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Why Do What God Commands?

I am confident I will be in heaven when God calls me out of this world. Why am I so certain? It is not because of me. It is not because I am a pastor. It is not because I obey traffic laws. It is not because I have refrained from robbing banks. It is not because I attend more than one worship service every week. It is not because I helped a stranger load groceries into a car on a cold day. It is not because of anything at all in me.

That may seem strange to many in the world. We are always told to have confidence in ourselves. Self confidence is often a good thing, but not when it comes to where we will spend eternity.

I am confident I will see Jesus face to face for all of eternity because of God.

The Father sent the Son into a fallen world. The Son lived perfectly in my place. He died as the punishment my sins deserved. The Holy Spirit gave me the gift of faith. He strengthens my faith and keeps me in the faith as I make use of the Word and sacraments.

My confidence exists outside of me.

My confidence in the Triune God also changes me.

I no longer view keeping the commands God gives as a way of making him love me. I do not view it as a way of manipulating God into doing what I want him to do. It is my thankful response to the salvation he has freely given to me.

Worshipping regularly does not get me to heaven. But I want to

worship regularly to thank God for heaven and grow in my faith in him. Part of that is selfishness on my part to some extent. Life is hard. I can't handle it all that well on my own at times. I know I need God's help. I find that help in worship.

There is another truth at work here that my sinful nature keeps me from seeing at times. When God commands something, he does it out of love for me.

When he tells me not to get drunk, my sinful nature tells me that God is just trying to keep me from having fun. The reality is that God knows that no one ever got smarter the drunker they got. God is trying to keep me from negatively impacting my life and the life of others when he gives me this command. When I use God's gift of alcohol the way he intends I will be blessed. When I misuse it, problems follow.

This truth applies to worship as well. God has said, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another" (Hebrews 10:24). Worship is one of the places we meet together to encourage one another. This is where the bond of love that exists between us as Christians is put into practice. This is biblical fellowship.

Worship does not save me. But I worship joyfully and regularly because I am saved. This is where I serve God by encouraging those with whom I worship. This is where God feeds and strengthens my faith. Yes, I can do this privately as well. But when I do it with others, as God commands, I will be blessed by God. His commands are always there to bless me!

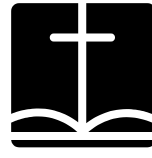


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 God
 as we
Gather
 around the
 Gospel
 to
Grow
 in the
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 and then
Go
 to others
 with the Gospel



Congregational News



Leadership Team Notes

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

Average weekly worship attendance in 2021 through the end of April is 221 in person and 52 online. Bible class average attendance is 45.

Since no one has indicted interest in the church janitor position, the LT discussed alternatives (see page 6). We also discussed various possible projects at church (repainting entry, with memorial gift, new altar area carpeting with memorial gift, refinishing pews, and air conditioning)

The LT decided to stop wiping down the pews after each service.

The Barnabas Ministry will send out a letter to those we have not seen in worship regularly and a postcard to all mem-

bers with information about the outdoor worship series on the blessings of worship.

The LT accepted Kristin Petrie and her daughters: Emma Skogan, Kailee Petrie and Gracelyn Petrie by profession of faith. Welcome to our family of faith!

The Treasurer reported the following April. balances:

Income	\$37,449
Expenses	\$50,929
Monthly balance	\$-13,479
Fiscal year to date balance	\$234,355
High School	\$975
Calendar year total	\$10,416
2021 goal	\$13,000
Synod Mission	\$4,418
Calendar year total	\$21,009
2021 goal	\$29,500

The appeal received \$200 in

offerings in April. In April there was \$7,422 in expenses from the appeal account. This account supports the expenses of having a second pastor. The balance in the appeal account is \$20,692.

In the 2021-2022 budget the expense of having a second pastor is in the general budget instead of funded by the appeal. The appeal money will be used up by July.

Pastor Ott informed the LT that his wife, Paula Ott, has accepted an interim RN Leadership position in a facility in Wauertown, SD. The job is for 6 months. It begins June 1. She will move to South Shore. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Ott.

Christian Baptism

On Sunday, May 9 Gracelyn Rae Petrie was baptized into Christ in the 10:30 service. Gracelyn is the daughter of Paul and Kristin Petrie. She was born on June 15, 2020. Please pray for God's blessings on your new sister in Christ and her family!

Graduate Recognition

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

Thank You

Thank you for the recent Thrivent Action Team Card for items for the church. We purchased a new vacuum cleaner and a smaller light weight one for the steps; also we were able to get a duster with a very long pole, along with other supplies for cleaning. Thank you for taking the time to get the Thrivent Card and thank you Thrivent.

Thank you to Steven and Jordan Laabs for helping with cleaning of the fans and changing light bulbs at church, Your help is greatly appreciated.

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study In June we will conclude the study *Joseph*, based on the book of the same name by Lyle Luchterhand. This study is from the God's People series. A few books are still available from Pastor Ott for \$1. We meet in the church basement at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday. Join us!

The Chosen Sunday Morning Bible Study Join us in June in church Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for a study that looks at series called "The Chosen." It focuses on Jesus and the disciples. 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.

Sunday School has a virtual option for families to do at home together. New lessons are available for delivery or pickup. Look to <https://www.mzluth.org/virtual-sunday-school/> for more all the videos and information. There is also a new Bible Study Sundays at 9:15 am in the upstairs of church based off of "The Chosen" which children and parents are invited to join. Contact Pastor Enderle for questions or comments.

Psalm 18:30 will not meet in June

Sunday Night Book Discussion In June we will continue 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!

Youth Group Bible Study will not meet in June.

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. 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. Please join us!

Men's Study continues to meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the main church basement. Join us for time in the word! As soon as weather allows, we will move the study out to the fire pit by the parsonage. It is a blessing to gather around the Word and have iron sharpen iron.

Women's Bible Study will not meet in June. Look for announcements concerning times to get together over the summer and let Jen know if you have any suggestions moving forward with our Women's Bible Study

Taking God's Word Home has been discontinued.

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

June 1–5	1 Thessalonians
June 6–8	2 Thessalonians
June 9–13	Survival: Video Devotions From Your Time Of Grace
June 14–18	Understanding Evil: Video Devotions From Your Time Of Grace
June 19–30	Making Sense Of God

ESL Class English as a Second Language meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of church. New volunteers are welcome to join. We have had new students join us recently. The atmosphere is relaxed and fun. You don't need any experience teaching. We will move to the pavilion when weather allows. We will meet during the month of June. We will take a break from classes in the month of July. Please talk to Pastor Enderle if you are interested in helping.

Worship In June

Notes on Worship

We will continue to live stream Sunday morning worship at 8:00 a.m. on YouTube. Our page is www.youtube.com/c/morrisonzionlutheran. Share the link with a friend! We are also testing livestreaming on Facebook at the same time. 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 contact with Nancy Pantzlaff (864-2349).

In June we continue in the second half of the Church Year. This half focuses on our life in Christ. Pentecost 2-7 will focus on various aspect of our "Faith."

In June we will also begin a special four part series at each of our outdoor worship services. These services will focus on the blessing of being together in worship. After the 10:30 outdoor service we will have a meal. Bring a lawn chair and a friend!

Our themes for each service in June is below.

		Faith...	
June 3/6	Pentecost 2	Faith stands firm even when it seems unreasonable	green
		Sermon: Acts 27:13-26	Hymns: 405, 384, 473:1,2
June 10/13	Pentecost 3	Faith focuses on the unseen	green
		Sermon: Revelation 20:1-6	Hymns:378, 596, 343 communion
June 17/20	Pentecost 4	Faith lives and grows	green
		Sermon: Colossians 1:3-8	Hymns: 255, 188, 324
June 24/27	Pentecost 5	Worship gives real rest	green
Outdoors Sunday		Sermon: Colossians 2:13-17	Hymns: 771, 190, 460:3,5

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

Altar Committee members serving in May: Dawn and Dick Tisler

Summer Outdoor Worship

We plan to have four outdoor services this summer. 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.

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.

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 Edinger. We will golf on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. We will golf each Wednesday until Sept. 1, weather permitting.

Thank You Choir!

Thank you to the choir members for their time and dedication to using their gifts in our worship services. We're praying that next fall we'll be able to bring all of our members back together again. If anyone would like to sing or play an instrumental or piano solo in a worship service during the summer months please feel free to contact Mrs. Kuchenbecker to set a date for this service to the Lord.

Funeral Meals

We would like to know how many people would be willing to serve at funeral meals when we are able to have them again in the coming months. If you are willing to serve (with necessary precautions) please contact Nancy Pantzlaff (864-2349).

Youth Group

Youth Group Bible Study will not meet in June. A kickball tournament is scheduled for Saturday July 24.

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 from 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.

Food Pantry

The food pantry served 19 families in May. We are blessed to continue to support these families both physically and spiritually. The lower number of families this month is consistent with the Brown County trend which is showing lower usage of food pantries. We will open on June 5 and June 7. We could really use extra hands on June 5, 7:00-10:00 a.m. or June 7, 4:30-6:00 p.m. If you can help please contact food pantry (920-246-5435). Please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

The items we currently need are canned fruit, juice, cereal, pasta or pasta sauce, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper or laundry detergent. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the food pantry through food donations, monetary donations or volunteering. It is an amazing blessing from God to see what a little help from every one can accomplish. Psalm 9:1: I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Volunteers We can use more volunteers to help with the food pantry on June 5 and July 3. If you could help 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. either day contact Pam Mueller or Pastor Enderle. Thank you!

Refrigerator The food pantry's refrigerator quit working. It came in handy to store our fresh foods such as fruit, veggies, cheeses & butter allowing us to purchase items ahead at a sale price. Is there anyone who has a used working refrigerator they could donate? Help to move it to the school basement can be arranged

Soup for Souls

The Soup for Souls program provides an opportunity for each of us to share the love of Jesus with others. The meals are free and located at school and at church. There are also cards available by the freezers that share a message of love that you can include with the meals. As we are reminded in 1 Corinthians 16:14 "Do everything in love."

Scrip

Scrip order dates:

June 6 church 9:00-9:15 a.m.

June 20 church 9:00-9:15 a.m.

Just a reminder that June 30 is the last day for rebates going toward your fall tuition credit. July 1 starts the 2022-2023 school year.

Contact Michelle (619-0626 or micjer.laabs@gmail.com) with questions.

Vacation Bible School

This summer's VBS will be in person at Morrison Zion Lutheran Tuesday, July 13-Thursday, July 15, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Our theme is Rainforest Explorers: Jesus Leads the Way! All children age 3 (and potty trained) through grade 6 are welcome! There is no cost. Students entering grade 7 and above are also welcome to join us as classroom helpers. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us! sign up link at <https://forms.gle/Awui4bKWR4ptgYbU7>

There will be a helper training and decorating day on Sunday, July 11 at 11:45 a.m. Pizza will be served for lunch. Please contact Abbey Laabs, Shannon Otto, Hannah Holtzhueter, or Katie Muchka with questions.

Blood Drive June 1

Way-Morr Lions Club Blood Drive is Tuesday, June 1, 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the Morrison Town Hall. Appointments preferred.

Church Custodian

As of this time no one has expressed interest in the Church Custodian position as it is posted. The Leadership Team is open to taking a different look and breaking it down into a number of areas. The four opportunities are listed below. If you would be willing to serve in one or more of the areas please contact Randy Loppnow. He will explain each area and discuss what compensation would look like.

Cleaning: Responsible to clean the church. Cleaning would be done on Monday's or Tuesday's for the weekly cleaning. You would need to clean after special services such as weddings, funerals before the next scheduled church service. You would be responsible for the HVAC units and other light maintenance items. Approximately time would be 6 hours a week.

Weekday Service (Wednesday or Thursday depending on the season of the church year): Responsible for opening and closing of the building for the Thursday evening services and the mid-week Lent or Advent services. Approximate time would be 3 hours a week.

Sunday Services: Responsible for the opening and set up before the early service and closing the church down after the late service. Approximate time would be 3 hours a week.

Special Services: Opening and closing for funerals, weddings, other special services. Cleaning church after the services.

Randy can be reached via phone or text (920-864-7584) or email : rcloppnow@yahoo.com

MLHS Capital Campaign

“For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.” Philippians 2:13

The entire Manitowoc Lutheran Federation is invited to prayerfully consider making a pledge to the MLHS capital campaign that wants to finance:

New gymnasium • New chapel • Secure main entrance • Renovations

An MLHS representative came to church recently to share further details about the plans at MLHS, including showing an informative video. You can access that information at www.mlhslancers.org/campaign.

Sometimes the Lord gives us opportunities to put what He calls the “grace of giving” into action. Here is such an opportunity. As you consider this exciting and important campaign, how could you participate? Here are some possibilities:

Pledge a gift from the Lord's blessing of regular income. This campaign invites regular giving for up to 5 years. A regular amount set aside over and above your regular offerings to the Lord can go a long way.

Pledge a portion of the latest stimulus checks to get you started.

The Lord also blesses some of us with other sources of income, such as IRAs, Investment Portfolios, Annuities, Real Estate, etc. Such assets may be able to be donated directly to MLHS to maximize tax deductions.

Let's prayerfully consider this opportunity to put our Easter peace, joy and hope into action. You can find more information and make a pledge at the MLHS Campaign website listed above.

For the sake of planning, MLHS leadership respectfully asks that if possible, we bring our pledges and donations by the end of July.

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Member Spotlight

Hello! I am Ashley Sundin. My husband Darryl and our wonderfully blended family Riley (15), Lainey (11), Violet (4), and our two dogs Rubi and Rena live in Wrightstown. I am currently a substitute teacher in the district as I pursue my special education teaching license. My husband is an automation engineer but would much prefer to talk about his love of Ultra 4 racing and anything Jeep or off roading related. Our kids are very active in sports and Lainey is becoming a wonderful young piano player and is currently running cross country. Violet is on her first soccer team with Darryl as her coach and Riley is currently on the school's golf team. We enjoy anything outdoors and are looking to visit and camp at every state park in the state over the next few summers. We have really enjoyed traveling to new areas as we do this! Darryl travels around the country racing with his team or just taking the Jeep out for an off-roading adventure. It is wonderful to have things we can all enjoy in different ways together. We have recently begun to enjoy all of the variety of birds the Midwest has to offer as well. We are far from experts, but it's been great to try to identify different varieties as we journey around Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan visiting our families.



My family was first introduced to Morrison Zion Church through the Fun Day program for our youngest, Violet. This is where we first met the Enderle's as well and have grown to consider them welcoming members of the church and friends. My neighbors John and Carol Falck shared with me that Fun Day was something Morrison Zion provided and that it would be a great way for my little one to meet new friends and become familiar with Jesus. At the same time, we began to attend Sunday service with John and Carol regularly. They were not just neighbors to us anymore and I felt no hesitation when they asked us to join them one Sunday morning. We continue to join them when they are able, and they continue to remind us how important faith and prayer is. Carol recently introduced Lainey to church hymnals as part of their weekly piano lesson. I cannot express how truly thankful I am for their presence in our lives!

I began the New Life in Christ classes with Pastor Ott in the winter of 2019. This class is really where my true connection to the teachings of our church began. There were church members attending the class as well as others like me looking to become members. I looked forward to this class every week! I remember the prayer lesson and how impactful it was to me and the way it made me stop and realize I just need to trust God. Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God". This verse is one I go back to and share often. God will answer in his own time and his own way. He will give us what we need. I am still becoming familiar with my Bible and finding stories and passages that resonate with me. My children enjoy all the creation stories and a favorite for Violet is the story of baby Moses and the river.

Welcome to Morrison, Zion Ashley and family! We are so happy you are here and look forward to getting to know you and your family!

School News

4K-5K

Hannah Holzhueter

The end of the school year has come. I am beyond blessed to have served my 9 students this year, 6 which will be moving on to Mrs. K's room. Thank you to all who supported our school with your thoughts and prayers, as this year has been difficult to navigate at times.

Our play, "David and the Giant," went well! I am so proud of my students; a few were scared to stand up in front of a large crowd, but then by the end became like David: brave!

4K and 5K wrapped up the school year with our first field trip of the year to the Wildlife Sanctuary in Green Bay. We enjoyed our time in nature, seeing many small animals, and loved feeding the geese!

God bless and keep you during the summer. I pray that you stay connected to Him, and that Christ blesses us with a more "normal" school year next fall!

Grades 3-4

Katie Muchka

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who helped out our classroom and students this school year! We truly appreciate all of your work! Have a safe and blessed summer!

Grades 5-6

Sophia Birner

We had a fantastic school year! Thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, and support that went into making this year great.

Grades 1-2

Brenda Kuchenbecker

We can't believe another school year has ended! We finished all of our books, have everything cleaned and packed away and are ready for a nice summer vacation. We finished the year looking ahead at next year's work. The second graders started some basic multiplication and division while the first graders tried their hand at 2 digit addition and subtraction. The second and third graders (as they now like to be called) have come so far! We had a fabulous trip to the Milwaukee Zoo! God blessed us with perfect weather and very active animals. Highlights of the day were feeding the sea lions and watching them perform, the giraffes, seeing penguins, watching the macaque monkeys play on their island, watching the harbor seals swim right by the glass, and watching the peacocks showing off. We did our final reading challenge to raise money for our food pantry. Earning twenty-five cents for every book that was reported, the kids were able to raise over \$150. Our class families also generously donated. As our year comes to a close we want to thank everyone for their prayers and support. Special thanks to our microwave moms, our class helpers, our book report listeners, those who donated to make our zoo trip a success and everyone else involved in our classroom. We are truly blessed! Have a super summer!

Grades 7-8

Rick Muchka

Even though COVID-19 changed how we ran our classroom, what an amazing school year we had! We were truly blessed to do a number of wonderful things in and out of the classroom. I am so very appreciative of all the parents, students, and other people who played a part in making learning enjoyable during the COVID-19 situation. Thank you for your support and encouragement! You are a blessing from God.

As we send another group of graduates to high school, we ask that you keep these students and their parents in your prayers. Thank you to everyone for making this a truly blessed school year. God's blessings on your summer. See many of you back again next school year!

Thank You

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we thank everyone for making this past year a success. Without the volunteer help, and of course your prayers, we could not have done it. We look forward to, Lord-willing, a relaxing summer as we prepare for another school year of teaching God's truths to his precious lambs. We pray everyone remains safe and healthy throughout the summer.

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 Enrollment

School registration will take place on Sunday, August 15, after 10:30 worship and Monday, August 16, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Registration packets will be in the church basement mid-July. Next year we anticipate 75 students. If you know of someone that is interested in an excellent Christ-centered education, please make sure to talk about our school! We are more than willing to discuss our school and give tours in the summer!

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who helped our classrooms and students this year! We appreciate your work! Have a safe and blessed summer!

Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to our graduating Class of 2021: Elizabeth Blauert, Sawyer Diny, Riley Feldkamp, Connor Hutjens, Ellie Kandziora, Elijah Ruddat, and David Stein. These individuals graduated on Thursday, May 27. Their graduation passage was Psalm 27:1. Their graduation song was "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word". Their graduation color was light blue and their flower was a carnation.

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