

**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:** 321(7, 314) **Bible Study:** 89 (31, 27, 3, 8, 7, 9, 4) **Youth Study:** 21

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement  
 10:00 a.m. Voters Meeting, commons  
 1:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study, commons  
 6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

Monday 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, commons

Wednesday 4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 4:45 p.m. Bible History Class (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 5:30 p.m. Bible History Class (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
 8:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday 1:00 p.m. Fun Day (3-5 year olds at school)  
 7:30 p.m. Worship  
 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement

Friday 4:00 p.m. C Basketball vs. Brillion(2 games)

Saturday 12:00 p.m. A/B Basketball at Rantoul (4 games)  
 5:45 p.m. Youth group UWGB basketball game

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement  
 8:00 a.m. Challenges and Blessings Study, commons  
 9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement

**Communion** is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS/ELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

**The Sunday school** children will not be singing in church on Sunday as indicated on the church calendar. Sunday school class will be held as usual after church in the basement. We will learn the story of Mary and Martha. Hope to see everyone there.

**Pastor Ott** will be in Sturgeon Bay for Pastors’ Conference and Circuit Pastor Training Monday and Tuesday this week.

**His Word—My Life** Bible Class will meet this Sunday evening. We are studying Our Christian Response To Blessings and Challenges. On Sunday we will look at our response when we are hurt and hold on to unresolved anger. There will be no class on Monday. Pastor Ott will be at the Pastors’ conference in Sturgeon Bay. There will be no class next Sunday evening, Feb. 1.

**Tuesday Bible Study** will not meet this week.. Pastor Ott will be at the Pastors’ conference in Sturgeon Bay.

**Adult Christ-Light Bible Study** will meet this Thursday after worship. We will also meet Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us!

**Blessings and Challenges Bible Study** meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the

commons. Next week we will study, *Our Christian Response to Blessings and Challenges When We Experience Unmet Needs and Expectations.* Join us!

**MLC Choir Housing** The MLC Choir will sing in a special worship service at Zion on Friday, February 27. We will need 20-25 people willing to house choir members that evening. We will also ask for donations of food for the choir’s meal that evening and a sack lunch to send along on Saturday. Watch for sign up sheets in the basement.

**Poinsettias** If you purchased one of the poinsettias or even if you did not, please pick one up from the basement after worship today. Thank you!

**College Bound?** If you, or your child, are interested in learning more about Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, check out the new video entitled "R U a Warrior?" can be viewed by going to the Wisconsin Lutheran College Website ([www.wlc.edu/movies.r-u-a-warrior](http://www.wlc.edu/movies.r-u-a-warrior)).

**Donations** of Kleenex are requested for use at church. They are used in the restrooms and mother’s room at church. Please place your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thank you.

**Christian Life Resources – Shoreline, Inc.** annual meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 1, 1:30 p.m. at St. Peter, Mishicot. Lay members of two congregations will express what they have done to initiate/support an annual Life Observance Sunday within their congregation. If life issues are of special concern to you, that is the place to be. You are cordially invited to attend.

**Questions/Comments** about our congregation may be directed to:

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
January 22 & 25, 2009



**Prayer before worship**

*Lord, in your miracles you displayed your divine power. Open my eyes today so that I see you more clearly every day of my life. Amen*

**Lessons are on the back cover**

**Service**

Word and Sacrament (p. 26)

**Personal Preparation**  
**For Holy Communion**

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**Hymns**

560, 85, 309, 735 (sung by a choir), 453, 334

**Prayer of the Day**

*Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 62 (p. 88)

**Verse of the Day** Sung by grades 1-2 (Sunday)

**Sermon:** Acts 13:1-5  
**Set Apart For Service**

An unlikely group  
A Spirit directed task

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany—Series B

*Jesus shows his glory in the kind of people that he calls to serve him and in using the gospel to make them willing to follow him.*

#### **First Lesson:** 1 Kings 19:19-21

*When Elisha is called to follow Elijah, God does not force him against his will. He molds his will and shapes it, so that Elisha is willing to leave good gifts that God gave him earlier and take up a life of service. The call to discipleship may ask us to give up good things that God had given us earlier.*

So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-bye," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

#### **Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 62 (p. 88)

#### **Second Lesson:** Acts 13:1-5

*What could this grouping Antioch possibly have in common? They loved their Savior and were filled by the Spirit with a desire to serve him.*

In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and

prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

#### **Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

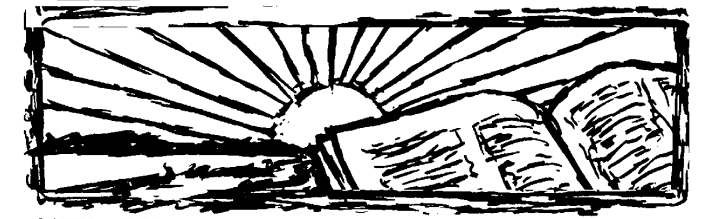
*Notice the sharp contrast: the first verse makes the all the rest of the verses seem foolish. If God could not keep John out of prison, why would anyone want to follow the one whom John proclaimed as Messiah?*

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

### **Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*Our mission is to honor God as we help people Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel*



*"The kingdom of  
God is near.  
Repent  
and  
Believe  
the good news!"*

*Mark 1:15*

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the double stairs.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.