



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

Divine Call Pastor Andrew Lindke (St. Mark - Normal, IL) was called to serve as a second pastor at Zion on Dec. 1. Please keep him, his family, and his ministry in your prayers.

ESL Class is Thursday, December 19 at 5:30 pm at church

Immanuel Shirley Carols & Lessons is Tuesday, December 24 at 2:00 pm.

Children Christmas Eve Program is Tuesday, December 24 at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Candlelight Service is Tuesday, December 24 at 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Festival Worship with communion is Wednesday, December 25 at 9:00 am

No Thursday Worship on Thursday December 26 & Jan 2

Sunday Worship at 8:00 am and 10:30 am is Sunday, December 29

New Year Eve Service is Tuesday December 31 at 7:00 pm with Communion

Grow

Sunday Book Study meets Sundays at 7pm to read *Unoffendable* by Brant Hansen. We will look at Chapters 14-16 on December 22. 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 or 920.621.3196. **No Fun Day on December 24 & 31**

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.

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.



- Youth Group will not meet on Sundays until 2025.
- Youth Group will go snow tubing Saturday, January 11

Sunday School Sunday school will resume on January 12, 2025.

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.

Bible Reading Plan - Year 2 begins on January 1, 2025. If you have been reading along we hope you can continue with us in 2025. If you missed a few readings use this as a chance to start up again. If you are new and would like to read the Bible daily, join us! Daily readings will be shared in the newsletter, a yearly print up and on announcements. You can also scan the QR code to join the Bible app reading group that lets you listen to or read the section for the day. You also have the opportunity to ask questions in the group concerning what you read.



Events

Food Pantry is open on Saturday, January 4. Setup is at 7:00 a.m. and the pantry is open from 8-10 a.m. New volunteers are always welcome to join. We serve 40-50 families each month. We are thankful for your gifts of your time, talents, and treasures to help those in need in our community and to share the love of Jesus.

Thanks, Go, and Give

Poinsettias 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 Loppnow if you are interested.

Direct Deposit Jesus does not prescribe how often or how much we are to give to the Lord. But God's Word encourages faithful planned giving of our first fruits, given with a cheerful heart. One way to give in this manner is with scheduled direct deposits. This is one way to give in a planned and easy manner to the Lord. Direct Deposit enrollment sheets are available downstairs. Return the sheet in the offering basket or to Secretary Jackie Zeamer. Speak to Pastor Enderle if you have any questions.

12/22	Sun	8:00 AM	4th Sunday in Advent Worship w/communion	12/26	Thur		No Worship
			No Sunday School	12/29	Sun	8:00 AM	1st Sunday after Christmas Worship
		9:15 AM	Bible Study				No Sunday School
		10:30 AM	4th Sunday in Advent Worship w/communion			9:15 AM	Bible Study
		7:00 PM	Book Study Unoffendable (ch 14-16)			10:30 AM	1st Sunday after Christmas Worship
12/24	Tues	9:00 AM	Christmas Eve Children Program			7:00 PM	Book Study Unoffendable (ch 17-19)
		12:00 PM	School Dismissal (No School Dec 25-Jan 5)	12/31	Tues	7:00 PM	New Year's Eve Worship w/ Communion
		6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Children Program	1/2	Thur		No Worship
		10:00 PM	Candlelight Service	1/4	Sar	7:00 AM	Food Pantry setup (Open 8-10)
12/25	Wed	9:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship w/ Communion				

WELS 175: Christ Through Us

Most institutions, including churches, celebrate anniversaries at quarter-century increments. This marks about a generation. The same is true for WELS. Throughout its history, it has celebrated quarter-century anniversaries. 2025 will mark the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Wisconsin Synod at Salem Lutheran Church on the northwest side of Milwaukee. The Lord of the Church has blessed the proclamation of Christ's saving work to and through the Wisconsin Synod for 175 years. Much has happened since May 26, 1850. Much has happened since the last time the synod marked its anniversary in 2000.

To help the members and congregations of WELS learn about God's blessings to our church body for 175 years, various resources and events are being planned.

- A new book narrating the history of WELS, *Christ Through Us: A Pictorial History of the Wisconsin Synod, 1850-2025*, has been written and will be released in the summer of 2025.
- A revised and expanded edition by John Brenner of Edward Fredrich's *The Wisconsin Synod Lutherans* will be available in the spring of 2025. This is a more scholarly and detailed look at the synod's history.
- Monthly print-ready bulletin inserts will cover key turning points and events in WELS history. The text and images will also be available as short articles for use in newsletters or social media posts.
- An interactive timeline of WELS history will highlight key events with images and links to other information.
- Monthly videos will feature interviews with WELS historians and also explore interesting aspects of WELS history.
- *WELS Connection* videos will highlight the history of our synod and our current and future gospel ministry efforts.
- Various presentations on WELS historical topics will be offered throughout the year sponsored by WELS Historical Institute.
- Worship resources are being developed for WELS congregations to celebrate the anniversary, the new ten-year strategic plan, and the Reformation as a three-week series at the end of October.
- *Forward in Christ* will feature the synod anniversary in various ways throughout the year.

Most of these resources will be available at welshistoricalinstitute.org/175th.

Bible Reading Plan Week 49

Sunday, Dec 22
Revelation 14
2 Chronicles 27 & 28
Monday, Dec 23
Revelation 15
2 Chronicles 29
Tuesday, Dec 24
Revelation 16
2 Chronicles 30
Wednesday, Dec 25
Revelation 17
2 Chronicles 31
Thursday, Dec 26
Revelation 18
2 Chronicles 32
Friday, Dec 27
Revelation 19
2 Chronicles 33
Saturday, Dec 28
Revelation 20
2 Chronicles 34

An anniversary like this can help congregations and members remember and give thanks for God's many blessings that he has showered on us through the gospel. We can learn about how God has brought our church body through challenging times so that WELS is what it is today: a church body committed to the truth of God's Word, striving to faithfully proclaim Christ throughout the world.

By Prof. Joel Otto, chairman of the 175th anniversary committee and dean of students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis.

High School News

MLHS Pizza Fundraiser Show your support for the Manitowoc Lutheran High School National Honor Society (NHS) Students service trip with prayers and pizza orders! **From now until Sunday, January 12th**, the NHS students will be taking orders for freshly made 12" pizzas! Most meals and housing will be taken care of by the congregation members. Dollars raised will go towards plane tickets for the students and chaperones, (plane tickets are \$435 per person), van rental, and some food. Visit www.mlhslancers.org/nhs-pizza-sale Pizzas pick up day is Sunday, January 26th from 2-4pm at MLHS

MLHS Gym Dedication service will take place on **Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 2:00PM**. Following the dedication service all of our guests are welcome to an MLHS open house starting at 3:30PM.

MLHS Christmas Concert All are welcome and encouraged to join us on Friday, December 20 as the we present 'Come & Worship', our annual Sacred Christmas Concert held at the Capitol Civic Centre in downtown Manitowoc. Join at **4:30pm or 7:30pm**, both concerts will be streamed live by the MLHS Broadcasting club on youtube.com/@mlhslancers.

FVL MusicFest is Feb., 2, 2025 from 1:00-4:30pm. Our annual celebration of student musical talent! **The spring musical: Tarzan** will be presented by the Theater Dept. on March 7, 8, & 9.

Grow Numbers		
12/10	Fun Day	8
12/11	Catechism	8
12/8	Sunday School	12
12/8	Youth Group	19
12/8	Book Study	10
	Total	57

Gather Numbers		Total
12/11	Wed 11 am	119
12/11	Wed 7 pm	36
	Total	155
	Online	9
12/15	Sun 8 am	229
12/15	Sun 10 am	158
	Total	387
	Online	19

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