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God's House

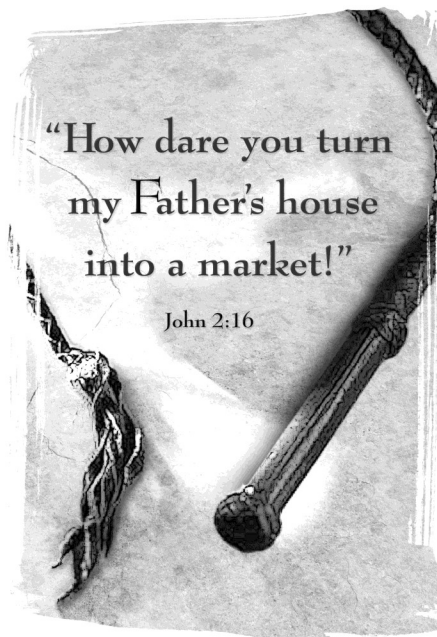
Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: **"Zeal for your house will consume me."** (John 2:16-17 NIV)

The Gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Lent brings us the account of Jesus driving people and animals out of the temple. The temple was the place where God told his people he would cause his name to dwell. His glory appeared and filled Solomon's temple when it was dedicated. The mercy seat on the Ark of the Covenant was spoken of as the throne of God. The Temple in Jerusalem was the house of God.

This fact is what caused Jesus to be consumed by zeal and drive the money changers and those selling animals for sacrifices out of the temple's courtyard. To those selling doves he said, "Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" Zeal for his Father and his Father's house was obvious to see in Jesus.

Where is God's house today? I have often heard people apply this passage to our church build-

ings today. But I am not so sure that is what God considers his "house" today. God tells us that he lives in his people. He tells us our bodies are "temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you." God lives in his people through Word and sacrament. True, we encounter Word and sacrament in our church buildings, but that is not the only place or the only time we encounter them. Today, believers are God's house!



Knowing this truth, the next important question is to ask yourself, "Since I am God's house, what would Jesus want to grab a whip and drive out of me?" Each of us needs to use the Ten Commandments of God from the First Lesson for the 3rd Sunday in Lent (Exodus 20) to see what sins God would like to

drive out of us. You are no different than the money changers in John 2. You have turned God's house into things worse than a market.

Live the focus on Lent! Turn away from your sin! Repent! Throw your sins on Jesus! Rejoice in your forgiveness! Then turn back to Exodus 20 and see how you can use the 10 commandments to thank God for making you a part of his house!

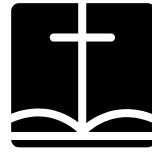


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Congregational News



Leadership Team Notes

The Leadership Team met in person in February.

Average weekly worship attendance in January was 176 in person and 53 online. Bible class average attendance was 47.

The council received Brooke and Brianna Stevenson, the daughters of Alicia Stevenson as baptized souls in our congregation. Welcome Brooke and Brianna!

The council approved going forward with work on a bathroom in the teacherage.

The Worship Committee is planning outdoor services this summer on Thursday July 1 and on the fourth Sunday of June, July and August. Hopefully those who have been uncomfortable at in person worship will join us at a socially distant outdoor service with the opportunity to commune.

Pastor Ott is looking to start another New Life in Christ Class. This class is a great review of Luther's small catechism for members who were confirmed in the distant (or not so distant) past. It is also how we share what we believe with those who wish to explore joining our congregation from outside our fellowship. If you are interested in attending this class, please talk with Pastor Ott (920-362-71118). Monday evenings work well with his schedule. Class lasts about an hour. If you have attended one of these classes in the past and found them beneficial to your faith, please encourage others to consider attending!

The Salary Review Committee will meet Feb.23. The Pastor Job Description Review Committee will also meet Feb. 23. The Budget Committee will

meet in March to start on the budget for the Annual Meeting in May.

The Treasurer reported the following January balances:

Income	\$43,362
Expenses	\$49,098
Monthly balance	-\$5,735
Fiscal year to date balance	\$222,133
High School	\$3,005
Calendar year total	\$4,970
2021 goal	\$13,000
Synod Mission	\$2,720
Calendar year total	\$6,130
2021 goal	\$29,500

The appeal received \$200 in offerings in January. In January 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 \$40,095.

Easter Lilies

The worship committee would like your help. Each year we like to make a visual contrast from Good Friday to Easter morning. We do this by decorating with black for Good Friday then lots of Easter lilies on Easter morning. The worship committee will pick up Easter lilies for Easter Sunday. As in the past, you have the opportunity to purchase a lily in memory of a loved one or in honor of one. These names will be included in the weekly announcement sheet on Easter. Please sign up in the church basement by Sunday March 28. The cost per lily is \$10. Order forms are available in the church basement. Place your order and the money in a provided envelope and place it in the Easter lily box. Please plan to pick up your lilies after worship on Easter or by Sunday April 11. Thanks for helping to beautify our Easter worship

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

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

March 7	Paul defends his apostleship	April 4	Justified People, keep your freedom
March 14	The other apostles accepted Paul	April 11	Justified People, you are free to serve the lord
March 21	Not by works, but by faith alone	April 18	Closing Words

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

Sunday School will provide two options. There is an in-person family Bible Study held in church at 9:15 on Sundays. There is also a virtual option for families to do at home together. New lessons will be made available for delivery or pick up. Go to www.mzluth.org/virtual-sunday-school/ for all the videos and information. Contact Pastor Enderle for questions or comments.

Psalm 18:30 We will continue our Sunday afternoon study at noon. Contact Pastor Enderle with any questions. Those 18-30 years old are welcome to join us!

Sunday Night Book Discussion In March we will continue discussing the book, *The Life You Crave: It's All About Grace* by Mike Newman. 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 meet Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the commons at school. We are discussing the benefits of being a part of the church. Open gym follows. 8th graders are encouraged to join us! We are excited to gather together again around the Word with friends! Bring a friend!

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!

Men's Study will meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the main church basement. Join us for time in the word and good fellowship! Topics will vary this month. We will not meet on March 22. Join us at the Power of Attorney Presentation (see p. 8).

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 There will be several chances to be in the Bible this month. Go to mzluth.org or our Facebook page to join. Contact Pastor Enderle (864-2348) with any questions.

March 4-10:	Repentance: An Invitation to Rest
March 11-15:	Overcoming Vulnerability: Video Devotions From Time Of Grace
March 17-20:	Come to the Upper Room
March 21-27:	7 Words from the Cross
March 28-April 4:	Holy Week

ESL Class English as a Second Language will meet 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.

Take Home Easter for Kids We will offer Holy Week lessons and crafts for 3 year olds through 4th graders! These take-home bags will help you focus on Christ's love for us! Please note that bags are limited. The deadline to register is Tuesday, March 16. Please fill out one form/child via the link: <https://forms.gle/zV6rp9xBLYkR197> Questions? Contact us at (920)-864-2349 or promotions@mzls.org or Facebook Messenger: @morrisonzionlutheranschool. Pick-up Options: MZLS Students will bring packets home on Friday, March 19, pick-up in Church basement on Wednesday, March 17 or Sunday, March 21 before/after church, or call the 864-2349 to set up a pick-up time. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to share the news about our Savior!

Worship In March

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 Pantzlaff.

Midweek Lenten Worship in person is at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. On Sunday we worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Offerings can be mailed to church (7395 County Road W, Greenleaf, WI 54126).

In March we continue our Lenten journey of repentance and renewal. Confirmation will be in the 10:30 service on Palm Sunday, March 28. Each family will have one pew reserved for them. After that seating will be first come, first seated. Seating is limited. If you do not have a family member being confirmed are able to worship at 8:00 a.m. please consider doing so. Thank you! Our themes for each service in March is below.

March 3	Midweek 2	Contrasts of the Cross: Joy and Sorrow	purple
	Sermon: John 13:2-11	Hymns: 746:1-2, 105:1,5,7, 746:3-4	
March 7	Lent 3	The Road to Redemption: Staying on Course	purple
	Sermon: John 2:13-22	Hymns: GR738, 456, 319	
March 10	Midweek 3	Contrasts of the Cross: Peace and Trouble	purple
	Sermon: John 13:12-17	Hymns: 746:1-2, 106:1,3,4, 746:3-4	communion
March 14	Lent 4	The Road to Redemption: Look Up	purple
	Sermon: John 3:14-21	Hymns: GR738, 111, 122:4,5	
March 17	Midweek 4	Contrasts of the Cross: King and Captive	purple
	Sermon: John 13:18-30	Hymns: 746:1-2, 115, 746:3-4	communion
March 21	Lent 5	The Road to Redemption: Remember the Destination	purple
	Sermon: John 12:20-33	Hymns: GR738, 110, 256:3	
March 24	Midweek 5	Contrasts of the Cross: Loved and Hated by God	purple
	Sermon: John 17:20-26	Hymns: 746:1-2, 99, 746:3-4	
March 28	Palm Sunday	The Road to Redemption: Arrival	purple
	Sermon: Mark 11:1-10	Hymns: 131, 133:1-4, 133:5	

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 March: Kaitlyn Kuchenbecker

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2021 are in your mailbox in the basement. Your mailbox may have moved to a new location. If you can't find your name or packet, please contact Nancy Pantzlaff (864-2349).

Online Worship and Technology Upgrades

Our streaming hardware went down this month. Luckily it is under warranty and we had a backup because of the new camera that was installed. Because of this, the new camera can't be used yet and you may notice some differences to the current live streaming. This will all be fine tune and fixed when the old box is fixed. We hope this will improve the worship experience for those worshipping online.

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.

Food Pantry

We are very grateful that the food pantry has been able to keep pace with demand through the last year of Covid. Thank you to everyone who has helped serve these families and plant gospel seeds through the pantry. We had 20 families in the frigid February temperatures. We were able to provide fresh fruit, fresh carrots, hamburger, eggs, milk, cheese and butter in addition to the normal food pantry items this month with various donations.

Please consider volunteering for one month just to see what the food pantry is about. You can help with distribution or with just setting up or taking down if interested. We usually set up on the first Saturday of the month and start by 7:00 a.m. By 7:30 we usually have families waiting. We try to wait until 8:00 to open. We have been done by around 10:00. We also can use help on the Monday evening following the first Saturday from 4:15 until about 6:00.

Items always needed are pinto beans, canned fruit, juice, cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, pasta, baking items, shampoo, toilet paper, Kleenex, and laundry detergent. If interested in helping provide dairy products please contact Linda Bruegge or Cassie Zirbel. Questions? Please leave a message on the food pantry phone 920-246-5435.

Scrip

In February, \$1000.00 was donated to church. As a reminder, it may take an extra week to receive your scrip if its not on hand at the time of ordering. Please plan accordingly.

Scrip order dates:

March 7 church 9:00-9:15 a.m.

March 21 church 9:00-9:15 a.m.

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

Christmas Trees for Tuition Assistance

Thank you to all who cut a Christmas tree from Grandpa G's Christmas Tree Farm this past season. The designated proceeds from the sale of 33 trees were donated to Fox Valley Lutheran and Manitowoc Lutheran High School tuition assistance funds. It was a great way to get a fresh tree and help our two area Lutheran high schools. Thanks again and see you next season! Paul Griepentrog

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. Last month, the Soup for Souls program was able to share the love of Jesus when we delivered meals and a devotion to twenty members of our congregation and to the residents of Wayside Parkview Estates. Thank you to the volunteers (Glenn & Mary Laabs, John & Sarah Ihlenfeldt, Jim & Ellen Ingish, Erv Zeamer Jr., Gloria, Blauert, Linda Bruegge, and Don Pantzloff) who helped deliver the meals throughout the community. "We love because he first loved us" 1 John 4:19

Thank You Soup for Souls

Members of Morrison Zion, We would like to thank your committee, "Soup for Souls" for providing our delicious Super Bowl luncheon. Even though our Packers weren't playing, we cheered loud for Pastor Enderle's Chiefs! Thanks again, Residents of Wayside Parkview Estates

Various members sent thank you notes. Below is a representative sampling:

Thank you for the meal I/we received from the Soup for Souls Ministry on Feb. 7. It was very good. We/I appreciate you thinking of us. We are thankful for those that also delivered the meals on the frigid Sunday.

Men of His Word April 17

Since our in-person MOHW Conference was cancelled due to COVID-19 safety concerns, our MOHW Committee is planning a Virtual MOHW Conference to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021 with the theme, "Separated yet United." More details will be communicated as they become available. Hoping to see you on April 17. Save the date!

School News

4K & 5K Registration

The registration deadline for 4K & 5K for the 2021-2022 school year was March 1. 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 also reach out to Mr. Muchka.

Tuition

Traditionally, a majority of our school bills come during the months of June and July. This is also traditionally a slow time of the year for offerings collected. In order to assist the church budget, we are looking into alternative ways of collecting tuition dollars. If anyone is interested in paying tuition for 2021/2022 in June or July, or if you are interested in spreading your tuition payments out over 12 months rather than 9, please contact Mr. Muchka or Mrs. Pantzlaff. Thank you for your consideration!

Academic Fair

The Lakeshore Lutheran Schools Academic Fair has been cancelled for the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19. The faculty is exploring ways to give students an opportunity to showcase Science and Art at our school as an alternative.

4K-5K

Hannah Holzhueter

Jesus loves you! A simple phrase that is often taken for granted, but an important one to remember, especially reflecting on a holiday that is all about love. How great the Father's love is for us!

4K continues to plug away at their letters, sounds, numbers, and other math skills, along with always developing social and emotional skills through learning, speaking, and play!

5K just finished up a fun science unit on penguins! We watched a documentary that focused on three species of penguins, and we were able to *see* the life cycle of a penguin, not just talk about it! In math, they are looking forward to learning about the 4 coins – their names, faces, and values. We also apply the 1, 5, and 10 patterns we have already learned to begin counting money too.

Both classes had a fun time watching a step-by-step video on learning to draw penguins. They must have loved it because they have not stopped drawing penguins!

For Bible time, we have made it to the story of Jesus walking on water. We love learning about the miracles God has done and are in awe at his great power! 4K and 5K also love acting out these stories whenever that is possible – it helps them remember the story best!

We are excited later in the year (date and time TBD) to put on our annual fall (now spring) play! Watch for updates on what the play might be. I think it is safe to assume that it will be recorded so that those who cannot make it in person to view may enjoy it too.

Grades 1-2

Brenda Kuchenbecker

It may be cold outside, but the learning is heating up in grades 1-2. We studied fractions, measurement, place value to the hundreds and money. We learned about adjectives, adverbs, long vowels and suffixes. The second graders worked really hard to learn to write the alphabet in cursive. We studied the pioneers, made covered wagons and compared moving in the past to the present. We drew animals in art and wrote and mailed letters in hopes of getting some in return. We continue diving into reading and many students have almost made it all the way around their challenge map. Way to go super readers! Thank you to the parents who help listen to the many book reports. We enjoy making special crafts to help us remember our Bible lessons about the life of Jesus. We enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school, Valentine's Day, and dressing up for spirit week. Please keep our little lambs in your prayers as they learn and grow in God's love every day.

Grades 3-4

Katie Muchka

Wow! This school year is really flying by! In Christ Light the class is studying the New Testament. We focused on the work Jesus did preaching, teaching, and healing. We want to follow his example and share God's word and the love of Jesus with everyone we meet. In Math the third graders learned to use both the customary and metric systems of measurement. The fourth graders learned about angles and two and three dimensional shapes. In Science we will start a unit on mass and matter. This year the third and fourth graders are studying Wisconsin State History. We are currently learning about the importance of paper processing and agriculture in Wisconsin. Both the third and fourth graders are studying narrative writing in Shurley English. We pray the members of our church, school, and community are staying healthy, and are finding peace and comfort in the words and promises of our loving God. Please keep our third and fourth grade class in your prayers as we continue the school year!

Grades 5-6

Sophia Birner

5th and 6th grade continue to grow in God's Word as we study the Apostles Creed in catechism. We will also look at the parables Jesus told and how they apply to our lives.

In science, we learned about genetics and how traits are passed down from generation to generation. To learn this concept, we created some aliens by flipping a coin to find out what traits it will have. It resulted in some very unique looking aliens!

We also continue to learn about conflict in stories by looking at plot lines and plot points to find the main events of a book. We will even have the chance to perform at some readers theater later this month!

Grades 7-8

Rick Muchka

The upper graders used February to grow in their spiritual and academic knowledge. In Christ Light we are exploring the early Christian Church in the book of Acts. In Reading class we completed a study on nonfiction literature and began the classic fantasy novel *The Hobbit*. In Grammar the students are using all types of figurative language in their writing of descriptive paragraphs and short stories. In Social Studies we studied the European Union, population pyramids, and the geography of Russia. It is wonderful to see the students using their gifts and abilities in a variety of ways.

School Choice Application Period Now Open

The window for applications into the School Choice program is now open. 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.

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PROVERBS 1:7

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Power of Attorney Presentation on March 22

Power of Attorney Papers for health care and finance are very important papers everyone over the age of 18 should have but typically are only thought of when one is older and your health is starting to fail. These forms allow you to determine who you want to make decisions for you if something would happen where you cannot make them for yourself due to situations such as a car accident, stroke, traumatic brain injury or the like. If completed they help you to avoid the extra cost of having to file guardianship papers that most people pay an attorney to do and that require court hearings, cost for filing fees and guardian ad litem fees, and court oversight including annual paperwork and fees required by the courts. If you are interested in filling out papers for yourself or learning more about them so you can help a family member who may benefit from having them please join us on March 22 at 7:00 p.m. Dawn Tisler is a member of our church and as part of her job as an Adult Protective Services Social Worker she has helped many people fill them out and will provide you the forms and an explanation of how to fill them out. If anyone wants additional help filling them out she would also be willing to provide this. If anyone in our congregation happens to be a notary, could you please contact Dawn Tisler at 323-0529 because the Power of Attorney for finance papers need to be signed in front of a notary and if we could have one there just in case someone wants to fill them out it would be helpful. If you could please let Pastor Enderle know if you wish to attend we can make sure that we have enough forms printed off for everyone.