

Morrison Zion Lutheran Church www.mzluth.org

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## Announcements

**Muffins for Moms** Youth Group is meeting Saturday, May 11 from 9 am to noon at Morrison Zion School to make muffins for moms. The muffins will be available after church both services on Sunday, May 12.

**Pentecost Festival Worship** is Thursday, May 16 and Sunday, May 19. Join us for worship and communion to celebrate the last major festival of the church year.

8th Grade Graduation with worship for Morrison Zion Lutheran School is Thursday, May 23 at 7pm.

- **Sunday Morning Study** will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the in the church basement. This week's lesson looks at "Conversion: Repentance, Regeneration, & Enlightenment."
- Sunday Book Study meets Sundays at 7 p.m. in the church basement to discuss, "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. We will look at chapters 23 and 28 May 12. We will not meet May 19. We will begin our next book May 26.
- Sunday School for ages 3 6th grade meets at school 9:15-10:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the school building. This is the last Sunday School session until fall. There is no Sunday School over summer.

Youth Group will meet Sunday, May 12 at 6pm at school for our last Sunday Bible Study, food and fun this spring.

Fun Day meets Thursdays from 8:30-10:30am in the church basement during the school year on: May 16 and May 23. Fun Day will meet in Summer on Tuesday mornings (starting May 28th) from 8:30am-10:30am.

**Women's Study** meets on Saturday, May 11 at 9:30am at Phyllis Wagner's home. We are studying Jesus' life and looking especially at his miracles. Bring your Bible and invite a friend to join us. Contact Jen Enderle at 920-372-3818.

**Call Returned** On April 26, Pastor Joel Schulz who currently serves with Divine Savior Ministries at Delray Beach, FL returned the call to serve as a second pastor. Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and conversations. We are seeking a graduate from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

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

**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 sheets located in the church basement, the back of church, or at school. Members are invited to bring a salad or dessert. Thank you in advance.

VBS Registration is open! Please register your children, ages 3 (pottytrained) - 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.

**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.

Summer Park Play Dates Join us for fun at the park each Thursday over the summer! Enjoy the outdoors in God's creation, meet new friends, and socialize (both kids and adults)! 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! We will meet May 30 at Sand Acres Park in De Pere.

Foundations of Faith Would like to become a member? We will be beginning a new class this summer. Look for updates concerning when! Speak to Pastor Enderle if you are interested in joining.

Our Mission is to **Glorify God** as we **Gather** around the Gospel

so that we **Grow** in the Gospel and **Go** with the Gospel

5/9 Thur.	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Fun Day Ascension Worship w/communion	5/15 Wed. 5/16 Thur.	7:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice Fun Day
5/11 Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Youth Group Muffin Baking		7:00 p.m.	Pentecost Festival w/communion
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Study	5/19 Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Pentecost Festival w/communion
5/12 Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Easter 7 Worship		9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School		10:30 a.m.	Pentecost Festival w/communion
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study	5/21 Tue.	6:00 p.m.	Barnabas Ministry Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Easter 7 Worship w/communion		7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study			
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study—Screwtape Letters			

## Building trust in the heart of Japan Written by Rev. Peter Janke, world missionary for the Asia One Team.

In the heart of Japan, gospel outreach is blossoming through the power of building relationships and serving the community.

Kanon, the son of Pastor Haga of Megumi church in Mito, spearheaded an impactful English camp. With meticulous planning and heartfelt efforts, Kanon orchestrated an enriching experience for 15 children. From engaging geography and science classes taught by Sam of Kingdom Workers and Annalisa from Friends Network, to fun-filled activities like kickball and board games, the camp was a hit! The kids enjoyed a scrumptious pizza lunch that allowed them to creatively construct their own pizza. This camp not only provided a refreshing break for parents but also played a pivotal role in building trust within the community. The experience mirrors the experiences Kanon had as a child as well, learning about the church through these community activities where people can see Christians as loving and generous people right in their own town-not a strange and mysterious western religion.

Further strengthening the bond among Christians, a recent BBQ event by the members of the Tokyo church took place at Koganei. Here's what one member, Yuki, said: "We had a BBQ event at Koganei Park. There were 12 brothers and sisters present. We brought all the ingredients ourselves. Takahashi-san bought and cut all the meat and vegetables for us! We are very thankful to her! It was a little windy that day, making it hard to start a fire; however, we still enjoyed cooking because everyone helped each other and seemed so happv! The meal was delicious!"

One attendee suggested we play some sports after the meal, so he went back to his house to gather equipment. We had our meal for around an hour and a half, then started singing hymns. One had the same melody as "It's a Small World," but the lyrics were about praising God. The other was "Jesus Loves Me." Takahashi-san prepared the lyrics for us. She accompanied us with her guitar, making our singing even more amazing!

After singing, we all joined in playing frisbee with one another. We tried to make a game out of it and see how many times we could catch a frisbee in one minute. It felt like we had returned to our childhood.

Thank you, God, for giving us this gracious time with our brothers and sisters!

These stories are not just about the events; they are about the transformative power of relationships, community service, and faith. Whether it's through educational camps or fellowship over BBO and hymns, the gospel is being shared and relationships are deepening. The Lutheran church in Japan is actively and creatively reaching out to build trust within the community. Since the camp, two of the children attended the Easter service in Mito, and after finding belonging and purpose among the brothers and sisters in Tokyo, one of the East Asia members was recently baptized. Join me in continuing to pray for the spread of the gospel in Japan and thank God with me for all he has done in Japan.

Gather

Psalm 70 & 71 Saturday, May 18 Numbers 28 Psalm 72 News from our High Schools Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace **MLHS Prism Concert & Hon-**Pastor Enderle Worship: Members (Visitors) 949-1038; james.enderle@mzls.org **Bible Study:** ors Art Show in the MLHS Mr. Geidel 262-353-2859, jacob.geidel@mzls.org 24 (0)Gymnasium for fine stu-5/2 Fun Day Randy Loppnow 920-864-7584 6 102 (4) dent performances and Website: www.mzluth.org / www.wels.net 5/2 English Class 3 86 (19) displays is 5/11 4:00PM & Secretary: Nancy Pantzlaff 470-7334 5/5 Sunday Study 19 212 (23) 7:00PM Custodians Church: Ron & Cindy Beyer 864-7427 5/5 Sunday School 12 235 FVL Spring Band Concert is 203-8627 School: Abbey Ossmann Teachers/Helpers 3/5 26 (1) Total: 27 on Sunday, May 12 at 2 Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service Appleton 5/5 Youth Group 3 PM, and their Jazz Con-(WELS counseling) 731-9798 5/5 Book Study 7 cert on Monday, May 13 at Living Hope Counseling Ministries De Pere Total 56 7 PM. (WELS counseling) 338-8699

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## **WELS News**

Bible Reading Plan Week 20

Sunday, May 12 Numbers 22 Psalm 62 & 63 Monday, May 13 Numbers 23 Psalm 64 & 65 Tuesday, May 14 Numbers 24 Psalm 66 & 67 Wed., May 15 Numbers 25 Psalm 68 Thursday, May 16 Numbers 26 Psalm 69 Friday, May 17 Numbers 27

5/2 Thur.

Total

Online:

5/5 Sun. 8 am

5/5 Sun. 10:30