

The Christian Light

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Stand Firm Patiently

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

James 5:7-9

We are not patient by nature. We want things to go our way and we want that to happen right now.

I remember when I was a child I was amazed at the first microwave we bought. It heated leftovers up so fast! Now, when I reheat a brat, I eat it lukewarm because I don't want to wait the last 15 seconds! And then, when it is lukewarm,, what do I do? I complain!

I know it sounds silly, but it is an everyday example of what our sinful nature is like. Out sinful nature wants us to focus on ourselves. If anything inconveniences us, or goes against what we want, our sinful nature moves us to complaining. Some of our complaints are inconsequential. Some hurt our brothers and sisters in Christ.

My heart still goes out to some members of our congregation who

did things in our congregation out of love for God and his people. They genuinely did things for our congregation because they love Jesus. And what happened? Other member complained and grumbled about what the things they did or the decisions they were a part of. Why? Because they personally did not like what was being done. It is especially frustrating when the people who hurt their brothers and sisters in Christ did not even take the time to be involved in the decision It is always easier to react than to act.

Aren't you glad that God acted on your behalf instead of just reacting to your sin? He sent Jesus to be perfect because you are not. Jesus offered his life as a guilt offering for your sin? He could have sat in heaven and just reacted by sending us all to hell. That decision would have been completely fair, because that is what our sins deserve. But God acted to remove the guilt of our sin! Amazing isn't it?

Standing firm in God's love for you will keep you patient with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Keeping your hearts focused on the fact that we are aliens and strangers here as we await our final arrival at our heavenly home will help us to avoid grumbling and complaining in a way that hurts others. That is what the Holy Spirit had James point us to above. Feed your new self with the good news of God's love for you in Christ! This will help you put your sinful nature on a grumbling diet!



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



Congregational News



Leadership Team Notes

Ryan Hulse, the new Director of Mission Advancement at Manitowoc Lutheran High School spoke to the LT in July about the school's ministry.

A new sink and faucet was installed in the teacherage. The cost was \$500. The pastors will open and close church for worship in place of hiring someone to do so.

The voters approved installing 6 air conditioning units in church at a cost that is not to exceed \$55,000. The vote was 14 to 9. Comfort Controls will install the units Aug. 31 to Sept. 2.

The LT approved having a company install the new playground. This will cost an extra \$6,889.

The LT decided to remove the pew ropes and have mem-

bers begin registering themselves for communion again.

The Barnabas ministry is dividing those we wish to contact into two groups. The pastors and LT will begin to contact those we have not seen in worship for years. The Barnabas ministry volunteers will contact those who have drifted away from worship more recently. Members of the Barnabas ministry will seek to find others willing to do this visitation.

Average weekly worship attendance in 2021 through the end of June is 229 in person and 41 online. Bible class average attendance is 48.

The Treasurer reported the following June balances:

Income	\$50,839
Expenses	\$49,576
Monthly balance	\$1,263
Fiscal year to date balance	\$268,257
Checkbook balance	\$79,441
Gen. reserve fund	\$200,261
DPI reserve fund	\$14,013
High School	\$855
Calendar year total	\$12,931
2021 goal	\$13,786
Synod Mission	\$2,865
Calendar year total	\$28,724
2021 goal	\$29,500

The appeal account was closed in June. The \$6,992 remaining in the fund after \$6,290 of expenses in June, was moved to the General Fund.

Christian Wedding

On Friday, July 16 Keith Evenson and Ashley Droste were united in Christian marriage in a worship service held offsite in Freedom. Please pray for God's blessings on Keith and Ashley's marriage!

Trip to Ark Encounter

Trinity, Brillion invites you to join them on a trip to Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky, Oct. 4-8. Contact Marcia Wendt (920-646-0063) for information.

Graduate Recognition

If you or a family member graduated from High School or College in 2020 or 2021 please send a picture to Pastor Enderle at james.enderle@mzls.org Include the graduates name and year, school graduating from, (for High School grads plans for next year; for college students the degree you received).

Lost and Found Items

There are miscellaneous items in the lost and found box that have been left at church. The items can be found in the kitchen area in the basement. Please take a look to see if any of these items are yours prior to August 8. After that, the remaining items will be donated.

Sweet Corn Fest I

The corn will be picked and ready soon. Donations support the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee which has awarded 1,535 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$100 for tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study In August we will conclude the study *One Another* on August 15. On August 15 we will begin a study on *We meet in the church basement at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday. Join us! The lessons for August are;*

August 1: No class

August 8 Forgive One Another

August 15 Serve One Another

August 22: Great Hymns: *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face* (315 CW)

August 29 Great Hymns: *One Thing's Needful* (290 CW)

No class Sept. 5

The Chosen Sunday Morning Bible Study Join us as we finish Season to of "The Chosen" in church Sundays at 9:15 a.m. It is a great TV series that focuses on Jesus and the disciples and other Christian themes. We will not meet on August 8. The last study will be August 22. Pastor Enderle leads this study which is suitable for all ages from young children to adults. You can also find the episodes and study material at <http://www.mzluth.org/the-chosen-bible-study/> This study and series can serve a great opportunity for you and your family to dig into scripture. The material will remain online for you to use and access in the future.

Sunday School and Parenting Bible Study We plan to have in person Sunday School this fall for children age 3 to Grade 6 beginning September 12 at 9:15 a.m. We need more teachers and helpers. Please talk to Pastor Enderle if you are able to help or if you have suggestions of helpers. Look for information coming soon concerning registration for your children. A Bible Study on the topic of Christian Parenting will be held in the school commons at the same time

Psalms 18:30 is a ministry for those 18-30s. Join us for a end of summer bonfire and Bible Study on August 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the fire pit behind the parsonage.

Sunday Night Book Discussion In July we will finish discussing the book, *Myth of the Millennial*. 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 July 4 or July 25.

Youth Group Bible Study will not meet in August. We will meet again in September.

New Life in Christ Class . We meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. or Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Bible Study room in the church basement. This course reviews the basic teachings of the Bible. Please join us whenever you can! We will not meet on Monday, July 5.

Men's Study continues to meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. Join us for time in the word! We are currently studying 1 Thessalonians. We meet around the bonfire as long as weather allows. We will meet in the church basement if it is raining. We will not meet August 9.

Bible Reading Plan Contact Pastor Enderle with any questions. Please join us in as we grow in God's Word together!

August 2-6 Driven By A Better Love: Video Devotions From Time Of Grace

August 7-11 Make Wise Decisions: Video Devotions From Time Of Grace

August 12-16 Is It Okay For A Christian To ____?

August 17-22 Galatians with Tim Keller: Gospel Dynamite

August 23-27 The Face Of Grace: Video Devotions From Time Of Grace

Aug. 28-Sept. 1 Happiness: Video Devotions From Time Of Grace

ESL Class English as a Second Language will meet again on August 11. We meet Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the pavilion (weather permitting) or in the church basement. New volunteers are welcome. You don't need any experience teaching. Contact Pastor Enderle if you are interested.

Wednesday Confirmation Class for students in grades 5-8 who do not attend Morrison Zion Lutheran School will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 1. We will meet in the church basement, 5:00-6:15 p.m. each Wednesday. Students will need a NIV Bible and Luther's Small Catechism.

Worship In August

Notes on Worship

Live stream is Sunday morning worship at 8:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook 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

In August we continue in the second half of the Church Year, which focuses on our life in Christ.

Our themes for each service in August: **Faith responds...**

July 29/Aug. 1 Pentecost 6	...by helping those in need	green
	Sermon: 2 Corinthians 9:8-11	Hymns: 494, 349, 492
Aug. 5/8 Pentecost 7	...by reordering priorities	green
	Sermon: 1 Cor. 10:1-5,11-13	Hymns:471, 403, 331 communion
Aug. 12/15 Pentecost 8	... by resisting materialism	green
	Sermon: Hebrews 5:11-6:3	Hymns: 358, 352, 436
Aug. 19/22 Pentecost 9	...by clinging to God's wisdom in worship	green
Outdoors Sunday	Sermon: Ephesians 5:15-20	Hymns: 496, 185, 328
Aug. 12/15 Pentecost 8	... by continuing to cling to God's wisdom	green
	Sermon: Hebrews 11:24-28	Hymns: 347, 556, 756

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 member serving in August: Kaitlynn Kuchenbecker

Praise in the Park on August 8

On Sunday, August 8, members of our congregation will provide an hour of music along with pie and ice cream to raise money for the Preaching/Teaching Fund. This fund gives \$1,000 to our members who are preparing for the Gospel ministry in the WELS at MLC or WLS. The concert will be under the gazebo beginning at noon. (In case of inclement weather, it will be moved into the gym.) Bring a chair, bring a friend, and enjoy the music!

Last Outdoor Service

Join us on Sunday, August 22 at 8:00 or 10:30 for an outdoor worship service. Communion is a part of worship. After 10:30 worship join us in the pavilion for a meal!

New Website

If you visit mzluth.org you will see a new look. The church and school have a new website. An upgrade and redesign was necessary since parts of the old version were out of date and could no longer be updated. This caused errors and shutdowns. You should be able to easily find all of the old features of the old website. We ask for your patience and understanding as there may be some kinks and changes as we adjust to the new site. Thank you to Miss. Holzhueter, Bruce and Julie Wendt and Pastor Enderle for all their work on the website. We hope the website will be a very useful tool for the Morrison Zion Lutheran Church family and also help those who are interested in our church or school. We pray it will be another tool to share more Jesus with more people.

Online Register

Thank you for letting us know when you worship online. Text your names and the date to 920-362-7118 or 920-949-1038 or register online at www.mzluth.org. Also you can say 'Good Morning' in the comments section on Facebook or YouTube so others know who they are worshipping with! You can also send prayer requests online or by text.

Church Golf Outing

Join us for our Church Golf Outings each Wednesday at Wander Springs. Tee times are in the name of Charles Edinger. We will golf on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday until Sept. 1, weather permitting. You don't have to golf well to join us. Come out and have a good time with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

New Volunteer Sign Up

It is a response of faith for Christians to use their gifts and talents to serve and love one another or to share the love of Christ with others in our Church and community. We have a new volunteer area on our website where you can look for ways to serve others. <https://mzluth.org/volunteer/> You will find different opportunities at different times where you can use your gifts and talents to glorify God. Some of the opportunities include: Food Pantry Volunteers, Live Streaming for Worship, Slides for Worship, and ESL. More will be added over time. Please contact Pastor Enderle with questions. Thank you to all who have volunteered for many different opportunities in the past and those who consider helping and serving in the future.

Food Pantry

We need volunteers to help on August 7, 7:00-10:00 a.m. We currently only have 3 and need at least 7 to run smoothly. We normally serve 17 or so families and need to set up and take down. We have some easier jobs but also need help with carrying things up and down the steps. Please contact Linda Bruegge at 920-246-5435 if available. Please leave a message and she will get back to you as possible.

Thank you for all the donations we have had in these difficult times. We also thank Vacation Bible School for their collection this year. Our families have been very appreciative of the extras we have been able to share with them. We have been including meat and fresh fruit for some months. We will accept garden veggies on August 7 and August 9. Please have at school by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and 4:30 p.m. on Monday. Any extras will be put at church as we have no refrigerator at this time.

Items always needed include canned fruit, juice, cereal, snack items, toilet paper, shampoo, laundry detergent, toothpaste, and baking items.

Soup for Souls

Frozen meals are restocked in the freezers at church and school. We currently have a "Summer Picnic Meal" and chocolate chip cookies packaged and also have more cards with encouraging messages of love to give with the meal. If you are interested in making a monetary donation to this program please place the donation in the collection baskets. Thank you to Lisa Boncher for doing an Action Team for the Soup for Souls program this past month. "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

Scrip

In July, scrip gave \$19,000.00 to church and \$2,913.00 to school for tuition credit families. Due to the decrease in families using this program there is no need to keep a huge amount of cards on hand. That's why it could give a large amount. Please plan accordingly when ordering because with shipping cost gone up, you may have to wait an extra week for your card/cards.

Scrip order dates:

Aug. 1 church 9:00-9:15 a.m.

Aug. 15 school 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Aug. 30 school 8:00-8:30 a.m.

You may contact Danille Ripp if you have any questions or would like to place and order (920-621-3196 or at dani.pues27@gmail.com).

Vacation Bible School

This summer's VBS was held in July. The theme was Rainforest Explorers, Jesus Leads the Way! We had 75 children in attendance, and 35 adult and teen leaders assisted with the event. Throughout the week, the children were able to learn more about Jesus our Savior. They did this by listening to Bible stories, singing songs, making crafts, playing games, and enjoying snacks. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped!

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. This needs to be done quarterly. Please call Thrivent if you have any questions.

Member Spotlight

This month's member spotlight is on John Beyer, a member of our Leadership Team.

How I got connected with Morrison Zion:

I (John) have been a lifetime member at Morrison Zion and attended our grade school. I am the son of Walter and Florence Beyer. Both of my parents were very active church members. I also have been active at Zion. I currently serve on the Leadership team as the congregation's Treasurer. In the past I've served on Church Council as both Secretary and Treasurer and have been part of the Worship Committee, Athletic Association, and even served as Youth Group Director for a couple of years back in the 80's.

What I enjoy about being a part of the body of Christ and growing in my faith:

I enjoy singing praises to our Lord and have been a member of our church choir for most of my teen and adult life.

Tidbits about me and my family:

I married my wife (Amy) on August 17, 1991. Amy and I got to know each other when she and Jackie Zeamer came to cheer on our Youth Group basketball games when Erv Zeamer and I were playing. The Lord has blessed us with three children (Adam, Jordan, and Brittany). Adam is a CPA and lives in Sioux Falls, SD. Jordan and Brittany both live in the area. Jordan is an Engineer and works at Washworld in West DePere and Brittany recently received her RN degree and is a nurse at St. Vincent hospital.

I am one of 15 children and Amy is one of 16 children. With both of us coming from large families, some people joked that our wedding was sponsored by Pampers! Needless to say, with this many siblings our schedule can get busy with all the family events that happen.



Work and hobbies:

I work at LaForce, Inc and have been there for over 31 years. The majority of my career involved managing multiple departments. In 2019, I stepped down from a managerial role and am currently a wood door purchasing agent. Amy works as a payroll specialist for PMI. Our family enjoys taking family vacations to state and national parks, camping, and hiking.

Favorite Bible passage:

All of Psalm 23. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing..." It is a reminder of the blessings and comfort we have as Christians. If Christ is our focus, we don't have to fear anything because He is by our side at all times.

School News

First Days of School

The first day of school is Monday, August 30 for grades 5K - 8. The first day for the 4K students will be Tuesday, August 31.

News from Miss Birner

I hope everyone is enjoying summer! I will reach out soon to the 5th and 6th grade parents and students to set up home visits this year. If you have had a child in my class before, home visits are not required but you are still welcome to set one up with me if you would like. Please, also encourage your child(ren) to do some summer reading or find some educational apps to review and start getting back into the swing of school. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Thank You

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped to get the school floors prepared, windows washed, and lights cleaned for the upcoming school year. Your service is truly appreciated.

School Enrollment

Our enrollment stands at 75 students for the next school year. If you know of someone in the area that is looking for a fantastic Christian education, please get them in contact with Mr. Muchka.

School Registration

Teachers will call soon for “home visits” which will be conducted as each family sees fit. Registration days are August 15, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or August 16, 5:00–7:00 p.m. If you cannot make it on either date, please contact Nancy Pantzlaff for a time to reschedule. Keep in mind that if you do need to reschedule, the classroom teacher may not be available. Feel free to bring your school supplies on either day!

News From Miss Holzhueter

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer! It has been a good one for myself, and I look forward to a new school year! This year I am blessed, as of writing this, to teach 11 students. Three students will be in 5K, and 8 students will be in 4K. Lord willing, this school year should feel more “normal.” I am setting up my classroom as it was pre-pandemic; we are welcoming back cloth toys, chairs, more than two people at a table, and much more space in the classroom to learn and play!

Aside from getting my classroom ready for fall, I have worked on two major things. One is getting my Wisconsin teaching license. Do I need it? No. But a huge blessing in having the license is that I would be able to welcome and mentor a student teacher from Martin Luther College in my classroom one day; Morrison Zion would be a wonderful place to learn and grow as a future called worker.

Another project I have spent ample time on, with the help of Pastor Enderle and Bruce and Julie Wendt, is the church and school website. It was time to upgrade the site itself, as the old one is no longer being fixed and is causing errors and shutdowns. It is currently finished, but we are still making small changes here and there. I hope this site will be a useful tool for both young and old, members of Morrison Zion and visitors looking to learn more about our ministry at both church and school.

As you always do, please continue to pray for our school. Coming off a pandemic that has not 100% gone away can be worrisome. There are many unknowns as to how the school year will look if things take a turn for the worse again. But we have come this far. God carried us through, and he will continue to do so! I trust that this year will be a good one – one to learn and grow academically, and spiritually.

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