

THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — May 2020

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church
N8095 High Road – Watertown, WI 53094
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Spend 6 weeks at home, gas prices record lows, wear PJs as often as you like, not even worry about getting the kids to school; it all sounds like a dream, doesn't it? Unfortunately, as we learn, what sounds good on paper and what happens in real life are often very different. It is so hard.

I don't know about you, but I have had every emotion under the sun. I have been angry at the situation, sad for my formal normal, frustrated by challenges that cannot be simply fixed, sorrowful about missing life events, relieved to not have to do things, scared of the not knowing or having control, sad for loved ones, jealous of missed vacations, and on and on. If I wrote a list down about the last six weeks, the list of bad would take a whole notebook and the list of good might fit a page. I miss people, being in groups, hugs, laughter, friendships and freedom. I miss connecting on more levels than a phone call, text or the internet. I hate spending days looking at a screen and figuring out middle school STEM projects and elementary vocabulary lists. I wish I could visit everyone and yearn to hug the sad and comfort the lonely. I want to just sip coffee in a cafe or eat tortilla chips at my favorite Mexican restaurant.

I often preach about being thankful for the mundane, the normal, the predictable. I miss that so much. I miss smiling faces and knowing what to expect in the grocery store. I miss shopping and roaming, the freedom to move about without worrying if I bump into someone that I will get sick. Our eyes are now open to what many face everyday, those with compromised immune systems. We now have a small glimpse of what those who are stuck in care facilities or bed ridden may experience. We are learning empathy for one another, for those separated by distance or isolation, for those truly scared of illness, for how hard teachers work and how needed the medical community is. We also know how rough it is for those essential workers, the ones who get paid very little and are exposed everyday, really the sacrificial workers. Many have no choice when it comes to working, no alternative for staying home or other jobs. They make little to survive on, but show up everyday. We pray for all those who keep this world going and for all those who want so desperately to go back to work, to serve and help.

It has been hard to keep a message of hope in a world that seems so dark and different. It is hard to keep that lamp burning when I feel like I have no oil left to burn. I have learned existing is just fine. I don't need to perform or learn a new skill, my kids don't have to get every assignment done. I don't have to do more and be more. Making it each day is enough. For some, this is the moment they shine and prosper. For others, it is our time to cut ourselves some slack. We may be all in this together, but we are all experiencing it in different ways. Some are fixing houses and gardening while others are watching movies and wearing the same PJs for three days straight. This is new for us all. Don't be hard on yourself, love yourself. Now more than ever, be kind to you. None of us have ever lived through this and our bodies and minds are going through so much. I am more exhausted now than when I hit the gym twice and go for a run. Emotions and stress are exhausting and making it through the day is enough.

Please reach out if you need help, I am here. Don't compare your experience to someone else. Everyone is doing this differently. You are enough. You will get through this. You are not alone. Don't ever forget that.

**Monday
May 18
for the June
Newsletter**

**OFFICE
HOURS**

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

Please contact Pastor Katie to make arrangements for other times.



It is quarterly statement time! In an effort to reduce contact and because it is the beginning of the year, we will not be printing statements at the current time.

If you wish to have a statement or are concerned if your donations have been arriving, you can contact the church office and we will get a statement to you. Otherwise, we will have printed statements at a later date.

Thanks for understanding and again, please contact the church office (920-206-0222) if you would like a printed statement mailed to your or put in your church mailbox.

WORSHIP ON WHEELS WEEKLY!!

Please join us (rain or shine) in the parking lot for worship on Sundays at 10am. Park your car facing the front entrance and be with others in a different way. Bulletins will be passed out safely and we ask that people stay in their cars if possible. The lower doors will be open if anyone wishes to use the bathroom. We are trying some creative ways to stay connected through this pandemic and appreciate your support in many ways. Please remember it is safer at home. We wish everyone to be safe and use their best judgment. God is with us wherever we are, thankfully. Please check out www.moravian.org for online worship options if you are able. Please keep social distance however you are worshipping, I hope you do it better than my cat, currently sitting on my lap!



AND



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

March 29: \$4,323.50
(includes Lent & Holterman rent)



April 5: \$2,563.44
(includes Lent)



April 9: \$135.00
(Maundy Thursday)

April 12: \$3,485.19



April 19: \$675.00



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.



Pastor Katie Van der Linden
(610) 442-3790

IF NOT AVAILABLE CONTACT

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

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You shop. Amazon gives.

SUMMER CAMP IS STILL ON!



Please go to wdcamping.org to register for summer camp. There is no deposit needed to sign up! Remember we have assistance available, so please get registered.

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

Winmor is July 26-August 1 (grades 6-8)

Junior Camp is August 2-6 (3rd-5th grade)

4M is August 4-6 (1st and 2nd grade).

We have a NEW INCENTIVE this year, bring a friend for free! Please see Pastor Katie for more information, but we want as many people to get to camp this year as possible. Sign up, bring your friends and enjoy church camp!

**SUMMER SANDWICHES
POSSIBLY IN A PARK**

Last year, we shared bagged lunches with everyone who came to Lincoln Park on Fridays for 6 weeks in the summer. This year, we committed to the whole summer! Obviously, we had not known about the pandemic when all this began, but now, more than ever, we can share, support and feed.

Beginning June 12, we will supply lunches between 11:30-12:30, every Friday. We do not know if the parks will be open or if an alternate location is needed, but in the meantime, we are starting to plan! We will need monetary donations for food, packing supplies and other items.

Watch the bulletin and newsletter for specific needs as we plan for the summer. Also, check your schedules, we will need help from 10-11am every Friday to pack and also help distributing and cleaning up. Thank you to those who helped last year and we look forward to this faithful ministry and to connecting, however we can, this summer.



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.

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 we served 60 including the volunteers. Our numbers have continued to increase weekly; and last Monday (April 20th) we served over 200. 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 — May

4: *Pizza hot dish*

11: *Meat loaf*

18: *Hot sandwich*

25: **NO MEAL — MEMORIAL DAY**

SERVERS — May

4: *Marquardt*

11: *Rotary*

18: *4-H*

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE



BOARD MEMBERS

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Food to Go and Grow Continues...

Even though school is canceled through the end of the school year, our families still need food. Thanks to the school district and bus company, families that have received our food bags for the weekend have continued to receive food bags and grocery gift cards. We have faithfully supported 35 families with food for every weekend throughout the school year. Ebenezer and Watertown Moravian Churches have supplied soups and other supplies for these meals. Three more bags will be created before school lets out along with gift cards. The school is providing lunches daily to families at several different locations throughout Watertown. We are so thankful that the continued generosity of our congregations have provided food for so many.

Thank you to all who brought in food and donations, we will once again do this program in the fall.



REMEMBER: OUR Facebook page is "Ebenezer Moravian".

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

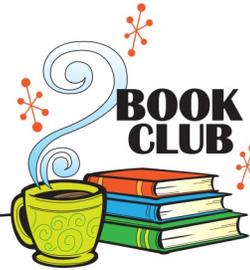
If you have any prayer requests or want to be included on the Ebenezer Prayer Chain, please contact Pastor Katie Van der Linden at (610) 442-3790 OR pastor.kvdl@gmail.com.

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.



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.



Book Study has been re-scheduled for June 30, @ 6pm at Rose Garden.

Watch your emails or listen for announcements for the next book to read.

Now is the perfect time to read a good book and the library is offering curb-side pick up! Literatus can order books and have them shipped right to your house as well. Books are a great way to learn, escape, relax and have fun. Remember there are a ton of free libraries around town to pick up a book and also donate a book. Take advantage and read a good book.



- The choir will be continuing to "stay safe". I am missing our Ebenezer voices/participants!
- I am currently checking out various internet church choirs and You Tube for music ideas and suggest we all try that. It definitely lifts my spirit and lightens my heard until we can be together again!

Glennis



Western District Synod Postponed

Every four years, district synods are held to elect the leadership of the district, report ministries over the years and make decisions to guide our district churches. Originally, the Western District Synod was scheduled at the end of April at Mt. Morris. Our representatives elected at our church council are Theresa Vesper, Joe Walsh and Pastor Katie.

The synod has been postponed until November 19, -22. Please be in prayer for the leadership of our district and province. All district synods have been changes, which will definitely cause more challenges and disruptions. We continue to pray for the leadership of our churches on all levels and for all those who continue to support through this difficult time.

A Prayer of Hope During this Pandemic

by Rabbi Naomi Levy

**We are frightened, God,
Worried for our loved ones,
Worried for our world.
Helpless and confused,
We turn to You
Seeking comfort, faith and hope.**

**Teach us God, to turn our panic into patience,
And our fear into acts of kindness and support.
Our strong must watch out for our weak,
Our young must take care of our old.
Help each one of us to do our part to halt the spread of this virus**

**Send strength and courage to the doctors and nurses
In the frontlines of this battle,
Fortify them with the full force of their healing powers.
Send wisdom and insight to the scientists
Working day and night across the world to discover healing treatments.
Bless their efforts, God.
Fill our leaders with the wisdom and the courage
To choose wisely and act quickly.
Help us, God, to see that we are one world,
One people
Who will rise above this pandemic together.**

**Send us health God,
Watch over us,
Grace us with Your love,
Bless us with Your healing light.
Hear us God,
Heal us God,
Amen.**





- 3 - Jeremy Harris
- 4 - Gracie Hamann
- 4 - Cliff Schuett
- 6 - Judith Wesemann
- 8 - Matthew Meyer
- 9 - Sherry Bender
- 10 - Paul Schultz, Jr.
- 10 - Colleen Walsh
- 11 - Thomas Baum
- 12 - Elijah Vesper
- 13 - Seth Brown
- 20 - Lilliana Katharine Orval
- 21 - Alexander Caratachea
- 24 - Donna Flath
- 24 - Harley Flath
- 27 - Craig Cahill, Jr.
- 28 - Amanda Draheim
- 28 - Ryan Parmley
- 28 - Dennis Rabbach
- 31 - Darlene Hain



- 15 - Doug & Kris Schefft
- 18 - Greg & Linda Lippens
- 18 - Brian & Megan Weihert
- 12 - Alex & Laura Zubrod
- 23 - James & Sally Parmley
- 23 - Joe & Ann Walsh
- 23 - Matthew & Kari Maass

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.

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Joyce Kopp

317 Lauren Lane
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Carol Schultz

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Todd Hamann #627678

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ACTIVITY GROUP "A"

Leaders Bob (920-342-4304) &
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 AND

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August - October 2020

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Scott & Christine Kopp - (920) 253-1919

Bob & Tammy Meyer - (920) 342-3849

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Emmaleigh Rein - (920) 206-1411

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Trudi Wesemann - (920) 342-4133

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 AND

Tom & Virginia Naatz (920-699-3118)

November 2020 - January 2021

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John & Nancy Braatz - (920) 261-4333

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 (608) 490-3602 (Lynette)

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Tim & Julie Pattengale - (920) 988-6130

Dennis & Linda Rabbach - (920) 699-3781

Barbara Rich - (920) 421-3133

Jozelle Roberts - (920) 248-9304

Andy Roberts - (920) 285-4723

Theresa & John Vesper - (920) 941-0152

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Emma Wegner - (920) 285-1370

Yolanda Yahn - (920) 253-6617

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Joyce Kopp - (920) 261-7972

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LAST UPDATE: March 2020

Apart for a Time,



Together in Spirit

Fun Things To Try During A Quarantine!

Indoor Exercise - walk, jog in place, DANCE, yoga or tai chi (available on dvd's, facebook, internet)

Games or puzzles you haven't tried in awhile - Yahtzee, hot potato, bean bag toss

Explore the world by computer or TV- videos of museums, zoos, concerts all available now

Try something you've been meaning to try - knitting, playing piano, a new recipe, writing your memoirs

Don't forget to keep in touch with family and friends by phone - or try Zoom or Skype!

THINK POSITIVELY
and
EXERCISE DAILY
EAT HEALTHY
WORK HARD
STAY STRONG
BUILD FAITH
WORRY LESS
READ MORE
BE HAPPY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The elders are working on some type of picnic or celebration once we can worship without restrictions. Nothing has been decided yet. Watch for more information as it becomes available.</p> <p>Sanctuary doors open daily 10am to 8pm</p>					1	2
<p>3 10am Worship on Wheels</p> <p>NO Sunday School</p>	<p>4 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes (carry-out)</p>	5	6	7	8	9
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<p>31 10am Worship on Wheels</p> <p>Drive-thru Communion following worship</p> <p>NO Sunday School</p>	<p>COMING EVENTS:</p> <p>July 9: Madison Mallards Game</p> <p>July 19-25: Chetek Camp @ Mount Morris</p> <p>July 26-August 1: Winmor Camp @ Mount Morris</p> <p>August 2-6: Junior Camp @ Mount Morris</p> <p>August 4-6: 4M Camp @ Mount Morris</p> <p>August 7-9: Family Camp @ Mount Morris</p>					