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## Fall in Love with God’s Word

The phone rang in my office. The voice said, “I’m looking for a Lutheran church.”

That’s a rare thing to hear in Tulsa. My heart raced: “We’re a Lutheran church! How can I help you?”

He answered, “I’m looking for a Lutheran church to donate all my Lutheran books.”

Huh?

I met with the man and heard his story. He was an atheist for years, but when he decided to study all the major world religions, God used his Word to convince him that Christianity is true. He then began to study Christian denominations: Methodist, Lutheran, Catholic, and Greek Orthodox. He went deep. He ordered and read as many books as he could.

**As Lutherans we value Scripture, but how much time do we really spend reading it?**

I was amazed. “What do you think of Lutherans?” I asked.

He said, “I loved reading Martin Luther’s writings. I have never heard of someone so in love with God’s Word. I loved his devotional approach to every part of Scripture and how God’s Word was part of his daily life in every way.”

“That’s great,” I said. “So you want to be a Lutheran, right?”

“No,” he said. “I don’t want to be a Lutheran, because Lutherans aren’t like that anymore. The Lutherans I know and the Lutheran churches I’ve visited aren’t like Martin Luther at all. People don’t read God’s Word anymore. The focus at church seems more like a country club than a church. Lutherans today don’t love God’s Word like Martin Luther did. So I’m not going to be a Lutheran. I want to donate all my Lutheran books to your

church.”

My heart sank. Not just because he wasn’t going to join our church but because he was right. At least, he was right about me. His words convicted me because I immediately thought of how little I read the Bible. Of how often I’m too busy doing important pastor things instead of sitting and reading the Word of God. “Lutherans today don’t love God’s Word like Martin Luther did.” That’s true for me. Is it true for you?

As we celebrate the Reformation this year, let’s go back to our roots. Let’s do the most Lutheran thing in the world: Read God’s Word! Today. Tomorrow. The next day. Wouldn’t it be great if people could describe us like that man described Martin Luther? “I’ve never seen people so in love with God’s Word!”

Of course, that love for the Word did not start with Martin Luther. It’s everywhere in the Bible. Read Psalm 119 today. It’s long—176 verses! Notice that the author mentions a synonym for God’s Word in all the verses except verse 122. God’s Word was so precious—so special—to him. “How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. . . . I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word” (Psalm 119:9,16). I will not neglect your Word!

In the busyness of life, read God’s Word and find God’s strength for another day. In the darkness of depression, read God’s Word and hear of God’s never-ending love for you. Under the weight of guilt, read God’s Word and remember how the blood of Jesus already forgave you. In the face of death, read God’s Word and long for the glory of heaven.

Let’s go back to our Lutheran roots. Let’s fall in love with God’s Word.

- written by Pastor Nathan Nass from Forward in Christ



## 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 October 8, 2024 Meeting

The devotion was based on Psalm 90. For our study we started reviewing the book *The Unity Factor* written by Larry Osborne. It is a book based on helping develop a healthy Leadership Team.

We are working on our Rocks (goals) for the second trimester. Budgeting for 2025-2026 will need to be a part of this for each area of our ministry. This budget needs to be ready for the voters in April. We set a action time to have the Rocks completed by the end October. Once we have them completed we will share with the congregation.

The Leadership Team finalized some changes to the Pastor Job Descriptions and approved. Next step is to present to the congregation for approval. At this time we do not have any date for our the next call meeting.

Early Childhood updates were provided. We will have the open forum on Oct. 27 between services with Ann Potter from WELS to discuss the

program and answer questions.

The Leadership Team approved the request from the Cemetery and Grounds Committee to increase the cost for gravesites. This will be presented to the congregation at the next called voters meeting.

Thanksgiving offering will go to the Food Pantry. We also approved applying for the WELS matching grant that is available. This will be announced in the weekly announcements and the newsletter.

We reviewed the wording around the School Endowment Fund. It was decided that this year we move the 2024-2025 gains out of the WELS Investment Fund to a designated funds account so it be used on a school project.

Approval was given to renew the line of credit we have with Greenleaf Bank. While we have been blessed with not using this for a number of years we continue to have it available in the case we would need it in the future.

*- written by Church President  
Randy Loppnow*

## Thanksgiving Offering and Matching Grant

Our church Thanksgiving Offering and Grant The WELS has a compassion ministry matching grant where up to \$4,000 of gifts given to a compassion ministry will be matched by the synod. This year's Thanksgiving offering will be designated to the food pantry and this matching grant. You can begin giv-

## Midweek Advent Worship

There are 3 weeks of midweek Advent services in 2024. We will worship on Wednesday Dec. 4, 11, and 18 at 11 am and 7 pm. Soup Suppers are at 11:30 am and 6 pm. Speak to Tamara Schultz if you can bring food or help setup. An Advent Devotional book from Martin Luther College will be available. The theme of this year's midweek Advent is "The Christmas Tree."

Due to an early meeting in October financial numbers for September were not shared.

	Average Attendance			
	September		Yearly	
Bible Study	2024	35	2024	34
	2023	36	2023	46
Worship	2024	234	2024	248
	2023	269	2023	267

## Thank You

Nickel Funeral Home for donating our 2025 calendars

## Saints Triumphant

A special In Memoriam will be held during worship on Thursday, Nov. 14 and Sunday Nov. 17 for those who left the Saints Militant and joined the Saints Triumphant. We especially invite friends and family of those who were called to heaven to join us for this special worship service.

## Advent/ Christmas Concert

The Choir and Band will have a concert during worship on December 15 at 8 am and 10:30 am. Please join us!

## Thank You to Nancy Pantzlaff

Join us after worship Sunday, December 1, 8 am to say thank you to Nancy Pantzlaff who served as secretary for 30 years. Refreshments will be served in the basement.

### Grow and Keep On Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus

**Foundations of Faith Class** a class to review your faith and to join Morrison Zion is not currently meeting. If you are interested in starting a class please speak to Pastor Enderle

**Sunday School** for ages 3 to grades 6 meets Sundays at 9:15 am. See below for more.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** In November on Sundays at 9:15 am we begin a new study called "Introducing Jesus: A Primer for Reading the Gospels." This study gives an overview of the Bible then digs into the uniqueness of each of the 4 gospels.

**Catechism for Public School students** Catechism class meets Wednesdays 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 will finish reading *3 Words That Will Change Your Life* by Pastor Mike Novotny and begin *Unoffendable* by Brant Hansen on November 17, which looks at how Christians interact with the world and is available for \$10.

**Small Groups** continue in November. Look below for more details.

**Men's Study** will not meet in November.

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

**Women's Study** Ladies! You are invited to attend Women's Bible Study, first time attendees, ladies that haven't been able to attend in a while, and regular attending bible study ladies - we would love to have you join us in November. We are currently studying Jesus' life. This month we will study the parable of The Good Samaritan. We will meet on Saturday, November 16 at 9:30am, at Phyllis Wagner's home. Please bring your Bible and invite a friend to join us. Any questions contact Jen Enderle at 920-372-3818.

**English as a Second Language** will meet Thursday, November 7 and 21 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 Jen 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 join in! 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. Contact Pastor Enderle if you have any questions the last meetings for this session will be November 18 and 19.

· 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.



### Fun Day

Catechism Fun Day meets at Immanuel Shirley from 8:30-10:30am 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.



## Worship In November

## Notes on Worship

In November we enter the last season of the Church Year, End Times which focuses on the 2nd coming of Christ and our eternal lives. We begin a new series *Live Like You'll Live Forever*.

“Live each day like it’s your last.” You have probably heard that advice. It sounds wise—an encouragement to take advantage of the time you have. However, that advice is completely backwards. Because the reality is, thanks to Jesus, we have an unending amount of time. Let that sink in. Really think about it. Jesus has given you the gift of eternal life. You are going to live forever.

If you really thought it was your last day, that belief would shape how you lived that day. In this series, let us consider how the gift of eternal life shapes how we live each day. Live like you’ll live forever! *Note: Hymns are all from the New Christian Worship Hymnal.*

### *Live Like You'll Live Forever*

Reformation	<b>Live a Life of Courageous Witness</b>	red
<b>Oct. 31 / Nov. 3</b>	Sermon: Mark 13:5-11 Hymns: 862, 863, 877	
Election Eve	<b>Live Life in View of God’s Kingdom</b>	green
<b>Nov. 4</b>	Sermon: Psalm 146 Hymns: 833, 847, 844, 843	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of End Times	<b>Live a Life of Startling Generosity</b>	green
<b>Nov. 7/10</b>	Sermon: Mark 12:38-44 Hymns: 695, 807, 748, 830	<i>communion</i>
Saints Triumphant	<b>Live Free from the Fear of Judgment</b>	white
<b>Nov. 14/17</b>	Sermon: Hebrews 9:24-28 Hymns: 889, 886, 612	
Christ the King	<b>Live with Your Eyes on the Skies</b>	white
<b>Nov. 21/24</b>	Sermon: Mark 13:26-37 Hymns: 855, 531, 883, 884	<i>communion</i>
Thanksgiving	<b>Live a Life of Thanks</b>	white
<b>Nov. 27/28</b>	Sermon: Philippians 4:10-20 Hymns: 597, 717, 607, 868	

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

Altar Committee members serving in November: Sharon Faulds

## Unifying for Ministry

The work between Immanuel Shirley and Morrison Zion has been renamed to *Unifying for Ministry*. Subcommittees are meeting to answer questions about how we can work better together for the gospel. They are looking at what this can look like and working through challenges and questions.

## 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!

## Food Pantry

We served 48 families during the October 5 giveaway. Each family received ground beef, cheeses, eggs, lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, jalapeno or bell peppers, deodorant, soap, and nonperishable items. Thank you to members of Immanuel Shirley for donating non-perishable food to our pantry!

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call the food pantry phone #(920) 246-5435 to schedule an appointment. We serve families living within 30 miles of our church. Volunteers are welcome to join us for our next distribution on Nov. 2! This is a great service opportunity for teenagers! Set up starts at 7 am and distribution is from 8-10 am.

If you are looking to donate we welcome your Thrivent cards. The food pantry could also use: cereal, corn, green beans, meat, mac and cheese, hot sauce, eggs, and peanut butter.

## 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)*

## School 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.

## 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

It's not too late to join in singing God's praises with our church choir. The choir meets in the church balcony on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. We are beginning preparation for the special services of End Time, Thanksgiving, Advent. We also are preparing for a concert song service on Sunday, December 15th in both services. We hope to welcome some new members very soon!

## Band

Our church band will continue to rehearse on Tuesdays at 6:30 in the school basement. If you're interested in playing, please email Mrs. K ([brenda.kuchenbecker@mzls.org](mailto:brenda.kuchenbecker@mzls.org)) to be included on a group email list to be updated on any changes in the schedule.

## SCRIP

Fundraising and Christmas shopping?

Did you know you can raise money for Morrison Zion church and school while doing your Christmas shopping?

Scrip cards (gift cards for 100s of local places or national chains) are available for cash and carry or can be ordered and make great gifts.

In addition, everyday grocery shopping or gas cards are also available. This is a really easy way to raise money for Morrison Zion.

Lists of most frequently ordered cards are available in the church basement or at school. Complete information about all dealers is available on the Raiseright website.

Leave your order with Jackie at school or look for Rhonda between most church services in the basement.

## Bible Reading Plan for November

<b>Friday, Nov 1</b> 2 Kings 15 Titus 1	<b>Friday, Nov 8</b> 2 Kings 22 Hebrews 4	<b>Friday, Nov 15</b> 1 Chronicles 7 & 8 Hebrews 11	<b>Friday, Nov 22</b> 1 Chronicles 18 James 5	<b>Friday, Nov 29</b> 1 Chronicles 28 2 Peter 2
<b>Saturday, Nov 2</b> 2 Kings 16 Titus 2	<b>Saturday, Nov 9</b> 2 Kings 23 Hebrews 5	<b>Saturday, Nov 16</b> 1 Chronicles 9 & 10 Hebrews 12	<b>Saturday, Nov 23</b> 1 Chronicles 19 & 20 1 Peter 1	<b>Saturday, Nov 30</b> 1 Chronicles 29 2 Peter 3
<b>Sunday, Nov 3</b> 2 Kings 17 Titus 3	<b>Sunday, Nov 10</b> 2 Kings 24 Hebrews 6	<b>Sunday, Nov 17</b> 1 Chronicles 11 & 12 Hebrews 13	<b>Sunday, Nov 24</b> 1 Chronicles 21 1 Peter 2	
<b>Monday, Nov 4</b> 2 Kings 18 Philemon	<b>Monday, Nov 11</b> 2 Kings 25 Hebrews 7	<b>Monday, Nov 18</b> 1 Chronicles 13 & 14 James 1	<b>Monday, Nov 25</b> 1 Chronicles 22 1 Peter 3	
<b>Tuesday, Nov 5</b> 2 Kings 19 Hebrews 1	<b>Tuesday, Nov 12</b> 1 Chronicles 1 & 2 Hebrews 8	<b>Tuesday, Nov 19</b> 1 Chronicles 15 James 2	<b>Tuesday, Nov 26</b> 1 Chronicles 23 1 Peter 4	
<b>Wednesday, Nov 6</b> 2 Kings 20 Hebrews 2	<b>Wednesday, Nov 13</b> 1 Chronicles 3 & 4 Hebrews 9	<b>Wednesday, Nov 20</b> 1 Chronicles 16 James 3	<b>Wednesday, Nov 27</b> 1 Chronicles 24 & 25 1 Peter 5	
<b>Thursday, Nov 7</b> 2 Kings 21 Hebrews 3	<b>Thursday, Nov 14</b> 1 Chronicles 5 & 6 Hebrews 10	<b>Thursday, Nov 21</b> 1 Chronicles 17 James 4	<b>Thursday, Nov 28</b> 1 Chronicles 26 & 27 2 Peter 1	

### Youth Group

In October, the youth group met for Bible Study on Sunday nights. We also had a special Packer game watch party with food and games and pumpkin carving. About 20 teens were in attendance. Look at our future events and join us! *Please scan the QR code to receive updates about youth group events.*



#### Upcoming Youth Group events:

- **Saturday, November 2** 10am to Noon - Set up for Fall Breakfast Sunday
- **Sunday, November 3** 7am to Noon - Breakfast Served by the Youth Group
- **Sunday, November 10** BINGO at Wayside Parkview Estates from 2pm to 4 pm
- Youth Group Bible Study Events at Morrison Zion: Join us for a short bible study, snacks, games, and gym time! Sundays from 6PM to 8PM **Nov 3, Nov 17, and Nov 24**

### Community Craft Event

Save the date for our Christmas Crafternoon on December 14! Watch for more details coming soon!

### 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/Student> or scan the QR code



## School News



### 4K and 5K

Mrs. Geidel

October brought so many fun times for our classroom. We went to see Alice in Wonderland at FVL. We took a trip to Mulberry Farm to see and pet farm animals. We also had a 5 senses carnival! November is looking to be another fun month of learning. In Bible we will learn about the 10 commandments, Jericho, Samuel and the Fiery Furnace. Kindergarten will learn how to classify and collect data and begin learning about addition in math. Preschool will learn how to read and write numbers 0-5. In reading, the kindergarteners will continue to learn sounds for letters v, z, p, e, b, l, r, u, and w. They will use these sounds to make words. Preschool will learn about their families and their communities. Kindergarten will also read and discuss different stories such as The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Chicken Little. In social studies, the kids will learn all about the first Thanksgiving. In science, we will begin to learn about different materials. We will learn about wood and paper. This month we will also begin to learn our Christmas service items.

### Grades 1 & 2

Mrs. Kuchenbecker

Grades 1-2 enjoyed some fun class trips already this year. We went to the Scott stone quarry and learned about the operation of the quarry, different rocks used for asphalt and spent time digging for fossils, crystals and other fun rocks. We stopped at the Wequiock waterfall. The water wasn't running, but we had fun exploring the river bed. We ended our trip with lunch and fun at the park. We went on 2 trips to FVL. Our first trip was spent in the Foxtail Meadow. High school students helped us learn about leaves, ponds and bugs. Our second trip to FVL was to see their production of Alice in Wonderland.

We've enjoyed listening to fairy tales, tall tales and stories from other lands. We began a unit on elections and our Presidents. Each student is making a poster about one of our former presidents. The 2nd graders are working on 2 digit addition. The 1st graders are working with addition and subtraction strategies. The kids have earned lots of bouncy balls by reading and reporting books in our Have a Ball with Books reading challenge.

**As we've done in the past, we would like to share some Thanksgiving thoughts as we enter the month of November.**

Logan- I'm thankful for learning about God in chapel.

Ava - I'm thankful that I can go on field trips.

Jackson - I'm thankful that I can sing about Jesus because I love him.

Brooklyn - I'm thankful for learning math because I like making higher numbers.

Wyatt - I'm thankful for fortress groups because I like being with my other friends.

Callum - I'm thankful for school because I can paint in art.

Bennett - I'm thankful for Snickers and the school.

Isaiah - I'm thankful for learning about God.

Nevaeh - I'm thankful for my friends and when I can play outside.

Elijah - I'm thankful that God gave me friends.

Mrs. K - I'm thankful for the days when everyone works hard and we have fun together learning.

They thought of lots more but we don't have that much room! We pray that all of you think of many blessings to thank God for every day!

### Grades 3 & 4

Mrs. Hagenow

As we begin November, we are reminded about how thankful we are to be able to worship God everyday together through our learning in the classroom. The 3rd and 4th graders just finished studying about the life of Martin Luther and the Reformation in Religion class. We are learning multiplication and division patterns in Math. In Science, we are continuing our study on soils, rocks and landforms. We have started a unit on the Human Body in our Language Arts. As always, please continue to keep our classroom in your prayers.

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## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made our Fall Festival a success! Thank you to the volunteers who made the food, helped with set up and take down, or guided games. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it an enjoyable afternoon. Thank you to all our vendors!

## Fall Breakfast

Breakfast will be served by the Youth Group Sunday, November 3rd, starting at 7am until noon in the school gym. Please join us for a delicious start to your day! Donations go to support the Youth Group and the International Youth Rally. Bible Study will be in the gym.

## 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 December 11th. 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 worship on Christmas or by Sunday January 8th. After that Sunday leftover poinsettias will be donated. Thanks for helping to beautify our Christmas worship.

## Special Worship Schedule

- Reformation Worship—Thursday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 3
- Election Eve Worship—Monday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 pm
- Saints Triumphant—Thursday, Nov. 14 and Sunday Nov. 17
- Thanksgiving Worship—Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:00 pm and Thursday, Nov. 28 at 9 am
- Midweek Advent Worship—Wednesday Dec. 4, 11, and 18 at 11 am and 7 pm. w/ meals
- Advent/Christmas Concert—Sunday, Dec. 15 at 8 am and 10:30 am.
- There will be no Thursday night worship Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, due to Christmas Eve and Day worship on Dec. 24 and 25 and New Years Eve worship on Dec. 31.



## Grades 5 & 6

Mrs. Richter

The class continues to build their model city of Tenochtitlan, the Aztec capital. It is coming along very nicely! This is from our new Language Arts series, Amplify. They also are working hard on the school play, along with grades 7 - 8. The play will be on November 1st. The class wants to wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving!

## Grades 7 & 8

Mr. Geidel

Greetings from 7th and 8th grade! What a full fall it has been. We praise God for all that we receive every day. Some of the blessings that we are experiencing currently are an active class of 7th and 8th graders who are motivated to learn and use their gifts to the fullest! Recently we have been showcasing these gifts in our preparation for our play performance on November 1st. We were thankful for the opportunity to look to "Alice in Wonderland" performed by FVL as an example. In religion class, the 7th and 8th graders have been going through the topical Christ Light curriculum, "What Do I Say Lord?" We look at how Christians respond to situations such as: when a loved one dies or when someone is struggling with their faith. In Math, 7th grade has been looking at proportional relationships and 8th grade has been studying linear equations. We are also excited to be competing in the FVL Math Bowl on November 7th (5/6) and November 12th (7/8). In ELA, we have read through excerpts of "The Red Scarf Girl" and are currently reading "Raisin in the Sun". In November we will conclude our Gravity and Kinetic Energy with making a helmet to protect an egg from a drop. In Social Studies, we continue to study countries in the eastern hemisphere. Wisconsin Lutheran State Teachers Conference: On Thursday and Friday, October 24th & 25th, the teachers of our school participated in the Wisconsin Lutheran State Teachers Conference held at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee, WI. They participated in spiritual and educational growth opportunities while at the conference. There was no school during these days. Christmas Presentation: On Friday, December 13th, at 2:00 p.m. our students will have a presentation in the school gym. The afternoon will run like it has in the

## MZLS Athletic Fundraiser

The MZLS athletics program is having a Christmas wreath and planter fundraiser in partnership with Braun Acres. All orders need to be placed online using the link on our website, [mzluth.org](http://mzluth.org), Facebook, or scan the QR code. The deadline for placing an order is November 20. Galvanized planters that were purchased last year may be reused this year for a discounted price. All planters need to be labeled and returned to school by November 20. Curbside pick up will be in the school parking lot on Sunday, December 1, from 10:15 am to 11:45 am. Thanks in advance for your support!



If you have any questions, please contact Abbey Laabs at [abbeymlaabs@gmail.com](mailto:abbeymlaabs@gmail.com).

## Morrison Zion Athletics

The students at Morrison Zion are blessed to have just finished fall sports and are now starting their basketball season! Both the volleyball and cross country teams had very successful seasons. If you'd like to cheer on the Knights at the basketball games, schedules can be picked up in the school office, or you can view the online school/church calendar. Games will start in December. If you're looking for volunteer opportunities, our athletic program is always looking for coaches or extra help at home events. Please contact Michaela Hagenow if you'd 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.

## Early Childhood Ministry

An open forum was held on Sunday, October 27 at 9:15 am to discuss the purpose, blessings, and plans of an Early Childhood Center at Immanuel Shirley that is ran in conjunction with Morrison Zion Lutheran School. Look for more updates to come.

## 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!

## 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.