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M J M P M O

2 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul makes the case to the Christians in Corinth pretty clearly. He was all about Jesus. It wasn't about how smart he was. It wasn't about how they felt about him. It was all about sharing Jesus with them while he was there. He wanted them to know Jesus so that they could be connected to him by faith. Faith in Jesus would be the most important thing they could have. Faith that Jesus lived and died to take away the guilt of their sin would give them eternity. Nothing was more vital!

Nothing is more vital for us today. Paul's words are just as important to us today. It defines why we exist as a congregation. We are here to proclaim Christ crucified for the sins of the world. That means we share with people the good news that Jesus died for their sins. Nothing we do as a congregation is more important!

In our Leadership Team meetings, I have taken to saying that

our reason for existence is to get "More Jesus to More People, More Often." When I want to say it quickly it is shortened to "MJMPMO" More Jesus, More People More Often." Nothing is more important.

The times we worship are not as important as proclaiming Jesus at worship. Your preferences about how things are done are not as important as MJMPMO. Meeting your families desires or wishes are not as important as MJMPMO. Sitting in your favorite pew is not as important as MJMPMO.

Every decision we make should be about MJMPMO. I do not think it always is. We get side tracked by many things that are, at best, only very distantly related to proclaiming Jesus. We are at a point in time in our congregation when we need to recommit to MJMPMO. In some areas we have made a good start. Our food pantry works hard to share the message of Jesus as it shows the love of Jesus. Our Barnabas ministers are reaching out to the those who seem to have drifted away from Word and sacrament. Many of our members live MJMPMO as you can see by the seeds that are on the murals in the back of church.

What about you? Will you make it your personal mission to keep Christ crucified the center of your life?

MJMPMO is not easy to pronounce. It is harder to live. We will fail our God. But thanks be to him that he will never fail us! We are his forgiven children through Jesus. As such, we will work to get MJMPMO!

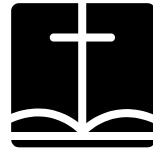


Our Mission

is to
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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) approved \$100 for gifts from the congregation for 10 year anniversaries in ministry. We will celebrate Katie Muchka and Pastor Enderle's 10 year anniversaries in the ministry after late worship on Sunday, Oct. 24.

The AC units have been installed in church. Packer City Electric will repair the light that is not working in the sanctuary.

Average worship attendance so far this year is 225 in person and 40 online. Membership is at 741 souls. We will not have mid-week Advent worship on Wednesdays this year. We will have Thursday worship that will be the same as the following Sunday. We ordered three more communion trays so that we may continue to space out the individual cups.

The Barnabas Ministry had 22 people attend a meeting to prepare for restarting personal visits in this ministry. There are also 6-8 more people who are willing to serve that could not attend. For more information see page 8.

The LT approved a Fall Festival set for Oct. 10.

The LT received Scott Ossman by transfer from Immanuel Lutheran, Shirely. He LT also received Adam & Jessica Baeten and Sue Leiberg as communicant members by the Rite of Adult Confirmation.

The LT discussed funeral meals after funeral services. We are ready to host them in the school, providing we have enough people willing to serve at the meals.

The LT decided to use funds from the Good Samaritan Fund to help a former member who is being served by those in our fellowship.

The Treasurer reported the following August balances:

Income	\$77,763
Expenses	\$67,914
Monthly balance	\$9,849
Fiscal year to date balance	\$-52,713
Checkbook balance	\$55,241
Gen. reserve fund	\$170,332
DPI reserve fund	\$14,016
High School	\$1,635
Calendar year total	\$16,691
2021 goal	\$13,786
Synod Mission	\$4,097
Calendar year total	\$35,246
2021 goal	\$29,500

Ways To Serve

It is a blessing to serve and love one 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 of the opportunities include: food pantry volunteers, live streaming worship, slides for worship, and ESL. We are also looking for help in graphic design and social media. Please contact Pastor Enderle with any questions.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the youth group at the Pancake Porkie. We had a fantastic time serving the congregation in love. We look forward to upcoming events and to continue to grow in God's Word

Adult Confirmations

On Sunday, Sept. 19 Adam & Jessica Baeten and Sue Leiberg were received as communicant members by the Rite of Adult Confirmation. Welcome to our family of faith!

Christian Marriage

On Friday, Sept. 10 Todd Leiberg and Sue Dvorak were united in Christian marriage. Please pray for God's blessings on their life together as husband and wife!

Christian Baptism

On Sunday, Sept. 12 in late worship Ainsley Annette Lemke was baptized. Ainsley, the daughter of Russell and Andrea Lemke, was born on Aug. 30, 2021. Please pray for God's blessings on Ainsley and her family!

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

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

- Oct. 3: All have sinned; no one can triumph by the law (Romans 3:1-20)
- Oct. 10: Christ has prepared a righteousness for us that is ours by faith (Romans 3:21-31)
- Oct. 17 Abraham and David triumphed by grace alone through faith (Romans 4)
- Oct. 24: We can be sure we are saved because God, in Christ, saved all people (Romans 5)
- Oct. 31 Why Christians serve God (Romans 6:1-7:6)

Parenting Bible Study *Our Christian Response to Blessings and Challenges* is the study for October. We meet at 9:15 a.m. in the school commons. This is the same time as Sunday School which we hope will make it convenient for many parents to attend while their children are at Sunday School. This will be 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 October we continue to discuss, *Your Questions, Scriptures' Answers*. 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 for Bible Study on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. Open gym will follow class. Ms. Birner will join as an advisor and assistant for the Youth Group. We excited for her involvement

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 will study 2 Thessalonians. . We will meet in the church basement.

ESL Class We meet Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. New 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. Invite a friend! We look forward to seeing you!

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

- Oct. 1-5 Do not be afraid: devotions from Time of Grace
- Oct. 6-12 Now is the time: devotions from Time Of Grace
- Oct. 13-17 Wzdumb: video devotions from Time of Grace
- Oct. 18-22 Finding satisfaction: devotions from Time of Grace
- Oct. 23-27 God is listening: devotions From Your Time Of Grace
- Oct. 28-Nov. 1 Sola: a 5-day devotional through 5 solas of the Reformation

Worship In October

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

In October we continue the second half of the Church Year. The focus is on our life in Christ.

Our themes for each service in October: **Jesus' Grace is All in All to Us...**

Sept. 30/Oct. 3	Pent. 19	...It leads us to recognize when we are the problem	green
	Sermon: Mark 9:38-50	Hymns: 469, 192, 469:5-6	
Oct. 9/10	Pent. 20	...It leads us to honor him in family life	green
	Sermon: Mark 10:2-16	Hymns: 601, 503, 506	communion
Oct. 16/17	Pent. 21	...It leads us honor him in our relationship to money	green
	Sermon: Mark 10:17-27	Hymns: 477, 401, 319	
Oct. 23/24	Pent. 22	...It leads us to selfless service	green
	Sermon: Mark 10:35-43	Hymns: 497, 181, 491	communion
Anniversary Celebrations after late worship for Mrs. Muchka and Pastor Enderle			
The Word of God!			
Oct. 28/31	Endtime 1	...It is the core of Christianity	red
	Sermon: Mark 13:5-11	Hymns: 203, 204, 293	

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

Our choir season has begun! The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 in the church balcony. It's not too late to join. We still would love to have more new members! All are welcome to join us in singing praises to God.

Sunday School

Sunday School has begun 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 can use some substitute teachers. 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. We hope you can save the dates and plan for this great event! More information will follow when available.

Martin Luther College Choir

The Martin Luther College choir has a mini tour to Wisconsin this fall. Three of our members, Leah Nushart, Leah Kuchenbecker and Natalie Zirbel are members of the college choir. On Saturday, Oct. 16, the choir will sing at St. Peter's in Sturgeon Bay at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 17, the choir will sing in the 10:30 worship service at Trinity, Kiel. All are invited to join with our future called workers as they lead us in worship in song.

Youth Group Outings

Miss Birner has joined us as an assistant for Youth Group. We have special events planned in the next few months. Mark your calendars for these dates. Events include:

Saturday, Oct. 23: Polly's Pumpkin Patch, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Pastor Enderle by Oct. 15. Youth Groups from Immanuel, Shirley and Messiah, Bellevue will join us. Price will be around \$5 depending on if we are able to get group rates.

Sunday, Nov. 7: Packers/Chiefs Pizza Party. 3:25 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4: Parents Night Out – Babysitting

Saturday, Dec. 11: Green Bay Gamblers Game

Food Pantry

Like the rest of Brown County, the number of people using our pantry is trending down this time. We currently serve 17-20 families a month. Summer trends are normally down and with more food being offered due to Covid in other places, our numbers have been down. I do see this increasing again in the near future with the holidays and school back in session. Please make sure to share the food pantry is available to anyone in the community who is experiencing food insecurity. They are welcome to call or text the food pantry number (920)246-5435. Please leave a message and Linda will get back to you.

The items currently needed are Juice, Cereal, Canned fruit, Snack items(crackers, kids lunch box items), baking items (flour, sugar, cake mixes), shampoo, soap, toilet paper and laundry detergent .

Please remember to thank God for everything we have been able to accomplish through the pantry and ask God to help us share his word through our work.

Soup for Souls

Soup for Souls meals are available at school and at church for congregation members to take to share Christian love with those around us. What a privilege we each have to share the message of our Savior with others and to remind them he is with them always. *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you (Dt 31:6).*

Soup for Souls

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 is the Fall Showcase and Concert at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. Concert begins at 4:00 p.m. Come join us for a great day of live music, desserts, coffee, and silent auction! Silent auction will be online starting on Friday, Oct. 22 through Monday, Oct. 25. Items will also be available for viewing and online bidding at the Showcase.

If you would like to donate a basket please contact Holly Zirbel at 920-682-0215 or hzirbel@mlhslancers.org .

Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in or helped with Back-to-School Outdoor Game Day on Sept. 18. It was a lot of fun!

Scrip

Did you know that you can order your Scrip online? Just contact me for your code or I can assist you with setting it up. Scrip orders can also be emailed or texted to me at any time or sent to school with a student. On-hand scrip orders can be picked up at school or sent home with a student, picked up at the next order date at church, or picked up from my home. Please indicate how you would like to receive your order when you contact me. Thanks!
(920-621-3196 Dani.pues27@gmail.com)

Scrip order dates:

Oct. 3 church after early service
Oct. 24 church after early service
Oct. 31 church after early service

Fall Festival

Morrison Zion will host a Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 10 12:00-3:00 p.m. with local food and vendors. We hope this will be an opportunity to gather our community together. If you would like to be a vendor or know others who would, contact Alicia Stevenson (920-366-0523). Food and vendors will be in the school parking lot. Visitors will park at church. There will be brats and burgers, treats, decorations, and much more. Come join the food and fun while connecting with people in the community. Maybe you'll have an opportunity to share about our church and most of all the hope and peace that we have that comes from faith in Christ

Bake Sale

At the Fall Festival we will have a bake sale to raise awareness for two of our ministries. The first is our Good Samaritan Fund, which provides help to those who need help due to sickness or other issues. The second is Mission Journeys which seeks to train and encourage members in evangelism by going on mission trips around the United States and by planning evangelism projects in our community. Consider baking a few items that will be sold to raise money for these two programs. You can bring your items to school the morning of Sunday October 10. Write your name on containers you want returned since the baked goods will be transferred to new containers. Contact Pastor Enderle with any questions.

School News

4K-5K

Miss Holzhueter

The school year has begun! My numbers this year are 3 students in 5K and 7 students in 4K. I'm blessed to be able to teach these students!

The start of the year is always spent transitioning 4K into the school setting. It is taking time this year, as most of 4K has never been in a classroom setting before. We work on simple things like learning routines, walking, standing in a line, listening; these things may sound easy, but this is the age they are learned! Taking the time to do this is worth it, as it makes the rest of the school year run smoothly.

Our class looks forward to our 1st field trip in early October to Polly's Pumpkin Patch. There we will eat snack and lunch, ride a wagon, pick a pumpkin, and play games!

School Band

Our school is blessed to have 23 students taking instrumental lessons this year from Mrs. K, Mrs. Schmill (MLHS), and Mr. Neujehr (FVL). We look forward to making music together!

Thank You

Thank you for the anonymous gift of \$1,000 to both grades 1-2 and 5-6 classroom!

Thank you to the Morrison-Wayside Lions Club for a Teacher Appreciation Dinner on Sept. 15 Thank you also for the \$200 donation to our school

Grades 1-2

Mrs. Kuchenbecker

Happy fall y'all! Our first and second graders are off to a fantastic start! We began our science year studying plants and trees. We planted bean seeds and experimented with what would happen to a plant if we take away something it needs. We had fun exploring the woods around our school looking for leaves to add to our plant and tree books. In math we worked on addition skills. In phonics first graders reviewed consonants and second graders reviewed short vowel sounds. We learned about primary, secondary and tertiary colors in art. We learned to use our new tablets too. We started our first reading challenge with a bear theme. The students will earn bear prizes for the books they read and report. Thank you to our first guest reader, Don Pantzlaff. We love when we have visitors. We're excited to welcome a new pet, a guinea pig named Snickers! She's super cute! We were excited to get to sing in church on Welcome Home Sunday. We're also excited to prepare our play called Stone Soup – A Rock Opera. We hope you'll be able to attend one of our shows on Oct. 21 or 22 to see this familiar tale acted out with some awesome songs. There's never a shortage of excitement in our classroom.

Grades 3-4

Mrs. Muchka

Our school year is off to a great start! This year in Christ Light, we will study the Old Testament. We will focus on the words and promises of God. In Math, both grades are working with rounding and solving word problems. In Science, we will focus on learning the qualities and properties of water. The class enjoys conducting lab experiments! We will learn about communities in our area and throughout the world in Social Studies. Our class will also learn the rules of both capitalization and punctuation in Shurley English. We have also begun working on our class play! We will be ready to perform at the end of October. Please keep the third and fourth grade classroom in your prayers as we begin our school year!

Grades 5-6

Miss Birner

This month in 5th grade we will start a lot of new units. In Catechism we will learn about the Apostles' Creed and apply it to how we can praise and thank God. We will also learn about the Old Testament in Christ Light, specifically Abram and Lot.

In science, we will start to learn about mixtures and solutions. Students will mix together different substances then try to figure out how to separate them. Once we have learned this, we can start looking at some more complex chemical reactions!

In art this year, we are going through art history. Students will learn different styles of art that were used starting with cave art and ending with modern art. We are excited to see different cultures and artistic methods as we move forward through history.

New Playground

Thank you to the Kittell family for the memorial gift that was used to purchase new playground equipment for our families. We also thank everyone who helped with the installation and the placement of rubber mulch around the equipment. What a wonderful blessing for our families and the community!

Fall Play

The fall plays for the 4K-5K, 1-2, and 3-4 classrooms are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 21, at 10:00 a.m. and Friday, Oct. 22, at 7:00 p.m. Join us!

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!

New Uniforms

This year we purchased volleyball and basketball uniforms for our student-athletes. We thank Megan Fischer for the time spent working with the representatives of BSN in designing the uniforms and placing the order. Go Knights!

Grades 7-8

Mr. Muchka

Away we go into a brand new school year. The 7th & 8th graders are back in full swing after a long summer break. In Christ Light, the class learned about God's Word in our day-to-day lives. We are also digging deeper into knowing who we are and our identify in Christ. In Reading, we are focused on the elements of fiction and nonfiction. In Grammar, we are reviewing the parts of speech. Our focus in Mathematics this year will be solidifying our ability to compute with fractions, mixed numbers, and decimals. In Social Studies, we are looking at United States history. Currently we are studying the period of history after the Civil War known as Reconstruction. In Art this year, we will primarily focus on the elements and principles of art.

Wreath and Planter Sale

A fundraiser to support the ongoing costs of the athletic programs at MZLS will be held in partnership with Braun Acres. We will sell Christmas wreaths and planters. The order link and additional information can be found on the church website (mzluth.org) or MZLS Facebook page. Thanks in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please contact: Abbey Laabs, abbeymlaabs@gmail.com or Melissa Braun, Greenhouse Owner, melissarb03@yahoo.com / (920) 901-3342

Science Lab Update

Work continues on renovating the old computer lab which will be a new Science lab. Jeremy Wittig leads the project. We thank him and the many others who have volunteered time to give the room a facelift. We pray everything will be completed and ready for the 2022-2023 school year.

Athletics

The students at Morrison Zion are blessed to start the sports seasons! We began the year with volleyball and cross country. If you'd like to cheer on the Knights, game schedules can be picked up in the office, or you can check our online calendar. If you're looking for volunteer opportunities, our athletic program is always looking for coaches or extra help at home events. Please contact Katie Muchka if you'd like to get involved!

Repeat Performance Customer Appreciation Sale

Repeat Performance will have a Customer Appreciation/Anniversary Sale on Friday, Oct. 1 and Saturday, Oct. 2. Repeat will have 50% off the Entire Store. We will be open 9:00 - 1:00 both days. Repeat Performance is blessed to be able to support Manitowoc Lutheran High School with all the donations received and sales made. Thank you for your support of Repeat Performance. We hope to see you soon!

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Barnabas Ministry Begins Visits Again

In September the Barnabas Ministry met with those willing to begin personal visits again to encourage their brothers and sister in Christ to stay close to Jesus. Over 20 people were in attendance. Nearly 30 have agreed to serve. In the past few years, this has been the most encouraging thing I have seen in our ministry!

As of this writing we have over 740 members. We are averaging about 225 in worship and about 40 online each week. Those numbers are frightening to me. I am concerned some of our members will not be in heaven with me. Faith that is not fed by Word and sacrament is faith that is in danger. The enemies of our relationship with God do not take days off. They are always working to separate us from Jesus. Jesus has told us he will strengthen us in our faith through Word and sacrament.

The Barnabas ministry exists to encourage people to stay close to Jesus by making use of Word and sacrament. We seek to encourage, not shame or guilt people into being close to Jesus.

This is a pivotal time for our congregation. Please join me in praying that the Spirit opens the hearts of the people who our Barnabas ministry visits that they see the love their brothers and sisters have for them. Even more importantly, pray that God opens their eyes to see the love he has for them. Paul sums up my thoughts about our Barnabas ministers well in 2 Thessalonians 1:3: *We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.*