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God's Word is like Hard Candy

Have you ever struggled with understanding the Bible? The truths of God's word are clear: *God is the creator of all things, and out of love, He sent his Son, Jesus, to die for the sins of the world, including you.* Yet, there are times you might read God's word and struggle with its meaning. You might struggle applying the law to yourself and this world. You might also struggle trusting God and his love in a difficult world.

God's word is not just about heaven. Yes, the goal and our certain hope is eternal life with God. But the Bible is relevant, here and now. It helps our lives at work, at home, at school, and everywhere. God's word helps us with our spiritual lives but also helps us be emotionally healthy. The Bible has been described as an ocean with a beach, shallow enough for a child to wade in but deep enough to explore our whole lives.

While God's word is like the ocean, it is also like hard candy. What happens when you are in a hurry to eat hard candy? You chomp on it, it can hurt your teeth, and you don't get much out of it. But what if you have the time to savor it? You get to enjoy the flavor over a long time. In our busy lives, we can forget to take time for God's word but even when we do, at church or at home, we might be rushed and unfocused. You hear the words but don't savor it. Maybe we are emotionally or physically tired. Are you getting the most out of the depths of God's word?

This was the topic of the September CrossTrain Conference that I attended last week. 12 pastors gathered together in northern Minnesota and spent hours delving into the book of Proverbs. Proverbs tells us the difference between *knowledge* and *wisdom*. There are two important aspects for a Christian. The first is gaining *knowledge* about God. We learn about who God is and what his will is for us in the Bible. But gaining knowledge is only a part of it. True *wisdom* is apply that knowledge in our everyday lives. You might know what God wants you to do. But it is hard to practice it. Do you know what God says is true? But it is hard to believe it and apply it when it matters.

"Proverbs is a very different book. It calls us to study, to think, to learn the practical discipline of centering all our thoughts and

actions on God. Indeed, one of the main messages of Proverbs is—*you've never really thought enough about anything.*" (God's Wisdom for Navigating Life, Timothy Keller)

This is the whole focus of the CrossTrain Pastoral Coaching program. CrossTrain was developed by WELS pastors and counselors to help pastor stay spiritual, emotional, and physically healthy. Why is this important? They saw a dangerous trend of burnout or blowups that led to the end of ministries, usually caused by not being spiritually, emotionally, or physically healthy. These burnouts or blowups caused great problems to their flock and the kingdom as a whole. When a pastor can be healthy in these areas, and learn ways to model it and teach it to their congregations, then you have more and more Christians who are learning how to apply the great gospel truths of scripture to all areas of life. Our world has an emotional health crisis. You or someone you know, might be struggling. Counseling and medication is necessary at times. The hard candy of God's word can help many find true peace.

I'll share more of the key parts of CrossTrain education in future months but for now I'll end with a favorite, a resiliency prayer you can say daily. It helps ground you in your identity, *a child of God*. And it helps you face life, understanding many things are out of your control but not out of God's. You can't control other people or every event, but you can control how you react. God makes you a victor not a victim.

Resiliency prayer: Lord, I know that I am loved and forgiven, a precious child of God, bought by the blood of Christ. I know that today events will happen, some good and some bad, some that are in my control but most that aren't. I know that these events will trigger thoughts (why me, this shouldn't happen to me, poor me) and those thoughts will produce feelings that will impact my behavior. So when these events happen help me remember that you have promised to never leave me or forsake me (Hebrews 13) and that you will work it out for my eternal good (Romans 8), so that I can have feelings of hope, peace, confidence, and joy with the goal that my behavior brings you glory in all I say and do, Amen.

- written by Pastor James Enderle



Our Mission

is to
Glorify
 God
 as we
Gather
 around the
 Gospel
 to
Grow
 in the
 Gospel
 and then
Go
 to others
 with the Gospel



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Congregational News



Highlights from Leadership Team's September 10, 2024

This month our devotion was on Ephesians 6. For bible study we focused our discussion around effective meetings. We will look at formatting the meeting around the level 10 concept.

The 1/3/5 year planning Rock goals for this period were reviewed. Of the 45 we had listed all but 7 are completed, put on hold in conjunction with the Unifying for Missions, or in process. In the future we will post what the Leadership has listed as their 120 day rocks. Leadership Team members need to review and set the Rocks for Nov 2024 – Feb. 2025. We will discuss and agree on them at the October meeting.

Merge for Mission was re-named to *Unifying for Ministry*. The Executive Committee is set and the subcommittees will be getting contacted by the Executive Committee member that will lead that area. *Unifying for Ministry* Committee

Unifying for Ministry Committee Chairs		
Executive Committee:	Nick Dobberpuhl	Immanuel
Co-Chairs	Kris Schedier	Zion
Governance Committee:	Joel Dobberpuhl	Zion
Human Resources:	Charles Edinger	Zion
Finance Committee:	Dave Zeamer	Immanuel
Property Committee:	Tony Tasch	Zion
School Committee:	Chris Kuckenbecker	Immanuel
Ministry Committee:	Dale Dobberpuhl	Immanuel
Co-Chairs	Kurt Voster	Zion

Chairs are listed below.

Early Childhood has Ann Potter invited to present to the congregation October 13.

Discussion around the revised Pastor Job Descriptions. We will look for the LT to approve in October and then present to the congregation.

Barnabas Ministry – Hans Herzog request that the committee meets in October. Meeting set for 6 pm October 8.

Small Group Bible studies will begin in September. Blessed to have 3 host families.

Pam Mueller is looking to step away from the Food Pantry. Announcements have been made concerning training a new coordinator.

Ben Evenson will look into grant money available from the synod to assist the Food Pantry.

Leadership Team is reviewing the wishlist for updates. We tabled this and will discuss in October.

There were no membership moves for the month.

- written by Church President
Randy Loppnow

The treasurer reported preliminary August balances. Overall, income remains similar to budget. Our expenses are up due to timing of bills, the purchase of the new hymnal, and start of school year expenses.

August Income	\$67,553
August Expenses	\$58,521
Monthly balance	\$9,032
Checkbook balance	\$68,904
Gen. reserve fund	\$50,393
DPI reserve fund	\$2,516
Designated funds	\$138,423
Investments	\$115,874
High School	\$2,305
Fiscal year total	\$4,860
2024-25 fiscal goal	\$13,000
Synod Mission	\$1,320
2024 YTD total	\$20,110
2024 goal	\$32,400

	Average Attendance			
	August		Yearly	
Bible Study	2024	26	2024	34
	2023	43	2023	47
Worship	2024	213	2024	251
	2023	284	2023	267

Pastor Calls Returned

On August 29, Pastor Enderle returned the divine call to serve as an associate pastor at Crown of Life in Eagan and West St. Paul, MN. Thanks for your prayers and conversation.

On September 14, Pastor Adam Manian, returned the call to serve at Morrison Zion. He will continue serving the dual parish of St. John's (Vesta, MN) and Peace (Echo, MN). A call date will be shared in the future.

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. We are meeting Fridays at 1 pm. Speak to Pastor Enderle if you have interest in joining this class or have friends interested in becoming members.

Sunday School for ages 3 to grades 6 began September 8. See below for more.

Sunday Morning Bible Study In October at 9:15 am, we will look at a Bible Study on Worship. This study will help us discuss the blessings of worship and why we worship the way we do as Lutherans as we introduce a new hymnal. *On October 13 we will have an Early Childhood Open Forum.*

Catechism for Public School students began Wednesday, September 4 at 5 pm in the church basement. See below for more information.

Sunday Night Book Discussion meets Sundays at 7 p.m. in the church basement. We are reading *3 Words That Will Change Your Life* by Pastor Mike Novotny. Books are available for \$6.

Small Groups will begin in September. Look below for more details.

Men's Study will not meet in October.

Youth Group meets most Sunday nights. See page 6 for details and how to sign up for updates.

Women's Study we are studying Jesus' life and looking specifically at parables that Jesus told. We will meet on Saturday, October 19 at 9:30am, at Delores Greipentrog's home. Please bring your Bible and invite a friend to join us. This month, we will be studying The Parable of the Tenants, from Matthew 21:33-46, Mark 12:1-12, and Luke 20:9-19. Contact Jen Enderle with any questions (920)372-3818.

English as a Second Language will meet Thursday, October 3 and 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. New students and volunteers are welcome!

Sunday School

Calling all 3-year-olds (potty trained) through 6th graders! Come and explore the stories of the Old Testament with us in Sunday School. Discover lessons of faith through crafts, activities and music. ***We meet each Sunday from 9:15-10:15am at school.*** It's a fun, engaging way for children to learn about God's word and grow in their faith. Preregistration not required.

Interested in teaching or helping? Kids in 7th grade and older can contact Pastor Enderle or Chelsea Scheider.

Sermon Based Small Groups



Sermon based Bible studies in homes have begun! These groups meet on Mondays and Tuesdays for this first 9 week session. You can still sign up! Scan the QR code to register and for info or sign up on the Bible Studies table in the church basement. Studies are Monday and Tuesday Nights at 6 or 6:30 pm. Scan the QR Code or see the sign up in the church basement to sign up for Small Groups Contact Pastor Enderle if you have any questions.

· Monday 6pm @ the Brauns'

· Monday 6pm @ the Griepentrogs'

· Tuesday 6:30pm @ the Ihlenfeldts'

Catechism for Public School Students

Catechism class meets Wednesdays at 5 pm. These classes are meant for 5-8th graders who attend public school and seek to be confirmed at Morrison Zion. Parents and students please scan the QR code register for Catechism or email Pastor Enderle james.enderle@mlzs.org if you have questions.



Baptisms

Morgan Charlene Dahlke was baptized Sunday, September 8 during 10:30 worship. Morgan is the daughter of members Nick and Kathy Dahlke. Marshall Victor Laabs was baptized Sunday, September 29 during 10:30 worship. Marshall is the son of Kyle and Megan Laabs. God's blessings to Marshall and Morgan and their families as we welcome these children into God's family seeing their sins forgiven!

Worship In October

Notes on Worship

We continue in the second half of the Church Year, which focuses on the teachings of the Christian faith. We begin a new series *The Need For Followership*.

“We need better leadership!” Have you ever said that? Perhaps you were frustrated with the direction being taken by some elected official or by management at your workplace or by the coach of your favorite team. Leadership is extremely important. And so, there are times we lament, “We need better leadership!” Jesus Christ is the leader of our congregation, our home, our lives. And his leadership is perfect in every way. Therefore, when things are amiss in any of those arenas, what is needed is not better leadership, but better followership. In this series, we ask Christ to empower us with his Spirit so that we might better follow his lead, to change our priorities and serve our God and neighbor. *Note: Hymns are all from the New Christian Worship Hymnal.*

The Need For Followership

20 th Sunday after Pentecost	Followers Of Christ Know How To Love Their Families	green
Oct. 3/6	Sermon: Eph 5:21–6:4 Hymns: 505, 760, 584	
21 st Sunday after Pentecost	Followers Of Christ Maintain Proper Priorities	green
Oct. 10/13	Sermon: Mark 10:17-27 Hymns: 560, 828, 525, 717	<i>communion</i>
22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Followers Of Christ Make Selfless Sacrifices	green
Oct. 17/20	Sermon: 1 Co 9:7-12,19-23 Hymns: 748, 540, 930	
23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Followers Of Christ Have a Solid Foundation	green
	<small>The Festival of St. Luke the Evangelist</small>	
Oct. 24/27	Sermon: Luke 1:1-4, 24:44-53 Hymns: 695, 855, 800, 640	<i>communion</i>

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

Altar Committee members serving in October: Connie Blauert

Reformation Worship

Join us Thursday, October 31 and Sunday, November 3 for a special festival worship for the Reformation. The theme is **Live a Life of Courageous Witness**.

White Vases

The Worship Committee is looking for white vases to help with decorating. If you have any that you can donate please bring them to church. Contact Pastor Enderle if you have any questions.

Thrivent Action Teams Wanted

Are you a Thrivent member? Did you know you can support the ministry of Morrison Zion Lutheran Church and School by organizing an Action Team through Thrivent Financial? All Thrivent members are able to organize two Action Teams per calendar year. Each Action Team receives \$250 of seed money to be used for an event. We have been able to use these Action Teams for school field trips, school cleaning, meals, fundraisers, maintenance, special ministry projects directed to different groups like kids, parents, youth, college aged students and much more. Contact Mr. Geidel or Pastor Enderle if you are able and interested in organizing an Action Team. It's super easy, and we are more than willing to help you!

Unifying for Ministry

The work between Immanuel Shirley and Morrison Zion has been renamed from *Merge for Mission* to *Unifying for Ministry*. We believe this name causes less confusing about the goals of this work and better expresses the purpose of working together for the good of both churches, the community and the gospel. Executive Committee members are listed on page 2 and updates will be shared regularly in paper and online. Open forums to share updates and for people to ask questions will be held in the future.

Food Pantry Coordinator

The Food Pantry is seeking a new coordinator with the current coordinator planning to step down. Training will be provided for anyone who is interested in this position. Speak to Pastor Enderle if you are interested and for more details.

Food Pantry

We served 41 families during the September 7th giveaway. Each family received assorted grill meats, bacon, cheeses, eggs, pears, tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, laundry detergent, and nonperishable items. Thank you to the Ben Meyer family for donating Kwik Trip gift cards to distribute for families to purchase milk! Thank you to those who shared produce from their gardens this summer!

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call the food pantry (920) 246-5435 to schedule an appointment. Any questions can be directed to coordinator, Pam Mueller, at (920) 540-5194. Volunteers are welcome to join us for our next distribution on Oct. 5! Set up starts at 7 am and distribution is from 8 -10 am.

Soup for Souls

Meals have been restocked at church and at school for the Soup for Souls Ministry . Currently we have ham and au gratin potatoes or Mac n cheese meals, chicken & dumpling soup, and bake ziti with meatballs. Please use this ministry to share the love of Jesus with others.

~ Dear friends, since God, so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11)

MLC Concert Choir

As part of the 150th anniversary celebration of St. John-St. James Ev. Lutheran School, the Martin Luther College (MLC) choir will present a sacred concert titled "God is our Refuge and Strength" on Saturday, October 12 at 7:00 PM at St. John-St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, 219 Manitowoc St., Reedsville, WI. The concert is one of several the choir is presenting as part of their fall touring schedule.

Keyboard Players

We want to encourage our youth to become our future pastors, teachers, and leaders in our church. This also applies to our future music leaders. We are looking for young keyboard players who would be interested in helping lead worship. If you play keyboard or another instrument and are interested in playing for worship, please speak to Mrs. K. Our goal is to use the gifts of our members while still making sure worship is done with excellence. As these young musicians lead us in worship, please remember that your words can encourage or discourage these future leaders. If you have any concerns or comments please speak directly to Mrs. Kuchenbecker, Pastor Enderle or a member of our worship committee.

Choir

We know you're out there! Haven't you wondered even a tiny bit if you would enjoy singing in the choir? Now is a perfect time to find out. We rehearse each Wednesday, in the church balcony at 7:00 p.m.. We're preparing music for Sunday worship and for an Advent/Christmas concert on December 15. Come and join us even if just for one rehearsal to see what you're missing.

Church Band

Let's do this! I know there are lots and lots of instrumentalists reading this! It's time once again to get together to prepare for praising God in our worship services. We need you all- from grade school students to rusty or not rusty adult players. We will have rehearsals on Monday, October 14, 21, and 28 at 6:30 in the school basement. Please contact Mrs. Kuchenbecker if you have any questions or suggestions for other rehearsal options. Spread the word. Hope to see you there!

Thrivent Choice

If you are giving your Thrivent Choice dollars to church or school, thank you! If you have not done this, please consider designating your choice dollars. Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836. Ask for Thrivent Choice Dollars. Specify church or school address. (Church -7395 CTY Hwy W. School-7373 CTY Hwy W.) Call once a year between January 16 – March 31. Please call Thrivent if you have any questions.

Bible Reading Plan for October

Tuesday, Oct 1 1 Kings 4 & 5 Ephesians 2	Tuesday, Oct 8 1 Kings 12 Philippians 3	Tuesday, Oct 15 1 Kings 19 1 Thessalonians 2	Tuesday, Oct 22 2 Kings 4 1 Timothy 1	Tuesday, Oct 29 2 Kings 12 2 Timothy 2
Wednesday, Oct 2 1 Kings 6 Ephesians 3	Wednesday, Oct 9 1 Kings 13 Philippians 4	Wednesday, Oct 16 1 Kings 20 1 Thessalonians 3	Wednesday, Oct 23 2 Kings 5 1 Timothy 2	Wednesday, Oct 30 2 Kings 13 2 Timothy 3
Thursday, Oct 3 1 Kings 7 Ephesians 4	Thursday, Oct 10 1 Kings 14 Colossians 1	Thursday, Oct 17 1 Kings 21 1 Thessalonians 4	Thursday, Oct 24 2 Kings 6 1 Timothy 3	Thursday, Oct 31 2 Kings 14 2 Timothy 4
Friday, Oct 4 1 Kings 8 Ephesians 5	Friday, Oct 11 1 Kings 15 Colossians 2	Friday, Oct 18 1 Kings 22 1 Thessalonians 5	Friday, Oct 25 2 Kings 7 1 Timothy 4	
Saturday, Oct 5 1 Kings 9 Ephesians 6	Saturday, Oct 12 1 Kings 16 Colossians 3	Saturday, Oct 19 2 Kings 1 2 Thessalonians 1	Saturday, Oct 26 2 Kings 8 1 Timothy 5	
Sunday, Oct 6 1 Kings 10 Philippians 1	Sunday, Oct 13 1 Kings 17 Colossians 4	Sunday, Oct 20 2 Kings 2 2 Thessalonians 2	Sunday, Oct 27 2 Kings 9 1 Timothy 6	
Monday, Oct 7 1 Kings 11 Philippians 2	Monday, Oct 14 1 Kings 18 1 Thessalonians 1	Monday, Oct 21 2 Kings 3 2 Thessalonians 3	Monday, Oct 28 2 Kings 10 & 11 2 Timothy 1	

Youth Group

In September, Youth Group welcomed the 8th graders and held their Kickoff event at Immanuel Shirley. 19 youth attended the event where they built a picnic table to donate to the Way-Morr Lions Club, played some games, had bible study, and painted bricks in seasonal designs! Youth Group also went to Polly's Pumpkin Patch in Chilton and navigated their corn maze. No one got lost and lots of fun was had! Thanks to all who attended! *Please scan the QR code to receive updates about youth group events.*



Upcoming Youth Group events:

- **Sunday October 6 3:00 pm** Packer Party/Pumpkin Carving - at Morrison Zion School We will watch the Packer Game, carve pumpkins (BYO Pumpkin), play games and have a bible study at half time! A meal will be served! Hope many of our youth can join us!
- **Sunday, October 20 11:30 am** Fall Fest at Morrison Zion - Youth group will help with Face Painting at this event.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, November 3** Fall Youth Group Breakfast. Youth group will serve breakfast before, after, and between our church services. All Youth group members are asked to help with this event! Watch for more details!

Grand Pals Event

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Grand Pals event in September! It was a very special morning that started with devotion. Grand Pals and their grandkids had fun playing games, doing puzzles, making crafts, playing bingo, and enjoying a snack together. A big thank you to all who helped make the event possible!

School News



Psalm 139:9-10

PTO Parent/Teacher Organization

Several parents responded with interest in starting a PTO but no one to lead. If you have interest in helping lead this program please speak to Mrs. Geidel.

4K and 5K

Mrs. Geidel

4K and 5K are off to a great start this year! We have been working hard on routines this month and are doing great! October brings lots of fun for us. We will take a field trip to Mulberry for their pumpkin patch. We will also be able to travel to FVL for their musical Alice in Wonderland. In Bible history we are learning about Joseph, baby Moses, and God choosing Moses through the burning bush. In math, the 5K class will be learning numbers 6 to 10 and how to compare numbers 6 to 10. The 4K class will learn about sorting and how to sort by color, shape, and size. In language arts, the 5K class will be introduced to letters m, a, t, d, o, c, g, i, n, h, s, and f. The 4K class will wrap up our All About Me domain and begin our Families and Communities domain. In Social Studies the 5K class will have a unit on America and learn about laws, symbols, voting, and presidents. In science we will begin to study the weather and keep track of the weather for the month to see how it changes. We are learning so much already and cannot wait to learn more!

Grades 1 & 2

Mrs. Kuchenbecker

Lots of firsts in September! This month we did our first testing on our tablets. We took our first class trip to a stone quarry. (We'll tell you about it in the next newsletter.) We're starting our first reading challenge with a ball theme. The students will earn balls for the books they read and report. Meanwhile we're adjusting to our new reading series, loving our secret stories, still exploring rocks and working on our letters and sounds. We celebrated the first Christmas as we studied how and why Jesus came to earth as our Savior. We learned about primary and secondary colors by making ladybugs then studied our first illustrator, Mo Willems, and made pigeon pictures. We had our first guest reader for the year. We would love for you to come read to us or visit too - whether it's your first time or you've come before!

Grades 3 & 4

Mrs. Hagenow

The 3rd and 4th graders are working hard and are off to a great school year! We are learning about Jesus' early life and ministry in Christ Light. The students continue to practice both multiplication and division facts in Math. They are studying a unit on the Human Body and incorporating Science into our Language Arts unit. We are looking forward to a field trip to Pinecrest Historical Village to learn about life in early Wisconsin. We will also be visiting Fox Valley Lutheran this month to see their play, Alice in Wonderland. We pray that God continues to bless our school year!

Grades 5 & 6

Mrs. Richter

Our class has been studying the characteristics of life in Science. We had several items in different solutions to see how they reacted. The radish seeds did so well we transplanted them to a larger pot! We are also attempting to hatch brine shrimp! The class is studying the geography of the United States. We are working our way through the North Eastern States. In Social Studies, we have started chapter 2, on Early Civilizations. We are studying the Fertile Crescent. It will continue with Mesopotamia, Babylonia, and Assyria.

Fun Day

Fun Day meets at Immanuel Shirley from 8:30-10:30 on Tuesday mornings. This is a free program for children who are 3-4 years old and potty-trained. Children will learn school readiness with their friends and the love of Jesus through stories, crafts, and play. Please have your child bring a snack and drink. Questions, contact Danielle Ripp, dani.pues@gmail.com or 920.621.3196 or scan the QR code to register. Please share with a friend or neighbor.



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Early Childhood Ministry Presentation and Open Form—Oct. 13

On October 13 at 9:15 am in church between both services, Ann Potter a WELS consultant along with representatives from the Early Childhood Joint Committee will share the goals and blessings of an Early Childhood program, especially how it can be used to share Jesus with kids and new families. We will share updates concerning our plans, a possible timeline, and other important items. Join us to learn and ask questions!

MLC Concert Choir

All are invited to attend a MLC Concert Saturday, October 12 at 7:00 pm at St. John-St. James Ev. Lutheran School, in Reedsville. See page 5 for more details.

Fall Festival—October 20

Mark your calendar for Fall Fest on Sunday, October 20, from 11:30am-3:00pm. This fun community event is for all ages: farmer's market, bounce house, concessions, games, and much more. Admission is FREE!

Can you help? We are looking for straw bales, pumpkins, cornstalks, and mums for our Fall Festival. If you are willing to donate any of these items, please contact Hillary Geidel: hillary.geidel@mzls.org.

Interested in helping with Fall Fest or being a vendor? Contact Jen Enderle if you would like to be a vendor: jen.enderle@outlook.com

Call Updates

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Grades 7 & 8

Mr. Geidel

Away we go into a brand new school year! The 7th & 8th graders are back in full swing after a long summer break. In Christ Light, the class learned about God's Word in our day-to-day lives.

We are taking a close look at our relationships and how to get along with others in our life in a God-pleasing way. In our new English Language Arts curriculum, we have been focused on writing descriptively. We are emphasizing writing in a way that shows emotions instead of stating emotions. We have also begun reading excerpts from "Red Scarf Girl". Our focus in Mathematics this month will be solidifying our ability to compute with fractions, mixed numbers, and decimals. In Social Studies, we are looking at world history, focusing mainly on the Eastern Hemisphere. We have been studying geography and current events every Thursday as well. The 7th and 8th graders have been doing a wonderful job reading with their 4k/5k buddies each Tuesday.

Fortress Groups Update

On Thursday, August 29th, we held our first Fortress Groups activities. Our 7th & 8th graders led the group through an icebreaker activity and the design of the Fortress Groups Ships. They finished the day off with popscicles as a treat on a hot August day!

Thank You

- Thank you for the anonymous donation of \$1000 each to Mr. Geidel's and Mrs. Richter's classroom!
- Thank you to everyone who helped organize and plan our Grandpal's Day event on September 14th. We had just under 100 people in attendance! What a blessing to be able to share our school and the message of the Gospel with all ages!
- Thank you to the Morrison-Wayside Lions Club for raising money this summer and donating \$500 to our school.
- Thank you for the \$1000 donation from Pam and Randy Mueller to purchase C-Pens for our students. These pens can convert written text to audio and will be helpful for any of our students learning to read, struggle to read, or have a reading disability such as dyslexia. What a blessing to have more tools to help educate our learners!

Band

Our school is blessed to have 14 students taking instrumental lessons this year from Mrs. K, Mrs. Milbrath (MLHS), and Mr. Neujehr (FVL). We look forward to making music together! Please encourage these young musicians to keep making music.

Fall Sports

The students at Morrison Zion are blessed to start the fall sports seasons. They began the year with volleyball and cross country, and participated in a Soccer Day in September with several other schools. If you'd like to cheer on the Knights, game schedules can be picked up in the school office or you can check our online church/school calendar. If you would like to volunteer, our athletic program is always looking for help coaching or with help at home games. Please contact Michaela Hagenow if you would like to get involved.

5-8th grade play

The Fall plays will take place this year on Friday, November 1st, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The plays will be performed by students in 5th - 8th grade. We hope you can join us in supporting our students' performance of "Dr. Experimentor and the League of Evil" This play is a comedy about the supervillain Dr. Experimentor being tasked with an impossible choice of defeating his best friend and superhero, Extremo, or lose his membership in the league of evil.

College Students

If you or you have a child that is off to college please share the updated address at jackie.zeamer@mzls.org. You can also sign up at the WELS Campus Ministry website to receive free devotions and more. Signing up will notify local pastors you are in the area and they can reach out and encourage you. Go to <http://data.wels.net/CampusMinistryForms/> or scan the QR code.

Gift Received

The school received \$1,500 from the Isadore Mednikow Educational Trust Fund. It was designated for the hot lunch program.



Christmas presentation

On Friday, December 13th, at 2:00 p.m. our students will have a presentation in the school gym. Each classroom will sing or perform some Christmas season-related song. Mark this on your calendar and plan to join us!