



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

Advent/Christmas Concert Sunday, December 15 at the 8:00 am and 10:30 pm service with the choirs and band.

School Christmas Presentation is Friday, December 13 at 2:00 pm at Morrison Zion School.

Concert Joint Rehearsals

- Wednesday, December 11 at 7:45 pm with the choir and Jr. choir. at church.

- Saturday, December 14 at 8:15 am. for Jr choir and 8:30 am Choir at church

Church Band is playing Sunday, Dec. 8, 1:30 pm at Parkview. Practice is Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 pm at church.

Grow

Sunday Book Study meets Sundays at 7pm to read *Unoffendable* by Brant Hansen. We will look at Chapters 9, 10 & 11 on December 8. 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.

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. There is a special joint Christmas lesson/party on December 15. Sunday school will be on break after Dec. 15 until January 12, 2026.

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. 8 - 6 pm: Bible Study and Open Gym
- Sunday, Dec. 15 - 12:45 pm - 3 pm: Bowling and Christmas Gift Exchange

Events

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

Governance Committee meeting is on Monday, December 16 at 6 p.m. at Morrison Zion Lutheran School.

Thanks, Go, and Give

Thank you for your generosity in helping Morrison Zion serve the community and share the love of Jesus. \$6,174 were given to the Food Pantry Thanksgiving Offering. \$4000 of that offering will be matched by WELS Christian Aid and Relief.

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards for my 95th birthday. It was really nice of you to take time to think of me. I received over 100 cards! What a nice surprise. Thank you again,

Barbara von Stein

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.

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.

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| 12/4 | Wed | 7:45 PM | Choir | 5:00 PM | Catechism |
| 12/5 | Thur | 5:30 PM | ESL Class | 7:00 PM | Midweek Advent 2 Worship (supper at 6:00 pm) |
| 12/7 | Sat | 7:00 AM | Food Pantry Setup (Open 8-10 am) | 7:45 PM | Choir & Jr. Choir |
| 12/8 | Sun | 8:00 AM | Advent 2 Worship w/communion | 12/13 Fri | 2:00 PM Christmas presentation at school |
| | | 9:15 AM | Sunday School | 12/14 Sat | 8:15 AM Jr. choir practice at church/ 8:30 AM Choir |
| | | 9:15 AM | Bible Study | 2:00 PM | Christmas Crafternoon |
| | | 10:30 AM | Advent 2 Worship w/communion | 12/15 Sun | 8:00 AM Advent 3 Worship - Advent/Christmas Concert |
| | | 1:30 PM | Band at Parkview | 9:15 AM | Sunday School |
| | | 6:00 PM | Youth Group Bible Study | 9:15 AM | Bible Study |
| | | 7:00 PM | Book Study Unoffendable (ch 9-11) | 10:30 AM | Advent 3 Worship - Advent/Christmas Concert |
| 12/10 | Tue | 8:30 AM | Fun Day | 12:30 PM | Youth Group (Bowling and gift exchange) |
| 12/11 | Wed | 11:00 AM | Midweek Advent 2 Worship (Lunch to follow) | 7:00 PM | Book Study Unoffendable (ch 12 & 13) |

Blessings, challenges, and opportunities in WELS schools

WELS NEWS

Bible Reading Plan Week 47

WELS Commission on Lutheran Schools completed the annual Lutheran school statistics collection from all WELS schools for the 2024-25 school year. On the surface, the numbers are very close to a year ago, with preparatory and area Lutheran high school enrollments increasing by 103 for a total of 7,484 students, Lutheran elementary school enrollments increasing slightly to 28,361 students from 28,081 in 2023, and the number of students served by early childhood ministries decreasing to 11,338 from 11,799. The number of called teachers has grown by 49 to 3,108.

The following insights come through close examination of trends in our schools over the past 3, 5, and even 15 years. Even though early childhood ministries and Lutheran elementary schools have continued to open, a much greater number have closed. When compared to the 2010 statistical report, the number of early childhood ministries has decreased from 388 (225 connected to a Lutheran elementary school and 163 standalone) to 345 (241 connected to a Lutheran elementary school and 104 standalone), though total enrollment has increased by 13 percent. The number of Lutheran elementary schools has decreased from 328 in 2010 to 276 currently, though during that period total enrollment has increased by 17 percent. The number of area Lutheran high schools has grown by four, including a fully accredited WELS online high school enrolling 14 students, with overall area Lutheran high school enrollment increasing by 23 percent since 2010.

Although enrollment overall has been at record numbers the last two years due to increased interest in Christian education, fewer but larger schools are a result of mergers, consolidations, and closures due to the reality of rising costs and decreased enrollments, making it more difficult for smaller schools in smaller congregations with fewer supporters to continue to exist.

The Commission on Lutheran Schools stands ready to provide consulting guidance and onsite support for schools dealing with fiscal sustainability challenges, declining enrollment, and merger considerations. Thanks to generous gifts toward utilizing schools for outreach, funds are now available to review, provide guidance for, and help all schools develop and implement effective harvest strategies for the growing number of unchurched and community members enrolling in our schools. It is our prayer that every school is effectively using a harvest strategy to connect more families to the gospel.

Grow Numbers

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| 11/25 | Small Group | 10 |
| 11/26 | Fun Day | 9 |
| 12/1 | Youth Group | 6 |
| 12/1 | Sunday School | 12 |
| 12/1 | Book Study | 12 |
| Total | | 49 |

| Gather Numbers | Members | Visitors | Total |
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| 11/27 Wed | 53 | 6 | 59 |
| 11/28 Thur | 172 | 14 | 186 |
| Total | 225 | 20 | 245 |
| Online | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| 12/1 8:00:00 AM | 111 | 21 | 132 |
| 12/1 10:30 AM | 52 | 4 | 56 |
| Total | 163 | 25 | 188 |
| Online | 22 | 2 | 24 |

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| Sunday, Dec 8 |
| Jude |
| 2 Chronicles 9 |
| Monday, Dec 9 |
| Revelation 1 |
| 2 Chronicles 10 |
| Tuesday, Dec 10 |
| Revelation 2 |
| 2 Chronicles 11 & 12 |
| Wednesday, Dec 11 |
| Revelation 3 |
| 2 Chronicles 13 |
| Thursday, Dec 12 |
| Revelation 14 & 15 |
| 2 Chronicles 9 |
| Friday, Dec 13 |
| Revelation 16 |
| 2 Chronicles 9 |
| Saturday, Dec 14 |
| Revelation 6 |
| 2 Chronicles 17 |

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

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