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Thankful Service to the Lord

God encourages us to give thanks to the Lord in all situations. We especially are reminded to do so as we approach Thanksgiving. As we reflect on the Morrison Zion theme for 2023-2024 *Rejoice in the Lord, always* (Philippians 4:4) we know we have more blessings from God than one could count at a Thanksgiving meal.

In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul reminds us that we can be thankful for the many people in our lives. *27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.* God has brought each and everyone of us together here at Morrison for his purposes. Jesus leads the church but he gives out wonderful gifts to his people. *5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.* There is one Lord and Savior. His love and forgiveness creates a new spirit in us who seek not to serve ourselves but to serve God and others. *This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another* (1 John 4:10-11).

One of the 3 main emphasis of 2023 for Morrison Zion is Service out of Love for Christ. A devotional booklet encouraging gospel motivated service was mailed to over 400 households. These devotions focused on how it is important to serve in joy, not out of compulsion. They also emphasized that you can give glory to God by serving at home, at work, and in all your varied vocations. It is often important to prioritize your other vocations before serving at church or school.

Included in these devotional booklets was a survey listing many service opportunities. Members were asked to return these paper surveys or return a digital version. These devotions were also sent out in our weekly emails and in the school newsletter. After each devotion there was a link to fill out the survey.

Rejoice in the Lord! Because of these surveys several members shared that they

were interested in visiting and encouraging members. These members met with Pastor Enderle and formed a new visitation team. We now have 4 members assisting in visiting shut-ins. This is a tremendous blessing. It has allowed members of Morrison Zion to use their gifts and be involved in ministry in a new way.

While there is much to rejoice in, there is still progress to be made. Some say in teamwork that 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. It may feel like the same people are asked to do most of the work or the same people volunteer to do most of the work. This leads to burnout and frustration. People may then serve out of compulsion instead of joy and thanks. Others feel left out and wonder why they are never asked to help. *If one part suffers, every part suffers with it;* (1 Corinth 12:26). These surveys are designed to include new people in ways they desire to serve the Lord.

Morrison Zion is made up of over 700 souls and over 550 adult members. Of the 400 surveys that were sent out 13 have been returned. It has been difficult to involve new people from the surveys since so few have been turned in. When surveys are turned names can be given to people leading the different service opportunities.

If you haven't yet shared your gifts and interests take a few minutes to do so on paper or online. Devotional booklets with the surveys will be available at church.

You can scan the top code for the survey.

God has given each and everyone of us gifts. If you are unsure of what gifts you have and how to serve you can scan the bottom code to take a Spiritual Gifts Analysis to learn how God has gifted you. Rejoice for we are all the body of Christ and fearfully and wonderfully made!

- Pastor James Enderle



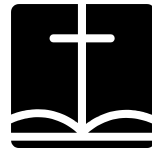
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Congregational News



Leadership Team Notes

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The LT discussed the progress on our 3 main emphasis. A follow up to the parenting devotions was held at the PTA meeting on October 10. The service booklet was mailed to everyone in August with devotions and a survey. These devotions and survey were also emailed out in September. Only 8 responses had been received in September.

Future Call Meeting

On Oct. 17, the Morrison Zion Leadership Team completed and reviewed a survey that the District President uses to help compile pastor call lists. Due to the many number of vacancies and numerous churches requesting pastors, call meetings need to be spaced out. Our next call meeting will be in early December.

Compensation for guest vacancy preachers was set. Guest preachers will be used about once a month during the vacancy. The LT discussed Pastor Enderle’s strengths.

Healy & Sons was hired for snow removal for the church and school parking lots with the possibility of sidewalks after the New Year.

In September, the LT granted Pastor Ott a peaceful release from his call to serve at Morrison Zion. Motion carried. The LT granted transfers to the following: Pastor and Paula Ott (Our Savior Lutheran, South Shore, SD); Jonathan Otto (St. John’s, Wrightstown); John & Ashley Curtis and family (St. John’s, Wrightstown). In October, Tara Forst and son were granted a peaceful release.

The LT discussed and approved new policy for leave for teachers for the birth of a child and a new policy for paid time off.

Bible Information Class

Are you, a friend, or relative interested in becoming a member at Morrison Zion? Class will begin Friday, Nov 10 at 1pm. This is great class to grow your faith and relationship with Jesus, even for members. Speak to Pastor Enderle if interested.

Facility Maintenance/Project Manager

The Leadership Team is seeking a new Facility Maintenance/Project Manager. For a complete job description speak to Randy Loppnow or Pastor Enderle.

The Treasurer reported the following Fiscal Year balances from July through September.

Income	\$98,626
Expenses	\$54,604
Monthly balance	\$44,021
Fiscal year to date balance	-\$21,774
Checkbook balance	\$84,231
Gen. reserve fund	\$167,092
DPI reserve fund	\$2,506
High School	\$1,170
Fiscal year total	\$3,690
2023-24 fiscal goal	\$18,000
Synod Mission	\$1,785
Fiscal year total	\$7,110
2023 goal	\$31,000

Average Worship Attendance			
September		Yearly	
2023	269	2023	267
2022	255	2022	257
		2021	225

Average Bible Study Attendance			
September		Yearly	
2023	36	2023	46
2022	35	2022	36
		2021	48

The Zion Leadership Team met with the Immanuel Shirley Church Council on October 22 to discuss current and future joint ministry opportunities. A wider discussion about these opportunities for members of both churches is being planned for January 2024.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study In November we will continue our study on Paul's letter to the Romans. This Bible Class aims at defining the Christian "X" factor. In other words, what is it that makes Christianity unique from every other religion and what makes Christians so different from other people? Romans is a great overview of the Christian faith and the application of that faith in a Christian's life.



Online Bible Study If you are unable to join in-person or miss a Sunday you can join the study online with Pastor Enderle and Pastor Ruddat from Immanuel in Shirley, Wednesdays at 8 pm. This online Bible Study is on YouTube page and in a Facebook group. Videos remain online for you to watch whenever. Join the online bible class Facebook group: <https://bit.ly/xfactoronline>

Sunday Night Book Discussion meets Sundays at 7 p.m. in the church basement. In November we will finish the book "Revolution" by George Barna. Books are available downstairs and the back church for \$1. On Nov. 26 we will begin "Hidden Christmas" by Timothy Keller. Books are available for \$7.

Wednesday Confirmation Class for public school students 5th-8th grade begins Wednesday, August 30 from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm. Classes are held at Morrison Zion Lutheran Church. Please contact Pastor Enderle with any questions james.enderle@mzls.org

Men's Study will meet on Monday, November 13 and 27 at 7:00 p.m. Join us at the bonfire or in the church basement depending on the weather.

Women's Study will not be meeting in the month of November due to the Enderle's newborn. Look for future announcements as to when and where we will meet after the holidays.

Youth Group meets Sunday nights at 6 pm—8 pm. We are looking at how God blesses us with relationships. Snacks and refreshments are provided.

English as a Second Language will meet Thursday, Nov. 2, 16, and 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. New students and volunteers are welcome!

Bible Reading Plan In November we will look at one devotional plans. Speak to Pastor Enderle if you would like to join.

Nov. 11—Dec. 12: Teach Me to Pray—Devotions from Time of Grace.

Whole Bible Reading Plan Beginning January 2024 Morrison Zion will join with Immanuel Shirley in a 2 year whole Bible plan. Look for more information to come.

Sunday School classes for 3 year olds-5k, 1st-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade take place each Sunday from 9:15-10:15 at school. We are studying the early life of Jesus. No sign up is needed and we love having new friends join in! A special thank you to the new teachers and all of the helpers!

A big thank you to our teachers for Sunday School - Chelsea Scheider (the littles group), Bitsy Blauert, Erv Zeamer, and Phyllis Wagner (1-3 graders), and Jenna Laabs (4-6 graders). We appreciate your serving to teach the children about Jesus' love! Also, a thank you to all the helpers.

Fun Day 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. Children ages 3 & 4 (already potty trained) are invited to attend. Fun Day meets every Tuesday from 8:30am – 10:30 am. In the church basement. It will be held every Tuesday morning unless there is no school at Morrison Zion. Please share with a friend or a neighbor! If you have any questions please contact Danielle Ripp at 920-621-3196 or dani.pues27@gmail.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. 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)949-1038.

In November we conclude the season with the 4 week season of End Time, celebrate Thanksgiving and begin the new Church Year with the season of Advent. Worship themes in November:

End Time: Lord, keep us.

Nov. 2/5	Week 1: Reformation Sermon: 2 Timothy 4:9-18	Lord, keep us faithful to your Word! Hymns: 200, 203, CW ²¹ 877	red
Nov. 9/12	Week 2: Last Judgement Sermon: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Lord, keep us mindful of the Judgement! Hymns: 209, 214, 243, CW ²¹ 494	white communion
Nov. 16/19	Week 3: Saints Triumphant Sermon: Revelation 19:1-9	Lord, keep us watchful for our triumph! Hymns: 727, 730, 728,	white
Nov. 22/23	Thanksgiving Sermon: Matthew 25:14-30	Lord, keep us thankful! Hymns: 260, 610, 609, 745, 334	white communion
Nov. 26	Week 4: Christ the King Sermon: Matthew 27:27-31	Lord, keep us joyful I Christ our King! Hymns: 341, 217, 265, 219	white
Nov. 29	Advent Midweek 1 Sermon: Genesis 3:14-21	The Foretaste of Fashion Hymns: 20, CW ²¹ 706	blue

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

Altar Committee members serving in November Sharon Faulds and Shannon Otto

Midweek Advent

The 4 weeks of midweek Advent services in 2023 are on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20 at 11 am and 7 pm. Soup Suppers are at 11:30 am and 6 pm. Speak to Tamara Schultz if you can bring food or help setup. The Advent theme is "The Clothing of the King." An Advent Devotional book will also be available.

Church Band

Our church band will play in worship on Sunday, November 5th. We will continue rehearsals on Monday, November 13th at 7:00 in the school basement. We will practice again on Monday, November 27th at 7:00. All instrumentalists are invited to attend. If you are unable to make Monday evening rehearsals, please contact Mrs. K. for more information.

Choir

It's not too late to join in singing God's praises with our church choir. The choir meets in the church balcony on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. We are preparing music for the special services of end time, Thanksgiving and Advent. We also are preparing for the song service on Sunday, December 24th and for Christmas Day. We're already looking ahead to our concert on February 11th. We hope to welcome more new members very soon!

Lord's Supper at the Altar

The Leadership Team discussed communion procedures during our October meeting. The LT has proposed having communion at the altar beginning after Thanksgiving. Pastor will continue to serve communion to *those who would like to remain in in your pew*. If you have any concerns or questions concerning communion procedures speak to Pastor Enderle or others on the Leadership Team.

Scrip

We are getting rolling with the physical gift cards available for your everyday purchases or for gifts. The program is a great way to raise money for the school with purchases you are already making. One-half of your physical gift cards bonus that you purchase goes toward your child's tuition (or whichever family you designate). I would like to highlight a few options. (Kohls gift cards no longer can be used to pay your Kohls bill,)

- For everyday purchases such as groceries, you can earn 3-5%.
- Dick's family foods in \$50 or \$100 cards earn 5%
- Festival in \$25, \$50 or \$100 cards earn 3%
- Piggly Wiggly in \$25, \$50 or \$100 cards earn 3%
- Pick n Save \$25, \$50 or \$100 cards earn 4%.
- Gas cards such as Kwik Trip earn 4% and come in \$25, \$50 and \$100.

And with the holidays coming, gift cards make great gifts or stocking stuffers. The following are available in \$10 cards (some for a limited time so get your order in soon):

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| - Dunkin | - Amazon |
| - Taco Bell | - Walmart |
| - Subway | - Target |
| - Panera | - Bath and Body Works |
| - Starbucks | - Barnes and Nobel |
| - Arby's | - Dairy Queen |
| - McDonalds | - Papa Murphy's |

For a complete list of available cards, see our order sheet or visit shopwithscrip.com. Contact Rhonda Heling for more information or to place an order. Text (920)676-6277 or email rhonestef@gmail.com.

Food Pantry

We served 50 families at the Oct. 7th. Giveaway. Families were given Apples donated by Spranger's Orchard, squash, bananas, eggs, onions, fresh cilantro, potatoes and tomatoes. They also received a pizza, 1lb. of hamburger along with the usual items. We have enough volunteers to proceed with joining Feeding America. We will be working on the requirements we must meet before applying.

The food pantry will be doing a sock drive for our December 2nd Giveaway. We are looking for new socks only, in all sizes, men's, women's and children, both boy and girl. There will be red bins placed at church and school if you would like to contribute to this worthy cause.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call the food pantry phone #. (920)246-5435 to schedule an appointment. Thank you for supporting the Food Pantry.

Parents' Night Out

Youth Group will babysit on Saturday, Dec. 2. Spend the evening out or finish Christmas shopping.

Youth Group

Youth group meets Sundays at 6pm for Bible Study and open gym.

Youth Group Packers Party

Join us November 19 at noon at Immanuel Shirley Church for a Packer Party. Food will be provided and games will be played. Bible study to follow.

Cookie Baking for Shut-Ins

Join the youth group on November 11 at 6pm at school to mix and bake cookies for our shut-in members. Help spread joy!

2024 WELS International Youth Rally

Signups for the 2024 Youth Rally, "From the Mountaintops," held June 25-28, 2024 in Boulder, CO will be coming soon. Registration is \$410. Please start planning early so you can attend!

Friendship Registers

Thank you for using Friendship Registers in the pews again! Please continue to take the time to sign the registers before worship or pass them down the pew during the offering. Thanks!

Soup for Souls

Soup for Soul Ministry continues to have FREE meals available to share the love of Jesus with those who may be facing a challenge or who could use some words of encouragement. Thank you to Howard and Tamara Shultz for their recent donation to the Soup for Souls program, your donation is very much appreciated.

School News

Grades 1-2

Mrs. Kuchenbecker

Addition, subtraction, nouns, plurals, short vowels, long vowels, pilgrims ...these are the topics being learned in grades 1-2. We're nearing the end of our Buggy for Books reading challenge. The kids have enjoyed earning many bugs for their jars. In October, we enjoyed a trip to FOX 11 where we got to tour the news station and even record a Good Day Wisconsin shout out. We took a trip to MLHS. The students enjoyed story time with one of the English teachers, chapel, learned about Foods class and made their own trail mix.

As we welcome November the kids want to share some Thanksgiving thoughts.

Grade 2

Max Dobberpuhl - I'm thankful for Jesus time because I learn about Jesus and that he always cares for us.

Haddie Hagenow - I'm thankful for books to read.

Citori Ripp - I like learning about Jesus because I can tell about Jesus.

Grade 1

Brooklyn Baeten - I'm thankful for my friends because I love them and I'm kind to them.

Wyatt Bergman - I'm thankful for reading in my head.

Bennett Bruss - I'm thankful for eating lunch and I like bananas.

Isaiah Enderle - I'm thankful for math because I learn about adding and subtracting.

Jayden Engelbrecht - I like art because we get to make lots of different things.

Tucker Fischer - I like math because I get to count.

Nevaeh Griepentrog - I like doing morning work because it's so fun, I like it and sometimes I get A+s.

Mrs. Kuchenbecker – I'm very thankful for a class of hard-working kids, great coworkers and parents and so many awesome helpers!

They thought of lots more, but we don't have that much room! We hope all of you think of many blessings to thank God for every day!

Thank You

Thank you to all the attendees for the Enderle Baby "Sprinkle" and all those who gave gifts. Your generosity, love, and prayers for our growing family is a huge blessing! Thank you, Hillary Geidel, for your planning, organizing, and hosting such a wonderful event for us. We are so thankful for our Morrison Zion Church and School family!
- Jen Enderle

Happy Birthday Jesus! - Dec. 9

This free event will be December 9 from 9-10:30am at MZL School. We will have fun listening to the story of Jesus' birth, doing a craft, playing games, and enjoying a snack. Children ages 3 (potty trained) through 4th grade are invited. Registration is required by December 1.



Athletic Fundraiser

The MZLS Athletic program is having a Christmas wreath and planter fundraiser in partnership with Braun Acres. All orders need to be placed online via the link on our website: mzluth.org, Facebook, or scan the QR code. **The deadline for placing an order is November 13.** Galvanized planters that were purchased last year may be reused this year for a discounted price. All planters need to be labeled and returned to school by November 11. Curbside pick-up will be in the school parking lot on Sunday, November 26th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Thanks in advance for your support! If you have any questions, please contact Abbey Laabs at abbeymlaabs@gmail.com.



4K and 5K

Mrs. Geidel

October was a great month for us. We learned so much and had a lot of fun on our field trip to the pumpkin patch. We are looking forward to November and more learning. In Bible class this month we will learn about how God parted the Red Sea, the Ten Commandments, Jericho, and David and Goliath. In reading, 5K will continue to add new letters each day to create CVC words to read and 4K will be learning letters E-H. In math, 5k will be learning how to add and 4K will be learning numbers 0-5. Kindergarten will be studying the first Thanksgiving in social studies and will begin our units on paper and materials in science class. We do not have any field trips scheduled for November as we will begin to work on our Christmas service. These little lambs have been so fun to teach and work hard every day!

Grades 3-4

Mrs. Hagenow

Things are going well in the 3rd and 4th grade classroom! We just finished learning about the life of Martin Luther and the Reformation in Religion. We are studying multiplication and division patterns in Math. In Science, we will be wrapping up our unit on Motion and Matter by the end of the month and starting a new unit on Water and Climate. The students will be learning about contractions as well as action and linking verbs in Language Arts. Our class is looking forward to a Future Lancer field trip to Manitowoc Lutheran later this month where we will get to experience what an English and Math class is like at MLHS and learn more about the high school. Please continue to keep the 3rd and 4th grade classroom in your prayers,

Grades 5-6

Mr. Geidel

5th and 6th grade is continuing to learn and grow. In Science, we continue our study of our solar system. We were able to supplement our study of the solar system with a trip to the Barlow Planetarium in Menasha. In Math 5th grade just wrapped up their lessons on multi digit multiplication and 6th grade just finished their lessons on integers and rational numbers. In Social Studies, we continue to look at early North American history. The students just finished their Quarter 1 reader's response projects on books that they have read this quarter.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to keep our school running smoothly and looking beautiful this year.

Grades 7-8

Mrs. Muchka

Happy November! In Christ Light we are now focusing our study on the prophet Isaiah and the message God is sharing through him. The seventh and eighth graders are learning about proportional relationships and solving equations with variables in Math. In American History our focus is currently on the rise of industry and expanding cities in early America. Our students have begun reading the novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" in Reading class. Our class enjoyed a field trip to Maribel Caves at the end of October. There we learned about earth science. Please keep the seventh and eighth grade classroom in your prayers!

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Reformation

God's continued blessings to the church through the Reformation will be celebrated November 2 and 5.

Thanksgiving Worship

Join us Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00pm and Thursday, November 24 at 9:00am for Thanksgiving Worship.

Midweek Advent Worship

On November 30 we begin 4 weeks of midweek Advent services at 11am and 7pm with soup suppers. The theme is "The Clothing of the King."

MLHS Choir

The Manitowoc Lutheran High School Lancer Singers choir will join us Sunday, December 17.

Christmas Eve Children's Program

On Sunday, December 24 at the 10:30am service grades 4K through 8th grade will present the Children's Christmas Eve Program. They will also have the same service at 6:00pm on Sunday, December 24.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Join us Sunday, December 24 at the 11:00pm for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing

On the morning of Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24 there will be an Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing during the 8 am service.

Christmas Day Worship

Join us Monday, December 25 at the 9:00am for Christmas Festival Worship with communion.

Morrison Zion Athletics

The students at Morrison Zion are blessed to have just finished fall sports and are now starting their basketball season! Both the volleyball and cross-country teams had very successful seasons. If you'd like to cheer on the Knights at their basketball games, 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!

Upcoming Basketball Games

Fri., Nov. 10th HOME vs. Trinity Brillion

5:00pm B Girls

6:00pm B Boys

7:00pm A Girls

8:00pm A Boys

Wed., Nov. 15th HOME vs. Kiel

4:30pm B Girls

5:30pm B Boys

6:30pm A Girls

7:30pm A Boys

Fri., Nov. 17 AWAY vs. Two Rivers

5:00pm B Girls

6:00pm B Boys

7:00pm A Boys

NO A Girls

Tues., November 28 AWAY vs. Wayside

5:30pm C-Girls

6:30pm C-Boys

Fri., Dec. 1st HOME vs. Algoma

5:00pm B Girls

6:00pm B Boys

7:00pm A Boys

NO A Girls

Christmas Presentation

On Friday, December 8th at 2:00pm our students will sing and play instruments in the gym. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. Invite relatives and friends.

Youth Group Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 16th the Morrison Zion and Shirley Immanuel Youth Groups will have a joint Christmas party at Immanuel Shirley.

Church Lighting

The Leadership Team approved replacing the lights at church. The cost will be around \$35,000 for the lights and installation. We will need help moving pews to install the lights.

Joint Meeting with Immanuel Shirley

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