

# The Christian Light

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## Change of Direction

In your household, who is the one who always knows which way to go when you are driving? In our house it is positively, absolutely, without a doubt, Paula. She has the seemingly innate ability to know which direction we should be going, It doesn't matter if we have never driven through that area or not, more often than not she knows which way to turn. I, on the other hand, have the innate ability to turn the wrong way and get hopelessly lost.

In a sense I am the spiritual picture of everyone of us. We are spiritually lost. Not only are we lost, we are also spiritually dead. We can not turn toward God unless he works in us first. Thankfully his incredible love led him to reach out to us when we could not reach out to him.

Not only did Jesus come to the earth and live and die in our place, but he also sent the Holy Spirit to us through Word and sacrament. The Spirit led us to believe that what Jesus did for the world, he did for us personally. The Spirit gave us personal faith that Jesus is our Savior.

Jesus also promises to keep sending the Spirit through Word and Sacrament to keep us on the right path. He did this for his first disciples. He promised and then sent the Holy Spirit to empower

their ministry . On Pentecost he poured the Holy Spirit out on the disciples. The Spirit empowered these timid men to speak with a courage and conviction that was way beyond their own abilities.

God keeps us on the right path through Word and sacrament as well. Another tool he uses is Confession and Absolution. Confession and absolution were a major part of the first Pentecost. Peter showed the people their sin. The people were cut to the heart. They

pleaded for some kind of direction from Peter. Peter answered, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

Confession and absolution are a part of our weekly Sunday worship. In confession we admit we need God to turn us away from what our sins deserve. In

absolution we hear that God has taken away our sins through Jesus and we are now worthy to approach him and serve him.

This truth is proclaimed visually by the pastor when he stands away from the altar. When the words of forgiveness are spoken he then approaches the altar. God is the one who has turned the pastor and us around so that we are now worthy of entering his presence. Thank God that he does this work. If it were left to us we would certainly turn the wrong way. God not only has found us he continues to lead us!

**“ Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven...”**  
Acts 2:38



## Our Mission

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



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# Congregational News



## Leadership Team Notes

The Leadership Team (LT) reviewed progress on the work that is ongoing in the three areas of focus for this year. All plans are on track for the work we feel is most important.

The LT will begin a monthly Bible Study at our meetings in June.

The LT agreed to a date of June 4 for a farewell meal for Miss Holzhueter and Miss Birner. Linda Bruegge will oversee the farewell dinner for Miss Birner and Miss Holzhueter. If you wish to help, please contact Linda.

Gutters and gutter guards are have been installed at church.

Sandy Pantzlaff will step down from the church custodian position at the end of June. If you are interested in the position, please talk to Randy Loppnow.

The Geidels plan to move to Morrison on June 23. At this time we do not know what help may be needed.

Average worship attendance for in person worship in April was 385. The average for in person worship for the year is 268. Online worship averages 42. This comes to 41% of our membership worshipping in person or online in 2022. Please continue to encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to stay close to Jesus in Word and sacrament!

The LT was informed that the area outdoor service planned for June has been cancelled.

The LT granted Korey Kollman, Megan Schultz, and Paul Wegner a release of membership at their request. The LT granted Steve Pischke a transfer to St. Mark's DePere at his request.

The LT elected Randy Loppnow to President, Erv

Zeamer to Vice-president./secretary, Steve Laabs to Treasurer, Hans Herzog to Gather, and Kurt Voster to Grow. These roles will begin in July.

The Treasurer reported the following April balances:

Income	\$45,731
Expenses	\$93,780
Monthly balance	\$-48,049
Fiscal year to date balance	\$-4,395
Checkbook balance	\$12,906
Gen. reserve fund	\$201,156
DPI reserve fund	\$15,813
High School	\$895
fiscal year total	\$13,805
2021-22 fiscal goal	\$16,990
Synod Mission	\$3,870
Calendar year total	\$14,014
2022 goal	\$29,500

## Christian Baptism

On Saturday, May 1 Talia Kathryn Dahlke was baptized in 10:30 worship. Talia is the son of Nick and Kathy Dahlke. She was born on March 13, 2022. Please pray for God's blessings on Talia and her family!

## Thank You for Your Generosity!

On May 8 we had a door offering for Stan Nelson. Stan is the 30 year old son of Pastor Ken Nelson of Our Savior's, South Shore, SD. Members of our congregation have made two mission trips to South Shore to work on the church and parsonage there. Stan has recently been diagnosed with cancer and is making trips to Mayo in Rochester, MN. \$808 was given to support Stan. Thank you for your Christian generosity!

## Christian Wedding

On Saturday, May 7 Jesse doyen and Mikayla Bauman were married in a worship service at Trinity, Neenah officiated by Pastor Ott. Please pray for God's blessings on Jess and Mikayla in their married life!

## Outdoor Worship

We will worship outdoors (weather permitting) on

Thursday, June 30 (7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, July 24 (8:00 & 10:30 a.m.)

Sunday, August 28 (8:00 & 10:30 a.m.).

Join us and bring a friend!

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

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** is studying *Ten Lies about God*. The remaining lessons are: 8. God is distant and disinterested in what happens. 9. I don't need the Bible of worship to have a relationship with God. 10. God doesn't judge anyone, and neither should you. We meet in the church basement at 9:15 a.m. We will not meet on June 5, July 3, and 10.

**Commons Bible Study** We will continue to look at the *Partnering in the Gospel* seminar in the School Commons. This longer seminar will be broken into smaller sections. We hope some who are not able to join on Saturdays can join us on Sunday mornings.

**Sunday School** will not meet over summer. Please speak to Pastor Enderle if you have interest in helping this fall. Thank you to Emma Otto, Chelsea Scheider, Ashley Sundin, and Jen Enderle for helping teach this Winter-Spring session.

**Sunday Night Book Discussion** In June we will continue discussing *Joyfully Aging*. We meet at Nickel Funeral Home at 7:00 p.m. Please park in the triangle in front of the funeral home and enter through the glass door. We will not meet June 5, July 3, and 10.

**New Life in Christ Class** We were unable to find a time to get everyone together for a class this Summer. We plan to try again in Fall. Contact Pastor Ott if you are interested in this review of basic Bible teachings.

**Men's Study** will meet on June 13 and 27 for time in the Word. Meet us in the church basement or at the fire pit as we grow in the Word.

**Women's Study** will break for the month of June. Look for future announcements for a special bible study and get together over the Summer. Contact Jen Enderle (920)372-3818 for any questions and future suggestions.

**Partnering in the Gospel** seminar with lunch will be June 25, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This is a one lesson seminar. We will discuss topics like membership, evangelism, the means of grace, discipleship, spiritual gifts and much more. Lunch is provided along with babysitting. We hope to have every member of the congregation go through this seminar. We will repeat the seminar on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. Join us!

**English as a Second Language** English as a Second Language will meet June 8 and 22. We meet on at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. New volunteers are welcomed!

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

June 2-6	Tough questions Part 3	June 17-21	Building a Godly Life
June 7-11	Joseph	June 22-26	Questions About God
June 12-16	Patience	June 27-July 1	God's Unfailing Love

**Youth Group** will not meet regularly over summer. Look for special events held by Morrison Zion or Immanuel Shirley.

**Barnabas Ministry** began in May. We will contact those not in worship in person or online in four weeks. Our next Barnabas Ministry Training will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14 in the commons. Please read through the handout on Simple Law gospel Presentations.

**Rooted** Join us Friday, June 10 and June 24 at the parsonage for Bible Study, games and bonfire if the weather is nice. We hope those in their 20s and 30s can join us! You are welcome to join us for pizza beginning at 6:00 pm with Bible Study to follow. If you have kids, they are welcome to join and watch a movie and play while we study and play games. Contact Pastor Enderle with any questions.

## Worship In June

## Notes on Worship

Live stream is Sunday morning worship at 8:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook The service is available at any time after that as well. Our page is [www.youtube.com/c/morrisonzionlutheran](http://www.youtube.com/c/morrisonzionlutheran). Share the link with a friend! Resources for worship and an online friendship and communion register are at [www.mzluth.org/online](http://www.mzluth.org/online) worship. The online register has been simplified. You may also register by texting 920-362-7118. or 920-949-1038.

In June we celebrate the third major festival of the church year: Pentecost. God pours out the Spirit on his church to empower her to proclaim the gospel! We begin the Sundays after Pentecost with the minor Festival of Trinity Sunday. On that day we begin a series on *The believer has faith...* The themes of each service are:

June 2/5	Festival of Pentecost	<b>The Spirit Empowers the Church</b>	red
	Sermon: Acts 2:1-21	Hymns: GR, 176, 181, 281:3	communion
		<b>The Believer has Faith..</b>	
June 9/12	Trinity Sunday	<b>...that trusts in the one true God</b>	white
	Sermon: 1 John 5:5-12	Hymns: 195, 177, 429, 193:4	communion
June 16/19	Pent.2	<b>..that trusts in God's great power</b>	green
	Sermon: James 1:2-12	Hymns: 395, 190, 391:6	
June 23/26	Pent. 3	<b>...that trusts in God—even in the face of death</b>	green
	Sermon: Philippians 1:18b-26	Hymns: 404, 413, 415, 414:3-4	communion
6/30&7/3	Pent. 4	<b>...that trusts in God after repentance</b>	green
	Sermon: Guest Pastor	Hymns 385, 479, 619	outdoor on Thursday

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 members serving in June: Diane and Sally Suchomel

## Thank You Choir and Band!

Thank you to our choir and band members for all of their time and dedication to using their gifts to beautify our worship services. A special thanks to the parents who brought their children so that they could be a part of our band. Your time is appreciated as well. If anyone would like to help out musically in a worship service please feel free to contact Mrs. Kuchenbecker to pick music and to set a date for this special service to the Lord.

## Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School July 12-14. This year's theme will be *Jerusalem Marketplace*. The event is free and open to all children age 3 (potty-trained) through children entering grade 6. Invite your neighbors and friends to be a part of this opportunity to learn more about our Savior! Find the link at [mzluth.org](http://mzluth.org).

## Ledgestone Family Days

Join the Enderles and other Morrison Zion families on Sunday, June 5 at 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m. at Ledgestone Vineyard in Greenleaf. Ledgestone offers free concerts and a large green space for kids. During intermission we will have a devotion. This event is weather permitting and subject to change.

## Wednesdays at the River

Come to the River Coffee Shop in Wrightstown on Wednesday, June 8 & 22, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for coffee or lunch with Pastor Enderle and other members. There will be a devotion at 11:00 and a short Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. Often on Sunday mornings Pastor Enderle is running the live-stream, preaching or leading a Bible Study, and specifically looking for those people might be at church for the first time, which limits his availability to connect with many people in meaningful ways.

## Food Pantry

The Food Pantry continues to be a blessing to our community. It is very fulfilling to witness the good work being done every month. We served 26 families in May. They received lots of fresh produce this time through someone using their Thrivent card to purchase it. We also had a few new faces volunteering this month. Many hands make light the work. It's also a chance to get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ. One volunteer we are still looking for is a person who is fluent in Spanish to help with the check-in process. We already have one person doing this, but another person would be helpful. It would only be for a few hours on Saturday mornings. If you're available to help in anyway, please join us. Our next giveaways will be Saturday, June 4 and Monday June 13. We switched Monday to accommodate the floors being waxed. Please share this information with anyone needing assistance along with the Food Pantry phone number. 920-246-5435. You may also speak with Linda Bruegge or Pam Mueller. We also want to share good news. We applied and will be receiving a grant from Brown County. We will use this funding to purchase some much needed equipment and update the Food Pantry. We will need additional volunteers when we are ready to proceed this summer. Please continue to pray and support the Food pantry.

## Morrison Marketplace

Join us on June 12 for the next Morrison Market (11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) in in the school parking lot. If you would like to be a vendor, crafter, farmer's market vendor, etc., please contact Alicia Stevenson 366-0523. The market will also be held the second Sunday of August, September and October.

As part of the Morrison Market there will be a bake sale. Tamara Schultz will be helping run the bake sale in June. Donations for the bake sale will go to our Called Worker Care Fund. Please bring your baked goods on Sunday morning or contact Tamara with questions 619-5789.

At the June Marker there will be a table for Thai Village, an organization that employs Thai artisans and sells crafts to support mission work in Thailand. You can learn more about this group started by WELS members at [thaiivillage.org](http://thaiivillage.org)

## Soup for Souls

The Soup for Souls meals have been restocked and available for anyone to take to share the love of Jesus with others. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped pass out snack bags last month after worship. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## Scrip

For June, July, and August if you would like Scrip please contact Danielle Ripp by phone (920-621-3192), email [dani.pues27@gmail.com](mailto:dani.pues27@gmail.com), or place an order in her mailbox at church and leave a message on her phone that you have an order in her mailbox. You can also drop an order off at the office anytime and Nancy will contact her that there is an order at in the box at school. Please continue to support this program that supports tuition at school and the church.

## Taste of Missions

If you are interested to learn about home and world missions, go to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon on June 11 for Taste of Missions. There will be food from around the world and missionaries to meet. Go to <https://wels.net/event/taste-of-missions-2022/> for more information and to register.

## Online Church Directory

We have new members since our last directory. To help us know each other there is a new online directory ([members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com)) Go there and create a login using your email address. If you can't access the directory, email [james.enderle@mzls.org](mailto:james.enderle@mzls.org) You can update your information and upload a new family picture. This directory is secure and private, just for our members. You may receive some emails from Instant Church Directory on how to access and update your information. Go to Facebook for videos demonstrating functions of the directory.

## School News

### 4K-5K

Miss Holzhueter

And that's a wrap for the 2021-2022 school year! God has blessed 4K and 5K with an amazing school year I am proud of all that my 10 students have accomplished socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually. As I transition out, I pray for continued blessings on the people of Morrison Zion. These past 6 years have been a tremendous blessing, and I will leave with great memories from a wonderful school and church family. Thank you for supporting my ministry and keeping me in your prayers. God's blessings to you all this summer!

### Grades 3-4

Mrs. Muchka

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers throughout the school year! We pray that everyone has a safe and relaxing summer!

### Grades 5-6

Miss Birner

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

I would also like to thank everyone for making my experience teaching here the last two years so wonderful. I feel truly blessed to have served here at Morrison and am so grateful for the love and support I received while here. I pray for God's continued support of the school and church as you serve Him and spread his Gospel message.

### Grades 1-2

Mrs. 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 visited the Barlow Planetarium and enjoyed learning about the movements of our world in space and learning about constellations. We had a fabulous trip to 1000 Island Nature Center! God blessed us with perfect weather to explore the nature trails, look for bugs and enjoy both indoor and outdoor scavenger hunts. We made balloon rockets, kites and had fun with bubbles as we learned about the air around us in science. To finish our year, we ended with a bang. Each week the children worked to read 10 or more books each to earn a prize hidden inside a balloon. There was a lot of excitement as we popped the balloons to find out the prize for that week! As our year comes to a close we want to thank everyone for their prayers and support. A special thanks to our microwave moms, class helpers, book report listeners, guest readers, class trip drivers and everyone else involved in our classroom. We are truly blessed! Have a super summer!

### Grades 7-8

Mr. Muchka

What an amazing school year we had this year! We were 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. Thank you for your support and encouragement! You are a true 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 richest blessings on your summer. See many of you back again next school year!

### Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to our graduating Class of 2022: Bryce Dobberpuhl, McKayla Mathies, Isaiah Muchka, Sabrina Schmidt, Trenton Schuettpelz, Andrew Wegner, Seth Wittig, Brylie Zirbel, and Joshua Zirbel. These individuals graduated on Wednesday, May 25. Their passage is 2 Timothy 4:17a. Their song is "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight". Their color is blue and their flower is a carnation.

## Thank You!

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

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, and other family members who came in to correct papers for the teachers.

Thank you to Bonnie Evenson for coming in to read to the 1st - 6th graders.

Thank you to Abbey Laabs for leading the Hot Lunch program this year. Thank you to all the other helpers who assisted our tremendous Hot Lunch program.

Thank you to Jen Enderle for leading the Fun Day program. Thank you to Chelsea Scheider for assisting.

Thank you to all of our mothers who helped the 1st and 2nd graders with Microwave Mondays.

Thank you to everyone who applied for Thrivent Action Teams which tremendously benefited our church and school.

Thank you to the many parents that help drive and chaperone field trips. This could not be done without you.

Thank you to anyone and anything we may have missed. All your time and donations are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Morrison Zion Athletics Spring flower fundraiser! The funds that were raised will support the ongoing costs of our athletic programs. Thank you for your continued support!

## School Enrollment

School registration paperwork can be dropped off between Wednesday, July 27, and Wednesday, August 3. Registration packets will be in the church basement mid-July. School supplies can be dropped off at school on Sunday, August 21. Please contact Mrs. Pantzlaff or Mr. Muchka if special arrangements need to be made. Next year we are anticipating 72 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 anytime during the summer!

## 2022-23 School Year

The 2022-2023 school year will begin Wednesday, Aug. 24 for 5K- 8. The first day for the 4K students will be Tuesday, Aug. 30. The final day of school is Friday, May 26, 2023.

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**Farewell Meal**

On Sunday, June 5 after late worship we will have a farewell dinner for Miss Holzhueter and Miss Birner. Miss Holzhueter will continue her ministry in the shadow of Red Wing hockey at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Livonia, Michigan. Miss Birner will get married this summer and move to the Lake Mills area. Please join us in thanking the Lord for their service among us! Join us in the gym for a meal!

**Pastor Ott Surgery**

Pastor Ott announced after worship the week of May 15 that he will have surgery to remove a kidney on June 29. Tests revealed a tumor about the size of a baseball in his kidney. The doctors feel it is cancer because of the size and appearance of the tumor. Even if it is not, the kidney needs to be removed because of the size of the tumor. Pastor Ott's son, Wes, will be married on June 3. June 29 is the first date available for surgery after the wedding.

Pastor Ott will need at least two weeks for recovery after surgery. If you need pastoral care or have questions or concerns about our ministry the first 2 weeks of July, please contact Pastor Enderle. Thank you!