

THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — April 2021

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church
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One Year...and going stronger each day!

Can you believe it has been a whole year? Remember the beginning of March in 2020 when everything was still open and we did not wear masks? It was Friday March 13 when we had Among Friends Game Night and we had (insert gasp) a potluck meal! Anybody else totally have Schaumtorte taste running through their mouths right now?

We gathered on Sunday the 15th of March not realizing we would not be the following Sunday. We sent our kids to school on Monday, only to have them sent home by Wednesday and not returning the rest of the school year. Nursing homes and hospitals closed to visitors and signs and warnings became the “new normal.”

We were uncertain and isolated. We had no idea if sitting with friends or touching a can was safe or potentially deadly. We had no idea what was to come, but were told two weeks. Two weeks...that was a very long two weeks. It is still going on, but I am so thankful for what we have learned in this past year.

I must say, it was not until church was shut down did I remember how much we were needed. Being forced to evaluate the safety and necessity of gathering together made us all re-evaluate our priorities. I had taken for granted smiling faces and church hugs, but I won't anymore. I had forgotten the freedom to connect and worship together, the joy in just being with one another.

This week, Marquardt opened to actual visits, in rooms. I held the hand of a member for the first time in over a year. I cannot imagine how difficult it has been for our nursing care residents, our isolated members, those who are unable to be close to others. I'll be honest, I'm not sure if she needed me to hold her hand or I needed it.

It has been a long year. And I am so very grateful for the support of a church family who continues to meet together. Some of our neighbors still have not re-opened, yet we only missed 3 weeks together. Those were a long three weeks. And the appreciation for allowing everyone to figure this out, no pressure to be in person or online, our boards checking in on people and reminding them we are praying and connecting in so many ways. I am happy to see new openings and restrictions changing. I am happy to see smiles on faces that I have not seen below the eyes. I am thankful that we are still doing what we can and loving each other where we are. Some want hugs, others want space, some want gatherings others join in distanced, some wish for this and others for that. Yet, we all respect one another and will continue to be safe.

Thank you for your amazing cooperation.

Thank you for seeing the essential in church.

Thank you for taking strides to find joy in the present.

Thank you for being you, loving yourself and taking care of you.

I pray we never again take hugs for granted, we celebrate smiles, we appreciate the joy in closeness and we respect the differences we have. It has not been easy for any of us, thankfully, all of us still love, seek peace, find joy and embrace hope.



**DEADLINE is Friday, April 23rd
for the May Newsletter**
(Earlier is always better.)

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 **4:15 to 5:30 p.m.** at the Watertown Moravian Church, 510 Cole Street.

Loaves & Fishes will continue to serve carry-out meals and are keeping social distancing at the forefront of our minds. Our carry-out meal numbers have continued to increase weekly; and we are serving over 275 meals every week. 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

5: Spaghetti

12: Grilled ham and cheese

19: Chicken casserole

26: Sloppy joes

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SERVERS — April

5: Methodist

12: OPEN

19: Good Shepherd

26: New Hope

We have had several groups/organizations retire from helping serve meals. If you are in a group/organization, please consider helping. Or if you have friends in an group/organization, please speak with them to see if they are interested in helping. At the same time, if you are an area business and your employees would like to help, please contact us. (emc1853@aol.com)



Please pass the word that we are looking for people to help serve our weekly Loaves & Fishes Meal. We have a yearly rotation and each group serves twice a year.

REACHING OUT...

These are 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.

Joyce Kopp

317 Lauren Lane, Watertown, WI 53094

Carol Schultz

Park Terrace, 1047 Hill Street, Room 2528
Watertown, WI 53098

BAND

The band will be playing the prelude and a postlude at the 7am Easter service at the cemetery.

Practice will be on Saturday, April 3rd at 9am

CHOIR

The choir has been practicing. Depending on how things go, there may be 'just enough' members to sig on Maundy Thursday and/or Good Friday services.

As of now, nothing else has been scheduled for May.

Stay tuned for more information!



EBENEZER MORAVIAN WOMEN

We will hold off meeting for now and revisit the situation in September

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Rabbach or Karol Wesemann.

We need a Rebirth More Than Ever!

Easter is right around the corner and WE ARE CELEBRATING! If you recall, last year we ventured out into the cemetery, remaining in our cars throughout the whole Easter service. This year, we are excited for some new opportunities.

We will have our traditional Holy Week readings. They will be in fellowship hall and books will be provided. If you wish to join online, the province is once again offering Holy Week readings online that you can access through Moravian.org.

Maundy Thursday, the choir will join in as we celebrate Jesus' last days with his friends. He shared a meal with them and we will have communion together as well.

Good Friday, we will continue the readings and remember the night Jesus is crucified. Both services will be in our sanctuary and available on our google meet link.

After the anticipation, we will celebrate Easter in our cemetery, only no restrictions! You can come out of your car, perhaps bring a chair, and celebrate Easter in our beautiful cemetery. If you are able, we request you come early, park at church and walk to the cemetery, as many of those coming may not be able to walk that far. The band will be playing and we are so excited to join together in a beautiful service of resurrection and hope! Bring your family and friends as we celebrate being together, the risen Christ and new life. We are hoping to have the google meet option for Easter, so watch your emails for updates on that as well.

It is so wonderful that we continue to heal, grow, support each other and not only survive, but thrive. We need each other more than ever, we hope you can join us for any of all of the worship opportunities and feel blessed when you join us in person and online.



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You shop. Amazon gives.

If you are an 'on-line buyer' and purchase from AmazonSmile.com, Ebenezer is now part of their Charity Support Program. For every purchase you make on AmazonSmile.com, Ebenezer will receive a portion of your order as a donation to the church. All you need to do is make sure you are using AmazonSmile.com and not Amazon.com. On your initial purchase you will need to select Ebenezer Moravian Church as the recipient of your donation. We will automatically receive quarterly payments.

If you have any questions on how this works, feel free to contact Dawn.

SPRING CLEAN UP



"Spring is here, though it may not feel like it! On Saturday, May 1st, we are looking for help of all ages with spring cleaning. Remember, Ebenezer could really use your

help, as there was no spring clean-up last year, we have a lot of work to do.

Cleaning will start at 8 am and end when the work is done. Lunch for participants will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex. Trustees will be leading teams of people for chosen areas, so sign up for the team and/or duties you want to be a part of!

Make Jesus proud and wash some windows!"



Tuesday
10am to 2 pm

Thursday
10am to 2pm

Please contact Pastor Katie to make
rangements for other times.

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At the present time
there are no Adult
Sunday School class.

Adult
Sunday School
Class

We may start up in
September. Watch for
updates in future news-
letters.



GIVING

Remember, there are many ways to stay cur-
rent with your gifts:

- **Auto Bill Pay:** Through your bank or credit union
- **Mail:** Mail check to the church
- **Moravian Ministry Foundation:** See arti-
cle.

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**



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Older pre-school and
elementary school
aged children returned
to Sunday school clas-
ses on February 21st.
Masks and social dis-
tancing are a part of
the safety precautions.
Classes are held in
Heiser Hall at 10am.

Kris Schefft, Shelly Degrandt, and Tom Naatz
are the teachers. Two teachers co-teach every
week with a rotation schedule. Sunday school
is held during the church service. We are stud-
ying the heroes of the Bible. So far we have
learned about Daniel, Jonah, Joshua, and No-
ah. We will meet every week through May 23rd
with Easter Sunday off.

We are looking for people who would like to join
the teaching team. Contact Tom Naatz if you
are interested.

As of right now...CHURCH CAMP WILL BE IN PERSON THIS SUMMER!

We are so excited for the opportunity to have camp this year. We are not exactly sure the plans, but soon it will be time to register. Ebenezer has funds dedicated for kids to go to camp. We even have an extra fund for their friends or for others from the community to get to camp as well.

Please do not let finances be a reason to miss church camp. If you want more information, please see Pastor Katie and she can get you information about the funds available. Every kid should have the opportunity to attend Mt. Morris. We can make that possible. Ebenezer pays a portion of every camper from our church and we can give more when the need is known.

Please talk to Pastor Katie (or an Elder) for more information about camp, registration or scholarships. We want every kid who wants to get to camp to be able to go...don't miss out!

Mount Morris 2021 Summer Camping Season is:

FAMILY CAMP: June 4th — 6th
NEW!!!

CHETEK: July 18th – 24th
Campers completed 9th grade through age 21

WINMOR: July 25th – 31st
Campers completed 6th – 8th grade

JUNIOR CAMP: August 1st – 5th
Campers grades 3 through 5



Watch for future information on registering for camp!

GOOD NEWS.....Matching Fund

The building addition at Mt. Morris is set to begin this spring.

A group of friends of Mt. Morris Camp have pledged to match one to one every contribution made towards the new building up to \$75,000.

All donations will be doubled up to June 1 or when the \$75,000 is matched...

If you want to participate in this matching fund you can send a check to:

Mt. Morris
W6016 Blackhawk Rd.
Wautoma, WI 54982-0676

and indicate this is a matching donation. OR check in on line at www.mt-morris.org and press "Donate".

Stay tuned for updates on our progress

Are You Tuning In?

Want to worship with us without coming to the sanctuary?

You can join us each Sunday on google meet.

Watch your email for the address and log in a few minutes early. You will see everything on the screen and have the opportunity to share prayer concerns and announcements. It is a great alternative to coming in person.

Thanks so much to our tech people who are working hard at making all worship experiences possible. We may change formats and are still learning each week, but we are so grateful for the opportunity to gather in a variety of ways.



Exciting news from Mt Morris Camp!!

After much prayer, thought, discussion, and planning, the Mt. Morris Board of Directors is thrilled to announce that we are moving forward with the **“Arrowhead Expansion Building Project”!!**

In the five years since this plan was approved at the 2016 Synod, a lot has changed. During this time we reconsidered the entire plan, carefully listened to the advice of consultants and considered the needs of our summer camp attendees and year round guests.

A year ago we began working with Fox Structures of Kaukauna, WI, to help us design and plan for a new building that would best meet our needs. After working through several options the board voted to approve a design that is now nearly complete. The building will include 2 conference rooms, restrooms, a warming kitchen as well as a 5,400 square foot multi purpose room for meetings, conferences and recreation. We also will be able to offer the building to local community groups that need an indoor space for volleyball, pickleball, etc. particularly during the harsh winter months.



The building will be constructed on the northern portion of the Family Campground. The southern portion of the campground will remain usable.

The final design, architecture, and engineering work are all in process. Soon the building permits will be submitted, trees removed and excavating will begin. We anticipate that we will see a lot of progress over the next two months as this dream quickly becomes reality! Keep an eye out for more specific plans, photos, videos and updates on our Facebook page and in emails.

Since our initial fundraising efforts began in 2016, nearly \$400,000 has been donated for the expansion project. We are grateful to all who helped get us to this point! This money has been saved and will now be used as we begin construction on the new building.

At this time we are once again beginning fundraising efforts to pay for the new building and we would appreciate it if you would consider a gift for this purpose at this time.

We are also excited to announce that we have received \$75,000 in donations to be used as matching funds! Between now and June 30 (or until the match is completed) your gift will be doubled! Consider the impact your gift can have on the project if it's matched 2 to 1! Match funds cannot be combined with pledge payments or general fund pledge. This is also a great time to consider a long term pledge to the project where your gift can be spread out over the next 3 years.

Donations may be sent into the camp, or go to www.mt-morris.org and click on "Donate" to share your gift or to set up a recurring pledge.

We hope that you'll join us in prayer in asking God to be with us through the process of fundraising and construction. We know that this endeavor is truly a leap of faith, and it is *with* faith, hope and trust in our awesome God that we are moving forward - we would love to have you join us!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat Center Staff and Board of Directors

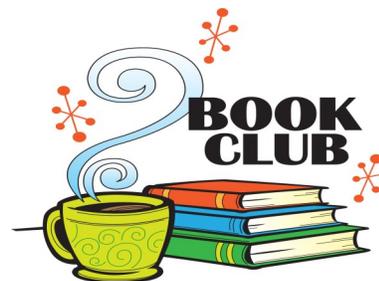


Pastor Katie Van der Linden
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IF NOT AVAILABLE CONTACT

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Jon Gehler, Trustee Chair
(920) 342-2945



WHEN: Monday, April 12th

WHERE: Hering Towne Inn
Jefferson
(124 W. Rockwell)

TIME: 6pm

BOOK: "Wonder" by FJ
Palacio

"Wonder" by RJ Palacio is the story of Augie who is born with physical differences. He begins life at a new private school and things are harder than anticipated. It is a wonderful story of bullying and forgiveness, of growth and maturity and reminds that we can always learn from one another, no matter what age. This book has been required by many school districts and will be a great one to discuss at our next book club! We hope you can join us. If you aren't a book person, the movie is also great, so watch it and join us. It is a great night out to relax, have a good meal and talk.



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. We desperately need to update the photographs currently on our website.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests or want to be included on the Ebenezer Prayer Chain, please contact Pastor Katie at (610) 442-3790 OR 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.

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.



Ebenezer Kids...

we have not forgotten about you!

With Sunday school in full swing, we wanted to make some summer plans. Watch the newsletters coming up for some events. We are also thinking about VBS...hopefully! In the meantime, register for summer camp and get excited about being IN PERSON at Mt Morris this Summer. We miss you!

**No bible study
Stay tuned!!**



April 4:

Donald & Karol Wesemann
Bob & Tammy Meyers

April 11 & 18:

Buzz Orval
Diane Schuett
Shelly & Bohdi Degrandt

April 25:

Paula Harris
Jozelle Roberts
Dalton Krueger

If you are unable to usher, please contact Alex Zubrod at 261-8289.



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.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 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



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

None



Find us on Facebook

REMEMBER: OUR Facebook page is "Ebenezer Moravian".

Covid Vaccinations

All information comes from the CDC and the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human services website.

Getting vaccinated is one of many steps you can take to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Protection from COVID-19 is critically important because for some people, COVID-19 can cause severe illness or death.

Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools available. Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. **After you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19**, you may be able to start doing some things that you had stopped doing because of the pandemic. But we're still learning how vaccines will affect the spread of COVID-19. After you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you should keep **taking precautions** in public places or when you are with unvaccinated people from more than one household.

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 **and** following CDC's recommendations **to protect yourself and others** will offer the best protection from COVID-19.

Vaccines available: There are currently three approved COVID vaccines. Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna require to 2 doses, 21 and 28 days apart respectively. The third Johnson & Johnson's Janssen requires one dose. All available COVID vaccines do not contain eggs, preservatives and latex.

What can you do after you are vaccinated?

If you have been fully vaccinated (2 weeks after your second dose in a 2-dose series, like the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, like Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine):

- You can gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask.
- You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.
- However, if you live in a group setting (like a correctional or detention facility or group home) and are around someone who has COVID-19, you should still stay away from others for 14 days and get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.
- You should still take steps to protect yourself and others in many situations, like wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. Take these precautions whenever you are:
 - In public
 - Gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one other household
 - Visiting with an unvaccinated person who is at increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 or who lives with a person at increased risk
- You should still avoid medium or large-sized gatherings.
- You should still delay domestic and international travel. If you do travel, you'll still need to follow CDC requirements and recommendations.
- You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.
- You will still need to follow guidance at your workplace.

Who is eligible?

Phase 1:

- ◆ Frontline health care personnel
- ◆ Residents and staff in skilled nursing and long-term care facilities
- ◆ Police and fire personnel, correction staff
- ◆ Adults ages 65 and older

Eligible March 1

- ◆ Education & child care
- ◆ Individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs
- ◆ Public facing essential workers
- ◆ Non-frontline health care personnel
- ◆ Congregated Living staff & residents

Eligible March 29

- ◆ Individuals with certain medical conditions

Eligible May 1

- ◆ All individuals age 16 and over

Where can you get vaccinated? *The is not an all inclusive list. The vaccine is still limited so patience may be needed in waiting your turn. All providers are giving the vaccine by appointment.

If you have a **primary care doctor**, contact their office.

Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services- COVID Vaccine map of providers-www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-map.htm

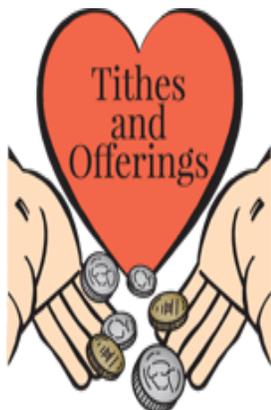
Jefferson County- Sign up for the current eligible groups is through the county website. www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/community/residents/vaccine.php You will be asked to fill out a survey and then will be contacted via email for sign up.

City of Watertown- Vaccine information line 1-888-519-8405 **Clinic dates & scheduling link will be made available every Monday starting February 1st at 6 p.m.** <https://jeffersonco.seamlessdocs.com/f/Watertown318>

Walgreens- Call local Walgreens 920-206-9588 or sign up on the following website www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp

Pick n Save- Sign up through the corporate website-www.picknsave.cpm/rx/covid-eligibility

Hometown Pharmacy- Phone [\(920\) 261-1900](tel:9202611900) Website site waitlist form-<https://form.jotform.com/210214687758159>
Current eligible individuals.



February 21: \$1,790.00

February 28: \$3,877.00

March 7: \$2,016.34

March 14: \$1,664.00

Thank you.

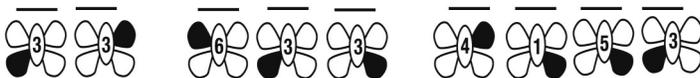
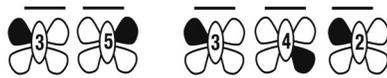


Puzzle!

Use the code to uncover the angel's message in Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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God Said NO!!

I asked God to take away my habit.

God said, No.

It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No.

His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, No.

Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No.

I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No.

Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, No.

You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, No.

I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.

God said... Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

**THIS DAY IS YOURS.
DON'T THROW IT AWAY.**

Answer: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
COMING EVENTS: May 1st: Spring Clean up				1 7pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion	2 7pm Good Friday Service	3 9am Band Rehearsal
4 7am Easter Service @ Cemetery Band will play	5 Church Office CLOSED 4:15-5:30pm Loaves & Fishes (carry out meals)	6	7	8 9am Shared Community Mission Meeting (on line) 4:30pm Board of Elders Meeting	9 BDCleaning	10
11 10am Worship	12 4:15-5:30pm Loaves & Fishes (carry out meals) 6pm Book Club @ Hering Towne Inn Jefferson	13	14 Seminary Trustee Meetings for Pastor Katie (on line)	15 2-3pm HOSTS for Shared Community Missions @ Methodist 6pm CEF Meeting	16 Seminary Trustee Meetings for Pastor Katie (on line)	17
18 10am Worship	19 4:15-5:30pm Loaves & Fishes (carry out meals)	20 6pm Board of Trustees Meeting	21	22	23	24
22nd-24th: Western District Synod (on line)						
25 10am Worship	26 4:15-5:30pm Loaves & Fishes (carry out meals)	27	28	29	30	

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