Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 307 (34, 273) **Bible Study:** 37

Friday	1:30 p.m. Wedding
Saturday	Youth Group Softball Tournament, Branch
Sunday	8:25 a.m. 19-Minute Bible Study, church
	9:00 a.m. Worship
Thursday	7:00 p.m. 19-Minute Bible Study
	7:30 p.m. Worship
Sunday	8:25 a.m. 19-Minute Bible Study, church
	9:00 a.m. Worship

Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS/ELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

Baptism On Sunday Kassidy Fayth Hutjens will be baptized into the Christina faith. Kassidy is the daughter of Kevin and Becky Hutjens. She was born on June 30, 2009. Please remember this new child of God and her family in prayer!

19-Minute Bible Study These classes meet a half hour before worship on Thursday and Sunday. Join us and keep discussing God's Word with fellow Christians through the summer!

- **Summer Spiritual Growth** There are ways you can continue to grow in faith this summer outside of worship and Bible Study. In the basement there is a table displaying new items that we have received for the church library. Check out all of the various topics that are covered.. There are also a number of *Forward in Christ* magazines that are free for the taking. Also, don't forget about the *Meditations*. This is an excellent resource for daily time with God's Word. Pick one up today!
- *New Life In Christ* Adult Information Class We will start another *New Life in Christ* class later this summer. This is a 20 lesson class the reviews the basic teachings of God's Word. If you would like to learn what our congregation teaches or review what you learned in confirmation then this is the class for you. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our congregation then this is the class for you. If anyone is interested, please contact Pastor Ott. Classes will begin towards the end of summer.

Sunday, August 2nd there will be a joint rehearsal for anyone wishing to sing at Mr. Pingel's installation service. Rehearsal will be held in the balcony. Choir members, school children, and anyone with a voice to sing for this special service are invited to join in.

- **Sunday, August 9th following the installation service** in church there will be a meal in the gym to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Pingle. Sloppy joes will be served. We are asking families to bring a side dish or dessert. There also is a sign-up sheet in the church basement for some items needed.
- **Free School Supplies and More** event has been CANCELLED! We will look at doing this event again in a few years! All donations that were dropped off at school will be going to our federation high school thrift stores or other area thrift stores.
- **Registration packets are in the church basement**. Please pick yours up today. Teachers will be calling soon to schedule home visits.

Sunday, August 16th - outdoor worship service. Ice cream will be available after the service.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:			
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8th Sunday after Pentecost July 23 & 26, 2009

Prayer before worship

Lord, all too often I focus on my actions as though they lead you to love me. Help me today to see that you loved me when I was spiritually dead. Lead me to greater trust that your love will never leave me.. Amen

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<u>Service</u>

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<u>Hymns</u>

241, 525, 567, 392,518, 424 Thurs. 297, 525, 567, 392, 518, 424 Sun.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 78 (p. 95)

Sermon: <u>1 Timothy 3:1-7</u>

Keep Repeating the Praiseworthy Deeds of the Lord So more may know him So more may trust in him

.8th Sunday after Pentecost – Series B

With this Sunday the emphasis in the readings begins to shift. During the past eight weeks the emphasis has been on the creation of faith and its preservation in spite of the evidence of suffering and persecution that seem to contradict his promise. With this Sunday the second cycle of the Pentecost season begins and with it an emphasis on the response of those who hear the Word. The response emphasized this Sunday is: Those who have the Savior in his Word share him by sharing the Word.

First Lesson: Amos 7:10-17

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. For this is what Amos is saying:

" 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.' "

Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor a prophet's son, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' Now then, hear the word of the LORD. You say,

" 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop preaching against the house of Isaac.' "Therefore this is what the LORD says:

" 'Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword. Your land will be measured and divided up, and you yourself will die in a pagan country. And Israel will certainly go into exile, away from their native land.' "

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 78 (p. 95)

Second Lesson: <u>1 Timothy 3:1-7</u>

Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

Verse of the Day

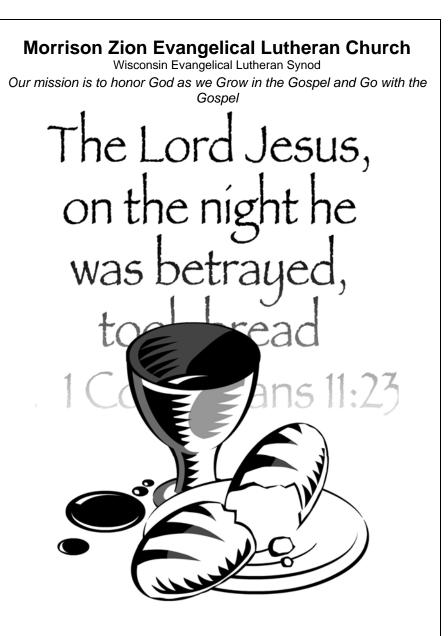
Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. (Dt 30:14)

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them."

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.



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.