## The Christian Light

#### How Do You Give Thanks to God?

On Sept. 28, 1789, just before leaving for recess, the first Federal Congress passed a resolution asking that the President of the United States recommend to the nation a day of thanksgiving. A few days later, President Washington issued a proclamation naming Thursday, Nov 26, 1789 as a "Day of Publick Thanksgivin" - the first time Thanksgiving was celebrated under the new Constitution. Subsequent presidents issued Thanksgiving Proclamations, but the dates and even months of the celebrations varied. It wasn't until President Lincoln's 1863 Proclamation that Thanksgiving was regularly commemorated each year on the last Thursday of November.

In 1939, however, the last Thursday in November fell on the last day of the month. Concerned that the shortened Christmas shopping season might dampen the economic recovery, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a Presidential Proclamation moving year) A day of watching football? Thursday of November. As a result of the proclamation, 32 states issued similar proclamations while 16 states refused to accept the change and proclaimed Thanksgiving to be the last Thursday in November. For two years two days were celebrated as Thanksgiving - the President and part of the nation celebrated it on the second to last Thursday in November, while the rest of the

country celebrated it the following week.

To end the confusion, Congress decided to set a fixed-date for the holiday. On Oct. 6, 1941, the House passed a joint resolution declaring the last Thursday in November to be the legal Thanksgiving Day. The Senate, however, amended the resolution establishing the holiday as the fourth Thursday, which would take into account those years when November has five Thursdays. The House agreed to the amendment, and President Roosevelt signed the resolution on Dec. 26, 1941, thus establishing the fourth Thursday in November as the Federal Thanksgiving Day holiday.

If you think all that rigmarole about a day of thanksgiving is strange, think about this: How does our country give thanks today? A quick prayer? (To whom? Or do we just talk about being thankful now days without identifying who we are thanking?) A large meal? (It's not like I go hungry any other day of the Thanksgiving to the second to last (there's not much to appreciate in Detroit this year)

> In his Word God gives us some direction. He tells us to give thanks to him by telling others what he has done.

This year our thanksgiving worship will focus on how God's people did this in Psalm 136 and how we can do so today.

Join us and bring a friend!

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# Congregational News



The Leadership Team (LT) approved a new logo for the congregation.

The LT approved a 6:00 p.m. time for the evening Children's Christmas service on Dec. 24. Christmas Eve worship will be: Children at 9:00 a.m.; 6:00 p.m. and Candlelight at 11:00 p.m.

Jeff Jandrey informed the LT that he will step down from Financial Secretary at the end of the donations of \$768 from the Fall year. We thank Jeff for his faithful service! We will approach people to serve in this appointed position.

Average worship attendance so far this year is 229 in person and 35 online. Each week this year we average 35.5% of our membership in worship in person or online. Please continue to en-

courage your brothers and sisters St. Paul's, Oconto. We apologize in Christ to stay close to Jesus in Word and sacrament!

The Barnabas Ministry continues to refine its record keeping progress. Our visits are designed to encourage people to stay close to Jesus. Please pray for God's blessings on this vital ministry in our congregation!

The LT approved dividing the Festival between Mission Journeys (75%) and the Good Samaritan Fund (25%).

The LT set the goal for high school for 2021-2022 at \$16,990. The synod mission goal will remain as a calendar year goal.

In September we received Joanna Beyer by transfer from

#### Wavs To Serve

It is a blessing to serve another and to share the love of Christ with others. We have a new volunteer area on our website where you can look for ways of serving Christ and others https://mzluth.org/volunteer/. You will be able to find opportunities at different times where you can serve God. Some opportunities include: food pantry volunteers, live streaming worship, slides for worship, and ESL. We also need help in graphic design and social media. Contact Pastor Enderle with questions.

#### **Digital Weekly Announcements**

Weekly announcements are now sent out by email to increase our communication. If you have not received them, check your junk email folder. The email is from church@mzls.org. If you can't find them please email the same address to receive the email. If you do not want to receive these emails you can unsubscribe in the email or message the same email to request to be removed.

#### Public Recognition of a Private Baptism

On Thursday, Sept. 30 the private baptism of Nevaeh Marie Griepentrog was publicly recognized in worship. Nevaeh was baptized on Sept. 24, 2017. She was born on April 3, 2017. Pray for God's blessings on Nevaeh and her family!

#### **Christian Baptism**

On Oct. 3 Serenity Lou Collins, the daughter of Patrick and Tracie Collins, was baptized. She was born April 21, 2021. Pray for God's blessings on Serenity and her family!

that this was not in last month's notes.

The Treasurer reported the			
following September balances:			
Income	\$92,556		
Expenses	\$79,947		
Monthly balance	\$12,609		
Fiscal year to date			
balance	-40,054		
Checkbook balance	\$57,229		
Gen. reserve fund	\$170,360		
DPI reserve fund	\$14,017		
High School	\$810		
fiscal year total	\$4,570		
2021-22 fiscal goal	\$16,990		
Synod Mission	\$2,097		
Calendar year total	\$37,344		
2021 goal	\$29,500		

#### Christian Marriages

On Oct. 1 Kyle Laabs and Megan Feldkamp were united in Christian marriage at Morrison Zion.

On Oct. 9 Rick Tisler and Carrie Kasper were united in Christian marriage at Morrison Zion.

Please pray for God's blessings on these couples in their marriages!

#### Thank You

Thank You to everyone who attended or helped at the Fall Festival last Sunday. Over \$750 was donated for Mission Journevs and the Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you!



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

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** in November we will finish a study on Romans 1-8. We meet in the church basement at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday. Join us! The lessons for November are:

Nov. 7: We can be sure we are saved because God, in Christ, saved all people (Romans 5)

Nov. 14 Why Christians serve God (Romans 6:1-7:6)

Nov. 21: Even though believers have a sinful nature, we are not condemned (Romans 7:7-8:17)

Nov. 28: Grace triumphs over suffering (Romans 8:18-39)

**Parenting Bible Study** Bring your kids to Sunday School and join us for Bible Study in the Commons. We will finish "Our Christian Response to Blessings and Challenges." in November. There will be no School Commons Bible Study on Nov. 28. Please join the Church Basement study that Sunday This is a 5-week study with the following topics:

When we experience unmet needs and expectations

When we are hurt by others and hold on to unresolved anger

When we struggle with the desire for instant gratification

When we receive financial blessings

When we face moral desensitization

**Sunday Night Book Discussion** In November we will finish, *Your Questions, Scriptures' Answers*. On Nov. 28 we will begin to discuss *On Being a Christian: A Personal Confession* by Dr. Henry Hamann. Dr. Hamann's personal testimony encapsulates the Christian belief and reveals its significance in all walks of life—from personal to social, historical to eternal. We have 11 books available. The cost of each is \$13. 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** meets on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. Open gym will follow. Ms. Birner will join as an advisor and assistant for the Youth Group.

**New Life in Christ Class** .We meet Mondays at 6:30 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!

**Men's Study** continues to meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. Join us for time in the word! We continue to study 2 Thessalonians. There will be no study on Nov. 1. We meet in the church basement.

**ESL Class** We meet Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. New students and volunteers are welcome. You don't need any experience teaching. Contact Pastor Enderle (864-2348) if you are interested. Please also contact us if you have students who are interested but can't attend on Wednesday. We are receiving more interest in classes and might be able to have a second class.

**Women's Study** Women's In-Home Bible Study will meet on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. We will finish before 7:00 p.m. so those that want to attend church can do so. Please contact Jen Enderle (864-2348) with any questions. No previous attendance needed, jump in and come when you can. We look forward to seeing you! No class on Nov. 25, Thanksgiving.

**Bible Reading Plan** Contact Pastor Enderle with any questions. Go to mzluth.org or our Facebook page to join us in as we grow in God's Word together!

Nov. 2-6 Jesus' miracles are meant for me: devotions from Time of Grace
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Nov. 7-20 Grace? What is it?: devotions from Time Of Grace

Nov. 21-25 Shout for joy to the Lord: devotions from Time of Grace

Nov. 26-30 giving thanks in all things: video devotions from Time of Grace

**Sunday School** for children aged 3 to Grade 6 at 9:15 a.m. at school. Bring your children and join the Bible Study in the Commons. If you are looking to serve, we welcome your help. Please talk to Pastor Enderle (864-2348) with any questions.

#### 2022 International Youth Rally

The rally will be June 28-July 1 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Save the dates and plan for this event! More information to come when available.

#### Worship In November

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. You may also register by texting 920-362-7118

In November we conclude the season of End Time, celebrate Thanksgiving and begin the new Church Year with the season of Advent. The themes of each service follows.

	ie season of navent. The	End Time: The Word of God!	
Nov 4/7	Last Judgment Sermon: John 5:19-24	It gives us confidence to face judgment	red
Nov. 9/10	Saints Triumphant Sermon: Mark 13:24-2	<b>It gives confidence that we are saints</b> 27 In Memoriam Hymns:394, 207, 214	white communion
Nov. 16/17	Christ the King Sermon: Mark 18:33-3	It points us to a king unlike any other37Hymns: 341, 217, 193	white communion
Nov. 23/24	Thanksgiving <b>Giv</b> Sermon: Psalm 136:1	e thanks by proclaiming what God has done Hymns: 613, 610, 270, 260	white
Nov. 28	Advent 1 Sermon: Luke 21:25-3	The Lord is Coming!Prepare!6Hymns: GR19, 2, 9:3,5	blue

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 September: Sharon Faulds and Shannon Otto

#### **Choir Invitation**

It's not too late to join in singing God's praises with our choir. We meet in the church balcony Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. We are preparing for the special services of End Time, Thanksgiving, Advent, and a song service on Sunday, Dec. 19 in both services. We hope to welcome new members very soon!

#### **Communion Registration**

When you commune, please check your name on the sheets in the back of church, by the elevator, or in the basement. We no longer have someone check the names. Thank you!

#### **Present/Former Service Members**

We will put pictures of MZLC members with names, service branch (including reserves/guard), and dates of service on the screens at church for Veterans Day Send a digital picture to jhdobberpuhl@gmail.com with the information or drop it off at school by Nov. 5 at 8:00 a.m. It will be on the screens at church on Thursday, Nov. 11 and Sunday, Nov. 14. Thank you!

#### I Thank God For...

The worship committee invites our members of all ages to help decorate the church for Thanksgiving. We would like to hang thankful signs around the church. Please take a sheet found in the church basement and complete it by writing or drawing something for which you thank God. We need all completed sheets returned by Sunday, Nov. 21 so that they can be hung before Thanksgiving worship. Thanks!

#### Poinsettias

The worship committee will pick up poinsettias for you for Christmas. You may purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of one. These names will be included in the service folder on Christmas. Please sign up in the church basement by Sunday Dec. 12. The cost per poinsettia is \$10. Please indicate on the sheet the name of the person you wish to honor or remember. Please pick up all poinsettias after worship on Christmas, Dec. 26, or Jan. 2. After that left over poinsettias will be disposed of. Thanks for beautifying our Christmas worship.

#### **Thrivent Choice**

If you are giving your Thrivent Choice dollars to church or school, thank you! If you have not, consider designating your choice dollars quarterly. Please call Thrivent if you have questions.

Notes on Worship

#### Food Pantry

A few notes from the food insecurity reports. Food Insecurity nationally remained about the same at 10.5% of households reported difficulty in meeting their needs. There were increases in some subgroups (houses with children and black and Hispanic households). The temporary policies during the pandemic seemed to be effective. The trend in Wisconsin follows the national trend.

Numbers have been a little lower. When the pandemic programs end we will see an increase in families. With the holidays coming we will try to do extra for our families. If you would like to help in any way please contact Linda Bruegge on food pantry phone 920-246-5435. The items always needed are juice, canned fruit, tuna, snacks, baking items, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, kleenex and laundry soap.

#### Soup for Souls

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 The Soup for Souls ministry provides each of us the opportunity to share our love with others and to share the message of Jesus with those around us. Meals are available at school and at church and are free. We are grateful for the donation from Paul Westphal's memorial and the others who continue to support this ministry. If you know of someone who could use encouraging words and are unable to get the meal to them, contact Nancy to arrange a delivery.

#### Psalm 18 30

Psalm 18:30 is focused on serving members who are 18-30s. In order to better serve these age groups, the ministry is seeking to focus this ministry in two ways. One is focused on college aged students. Care packages have been sent members in college. If you know a member in college who didn't receive a care package let Pastor Enderle know. The second part of the ministry is focusing on members who are in their 20s and 30s. Sometimes these ministries will overlap in events and studies. Look for more information coming soon.

#### Scrip

Please help me improve the program! What gift cards would you be more likely to buy if they were on hand? Let me know!

Are you utilizing online Scrip ordering? It's user friendly! Cards can be re-loaded or used right from the mobile app without having to wait for an order. And there are more options available than on our list! Message me for more details! (920-621-3196 Dani.pues27@gmail.com)

When placing an order, please note how you would like to receive your cards! If you are ordering online, please send me an email or text with this information.

#### Scrip order dates:

Nov. 7 church after early service Nov. 28 church after early service

#### Youth Group Events

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the Corn Maze last month. We have several special events planned . Mark your calendars. Events include:

#### Packers/ Chiefs Pizza Party Sunday, Nov. 7

3:25 p.m. game on the screen in the commons, gym and other games available, study after game.

**Babysitting/Parents Night Out Couples Dinner** at Immanuel Shirley Saturday, Dec. 4

Morrison Zion and Immanuel Youth Groups will host a couple's dinner and babysitting Saturday Dec. 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m. If you need a babysitter that night, babysitting is available at school. The Couple's Dinner is a catered meal served at Immanuel Lutheran. Cost is \$20 per couple, proceeds to benefit both youth groups. Link to register is https://shirleygreenleaf.com/ couples/

Green Bay Gamblers Game Saturday, Dec. 11

#### Grandpa G's Christmas Trees

Grandpa G's Christmas Tree Farm will donate all designated monies collected from the sale of their u-cut trees to benefit Fox Valley Lutheran and Manitowoc Lutheran High School's tuition assistance funds. Grandpa G's has Fraser Firs (up to 13'), Blue Spruce (up to 9') and Canaan Fir (up to 14'). The farm is located at the corner of Morrison Rd and Hwy. 96 at 3159 Lark Rd. Hours are Friday, Nov. 26 (9:00 a.m. to dusk). Every Saturday and Sunday until Dec.12 (11:00 a.m. to dusk). After Dec. 12, you may call for an appointment and we will be happy to accommodate you until Dec 23. All trees are \$40 any size. Saws and twine for securing your tree are available. When you arrive to cut your tree, please let us know which tuition assistance fund you want to support or to be split between both. We will make a note of it and send the proceeds to the schools in time for Christmas. Questions or to cut a tree by appointment, please call Paul Griepentrog at (920)428-4303.

### School News

#### 4K-5K

Miss Holzhueter

October was fun! 4K started to learn letters, and they enjoy using the sounds they make too! 5K started to read simple reader books, CVC words, and learning sight words!

We had a wonderful time on our 1<sup>st</sup> field trip to Polly's Pumpkin Patch, playing games, petting a few animals, and taking a wagon ride to the pumpkin patch so we each could pick a pumpkin!

We also prepared for our play, "The Story of the Wide Mouthed Frog." This year's 4K/5K class is an especially musical group, so they enjoyed learning songs about monkeys, lions, frogs, and crocodiles – the characters in their play.

We look forward to our Christmas Eve practices!

#### Fall Plays

On Oct. 21 and 22, the 4K & 5K, 1st & 2nd graders, and 3rd & 4th grade students performed plays and music. They did an excellent job using their gifts of acting, singing, dancing, and creating scenery to glorify God. Thank you to everyone who was able to come out and support our students. What a great time!

#### **Christmas Presentation**

On Friday, Dec. 10, at 2:00 p.m. our students will sing, play instruments, and piano in the school gym. Mark this on your calendar and plan to join us!

#### Math Meets

Grades 5-6 will head to FVL for a math meet on Nov. 9. Grades 7-8 will participate in an FVL math meet on Nov. 18 Good luck, teams!

#### Grades 1-2

Mrs. Kuchenbecker

Subtraction, surveys, tally charts, nouns, plurals, short vowels, long vowels, pilgrims ...these are the topics in grades 1-2. We're nearing the end of our BEAR reading challenge. The kids have enjoyed earning many teddy bears. In October, we enjoyed a trip to MLHS. The students got to participate in some science activities, sports activities and see the school. We enjoyed presenting Stone Soup as our class play too. As we welcome November the kids want to share some Thanksgiving thoughts.

Grade 2

Calvin Baerenwald: I'm thankful that we even have a school and so many good friends.

Landon Engelbrecht: I'm thankful for recess because I like to play with my friends.

Kailey Gagnon: I'm thankful for our play because we all get to do it together.

Aerilyn Marek: I'm thankful for my math book so I can do math problems.

Kylie Phillips: I'm thankful for Mrs. K. because she teaches me. Grade 1

Hailey Beimborn: I'm thankful for my teacher because she helps me. Alden Braun: I'm thankful to learn about God.

Sawyer Bruss: 'm thankful for our class pet Snickers.

Brayden Engelbrecht: I'm thankful for our classroom because there's lots of fun things.

Ellisyn Pues: I'm thankful for my desk because I can put lots of stuff in it.

Remington Ripp: I'm thankful for our library because I like to read books.

Tanner Schuettpelz: I'm thankful for games like Duck, Duck, Goose because it's really fun.

Owen Sikorski: I'm thankful for the playground because I like it. Brylie Stepien: I'm thankful for the field trip with my new friends and fortress groups.

Mrs. K.: I'm very thankful for a class of hard working kids, supportive parents and so many awesome helpers!

They thought of lots more but we don't have that much room! We hope all of you think of many blessings to thank God for every day!

#### Grades 3-4

#### Mrs. Muchka

Happy Thanksgiving! In Christ Light, we are studying the Old Testament. We focus on the words and promises of God. In Math, third graders are adding multi-digit numbers, and fourth graders are interpreting and displaying data. In Science we focus on learning the qualities and properties of water. The class enjoys conducting experiments! In Social Studies we will learn about the importance and effects of climate on communities in our area and throughout the world. Our class will also learn about the proper use of adverbs and adjectives in Shurley English. We look forward to a field trip to Manitowoc Lutheran High School this month! Please keep us in your prayers as we continue our school year!

#### Grades 5-6

Miss Birner

In Bible classes we continue to look at the Apostles Creed, specifically the second article. We will also study Joseph in Egypt.

In science, we are learning about the engineering process of designing a model. Students will look at complex systems to try to figure out how the system works without looking on the inside or knowing all the information.

In reading classes we are learning about drama and theater. Students wrote their own scripts. Some are based on books and movies such as Harry Potter, and some are completely original!

#### School Enrollment

If you know of anyone interested in a solid Christian education, please mention our school! Mr. Muchka is willing to meet, give them a tour, or discuss their child's education. We have room for more children to learn about Jesus!

#### State Teachers Conference

On Oct.28-29, our teachers participated in the Wisconsin Lutheran State Teachers Conference in Milwaukee. They participated in spiritual and educational growth opportunities while at the conference.

#### Grades 7-8

God's blessings to you and a happy autumn from our classroom. In Religion class we are studying the major prophets. In Reading, we finished a unit discussing fiction and nonfiction. We are reading the American classic, To Kill a Mockingbird. In Social Studies we finished a study on the Reconstruction era and are investigating the relationship between western settlers and American Indians in the late 1800s. In English we worked on classifying sentences and writing expository essays. It is awesome to see the students using their gifts and abilities in a variety of ways. We've also published many of these writings online as the students have created their own blogs.

On Oct. 7, we took a field trip to the Eastwin Footgolf Course in Two Rivers. There we merged the two sports we are learning about: soccer and golf. Thanks to everyone who helped chaperone the trip. On Oct. 14, we took a field trip to the Pinecrest Historical Village in Manitowoc to learn about life in Wisconsin and the Americas in the mid- to late-1800s. Thanks again to everyone who drove and chaperoned the trip. Please continue to keep our students, parents, and teachers in your prayers as we venture into the holiday season.

#### Wreath and Planter Sale

A fundraiser to support the costs of the athletic programs at MZLS will be held in partnership with Braun Acres. We will sell Christmas wreaths and planters. The deadline for orders is Nov. 14. Planters that were purchased last year may be reused this year for a discounted price. All planters need to be labeled and returned to school the week of Nov. 1-5. Curbside pick-up in the school parking lot is Sunday, Nov. 28, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The order link and information can be found on the church website (mzluth.org) or MZLS Facebook page. Thanks for your support. If you have any questions, contact: Abbey Laabs, abbeymlaabs@gmail.com or Melissa Braun, greenhouse owner, melissarb03@yahoo.com/920-901-3342

#### Athletics

We finished our fall sports! We began with volleyball and cross country. Basketball games begin in November. If you'd like to cheer on the Knights, schedules can be picked up in the office, or check our online school and church calendar. If you're looking for volunteer opportunities, our athletic program always looks for coaches or extra help at home events. Please contact Katie Muchka if you'd like to get involved!

Morrison Zion Lutheran's cross country team had a great season. Several of our runners came away from multiple meets with individual metals! The 6th-8th grade girls team took first place in one meet and second place in three meets. The 6th-8th grade boys took second place in two meets. Great job runners! Thank you to all of the cross country coaches for their time and dedication this season! We thank the fans who came to cheer!

Both the A & B girls teams had great volleyball seasons. The girls worked hard, improved their skills, and had a lot of fun. Thank you to all of the volleyball coaches for their time and dedication this season! We also thank the fans who came to cheer!

Mr. Muchka

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### Thanksgiving Worship

Give Thanks By Proclaiming What God Has Done!

> Wednesday November 24 7:00 p.m.

> Thursday November 25 9:00 a.m.



#### **Member Spotlight**

This month the Member Spotlight is on Erin and Jeremy Wittig. Erin and Jeremy got married at Zion on a nice sunny day on March 1, 2003! Since then Witting family has grown from a family of two to a family of six!

The Wittig's oldest child Naomi is a sophomore at FVL (3rd generation). Naomi stays busy with soccer, cross country, and the trap shooting team at school. Seth (8th grade), Jonah (6th grade), and Audra (5th grade) all enjoy Erin chauffeuring them around for the myriad activities they have here at MZL.

Erin grew up in Morrison and was living on an active dairy farm throughout her grade school years until her parents Lloyd and Lori Lemke sold the cows. Erin attended MZL and FVL before heading off to WLC where she earned a degree in biology. Currently, Erin enjoys being a busy stay at home mom volunteering for various school activities. Erin most often volunteers at Repeat Performance thrift store in Manitowoc which supports MLHS.

Additionally, Erin will assist as a 4-H leader for the Glenmore chapter where the kids show sheep at the fair.

Jeremy has mechanical engineering degrees from UW Platteville and Marquette and currently works at Georgia Pacific in Neenah. Jeremy has served on the MZL school board for the last 4 years and he coaches a variety of sports (the favorite being wrestling). Jeremy also enjoys the opportunity to serve with his hands. Large projects have included the parsonage kitchen, teacherage hardwood floors, and the school's science laboratory.

Jeremy's love for serving the Lord through his hands comes from his father who was a selfemployed entrepreneur owning a business that supplied finished woodwork to new residential



homes. Jeremy grew up just outside of Milwaukee in New Berlin and assisted his dad with many projects at Wisconsin Lutheran High School (Jeremy's alma mater). Jeremy's mother was an emergency room nurse which came in handy a few times during his active childhood days. His mother always told Jeremy that he had some extra special guardian angels!

Erin and Jeremy lived in southern Wisconsin for the first 10 years of marriage mostly in Cedarburg until deciding to move onto the Lemke farm where they built a new house next to their permanent babysitters!

Outside of life at Zion, the Wittig's enjoy the outdoors. Tent camping is always a part of summer vacations. The Wittig kids also enjoy the summer programs at Camp Phillip in Wautoma.

Jeremy has the pleasure of passing on the hunting tradition to his children and also finds relaxation through felling trees in the Lemke woods to make firewood for their indoor fireplace.

A favorite passage of Jeremy's is Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." This passage mentions making something with your hands but then more importantly it is a reminder that we are here for one another to assist in our growth of God's Word.