

# The Christian Light

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## Prepare to Proclaim

*"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*

**1 Peter 2:9**

If someone told you that the sun rises in the west, what would you say? If someone told you that fire does not burn, what would you say? If someone told you that ice is not cold, what would you say? If someone told you that sharing the gospel is not your task, what would you say?

Quite clearly, God has told each Christian to proclaim his praises. He also says that we are to always be ready to give an answer for the hope that we have. He tells us to be his witnesses. And then there is the Great Commission. Notice that it is the "Great Commission" not the "great suggestion." He says, "Go, make disciples, baptize, teach." This is undeniable truth from the Holy Spirit.

Last month we shared one way to share Jesus with others. This month here is another approach for you to consider:

**When witnessing remember the three R's of outreach!**

**RUINED** - Sin has ruined our lives and the lives around us. The evidence is all around us. "Ruined" brings to mind the words of **Romans 3:23** *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* Our efforts to save ourselves are futile.

**REDEEMED** - We have been redeemed through the blood of Jesus. God's righteous justice has been satisfied by Jesus' death. **John 3:16** *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

**RENEWED** - Such God-given faith in Jesus changes our whole life. We see life God's way and in thankfulness want to live for Him. We are renewed by the Holy Spirit. There is new joy amid the old, depressing problems. There is new strength to cope with old headaches and temptations. The fruit of the Spirit are many and varied. Some are listed in **Galatians 5:22,23**

**But what do I say when they say ...**

*"I've always found churches so cold. I get the impression that no one cares whether I'm there or not."*

**Remember this verse . . .**

**Luke 15:10** *"There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

**And say . . .**

"God has a personal interest in your soul. The angels of heaven rejoice when you trust Jesus as your Savior. Our congregation is also vitally interested in your spiritual welfare, but unfortunately, at times we don't express this love as perfectly as we should. We ask you to forgive these human failings and take the fact that we are here inviting you as proof that this congregation is interested in you."



## 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) continued a study on Christian Leadership at its September meeting. We looked at *The Nature of Biblical Leadership*.

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

The LT discussed the Barnabas ministry which met immediately before our meeting. The work of this ministry is being blessed by God. We have seen many people return to worship. We are behind the timeline laid out in our plan for this ministry. We decided to patiently continue our work even if we fall behind. The elders will let the ministers know when to make their follow-up visit. We need more men willing to serve as elders in this ministry.

The LT also approved appointing Zach Ripp to the vol-

unteer position of Facility Manager/Project Manager.

The LT discussed a quote for a new well from Ground Source of slightly over \$21,000. The grant discussed in August will not be available for our situation.

Average worship attendance for in person worship in August was 239. This is an increase of over 10% from August 2021 and an over 10% increase from July 2022. Perhaps this is the evidence of the work of our Barnabas ministry. The average for in person worship for the year is 252. Please continue to encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to stay close to Jesus in Word and sacrament!

The Treasurer reported the following August and Fiscal Year End balances:

Income	\$87,420
Expenses	\$64,261

Monthly balance	\$23,158
Fiscal year to date balance	\$-30,973
Checkbook balance	\$38,612
Gen. reserve fund	\$176,295
DPI reserve fund	\$15,819
High School	\$2,025
Fiscal year total	\$3,55
2022-23 fiscal goal	\$17,500
Synod Mission	\$3,010
Calendar year total	\$21,000
2022 goal	\$29,500

The LT moved is regular date or meetings from the 2nd Tuesday to the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our next Meeting will be Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. Barnabas Ministry Elders will meet at 6:00 p.m. at school the same day.

## Baptisms

On Sunday, Sept. 4 Hazel Jillian Stephani, the daughter of Jake and Aimee Stephani, was baptized. Hazel was born on August 4, 2022.

On Sunday, Sept. 25 Cameron Scott Lemke, the son of Russell and Andrea Lemke, was baptized. Cameron was born on Sept. 16, 2022.

Please pray for God's blessings on Hazel, Cameron, and their families!

## Weddings

On Saturday, Aug. 27 Luis Gamboa and Leah Voster were united in Christian marriage at Morrison Zion. Pray for God's blessings as they begin their married life!

On Sunday, Aug. 28 Brittany Van Rossum and Jesus Mendozalopez affirmed their vows in a worship service at Zion. Brittany and Mendo were married on Jan. 8 in a civil service in San Diego. Pray for God's blessings on their married life!

## Funerals

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call the souls of a number of our members to their eternal home in the past months. Pray for God's comfort on all who mourn!

Karl Ihlenfeldt died July 22. His Christian funeral was at Zion on July 26

Margaret Wendt died on July 30. Her Christian funeral was at Zion on July 27.

Aggie Blauert died Sept. 13. Her Christian funeral was at Zion on Sept. 24.

James Blashka died Sept. 15. His Christian funeral was at Zion on Sept. 20.

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

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** In October we will conclude the study *In Season & Out of Season: Confidently share Jesus wherever and wherever God has planted you*. God has called you to always be ready to give an answer for the hope in Christ that you have. This study will prepare to share Jesus. Join us so that you can be a part of *Bringing more Jesus to More People More Often!* On Sunday, Oct. 9 we will begin a new study: Christian Freedom In this study, we look into many aspects of our freedom in Christ, discussing both the scriptural teachings and various freedoms that are not defined in the Bible. The lessons are: Freedom Declared; Freedom From the Law; Freedom From Slavery; Freedom for Service; Freedom in the Church; and Freedom for Daily Living

**Commons Bible Study** will look at *Everything New – Genesis* on Sundays at 9:15 am in the school commons in October. This study consists of 8 lessons focusing on some of the key points of Christianity through highlights of the book of Genesis. Join us!

**Sunday Night Book Discussion** We will continue to discuss *Has American Christianity Failed?* 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.

**New Life in Christ Class** meets Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us to review basic Bible teachings or to explore joining our congregation!

**Men's Study** will meet on Oct. 3 and 31 for time in the Word. Meet us in the church basement as we grow in the Word.

**Women's Study** will meet Oct. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Delores Griepentrog's home. We will study Daniel 3. Please bring your bible and invite a friend to join us. We will also meet on Nov. 19 at 9:30 a.m., location TBD. Any questions contact Jen Enderle at 920-372-3818

**Partnering in the Gospel** Join us Oct. 22 for this class we want every member (new and old) to attend. It meets on the fourth Saturday of each month, 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Join us when it works for you! We will discuss topics like membership, evangelism, the means of grace, discipleship, spiritual gifts and much more. Lunch is provided along with babysitting for those who need it. Please consider attending this seminar!

**English as a Second Language** English as a Second Language will meet Oct. 5 and 19. We meet at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement or pavilion. New volunteers are welcomed!

**Bible Reading Plan** This month for the Bible Reading Plan we are focused on one reading plan. Go to [mzluth.org](http://mzluth.org) or our Facebook page to join. Contact Pastor Enderle with any questions. Please join us in as we grow in God's Word together! Sept. 17 – Nov. 1: Tough and Tender – A Study of Peter, John and Jude

**Living Water Small Groups** Morrison Zion would like to start small groups again. If you would be interested in hosting a small group Bible Study at your house or helping facilitate a study please speak to Pastor Enderle. A few people have already responded with interest in helping.

**Jonah Online Bible Study** Pastor Enderle and Pastor Ruddat from Immanuel Shirley host an online Bible Study together on Wednesday nights at 8:00 p.m. We will finish this study in the beginning of October, but the class will remain online. Use this resource at your convenience.

**Sunday School** Sunday School has begun! If your child has not yet attended he/she is still invited to join. Sunday School is for children ages 3 (already potty trained) through sixth grade. Sunday School is held at 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Morrison Zion School. If you are willing to teach or help, contact Jen Enderle 920-372-3818 or [jen.enderle@Outlook.com](mailto:jen.enderle@Outlook.com)

## Worship In October

### 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 October our worship series is *The believer grows in Christian character* The themes are:

### The Believer Grows in Christian Character

Sept. 29/Oct.2	Pent. 17	<b>Christians love the lost like Christ</b>	green
	Sermon: Luke 15:1-10	Hymns: 569, 304, 263:3	
Oct. 6/9	Pent. 18	<b>Christians have a right relationship with worldly wealth</b>	green
	Sermon: Luke 16:1-13	Hymns: 484, 421, 457, 125:3,4	communion
Sept. 13/16	Pent. 19	<b>Christians find real wealth in heavenly treasure</b>	green
	Sermon: Luke 16:19-31	Hymns: 477, 190, 745	
Sept. 20/23	Pent. 20	<b>Christians do their duty</b>	green
	Sermon: Luke 17:1-10	Hymns: 459, 181, 404, 444:4	communion

Consider using the hymns, readings and the sermon text as a personal or family devotion some-time before you join us at worship or online!

Altar Committee member serving in October: Kaitlyn Kuchenbecker

## Join Choir

We know you're out there! Haven't you wondered even a tiny bit if you would enjoy singing in the choir? Now is a perfect time to find out. We rehearse each Wednesday, in the church balcony at 7:00 p.m. We're preparing music for Sunday worship and for an Advent/Christmas concert on Dec. 18. Come and join us even just once to see what you're missing.

## Church Band

Let's do this! I know there are lots and lots of instrumentalists reading this! It's time to get together to prepare for praising God in worship. We need you all—from grade school students to rusty or not rusty adult players. We will have rehearsals on Monday, Oct. 10, 17, and 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the school basement. Please contact Mrs. Kuchenbecker if you have any questions or suggestions for other rehearsal options. Spread the word. Hope to see you there!

## Slides/Streaming Help Needed

Can you help with slides during worship? We would like to train 10 more people on how to run slides during worship. Speak to Pastor Enderle before or after worship if you are interested.

We would like to train 5 more people on how to livestream. Please talk to Pastor Enderle if you are interested. You can observe and learn for several weeks. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church to sign up for times for training.

## College Addresses

If you know of college students away from home this year, please share information concerning their new address so that they can receive updates from our church and also be connected with local campus ministries.

## Online 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.

## Food Pantry

The Food Pantry served 28 families on Sept 3. Our numbers are back to normal. The families received pork chops, string cheese, Spinach, fresh orange juice, and had their choice between several fresh fruit and vegetable options. This went over well, as they choose what they would prefer instead of giving the same items to everyone. They also received the usual items of toilet paper, soap, shampoo, canned food, cereal, pasta etc.

We have continued to spend the Grant funding from Brown County. We purchased 8 new tables, 6 stock-picker carts, 2 rolling carts, boxes, and some shelving units for the kitchen. Our new expanded area has been freshly painted. The electrical work has been mostly completed and the new appliances are operating now. Our next giveaway will be Saturday, Oct. 1, 7:00– 9:30 a.m. If anyone would like to help we would love to see you. If you know anyone that needs assistance please have them call the food pantry phone # 920-246-5435. You may also contact Pastor Enderle, Linda Bruegge, or Pam Mueller. Please continue to pray for and support our Food Pantry. Thank-you.

## Youth Group

Youth Group will meet on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in October. On Saturday, Oct. 22 when we will go to a corn maze! Invite your friends to all of these activities and studies! Zion members are also welcome to join with Immanuel Shirley for studies on Saturday Oct. 1 and 15 at 7:00 p.m.

## Morrison Marketplace News

Join us for the next Morrison Market on Oct. 9, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the school parking lot or gym if the weather is bad. If you would like to be a vendor, crafter, etc., please contact Alicia Stevenson 366-0523. Thank you to everyone who has been involved and attended in the past.

There will be a bake sale for the final Morrison Market on Oct. 9. Please drop off your items in the morning.

During the Morrison Market, there will also be a display for Thai Village. Stop by and pick up gifts for Christmas. More Christmas items like ornaments will be available. A similar display was available in June when \$351 were raised for this gospel mission program. For more information go to <https://thai-village.org/>

## Scrip

If you would like to order 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 has been dropped off at school.

Walgreen gift cards are temporarily unavailable.

Please consider using this program. It supports our congregation. If you are a family that is in school choice please consider using this program and giving what you earn to another family in school or to the church which supports the students and teachers.

## Soup for Souls

*We love because he first loved us.* (John 4:19) Show Christ's love to a friend, neighbor, or relative and take them a Soup for Souls meal. The meals are free and conveniently located in the freezers at school or church. Don't forget to take a card that shares a loving message when you deliver the meal. Thank you for continuing to support and use this ministry tool!

## Blanket Drive

Please help give the gift of warmth to our friends who visit the Morrison Zion Food Pantry. We will collect new blankets to give out at our Dec. 3 Food Pantry. Any donations can be brought to church or school during October or November. Donations can be placed in the food pantry carts. These blankets will be a great help during the cold months ahead. Thank you for your help!

## Can You Help?

The Enderle family is looking for child care help occasionally with Eli (1 year old) and Onycha (3 years old). If you are interested or have questions, contact Jen Enderle 920-372-3818. Thanks!

## School News

### 4K-5K

Mrs. Geidel

4K and 5K are off to a great start. We are learning our routines and having lots of fun. This month 4K will continue to learn their letters. They will learn C, D, E, and F. In math we will learn about sorting different objects. 5K will continue to learn about the Fruits of the Spirit during Bible time. In math they will learn to compare numbers 1-5. In reading they are learning to listen to a story and answer comprehension questions. They are also reviewing their letters and working on letter sounds now. In science we will continue to look at trees and weather. Specifically we are looking at leaves and the different shapes they can have. In Bible class for 4K and 5K we will be learning about Jacob, Abraham, and Moses. We are already preparing for our fall play which is titled, "When the World Began". It's a play about creation. We are very excited to present this!

### Fun Day

Fun Day will meet Oct. 6 and 20. Fun Day is from 8:30-10:30am for 3 & 4 year olds (already potty trained). Have children bring a small snack and water bottle. This is a free program held in the Morrison Zion Church basement. The focus is to learn school readiness and the love of Jesus, while having lots of fun with peers. Please share with a friend or a neighbor. Contact Jen Enderle (920-372-3818 or jen.enderle@Outlook.com) if your child plans to attend or with any questions.

### Grades 1-2

Mrs. Kuchenbecker

Too Much Noise! No, that's not describing grades 1-2. It's the name of the play that we'll present on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 10:00 a.m. and Friday, Oct. 21 at 7:00 p.m.. We enjoy learning the songs and dances that will be part of our show. Wondering what makes too much noise? Come to our show to find out!

Meanwhile we're adjusting to a new math series, loving our secret stories, still exploring rocks and working on our letters and sounds. We celebrated the first Christmas as we studied how and why Jesus came to earth as our Savior. We learned about primary and secondary colors by making ladybugs then studied our first illustrator, Mo Willems, and made pigeon pictures. We started our first reading challenge with a duck theme. The students will earn duck prizes for the books they read and report. Thank you to our first guest readers, Bonnie Evenson, Pastor David Ruddat and Don Pantzlaff. We love when we have visitors "quack" open books to read to us! If you hear too much noise - it may just be grades 1-2 having too much fun!

### Grades 3-4

Mrs. Muchka

Our first month in the classroom has flown by! This year in Christ Light, we are studying the New Testament. We will focus on the words and promises of Jesus. In Math the 3rd graders are working with multiplication and division, while the 4th graders are rounding and adding greater numbers. In science we are grouping plants and dissecting flowers! This year in Social Studies we will learn about the history of Wisconsin. Our class is also learning about nouns, adjectives, and adverbs in Shurley English. We continue to work on our class play! Please keep our classroom in your prayers as we begin our school year!

### Grades 5-6

Mr. Geidel

We are back in the full swing of school and off to a great start. We were able to update the library area with some comfy reading chairs. In science, the 5th and 6th graders are learning about the diversity of life and the 7th & 8th graders are investigating kinetic energy and gravity. Keep us in your prayers as we continue to grow together in God's



## Grades 7-8

Mr. Muchka

Away we go into a brand new school year! In Christ Light, the class learned about God's Word in our day-to-day lives. We are also digging deeper into our "identity" which is found in Christ. In Reading, we are focused on the elements of the novel. 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 world history, at this time specifically the Byzantine Empire and Ancient Arabia. In Art this year, we will primarily focus on the elements and principles of art.

On Friday, Sept. 2, nursing students from NWTC talked with our classroom about social media and the dangers it can present in the forms of anxiety, depression, sleeping disorders, and cyber bullying.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, representatives from Fox Valley Lutheran High School came to speak with our 5th through 8th graders about what it would be like to be a Fox in the future. classroom!

## Fall Plays

The Fall plays will be on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 10:00 a.m. and Friday, Oct. 21, at 7:00 p.m. The plays will be performed by students in 4K through 4th grade. We hope you can join us to support our students' performances!

## School Band

Our school is blessed to have 20 students taking instrumental lessons this year from Mrs. Kuchenbecker, Mrs. Milbrath (MLHS), and Mr. Neujehr (FVL). We look forward to making music together!

## Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, Oct. 23, 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the school parking lot. All school and church families are invited! We hope you can join us and bring a friend!

## Thank You

Thank you for the anonymous donation of \$1,000 each to Mrs. Muchka's and Mr. Geidel's classroom!

Thank you to everyone who participated in or helped out with Back-to-School Family Outdoor Game Night on Sunday, Aug. 21. It was a lot of fun!

Thank you to the Morrison-Wayside Lions Club for hosting a Teacher Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Thank you also for the donation of \$250 to our school

## Fortress Group Update

On Thursday, Sept. 1, we held our first Fortress Groups activities. Our 7th & 8th graders led the group through an ice-breaker activity and the design of the Fortress Groups banners. They finished the day with an ice cream treat!

## Christmas Wreath and Planter Sale

Morrison Zion Lutheran School will have a Christmas wreath and planter sale in partnership with Braun Acres to raise funds for athletic programs. All orders need to be placed online via the link at [mzluth.org](http://mzluth.org) or on the school Facebook page. Orders can be placed from Oct. 1 - Nov. 11. Pick up will be in the school parking lot on Sunday, Nov. 27, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Thank you in advance for your support! If you have any questions, please contact: Abbey Laabs, [abbeym-laabs@gmail.com](mailto:abbeym-laabs@gmail.com) or Melissa Braun, Greenhouse Owner, [melis-sarb03@yahoo.com](mailto:melis-sarb03@yahoo.com) / (920) 901-3342.

## Morrison Zion Athletics

The students are blessed to be starting their fall sports seasons! They 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 school office, or you can check our online school and church 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!

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**Update from Grenada**

Dear Members of Morrison Zion

On May 14, I received a call to serve at Grace Lutheran in Grenada. As a daughter of MZLC, I was asked to give a few updates on my new ministry. I am honored and excited to share some of my experiences.

I arrived in Grenada with my mom and friend, Colleen Tasch. I was encouraged to have family accompany me on my trip so that they would have an idea of what my life would be like. I am thankful they were able to join me and to enjoy a Caribbean vacation complete with swimming under waterfalls, visiting a deserted island, and drinking fresh coconut water.

The first few days were a vacation, but now that my family has returned to the States, reality has begun to set in. School just finished on the island, so my current responsibilities are acclimating to the temperature and culture and planning for the upcoming school year. There is a lot to get used to in every aspect of life from what foods are available at the grocery store to a different currency. In addition, the bus system is foreign to me but is a better alternative to learning to drive on roads that are more reminiscent of an amusement park ride than I-41.

For many people, an abrupt change in lifestyle and surrounding culture can be frightening. I would be lying if I said that I haven't been nervous or unsure about where I was or what I was supposed to be doing. I have so many questions that have yet to be answered concerning the school, the city, the people, the customs, etc. But, rather than be scared to leave my apartment, I get to switch my thinking to a growth mindset.

I am recognizing the joys of immersing myself in a brand new culture. I am meeting new people and learning how to relate to them. I am helping share the Gospel in another corner of the earth. It might seem terrifying as of now when everything is new, but I have confidence that this will be one of the biggest blessings in my life. I pray that God will use me to be an even bigger blessing to the children and people of Grenada. Rachel Ihlenfeldt