

Morrison Zion Lutheran Church and School Scrip

SCRIP is a program that generates funds for our church and school through the sale of gift cards to the places you shop every day. The list of local and national retailers includes gas stations; grocery, department, and specialty stores; fast food and fine dining restaurants; entertainment and travel. Participants purchase gift cards at face value at retailers of their choice. Proceeds to our church and school come as donations from the businesses we order from. Scrip is exciting because everybody wins:

- 1. National and Local businesses get money up front, repeat business, and a means to give back to the community.*
- 2. MZL Church & School gets an alternative source of revenue.*
- 3. Participants support MZL Church & School by putting regular household shopping dollars to work.*

After initial startup costs are covered, proceeds from the sale of SCRIP will go directly to the Operating Fund. Once the program is well established, a percentage of proceeds may also go towards tuition credits.

SCRIP coordinators will collect and distribute filled orders every Wednesday morning between 8:00-8:30 AM and the 2nd and 4th Sundays after church in the school commons. Orders may also be left at the school office with Nancy Pantzloff. Orders will be distributed as quickly as they can be filled, usually within two weeks. Participants will initially be asked to fill out an enrollment form and will also have the option to arrange for a student to bring filled orders home (additional Waiver of Responsibility must be signed.)

We will fill and distribute two orders before Christmas. The deadline for the first order is November 28th and will be available for distribution by December 8th. The deadline for the second order is December 12th with delivery by December 22nd. If you are considering giving gift cards as Christmas presents, consider using SCRIP--not only as a gift for you friends and family, but also in support of your church and school. Also, look for a list of "specials" that are now running where retailers are willing to donate a higher percentage than normal. We will do our best to keep you updated as these are limited time offers. Checks should be written to "MZLC Scrip".

The potential to generate substantial funds through this program for our church and school are tremendous and will cost you nothing beyond what you would normally spend on everyday items. Participation, however, is the key to its success! We do ask your patience as this is a learning process for everyone.

Interested? More information and order forms can be found on the table in the church basement.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. If I spend \$100 on a SCRIP order and the percentage by the business is 5%, does that mean that I will only get \$95 back?

A. No. If you spend \$100 on a SCRIP order, you will receive the full \$100 back in gift cards. The percentage listed correlates with the amount that business is willing to donate to MZL Church & School Scrip program above and beyond the gift cards you receive. If a business has a 5% associated with it, that business will give Morrison Zion Lutheran \$5 for every \$100 in gift cards purchased.

Q. Does SCRIP accept credit card payment?

A. Unfortunately, we cannot accept credit card payment. It is available, but very expensive to use involving an overall user fee and a "per swipe" fee. In an effort to keep as much of the proceeds from the program to the benefit of the church and school, we are not able to offer this option.

Q. How would SCRIP work with tuition in the future?

A. When SCRIP is well established, we are hoping to offer a percentage of the proceeds to be used as a credit against a school family's tuition bill. For example, if a family spends \$1000/month purchasing SCRIP gift certificates and if the average donated by businesses is 5%, the proceeds would be \$50. If a 50% credit for tuition is used, then \$25 would go to church and school and \$25 would be credited against that family's tuition bill. Multiply that over 12 months and \$300 would be earned in that year towards a tuition credit!

Keep in mind, it would not just be the family with children in school that could contribute to the tuition credits. Grandparents and other family or church members could designate a family to have their own tuition credits used for. These people need not be members of Morrison Zion Lutheran.

Q. What are the costs associated with running the SCRIP program?

A. There is "per order" shipping fee of \$7.75. This is for each group order sent from Morrison Zion Lutheran to Great Lakes Scrip, not for each order submitted from families to Morrison Zion Lutheran.

Q. Why does it take so long to get an order back?

A. Until we have enough proceeds to build up an inventory that would allow us to fill orders "on the spot", we initially need to fill the orders as the money comes in. The turnaround from some of the businesses we work with also takes several days. Once well established, we should be able to put in orders more often and get them back more quickly.

Q. Where do I write my check to?

A. The SCRIP program has a separate bank account and checks should be written to "MZLC Scrip"

Q. I'm looking at the order form and do not see a business I was hoping to purchase from. Does this mean it is not available?

A. Not necessarily. There are hundreds of businesses available. Our order form only reflects the more common businesses in our area. The full list of businesses can be found at www.glscrip.com on the home page on the left hand side right above the box for "Member's Login" or you can get a copy of the full list from a scrip coordinator.

If you look at the full list and still do not see a business you were hoping to purchase from, please let a SCRIP coordinator know! We are working very hard to involve as many local small businesses as possible.

Enrollment Form

Morrison Zion Lutheran Church Scrip Program

Program rules and guidelines: Please read carefully before completing the form.

1. All orders must be accompanied by cash, check, or money order made payable to MZLC Scrip. Scrip purchases are not tax deductible because you receive dollar of dollar value.
2. If your check is returned because of non-sufficient funds(NSF) you will be charged a \$30 fee payable to MZLC Scrip. After 2 NSF checks are tendered on your account, your scrip privileges will be limited to cash or money order only.
3. Scrip certificates are purchased on your behalf and are generally not returnable.
4. When you pick up your certificates, open your order and verify its accuracy. In the unlikely event you should find a discrepancy in your order, please contact one of the scrip coordinators immediately.
5. Scrip certificates are the same as cash and should be handled accordingly. Morrison Zion Scrip Program will not be responsible for certificates that are lost, stolen, or misplaced while in your possession.
6. You must sign the WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY form before certificates will be released to your child. Otherwise, you must pick up your scrip certificates from a Scrip Coordinator.

First Name	Last Name	
Street Address		
City	State	ZIP
Phone Number	Email	

I have read and understand the policies and guidelines listed above, and I agree to abide by these policies.

Signature _____ Date _____

WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY FORM
Morrison Zion Lutheran Church Scrip Program

First Name	Last Name
Phone Number	
Child to Whom Scrip Certificates are to be Given:	

I authorize Morrison Zion Scrip Program to send home my Scrip certificates in an envelope with my child as listed above. I understand that Scrip certificates are like cash and cannot be replaced if lost or stolen. I am fully responsible if the Scrip certificates are lost or stolen, and I agree not to hold Morrison Zion Scrip Program or any Scrip volunteer responsible for lost or stolen certificates once they are given to my child.

Signature _____ Date _____