

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 306 (27, 279) **Bible Study:** 55 (3, 52)

Sunday 3:00 p.m. Pregnancy Counseling Center Picnic, pavilion
Monday 5:00 p.m. School Registration until 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8:45 a.m. School Opening Worship
Thursday 7:00 p.m. 19-Minute Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Worship
Friday 6:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 3:00 p.m. Appleby/Falck Wedding
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.

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!

Our first **A team volleyball game** will be September 11 at 5:00 p.m. at MLHS.

Bay Area Pregnancy Counseling Center Picnic Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend this annual potluck supper on Sunday, July 23. The meal will be in our shelter, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

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 that 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.

Special Outdoor Worship On Sunday, September 20 we will have a special outdoor service at Way-Mor Park. After the service there will be a special meal in the shelter at the park. This service will serve as the kick off for the one year capital appeal that the congregation decided to have in 2010. Why worship offsite? God has called us to "Go" into our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. As we discuss the finances of our congregation we can become very inward-looking. This service is designed to remind us that God has called us to be a part of our community and to reach our community with the gospel! Please plan to join us for this special day!

Breaking Down The Barriers is the theme of our one-year Capital Appeal. God has broken down the barrier of sin through the life and death of Jesus.

The blessings of this broken barrier become ours through the gospel. Yet, as we serve God, barriers spring up. There are financial barriers. At times our own lack of vision becomes a barrier. This appeal will seek to focus on how God's love in Christ helps us to overcome the barriers of our own creation. The outdoor service will kick off the appeal. There will be materials, studies, and presentations in the weeks following the outdoor service. The goal for the appeal is \$148,000 for debt reduction. \$1,000 for each year that Morrison Zion Lutheran has existed as a congregation.

Breaking Down The Barriers Booklet God has told us that he can do more than we could ask for or even imagine. Yet sometimes we get so bogged down in the day to day activities of ministry that we fail to imagine what our Almighty God could be doing among us! To help us raise our eyes above the barriers of day to day activity we plan to create a booklet of what our members imagine our ministry could look like with God's blessings. Please to write 200-400 words or so on what they thing the gospel ministry of our congregation could look like with God's blessing. Dream big! Think about new ministries or programs that could be undertaken. Think about staff, reaching out to the community, the state, or even the world. See if you can out-imagine God! If you are willing to accept this challenge to dream big, then write up your ministry dreams for our congregation and put it on Pastor Ott's desk at church or email it to him at ottr@mzluth.org. Please take the time to do this and help our congregation raise its eyes from the things that hinder us, such as debt, to the things that empower us, such as the gospel of Jesus Christ!

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12th Sunday after Pentecost August 20 & 23, 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 joy in living in love for you.. Amen

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of 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 34 (p. 80)

Sermon: Hebrews 5:11-6:3

Graduate To Solid Food

Make constant use of the gospel
Grow up to maturity

12th Sunday after Pentecost—Series B

Supplemental Lectionary

Why is it so important that we respond to God's generosity in giving temporal blessings with gratitude to him for his spiritual blessings? Because we are plagued within and without by temptations to worship the temporal and to despise the eternal.

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:3-8

The flight of Elijah takes place just after his greatest success on the mountain of sacrifice. As usual the visible demonstration of God's power had only a temporary and limited affect on those who saw it. Even Elijah soon forgot the proof of God's presence with him in that demonstration of power. What can restore his confidence? Only the Word! In the midst of his flight God fed him with earthly food to point him back again to God's own providence which Elijah for the moment could not appreciate. But still Elijah missed the point and continued his flight in fear and near despair, in spite of the fact that the short term food sustained him miraculously for 40 days. What restored him to balance and brought him back again to see the invisible truth behind the visible? Not powerful miracles but rather God's repetition of his powerful promises on Mt. Horeb.

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 34 (p. 80)

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:11-6:3

It's not as though the milk, the elementary teachings, were unimportant and now can be ignored. Rather it is time for us to see that not only have we been saved, but that because we have been saved by so gracious a God we should eagerly desire to grow more and more in love to him. That love in turn finds expression in a new attitude toward life and

a new desire to fight the temptations of worldliness and materialism. The new attitude gives rise to a new eagerness to live in service to one another in gratitude to him who gave the precious milk of the gospel.

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so.

Gospel: John 6:41-51

The Jews only wanted a bread king. They despised the lowly Jesus whose humility veiled his deity. They rejected the ultimate bread from heaven whose person, whose coming, whose dying, whose rising again is the only nourishment that matters. At table may we sigh, Jesus, only Jesus! He is my food eternal, my life and my salvation! Even if I starved to death, I would be full with him for all eternity! Remember that elemental truth as we fight against the materialism that attacks us from our own sinful nature and from the world around us.

At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven?'"

"Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

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



The angel of
the LORD encamps
around those who
fear him, and
delivers them.

Psalm 34:7

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.