

# The Christian Light

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## Why Worship? We Come to Listen

Some studies have suggested that the average American hears or sees over 3,000 ads every day. These ads cover everything from soup to nuts. They are often loud, sometimes funny, and often just plain mind-numbing.

In all those messages that you are bombarded with day after day after day, there is one topic that rarely comes up—Jesus. The news doesn't talk about him or his church, unless there is a scandal somewhere.

When you do find messages that the world proclaims about Jesus they have little to do with what he says about himself. The History Channel is of no use if you want to meet Jesus as he reveals himself in the Bible. Their scholars tell you how the Bible is a book of men, not of God.

This truth highlights one reason why we gather together to worship our Lord. We come to listen. As his sheep, we long to hear the voice of our Good Shepherd. You won't find it on The View. You won't hear it on "Green Bay's Oldies Station." You will hear it as you sit quietly and listen at worship. At worship we leave behind the blaring political commercials. We step away from the din of our busy schedules and we sit quietly and wait. We wait for someone to read the Scripture to us and then comment on it.

Sure, we can do this on our own. God's will certainly is that we find

time daily to do that. But when we don't make time to gather with others we often begin to forget the message of God's love for us in Christ. There are so many competing demands on our time and attention we easily get distracted. We begin to forget. We drift away.

When we don't make time to listen at worship we can easily begin to imagine what God says instead of listen to him. We want him to say our sin is not really a sin. We want him to say it is the other guy's fault, not ours. If we don't listen closely to his voice, we begin to believe our imagination. We drift away from the Spirit and into ourselves.

When we come to listen to God regularly at worship, however, we allow the voice of the Good Shepherd to guide us as his sheep. We listen to his correction. We hear the message of his forgiveness. We go out to face the week with a

deepened love and trust in our Good Shepherd. We bend our thinking to his. That shapes and forms us so we can recognize the lies of the devil and the world around us. We get better at picking out the voice of the Good Shepherd. We then reject the voice of any false shepherd. Worship keeps us connected to the Good Shepherd. In that connection is eternal life!



*Psalm 48:9  
Within your temple,  
O God, we meditate on  
your unfailing love.*



### 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) studied No Favoritism based on Acts 10 at its June meeting.

We reviewed the work on our focuses for the year. All things are on track.

No one has stepped forward to serve as the church custodian. This position takes about 6 hours a week. We will look into options to have a clean church building.

The installation of our new teachers, Jake and Hilary Geidel, will be in late worship on Sunday, July 17. We will have ice cream after worship.

The Geidels will move into their new home on Thursday, June 23. We will line up help for them. People will be encouraged to bring welcome gifts of food or supplies on that day.

Pastor Jim Aderman will be our guest preacher on Thursday, June 30 and Sunday July

3. Pastor Ott will be recovering from surgery and Pastor Enderle will be at the Youth Rally. Pastor Aderman is the executive director of 316NOW. He will give a presentation on their ministry in the church as Bible Class on July 3.

Average worship attendance for in person worship in April was 385. The average for in person worship for the year is 264.

Online worship averages 35. This comes to 40% 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 will be installed in late worship on Sunday, June 26. Terms for elected and appointed offices run from July to June each year.

The Treasurer reported the following May balances:

Income	\$100,760
Expenses	\$61,053
Monthly balance	\$39,706
Fiscal year to date balance	\$-12,662
Checkbook balance	\$57,040
Gen. reserve fund	\$201,191
DPI reserve fund	\$15,815
High School	\$2,245
fiscal year total	\$16,050
2021-22 fiscal goal	\$16,990
Synod Mission	\$5,470
Calendar year total	\$19,484
2022 goal	\$29,500

The LT will meet a week later than usual in July. We will meet Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. The Barnabas ministry meeting will be moved to July 19 as well.

## Christian Baptisms

On Sunday, May 29 Oliver Ronald Wagner was baptized in worship. Oliver is the son of Kristian and April Wagner. He was born on May 2, 2022.

On Sunday, June 5 Gatlin Richard Kocian was baptized in worship. Gatlin is the son of Todd and Rachel Kocian. He was born on May 18, 2022.

Please pray for God's blessings on Oliver and Gatlin and their families!

## Christian Weddings

On Saturday, June 11 Jonathan Otto and Madelyn Kutz were married in a service at Morrison Zion officiated by Pastor Ott.

On Saturday, June 18 Brian Stanelle and Julie Flenz were married in a service at Morrison Zion officiated by Pastor Enderle.

On Saturday, June 18 Dezarae Wiedow and Timothy Alberts were married in a service at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens officiated by Pastor Ott.

Please pray for God's blessings on the Ottos, Stanelles, and the Alberts as they begin their married life!

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

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** On July 3 Pastor Aderman will present the ministry of 316NOW in church as our Bible Class. 316NOW seeks to bring the gospel to Chinese people by equipping Chinese Christian leaders. On July 10, 17, and 24, Pastor Enderle will offer the Partnering in the Gospel seminar in the basement study. We will discuss topics like membership, evangelism, the means of grace, spiritual gifts, discipleship, and much more. Join us!

**Commons Bible Study** will not meet this month.

**Sunday Night Book Discussion** 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 at least the first two weeks of July. We will meet again when Pastor Ott is able to lead the class. Watch the announcements for updates on when this might be.

**Men's Study** will meet on July 11 and 25 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** 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 July 23, 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 July 6 and 20. 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!

July 2-5	Tough Questions Part 4	July 18-22	God's Imperfect People
July 6-12	Winning the War in your Mind	July 23-30	Lessons from 2 Chronicles
July 13-17	You'll be Okay	July 31-Aug. 2	James

**Youth Group** will have a series of bonfire and bible studies this summer called *Recharged for Life: Forgiveness, Faith, and Service*. Join us Saturday, July 9 at Morrison Zion, 6:00-9:00 p.m. for hotdogs, s'mores, outdoor games and more. Mark your calendars for August 6 for the last bonfire of the summer.

**Rooted** Join us Friday, July 8 and 22 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 p.m. 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.

**Wednesdays at the River** Come to the River Coffee Shop in Wrightstown on Wednesday July 6 and 20, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for coffee or lunch with Pastor Enderle and other members from Morrison Zion. There will be a devotion at 11:00. and a short Bible Study at 1:00. 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.

## Worship In July

### 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.

We begin July with a special mission emphasis on July 30. Pastor Jim Aderman, the executive director of 316NOW will be our guest pastor. The week of July 10 we begin a series on *The believer Follows Christ...* The themes of each service are:

6/30&7/3 Pent. 4 **The Believer has Faith that God works through his people** green  
Sermon: Acts 1:7-11 Hymns: 250, 557, 619

### The Believer Follows Christ

July 7/10 Pent. 5 **Followers of Christ expect persecution** green  
Sermon: Hebrews 11:24-26 Hymns: 392, 536, 466, 403 communion

July 14/17 Pent.6..**Followers of Christ understand the call for total commitment** green  
Sermon: 2 Cor. 11:21b-30 Hymns: 463, 465, 770:1

July 21/24 Pent. 7 **Followers of Christ support kingdom work** green  
Sermon: Philippians 4:10-20 Hymns: 530, 570, 544, 518:1-4 outdoor communion

July 28/31 Pent. 8 **Followers of Christ love their neighbor** green  
Sermon: Romans 12:9-221 Hymns 499, 456, 348:2

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 July: Richard Tisler and Dawn Vaughn

## Geidel Installation

Installation of the Geidels will be in late worship on July 17. Join us for worship and welcome them with refreshments after worship!

## Barnabas Ministry

Since we began in began in May there have been 239 members who have not been in worship for 4 weeks. Our ministry has reached out to these members and 146 of those people have been at worship since being on the 4 week list. This is 61% of those contacted! We thank God for his work through our ministry! Our next Barnabas Ministry Training will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19 in the commons. Please note this is a different date than we set at out last meeting.

## Outdoor Worship

We will worship outdoors (weather permitting) at both services on Sunday, July 24 and Sunday, August 28. Join us and bring a friend!

## Ledgestone Family Days

Join the Enderles and other families from Morrison Zion on Saturday, July 17 at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday July 23 at 3:00 p.m. for free music at Ledgestone Vineyard in Greenleaf. Ledgestone offers free concerts and a large green space for kids to run around and have fun. During intermission we will have a devotion. This event is weather permitting and time subject to change depending on Ledgestone's schedule.

## Food Pantry

We served 29 families in June, most of which come Saturday morning. We could use more volunteers on Saturday mornings. Please consider helping just one month for 3 hours and see what we do. You can contact Pam Mueller, Linda Bruegge or Pastor Enderle if available to volunteer. You can also use the food pantry phone number or give the phone number to anyone in need of groceries. The Pantry number is (920) 246-5435. Items always needed are canned fruit, juice, cereal, pasta, rice tuna, snack items, baking items, shampoo, toothpaste, an toilet paper.

## Soup for Souls

The Soup for Souls are available at school and church. Don't forget to take a card to share an encouraging message of Jesus' love with others. *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.* Matthew 11:28-30

## 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).

## Online Church Directory

Go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and create a login using your email address. If you can't access the directory, you can message [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.

## Scrip

In July and August order Scrip by contacting 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. BP gift cards are back in stock! They are now able to be used at BP or Amoco. Please continue to support this program that supports tuition at school and the church.

## Enderle Vacation

Pastor Enderle and his family will be on vacation from July 26 through August 10.

## MZLC Pens

Pens and stickers are available at church and school. These are free for you to take home to use and to share with friends and family.

## Youth Rally

Thank you to everyone who attended the Youth Rally in Tennessee. It was a blessing to be together with many other young Christians. Thank you also to all the support of family and friends and the Zion congregation in encouraging our Youth Group members!

## Morrison Marketplace

Join us for the next Morrison Market on August 14, 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 September and October. Thank you to everyone who has been involved and attended in the past.

## School News

### School Registration

Registration materials can be found online at the church and school website. If you need paper copies, please contact Mrs. Nancy Pantzlaff to make arrangements for pickup. Registration papers can be dropped off at the school office between Wednesday, July 27 and Wednesday, August 3.

### School Enrollment

As of today, our enrollment stands at 72 students for the next school year. If you know of someone you work with, live close to, or anyone else who might be interested in Christian education, please have them contact Mr. Muchka. He will be more than willing to sit down with them to discuss our school mission and give them a tour. You are the best promoters of our school!

### Youth Group Activities 2022-2023

Mark your calendars and join us.

July 9th from 6-9pm	Bible Study/Bonfire/Outside Games	Morrison Zion
August 6th from 6-9pm	Bible Study/Bonfire/Outside Games	Stein Home
September 17th from 6-9pm	Welcome 8th graders/Team Building	Immanuel Shirley
September 25th from 3pm-?	Packer Game	Morrison Zion
October 22 from 4:30pm-?	Pizza/Gym then Corn Maze	Morrison Zion
November 12th	Community Baking for shut ins	Morrison Zion
December 10th	Babysitting	Morrison Zion
January 21st	Roller Skating	TBD
February 18th	Babysitting/Couples Dinner	Morrison/Immanuel
March 4th	Movie Night	Immanuel Shirley
March 24th -25th	Blindmans Volleyball	Morrison
March 26th	Pancake Porkie Breakfast	Morrison
April 22nd	Badger Sports Park	



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**Installation**

On Sunday, July 7 Jake and Hilary Geidel will be installed in late worship as our new 5th-6th grade teacher and 4K-5K teacher. Join us in worship and welcome the Geidels afterwards as we enjoy ice cream treats!

**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, was 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!