things. There's a different vocabulary with a serious affection for shortening words and tacking on an O (servo, arvo, bottle-o, flanno, rego, smoko, garbo, to name a few), there's some exciting new food options (meat pies, TimTams, excellent coffee, and yes, Vegemite—it's excellent on toast with butter!), and there are a lot of different people groups here. We knew that having experience living in East Asia would be a benefit in making friends here and it has, but we've also met Filipinos, Japanese, Indonesians, Colombians, Malaysians, Taiwanese, and Mongolians. And the main person starting the connection with most of those people: my wife Alanna. And sometimes my son Marvin.

One of the most exciting aspects of ministry here in Australia is that we're all working on it together. Yes, the WELS missionaries, Matt and Peter (me), but also Christine (Matt's wife) and Alanna (my wife), and even unknowingly Marvin and Jonas. We're exploring, trying out things like English programs, play groups, parks, library events, cultural nights, and running into all sorts of people and making friends with so many people. Hopefully, some of those connections turn into coffee, dinners, and conversations. Conversations about God. And all that feels very normal.

I would venture a guess that in your community, wherever you may be, there's probably someone new, learning a new culture, maybe learning a new language, figuring out how to do basic things, and could use some help. And I bet that person would appreciate a friend. We've certainly appreciated all the help we've gotten from friends so far.

There's something really fascinating in Psalm 86. It's a psalm that praises God for how he listens and delivers those who trust in him. And in the middle of the psalm, the position of emphasis, there is verse nine. "All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name." It's a beautiful cause and effect explanation. God I trust in you, you save me, you deliver me, you answer me, and you help me.

*Written by Rev. Peter Janke, world missionary on the Asia One Team based on Australia.*

### High School News

**FVL Choirs Christmas Concert** The FVL Choirs invite you to attend their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 4:00pm. The concert is free, and all are invited to join with the choirs as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. It will also be livestreamed on the FVLHS YouTube Channel [youtube.com/@FVLFoxes](https://youtube.com/@FVLFoxes)

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### WELS NEWS

### Bible Reading Plan Week 46

11/18	Small Group	8
11/18	Small Group	8
11/19	Small Group	5
11/19	Fun Day	9
11/20	Catechism	10
11/24	Bible Study	23
11/24	Sunday School	5
11/24	Youth Group	3
11/24	Book Study	8
Total		79

Gather Numbers	Members	Visitors	Total	Communion
11/21 Thur	35	1	36	30
11/24 8:00 AM	85	7	92	63
11/24 10:30AM	34	6	40	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>123</b>
Online	28	0	28	

<b>Sunday, Dec 1</b>
1 John 1
2 Chronicles 1
<b>Monday, Dec 2</b>
1 John 2
2 Chronicles 2
<b>Tuesday, Dec 3</b>
1 John 3
2 Chronicles 3 & 4
<b>Wednesday, Dec 4</b>
1 John 4
2 Chronicles 5
<b>Thursday, Dec 5</b>
1 John 5
2 Chronicles 6
<b>Friday, Dec 6</b>
2 John
2 Chronicles 7
<b>Saturday, Dec 7</b>
3 John
2 Chronicles 8

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