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Why Worship? We Come to Remember

¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" Gn 22:10-11 (NIV)

An angel was eyewitness to what Abraham was doing. Yes, god

himself and all the angels were watching. The angel didn't come flying in at the last moment from a distant corner of the world. Instead, he was watching over Abraham and Isaac all along. He observed as Abraham tied up his son and raised the knife. The son willingly obeyed and waited for the deadly thrust. Tears were undoubtedly streaming down Abraham's cheeks, and Isaac was lying on his back looking up toward heaven. All the while, the angel was watching. Right when Abraham was raising the knife, the angel shouted to him and called him by name.

How closely the holy angels gather around those of us who follow God and live faithfully! Obedience like Abraham's gives God immense pleasure. Of all the sacri-

fices we can make, the one most acceptable to God is this: getting rid of sin, living a holy life, obeying God, and killing our corrupt nature. This is very painful and unpleasant for us to do. Still we must get used to determining what



"God really wants—what is good, pleasing, and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

We merely talk about these matters, but Abraham actually lived them out. They did what God wanted. In comparison, we haven't even begun to do this. Careful obedience pleases God, but it's unpleasant and distasteful to

us. Nothing is more agonizing than getting rid of sin and killing our corrupt nature. Still, we must get used to obeying God and start following Abraham's example. Abraham didn't try to get out of what he had to do. Instead, he looked forward to pleasing God with eager anticipation.

From By Faith Alone 365 devotional readings updated in today's language published by World Bible Publishing, March 19.



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 Jesus' Mission for his Church at its March meeting. We looked at *Jesus' Mission: According to Matthew*

The LT discussed dates for one area of our main emphasis for 2023: Plans to Equip Christian Parents. We will follow up monthly on how the plans are being carried out.

Average worship attendance for in person worship in February was 257. This compares to 271 in February, 2022. The average for in person worship for 2023 year to date is 247. In 2022 it was 257. In 2021 it was 225. Bible Class average attendance in February was 53 (42 in February, 2022). Year to date average attendance is 48. In 2022 it was 36. In 2021 it was 45. Please continue to encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to stay close to Jesus in Word and sacrament!

The LT discussed the budget for 2023-2024. The proposed budget has an increase of about 10%.

The LT received this year's confirmation class as communicant members. Members are: Kaiden Burch, Audra Denor, Aubree Fischer, Mason Hagenow, Ethan Hassemmer, Kassidy Hutjens, Ashlyn Koomen, Elizabeth Laabs, Henry Laabs, Ella Plagenz, Olivia Scheider, Brooke Van Rossum, and Audrey Zirbel. The LT also received Kayla Fritsch, Haillee Fritsch, and Sawyer Fritsch as communicant members by transfer from Trinity, Brillion. Welcome new members!

The Nominating Committee is working on a slate of candidates for the Leadership Team. They are also looking at appointments to various ministries in the congregation.

The Treasurer reported the following February and Fiscal Year balances. .

Income	\$111,318
Expenses	\$77,070
Monthly balance	\$34,248
Fiscal year to date balance	\$43,093
Checkbook balance	\$117,993
Gen. reserve fund	\$200,247
DPI reserve fund	\$2,501
High School	\$885
Fiscal year total	\$14,880
2022-23 fiscal goal	\$17,500
Synod Mission	\$1,540
Calendar year total	\$3,873
2023 goal	\$29,500

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

The Open Forum to prepare for the Annual Voters' Meeting is after late worship on April 16. We will meet in church. The Annual Voters' Meeting is after late worship on April 30. We will meet in the commons.

Christian Funerals

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call the soul of Mike Eichhorst to his heavenly home. Mike died on Feb. 26. His Christian funeral was at Morrison Zion on March. 4.

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call the soul of Wilmer Loppnow to his heavenly home. Wilmer died on March 7. His Christian funeral was at Morrison Zion on March. 12.

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call the soul of Ron Timm to his heavenly home. Ron died on March 15. His Christian funeral was at Morrison Zion on March. 19.

Please pray that God comfort all who mourn these deaths with the knowledge that those who die in the Lord are with the Lord.

Call Extended

The Lord called Jake Geidel to serve as principal through the voters on Sunday, March 12.. Please pray God guides Mr. Geidel as he deliberates on this call!

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study will continue the study, *Prepared to Answer* in April. It is based on the book of the same name and *More Prepared To Answer*. *MPTA* is available from Pastor Ott for \$15. This study will help us to carry out one of our major emphasis for 2023 (p. 8): Equipping our members to share Jesus in their daily lives. Join us! The lessons for April are:

April 2: The Faith of the Canaanite Woman Isn't Christianity anti-woman *MorePTA* p.135-141

April 9: Gethsemane Why doesn't God answer my prayers? *Prepared To Answer* p. 124-129

April 16: Peter disowns Jesus What if I want to feel good about myself? *PreparedTA* p. 150-155

April 23: Jesus before Pilate What is truth? *Prepared To Answer* p. 156-162

April 30: The Crucifixion Where is God when I'm hurting? *Prepared to Answer* p. 130-135

Commons Bible Study We will not meet in April. We encourage you to attend the Bible Study in the basement focused on sharing our faith. This is one of our church's main focus for 2023.

Sunday School is looking for additional teachers. No experience is needed, just a willingness to share Jesus with children. If you are interested, contact Jen Enderle (920-373-3818 or jen.enderle@Outlook.com).

Sunday Night Book Discussion In April we will continue discussing, *Lutheran Spirituality*. The dates and chapters to discuss are: April 2: Confession; April 9: No class; April 16: Cross, we suffer with Jesus; April 23: Witness; April 30: Vocation.

Simple Law/Gospel Presentations Workshop Learn how to tell others the story of sin and grace! We will meet in the church basement on Saturday, April 15 at 9:00 a.m. The class will be repeated on Monday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. In May we will have a one hour workshop on Friendship Witnessing on May 6 and May 8 as a part of our emphasis on equipping members to share Jesus in their daily lives.

New Life in Christ Class This review of the basic doctrine of the Bible meets Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Men's Study will meet on Monday, April 3 and 17 at 7:00 p.m. Join us in the church basement.

Women's Study We will meet on Saturday, April 22 at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a bible and invite a friend. Any questions contact Jen Enderle (920-372-3818).

English as a Second Language will meet April 5 and 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the church basement. New students and volunteers are welcome!

Bible Reading Plan Speak to Pastor Enderle if you would like to join. April 1-20: Acts; April 21-25: Ascended into heaven as one of us; April 26-30: tough questions—Round 9.

Youth Group will meet for Bible study on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. at school. Open gym follows. Join us for bowling at Riviera Lanes on April 23.

Rooted Game Night and Study Join us on Saturday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m. for food, games, and Bible Study at the parsonage. Anyone in their 20's or 30's can join us. If you have kids, they are welcome to join us as well. Food will be provided but you are welcome to bring a side, snacks, or desserts. Contact Pastor or Jen Enderle with any questions. Invite a friend!

Partnering in the Gospel Follow-Up Join us at school on Saturday, April 29, 10:00–11:30 a.m. or Monday, May 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m. for a follow-up to the Partnering in the Gospel Seminar. We will discuss several of the "take home" sections of the Seminar (Lies We Believe, Spiritual Healthy Discipleship, and the Spiritual Gift Inventory) along with in any other questions. Speak to Pastor Enderle if you have questions.

Worship In April

Notes on Worship

In April we conclude our 40 day journey of Lent. Then we have the Three holy Days of Christendom. We travel from the Upper Room to Golgotha and on to the empty tomb. On the Sundays after Easter we focus on *The Redeemer Lives!* and see the implications this truth has for our daily lives.

Live stream is Sunday morning worship at 8:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook Wednesday worship will be live at 11:00 a.m. The service is available at any time after that as well. Our page is www.youtube.com/c/morrisonzionlutheran. Share the link with a friend! Find resources for worship at www.mzluth.org/online worship. The online register has been simplified. You may also register by texting 920-362-7118. or 920-949-1038. Worship themes in January :

April 2	Palm Sunday	Islands in the Son: Our Island King	purple
	Sermon: Philippians 2:5-11	Hymns: 131, 133, 133:5	
April 6	Maundy Thursday	The Institution of the Lord's Supper	purple
	Sermon: 1 Cor 11:23-28	Hymns: 313, 742, 120	communion
April 7	Good Friday	Seven Words Service/Rite of Nails	black
		Hymns: As the Nails, 139, 140	communion
April 7	Good Friday	Tenebrae/Rite of Nails	black
	Sermon: John 19:28-30	Hymns: 137, 138, As the Nails, 122, 274	communion
April 8	Easter Vigil	Service of Light, Word, Baptism	white
	Sermon: Ez33:7-9	GR739, 305, 304:6,7	communion
April 9	Easter Festival	He Is Risen!	white
	Sermon: Ro 8:1-10	Hymns: 484, 486, 492	communion
April 13/16	Easter 2	The Redeemer Lives! He lives to give me proof and peace	white
	Sermon: Ph 2:3-4	GR739, 306, 304:6,7	
April 20/23	Easter 3	The Redeemer Lives! He lives to give me hope	white
	Sermon: Ro 8:11-19 (8:00)	Hymns: 392, 110, 728, 460:3-4	communion
April 27/30	Midweek 5	The Redeemer Lives! He lives be my Good Shepherd	white
	Sermon: Dt 11:10-18	GR739, 307, 304:6,7	

Consider using the hymns, readings and the sermon text as a personal or family devotion sometime before worship!

Altar Committee members serving in April: Everyone

Easter Lilies

The worship committee will pick up lilies for Easter. You may purchase a lily in memory of a loved one or in honor of one. These names will be included in the announcement sheet on Easter. Please sign up in the church basement by Sunday April 2. The cost per lily is \$12.00. Order forms are available in the church basement. Place your order and the money in a provided envelope and place it in the box. Please plan to pick up your lilies after worship on Easter or by Sunday April 16. Thanks for helping to beautify our Easter worship.

Soup for Souls

Soup for Souls Ministry has delicious meals available at school and church for you to share the love of Christ in a tangible way. Cards are available as well to share an encouraging message with a friend or neighbor. Thank you to Dave and Connie Blauert for doing a Thrivent Action Team to support this ministry. Thank you to those who have given offerings to support the Soup for Souls Ministry, your gifts are greatly appreciated.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. (2 Co 1:3-4)

Food Pantry

We served 52 families (235 people) on March 4. We had 3 new families. We continue to improve how we can serve. On Saturday, March 13 we held a workday. Cabinets were removed in the kitchen to make space for shelving. The shelves will allow us to store more items and also allow us to see what we have available to give out. We also removed the old partitions that created our distribution area and replaced them with new ones. The new partitions are on wheels & light weight. They can be moved around easily to serve our needs. . The second grant paid for these. We will finish our second grant by the end of March. Thank-you to all who participated in our work day!

Our next giveaway is April 1, 8:00-10:00 a.m. We set up at 7:00 a.m. if you would like to help. If you or someone you know needs assistance from the pantry call 920-246-5435 to make an appointment. Please keep the pantry in your prayers.

Vacation Bible School July 11-13

Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School, July 11-13. The theme is *God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace*. Please watch for more information. Invite your friends, relatives, neighbors.

Scrip

The RaiseRight app is the easiest way to use the program and the most cost efficient for both you and the church. E-cards and reloadable cards can be used instantly! They also run specials and bonuses that you will be notified of only through the app. The sign-up code is **LCE5EE7B2774L**. If you have any questions, Danielle Ripp is happy to walk you through it.

Please help! If you shop at Econo foods in Brillion. Please consider purchasing a scrip card for Econo foods. We will be discontinued after our current inventory is depleted. We have 4 \$50 cards and 8 \$100 cards left. Once gone this will help with being able to have more money to use for other cards to have on hand.

Graduation

If you (or your child) is graduating from high school or college please contact Pastor Enderle james.enderle@mzls.org or 920-949-1038. We would like to share these milestones with the congregation

School News

4K-5K

Mrs. Geidel

4K and 5K continue to have fun learning each day. In Bible class this month we will go through Jesus' passion. In math 5K will learn about shapes and how to describe, analyze, compare and create shapes. 4K will learn about pattern and positional words. In reading 5K continues to practice reading with sight words they have learned and sounding out CVC words. 4K will learn letters V, W, and X. We are looking forward to our spring break to get a little rest and be ready to come back to school to finish our year off strong. This month we will also begin an ABC countdown to the end of the school year. This is a fun way to end our year. Each day will be a letter starting with "A" and we will either wear something, create, or eat something that starts with that letter. A will be animals where the students will be able to bring in a stuffed animal for the day. D is donuts with dad (grandpa) where the students will enjoy a donut with their special person. Our class will sing on April 30 at 10:30 for Good Shepherd Sunday. We hope you can join us to hear them sing.

2023-24 School Year

The 2023-2024 school calendar is set with a starting date of Wednesday, August 23 for grades 5K - 8. The first day for the 4K students will be Tuesday, August 29. The final day of school is set for Friday, May 24, 2024.

Piano Recital

Mark your calendar. The piano recital is Friday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

Grades 1-2

Mrs. Kuchenbecker

Can you imagine? Imagine the excitement as the first and second graders completed their reading is out of this world challenge. Imagine the number of prizes won as many of the students completed the challenge not once but twice! Imagine the time studying as they improved their reading skills, practiced long vowels, unusual vowel pairs, and blends. Imagine the work put in adding and subtracting 2- and 3-digit numbers in math. Imagine the fun they had as they learned about animals and their habitats. Imagine the excitement to come when we head to the Milwaukee Zoo! Imagine the fun they have playing in the spring sunshine. One thing we don't have to imagine is the great love that God has given us, as we've traveled the journey to the cross and Jesus' resurrection! Imagine the joy we'll have when we're in heaven with our Savior!

Grades 3-4

Mrs. Muchka

Happy Easter! Christ has risen! This year in Christ Light, we will study on the words and promises of our Savior Jesus. In Math the third graders studied fractions and number lines, and the fourth graders created and interpreted line plots. In Wisconsin State History the class explored transportation and agriculture in early Wisconsin. In Shurley English the class is studying contractions and writing dialogue. Please keep the third and fourth grade classroom in your prayers!

Grades 5-6

Mr. Geidel

In Math, the 5th graders are working with ways to organize, display, and compare data. The 6th graders are learning about unit rates and their relation to various topics such as percentages. The 5th and 6th graders are excitedly preparing for their play on March 31. In Science, 5th and 6th graders, after wrapping up their study of life and all God's creation, began a study of weather and water. Alongside the new topic they are also preparing individual experiments for a science fair.

Grades 7-8

Mr. Muchka

Happy Spring to you from the 7th and 8th grade classroom. March is traditionally "Academic Month", and we were at it again in the classroom. In Christ Light we continue our studies of the Book of Acts and Paul's letters. In Reading we are working our way through a study of the research process. In Social Studies the upper graders completed a unit on Germany and Russia and are now learning about China. The students also are working very hard on their Science Fair projects for the MLHS Academic Fair. Continue to pray for our students, parents, and teachers as we begin the 4th Quarter.

Fun Day

Fun Day is a free program in the Morrison Zion Church basement. The focus is to learn school readiness and the love of Jesus, while having fun with peers. Fun Day is 8:30-10:30 a.m. for 3 & 4 year olds (already potty trained). We will only meet on April 20. April 6 is *A Knight for a Day* for those interested in 4K for the 2023-24 school year. Join us and invite a friend or neighbor. Contact Jen Enderle if your child plans to attend or with any questions. 920-372-3818 or jen.enderle@Outlook.com

School Play

Grades 5-8 presented the play, "The Girl With the Golden Locks", on Friday, March 31. Thank you to everyone who attended for your support of these talented actors and actresses.

School Band

Mark your calendars! Our grade school band will play the National Anthem at a Timber Rattler game! The game is on Saturday, May 20. The game is at 1:10 p.m. Tickets will be available at a group rate price of \$14 per ticket. As an extra bonus, for any tickets that we sell, \$3 will be donated to our congregation. Watch for further ticket information. We hope you can join us for a fun day of baseball and come out to support our grade school band and the Timber Rattlers.

Lakeshore Lutheran Schools Academic Fair

The LLS Academic Fair is Saturday, April 22, 8:30-3:00 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to prepare Art and Science displays (which will be judged) or participate in a Forensics competition, Spelling competition, Math Meet, or Academic Bowl. Forensics and the Academic Bowl are open to students in grades 6-8, Social Studies, Math, and Spelling to students in grades 5-8, and Art to students in grades K-8. Art projects will only be judged for students in grades 3-8. Come on out and support our students as they use their gifts to glorify God.

MLHS Music Fest

Mark your calendar. Music Fest at MLHS will be Friday, April 21, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Our Junior Choir will participate along with the band students.

Coaches Needed

If you are interested in coaching cross country, soccer, volleyball, or basketball next year, please contact Mrs. Muchka. We are always looking for additional coaches and assistants!

Thank You

Thank you to all who attended our fun events in March! On March 3, we celebrated Dr. Seuss with 20 children. During our pajama storytime they made a craft, listened to stories, and ate a snack. The next day we had 35 children, along with their parents, enjoy learning about furs, skulls, and animals from Barkhausen.

Craft Night

Come and join us for a fun spring crafting night on Friday, May 5, 6:-7:00 p.m. Children ages 3 (potty trained) through 4th grade are welcome to come craft! If your child is in the piano recital that night and you need a place for your little one, they are welcome to join us. Parents are welcome to stay! Registration is required, so please register no later than Friday, April 21 via the link on our church website (mzluth.org) or Morrison Zion Lutheran School's Facebook page. We hope you can join us and bring a friend!

Flower Fundraiser

Morrison Zion Athletics will have a flower fundraiser in partnership with Braun Acres to raise funds to support the ongoing costs of our athletic programs. Orders will need to be placed online and will be accepted from April 16-May 7 via the link on our church website, mzluth.org, or on Morrison Zion Lutheran School's Facebook page. Curbside pick-up will be in the church parking lot on Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Thanks in advance for your support! If you have any questions, please contact Abbey Laabs at abbeymlaabs@gmail.com.

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Open Forum

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April 16

Items for the Annual Meeting will be presented.
All are welcome to bring any questions or comments
about our ministry.

Annual Voters' Meeting

In the commons

After late worship

April 30