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## Five Essentials of Team

Over the last few months, you may have seen in the Leadership Team notes that that we have been discussing a book called “The Five Dysfunctions of a Team” by Patrick Lencioni. How can this book be helpful to Christians? As Christians we are called to work together in many aspects of life: in family, in work, at school, and in the church. <sup>12</sup> *Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.* <sup>13</sup> *For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body.* (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) As we continue with Merge for Mission it can be helpful to consider how we can serve best as a team/the body of Christ looking to give God glory in all we do. In the book Lencioni identifies five components of a highly functioning team that each build off of each other like a pyramid (see the bottom right):

1. **TRUST:** Trust is the foundation of well-functioning teams. *Trust flows out of love for Christ and for others.* It creates a culture of openness and vulnerability. When people trust, they share opinions and feelings, confident they will be respected and heard. Trust enables people to delegate tasks knowing things will get done. While trust flows from love, it is nurtured by respect for others, effective communication, acknowledgment of personal limitations and/or failures, and follow-through on commitments made and jobs undertaken.

2. **HEALTHY CONFLICT:** Many people assume any conflict is bad, but healthy conflict is not only good it is necessary for a healthy team. *Healthy conflict flows out of trust and recognizes that when there are issues, team members, out of respect for one another, listen to one another.* Teams need to consider and value different perspectives. Christians can respectfully disagree with one another as they discuss issues and work toward solutions. But when leaving the discussion, they leave loving one another and united around a plan for moving forward.

3. **COMMITMENT:** *Well-functioning ministry teams and churches are committed to clear core values, causes, and a vision for ministry.* Members are committed to prep up, show up, and step up. But individuals also support team decisions even when

they disagree with the solution--unless there is something morally wrong with the decision (cf. Acts 5:29). Anything less undermines trust and creates confusion, conflict, and lack of confidence in a ministry.

4. **ACCOUNTABILITY:** “Who am I to hold someone accountable?” is often the thought Christian team members believe when it comes to accountability. Jesus tells us to deal with ourselves before dealing with others (Matthew 7:3). But he doesn't say that in Christian love we should never hold one another accountable. *Such accountability, while it keeps the sinful nature in check, is an encouragement to the new person within. Accountability shows value to the person and the task.* It is important to keeping things on track and getting things done. It builds team trust!

5. **ATTENTION TO RESULTS:** So much in ministry is unseen. *The Holy Spirit works through Word and sacrament in souls. But where the Spirit works, we can see people walking with the Spirit in worship, spiritual growth activities, service, fellowship, and godly living.* Some of these things we can measure to gauge effectiveness of our efforts--what to keep doing, stop doing, or start doing. What we measure and track is a reflection of what we see as important to our ministry and vision.

Understanding these 5 Essentials can be very beneficial to a team, church, friendships, and family. Much of the book considers what happens when these essentials are missing. Consider how when trust is lost in a relationship, conflict is avoided or toxic. Christians know we are loved by Jesus and forgiven. So we can love and forgive, treat others with respect, and seek unity in Christ.

- written by Pastor James Enderle  
*(Summaries of the 5 Essentials adapted from a Forward in Christ article by Pastor Don Sutton)*



**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



# Congregational News



## Leadership Team Notes

The Leadership Team (LT) met in March and April since the last newsletter. We finished our discussion on “The Five Dysfunctions of a Team,” in March and in April discussed our individual strengths and weakness.

The LT continues to prepare long range plans. The initial plans will be ready in May.

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

Merge for Mission Phase 2 and the Voters Meeting were discussed. Questions concerning Sunday worship times for summer and coordinating with Immanuel Shirley were discussed

Quotes for a color printer were shared and it was approved to move forward with the purchase of a color printer.

## Mr. Arndt Returns Call

On April 23, Mr. Joshua Arndt who serves at Martin Luther Lutheran School in Oshkosh, WI returned the call to server as our 7th and 8th grade teacher. Our next step is to request a graduate from Martin Luther College. Assignment day is May 18.

## Pastor Schulz Called

On Sunday, April 7 Morrison Zion called Pastor Joel Schulz who currently serves with Divine Savior Ministries at Delray Beach, FL to serve as a second pastor. Please pray for him, his family and the ministries involved as he considers where God is calling him to serve in His Kingdom.

In March the following membership changes were approved: We welcome the transfers of Cory and Cassie Swanningson and children Emerson and Jameson from St. Marks (DePere/Green Bay) and Jamie Nass from St. Paul (Green Bay). We pray for God’s blessings to transfers out—Jonathan Becker to St. John’s (Wauwatosa) and Erin Ciha to St. Paul (Howards Grove).

Pastor Enderle shared some of what was learned from the Dare to Lead Conference and encouraged that we have many more lay members attend in 2025.

Financially, moving some of the funds in reserve to short term CDs with high interest

|             | Average Attendance |     |        |     |
|-------------|--------------------|-----|--------|-----|
|             | March              |     | Yearly |     |
| Bible Study | 2024               | 41  | 2023   | 36  |
|             | 2023               | 60  | 2023   | 48  |
| Worship     | 2024               | 347 | 2024   | 290 |
|             | 2023               | 255 | 2023   | 247 |

was approved. We believe this is good stewardship of God’s gifts.

The Morrison Zion proposed 2024-2025 Budget was approved to presented and be voted on during the Annual Voters Meeting. Many unknowns exist because of pastoral and teacher vacancies.

The Annual Voters Meeting is April 28 after the 10:30 am service where Merge for Mission Phase 2 will be voted on.

The treasurer reported preliminary March balances. High School gifts are down significantly this year. Monthly expenses were high due to timing of pension and health insurance bills.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Income              | \$51,315   |
| Expenses            | \$72,453   |
| Monthly balance     | -\$15,643  |
| Checkbook balance   | \$143,166  |
| Gen. reserve fund   | \$118,728  |
| DPI reserve fund    | \$2,511    |
| High School         | \$732      |
| Fiscal year total   | \$9,280    |
| 2023-24 fiscal goal | \$18,000   |
| Synod Mission       | \$2,862.50 |
| Fiscal year total   | \$25,096   |
| 2024 goal           | \$32,500   |

## Memorial Gift

A memorial of \$10,000 was left by Lois Zeamer to Morrison Zion. We are thankful to her and her family for this gift to be used to glorify God. We praise God for the faith and Christian life that was given to our sister now with her Lord in heaven.

## Baptisms

On Sunday, April 21 Logan Brian Rutter son of Zach and Brandi Rutter was baptized during late service. We thank God for welcoming Logan into the family of God through baptism and forgiving his sins. Continued prayers for him and his family as they grow in faith in Christ as their Savior.

## 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. We will begin a new session in June. We could either meet on Fridays during the day or an weekday evening. Speak to Pastor Enderle if you have interest in joining this class or have friends interested in becoming members.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** In May we will continue our 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. We will continue “The Screwtape Letters” by C.S. Lewis in May. Books and study guides are available. Late May or early June we will begin our next book Sticky Church by Larry Osborne. Cost will be \$5.

**Wednesday Confirmation Class** for public school students 5th-8th grade meets Wednesdays from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm. May 1 and 8 will be the last classes of the 2023-2024 School Year.

**Men’s Study** will not meet in May.

**Women’s Study** is looking at Jesus' life and especially at his miracles. We will meet on Saturday, May 11th at 9:30am at Phyllis Wagner's home. Please bring your Bible and invite a friend to join us. Any questions contact Jen Enderle at 920-372-3818.

**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, May. 2, 16, and 30 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. May 12 will be the last session of Sunday School this spring.

### Children’s Bags

We have children bags hanging where you go to the balcony if you would like to use one during worship for your child. Please return it to the hook by the balcony after worship.

### Meditation Booklets

The new meditation booklets will be available in May for starting your daily devotions on June 2nd. They are available at the entrance way of the church or by the back door going to the parking lot from the basement. The cost of the mediation booklets are approximately \$5. Donations are greatly appreciated to help cover the cost.

### Communion

2 individual cups of white grape juice are available in each tray for those who prefer/need to have a nonalcohol alternative to wine. Gluten free wafers are also available. Hold your hand palm down to let the server know you would like the gluten free wafer.

### Communion Registration

Please remember to register for communion. There are sheets for registration in the back of the church, by the elevator, where you go to the balcony, and in the basement. Please remember to put a check by your name. There is a spot for visitors as well. Thanks in advance for your help and if you do forget feel free to email us at [church@mzls.org](mailto:church@mzls.org).

## Worship In May

## Notes on Worship

During May we finish our sermon series on 1 John looking at the Resurrection Reality. We will celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord, the Festival of Pentecost and move into the season of Pentecost with the theme A Top-Down Faith which will look at the beautiful teachings of our God.

### *Resurrection Reality*

|          |                                       |  |                  |
|----------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| May. 2/5 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter      | <b>Jesus' Business is Love: Therefore, So is Ours</b>  | white            |
|          | Sermon: 1 John 4                      | Hymns: 490, CW <sup>21</sup> 523, 496, 497             |                  |
| May. 9   | Ascension                             | <b>Christ's Ascension Means He is Closer than Ever</b> | white            |
|          | Sermon: Ephesians 4:7-16              | Hymns: 170, 171, 173, 561                              | <i>communion</i> |
| May. 12  | 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter      | <b>We Will Overcome This Broken World</b>              | white            |
|          | Sermon: 1 John 5:1-6                  | Hymns: 167, 389, 477, 411                              | <i>communion</i> |
| May. 16  | MZLS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation |  |                  |
| May. 19  | Festival of Pentecost                 | <b>Christ Has Not Left Us Alone</b>                    | red              |
|          | Sermon: Ezekiel 37:1-14               | Hymns: 250, 176, 564, 281                              | <i>communion</i> |

### *A Top-Down Faith*

|            |                      |   |                  |
|------------|----------------------|---|------------------|
| May. 23/26 | Holy Trinity Sunday  | <b>Only a Triune God Can Deliver...</b> | white            |
|            | Sermon: Isaiah 6:1-8 | Hymns: 391, 177, 747, 745               | <i>communion</i> |

Sunday morning worship at 8:00 a.m. is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook and on demand. at [www.youtube.com/c/morrisonzionlutheran](http://www.youtube.com/c/morrisonzionlutheran). The online register has been simplified.

Altar Committee members serving in May: Dawn Vaughn

## Can you help us update our records?

Please help us out in as many ways as possible that you can.

- **Each time you worship**, please sign the friendship register in the pew register. If you your phone number, address or email has changed please fill that in on the address line of the friendship register as well. If there are no changes you do not need to write this information each time.
- Let us know if your **address has changed** or the address of your loved one. If you have children that no longer live at home please share with us their address and information so we can stay connected. You can send us an email at [church@mzls.org](mailto:church@mzls.org) or write the update in the pew register.
- Please **update your phone number** if you no longer have a landline or if your phone number changes. If you have a phone number for a loved one, please share that also. Being able to call or text members is important for the ministry of the church. Please email at [church@mzls.org](mailto:church@mzls.org) or share the updates it in the pew register. If you are also a new member, please help us out with phone numbers. Thank you in advance.
- Please send us your **email address** and the emails of loved ones including children. We use these to get out important updates and messages (like power outages!). Send an email at [church@mzls.org](mailto:church@mzls.org) or share in the friendship register.
- You can also make many of these updates using the 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.

Thank you for your help and any updates!



## Fun Day

Fun Day will meet on Thursday from 8:30-10:30am in the church basement during the school year on: **May 2, May 9, May 16, and May 23.**

**Fun Day will meet in Summer on Tuesday mornings (starting May 28th) from 8:30am-10:30am.** This free program is for children who are ages 3 (potty-trained) - 5 (entering kindergarten). Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle and small snack. Fun Day will be held outside at Morrison Zion Lutheran School. Please note, we will not meet on July 9 (join us at VBS) and July 16. Questions: Danielle Ripp, dani.pues@gmail.com or 920-621-3196.

## Consider starting or getting back into using Scrip

It is never too late to start using Scrip. What a great way to give a little back to church or have it put towards someone's tuition while buying your groceries, filling your car with gas, giving gifts, going out to eat, remodeling projects, etc. For all parents and especially those that have a 3-year-old as their oldest child and will be sending them to Morrison Zion Lutheran School, NOW is the time to sign up using the scrip program to help with your tuition cost. (Also, can be used towards milk or hot lunch if you are a part of the school choice program or have extra from what tuition did not use.) Example buy \$100 Festival Foods card and get \$3.00 for church / tuition credit. It may not seem like much right now, but it really does add up throughout the year. (We have had families have over \$500.00 to be put towards tuition etc.) Also, you can invite family and friends to help you out. You can get physical cards or if it is more convenient, you can use the Raiseright App to access e-gift cards. **The code is LCE5EE7B2774L.** You can also 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 at 920-676-6277.

## Childcare During 8 AM Worship

Anyone who would be interested in utilizing or volunteering for a childcare service for 1-4 year olds during the 8am Sunday church service in the church basement, please reach out to Corey Swanningson to plan/coordinate this new service. Corey and his wife Cassie are new members and have interest in organizing this program if there are enough volunteers and families who would make use of it. You can contact Corey at (920-241-2762) or cswanningson@gmail.com.

## Soup for Souls

Share the love of Jesus with others using our Soup for Souls Ministry. We have filled the freezers with meals and delicious cookies. All the meals are free and available at school and at church. Don't forget to take a card that shares the special message of Jesus love as well. Currently we have Swedish meatballs, meatloaf, pork and mac meal, chicken and mashed potatoes, and larger pans of tater tot casserole and lasagna. Thank you to Jr and Marie Pantzlaff who did a Thrivent Action Team to support this ministry.

## Youth Group

May 11 – Baking Muffins for Moms. Come to Morrison Zion to help bake muffins for Mother's Day from 9am-11am.

## Food Pantry

We served 49 families during the April 6th giveaway. Each family received beef or pork, tortillas, juice, cheese, apples, light bulbs, and nonperishable items. Many thanks to members of the congregation that assisted during the power outage to keep our food from spoiling!

*Our pantry funds are supported solely by the congregation and are not part of the church's budget.* Inflation and more families facing food insecurity has depleted our funds faster than in previous years. Please consider donating to the food pantry. Food donations can be placed in the shopping carts at school or in the church basement. *Monetary donations to the food pantry can be given via yellow edged envelopes in the offering envelopes or via Thrivent action cards.*

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 May 4th! Set up starts at 7 am and distribution is from 8-10 am.

### Bible Reading Plan for May

|   |   |  |  |   |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Wed., May 1</b><br>Numbers 9<br>Psalm 45<br><b>Thursday, May 2</b><br>Numbers 10<br>Psalm 46 & 47<br><b>Friday, May 3</b><br>Numbers 11<br>Psalm 48<br><b>Saturday, May 4</b><br>Numbers 12 & 13<br>Psalm 49<br><b>Sunday, May 5</b><br>Numbers 14<br>Psalm 50<br><b>Monday, May 6</b><br>Numbers 15<br>Psalm 51<br><b>Tuesday, May 7</b><br>Numbers 16<br>Psalm 52-54 | <b>Wed., May 8</b><br>Numbers 17 & 18<br>Psalm 55<br><b>Thursday, May 9</b><br>Numbers 19<br>Psalm 56 & 57<br><b>Friday, May 10</b><br>Numbers 20<br>Psalm 58 & 59<br><b>Saturday, May 11</b><br>Numbers 21<br>Psalm 60 & 61<br><b>Sunday, May 12</b><br>Numbers 22<br>Psalm 62 & 63<br><b>Monday, May 13</b><br>Numbers 23<br>Psalm 64 & 65<br><b>Tuesday, May 14</b><br>Numbers 24<br>Psalm 66 & 67 | <b>Wed., May 15</b><br>Numbers 25<br>Psalm 68<br><b>Thursday, May 16</b><br>Numbers 26<br>Psalm 69<br><b>Friday, May 17</b><br>Numbers 27<br>Psalm 70 & 71<br><b>Saturday, May 18</b><br>Numbers 28<br>Psalm 72<br><b>Sunday, May 19</b><br>Numbers 29<br>Psalm 73<br><b>Monday, May 20</b><br>Numbers 30<br>Psalm 74<br><b>Tuesday, May 21</b><br>Numbers 31<br>Psalm 75 & 76 | <b>Wed., May 22</b><br>Numbers 32<br>Psalm 77<br><b>Thursday, May 23</b><br>Numbers 33<br>Psalm 78<br><b>Friday, May 24</b><br>Numbers 34<br>Psalm 78<br><b>Saturday, May 25</b><br>Numbers 35<br>Psalm 79<br><b>Sunday, May 26</b><br>Numbers 36<br>Psalm 80<br><b>Monday, May 27</b><br>Deuteronomy 1<br>Psalm 81 & 82<br><b>Tuesday, May 28</b><br>Deuteronomy 2<br>Psalm 83 & 84 | <b>Wed., May 29</b><br>Deuteronomy 3<br>Psalm 85<br><b>Thursday, May 30</b><br>Deuteronomy 4<br>Psalm 86 & 87<br><b>Friday, May 31</b><br>Deuteronomy 5<br>Psalm 88 |
|---|---|--|--|---|

Scan to join the online reading plan and discussions.



### Summer Park Play Dates

Join us for fun at the park! Enjoy the outdoors in God’s creation, meet new friends, and socialize (both kids and adults)! Playdates are weather permitting. If you have any questions, contact Jen Enderle at 920-372-3818 or jen.enderle@outlook.com. You are welcome to bring your lunch to enjoy at the park!

- May 30 - Sand Acres Park, De Pere
- June 6 - Optimist Park, Allouez
- June 13 - Appleton Memorial Park, Appleton
- June 20 - Josten Park, Green Bay
- June 27 – Quarry Park, De Pere
- No meet up on July 4
- July 11 – Join us for VBS at School
- July 18 - Sherwood Park + Splash Pad, Sherwood
- July 25 – Way-Mor Park, Greenleaf
- August 1 Voyager Park, De Pere
- August 8 Waupekun Park, Wrightstown
- August 15, Jaycee Park, Appleton

### MZLS School Band at Timber Rattlers & Tailgating

Join us for tailgating at the Timber Rattlers Game. We will depart at 10:00am sharp from the Wrightstown Middle School parking lot and caravan to the stadium. Everyone brings their own food, drinks, and tailgating supplies. The band will be playing the national anthem for the 1:10pm game.

### Geidel’s Adoption Application and Baby Shower

If The Geidel's Adoption Application has been approved! All women and girls from the congregation and school are invited to a baby shower in honor of Mrs. Geidel on Sunday, May 5 after late service in the school commons. Lunch will be provided. The Geidel's are registered on Amazon. If you questions, please contact Abbey Laabs, abbeymlaabs@gmail.com or Katie Muchka, katie.muchka@mzls.org.

## School News

### 4K and 5K

Mrs. Geidel

I cannot even believe we are at the end of our school year. We have had so much fun this year! We have enjoyed many field trips throughout the year. This month we will be heading to Mulberry Farms to see all the baby farm animals. In Bible History we will learn about Easter, Doubting Thomas, Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost. In reading, 5K will learn about the /wh/ sound and the /ck/. 4K will finish learning their alphabet with letters X, Y, and Z. In math the 5K will learn about the different types of measurements and 4K will learn all about positional words. In Social Studies the 5K class will learn about maps and how to read and use one. In Science, we will go out and observe our trees and how they look in the spring. We have also started our ABC countdown. Every day until the end of the year is a letter and we do something fun that day to represent the letter. May will bring Ice cream for I, Muffins with misses for M, a volcano experiment for V, and many more fun days! I have absolutely enjoyed this group of 8 of God's little lambs. We have had a wonderful year together!

### Grades 1-2

Mrs. Kuchenbecker

We're looking forward to our spring class trip to Thousand Island Nature Center in Kaukauna. We'll tell you all about it in June. The second graders got a taste of multiplication, 3 digit adding and subtracting and the first graders are starting to feel like second graders doing 2 digit adding and subtracting. All the kids have grown so much in their reading and are using their free time to read, read, read. They enjoyed playing games in music class and in art we learned the difference between realism and abstract and enjoyed making spring crafts. We're learning about insects and plants in science. We planted some different seeds and are watching the life cycle of silkworms and butterflies. Always lots going on in grades 1-2.

### Grades 3-4

Mrs. Hagenow

There is a lot of excitement in our classroom as the school year is winding down. The third and fourth graders have worked so hard each day and learned so much this year. I am very proud of all of them. We wrap up our school year with learning about the lives of Daniel and Esther in Christ Light. We will be working on learning about shapes and angles in Math. Science has us discussing how wonderful God created our bodies by studying about the different body systems he gave us. We are excited for our end of the year field trip where we will visit Heckrodt Wetland Reserve and participate in the Water World program and spend the afternoon hiking on the trails. I pray you have a safe and wonderful summer!

### Grades 5-6

Mr. Geidel

What a wonderful two days of showcasing the God-given gifts our students at MZLS! On April 12th and 13th, many students in grades 5-8 attended Manitowoc Lutheran High School for their Music Festival and Academic fair. In our 5th and 6th grade room we have had the opportunity to explore science in the classroom, lab, and outside. We are studying mixtures and solutions. We have discussed and experimented with multiple ways of separating mixtures and solutions from magnets to evaporation. We have begun units on geometry in both 5th and 6th grade. In reading, we have begun our reading of Where the Red Fern Grows. We will conclude our year discussing the parts of the Lord's Prayer in Catechism class. We will celebrate our physical abilities by training for the Track Meet on Wednesday, May 15th.

### Grades 7-8

Mrs. Muchka

Can you believe it's already May? In Christ Light we are now focusing our study on God's Word shared through the prophet Daniel. We find guidance and comfort in the promises of scripture. The seventh and eighth graders are learning to evaluate theoretical and probability and the Pythagorean Theorem in Math. In American History our focus is currently on the causes and effects of WWII. Our students have been editing quotations and writing compare and contrast essays in English class. The class had a wonderful time on our trip to Washington DC! It was great to see so many historical places in person and learn more about them. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts! Please keep the seventh and eighth grade classroom in your prayers as we finish out the school year!

## Morrison Zion Lutheran Church

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### Mrs. Muchka Appreciation of Ministry Dinner

Join us Sunday June 2 for a special meal after 10:30 a.m. worship to show our appreciation and thanks to Katie Muchka for many years of faithful service to the Lord. Look for the sign up sheet letting us know if you can attend the meal.

### Athletic Fundraiser

Morrison Zion Athletics is having a flower/vegetable fundraiser in partnership with Braun Acres to raise funds to support the ongoing costs of our athletic programs. Orders are being accepted online through May 5. Scan the QR code to order or use the following link: <https://forms.gle/PnVG8P8RchAuYHMT6> Curbside pick-up will be in the church parking lot on Sunday, May 19, from 10:30am to 12:00pm. Thanks in advance for your support! If you have any questions, please contact abbeymlaabs@gmail.com.





## Coaches Needed

Coaches are needed for basketball, volleyball, and soccer next year. No experience is needed! Please contact Mrs. Muchka if you are interested or have any questions.

## Heid Music Big 10 Update

To celebrate Music in our Schools month, Heid Music held a photo contest. A photo of our school band was entered to highlight what music in our school means to us. Each day during March people were invited to vote. Thanks to everyone for their support and votes! Our school band ended up in 10th place! Of the 16 available prizes, we received a Yamaha sound system for use in the gym valued at \$1,200. Again, thank you to all who took the time to vote!

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## 2024-2025 School Calendar

The 2024-2025 school calendar is set. The first day for grades 5K-8th is Thursday, August 22, 2024. The first day for 4K is Wednesday, August 28, 2024. The final day of school is Friday, May 23, 2025.

## School Registration for 2024-2025

If you know of anyone interested in a solid Christian education, mention our school! Mr. Geidel will meet with prospects, give a tour, or just discuss the education students receive here at Morrison Zion. We have a wonderful and plenty of room for more students. You are the best promoters of our wonderful school. Contact [jacob.geidel@mzls.org](mailto:jacob.geidel@mzls.org) with questions or to set up a tour.

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 and much lower than many increases this year like health insurance for teachers (11%).

## Mrs. Muchka's Farewell

You are invited to join us and help with Mrs. Muchka's farewell. Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 11:30am following the 10:30am service in the Morrison Zion School Gym

We will prep food and the gym on Saturday, June 1, 2024, starting at 10am.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you can assist in serving the meal for this celebration. Your willingness to serve would be deeply appreciated. Thank you for considering our invitation, and we look forward to celebrating Katie's ministry together. Sign-up sheets for attending will be available in the church and at school. Watch for more details!

In Christ, Charles Edinger

## Dates To Note

- May 6-10 Spring MAP Testing
- May 7 PTA Meeting 6:30pm
- May 23 at 7pm 8th Grade Graduation at church
- May 24 at 11am 4K and 5K Graduation at school
- July 9-11 from 9 – 11am Vacation Bible School

## Vacation Bible School

VBS Registration is open!

Please register your children, ages 3 (potty-trained) - entering 6th grade, by scanning the QR code or using the following

link: <https://forms.gle/y3UFFgbRagrvGxXN6>

Please invite friends and neighbors to this fun, free event that will be held July 9-11 from 9-11am at Morrison Zion Lutheran School.

