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## Introducing A New Christian Worship Hymnal

Several years ago Morrison Zion voters approved purchasing the new Christian Worship Hymnal published by WELS and Northwestern Publishing House. The purchase and implementation of this new hymnal was delayed for two reasons. First, Covid in 2020 brought many changes and challenges. It affected many ministry plans we had at the time. Covid also led to the second reason for the delay. As we shifted from online only, to a limited number of people in worship, to bringing worship back as we had always known it, we were focused on getting as many people back in worship and close to Jesus as possible after challenging times. While focusing on getting people to return, we thought it unwise to have many people return to in-person worship, only to return to something new and a little bit different. It did not seem the proper time to introduce the new hymnal.

All of this, thankfully, seems like a long time ago! Since 2022 and especially in the last 12 months we have introduced more and more hymns from the new hymnal. The congregation has sung some, the choir has lead some and used some in their concerts. Some of these hymns include *Christ Begins, By Faith, How Deep The Fathers Love For Us*, and the theme for the Morrison Zion 24-25 school year *He Will Hold Me Fast*.

As the 2024-2025 school year approached, and the students have become more familiar with some of the news songs it was decided to switch the school and church over to the new hymnal with the start of the new school year and in worship beginning in September. What are some of the benefits of a new hymnal?

- **A curated and consolidated collection of hymns.** God blesses his Church in every generation with talented poets and composers who add their voices to those from past generations. The new hymnal retains the best of old treasures (from our current hymnal and supplement) while making room for new treasures. Careful curation assures not only doctrinal faithfulness but also a good balance across seasons and themes. God's love in Christ remains at the center of worship that clearly proclaims law and gospel.

- **A complete and flexible musical psalter.** In the late 20th century denominations throughout the world (re-)discovered the value and delight of singing psalms. One happy surprise with our 1993 WELS hymnal was that psalm singing became widely appreciated. But only one musical style was used. The new psalter features multiple musical settings in a variety of styles for all 150 psalms. The psalter is a separate book. We will not have the psalter in every pew but its digital resources will be easy to incorporate in our services.

- **A singer's book.** In contrast to some of the musical settings in our current hymnal, more hymns are set in straightforward and familiar four-part harmony, making it easier for people to sing in harmony. Some familiar canticles will also appear in harmony rather than melody-only (CW pages 16, 22, 23, 46, 48.)

- **The blessing of digital resources.** Christian Worship: Service Builder will streamline the work of worship planners. The work Pastor Enderle spends creating our current service folders will be shortened and the cloud based software will allow more people to be involved in the work. In many cases the time saved easily pays for the annual cost. Others include: The Musician's Resource, helping band and choir directors, and an a new app for tablets.

- **Stay ahead of the curve.** When our current hymnal arrived in 1993, we were long past the time when a new hymnal was needed. The wisdom and benefit of staying ahead of the curve was apparent in 2008 when adoption of the hymnal supplement far outpaced expectations. Simply put: it is good to keep liturgical worship both fresh and strongly rooted in our heritage.

- **Reflect our unity in Christ.** Sharing the same hymnal is not necessary for spiritual unity. But there are benefits when we do share common worship resources. Think of WELS guests or transferring members at churches throughout our country. A familiar core of worship resources and a shared worship philosophy are welcome touchpoints of familiarity and comfort.

- written by Pastor James Enderle with helps from WELS Hymnal Introduction material



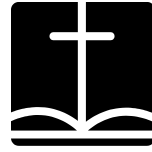
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 and then  
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# Congregational News



## Highlights from Leadership Team's July 16, 2024 Meeting

For our devotion we discussed planning for the future. King David writes in Psalm 20:4 "May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed". This reminds us that plans are a wholesome activity of Christians and God's blessings are needed for the successful completion of our plans.

The Leadership Team approved signing the contract for Ann Potter to consult with the Early Childhood Committee. The cost will be shared 50/50 with Immanuel of Shirley. She will be helping the committee put together the data and information needed to start the program. We will be setting open forums to discuss this program with the congregations in the future.

We are blessed with over 20 members that have volunteered to serve on the various

committees for the Merge for Mission. We reviewed the draft with the names for each area. Our next joint meeting will be August 7th where we will start to finalize the committees, discuss executive committee, and plan next steps. If you are still interested in serving, please reach out to a LT member.

Pastor Call meeting was set for August 18, 2024 after 10:30 service.

The Leadership Team discussed the retirement of Nancy Pantzlaff coming up in September. An announcement to fill this role will be posted. We will look to have a recognition of her 30 years of service sometime this fall.

The new hymnals are arriv-

	Average Attendance			
	June		Yearly	
Bible Study	2024	37	2024	37
	2023	44	2023	48
Worship	2024	222	2024	265
	2023	248	2023	272

## Called to Heaven

Ken Klug was called to heaven Friday, June 28. A Christian Funeral presided by Pastor Enderle was held Friday, July 5 at 11 am at Morrison Zion to celebrate the faith given to Ken. We pray for comfort and peace through the resurrection truth of Jesus and those who die in the Lord are with the Lord.

## Membership Movements

The transfer of the Muchka family (Rick, Katie, Isaiah, and Hope) to Bethany, Manitowoc was approved during the July LT Meeting. We pray for God's blessings to the Muchka family! Katie Muchka accepted a call to serve as a teacher at Bethany beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

ing this week. More details on the rollout of them will be discussed after Pastor Enderle returns from the Worship Conference in August.

Mrs. Richter has found an apartment and is collecting moving quotes. The leadership team approved allowing Randy Loppnow to approve quotes up to \$ 7000 for the move.

We set August 25, 2024 for Mrs. Richter's installation. This is an outdoor service. We are going to plan 1 service for this Sunday. It will be at 10 AM. Bible Study will be at 9 AM. After the service we will have a picnic style meal and the school hosting their back to school game event!

- Randy Loppnow (Church President)

The treasurer reported preliminary June balances. High School gifts are down significantly this year. We had a \$74,521 23-24 surplus this fiscal year mainly due to our pastoral vacancy. Overall gifts were similar to the previous year (514k vs budgeted 517k). We had a yearly income increase of 30k mainly due to high payments from school choice (213k vs budgeted 183k).

June Income \$36,663  
 June Expenses \$61,556  
 Monthly balance -\$22,893

Checkbook balance \$25,665  
 Gen. reserve fund \$75,304  
 DPI reserve fund \$2,513  
 Designated funds \$160,922  
 Investments \$239,000  
 High School \$1,470  
 Fiscal year total \$14,298  
 2023-24 fiscal goal \$18,000

Synod Mission \$2,310  
 2024 YTD total \$16,602  
 2024 goal \$32,400

## 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 are meeting Fridays at 1 pm. Speak to Pastor Enderle if you have interest in joining this class or have friends interested in becoming members. We will not meet August 2.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** In August at 9:15 am on Sundays, we will look at the New Testament letter Jude and a study called *Contending for the Faith*. Bible study August 4 will be a stand alone study lead by our guest preacher from WELS Institutional Ministries, Pastor Philip Merten.

If you were unable to join for “Let’s Go: Love, Listen, Lead” in June and July you can still take part in this study online. This study helps God’s people tell others about the peace, joy, and forgiveness they have in Jesus. Learn some simple, practical ways to reach out to the lost souls God has brought into our lives. The study is available online on Facebook and at mzluth.org.

**Sunday Night Book Discussion** meets Sundays at 7 p.m. in the church basement. We will continue the book *Sticky Church* by Larry Osborne. This book focuses on how to keep members active and to help them not “leave the back door.” Cost is \$4. We will not meet JuAugust 4.

**Small Groups** will begin in September. Look below for more details.

**Men’s Study** will not meet in August.

**Women’s Study** will not meet in August.

**English as a Second Language** will meet Thursday, August 8 and 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the pavilion, weather permitting. 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.

## Youth Group Summer Bonfire and Bible Study Series

Join us for these great nights hosted by Immanuel Shirley and Morrison Zion. Each night will be a little different but all will include Bible Study, supper, and fun! Please bring your own lawn chair.

Text your friends – invite them too! All youth finishing 8th grade through High School are welcome. Watch for our 8th grade welcome night in September!

**August 10, 6-9pm** at Immanuel 3737 Shirley Rd, De Pere - Brats and Activities

## Outdoor Worship

We will be having a joint outdoor worship on **Sunday, August 25** at 10 am with communion, (weather permitting). Bible study will be at 9 am Please bring your lawn chairs and have fellowship together under the trees. Brats and burgers will be provided. Please consider bring a dish and/or dessert to pass. All friends and family are invited to join for this church picnic and back to school event!

## International Youth Rally

15 youth from Morrison Zion and 4 from other churches along with 3 chaperones joined around 3,000 WELS members at the 2024 WELS International Youth Rally in Fort Collins, CO. Look for more to come summarizing this amazing event! Thank you for your support of our youth!

## Sermon Based Small Groups

In years past, Morrison Zion has had small groups in members homes called Living Water groups. These small groups focused on a variety of studies including reading the book *I’m a Member* which encouraged members to apply the book to themselves as Christians and to the congregation as a whole. We will begin a new sermon based small group study—at 10 week session beginning September 15 and going until November 17. Our goal is to have 3 small groups. Look for more information concerning these small groups and for signups at church and online.

## Worship In August

## Notes on Worship

We continue in the second half of the Church Year, which focuses on the teachings of the Christian faith. We finish the series *Meaningful Ministry*. For all Christians, ministry involves serving others with love, compassion, and empathy. Helping someone with physical needs is sometimes called “compassion ministry.” Helping someone with their spiritual needs, sharing the good news of Christ, is generally called “gospel ministry”

In August we will begin the series *I am the Bread of Life*. Bread is a staple food, something people eat every day (especially in Jesus day). Scripture will sometimes refer to bread and water as all one needs to sustain physical life. In this worship series we will examine what Jesus is teaching when he calls himself “the bread of life.” We will discuss why people would abandon Jesus for making that claim. We will wrestle with whether we would ever do the same.

### *Meaningful Ministry*

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost **Fear Not, for the Lord Is with You** green

**August 1/4** Sermon: Mark 6:45-56 Hymns: 441, 765, 433

Preacher: Philip Merten

### *I am the Bread of Life*

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost **Food For Those Focused On The Earthly** green

**August 8/11** Sermon: John 6:24-35 Hymns: 439, 331, 741, 616 *communion*

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost **The Bread That Gives Wisdom And Life** green

**August 15/18** Sermon: John 6:36-51 Hymns: 750, 753, 280

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost **The Only Food We Really Need** green

**August 22/25** Sermon: John 6:51-69 Hymns: 281, CW<sup>21</sup> 813, 318, 741, 332 *communion*

*Join Outdoor Worship—Sunday August 25—10 am*

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 July: Diane Suchomel & Sally Suchomel

## Church/School Secretary Position

We are looking to fill the Church/School Secretary position. The position is part time and will average 30 hours a week. This will be an hourly position.

Responsibilities will include helping prepare weekly service folders, newsletters, reports, tracking membership, prepare and mail monthly reports, working with school districts, bus companies, ordering supplies plus other duties. For a complete list of tasks reach out to Nancy Pantzlaff or Randy Loppnow.

If you are interested in this position please email Randy Loppnow

Email: [rcloppnow@yahoo.com](mailto:rcloppnow@yahoo.com) Phone: (920)864-7584 or (920)242-9284

## Morrison Market—Fall Festival

Over the last few years we have hosted some farmers market to help bring people from the community on to our campus. Through the Morrison Market we have been able to get to know new people and grow deeper relationships with our own members. If you are interested in helping organize a Fall Festival—Morrison Market please contact Pastor Enderle. Our previous organizer has stepped down, but has shared all the community contacts that were involved with the market. Help us provide food and fun to grow relationships and new opportunities to share the gospel.

## Summer Fun Days!

This free program is for children who are ages 3 (potty-trained) - 5 (entering kindergarten). We meet Tuesday mornings from 8:30am-10:30am in the pavilion weather permitting, otherwise in the church basement. Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle and small snack. Our last summer fun day will be on Tuesday, August 13. Questions, contact Danielle Ripp, [dani.pues@gmail.com](mailto:dani.pues@gmail.com) or 920.621.3196.

## The Early Childhood Ad-Hoc Committee

The Early Childhood Ad-Hoc Committee made up of members from Immanuel Shirley and Morrison Zion met Monday, June 17 for their third meeting at Immanuel in Shirley. This committee will be seeking feedback from members and the community. An early childhood consultant, Ann Potter, from WELS met with the team to help answer many questions and guide us in our next steps. Leaders from both congregations approved hiring Ann as a consultant for this project. Look for more information coming soon concerning the plans for a possible Early Childhood Center working with Immanuel Shirley

## Scrip

Scrip can be purchased throughout the summer by contacting Rhonda Heling at 920-676-6277. You can also find Rhonda regularly at church. You are welcome to drop off orders at school also and Nancy will contact Rhonda. July 1 was the first day of Scrip purchases going towards the 2025-2026 school year.

You are able to find order forms in the church basement or at school. Another easy way to use the program is with the RaiseRight app. This is the most cost efficient for both you and the church. E-cards and reloadable cards can be used instantly! They also run specials and bonuses that you will be notified of only through the app. The sign-up code is LCE5EE7B2774L.

Our order form has many retailers but a full list can be found at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). The credits earned by the purchase of Scrip are split 50/50; one half of the revenue will stay in the Scrip program for expenses and distribution to MZLC and one half will be credited to a families tuition account.

Reminder that orders will be made the second and fourth week of the month. Please make note of this to plan accordingly for placing your orders.

## Soup for Souls

Soup for Souls Ministry continues to have FREE meals for you to share with friends, relatives, and neighbors. Meals are located at school and at church. Don't forget to take a card that shares an encouraging message of our Saviors love.

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. (John 15:12)*

## 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 [ja-cob.geidel@mzls.org](mailto:ja-cob.geidel@mzls.org) with questions or to set up a tour.

## Food Pantry

We served 24 families during the July 6 giveaway. Each family received milk, yogurt, butter, eggs, cheese, celery, hot dogs, flour, dish soap, mayo, crackers, chips, and nonperishable items. We accept produce from gardens to give out, but please do not leave fresh food in the shopping carts! Produce can be dropped off during set up time for food pantry or stored in the pantry refrigerator a few days ahead of distribution. In June and July we had a Spanish speaking pastor or Seminary student join us. They are getting to know the people we serve and helping us consider how we can better serve them both physically and spiritually.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call the food pantry phone (920) 246-5435 to schedule an appointment. **Any questions can be directed to coordinator, Pam Mueller, at (920) 540-5194.** Volunteers are welcome to join us for our next distribution on August 3! Set up starts at 7 am and distribution is from 8-10 am. Please consider volunteering for the Aug. 3 distribution as many regular volunteers will be unavailable to help.

## Bible Reading Plan for August

<b>Thursday, Aug 1</b> Acts 20 Judges 16 <b>Friday, Aug 2</b> Acts 21 Judges 17 <b>Saturday, Aug 3</b> Acts 22 Judges 18 <b>Sunday, Aug 4</b> Acts 23 Judges 19 <b>Monday, Aug 5</b> Acts 24 Judges 20 <b>Tuesday, Aug 6</b> Acts 25 Judges 21 <b>Wed., Aug 7</b> Acts 26 Ruth 1	<b>Thursday, Aug 8</b> Acts 27 Ruth 2 <b>Friday, Aug 9</b> Acts 27 Ruth 3 & 4 <b>Saturday, Aug 10</b> Romans 1 1 Samuel 1 <b>Sunday, Aug 11</b> Romans 2 1 Samuel 2 <b>Monday, Aug 12</b> Romans 3 1 Samuel 3 <b>Tuesday, Aug 13</b> Romans 4 1 Samuel 4 <b>Wed., Aug 14</b> Romans 5 1 Samuel 5 & 6	<b>Thursday, Aug 15</b> Romans 6 1 Samuel 7 & 8 <b>Friday, Aug 16</b> Romans 7 1 Samuel 9 <b>Saturday, Aug 17</b> Romans 8 1 Samuel 10 <b>Sunday, Aug 18</b> Romans 9 1 Samuel 11 <b>Monday, Aug 19</b> Romans 10 1 Samuel 12 <b>Tuesday, Aug 20</b> Romans 11 1 Samuel 13 <b>Wed., Aug 21</b> Romans 12 1 Samuel 14	<b>Thursday, Aug 22</b> Romans 13 1 Samuel 15 <b>Friday, Aug 23</b> Romans 14 1 Samuel 16 <b>Saturday, Aug 24</b> Romans 15 1 Samuel 17 <b>Sunday, Aug 25</b> Romans 16 1 Samuel 18 <b>Monday, Aug 26</b> 1 Corinthians 1 1 Samuel 19 <b>Tuesday, Aug 27</b> 1 Corinthians 2 1 Samuel 20 <b>Wed., Aug 28</b> 1 Corinthians 3 1 Sam 21 & 22	<b>Thursday, Aug 29</b> 1 Corinthians 4 1 Samuel 23 <b>Friday, Aug 30</b> 1 Corinthians 5 1 Samuel 24 <b>Saturday, Aug 31</b> 1 Corinthians 4 1 Samuel 25
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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. Playdates are from 10am-12pm. Feel free to come early or later. You are welcome to bring your lunch to enjoy at the park!

- August 1 Voyager Park, De Pere
- August 8 Waupetekun Park, Wrightstown
- August 15, Jaycee Park, Appleton

### Golfing at Wander Springs

Join members from Morrison Zion at Wander Springs golf course each Monday afternoon at 5 pm. Join us for fun and fellowship. All are invited.

### Enderles on Vacation

Pastor Enderle, Jen, and family are on vacation beginning July 18—August 7. Pastor Enderle will also be attending the Worship Conference near Milwaukee from July 30—Aug 2 during that time as well. Please reach out to Pastor Dave Ruddat (920)632-8632 (Shirley), Pastor Ross Henzi (920)418-0901 (Brillion) or Pastor Aaron Schultz (920)784-4728 (Bellevue) if you need spiritual care during that time.

### Fun Days!

Fun Day for the school year will begin on September 3! We will meet in the church classroom from 8:30-10:30 on Tuesday mornings. This is a free program for children who are 3-4 years old and potty-trained. Children will learn school readiness with their friends and the love of Jesus through stories, crafts, and play. Please have your child bring a snack and drink. Questions, contact Danielle Ripp, [dani.pues@gmail.com](mailto:dani.pues@gmail.com) or 920.621.3196.

## School News

Greetings from Morrison Zion Lutheran School. We released for Summer break after another successful school year. How wonderful it is to reflect on all the blessings we have daily. We graduated a class of nine students who are all prepped and prepared for their next step, high school. Some changes that are coming to Morrison Zion Lutheran School. We welcome our new 5th and 6th grade teacher Sharon Richter. With the addition of Sharon, Jake Geidel is moving from principal and 5th and 6th grade to principal and 7th and 8th grade. We thank God for all our dedicated workers and volunteers who continue to work to keep our school up to the high standards we have come to expect.

### 4K and 5K

Mrs. Geidel

School is approaching fast and I am so excited for another year of teaching Jesus' little lambs! Please check your emails for information about home visits. I would like to meet with any new family. If you have already been in my room, the home visit is optional but I am happy to meet with you. I am looking forward to seeing you all. Have a wonderful August!

### Grades 3 & 4

Mrs. Hagenow

School is quickly approaching! I pray that you all are having a safe and blessed summer! An email will be going out about home visits which will take place in early August. If your child was in my classroom last year, home visits are not needed, but you are welcome to set one up. Visits can be done in your home, or if you'd like to see the classroom, we can meet at school too. I will see you on August 18th for school supply drop off. I am looking forward to another great school year! Please keep the 3rd and 4th grade classroom in your prayers!

### ALL FAMILIES Are WELCOME to Back to School Game Day

All school and church families are invited to Back to School Game Day on August 25! Join us for a joint outdoor worship at 10 am and stay for an afternoon of fun! Event will be from 11:15 am - 2pm. Please bring a dish and/or dessert to pass and bring your favorite yard game! Brats and burgers will be provided. We will have a cornhole tournament - sign up at the event! Questions: contact Hillary Geidel.

### 2024-2025 School Year

- Registration material drop off and payments July 29th through August 6th at 8am. Please contact Nancy for a time that works for you to drop off materials.
- School supplies can be dropped off on Sunday, August 18th from 9:15-10:15am and from 11:30am to 12:30am.
- First day of school is August 22nd for grades 5K-8th and the first day for 4K is on Wednesday, August 28th.
- **Please note the new starting time for school is 8:05am and dismissal will be at 3:15pm. The doors to school will open at 7:50am.**
- Reminder to contact the bus companies if you have any questions on bussing or you are making any changes.

### 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.

## Morrison Zion Lutheran Church

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Principal Jacob Geidel

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864-2349 (School)

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## Outdoor Worship—Joint Worship and Picnic—August 25

Outdoor Worship and the back to school gathering is Sunday, August 25. We will have a combined worship (w/ communion) at 10 am with Bible Study at 9 am. Join us for a church picnic following worship with games and events for friends and families of Morrison Zion. Burgers and brats will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert.

## Mrs. Richter Installation and Moving

Installation for Mrs. Richter will be Sunday, August 25 during the joint outdoor worship at 10 am. Join us in welcoming Mrs. Richter! She has also rented an apartment in Ledgeview and will be moving soon from Michigan. Look for announcements online and by email on a moving date and how we can welcome her to Morrison.

## Congratulation to Nancy Pantzlaff

Congratulation to Nancy Pantzlaff who will be retiring as the Church/School Secretary after 30 years of service, as was announced last week. Nancy will retire on September 10, 2024. We thank her for her many years of service and her dedication to serving her Savior and this congregation.

Information on a celebration will be shared when the details are arranged.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made VBS a success! We had an amazing three days of fun and learning all about Jesus and his promises with 63 children. Thank you to the 25 teen/adult volunteers who helped with decorating, games, snacks, arts, science, and leading the groups!