

THE CHRISTIAN LIGHT

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*

Anger Fatigue

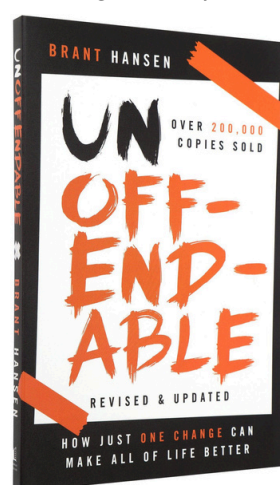
Aren't you tired? Tired of being offended at the world. Tired of the way you feel towards that person who hurt you years ago. Tired of the anger that the news wants you to have. Tired of the divide and outrage that culture wants to create in people. Tired of being angry at yourself and so many others. Many Christians think it is the right and job to be offended at the evil and sin in the world. But what if there was a different way to live without being so angry and continually offended?

In Ephesians 4-6 Paul speaks extensively on how Christians can live. In 4:26-27 he writes *"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.* Ok. So, Paul tells us we can be angry just not sin

when we are angry. This is what many Christians have come to believe about anger. There is good anger and bad anger. Most have been told, it is ok to be angry as long as I'm not sinning. Many have come to believe that anger is good and useful. Some think anger is what gets things done. The thought is, anger brings about change. But is this true? Is it necessary I hold on to my anger, especially if it means I hold grudges and struggle to forgive? Let's keep reading the rest of the chapter to see what Paul is really saying about anger.

²⁹ *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.* ³⁰ *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.* ³¹ *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.* ³² *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you (Ephesians 4:29-32).*

Consider all the things that Paul says. Can you be angry without having unwholesome talk? Is your anger building up others? And there it is in verse 31. **Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.** The direction is to not sit in anger but to get rid of it. Anger is something we will experience, but the author Brant Hansen in his book *Unoffendable* ask us to consider that God is the only one who has the right to be angry. Why? Because he is holy and perfect and just. He alone has righteous anger. The rest of us may get angry but do we have the right to be? And if we hold on to it for any extended period we will sin. Hansen's encouragement is to take to heart the words of Ephesians 4:31-32. To get rid of anger and bitterness. Why can we do this? God has forgiven all your sins through Christ. Because of this I can forgive others. I can forgive myself.



But what about justice? Do I just forget what happened? Does the Bible say, "forgive and forget"? No it doesn't. The Bible never says this. God treats forgets our sins because Jesus paid for them. God wants us to forgive one another in Christ, and to let go of hate and anger we towards others. But justice and punishment can still be carried out. But let God carry out his justice or let those in authority help carry it out. Forgiveness doesn't mean ignoring something or not seeking justice, but I may not see justice carried out the way I want it to. I also shouldn't seek justice through all the things I'm told to get rid of in Ephesians 4:31 (bitterness, rage, anger). If you struggle with this all consider the last time your anger helped you do something better. Did your anger help your relationships? Did your anger help you think straight and speak better? In all of this, when we see the love God has for us through Jesus, we can show more love and compassion to others.

- Pastor James Enderle

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Psalms 139:9-10



WELS

Updates from the Leadership Team

June 17, 2025

- Devotion Theme – Psalm 66
- We reflected on the comfort and joy found in Psalm 66, and were reminded to praise God for His goodness and the many ways He blesses us.
- The LT discussed planning a Staff and Called Worker Appreciation Sunday to recognize anniversaries and faithful service. There was strong support for moving forward, with the event likely taking place in spring. More details will be shared as plans develop.
- The LT discussed the Barnabas Ministry and agreed that Unifying for Ministries would be a meaningful starting point for future conversations.
- School cleaning dates over summer were discussed, waxing of the school floors will be done the last week of June, we will hold off with waxing of the gym floor until next year. This will allow enough time for the HVAC to be replaced.
- An update was shared about the Preaching & Teaching Fund. The LT approved matching a Martin Luther College grant (\$1600) to support students pursuing ministry-related education.

Voters' Meeting Highlights – June 15

- ✓ Approved the replacement of the school HVAC system and well pump
- ✓ Approved separating the HVAC systems for the school and gym
- ✓ Total cost of the projects not to exceed \$150,000
- ✓ Approved forming an Appeals Committee to help raise funds for these improvements

- The LT will determine next steps for the committee in the coming weeks

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Scheider- President

The treasurer shared reports for May balances.

Income is especially high this month due to a deposit from School Choice.

We have surpassed our goal for High School giving. We are currently short in our projected giving for Synod Mission.

May Income - \$91,176

May Expenses - \$53,199

Monthly balance - \$37,977

2024-25 Fiscal Balance - \$32,019

Checkbook balance - \$31,481

Gen. reserve fund - \$161,630

DPI reserve fund - \$2,523

Designated funds - \$177,430

Investments - \$103,622

High School - \$2,866

Fiscal year total - \$20,410

2024-25 fiscal goal - \$13,000

Synod Mission - \$1,861

Fiscal Year Total - \$27,071

2024-25 fiscal goal - \$30,000

Baptism

Sunday, June 8, Malachi Springstube son of Cassandra Gremore and John Springstube was baptized. We thank God for his gift of grace!

Pastoral Needs

Pastor Enderle will be out of town July 11-14 and July 31-August 4. If you a need pastor during these dates please contact Pastor Ruddat (920)632-8632.

Volunteers Needed for the Counting Team

Volunteers Needed for the Counting Team We are looking for volunteers to join our Counting Team! This team plays a vital role in helping to count and record weekly offerings. If you are detail-oriented and willing to serve, we would love to have you on board. Training will be provided. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Betty Kittell at 920-606-3846 or Jeff Krueger at 920-819-7838 or email talkwithjeffk@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the ministry behind the scenes!

Forward in Christ

Forward in Christ is a magazine produced by the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod with updates about world and home missions, bible studies, articles and much more about the gospel ministry that we are a part of and help support. We are working with Northwestern Publishing House to have them sent to church. By purchasing them in bulk we can save 70% of the cost of an individual issue. A \$2 donation per issue is encouraged or \$20 for the year.

Average Attendance			
		May	Yearly
Bible Study (Adult)	2025	27	32
	2024	24	38
Worship In Person	2025	254	254
	2024	266	275
Worship Online	2025	21	25
	2024	22	26

BIBLE STUDIES **Grow and Keep on Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus**

Foundations of Faith Class a class to review your faith and to join Morrison Zion is not currently meeting. If you are interested in starting a class please speak to Pastor Enderle.

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:15 am in the church basement. We are studying *The Fruits of the Spirit*. The same study will be held at the Shirley location Thursdays at 3 pm at 6 pm before Thursday worship (July 3 at Morrison).

Nine characteristics of God are listed as a fruit of faith. Notice: Fruit is singular in Galatians 6. Because the Spirit comes to dwell in each believer, he flavors the Christian's life with nine characteristics of God. And through all Christians, the Spirit flavors the lives of others as well. Dig deep in the fruit of the Spirit given to us in the study of God's Holy Word this summer!

Sunday Night Book Discussion meets at 7 p.m. in the church basement. On July 6 will finish the book *How to Lead When You are Not In Charge* by Clay Scroggins. We will begin *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis on July 20. Books are available for \$10.

Women's Study Women's Bible Study will break for the summer look in the announcements and future newsletter for details when we will meet again.

English as a Second Language will meet at 5:15 at church on July 17 and 24. If you know someone wanting to learn English please share with them. New volunteers are always welcomed.

Youth Group

All youth finishing 8th grade through High School are welcome. Watch for our 8th grade welcome night in September! Youth Group is hosted by Immanuel Shirley and Morrison Zion, but your friends are invited to join!



Summer Bible Study & Bonfire Schedule

Saturday, August 9, 6-9pm

Bonfire/Bible Study at Stein's house

5531 County Rd X, DePere

Pudgie Pies and Yard Games

Each bonfire night will be a little different but all will include Bible Study, supper, and fun! **Please bring your own lawn chair.**



Wisconsin Dells Trip

Saturday, July 19

Trip to Mt Olympus in Wisconsin Dells! We will be renting a bus for transportation and packing a sack lunch. Please scan the QR code to register. Parents can join to chaperone. Teens are responsible for bringing a bag lunch and bring spending money for supper on the way home Cost is \$30 per teen, this covers the coach bus rental and ticket to Mt. Olympus waterpark. **Please let us know through the church center app that you are coming so we can save a seat on the bus for you!**

Cheesecake and Kringle Fundraiser

A fundraiser for the 2026 WELS International Youth Rally is available from Five Thumbs Up Bakery in Green Bay. Cheesecakes are \$45 and Kringles are \$17. Gift cards will be available for purchase from the Youth Group members or by scanning the QR Code.



Small Groups

Thank you to everyone who took part in this last session of small groups. We will see how we can incorporate small groups with our next stages of Unifying for Ministry. Look for updates to come.

Planting Gosepl Seeds

In 2022 members of Zion showed in a visible way how we shared the gospel with the beautiful art in the back of church. Let's plant gospel seeds again in 2025! Please place a seed in the fields in the back of church when you talk about Jesus outside of worship. The seeds will be on each side of the double doors. We will clear off the fields before Lent begins. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with friends and family and place a seed so we may all rejoice as the gospel spreads.

WORSHIP IN JULY

Pentecost - Undivided Attention We live in a world where a thousand things are competing for our attention. There is the real danger that we focus on the frivolous and ignore the indispensable. As a result, we often talk about the importance of being “free from distraction.” But the stakes are higher than that. We need to be freed from distraction. We need the spiritual power to give our undivided attention to that which truly makes a difference, not only here and now, but also in eternity. A life focused on all the right things is only possible because of a Savior who is always focused on us. On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to give his followers power and focus. Still today, through his Word, Jesus grants those gifts to his disciples.



We have come to the second half of the Church Year. In the first half, we focused on the life of Christ. In this second half, we turn our attention to all the teachings of Christ. May we give them our undivided attention.

July 3/6	4th Sunday after Pentecost	On the Want for Workers	green
	Sermon: Luke 10:1-12,16-20	Hymns: 716, 896, 774	
July 10/13	5th Sunday after Pentecost	On a Neighbor In Need	green
	Sermon: Ruth 1:1-19a	Hymns: 652, 893, 663, 768	communion
July 17/20	6th Sunday after Pentecost	On the One Thing Needed	green
	Sermon: Luke 10:38-42	Hymns: 631, 633, 868	
July 23/27	7th Sunday after Pentecost	On the Privilege and Purpose of Prayer	green
	Sermon: 1 Timothy 2:1-7	Hymns: 721, 873, 562, 929	communion

Diane and Sally Suchomel will be serving for Altar Committee in July.

Summer Worship Trial

During the Summer Worship Trial at Morrison Zion, there will be a few adjustments to harmonize worship between Morrison and Shirley.

Communion We will have communion in front of the steps but in tables. People will be able to commune in a table on the pulpit side and the lectern side. Communicants will come forward through the center aisle and exit by the side aisles.

Please remember to register for communion using the sheets in the back of the church and in the basement. You can also use the new connection cards. 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 palm down to let the server know you would like the gluten free wafer.

Offering There will be no offering taken during the service. You can place your offerings in the back of the church before or after worship. Each church member has assigned envelopes that can be used at either church. Those envelopes will be returned to the appropriate church. Loose donations put in baskets will remain with the church it was donated to. Direct deposit is also available.

Bible Study All are welcome to join Bible Study! Several opportunities are offered.

Sunday 9:15 at Morrison

Thursday 6:00 preceding 7:00 worship

Thursday 3:00 at Shirley

Connection Cards In place of the Friendship Register, connection cards which are already being used at Shirley will be used at Morrison. Please write the names of those in worship on these cards and place them in the offering basket at the end of worship. You can also mark if you took communion on these cards. There is also a place for prayer requests and for comments.

Food Pantry

We served 39 families during the June 7th giveaway. Each family received ground beef, cheeses, eggs, blueberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, cantaloupe, avocados, and nonperishable items. Thank you to those who donate their extra eggs from their coops to our pantry each month! We also distribute produce from gardens during the summer months- please place any produce in the basement fridges. Contact Erin at the number below if you need to arrange a time to drop off.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call the food pantry phone #(920) 246-5435 to schedule an appointment. We serve families living within 20 miles of our church. Erin Braun, can be reached at (920) 660-9504 with any questions. Volunteers are welcome to join us for our next distribution on July 5th! We'd welcome extra sets of hands to help during this holiday weekend, no experience needed! Set up starts at 7 am and distribution is from 8-10 am.

Scrip

Starting July 1st any Scrip purchased will go towards the 2026-2027 school year. Reminder that you can purchase Scrip throughout the summer by contacting Rhonda Heling or catch her in church. You are welcome to drop off orders at school also and Jackie will contact Rhonda that your order is at school. Order forms are 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 are reloadable cards and can be used instantly! They also run specials and bonuses that you will be notified of only through the app. 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 MZLS and one half will be credited to a family's tuition account.

Anyone can use this- look for Rhonda between services most Sundays in the church basement. She is happy to help you get started.

We are looking for someone who would be interested in taking over the physical gift card ordering and selling starting in Summer/Fall. The process is simple, and we can teach you all you need to know. If you are interested, please contact Rhonda Heling at 920-676-6277.

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. You can support the Soup for Souls compassion ministry with special envelopes found in your offering boxes.

Fun Day Help

Our fun day program has been such an amazing success, we do not want to see it go. With Danielle Ripp accepting the director position for the new ECM, we are looking for someone who may be interested in helping run our fun day program. You definitely would not need to do it alone. Danielle would be willing to share how she has done it and Hillary can definitely help with planning things. If this is something that interests you, please reach out to Hillary Geidel hillary.geidel@mzls.org.

Child Care for 8 am Worship

We're excited to continue childcare for 1-4 year-olds during the 8 a.m. service. Childcare will be offered on the first Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity for parents to participate fully in the service while their little ones are cared for in a safe and nurturing environment. You can make use of this the whole service or for a part of the service like the sermon. Please speak to Corey Swanningson (920-241-2762) cswanningson@gmail.com if you have questions or if you can help volunteer.

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR JULY

Tuesday, July 1 Isaiah 63 Matthew 11	Tuesday, July 8 Jeremiah 4 Matthew 18	Tuesday, July 15 Jeremiah 11 Matthew 25	Tuesday, July 22 Jeremiah 18 Mark 4	Tuesday, July 29 Jeremiah 25 Mark 11
Wednesday, July 2 Isaiah 64 Matthew 12	Wednesday, July 9 Jeremiah 5 Matthew 19	Wednesday, July 16 Jeremiah 12 Matthew 26	Wednesday, July 23 Jeremiah 19 Mark 5	Wednesday, July 30 Jeremiah 26 Mark 12
Thursday, July 3 Isaiah 65 Matthew 13	Thursday, July 10 Jeremiah 6 Matthew 20	Thursday, July 17 Jeremiah 13 Matthew 27	Thursday, July 24 Jeremiah 20 Mark 6	Thursday, July 31 Jeremiah 27 Mark 13
Friday, July 4 Isaiah 66 Matthew 14	Friday, July 11 Jeremiah 7 Matthew 21	Friday, July 18 Jeremiah 14 Matthew 28	Friday, July 25 Jeremiah 21 Mark 7	
Saturday, July 5 Jeremiah 1 Matthew 15	Saturday, July 12 Jeremiah 8 Matthew 22	Saturday, July 19 Jeremiah 15 Mark 1	Saturday, July 26 Jeremiah 22 Mark 8	
Sunday, July 6 Jeremiah 2 Matthew 16	Sunday, July 13 Jeremiah 9 Matthew 23	Sunday, July 20 Jeremiah 16 Mark 2	Sunday, July 27 Jeremiah 23 Mark 9	
Monday, July 7 Jeremiah 3 Matthew 17	Monday, July 14 Jeremiah 10 Matthew 24	Monday, July 21 Jeremiah 17 Mark 3	Monday, July 28 Jeremiah 24 Mark 10	



Scan to join the
online reading
plan and
discussions.



Vacation Bible School

Our VBS is scheduled for July 8-10. This year's theme is Magnified. We will have so much fun learning about our Savior through lessons, crafts, snacks, games, and science. Please scan the QR code to register. Reach out to Mrs. Geidel with any questions. hillary.geidel@mzls.org.

Lil' Sprouts Giving Tree

If you would like to make a donation towards Lil Sprouts, please see the giving trees located in the basement at Zion Morrison and in the Fellowship Hall at Immanuel. The giving tree lists items needed for the classroom including cost. You can place the picture of the item you would like to donate along with the money to purchase it in the envelopes provided. The amazon link to the entire list is at <https://immanuelshirley.com/giving-tree/>



Mark your calendar! We will have an assembly day on Saturday, July 26 from 9AM until noon. We will be unboxing and assembling furniture. We will meet Monday, July 28 if necessary.

Classroom Aide Position

Our Lil' Sprouts ministry model that was approved has the potential for two classroom aide positions. If you are interested in learning more about these positions or would like to apply, please get in touch with Danielle Ripp. ECM@MZLS.org.

Meditations & Forward in Christ Mailings

We are able to send the Mediations and Forward in Christ to your house and to relatives who may be home bound. Look for a sign up sheet in the basement to get these publications sent to you. If you already get the Forward in Christ, you can get it at discount through this bulk order.

SCHOOL NEWS

4K/5K News

Mrs. Geidal

Summer is already flying by. We are busy working to get the room ready for another great year. In June we got new flooring in our classroom and it looks amazing! As of right now we are looking to welcome 8 new students into our preschool class, making our classroom a total of 16 students. Such an amazing blessing to be growing in students in our classroom. Please watch your emails toward the end of July about emails for home visits. I would like to meet with all new to my classroom families and am available to meet with other families if they would like. I pray you have a great July!

School Registration

School Registration materials will be available at Vacation Bible School starting July 8th and are due by the end of the month. Watch for messages from Mrs. Zeamer for more information. Please contact Mrs. Zeamer with any questions that you may have.

School Enrollment

As of today, our enrollment stands at 66 students for the next school year. If you know of someone you work with, live close to, or anyone else who might be interested in Christian education, please have them contact Mr. Geidel. He will be more than willing to sit down with them to discuss our school mission and give them a tour. You are the best promoters of our school!

Thank you from the Geidels

Thank you to Morrison Zion Lutheran Church for celebrating our 10 year ministry anniversary. We pray that God will continue to use us to bless our ministry as we have enjoyed serving at Morrison Zion Lutheran School.

Before and After School Care/Wrap Care Workers needed:

After identifying this as a need in our school we are starting a wrap around care at Morrison Zion. We are looking for workers. School days before school from 7-7:50am and after school hours 3:15-5:30pm. If you are able to work this service please contact Mr. Geidel at jacob.geidel@mzls.org.

Hiring a School Custodian

Morrison Zion Lutheran School is in need of a school custodian. If flexible hours and assisting in keeping our school clean are appealing to you, reach out to Mr. Geidel for more information.

Thursday Park Playdates for Summer 2025

Park playdates are coming back for this summer! Meet ups are on Thursdays 10am-12pm, feel free to come early or stay later. All dates are weather permitting. The park playdates give families a chance to enjoy the outdoors in God's creation, socialize (both kids and adults), students of MZLS to hang out and play and to meet new families as well! We will be inviting local church and school families to join us for more Christian fellowship, too. Feel free to invite others to join us!

July 3 - Josten Park, Green Bay

July 24 - Neshota Co. Park, Denmark

July 10 - Join us for VBS at school

July 31 - Optimist Park, Allouez

July 17 - Waupekun Park, Wrightstown

August 7 - Sherwood Park + Splash Pad, Sherrwood

Contact Jen Enderle with any questions: 920-372-3818 or jen.enderle@outlook.com

Back to School Game Day/Church Picnic

Our back to school game day will be combined with our church picnic this year on August 24. Church is at 9 with fellowship and lunch after. We are planning on a cornhole tournament this year and will be doing sign ups ahead of time. Please scan the QR code if you would like to sign up a team for the Corn Hole tournament. If you have fun yard games you would like to bring, please feel free to do so.



Trunk or Treat

It's never too early to plan for Trunk or Treat. The promotions team is planning for our Trunk or Treat event to be on Sunday, October 26th from 2-4pm. If you are interested in decorating a trunk, please fill out this google form we can plan accordingly.

WELS Night at the BREWERS

There are 20 seats available to go to the Brewer game via a bus organized by Immanuel. Join thousands of WELS members from around the Midwest for an evening of fellowship, fun, and baseball at the annual WELS Night at the Brewers on Friday, July 11th! The Brewers take on the Washington Nationals for a 7:10 p.m. game time. Details and a link to buy tickets is at immanuelshirley.com/welsbrewers

College/Military Addresses

If you know of college students away from home this year, please share information concerning their new address with secretary Jackie Zeamer. We would like to have them receive updates from our church and also be connected with local ministries.

Parents you can register your college student to receive free devotionals and other Bible Study resources by scanning the QR Code or following this link <https://data.wels.net/CampusMinistryForms/Referral>.



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Sunday Services

8:00 AM at Morrison

9:30 AM at Shirley

June 1 - August 24

*Communion on the
2nd and 4th Sundays

Thursday Services

7:00 PM at Morrison May 29-July 3

7:00 PM at Shirley July 10-August 21

*Communion on Thursday
preceding the 2nd and 4th Sundays

Special Services:

Thursday, July 3-Outdoor service at Morrison 7:00 PM

Sunday, August 10-Lil' Sprouts Installation and Open House at Shirley 9:30 AM

Sunday August 24-Joint Outdoor Service and Cookout at Morrison 9:00 AM



Go to
<https://mzluth.org/2025/05/21/summer-worship-trial-may-update/> for a full update on **Unifying for Ministry**. You can download the newsletter and watch the latest video update. Scan above for both.

Lil' Sprouts Enrollment is open to members of Immanuel Shirley and Morrison Zion! We will open enrollment to the community on July 1st. Our classroom has the capacity for 18 students. Scan the QR Code to register or check your email for the link.

Lil Sprouts Learning Center will open on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, with quality early care and education for children 2 1/2 - 4 (pre-k). Our hours will be 7AM-5PM. In order to meet the needs of families in the community, Lil Sprouts Learning Center is offering only full day options at this time.

Full Time Rate:

30-35 months: \$250/week

3-4 years: \$235/week

Daily Rate (minimum of two days):

30-35 months: \$60/day

3-4 years: \$58/day

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Ripp at 920-868-6211 or ecm@mzls.org.

