



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.

An Open Forum will be Jan. 12 after 10:30 am service. The focus is on recommendations by the Cemetery and Grounds Committee and the joint Early Childhood Ministry between Shirley and Morrison.. You can find updates in the back of church and by scanning the QR code. Voters meeting is Jan. 26 after 10:30 am service.



Thursday Services return Jan 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Grow

Sunday Book Study meets Sundays at 7pm to read *Unoffendable* by Brant Hansen. We will look at Chapters 17-19 on January 5. Books are available for \$10.

Fun Day at Immanuel Shirley from 8:30-10:30 am. on is a free program for children who are 3-4 years old and potty-trained Tuesday mornings. Invite your friends and neighbors.



Contact Danielle Ripp, dani.pues27@gmail.com or scan the QR code to sign up.

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 meet Sundays beginning Jan. 19, 2025.
- Saturday, January 11: Sledding in Kewaunee
- Sunday, February 16: Pancake and Porkie Breakfast
- Saturday, March 29: Blindman's Volleyball Tournament

Sunday School Sunday school will resume on January 12, 2025. Thank you to teachers and assistants for helping!

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

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

Cemetery and Grounds Committee is recommending increasing the cost of the lots on the cemetery, to \$500 for members and \$750 for non members. Current rates are \$250 for members and \$300 for non members. Open Forum is Jan. 12 and Voters Meeting is Jan. 26.

Bible Reading Plan - Year 2 has begun. 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.



Events

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



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!

Unifying for Ministry Many committees continue to research and discuss how Morrison Zion and Immanuel Shirley could work together to better share the Gospel and serve our community. The Executive Committee will meet again in February. Look for future updates and bring any questions to Pastor or Kris Scheider (Co-chair of the Executive Committee)

Blindman Volleyball Get your teams together for Blindman's Volleyball on Saturday, March 29. The Adult Tournament is from 9 am–2:30 pm. The Youth Tournament is from 3:30 pm to 7 pm. Scan the QR code to sign your team up!



Thanks, Go, and Give

Church Envelopes 2025 church envelopes are available & located in the mailboxes in the church basement. Please take time to look for your mailbox as the mailboxes have been shifted slightly.

1/5	Sun	8:00 AM	Epiphany Worship	1/11	Sat	9:30 AM	Women's Study
			No Sunday School			1:00 PM	Youth Group sledding @ Kewaunee (1pm-3 pm)
		9:15 AM	Bible Study	1/12	Sun	8:00 AM	1st Sunday after Epiphany Worship w/communion
		10:30 AM	Epiphany Worship			9:15 AM	Sunday School resumes
		7:00 PM	Book Study <i>Unoffendable</i> (ch 17-19)			9:15 AM	Bible Study
1/6	Mon		School Resumes			10:30 AM	1st Sunday after Epiphany Worship w/communion (Jr choir sings)
1/7	Tues	8:30 AM	Fun Day			11:30 AM	Open Forum
1/8	Wed	7:00 PM	Choir in the balcony				No Youth Group
1/9	Thurs	7:00 PM	1st Sunday after Epiphany Worship w/communion			7:00 PM	Book Study <i>Unoffendable</i> (ch 20-21)

Congo-reka! *Written by Missionary Keegan Dowling, world missionary on the One Africa Team*

WELS News

Just to date myself, I'm a fan of Oklahoma rock group Flaming Lips. One time they released an album—actually four discs (dated again!)—meant to be played simultaneously—called “Zaireka.” They wanted a name that evoked chaos and joy . . . and Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo, or DRC) was the ultimate byword for chaos.

Bible Reading Plan Jan 5-11

Not so, on the One Africa Team's travels to Lubumbashi, a busy, thriving mining city in the southeast of the DRC. We need the government's permission to go there and offer workshops to the confessional Lutheran church group—the Evangelical Lutheran Mission to The Congo ([MELC](#))—with whom we are exploring the possibility of fellowship. The intelligence officers monitor One Africa Team missionaries' visits closely, both for their good and for ours. We have heard that they are happy to have us visit, so that we can spread the word that Lubumbashi is safe, orderly, and open for business.

But we've also heard that they like what we've been teaching. As they've read reports of our pastoral training workshops, they've mentioned that they think the content—which has been the small Catechism of Luther, so far—is wonderful. The gospel Word is spread, sometimes in surprising ways.

In November, One Africa Team Adjunct, Pastor Joel Seifert, and I presented a second training workshop for the pastors and evangelists of the MELC who came to Lubumbashi from as far away as Kinshasa in the west and Manono to the north. On Wednesday evenings, I continue to hold French-language doctrinal studies on Zoom with the leaders of MELC.

Thank you for whatever ways you've been supporting this new mission field! Congo-reka! And soli deo gloria. Peace.

Anniversaries	
1/5	Cam & Erin Braun
1/10	Glen & Gail Wegner

Birthdays		
1/1	Megan	Laabs
1/1	Jameson	Swanningson
1/3	Haillee	Fritsch
1/3	Easton	Denor
1/3	Haley	Morehouse
1/4	Judith	Beyer
1/4	Kaleb	Stepien
1/4	Kenneth	Fritsch
1/4	Gentry	Evenson
1/6	Waylon	Vande Hey
1/7	Joel	Zeamer
1/8	Mary	Laabs
1/8	Rick	Laabs
1/8	Bryce	Bellue
1/9	Jackie	Zeamer
1/9	Cassandra	Kocourek
1/11	Justin	Ossmann
1/12	Craig	Edinger

Sunday, Jan 5

Ezra 5
Acts 5

Monday, Jan 6

Ezra 6
Acts 6

Tuesday, Jan 7

Ezra 7
Acts 7

Wednesday, Jan 8

Ezra 8
Acts 8

Thursday, Jan 9

Ezra 9
Acts 9

Friday, Jan 10

Ezra 10
Acts 10

Saturday, Jan 11

Nehemiah 1
Acts 11

Grow Numbers		
12/29	Sunday Study	18

Gather Numbers	Members	Visitors	Total	Communion
12/24 10 am	195	123	318	
12/24 6 pm	167	87	254	
Total	362	210	572	
Online	29	0	29	
12/24 10 pm	31	5	36	
Online	8	0	8	
12/25 9 am	170	23	193	160
Online	15	3	18	

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 Ministries De Pere

Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service Appleton
 cfc@wlcf.org (920) 438-1772

High School News

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.