

# THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — April 2024

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church  
N8095 High Road – Watertown, WI 53094  
920-206-0222 - Church



## Pastor's COLUMN

The Lord is Risen...now what? Oh wait, isn't it supposed to be indeed? The Lord is Risen, Indeed! Oh, now I remember. But really, is it indeed or now what? So the Lord is Risen, so? Happens every year. We hang in the cemetery, eat some amazing food, and then go home for a nap! I think that is exactly what those women after the tomb visit, go home and napped! That works. Jesus, flowers, cross, band, food, nap....and what's next? Chocolate candy? Egg hunts? Ham dinner? Easter is a holiday and as with our American culture, we celebrate holidays with gatherings and food, smiles and connections. But what happens after? What about Monday? What did the ladies do the next day after they saw Jesus? What are we supposed to do next? Well, stores will tell you it is time to celebrate Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Earth Day, April Fools Day, Election Day... Christmas! Ok, maybe not Christmas. But we just go from one celebration to the next, encouraged to buy more to celebrate. But is that what Easter is, just another holiday?

We have been watching "The Chosen" throughout Lent and the last one we watched was season two, episode two called "I Saw You." In the episode, Phillip shares that the old is gone, the past is not who we are today. He was talking to Matthew as he was always outcast as a tax collector. Phillip was explaining that he was no longer a tax collector and Simon was no longer a fisherman, but they are followers of Christ, Disciples (although he did not use that word). Are the disciples known as what they did before, or what they do as followers of Christ? Are we known by life before Easter? Are we stuck in thinking of ourselves as our past, what we used to be, who we once were? Moravians love to say we are Easter People, so let us claim it by forgetting old labels like "unworthy" or "not good enough" and embrace the new labels of "chosen, loved, forgiven, accepted, wonderful." Maybe, after this Easter, you challenge yourself to see you how God does, not as an unworthy sinner, but as a child...completely loved and accepted. That is what it means to be an Easter people, that is what is next...living as a worthwhile follower and letting go of the sinner label we have been carrying for far too long. Embrace Easter, Embrace Forgiveness.



**DEADLINE  
for the May  
Newsletter is  
Wednesday, April 24th**

*(Earlier would be better.)*



**EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22nd**



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

Please contact Pastor Katie to make arrangements for other times.



Ebenezer offers online giving through the Moravian Ministries Foundation. The link is: <https://mmfa.info/ebenezer-moravian-church-donation-form/>.

Pastor Katie Van der Linden:  
(610) 442-3790

**IF NOT AVAILABLE CONTACT**



Tom Naatz, Vice-Elder Chair:  
920-248-1029

Linda Rabbach, Trustee Chair:  
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(920) 941-0696 (Cell)

**2024 Mt. Morris Camps**

**Chetek**

July 14 to 20

**Winmor**

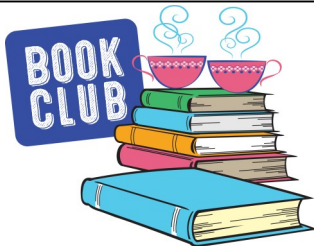
July 21 to 27

**Junior Camp**

July 28 to August 1



Watch for further information in future newsletters OR visit the camp website: [mt-morris.org](http://mt-morris.org)



*"The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell"* by Robert Dugoni. This story tells of a boy Sam who is plagued by a birth defect that has him different than other children. As you read of his life, you learn of his struggles and challenges, including wrestling with God's design, friendships, hometown issues and more. Once Sam is older, he struggles to discover what his life is like once he opens his hidden closed eyes.

The book gets you from the start and keeps you going throughout the whole novel through its remarkable storytelling.

Join us as we talk about this modern story on Thursday April 11th at 6pm at Mazatlan in Johnson Creek right by Menards.

**CEMETERY**

The Cemetery expansion is underway. We will keep everyone updated as things progress.

Soon we will be adding a page pertaining to cemetery information to our website. Please watch for updates.





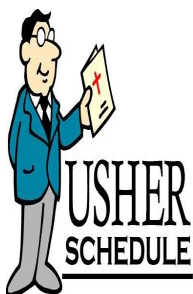
**February 25:**  
General - \$1,515.00  
Noisy Offering—\$53.90

**March 3:**  
General - \$2,345.00  
Helping Hands - \$60.00

**March 10:**  
General - \$1,460.00  
Provincial - \$500.00  
Rent - \$250.00

**March 17:**  
General - \$2,590.00  
Sunday School - \$2.00  
Provincial - \$1,000.00  
Helping Hands - \$25.00  
Land Rent - \$1,162.00  
Noise Offering - \$49.69  
Online giving - \$200.00

**Thank you.**



**April 7 & 14**  
Buzz Orval  
Diane Schuett  
Shelly Degrandt  
**April 21 & 28**  
Eric Rein  
Paula Harris  
Annie Van der Linden

*If you are unable to usher, please contact head usher Reine Petig @ 920-261-6892.*

## LOAVES & FISHES

Contact Linda Lippens

The free meal is served every Monday evening, except holidays at the Watertown Moravian Church, 510 Cole Street.

**Curbside Pick Up: 4:00 - 4:45 (NO later)**  
**Dining Inside and Carry-out: 4:00 – 5:30**

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

- 1: Baked fish, tater tots, coleslaw, applesauce, rye bread
- 8: Beef casserole, honey glazed carrots, fruit, bread or roll
- 15: Pork loin chops, hash browns, green beans, bread or roll, fruit
- 22: Chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, bread or roll
- 29: Shrimp salad, roll, fruit

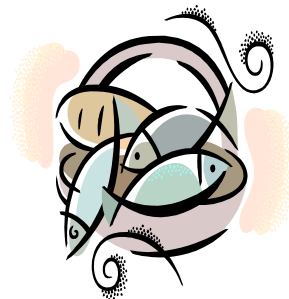
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### SERVERS — April

- 1: Hope Lutheran
- 8: Clausen
- 15: CMG
- 22: Good Shepherd
- 29: New Hope

If you are in a group/organization, please consider helping. Please pass the word that we are looking for people to help serve our weekly Loaves & Fishes Meal.

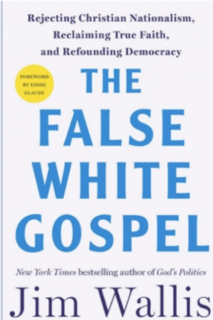
We have a yearly rotation and each group serves twice a year.



# CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM: THE FALSE WHITE GOSPEL

AN EVENING WITH NOTED THEOLOGIAN,  
AUTHOR AND SOCIAL ACTIVIST

**JIM WALLIS**



FRIDAY, APRIL 5 AT 6 PM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WHITEFISH BAY  
819 EAST SILVER SPRING DRIVE

Register at <https://bit.ly/FWGospel>

SPONSORS: MICAH - WE ALL  
BELONG, WISDOM, BOSWELL BOOKS,  
BAY BRIDGE AND UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF WHITEFISH BAY



## BUILDING A WELCOMING WATERTOWN

*Community, Conversation, and Christian Welcome*

Welcoming Watertown returns to the Watertown Public Library on Sunday April 14th from 12:30 - 2:30.

Members and friends of the four participating churches are engaging in listening sessions to learn more about the passions, challenges and priorities of our members. At this meeting, we will have the opportunity to learn what each church is passionate about and also the challenges in the community we could face together.

Whether you have been to a welcoming Watertown event or not, you are welcome to join us for lunch and an opportunity to connect with other faithful people in our area.



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THIS SPELLS  
HELP FOR LOTS OF  
FAMILIES THIS  
YEAR!



# LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars!!  
The annual food drive will be  
Saturday, May 11th.

Plastic bags will be delivered by your  
mail carrier to help you remember.

We are always looking for help.  
If you can help, please contact Dawn.  
dawn@watertownfoodpantry.org

## PRAYERS

Prayer concerns should be called into the office or e-mailed to Pastor Katie for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin **BY** Thursday morning.

The most important thing to remember is to have permission of the person or family before you request it be included on the Prayer



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 Pastor Katie.

**Loretta Zubrod**

1405 Prospect St., Watertown, WI 53098

**Janet Parmley**

N8352 Airport Road \* Watertown, WI 53094

## BLESSING BOX

The Blessing Box is in need of donations of personal care items such as toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, etc. Those items cannot be purchased with FoodShare cards.

With the cost of food going up, it leaves less funds available for these other necessities.

Feel free to drop these items off and leave in the Library.



If you have any questions, please contact Kris Schefft  
[kschefft@hotmail.com](mailto:kschefft@hotmail.com) or 920-285-1048.

## Among Friends Game Night



On Tuesday evening April 16th Among Friends is sponsoring a game of Rook.

Rook is a popular card game that has been played for over 100 years. It is a game of trump, tricks, bidding and partners. Rook is an easy and fun game to learn.

Join us at 6pm on Tuesday the 16th for a night of fun and fellowship. Snacks are provided.

## Are You Tuning In?

Want to worship with us without coming to the sanctuary? You can join us each Sunday on Zoom.

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.

Please take and send pictures of church activities and ministries so we can update the church website. We are also looking for new group pictures of the church boards and committees.

Send pictures (in jpeg format) to Dawn at dawn22658@gmail.com.



Ebenezer is on the schedule to serve Loaves and Fishes the remainder of this year on:

May 20  
August 19

# 4th Annual Bike Blessing



CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION  
MADISON, WI CHAPTER  
SOLDIERS OF GRACE



## SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

### 12:30 p.m. Bike Blessing

### Rain or Shine

### EBENEZER MORAVIAN CHURCH

### N8095 High Road • Watertown, WI 53094

### BURGERS AND BRAT FRY FROM 12:00-2:00 P.M.

A Free Will Offering will be collected at this event to benefit the organizations and their missions.

Any questions, contact Barb of b-Cause We Care at 920.988.9748.



Confirmation classes will continue to meet every-other week at 10am.

**April 7th**

**April 21st**

**May 5th**

Tom Naatz is the confirmation teacher.



- 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

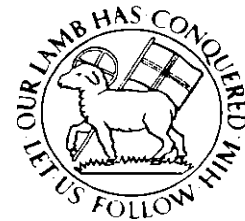


22 - Dena & Jeff Weihert

## Western District Synod

April 25 - 28 marks the dates of the 2024 Synod of the Moravian Church Western District. Pastor Katie, Chris Lilek and Kris Schefft will be gathering at Mt. Morris for a time of discernment, relationship building and decision-making concerning the leadership and direction of the Western District and its' ministries.

Please be in prayer for all those who will gather and for the important decisions including Western District president and Western District Executive Board. Prayers for Bruce Nelson who will be concluding his terms as WD president and for the Holy Spirit to move to find his successor.



## NOISY OFFERING

Bring your change on the third Sunday of the month, and we will collect funds for important ministries.

Bring your change and make lots of noise as we look to help others who need our support.



## QR Code

Just scan the QR Code on your phone to make a direct offering through the Moravian Ministry Foundation to Ebenezer.



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

**YOUR GIVING MATTERS!**

- **Auto Bill Pay:** Through your bank or credit union
- **Mail:** Mail check to the church
- **Moravian Ministry Foundation:** See article.
- **QR Code:** Scan code to make donation on your phone.

# FAMILY FUN WEEKEND

## May 31- June 2, 2024

A great weekend with a mix of programmed activities and free time for your whole family!

relaxation - s'mores - crafts - worship - campfire - swimming - lawn games - **GREAT FOOD** and so much more!!



Sign-up online,  
call or email for a  
sign up form.  
[info@mt-morris.org](mailto:info@mt-morris.org)  
920-787-2861



*Camp and Retreat Center*



### MAIL BOX SLOTS



The Elders have updated the names of members and moved many of the mail box slots. As we email many newsletters the use of the mail slots has decreased. If your adult child, or friend doesn't have a mail slot anymore do not fear!! They continue to be members who

simply chose to get information digitally. We are happy to add s mail slots back if desired. Thank you, Your Elders

### MORAVIAN WOMEN

The Moravian Women will meet at 10:00am on Wednesday, April 3rd, at the church. We will have a time of fellowship followed by discussing Chapter 3 in both the Bible study and mission books.

All women are invited to join in a time of Bible study and good eats.





# ONE DAY MISSION TRIPS

Become a One Day Missionary  
at YOU BELONG



## RESPITE EVENTS

You Belong provides a 5.5 hour long respite event one Saturday per month for families who have a family member living with a disability. These events strive to provide an high quality experience for participants living with any disability. We focus on empowering, encouraging, and loving with compassionate care in engaging activities and projects.

Upcoming Respite dates are: April 13th, May 18, June 15, July 20 and August 17.



## Opportunity

During the event, volunteers serve as buddies to our participants. Buddies help the participant by simply being a friend for the day. They engage through games, activities, arts and crafts projects, and more! You Belong provides training, and support for all volunteers throughout the event to make sure volunteers our comfortable and supported in their work.



## Opportunity

There are a range of jobs and skills needed from experienced to novice. Some possible jobs include framing doors, taping floor mats, building play areas, painting, and cleaning.

## FACILITY

You Belong has opened up The Adventure Zone after renovations. There are still some projects to complete and improvements to be made though, that will allow us to better serve the community.



CONTACT US TO SET UP YOUR MISSION TRIP!

\*\*Individual and group opportunities available!\*\*



920-522-3580



Greg@youbelongwi.org

YOU BELONG: Is a non-profit organization that provides services and programs for families, individuals living with disabilities, and their caregivers. Their goal is to ensure that everyone feels included and has access to the resources they need to thrive. They offer Family Classes for kiddos and their grown-ups, Respite Care, Vocational Training for adults living with disabilities, and much more.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Loaves & Fishes <b>4:00-4:45pm</b> Curb-side pickup <b>4:00-5:30pm</b> Inside dining	2	3 <b>10am</b> Moravian Women	4 <b>6pm</b> Board of Elders	5 BDCleaning	6
7 <b>10am</b> Worship  Communion  <b>10am</b> Confirmation Class	8 Loaves & Fishes <b>4:00-4:45pm</b> Curb-side pickup <b>4:00-5:30pm</b> Inside dining	9 <b>10am</b> Cemetery Committee <b>Noon</b> Clergy Roundtable @ 7th Day Adventist Church <b>6pm</b> CEF Meeting	10	11 <b>9am</b> Shared Community Mission Group @ Christ United Methodist <b>6pm</b> Book Club @ Mazatlan in Johnson Creek	12	13
14 <b>10am</b> Worship  <b>12:30-2:30pm</b> Building A Welcoming Watertown @ Public Library	15 Loaves & Fishes <b>4:00-4:45pm</b> Curb-side pickup <b>4:00-5:30pm</b> Inside dining	16 <b>6pm</b> Among Friends — Rook	17 <b>5:30pm</b> Board of Trustees	18	19	20
21 <b>10am</b> Worship  <b>10am</b> Confirmation Class	22 Loaves & Fishes <b>4:00-4:45pm</b> Curb-side pickup <b>4:00-5:30pm</b> Inside dining	23	24 	25	26	27
28 <b>10am</b> Worship w/Rev. Vicki Jens Page	29 Loaves & Fishes <b>4:00-4:45pm</b> Curb-side pickup <b>4:00-5:30pm</b> Inside dining  <b>April 29-May 3: Pastor Katie on Vacation</b>	30	<b>April 25-28: Western District Synod @ Mt. Morris</b>  Confirmation Sunday: <b>May 12</b> Joint Board <b>May 14</b> Bike/motorcycle blessing: <b>May 19</b> Mt. Morris Family Fun Weekend: <b>May 31-June 2</b> Mt. Morris Camp Chetek: <b>July 14 to 20</b> Mt. Morris Camp Winmor: <b>July 21 to 27</b> Mt. Morris Camp Junior Camp: <b>July 28 to August 1</b> Summer Sandwiches in the Park: <b>June 10 - August 3</b> Community Worship at Bentzin Square: <b>August 11</b>			

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Please "like" our Facebook page to keep updated with the newest info, fun stories and updates. Feel free to share it with others. If you wish to share info, please message the page and our FB admin will add it to the page! Our FB page is "Ebenezer Moravian".

