

# THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — April 2020

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church  
N8095 High Road – Watertown, WI 53094  
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## Keeping Hope Alive...

At our most recent board meeting, as we looked at the minutes, I remarked how different life was a simple month ago. We left our houses, shopped, went to the gym, hugged and held one another without a care in the world. How different things are even just a week apart. We are inundated with “news” and stories. We hear from doctors and medical advice that contradicts one another. We know of areas of complete shut down yet see multiples of cars at Walmart and other establishments in our own area. Our kids are

home, those in care facilities are unable to be visited and we feel farther and farther apart everyday. It is easy to let it consume. It is easy to tune in everyday...yet at what cost? Have you tuned out the birds chirping? Have you tuned out the sandhill cranes or flowing water? Have you tuned out scripture, neglecting to even read one passage this week? Have you allowed the daily barrage of “mis”information to disrupt your faith journey. I know I am guilty of it. I have spent more time in the last week discussing, reading, worrying and being challenged over a virus I have known about for 2.5 months. I have not spent as much time worshipping, praying and thinking about God, my church family or my faith. I have once again let the daily stress overwhelm my daily walk. It is hard. I want normal. I want to once again be thankful for my alarm going off, getting to the gym, getting to the office, even just the copier working as I run bulletins. But nothing is normal, at least as I think of it. So once normal returns, I will be even more grateful. In the meantime, I am reminded to find the gratitude in the small things...a healthy family, a community working together, the ability to reach and connect in a variety of ways, the care for each other. I am thankful our limits are 10 and I can visit and chat with all of you, even in person. I am thankful for creative ways our brothers and sisters are creating connections and making it accessible for all. I am grateful knowing you are praying for everyone even if you won't see them on Sunday morning like we want to. I am thankful that I miss church because some Sunday mornings, I am not very thankful when the alarm goes off. I am thankful for family, friends, faith that works even when I get too wrapped up in the world and fail to seek God first. I am thankful for all of you, reaching out, asking to help, asking for help, knowing church is still here even if the congregation cannot gather as a whole.

I know there are many unknowns, which includes church services and worship. Please check the church website, Facebook page and answering machine for the most accurate information. Also, please reach out with any needs, especially if you are feeling lonely and depressed. Our mental health is just as important as our physical health. It is important to care for yourself at this time just as much as you wish to care for others. As a wise member said, maybe we should use this time as a reminder to slow down, take it easy, remind ourselves it is ok to relax and stay in. I know it might not be ideal, but use this time to take care of you too. We will get through this, we are still here. Find at least one thing to be grateful for each day. Remember to seek God first, find even a moment to pray and reach out for any help. You are all in my prayers...

Pastor Katie

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL DATES/EVENTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER ARE DEPENDENT UPON CURRENT EVENTS AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

**Please watch for e-mails, check the website or call the church office for the most accurate information.**



**Monday  
April 20th...  
for the  
May  
Newsletter**



**Tuesday  
10am to 2 pm  
Thursday  
10am to 2 pm**

*Please contact Pastor Katie to make arrangements for other times.*

## From the Board of Trustees and Pastor Katie..

This is a time we never wanted to be in. Imagine how scared many of our members are, many of our vulnerable population. We all know people in Marquardt, who have compromised immune systems and others who need to be careful. And now, it is our turn. It is our turn to watch out, to make sure we are staying safe, to make wise decisions remembering they affect others. It is so hard because we want to shop and eat out and live our lives. Yet we also want to stop the spread of Covid19 and take care of "the least of these." It hurts our hearts to not worship together. We miss each other, the simple greetings, the conversations, the updates. We take solace in knowing this will not be forever and we will soon return to our comfortable pews, our safe sanctuary. And just as we all know, the church responsibilities do not end during a pandemic. We have ministries and covenants, tithes and bills. We know this is an uncertain time for all of us. If you are without, let us know. We can help. We have funds, food, and more available. We also know that we only have these because of the continued generosity of our members. Please don't stop because we are not together. Please continue to send your tithes, your weekly offerings. Whether you drop a check in the mail, set up auto bill pay through your bank, go through Moravian ministries foundation, or put an envelope under the door, we appreciate your continued gifts. The province understands all the church situations. We know many are without and we would not turn you away. We continue to be generous and encourage you to have faith and be generous too. Working together, we can meet all our obligations. We know this is different and unique, but please continue to give. We all need to help each other by making smart decisions, keeping up with our commitments and continuing to spread love in creative ways. Thank you for thinking of Ebenezer, praying for Ebenezer and giving to Ebenezer. We can all get through this, together.



AND



To meet our 2020 budget, weekly offerings need to be approximately \$2,400. Thank you for your consideration.

February 23: 64 — \$1,929.34



February 26 - Ash Wednesday: \$115.00

March 1: 47 — \$2,752.83



March 4 - Lent: \$117.00

March 8: 49 - \$1,513.00



March 11 - Lent: \$75.00

March 15: 25 - \$1,280.34



March 18 - Lent: \$50.00

March 22: \_\_\_ - \$986.21



## GIVING

Remember, there are many ways to stay current with your gifts:

**Auto Bill Pay:** Through your bank or credit union

**Mail:** Mail check to the church

**Moravian Ministry Foundation:** See article below

Thank you for your generosity. We will give you a HUGE hug once we are allowed to!

## ON LINE GIVING

Ebenezer now has online giving enabled through the Moravian Ministries Foundation because we are an investor in the Common Fund. Here's the link: <https://mmfa.info/ebenezer-moravian-church-donation-form/> This is your one-stop, 24/7 online giving destination. You can now give at any time from the convenience of your home.

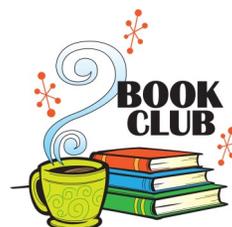
Online giving can be a way for members, friends and family to support Ebenezer. As an added benefit, it allows giving to Ebenezer from afar. You can make memorial gifts in lieu of flowers, honor a loved one, schedule tithing, and more. Payments will be made to Ebenezer monthly, at no cost to the church.

The Board of Trustees is looking for a 4-drawer lockable, waterproof, and fireproof file cabinet. This would be used to store and keep safer, important historical documents along with members records of birth, confirmation, etc.



If you know of a good workable used one or would like to donate a new one, please contact one of the trustees.

Preferable cabinet would be 31" deep. New run \$1,600-\$2,200.



Tuesday, April 28th  
6pm

Rose Garden - Watertown  
Book has not yet been selected.

## Schedule



### Practice:

April 1st @ 7pm  
AND  
April 22th @ 6:30pm

**Sing:** April 5th, 10th and April 12th

Watch for updates on the website, via e-mail or phone.  
Glennis



## Join Us For Breakfast

**Easter Sunday, April 12th**  
**Following Sunrise Service**

## GREETERS, LAY READERS & FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

If you are interested in being a greeter or lay reader, or hosting Fellowship Hour after the church service, please sign up.



The Elder on duty each month will pass around the clipboards before worship begins and will collect them at the end of announcements.

If you wish to sign up after the service is over, the clipboards will be in the Narthex.



### PRACTICE:

Saturday, April 11th @ 9am

### PLAY:

Sunrise Service - Sunday,  
April 12th



Pastor Katie Van der Linden  
(610) 442-3790

### IF NOT AVAILABLE CONTACT

Tom Naatz, Vice-Elder Chair  
(920) 699-3118  
Jon Gehler, Trustee Chair  
(920) 342-2945



Western District Synod will convene at Mt. Morris  
Camp & Conference Center  
Thursday, April 23 to Sunday, April 26, 2020

## The Only thing constant is Change!

Isn't that the way we are feeling right now! Every hour it is something new, which affects us all, especially our church plans and calendar.

Please check the church website, Facebook page, answering machine and your email for the most up-to-date information.

Currently, we are planning on keeping Holy Week as planned, with some possible changes. Pastor Katie and the Board of Elders are looking at ideas to keep with our traditions and also to keep safe and healthy. Please watch your email for a survey and for updated information. With technology, we have some new options, but we want to make sure we are reaching everyone. We also want to make sure we are providing for needs, so please fill out the survey honestly, use your best judgment about activities and be safe.

Let Pastor Katie know if you are not feeling well and if there is anything you need. We have many people who are furloughed from work and willing to help in various ways, so do not hesitate to ask. We will get through this, together.



### WESTERN DISTRICT CAMPING!

Camping season dates for 2020 at Mount Morris have been announced.

**Junior Camp** June 28-July 2 (3rd through 5th grades)

**Chetek** July 19-25 (high school age through 21)

**Winmor** July 26-August 1 (middle school)

**4M Camp** August 3-5 (grades 1 and 2)

*Watch future newsletters or visit the Mount Morris website for registration information and prices.*

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### PRAYER MINISTRY

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”* Philippians 4:6.



If you would like to add a prayer request, please contact one of the Elders.

For prayer requests to be included in the weekly bulletin, please contact Pastor Katie (pastor.kvdl@gmail.com) BEFORE Wednesday of each week.

### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The Watertown Church Women United chapter is planning their annual Friendship Day celebration. The service will be held at 1 pm on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> here at Ebenezer.

The theme for the CWU services this year is “2020 Vision For The Future”, based on Habakkuk 2:2. We will be emphasizing the significance for us all to unite doing the Lord’s work embracing our differences. At this service we will “Agree to Differ”. Later this year our services will deal with “Resolve to Love” and “Unite to serve”.

Our speaker will be Michelle Altman, who will tell us about “Cornerstone of Grace” for women in crisis. Please join us in the Piper Room for that service and a time of fellowship afterward.



## LOAVES & FISHES

### Contact Linda Lippens



In partnership with the Watertown Moravian Church, we provide dinner for our community free of charge. The meal is served every Monday evening, except holidays, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Watertown Moravian Church, 510 Cole Street.

Loaves & Fishes will continue to serve until we are not allowed to do so. We are doing a carry-out format and will probably be delivering to the guests outside from now on. We are keeping social distancing at the forefront of our minds.

On the first Monday of carry-out (Monday, April 16th), we served 60 including the volunteers. We serve a population in need so we need to do what we can to keep serving. Please pray for friends that need food.

#### **MEAL — April**

6: Pork chops  
13: Spaghetti  
20: Brats & hot dogs  
27: Fish sticks

#### **SERVERS — April**

6: Methodist  
13: Church Women United  
20: Good Shepherd  
27: New Hope

**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



**USHER  
SCHEDULE**

#### **April 5 & 12:**

Dennis & Linda Rabbach  
Theresa & John Vesper

#### **April 19 & 26:**

Douglas & Kris Schefft  
Mary Kopp  
Scott Kopp

(Please contact Head Usher Alex Zubrod at 920-261-8289 if you would like to assist in this ministry.)



## BOARD MEMBERS

### ELDERS: 2020-2021

**Pastor Katie:** Chair

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**John Gehler:** Chair

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Find us on  
**Facebook**

**REMEMBER: OUR Facebook page is "Ebenezer Moravian".**

A friend of my co-worker at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church posted this and it has an amazing perspective of this surreal moment in our time. I felt it was appropriate to share with everyone. The author is unknown. Dawn

## Lockdown

Yes there is fear.  
Yes there is isolation.  
Yes there is panic buying.  
Yes there is sickness.  
Yes there is even death.

But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise You can hear the birds  
again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet The sky is no longer thick with  
fumes But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi

People are singing to each other  
across the empty squares,  
keeping their windows open  
so that those who are alone

may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland Is offering free meals and delivery  
to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know

is busy spreading fliers with her number through the neighborhood So that the  
elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples are preparing to welcome and  
shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary All over the world people are slowing  
down and reflecting All over the world people are looking at their neighbors in a  
new way All over the world people are waking up to a new reality To how big we  
really are.

To how little control we really have.

To what really matters.

To Love.

So we pray and we remember that

Yes there is fear.

But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation.

But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is panic buying.

But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness.

But there does not have to be disease of the soul  
Yes there is even death.  
But there can always be a rebirth of love.  
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.  
Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic  
The birds are singing again  
The sky is clearing, Spring is coming,  
And we are always encompassed by Love.  
Open the windows of your soul  
And though you may not be able  
to touch across the empty square,  
Sing.

***Always remember to look for the positive. For in every situation there is a silver lining.***

### PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests or want to be included on the Ebenezer Prayer Chain, please contact Pastor Katie Van der Linden at (610) 442-3790 OR [pastor.kvdl@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.kvdl@gmail.com).

The most important thing to remember is to have permission of the person or family before you request it be included on the Prayer Chain. Also, please be sure to just give facts and don't add any rumors or assumptions. Please use any information you get just for the prayer request.



Cemetery Care

Please pick up outdated decorations so the cemetery can be cleaned up for Easter. Thank you.

### Ragnar Race Volunteer Into Night Wednesday, April 22nd @ 6pm

This year, the Ragnar Race (200 miles Chicago to Madison) is once again going through Watertown. We have been chosen as a transfer spot and we have some great ideas for our spot and fundraisers!

**Here is the plan:** In addition to managing the transfer site, we want to have a brat fry and bake sale. Proceeds from these fundraisers will be split among several ministries including our general fund.

**Ways you can help:** Volunteer to help with the transfer site (2 shifts, 4/5 people a shift 4am - 8am, 8am-12pm) Volunteer to help with the brat fry and/or bake sale (hours TBD)

Come to the meeting for more information and to help plan our SITE THEME. There is a contest with a monetary prize, so be creative!!



**Do we  
have  
your  
e-mail  
address?**



Please help keep our website updated with current pictures of church activities, ministries, church grounds and church facilities. We are also looking for new group pictures of the church boards and committees.

Send pictures as jpg files to Dawn Westenberg at [dawn22658@gmail.com](mailto:dawn22658@gmail.com). We desperately need to update the photographs currently on our website.



- 1 - Barbara Rich
- 4 - Darrick Krueger
- 6 - Carol Britts
- 6 - Susan Brown
- 6 - Gregg Lippens
- 8 - Matayson Powell
- 8 - Lucy Thomas
- 9 - Carole Schumacher
- 19 - Shane Brown
- 20 - David Hain
- 20 - Amanda Harris
- 21 - Emma Wegner
- 23 - Lorrie Kopp
- 25 - Catherine Huth
- 25 - Christina Huth



None

Adult  
Sunday School  
Class



Everyone is invited to attend.

We meet at 8:45am Sunday mornings.

We meet in the Library.

## NOISY OFFERING UPDATES

April to June: \_\_\_\_\_



April to June, 2019: \$165.70 to Jefferson Senior Nutrition

July to September: \$127.48 to Haus of Peace

October to December: \$151.66 to Mount Morris

January to March, 2020: \$171.15 to Moravian Open Door

*If you have any suggestions for future rotations, please share your idea with one of the Elders.*

## REACHING OUT...

This is a list of members that may not be able to attend church regularly. Please feel free to contact them via mail. If you wish to have your contact information or someone close to you added, please contact Shelly Degrandt at (920)988-6281 or at [degrandts@gmail.com](mailto:degrandts@gmail.com).

### Leroy Gronert, Sr.

Dycora Nursing Home

Apt. 201

430 Wilcox St.

Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

### Douglas Rabbach

Park Ridge (Zinzendorf)

1148 Bayberry Drive

Watertown, WI 53098

### Joyce Kopp

317 Lauren Lane

Watertown, WI 53094

### Carol Schultz

Park Terrace

1047 Hill Street, Room 2528

Watertown, WI 53098

### Todd Hamann #627678

Thompson Correctional Center

434 State Farm Road

Deerfield, WI 53531-9562

**ACTIVITY GROUP "A"**

Leaders Bob (920-342-4304) &  
 Tammy (920-342-3849) Meyer  
 AND

JoAnn Draheim - (920) 285-8978 OR  
 (920) 285-9983

**August - October 2020**

Karissa Bender - (920) 342-3347

Kaylin Bender - (920) 285-6984

Shari Bender - (920) 285-6984

Pat Counsell - (920) 261-2730

Kris Kerr - (920) 261-1523

MaryLou Kopp - (920) 261-2096

Scott & Christine Kopp - (920) 253-1919

Bob & Tammy Meyer - (920) 342-3849

Arlene Molly - (920) 699-2133

Dorothy Rein - (920) 261-4269

Allison Rein - (920) 206-1411

Emmaleigh Rein - (920) 206-1411

Eric & Tracey Rein - (920) 206-1411

Lee & Tracy Saxby - (920) 261-6251

Carol Schultz

Everett, Jr. & Judith Strauss - (920) 261-2006

Ken & Linda Strauss - (920) 262-0094

Aaron & Katie Van der Linden - (610) 442-3790

Joe & Anne Walsh - (920) 699-2884

Donald & Karol Wesemann - (920) 261-7388

Trudi Wesemann - (920) 342-4133

**ACTIVITY GROUP "B" — Co-Leaders**

Dennis & Linda Rabbach (920-699-3781)  
 AND

Tom & Virginia Naatz (920-699-3118)

**February - April 2020**

Nathan & Angela Baum - (920) 988-2230

Chris Bender - (920) 342-4218

John & Nancy Braatz - (920) 261-4333

Carol Britts - (920) 261-9493

Seth Brown & Teaya - (920) 220-0166

Bohdi Degrandt - (920) 342-5277 OR  
 (920) 988-6281 (Shelly)

Joe & Shelly Degrandt - (920) 699-2178

Jillian Degrandt - (920) 342-1289

Jon Gehler - (920) 342-2945

Amanda Harris - (920) 248-9304

Paula Harris - (262) 617-6579

Sue Kopp - (920) 699-3504

Darrick Krueger

Dalton Krueger - (920) 220-9626

Darrin & Trudy Krueger - (920) 220-9626

Brian & Lynette Mertz - (920) 988-3542 (Brian)  
 (608) 490-3602 (Lynette)

Tom & Ginny Naatz - home - (920) 699-3118

Tim & Julie Pattengale - (920) 988-6130

Dennis & Linda Rabbach - (920) 699-3781

Douglas Rabbach

Barbara Rich - (920) 421-3133

Jozelle Roberts - (920) 248-9304

Andy Roberts - (920) 285-4723

Theresa & John Vesper - (920) 941-0152

Charles & Judy Wesemann - (920) 261-6880

Emma Wegner - (920) 285-1370

Yolanda Yahn - (920) 253-6617

**ACTIVITY GROUP "C" — Co-Leaders**

Linda (920-253-8137) & Gregg Lippens  
 (920-253-8136) HOME: (920-261-2061)

AND

Doug (920-285-1045) & Kris (920-285-1048)  
 Schefft

**May - July 2020**

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Chris Cahill - (920) 699-2867

Craig & Melissa Cahill - (920) 699-2867

Robert Hahn - (920) 261-5849

Bob & Dianne Hamann - (920) 261-6685

Todd Hamann

Travis & Emily Hamann - (920) 262-8257

Joyce Kopp - (920) 261-7972

Greg & Linda Lippens - (920) 261-2061

Kari & Matt Maass - (920) 253-7297

Francis & Kathie Orval - (414) 416-0225

Reinhold Petig - (920) 261-6892

William Petig - (920) 261-2486

Doug & Kris Schefft - (920) 285-1048

Clifford & Dianne Schuett - (920) 261-9120

Carole Schumacher - (920) 261-2005

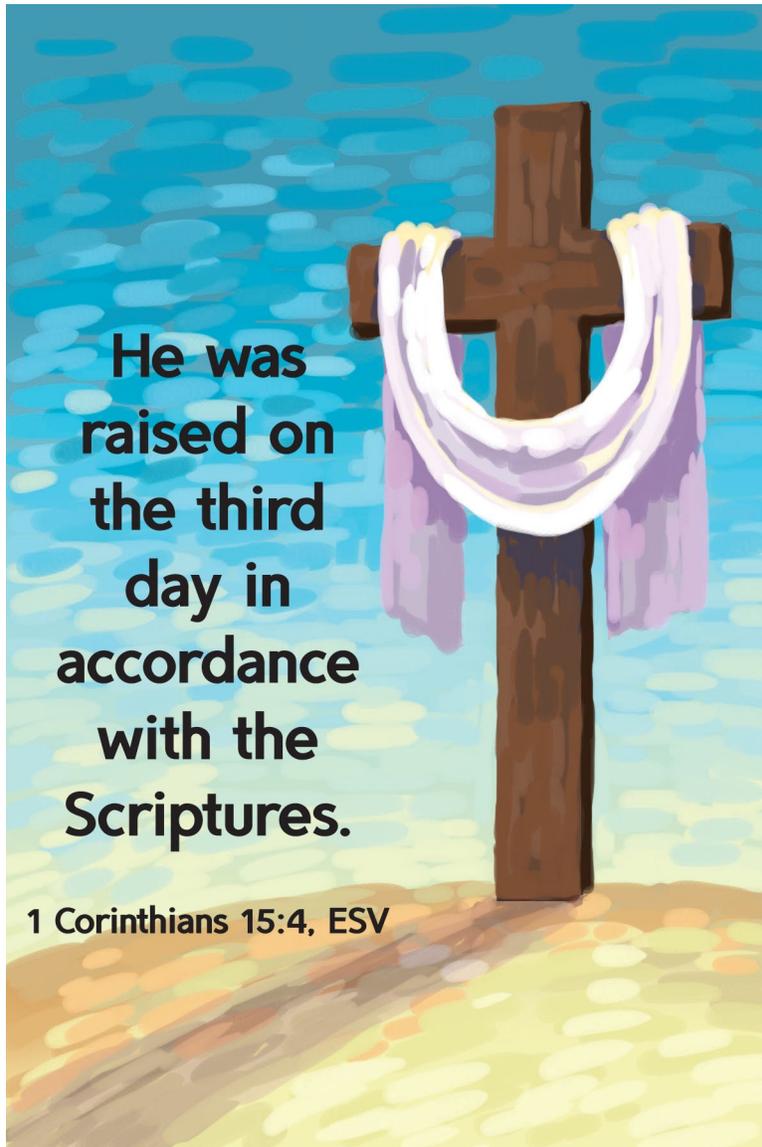
Diane Tuhy - (920) 253-1481

Megan Weihert - (920) 253-8139

Bob & Dawn Westenberg - (920) 261-7068

Glennis Zastrow - (920) 261-3731

**LAST UPDATE: March 2020**



He was  
raised on  
the third  
day in  
accordance  
with the  
Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:4, ESV



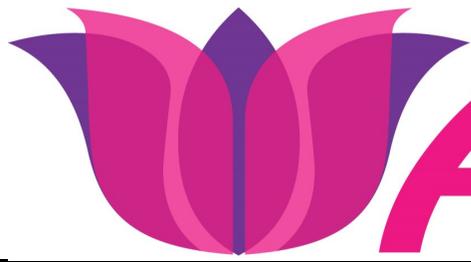
Minutes from March 17th meeting will be in the next Newsletter

Trustee for the month of April is  
Chuck Wesemann



Minutes from the March 8th meeting will be in the next newsletter.

Elder for the month of April is  
Trudy Krueger



# APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>COMING EVENTS:</b> <b>May 3:</b> 2pm dedication of Chapel/Auditorium at Marquardt Village <b>May 6:</b> Let's "Taco" About Camp Night @ 6pm <b>May 7:</b> Food to Go & Grow - Ebenezer packing @ 3:30pm (Webster) <b>May 16:</b> Ragnar Race Stop 5am-Noon <b>May 31:</b> Moravian Fundraising Concert @ 2pm (more info later) <b>June 28-July 2:</b> Junior Camp @ Mount Morris <b>July 19-25:</b> Chetek Camp @ Mount Morris <b>July 26-August 1:</b> Winmor Camp @ Mount Morris <b>August 3-5:</b> 4M Camp @ Mount Morris			1 <b>9am</b> Moravian Women <b>5:30pm</b> Agape Meal <b>6:15pm</b> Lenten Program <b>7pm</b> Choir rehearsal	2 <b>6pm</b> Elders	3	4
5 <b>8:45am</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10am</b> Worship <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Choir sings <b>10:15am</b> Sunday School	6 <b>5-6pm</b> Loaves & Fishes <b>6pm</b> Holy Week Readings	7 <b>6pm</b> Holy Week Readings	8 <b>6pm</b> Holy Week Readings <b>6:45pm</b> CEF	9 <b>7pm</b> Maundy Thursday Service	10 BDCleaning <b>7:30pm</b> Good Friday Service Choir sings	11 <b>9am</b> Band practice
12 <b>6am</b> Sunrise Service Band plays Easter breakfast <b>NO</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10am</b> Worship <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Choir sings <b>NO</b> Sunday School	13 <b>5-6pm</b> Loaves & Fishes	<b>14-18: Seminary Board of Trustees — Pastor Katie Gone</b>				
19 <b>8:45am</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10am</b> Worship <b>10:15am</b> Sunday School <b>6-7:30pm</b> Ebenezer Kids	20 <b>5-6pm</b> Loaves & Fishes	21 <b>6pm</b> Board of Trustees	22 Ragnar Race Volunteer Meeting <b>6:30pm</b> Choir rehearsal	23	24 BDCleaning <b>1pm</b> Church Women United @ Ebenezer	25
				<b>23-26: Western District Synod @ Mt. Morris</b>		
26 <b>8:45am</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10am</b> Worship <b>10:15am</b> Sunday School  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">             Western District Synod @ Mt. Morris           </div>	27 <b>5-6pm</b> Loaves & Fishes	28 Book Club @ Rose Garden	29	30	<b>ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE!</b>	