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Modeling and Training for Service



Doing something new can feel daunting and intimidating. You might feel pressure that you will make a mistake and feel embarrassed. It's hard to do anything you've never been taught or trained to do. How many of you feel able and equipped to fix your own car? If you haven't learned from someone and developed the skills, you won't do it or have the desire to. What child would go play a basketball game in front of hundreds of people for their school without first practicing and being trained by a coach on what to do and how to play the game? Practice and training make us prepared and confident.

Morrison Zion and the body of Christ has been blessed with so many gifted and talented people (Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12). Yet there are many things that can hold people back from service. One way to help people be more able to serve is to improve how we recruit and train people. So often people become overwhelmed and burned out. They might be the only ones serving in that capacity. No one else is trained to do what they do. Then when that person announces they are done serving, it is the job of the church to find someone to replace them. There is often little or no training and little or no work between the previous volunteer and the next. How can this be improved?

If you look at Jesus and his disciples, Jesus modeled not only how recruiting and development occurs but also how responsibility is transferred. Jesus rarely did the work of the ministry by Himself. Jesus spent time alone, but when He min-

istered to people, His disciples were always nearby. Early on, they listened and watched Jesus, but soon He asked them to serve and sent them out first as the 12 and then 72 (Luke 9 & 10). Jesus then flipped things around and asked them to serve while He observed and helped. Jesus was preparing his disciples for when he would no longer be physically present. Jesus was sharing the work and empowering them to be confident in their work.

What if in our service at Morrison Zion we were more intentional about how we recruited and trained others to do different acts of service and love? What if we were able to train people in a way they felt confident and prepared. What if as soon as you began serving you would start training others. More people would be equipped to serve and less people would be overwhelmed. The following approach can help recruit and train for service:

1. *I do. You watch. We talk.*
2. *I do. You help. We talk.*
3. *You do. I help. We talk.*
4. *You do. I watch. We talk.*
5. *You do. Someone else watches.*

This approach has been employed for training people to do livestreaming. It has enabled more people to become comfortable in something they had never done. Using this method new people have trained others. To start is easy. Just watch and learn. Consider how you serve. Who could you train to help you do what you do? What can you learn from someone else?

- Pastor James Enderle



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is to
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 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

In January, the Leadership Team (LT) discussed the 3rd out of 4 parts of “The Five Dysfunctions of a Team,” focusing on gospel driven accountability and healthy teams.

Plans and goals for the Feb. 25 long range planning meeting was discussed.

The Barnabas Ministry is continuing in their adjusted plans for helping people stay connected to Jesus.

Conference expenses for organists, pianists, and pastor to go to the 2024 WELS National Worship Conference was approved.

The call extended to Pastor Seafert was discussed.

Feedback from both Open Forums concerning current and future ministry opportunities with Immanuel Shirley was discussed. The LT encourages all interested members to attend the Merge for Mission

Mr. Matthies Declines Call

On Wednesday, February 7, Jared Matthies returned the call to serve as 7th and 8th grade teacher and athletic director at Morrison Zion Lutheran School. A call meeting will be held after the 8 am service on Sunday, February 25.

Pastor Enderle Returns Call

On Sunday, February 11, Pastor Enderle returned the call to Risen Savior, in Orlando, FL On Thursday, February 8 Pastor Enderle returned the call to serve as pastor at Risen Savior in Orlando, FL. Thank you for your prayers, conversations, and encouragement

presentation on March 9 at the Ponderosa in Morrison.

The formation of an Exploratory Early Childhood Center Ad-Hoc Committee was approved.

The recommended 2024-2025 school calendar was approved.

Quotes for repairs to fix plumbing issues at the teacherage were present and a quote was approved.

Tony Tasch accepted the Facility Maintenance Project Coordinator position.

One clarification from January. A peaceful release to another Christian church was granted to Jackie Rutter and children Carter and Violet.

	Average Attendance			
	January		Yearly	
Bible Study	2024	36	2024	36
	2023	46	2023	35
Worship	2024	253	2024	253
	2023	263	2023	364

Carrie Cappelle was hired for the bookkeeper position. Training will begin in March.

We thank God for a generous stock gift that was given to the church of \$14,000.

The treasurer reported preliminary January balances.

Income	\$73,402
Expenses	\$59,901
Monthly balance	\$13,501
Checkbook balance	\$122,845
Gen. reserve fund	\$118,272
DPI reserve fund	\$2,510
High School	\$1,213
Fiscal year total	\$7,963
2023-24 fiscal goal	\$18,000
Synod Mission	\$3,218
2024 goal	\$32,500

The next monthly LT meeting will be Mar. 26. A budget meeting is set for Mar. 12.

Thank You

The 7th and 8th graders would like to send out a huge "Thank You" to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts for our Washington DC trip. Due to the support of parents, school and church families, community members, relatives, friends, we have exceeded our fundraising goals! What tremendous blessing this support has been for our students. To God be the glory!

Pastor Seafert Called

On Sunday, February 15 Morrison Zion called Pastor Larry Seafert to serve as pastor. Pastor Seafert currently serves St. Bartholomew Church and School in Kawkawlin, MI. Please pray for Pastor Seafert, his family and both ministries as he considers where God is calling him to serve.

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

Foundations of Faith Class Dig into the Bible, either to review your faith in Jesus or to become a member at Zion. Join us Fridays at 1pm and Mondays at 6:30pm. Join this 12 session Bible Class to see how amazing our Savior Jesus is. Bring your questions!

Sunday Morning Bible Study In March we will begin a new study on “New Testament Gospel Words.” Join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 am as we study and dig into some of the most important words and concepts of Christianity that can help you share your faith and what it means to be a Christian with others.

Sunday Night Book Discussion meets Sundays at 7 p.m. in the church basement. On March 3 we begin “The Screwtape Letters” by C.S. Lewis which discuss temptations and how God helps us resist them. The book is available for \$13 (but contains another book we will read in the future).

Wednesday Confirmation Class for public school students 5th-8th grade meets Wednesdays from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm. Students will be encouraged to continue to attend after Easter.

Men’s Study will not meet for the next few months. Please join us for the Foundations of Faith class Mondays at 6:30 pm.

Women’s Study will begin meeting after Easter.

Youth Group meets Sunday nights at 6 pm-8 pm. Study is followed by open gym. Snacks and refreshments are provided.

English as a Second Language will meet Thursday, Mar. 7 and 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. New students and volunteers are welcome!

Whole Bible Reading Plan Join us in reading the whole Bible in 2 years. Find the schedule on page 6.

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. No sign up is needed and we love having new friends join in! This spring we **Follow Christ to the Cross**. Join us each week as we grow closer to Christ and learn of his unconditional love for each of us. Sunday School this year focuses on the New Testament while MZLS focuses on the Old Testament. We hope you can join us!

Fun Day

The free program is held in the church basement. The focus is school readiness and learning about Jesus, while having fun with others. Children 3 & 4 (already potty trained) are invited to attend. Fun Day is held every Thursday from 8:30-10:30am. (When school is in session.) Invite a friend or neighbor!

Meditation Booklets

The new meditation booklets are available in the racks at the entrance way of the church or by back door going to the parking lot from the basement. The cost of the mediation booklets are approximately \$5.00. Donations are greatly appreciated to help cover the cost.

Cards

Easter, Confirmation, Graduation cards along with many others such as birthday and anniversary are available in the library area of the church basement.

Communion Registration

On Communion Sundays, please remember to check your name off on the sheets located at the back of church or in the basement. Receiving the Means of Grace is important for our spiritual lives. Checking your name helps us with our statistical records, helps us understand the spiritual health of the congregation, and encourage you in your faith.

Worship In March*Notes on Worship*

In March we enter into the 40 day journey through the penitential season of Lent into Holy Week, to the suffering and victory of Good Friday and the joys of the resurrection of Easter Sunday.

Rethinking Religion (Sundays in Lent)

Mar. 3	3 rd Sunday in Lent Sermon: 1 Corinth 1:18-25	Rethinking the Worth of Worship Hymns: CW ²¹ 912, 390, 401	purple
Mar. 10	4 th Sunday in Lent Sermon: John 3:14-21	Rethinking the Solution to Sin Hymns: 384, 391, 100, CW ²¹ 523	purple <i>communion</i>
Mar. 17	5 th Sunday in Lent Sermon: John 12:20-33	Rethinking Devoted Commitment Hymns: 122, 387, CW ²¹ 813	purple Good Confession
Mar. 24	Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sermon: Hebrews 12:1-3	Rethinking Real Strength Hymns: 363, 133, 344, 465	purple <i>communion</i>

God on Trial (Midweek and Holy Week)

Mar. 6	Midweek 4 Sermon: Luke 23:1-12	Misconceptions Hymns: 715, 125, 593	purple
Mar. 13	Midweek 5 Sermon: John 18:33-40	Truth Hymns: 281, 356, 593	purple
Mar. 20	Midweek 6 Sermon: Luke 23:26-34	Sympathy Hymns: 104, CW ²¹ 867, 593	purple
Mar. 28	Maundy Thursday Sermon: Luke 22:7-20	Rest Hymns: 313, 311, 310, 120	purple <i>communion</i>
Mar. 29	Good Friday	Seven Words/Rite of Nails Hymns: As the Nails, 139, 140, 127	black <i>communion</i>
Mar. 29	Good Friday Sermon: Matthew 27:38-54	Evidence/Tenebrae/Rite of Nails Hymns: 137, 138, As the Nails, 110, 119	black <i>communion</i>
Mar. 30	Easter Vigil	Service of Light Hymns: 206, 299, 143, 166, 145	white <i>communion</i>

Resurrection Reality (Sundays of Easter)

Mar. 31	Easter Festival Sermon: 1 Corinth 15:19-26	All Will Be Made Alive Hymns: 157, 141, 152, 752	white <i>communion</i>
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Services are livestreamed on and Facebook at www.youtube.com/c/morrisonzionlutheran. Consider using the hymns, readings and the sermon text as a personal or family devotion sometime before worship!

All members of the Altar Committee will be serving during March.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us for Soup Suppers after the 11 am services and before the 6 pm services Wednesdays during Lent. Speak to Tamara Shultz if you can donate a Thrivent card or if you can bring food or help setup or take down.

Good Confession and Confirmation

Join us Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 am for Good Confession Sunday as 8th graders share their faith in Christ. Confirmation will be Sunday, March 24 at 10:30 am.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to create slides for worship and report the copyright information. Training and templates are available – a working knowledge of PowerPoint is needed. Please contact Steve Laabs, 920-901-9478 or stevenjlaabs@gmail.com if you are interested. Thank you!

Easter Lilies

The worship committee would like your help. Each year we like to make a visual contrast from Good Friday to Easter morning. We do this by decorating with black for Good Friday then lots of Easter lilies on Easter morning. The worship committee will pick up Easter lilies for Easter Sunday. *We would like to give the opportunity to purchase a lily in memory of a loved one or in honor of one. These names will be included in the weekly announcement sheet on Easter.* Please sign up in the church basement by Sunday March 24th. 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 Easter lily box. Please plan to pick up your lilies after worship on Easter or by Sunday April 7th. Thanks for helping to beautify our Easter worship.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

In 2023 Morrison Zion Lutheran Church received \$1,483 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding. We're proud to help support the important work you do and hope, together, we can do even more in 2024! Please direct your remaining 2023 Choice Dollars® by March 31.

Youth Group

- ◆ **March 2—Youth Group Movie Night** - Mark your calendar for movie night on March 2 from 6-9pm at Immanuel Shirley. Text movie suggestions to Mrs. Ruddat 920-632-8630. Snacks provided!
- ◆ **April 14—Bowling** - Join us from noon-3 pm for bowling, food, and fun!

Pancake Porkie Breakfast—April 28

We will Youth group will be serving a Pancake Porkie Breakfast to raise money for those attending the International Youth Rally this summer. The breakfast will be on Sunday, April 28th. All youth should plan to help with this event.

Blindmen's Volleyball

Adult and Teen blindmen's volleyball tournament will be all on the same day this year! Get your teams together for Saturday, March 16th. Use the QR codes or go to mzls.org to sign up. Speak to Shannon Otto if you have questions.



Scrip

It is never too late to start using Scrip. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Heling at 920-676-6277. You are able to get physical cards or if it is more convenient, you can use the **Raiseright App** to access e-gift cards. **The code is LCE5EE7B2774L.**

Look for Rhonda between services in the church basement. You can drop off orders at the school office anytime. Please contact Rhonda Heling if you have any questions. Rhonda Heling at 920-676-6277.

Soup for Souls

The Soup for Soul freezers has been restocked! Currently we have three different meal options available for anyone to take to share the love of Jesus with others. This is a great ministry tool to share both love and compassion with those we encounter each and every day. It also gives us the opportunity to remind others that Jesus is with them in both the celebrations and sorrows we may face in our earthly lives.

Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. Laminations 3:32

Food Pantry

We served 47 families during the Feb. 3rd giveaway. Each family received chicken, eggs, milk, juice, yogurt, cheese, potatoes, oranges, apples, carrots, laundry detergent, and nonperishable items. We are so grateful for the congregation's generosity to the families we serve!

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call the food pantry phone (920) 246-5435 to schedule an appointment. Volunteers are welcome to join us for our next distribution on March 2nd! Set up starts at 7 am and distribution is from 8-10 am.

Bible Reading Plan for March

Friday, Mar 1 Exodus 13 Luke 16	Friday, Mar 8 Exodus 20 Luke 23	Friday, Mar 15 Exodus 27 John 6	Friday, Mar 22 Exodus 34 John 13	Friday, Mar 29 Leviticus 1 John 20
Saturday, Mar 2 Exodus 14 Luke 17	Saturday, Mar 9 Exodus 21 Luke 24	Saturday, Mar 16 Exodus 28 John 7	Saturday, Mar 23 Exodus 35 John 14	Saturday, Mar 30 Leviticus 2 & 3 John 21
Sunday, Mar 3 Exodus 15 Luke 18	Sunday, Mar 10 Exodus 22 John 1	Sunday, Mar 17 Exodus 29 John 8	Sunday, Mar 24 Exodus 36 John 15	Sunday, Mar 31 Leviticus 4 Psalm 1 & 2
Monday, Mar 4 Exodus 16 Luke 19	Monday, Mar 11 Exodus 23 John 2	Monday, Mar 18 Exodus 30 John 9	Monday, Mar 25 Exodus 37 John 16	
Tuesday, Mar 5 Exodus 17 Luke 20	Tuesday, Mar 12 Exodus 24 John 3	Tuesday, Mar 19 Exodus 31 John 10	Tuesday, Mar 26 Exodus 38 John 17	
Wed., Mar 6 Exodus 18 Luke 21	Wed., Mar 13 Genesis 46 Mark 16	Wed., Mar 20 Exodus 32 John 11	Wed., Mar 27 Exodus 39 John 18	
Thursday, Mar 7 Exodus 19 Luke 22	Thursday, Mar 14 Exodus 26 John 5	Thursday, Mar 21 Exodus 33 John 12	Thursday, Mar 28 Exodus 40 John 19	

Scan to join the online reading plan and discussions.



Large Print Items and Emails

Large print bulletins and announcements are available in the back of church each service. If you know of someone that needs large print sermons or other materials such as devotions etc. sent to them, please feel free to contact the office or Pastor Enderle. If you or a friend or relative have not been receiving the weekly emails sent from Morrison Zion with weekly devotions and would like to, please email church@mzls.org and we will add you to the list. Weekly announcements are included in these emails.

Hospitals

Please let us know or tell the hospital to contact us if you are in the hospital. The hospital does not contact us unless you give them permission because of the privacy act.

Dare to Lead

Dare to Lead is a conference to encourage and equip men and women to help with many aspects of ministry. Join Pastor Enderle in attending April 11-13 in Green Bay. Go to stmarksministries.com/d2l/ for more details.

Online Church Directory

Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> or scan the QR code to access the secure membership directory. Update your family picture and any contact information. You will need to create a new account the first time you login. If your email doesn't work, contact Pastor Enderle to get registered.



School News

School Registration for 2024-2025

If you are looking to enroll, or you know someone who is looking to enroll please let Mr. Geidel know. jacob.geidel@mzls.org or school@mzls.org

4K and 5K

Mrs. Geidel

I cannot believe we are already into March. We have been having so much fun this year and learning and growing in all areas. This month in Religion we will learn about some Parables that Jesus told, and we will learn about Zacchaeus which is always a fun one for the kids. At the end of the month, we will begin the journey to the cross with a lesson on Palm Sunday. In reading class, the 5K students will be working with CVC words that have an o and a u in the middle of them. The 4K students will learn the letters Qq, Rr, Ss, and Tt. In math, the 5K students will learn to count numbers to 100 and begin to learn to identify and describe shapes. Our 4K students will be learning how to compare numbers to 10, such as greater or less than. They will also begin their unit on patterns and different pattern types. In social studies, the 5K students will wrap up their unit on Then and Now and begin their unit on their community. In science, the 5K students will begin the final unit on animals and learn all about God's creation. At the end of February and beginning of March we will celebrate Read Across America week. Each day we will read a book and do a special activity to celebrate. Then we will have a party for Dr. Seuss. Blessings to you all from 4K and 5K!

Grades 1-2

Mrs. Kuchenbecker

The first and second graders studied light and sound in science. They experimented with vibration to make sound with cup phones. They learned about shadows and the difference between opaque, transparent, and translucent. They began a unit on American symbols and patriotism in social studies. We studied the history of Israel as they entered the promised land with God's amazing help. We did art projects based on children's book illustrators and learned about drawing faces. We worked with place value, addition and subtraction, adjectives, contractions, long vowels, and cursive handwriting. We enjoyed dressing up for spirit week. Some of the students have completed one round on our FARM reading challenge. Ask them, they'll tell you all about it. We had lots of fun putting on our class play 3 of a Kind with the third and fourth graders. If you didn't get to see our show, there are lots of pictures that you can check out on our school Facebook page. Till next month God's blessings from grades 1-2.

Grades 3-4

Mrs. Hagenow

It's hard to believe that we will be entering the last quarter of the school year later this month! In Christ Light, we are discussing what it means to be a true Christian friend by reading about Jonathan and David's friendship. We will be working on multiplying fractions and diving into decimals in math. We have started to learn how to play recorders in music class and are catching on quickly! We are excited for our field trip to Barkhausen later this month where we will learn how maple syrup is made. God's blessings to all of you this Easter- He is risen!

Grades 5-6

Mr. Geidel

Greetings from the 5th and 6th grade classroom. The 5th and 6th grade have been using their abilities to praise God in so many ways. With the conclusion of a successful basketball and spirit squad season, the 5th and 6th graders both placed 6th in their end of the year basketball tournaments. The B Boys had the privilege of playing in a bonus tournament in Algoma and placed 2nd. Academically, we finished up our study about our solar system. We switch gears and move to mixtures and solutions to study the smaller aspects of God's Creation. 5th grade is studying fractions in all their forms in math class. 6th grade is studying ratios, unit rates, and measurement conversion. We studied fiction vs nonfiction and how to report on those books respectively. We finished up our reading of the book "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen. 5th and 6th grade also began reading buddies with 4k and 5k where we read to our younger schoolmates or have the opportunity to help them read! God is good!

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Merge for Mission Presentation

All members from Morrison Zion and Immanuel Shirley are invited to join us Saturday, March 9 from 9-11am at the Ponderosa in Morrison for a presentation and Q & A with Pastor Joel Gaertner from WELS Congregational Services. Pastor Gaertner will present “Exploration – The First Step” and host a Q&A on the following topics:

- a) the challenges facing the American church in this culture and the opportunities that it presents.
- b) WELS history of starting churches.
- c) the mission of the Church.
- d) the importance of critical mass in carrying out that mission.
- e) types of mergers/consolidations: absorption, rebranding, multi-site, etc.
- f) the things that can derail a merger.
- g) explanation of the “Merge for Mission” process.

Households/members will take home a “Phase 1 – Exploration discussion guide” for further study. Members will be encouraged to use this study in their homes, and then as a congregation discuss it together and then voters decide if the congregation wants to proceed to phase 2 (of 4 phases).



Blindmen's Volleyball

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Grades 7-8

Mrs. Muchka

The days continue to fly by in 7th and 8th grade! In Christ Light we are now focusing our study on God's Word shared through the prophet Ezekial. We find guidance and comfort in the promises of scripture. The seventh and eighth graders are learning to solve multistep inequalities and translations in Math. In American History our focus is currently on the causes and effects of the Roaring Twenties. Our students have been writing persuasive essays and speeches in English class. Please keep the seventh and eighth grade classroom in your prayers as we continue the new calendar year!

School Choice

School Choice application window opens 2/01/24. The window for this closes on April 1st. Contact Mr. Geidel for more information on school choice. jacob.geidel@mzls.org or school@mzls.org

School Registration for 2024-2025

If you are looking to enroll, or you know someone who is looking to enroll please let Mr. Geidel know. jacob.geidel@mzls.org or school@mzls.org

Leadership set the 2024-2025 Tuition at:

\$1,275.00 for grades 5K-8th (2.1% increase)

\$ 850.00 for 4K (2.5% increase)

Both increases are lower than suggested inflation increases. If you have any questions, please speak to Mr. Geidel.

Silver's Secret

Please join grades 5-8 for their presentation of Silver's Secret. The presentation will take place on Friday, March 22nd at 10am and again at 6pm in the school join. All are invited to join us!

Music Night

Music Night will be held at 6:00pm on Friday, March 1st . This concert will feature all of our instrumentalists in grades 5-8. All are invited to hear our young musicians. We hope you can join us for this musical event in the school gym.

Rise Up with Jesus

Rise Up with Jesus Easter Event is on March 23rd from 10-11:30am at school for children 3 years old (potty-trained) through 4th grade. Children that are two years old and accompanied by an adult are welcome to participate. Children will have fun learning the Easter story with crafts, games, and snacks! There will be an egg hunt at the end of the event! Please invite a neighbor or friend! Registration is available on our Facebook event page or on our website: mzluth.org. Questions: Contact Mrs. Geidel at hillary.geidel@mzls.org

Help Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Easter event on March 23. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Geidel.

Donations

Donations are needed for our Easter event on March 23rd. We are asking for donations of plastic eggs and candy that can be stuffed inside the eggs. Please bring donations to school no later than March 13 so we can fill the eggs. Thank you!

VBS 2024

Camp Firelight will be July 9-11 from 9-11am! ! We are looking for volunteers to help for the week! Please contact Mrs. Geidel if you are willing to volunteer!