

THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — July 2021

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church
N8095 High Road – Watertown, WI 53094
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Still Feeling Surreal...

Can you remember the exact time a stranger smiled at you? I can, Kwik Trip on 4th street, a month or so ago. I remember it, because it felt oddly normal. Similar to when you return home after being away for a while, like college or moving, and you come home and things are mostly what you remember, but slightly different. That is what it felt like. It wasn't a big moment; it was simply as we walked past each other in the parking lot, but it felt so normal, so nice. I had fears this day would not come. I worried that we would no longer acknowledge strangers.

As we wore masks, I found myself saying "hello" often as my smile was covered. I was thankful when people answered, but also saddened when I startled them or they ignored me. I grew up in the world of "stranger danger" and I was fearful that masks and viruses would ruin our delicate thread of connection. Yet, as I walked across that parking lot and into the store, I saw more smiles and more faces. People were not fearful, not standing miles apart, being respectful of space, but not fearful.

It was a revelation...we will make it. We can get back to an even better way of living than in 2019. It isn't just about smiles or hugs, but about seeing one another, being grateful to be in the presence of others, to find comfort in community. I worried this was going to be the tipping point, more fences to keep out neighbors, more suspicion of those who are unfamiliar, more judgment to strangers and more distance in so many ways. Yet, as we milled around this simple store, we saw smiles and laughter, greetings and relief. Even the masked faces appeared more joyful than fearful, appreciating their choice and feeling less judged, or vice versa.

As I am enjoying days and weeks unmasked, I am reveling in the gift of faces, smiles and acknowledgment. I am grateful that we choose to judge less, accept more, understand we may be all going through the same life, but through different experiences and that everyone, every single person deserves respect and appreciation. So may we continue to connect (masked or not) and find joy once again in community.



DEADLINE is
Monday, July 19th
for the
August Newsletter

(Earlier is always better.)



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Chair
(920) 699-3118

Jon Gehler, Trustee
Chair
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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 300 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 — July

5: CLOSED

12: *Chicken Fajitas*

19: *Hamburgers*

26: *Smothered Pork Chops*

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SERVERS — July

11: *Heritage Homes*

19: *Kiwanis*

26: *Ebenezer*

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.

SUMMER CAMP

Please check out <http://www.mt-morris.org> to register for camp.

This year, we can NOT accept in-person registrations. You MUST register in advance on line.

Unlike other years, there is a "pay with check" option, so you can register without paying the \$35 registration fee.

Camps are:

July 18 to 24: Chetek
(high school and post-high)

July 25 to 31: Winmor
(completed 6th - 8th grade)

August 1 to 5: Junior
(completed 2nd - 5th grade)

There are Covid protocols and safety procedures in place, including masks inside with large gatherings. There is more information on the website. Please check it out and register.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year we wish to send as many kids to camp as possible. We never want cost to be a factor for camp. We offer financial assistance in a variety of ways from covering the registration fees to full scholarships for those in need.

If you need assistance, please let Pastor Katie know and she will be able to assist with getting a scholarship. We would love to see lots of kids at church camp.

Go ahead and register if you wish to be part of camp; and after you register, let Pastor Katie know if a scholarship is needed. Scholarships are available for members and friends, so you do not need to be a member at Ebenezer to qualify for a scholarship. So feel free to invite your friends!

REACHING OUT...

There are members that may not be able to attend church regularly. Please feel free to contact them via mail or e-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

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.



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

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.

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.

IT'S EBENEZER'S TURN TO SERVE LOAVES & FISHES

Monday, July 26th is our turn to serve the weekly Loaves & Fishes meal.

We need **6 servers** and request they arrive at 3:45. We also need **300 desserts**, which should be bagged and ready to go by 3:45.

If you have any questions, contact Linda Lippens.



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OPEN POSITION

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 Shari Bender - (920) 285-6984
 Pat Counsell - (920) 261-4158
 Kris Kerr - (920) 261-1523
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 Christine Kopp - (920) 253-1919
 Scott Kopp - (920) 988-2748
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 Arlene Molly - (920) 699-2133
 Allison Rein - (920) 206-1411
 Emmaleigh Rein - (920) 206-1411
 Eric & Tracey Rein - (920) 206-1411
 Lee & Tracy Saxby - (920) 261-6251
 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)
 (920-941-0696) Linda cell
 AND

Tom & Virginia Naatz (920-248-1029) Tom cell
 (920-248-9452) Virginia cell
August - October 2021

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
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 Andy Roberts - (920) 285-4723
 Yolanda Strombeck - (920) 253-6617
 Theresa Vesper - (920) 342-8021
 John Vesper - (920) 941-0152
 Charles & Judy Wesemann
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 (920) 342-1017 (Judy cell)
 Emma Wegner - (920) 285-1370
 Alex Zubrod - (920) 261-8289

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 (920-253-8136) HOME: (920-261-2061)

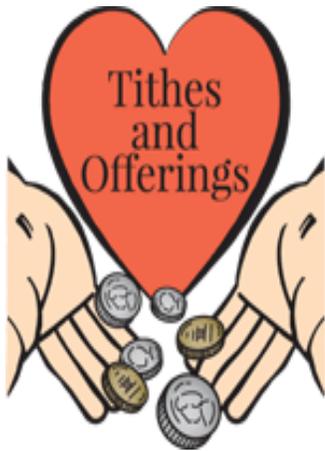
AND

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

November 2021 - January 2022

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 Craig & Melissa Cahill - (920) 699-2867
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 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
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 William Petig - (920) 261-2486
 Doug & Kris Schefft - (920) 285-1048
 Clifford & Dianne Schuett - (920) 261-9120
 Carole Schumacher - (920) 261-2005
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 Brian & Megan Weihert - (920) 253-8139
 Bob & Dawn Westenberg - (920) 261-7068
 Glennis Zastrow - (920) 261-3731

LAST UPDATE: July 2021



May 23: \$2,415.09
May 30: \$1,342.00
June 6: \$2,612.00
June 13: \$1,345.00
June 20: \$2,375.00

Thank you.

Synod is Coming... Synod is Coming!

Please be in prayer this month for the "Special Synod" called to decide on the possible connection of Moravian Theological Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary, located about 2 house apart. There has been a lot of prayerful thoughts and decisions going into this synod and we all appreciate your prayers and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Not many churches invite so many people to the table, caring and investing in clergy and lay all over the country. Moravian is our seminary, and we are all vested in its present and its future. We look forward to understanding the details and sharing about this opportunity.

Ebenezer Kids Serve Lunch and Go For a Swim!

Friday, July 23rd, the Ebenezer kids are helping serve sandwiches in the park. Kids can join us at the church starting at 10am to help pack and organize lunches. We will head over to Timothy Johnson Park around 11:15 and serve lunches, also enjoying a lunch as well!

Make sure you bring your swimsuit and a towel (and sunscreen) as we will then head over to the Watertown Aquatic Center for an afternoon of swimming fun. Parents and Grandparents can pick kids up from the aquatic center at 5pm or we can arrange to meet back at the church if that is easier. Church will cover the cost of the center admission (\$5) and lunches will be provided at the park prior to swimming. Please RSVP to Pastor Katie and invite your friends!

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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.



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.



USHER SCHEDULE

July 4 & 11:
Joe & Anne Walsh
Chris Cahill
William Kopp

July 18 & 25:
Dennis & Linda Rabbach
Theresa Vesper
John Vesper

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

Adult Sunday School Class



We hope to start
Adult Sunday
School classes in
September.

Watch for updates
in future newslet-
ters.



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.

SUMMER SANDWICHES IN THE PARK

Come out and join us for lunch every Friday this summer. You can help us pack at church starting at 10am or meet us at Timothy Johnson Park (1115 Oak St) to serve or enjoy lunch at the park, served 11:30-12:30.

This is a community event, we want to build community, gather in the neighborhood and enjoy meeting new faces. We would love for church members to have lunch with us and enjoy some fresh air and friendly conversation.

This program runs through the last week of August, so there is plenty of time and plenty of food. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for opportunities to donate food and monetary gifts are always welcome.



Food to Go and Grow Update

On behalf of the Shared Community Mission Group, we wish to their thanks and appreciation for how the community stepped up to help this program during this unprecedented time. Despite changes to school routines and increased safety precautions at all levels, they were able to provide large bags of much needed food to the enrolled families. The entire program had to move out of the school buildings and into Christ United Methodist Church for storage, packing, and distribution. For several months, they mailed food gift cards and milk certificates to families to minimize exposure for the volunteers.

By the end of 2020, in their nine years of service, the Food to Go and Grow Program has provided the children of Watertown \$137,595.93 worth of food and has served 22,117 children. Thanks to you, these children did not have to go hungry on the weekends.

The Shared Community Mission Group looks forward to resuming again in the fall and thanks everyone for helping to make this possible.



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



- 4 - Karissa Bender
- 6 - Nathan Baum
- 6 - Bohdi Degrandt
- 7 - William Petig
- 8 - Jenna Beerbohm
- 9 - Timothy Pattengale
- 11 - Annabella Caratachea
- 11 - Linda Rabbach
- 11 - Tracy Saxby
- 12 - Piper Finley
- 14 - MaryLou Kopp
- 16 - Monica Meyer
- 20 - John Vesper
- 20 - Annaleyna Van der Linden
- 21 - Jackson Hamann
- 25 - John Cahill
- 25 - Carolyn (Sue) Kopp
- 30 - Rhiannon Prust
- 30 - Stephanie Schultz



- 4 - Alan & Rosie Berger
- 11 - Don & Karol Wesemann
- 17 - Dennis & Linda Rabbach

WATERTOWN FOOD PANTRY & PERSONAL ESSENTIALS PANTRY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! The Watertown Food Pantry and PEP Pantry have had facelifts and we would love for you to see their new space. **Come to our Open House on Saturday, September 25th from 12-2pm.**

Please take a few minutes to learn about **your** Watertown Food Pantry. Board members will be happy to show you our facilities and share how our program works. Patrons are able to select fresh meat and a huge variety of many purchased and donated items on a monthly basis.

We partner with the Personal Essentials Pantry, located next to us, and they will also be showcasing their program at the same time. PEP provides personal essentials ranging from laundry soap to toothpaste to shampoo and everything in between.

We both operate with volunteer teams of dedicated people. We live in a very generous community and are grateful for every volunteer and donor, and our ability to share with others.

We are located in the basement of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 209 N. Ninth Street. Come meet us!!

EBENEZER MORAVIAN WOMEN

We are currently not meeting and look forward to starting to meet in September.

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



Tuesday
10am to 2 pm

Thursday
10am to 2pm

Please contact Pastor Katie to make arrangements for other times.

SOS is COMING!!!

With Watertown schools ending fully face-to-face and unmasked, we are gearing up for a school supply demand in August. To help, the Shared Community Missions Group is planning our annual SOS (support our schools) by collecting school supplies and offering a FREE distribution. See below for the list of school supplies. A box is available in the narthex. Other boxes are around town, including Bradow Jewelers, PJ's Pizza and other local businesses. Our hope is to collect enough supplies so that any family in need has supplies for school. Leftover supplies are given to various schools as resources for students throughout the school year. Even in a pandemic, we were able to distribute backpacks full of supplies, safely and gratefully. School supply sales come and go, so keep the list handy to grab some while you shop. You can also make a donation to the "Shared community missions group" for "SOS" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Watertown.

SOS - SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS - 2021

List of needed school supplies

Thanks for helping kids succeed in school!!

- Backpack
- Simple inexpensive 4 function calculator
- Scientific Calculator
- Crayons - set of 8 large
- Crayons - set of 24
- Washable markers -set of 8-10 bold colors
- Markers - set of 8-10 bold colors
- School glue bottles
- Glue sticks
- Scissors (kids 5 inch pointed tip and larger student scissors)
- Ruler
- Pencil box for elementary and 3 hole pencil bags for older kids
- Large pink erasers
- Standard pencils
- Set of 10-12 colored pencils
- Dry erase markers
- Highlighters
- Protractor/compass
- Post-it notes
- Red Pens
- Black or blue pens
- Composition books - both wide and college ruled
- Index cards
- Folders: plastic or laminated preferred, variety of two pocket and center clip styles(red, blue, yellow and green most requested)
- Spiral notebooks - wide and college ruled
- Loose leaf filler paper - wide and college ruled
- 1 inch wide 3 ring binders
- Dividers (5 or 10 tab) for three ring binders
- Pencil sharpeners (that catch the wood shavings)





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 to Dawn Westenberg at dawn22658@gmail.com. NOTE: Pictures need to be in jpg format. We desperately need to update the photographs currently on our website.

Boards, Brushes, Brandy Old Fashioned?

OK, maybe not the old fashioned, but come out for a paint and wine night at Ebenezer Church on Friday, August 27th. Invite your friends for a laid back, relaxing time to make a craft and relax with church friends and family. Cost is \$25 and includes your painting supplies. Wine and snacks will also be provided and a good will donation basket will be available. You can also bring your favorite wine to share if you wish.

We will begin at 6pm with some instructions and options for our paintings and be able to create our own piece, with techniques and supplies brought by our instructor. We hope to encourage more connections among our members and friends and so we want to offer opportunities outside of worship to create bonds and memories together.

Please RSVP to the Facebook event, sign up in church or email/call Pastor Katie to get on the list. There is no limit, but we need at least 10 people to have the event, so please sign up. If cost is a factor, please talk to Pastor Katie as we want everyone to attend who wants to!

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 18 - 24: Camp Chetek July 25 - 31: Camp Winmor August 1 - 5: Junior Camp August 27: Paint Night				1	2 BDCleaning	3
4 9am Worship on Wheels  Independence Day	5 NO Loaves & Fishes today	6	7	8 9am Shared Community Mission @ St. Henry's Church Rectory 4:30pm Board of Elders	9 10am Pack lunches for Sandwiches in the Park 11:30-12:30 Distribute @ Timothy Johnson Park Synod Zoom Training	10 11am-2pm Northern Province Synod
11 9am Worship Service Communion	12 4:15-5:30pm Loaves & Fishes (carry-out meals)	13	14	15	16 10am Pack lunches for Sandwiches in the Park 11:30-12:30 Distribute @ Timothy Johnson Park	17
PASTOR KATIE ON VACATION 12th - 20th						
18 9am Worship on Wheels	19 4:15-5:30pm Loaves & Fishes (carry-out meals)	20	21	22 6pm Joint Board	23 10am Pack lunches for Sandwiches in the Park 11:30-12:30 Distribute @ Timothy Johnson Park	24
PASTOR KATIE ON VACATION						
25 9am Worship Service	26 4:15-5:30pm Loaves & Fishes (carry-out meals) 6pm Book Club	27	28	29	30 10am Pack lunches for Sandwiches in the Park 11:30-12:30 Distribute @ Timothy Johnson Park	31