Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

 Worship:
 282 (35, 247)
 Communion:
 160 (25, 135)

 Bible Study:
 75 (8, 11, 20, 26, 7, 3)
 Youth Study:
 16

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement

10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid

10:00 a.m. Outreach Committee, church

10:00 a.m. Band, school

1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, school

6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, commons

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, school

6:30 p.m. School Board

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee, school

Wednesday 4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

4:45 p.m. Bible History Class (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade)

5:30 p.m. Bible History Class (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Thursday 1:00 p.m. Fun Day

7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement

Friday 9:00 a.m. Mom's Day Out, Way-Mor Park

7:00 p.m. Music Night, school

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement

8:00 a.m. Commons Bible Study, commons

9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement

6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

**Thank You** to Dennis Griepentrog for leading us in worship Sunday morning. Dennis will lead worship and read devotions on each of the lessons and the psalm. There will be no sermon. Pastor Ott is in Michigan for a confirmation. He will return late Sunday evening.

Ladies Aid will meet in church after worship on Sunday.

**Men's Bible Study** will meet Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the school commons. We will begin a new study, *Men in Church*. Join us and then stay afterwards for basketball, cards, or whatever you choose.

**His Word—My Life** Bible Class will not meet this week.

**Tuesday Bible Study** will begin the study, *Christ* this Tuesday. Our second lesson is "Jesus is God United with Man." Join us!

**Adult Christ-Light Bible Study** will meet this Thursday after worship. We will also meet Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us!

Commons Bible Study meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. Next

week we will study, Great Gospel Events In the Life of Elijah and Elisha. Join us!

**School Picnic** There are sign up sheets in the basement for donations for the school picnic.

3<sup>rd</sup> Kalahari Family Retreat We had so much fun this past Spring Break that we want to do it again! Join us March 5-7 for our third annual Kalahari Family Bible Retreat. During the weekend we will dive into God's Word, enjoy the water park and indoor theme park, and relax in 5 bedroom luxury condos. Each condo consists of: Individual room with 2 queen beds, 7 TV's, full kitchen, movie theater, pool table, game table, and much, much more! The cost for the entire weekend will be around \$100 per person. There are only 2 rooms still available, so reserve your spot today! Deadline for signing up is May 22.

**Voters Meeting** At the voters meeting last Sunday Wilmer Pantzlaff Jr. was elected as an elder. He will fill the term of Dan Uecker. Dan resigned from the position because of health issues. The voters decided not to have an education fee for the school. They also decided to have an appeal next year to finish paying off the building loan, address our operating debt, and any other items the committee may recommend. The committee will be formed by the church council in the coming weeks.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:Pastor Randy Ottottrr@mzluth.org864-2348Principal Brian Humann864-2349President Jade Witt983-2829Board of Elders: Lloyd Lemke864-7740Board of Education: Jeremy Zirbel864-2584

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Today's Organist: Beverly Leiterman (Thur.) Brenda Kuchenbecker(Sun.)

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Dr. John Johnson, Director, De Pere 338-8699

## 4th Sunday of Easter

April 30 / May 3, 2009

### Prayer before worship

Lord, as we journey through this week of weeks, help me to see the power and meaning of your resurrection.. Amen

#### THURSDAY

**Service:** Evening Prayer (p. 52)

**Hymns:** 436, 375, 432

#### **Psalm Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of the Church, in the waters of baptism you have given us new life and at your table you nourish us with the food of salvation. Lead us along safe paths through the darkness of this world, dispel the terrors of death, and bring us at last to your house, where you dwell with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Sermon:** Acts 20:28-32

### **Commit To The Word Of Grace**

For protection For blessing

Musical Offering, Alex Pischke

How Great Thou Art

Lessons are on the back cover **Psalm:** Psalm 23 (p. 72)

#### SUNDAY

**Service:** Word (p. 36) **Hymns:** 436, 375, 719

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Special Music:** Grades 1-2 *I Am Jesus Little Lamb* (in place of the closing hymn)

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter-Series B

The Risen Christ is our Good Shepherd.

First Lesson: Acts 20:28-32

God tends his flock with the live-giving word of grace.

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 23 (page 72)

## Second Lesson: 1 Peter 5:1-4

God sends "under shepherds" who care for the Good Shepherd's flock. The under shepherds should remember and follow the example of The Shepherd. The flock should value highly the love of God for the flock that he sends them such shepherds.

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

**Gospel:** <u>John 10:11-18</u>

Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd. In contrast to the hired hands, who abandon the sheep when danger threatens, Jesus lays down his life for his sheep.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

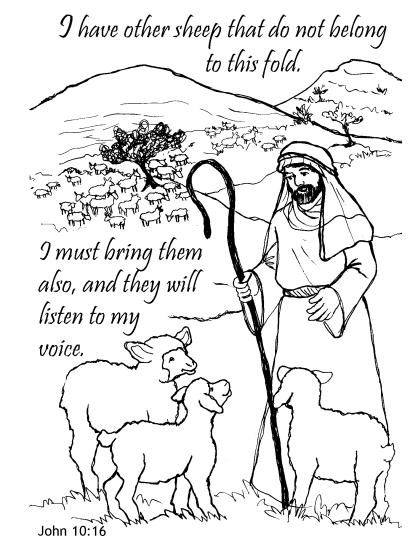
"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."



# **Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Our mission is to honor God as we help people Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel



**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the double stairs.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.