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Love One Another

This is the message you have heard from the beginning: Love one another. 1 John 3:11

John, the elder statesman in the early church knows as the apostle of love, wrote these words to those he had taught. The Holy Spirit used him to urge the early Christian to live out their Christ-like love in every situation, no matter what the world around them might be doing. He told them the world would often hate and judge others against their own ideas. John urged these believers to love. What kind of love did John have in mind?

John was not thinking of love of self. You see this kind of love in the world around us when people in society stop loving anyone else who does not think like they do. If you must think or act as I think or act in order for me to love you, I am judging you based on what I love. It is clear this is a love of self because I love others based on a comparison to me.

John was thinking about the kind of love he was taught on the first Maundy Thursday. Jesus, their Lord and master, washed their feet. He told them, "As I have loved you, so you must love." This is the Greek word *agape*. It means an unconditional love that puts the interests of others ahead of their own. It is most clearly seen in Jesus leaving heaven to become the God-man to live perfectly and die in the place of all people of all time, even those who would reject and hate him. This is how we are to "Love one another."

What does it look like in a congregation? It means that we look at others as Christ does, not just by comparing them to the decisions we make.

During the pandemic some have been comfortable coming to worship in person others are more comfortable worshipping online at this time. Some of those who come to worship in person are okay with it as long as others are not too close others are comfortable with people being closer. Every decisions is in line with loving Jesus. The only one I am troubled by is the decision that I do not have a half hour or 45 minutes to worship God on YouTube during the week at a time that is convenient for me and my family. That sounds like love of self to me.

On Easter we expect more people may return to in person worship. For this reason we added two services on Easter (see page 8). We have decided that if we need to open pews we will do it on the pulpit side of church. The other side will stay every other pew. We will have people in the back of church so people are aware of these decision. We will live stream 8:00 a.m. worship and it will remain available for you to worship at your convenience. If you are in church and become uncomfortable by being too close to others, please feel free to move or leave and worship online.

Where you decide to sit in church or at home to worship your Savior on Easter is up to you. Please continue to love your brothers and sisters in Christ who make a decision that is not the same as yours. The best way to find the motivation to love like Christ is by staying close to Jesus in Word and Sacrament.

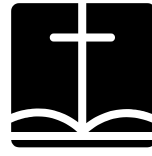


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is to
Glorify
 God
 as we
Gather
 around the
 Gospel
 to
Grow
 in the
 Gospel
 and then
Go
 to others
 with the Gospel



Congregational News



Open Forum

Sunday, April 18 church, 11:30 a.m.

Annual Voters Meeting

Sunday, April 25,
commons, 11:30 a.m.

Leadership Team Notes

The Leadership Team (LT) met in person in March.

Jay Wendland from Fox Valley Lutheran High School addressed the LT.

Average weekly worship attendance in 2021 through the end of February is 188 in person and 58 online. Bible class average attendance is 43.

The LT approved adding 2 services for Easter Festival Worship. We will worship at 6:30, 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. If we need to open more pews we will do so on the pulpit side of the church. We will have people in the back of church to inform people of how we will open pews if needed on Easter. We will have 2 stations for communion in the front of the church for Tenebrae worship and Easter worship.

The LT approved having School Home Improvement work on the bathroom in the teacherage. Their bid for the work was \$3,000.

The LT agreed to have meals with the Psalm 18 30 Bible Study on Sundays.

A separate check book is being set up for the Soup for Souls Ministry.

The LT approved a fund-raised for school athletics.

The LT discussed recommendations from the Salary Review Committee. Final decisions will be made at the annual meeting on April 25.

The Treasurer reported the following February. balances:

Income	\$74,593
Expenses	\$44,588
Monthly balance	\$30,005
Fiscal year to date	

balance	\$252,138
High School	\$1,926
Calendar year total	\$6,896
2021 goal	\$13,000
Synod Mission	\$5,946
Calendar year total	\$12,076
2021 goal	\$29,500

The appeal received \$200 in offerings in February. In February there was \$6,290 in expenses from the appeal account. This account supports the expenses of having a second pastor. The balance in the appeal account is \$34,005.

The Open Forum will be after 10:30 worship on April 18. All members are welcome to ask questions or share comments about our ministry before the Annual Voters Meeting on April 25. The Annual Meeting will be in the commons at 11:30 a.m.

Christian Baptisms

On Saturday, March 27 Lawson Robert Wegner was baptized into Christ in a private service. Lawson, the son of Adam and Kayla Wegner, was born Feb. 19, 2021.

On Sunday, March 28 Jeremiah Matthew Smith and Viola Marie Smith were baptized into Christ in a private service. Jeremiah and Viola are the children of Mandie and Matt Smith. Jeremiah was born July 5, 2015. Viola was born March 22, 2020.

Please pray for God's blessings on your new brothers and sister in Christ and their families!

Christian Funerals

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call the soul of Bernadine Lemke to her eternal home. Bernadine died on Friday, Feb. 19. Her Christian funeral was on Sunday, Feb. 28.

Our Lord called the soul of Esther Lemke to her eternal home on Monday, March 1. Her Christian funeral was on Saturday, March 6.

Our heavenly Father called the soul of Fritz Natzke to his eternal home. Fritz died on Monday, March 22. His funeral was Monday, March 29.

Please pray that God comforts all who mourn these deaths with the confidence that those who die in the Lord are with the Lord!

Welcome Confirmands!

Elizabeth Blauert, Sawyer Diny, Ayla Evenson, Riley Feldkamp, Conner Hutjens, Braydon Novitski, Fletcher Pahl, and Emily Plagenz were confirmed on Sunday, March 28. Welcome new confirmands!

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study In April we will continue our study on *Galatians: You're Free Now*. The remaining lessons in the study are:

- April 4 No Bible class (extra festival service at 9:15 a.m.)
- April 11 Justified People, you are free to serve the Lord
- April 18 Closing Words
- April 25 No Bible class

We meet socially distant in the church basement at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday. Join us!

Psalm 18:30 We will begin our Sunday afternoon study at noon on April 11. We will not meet April 18. Contact Pastor Enderle with any questions. Those 18-30 years old are welcome to join us!

Sunday Night Book Discussion In April we will continue discussing the book, *Myth of the Millennial*. Millennials are the least-churched generation in our nation's history. The authors stated goal is to better equip God's people to engage this generation with Christ. We meet at Nickel Funeral Home. Please park in the triangle in front of the funeral home and enter through the glass door. We meet Sundays at 7:00 p.m. Join us! We will not meet on April 4 and April 25.

Youth Group Bible Study meets Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in the school commons. We are discussing the benefits of being a part of the church. Open gym follows. 8th graders are welcome! We will not meet April 4. On April 25 we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a pizza party, study, and games.

New Life in Christ Class will begin Monday, April 12. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Bible Study room in the church basement. This 20 lesson course reviews the basic teachings of the Bible. It is the course we use to share what the Bible teaches with those who are exploring joining our congregation. It is a great review of basic Bible teachings for those who are members and want to review what they learned in confirmation class. If you know of someone who wants to explore joining the church or review what the Bible teaches, please let them know when this class will begin!

Men's Study will meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the main church basement. Join us for time in the word!

Women's Bible Study will meet Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. in the church basement. If you have any questions please contact Jen Enderle (864-2348). Thanks! We will not meet April 1.

Taking God's Word Home is a work at your own pace personal study for you to use at home alone or with others. Each week we have 3 studies of various formats on next week's readings that you can take home. They will be available at church, at school, online, or we can mail them to you. Use whichever format works best for you and share the others with friends or family!

Bible Reading Plan This month we will be discuss 1 and 2 Corinthians. We will read 1 chapter each day. Go to mzluth.org or our Facebook page to join. Contact Pastor Enderle with any questions. Please join us in as we grow in God's Word together! April 5-20: 1 Corinthians. April 21-May 3: 2 Corinthians . Each day we will consider questions like: What passage stood out to you? What does this say about God or Jesus? How can you apply this to your life? What do you learn about sin or grace?

ESL Class English as a Second Language meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the main church basement. New volunteers are welcome to join. The atmosphere is relaxed and fun. Please talk to Pastor Enderle (864-2348) if you are interested. We will move to the pavilion when weather allows.

Virtual Men of His Word Conference: Are you feeling disconnected, isolated, alone, separated from others? Social distancing can take a toll on our mental and spiritual health. Even though we can't meet together in person, we invite you to join up to 500 other men for a virtual Men of His Word Conference. Our keynote (Mike Novotny, lead speaker for Time of Grace) and two presenters will remind us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35) which also binds us to one another. Though we may be separated, we remain united. The Conference will be online, on Saturday, April 17 with the theme, "Separated Yet United". Additional details and online registration (\$15) are available at www.menofhisword.org .

Worship In April

Notes on Worship

We will continue to live stream Sunday morning worship at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday 11:00 a.m. worship on YouTube. Our page is www.youtube.com/c/morrisonzionlutheran. Share the link with a friend! You can find recordings of all of our worship services on YouTube and Facebook. Resources for worship and an online friendship and communion register are at www.mzluth.org/online-worship. If you would like sermons printed and mailed or DVDs please speak with Nancy Pantzlauff.

Special Holy Week and Easter Worship times are on the back page. We worship in person at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays starting on April 8. On Sunday we worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Offerings can be given online at www.mzluth.org or mailed to church (7395 County Road W, Greenleaf, WI 54126).

In April we conclude our Lenten journey of repentance and renewal. The season of Easter celebrates the victory over the grave that Christ won for us! Our themes for each service in April is below.

April 1	Maundy Thursday	The Road to Redemption: Fuel for the Trip	purple communion
	Sermon: Mark 14:12-26	Hymns: 313, 120	
April 2	Good Friday	The Cross of Christ (with the Rite of Nails on the cross)	black communion
		Hymns:100, 105, <i>As the Nails</i>	
April 2	Good Friday	Tenebrae: Service of Darkness	black communion
		Hymns: 98, 117, 129, 103, 127	
April 4	Easter	Rolled Away!	white communion
	Sermon: Mark 16:1-8	Hymns: 157, 152, 156	
April 8/11	Easter 2	Doubt is Rolled Away	white communion
	Sermon: Acts 26:19-29	Hymns:145, 165, 386	
April 15/18	Easter 3	Distractions are Rolled Away	white
	Sermon: Acts 12:1-9	Hymns:561, 160, 531	
April 22/25	Easter 4	Ignorance is Rolled Away	white communion
	Sermon: Acts 20:28-32	Hymns:436, 375, 452	

Consider using the hymns, readings and the sermon text as a personal or family devotion sometime before you join us at worship or online!

Altar Committee members serving in April: Diane and Sally Suchomel

Easter Lilies

Please plan to pick up your lilies after worship on Easter or by Sunday April 11. Thanks for helping to beautify our Easter worship.

Online Register

Please register your online worship! Text your names and the date to (920) 362-7118 or (920) 949-1038. You can also register online at www.mzluth.org. Registering helps us to know who we are ministering to online. You can also send prayer requests online or by text.

Summer Outdoor Worship

We plan to have four outdoor services this summer, one on a Thursday and three on Sundays. We plan outdoor worship on Thursday, July 1 before the July 4th weekend. We also planning three outdoor services on the 4th Sunday of the month for June, July, and August (June 27, July 25, and August 22). Having three outdoor services will give people the opportunity to attend (either in chairs in the park or in their vehicles) and receive the sacrament. If you are able to help, we will need help taking the keyboard outside and chairs and also returning them after 10:30 worship.

Military Encouragement

We recently sent out the first issue of our Military Outreach Newsletter. It included a short devotion, suggested Bible readings and a Holy Week crossword puzzle. If you have any suggestions or know of anyone currently serving on active duty, reserves or National Guard please contact Joel Dobberpuhl or Neill Knaus. The service member does not have to be a member of our church. You can also email jhdobberpuhl@gmail.com.

Youth Group Summer Outing

The Morrison Zion Youth Group is offering a 3-day-2-night trip and a 1-day option (no overnight stay) to Wildman Adventures Resort on the Menominee and Peshtigo Rivers, July 6-8, 2021 for all teens Grade 8-12. This trip is in coordination with two other WELS churches in the area. Please go to www.mzluth.org/youth-group-2/ for more information and to sign up. There you can find the cost for the two options. Signing up now is not yet a full commitment but letting us know you are interested. This trip is subject to certain conditions, but we hope circumstances allow this trip to happen. Youth Group is open to all of our members in 8th-12th grade

Food Pantry

We served 24 families this month. We are very thankful for all the donations we have received. We were again able to give each family meat, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable, butter, cheese, milk and eggs and addition to our normal distribution. We could use a few extra volunteers for distribution or set up. We are currently doing the first Saturday of the month and the Monday evening following. You can help just one month or help with setting up or taking down. Please contact Linda Bruegge or food pantry phone (920)265-5605 if interested. If there is anyone needing assistance please contact the food pantry phone. If you would like to keep private please just advise and we can work it out. The items always needed are juice, cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, baking items and laundry detergent.

Soup for Souls

Meals continue to be available in the freezers at school and church for anyone to take to share the love of Jesus with others. *We love because he first loved us.* 1 John 4:19

Scrip

Scrip order dates:

April 4 No Scrip

April 18 church 9:00-9:15 a.m.

Drop orders off anytime during the week in the school office and Michelle Laabs will fill them when she is able. Contact Michelle (619-0626 or micjer.laabs@gmail.com) with any questions.

Mothers Day Roses

The Bay Area Life Center (formerly known as the Pregnancy Counseling Center) will not offer roses on Mother's Day due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. However if anyone wishes to make a donation they may mail it to: Bay Area Life Center 743 South Monroe Ave Green Bay, WI 54301.

Church Golf Outing

On Wednesday, May 19 we will begin our Wednesday Church Golf Outings at Wander Springs. Tee times will be in the name of Charles Ediner. We will golf on Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. We will golf each Wednesday until Sept. 1, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome!

Easter for Kids

This year we offered a "take home" Easter for Kids. Over 60 children ages 3 through fourth grade participated! These children were able to learn more about Jesus by reading Holy Week Bible stories and completing corresponding crafts. We pray that Easter for Kids was a blessing to the children and their families! Thank you to the school promotions committee for organizing the event

No Longer Collecting

We are no longer collecting Boxtops for Education labels, Campbell Soup labels, milk caps, and other plastic caps.

We will continue to collect the tabs from pop cans for the Ronald McDonald House's.

Thank you for all your past donations!

School News

4K & 5K Registration

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Principal Rick Muchka at 864-2349. If you wish to learn more about the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, please contact out to Mr. Muchka (864-2349).

School Plays

Due to gym use conflicts with the volleyball season, we have moved the classroom plays back a few weeks. The 4K-4th grade students will perform their play in the morning on Thursday, April 29, and in the evening on Friday, April 30. The 5th-8th grade students will perform their play in the morning and evening on Friday, May 14.

2021-22 School Year

The 2021-2022 school calendar is set with a starting date of Monday, Aug. 30 for grades 5K - 8. The first day for the 4K students will be Tuesday, Aug. 31. The final day of school is Friday, May 27, 2022.

School Choice Application

The window for applications into the School Choice program until April 15. All families who wish to participate in the program will need to apply, even if they are already a part of the program this year. Contact Mr. Muchka with any questions

4K-5K

Hannah Holzhueter

It is hard to imagine that school is going into the 4th quarter already. Again, it is worth mentioning that it is such a blessing to have in-person learning most of the school year!

This month, the most exciting thing for both 4K and 5K is that we started our play practice! This year our play is called "David and the Giant," and it of course is based off David and Goliath. The students are very excited to share this story in the way that young children should – with words they understand and actions that help them remember the story best.

For Bible time, we have started to look at Holy Week stories, including Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday, and Easter. On 5K days, we started learning hymns, most recently "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb." 4K and 5K look forward to singing that song for Good Shepherd Sunday coming up April 25. Have a blessed Easter! He is risen!

Grades 1-2

Brenda Kuchenbecker

Can you imagine? Imagine the excitement as the first and second graders completed their dive into reading challenge. Imagine the number of prizes won as many of the students completed the challenge not once but twice! Imagine the time studying as they improved their reading skills, practiced long vowels, unusual vowel pairs, and blends. They studied measurement, geometry and place value in math. Imagine the fun they had when they built model covered wagons and took them on an imaginary trip to Oregon. Imagine the excitement as they watched MLC's production of Jack and the Beanstalk and MLHS's production of The Enchanted Bookstore via livestream. Imagine the fun they're having learning their own play called The Little Red Hen. Imagine the smiles when they got letters back after writing and sending letters in the mail. Imagine the fun they have playing in the spring sunshine. One thing we don't have to imagine is the great love that God has given us, as we've traveled the journey to the cross and Jesus' resurrection! Imagine the joy we'll have when we're in heaven with our Savior!

Grades 3-4

Katie Muchka

Happy Easter! Christ has risen! In Christ Light the class is studying the New Testament. We are focusing Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We want to share God's word and the love of Jesus with everyone we meet. In Math the third graders are learning to use ordered pairs and number lines. The fourth graders are busy learning about customary and metric units of capacity. In Science we will be starting a unit on physical science. We are learning about local and national government in Wisconsin State History. Both the third and fourth graders are studying verb tenses in Shurley English. We pray that you have a blessed Easter! Please keep our third and fourth grade class in your prayers as we finish the school year!

Grades 5-6

Sophia Birner

As we start our final quarter of the year, grades 5-6 continue to study God's work in catechism class and Christ Light. We are deepening our knowledge of the sacraments and what they mean for us and learning about Christ's life and sacrifice for us.

We also started a new unit comparing and contrasting poetry and prose. Students will learn and study different types of poetry in order to create their own poems!

In Science, grades 5-8 are working on their science fair projects. Students get to choose a topic that interests them then plan and execute an experiment to learn more about that topic. Lord willing all their hard work will be displayed at the school plays.

Grades 7-8

Rick Muchka

Happy Spring to you from grades 7-8. March is traditionally "Academic Month", and we were at it again in the classroom. In Christ Light we continue our studies of the Book of Acts and Paul's letters. In Reading we completed reading J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy classic *The Hobbit* and are working our way through a study of research writing. In Social Studies the upper graders completed a unit on Europe and Russia and are beginning to study the Middle East. The students also are working on their Science Fair projects for the month of May. Please continue to pray for our students, parents, and teachers as we begin the 4th Quarter!

Athletic Association Fundraiser

The Athletic Association will have a flower fundraiser in partnership with Braun Acres to raise funds to support our athletic programs. All orders will be placed online and payment will be due at the time of pick-up.

Details of how it works are in the order form. The link for the flower sale order form is: [2021 Flower Fundraiser](#). The deadline for placing an order is April 30. Curbside pick-up will be in the church parking lot on Sunday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Geraniums, Marigolds, Petunias, Impatiens, Alyssum, Dusty Miller, Pansies Spikes, Vinca Vines, Hanging Baskets (limited quantities), Patio Pots, Tomatoes, and Peppers are available to order.

Thanks for your support! If you have any questions, please contact: Abbey Laabs, abbeymlaabs@gmail.com or Melissa Braun, Greenhouse Owner, melissarb03@yahoo.com, (920) 901-3342.

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Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday April 1

The Road to Redemption: Fuel for the Trip

11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Both services are the same. Communion

Good Friday April 2

The Cross of Christ

11:00 a.m.

The Rite of Cross and Nails, Communion

Tenebrae: Service of Darkness

7:00 p.m.

Communion

Easter Festival April 4

Rolled Away!

6:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Communion

