

THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — October 2023

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



The trees are starting to change. I just saw it. The colors are coming out as some trees have begun to change shades from green to red, yellow and a gorgeous orange. Fall is coming and there are signs around us. We love to see the ways the trees change, the bright dimensions and the vibrant hues. We see the mums blossom and we feel the chill in the air.

Yet the world is still the same, just things around us are changing. Those who we love are still the same, our jobs, titles, status, all the same. Our pets do not change their behavior and our houses are still where they are, perhaps with an adjustment of the thermostat. Things around us changing doesn't mean we have. Changing appearances on the outside, doesn't change the inside. Trees still produce the same leaves and fruits and seeds even if the colors on them have turned. They still have the same insects burrowing and birds nesting, perhaps with a few less eggs.

So often, we mistakenly think that changes on the outside mean the same as on the inside. But they don't. When a person loses a lot of weight, they look very different, but it does not mean a new personality, new values or new identities. It simply means a change in appearance. And yes, there are people who do change with appearance changes just like there are people who change internally without any outward change. Appearance does not mean different in any way except clothing style, looks, pronouns or names. Whether you prefer James or Jim, Kristina or Kris, Michelle or Shelly doesn't mean any difference in who you are.

I have spent my entire life defending that my full name is Katie, not Katherine, not Katelyn not anything else, simply Katie. And my kids have done the opposite, reminded everyone that they do not go by their full names, but by their chosen nicknames, Annie and Zeeq. They are still my kids and I am still their mother. So whether they dress like a Halloween character or a character from Little House on the Prairie, it does not change how smart, funny, empathetic, energetic, helpful, resourceful or anything else about who they are.

And just as we delight in the colors of fall, I pray that we delight in however people change. I pray that we remember although we might not understand the outside changes (not exactly sure the process for leaf changing either), we can still just enjoy the person we know and love on the inside. We teach our kids that it is what on the inside that matters, may we live that in our daily lives as we strive to see the inside beauty of everyone.



**DEADLINE for
the November
Newsletter is
Wednesday,
October 25th.**

(Earlier is always better.)



Fall Back
Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 5th

September 3: \$2,195.00

September 10: \$1,170.00

September 17: \$3,066.00

On-line giving: \$250.00 (August)

On-line giving: \$480.00

Thank you.



Food to Go and Grow!

It is time to start bringing in soup for our Shared Community Missions Group, Food to Go and Grow program. Throughout the school year, Ebenezer, along with 11 other local churches, partner up to make sure kids are fed over the weekend and holiday weekends/breaks. To do this, each church is assigned a food and a rotation to help fill the bags.

Our food is soup, specially: tomato soup, chicken noodle or rice soup, beef vegetable, cream soup, and canned pasta. We need them for many weeks, so bring them in whenever you can and place them in the box in the narthex. We never know just how many bags we will have to fill, so the more soup we can collect, the better. Even if it is not one of the varieties listed, we will give it out, so bring it in.

Our first day to pack food is Thursday, October 20th at 12:30. We need 3 or 4 volunteers to be at Christ United Methodist Church on Hall Street and pack bags. It usually takes about 45 minutes.

Please see Pastor Katie or Theresa Vesper if you have any questions. It is a great opportunity to help feed our community.

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

In July we served 1,561 meals!!

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 — October

2: Scalloped potatoes / ham

9: Cook's choice

16: Pork sausage sandwich

23: Chicken with gravy on mashed potatoes

30: Tator tot casserole

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SERVERS — October

2: Lake Area Free

9: Hope Lutheran

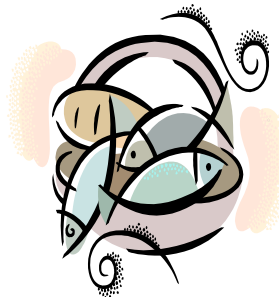
16: **OPEN**

23: Clausen

30: CMG

We have had several groups/organizations retire from helping serve meals. 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.

ACTIVITY GROUP "A" - Co-Leaders

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

Joe & Anne Walsh - (920) 699-2884
(920) 342-0909 (Anne cell)

August - October 2023

Karissa Bender - (920) 342-3347

Kaylin Bender - (920) 285-6984

Shari Bender - (920) 285-6984

Pat Counsell - (920) 261-4158

Kris Kerr - (920) 261-1523

MaryLou Kopp - (920) 261-2096

Christine Kopp - (920) 253-1919

Scott Kopp - (920) 988-2748

Bob & Tammy Meyer - (920) 342-3849

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

(920) 342-0909 (Anne cell)

(262) 894-1652 (Joe cell)

Donald & Karol Wesemann - (920) 261-7388

Trudi Wesemann - (920) 342-4133

SOS Backpack THANK YOU

We had 411 kids registered for school supplies this year. That is the LARGEST AMOUNT EVER! The churches were able to collect supplies and money enough to make sure every registered kid got supplies. We even had some supplies left over at the end of the day. Many of the Shared Community Missions Members took lists and went shopping, funded by both SCMG and their own churches. We want every kid to have enough.

Thank you to those who shopped, donated, volunteered and helped make this amazing program a BIG SUCCESS!

We desperately need to update the photographs currently on our website. Please take and send pictures of church activities, ministries, church grounds and church facilities. We are also looking for new group pictures of the church boards and committees.

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September 24 & October 1

Tom & Virginia Naatz

October 8 & 15

Joe & Anne Walsh

October 22 & 29

Dennis & Linda Rabbach

Theresa Vesper

John Vesper

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



Tuesday

10am to 2 pm

Thursday

10am to 2pm

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

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.



June: \$58.14
July: \$51.26
August: \$78.62
September: \$78.01



Sunday School and confirmation will continue to meet every-other week at 10am as follows:

October 8th
October 22nd
November 5th
November 19th
December 3rd
December 17th

Kris Schefft, Anne Walsh, Shelly Degrandt and Trudi Wesemann work in teams as teachers.

Tom Naatz is the confirmation teacher.

Please contact Kris Schefft with any questions.....920.285.1048

YOU ARE INVITED.....

You Belong and the Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Mission invites you to come to the London Moravian Church, located at N5610 County Road O outside of Cambridge, on Sunday October 15th at 2pm to hear Pastor Greg Behrend.

Pastor Behrend will talk about the wonderful things happening at the You Belong faith community in beautiful Green Bay. Pastor Behrend was looking at new ways to worship and bring people of all abilities into an inclusive way of worship and fellowship and he promotes the feeling that you belong, we all belong.

Pastor Behrend is so very blessed and is a blessing to many. Come and invite a friend or neighbor. There will be light refreshments following Pastor Behrens's presentation.

Women's Retreat – 2023

The bi-annual Women's Retreat was held September 15 - 17 at the Mt. Morris Camp and Retreat Center. There were 51 women in attendance. The Rev. Katie Van Der Linden hosted the weekend with a program on Self Care. She shared tips on caring for our spirits, our minds, and our bodies. We meditated, we stretched on foam rollers, we listened to scripture, we sang, and we shared our experiences. It was an uplifting weekend due to Katie's exuberance and her passion about women taking care of themselves.

During our free time on Saturday afternoon, there were activities available to sign up for, if desired. One of them was a foot soak out on the deck, led by Linda Lippens. There were two choices of crafts, led by Kari Maas. One option was making an affirmation jar, decorating your glass jar of choice with different materials like tissue paper, and sealing it with Mod Podge. There were several affirmative quotes printed out to add to your jar and pull out as needed. The second craft was making scarecrows on wine bottles. The bottles were filled with straw, adding a face on the bottle and hat on top. Kari also made and sold t-shirts with an applique on the front that says, "Love Thy Self", and on the back is, "Moravian Women's Retreat" 2023.

And as always, we were fed very well!

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Harris



(Missed last month)

- 16 - Julie Kopp Pattengale
- 19 - Daniel Virgil



- 2 - Kathleen Bostelmann
- 2 - Charles Wesemann
- 3 - Christine Schultz
- 12 - Justin Rabbach
- 13 - Maggie McGuire
- 15 - Jeffrey Walker
- 16 - Abigail Mode
- 20 - Robert Strauss
- 21 - Shelly Degrandt
- 24 - Zequiel Van der Linden
- 29 - Travis Hamann
- 28 - Stephen Thomas
- 30 - Emmaleigh Rein



- 3 - Lee & Tracy Saxby
- 9 - Eric & Tracey Rein
- 20 - Ray & Abigail Mode



Pastor Katie Van der Linden
(610) 442-3790

IF NOT AVAILABLE CONTACT

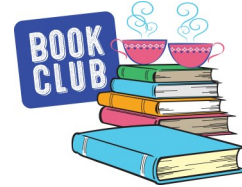
Tom Naatz, Vice-Elder Chair
920-248-1029

Megan Weihert: Trustee Chair
920-253-8139

Book Club Adventures!

We are all about trying new places! We enjoyed our dinner at Little Italy last month and we will gather on Wednesday November 8th at Mazatlán Mexican restaurant in Johnson Creek.

The book has not been chosen yet, so if you have suggestions, please pass them along to Pastor Katie. Watch our FB Page and bulletin for the new book chosen.



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

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 use any information you get just for the prayer request.



BooYah

October 8th 11AM-2PM

\$8 per quart

Donations

Welcome!



CAMP FUNDRAISER

EBENEZER MORAVIAN CHURCH

N8095 HIGH RD, WATERTOWN, WI 53094

Ebenezer Kids

are going to the Pumpkin Patch!

Join us on Sunday October 22 for a fun trip to the pumpkin patch. Kids will enjoy lunch after church then a trip to a local pumpkin patch where they can pick out a pumpkin and have lots of fun.

Parents are invited to come along or pick their kids up 1:30 back at church. Dress warm and in clothes that might get a bit dirty!

Hoping all the kids and the kids at heart can join us!



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, leave in the Library, or contact Kris Schefft with questions

kschefft@hotmail.com or 920-285-1048.

God is Good.....(say it with me) all the time:) Thank you!



BOARD MEMBERS

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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.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Thank you for your generosity.

MORAVIAN WOMEN

Moravian Women will start its new year of Bible and mission study on Wednesday, October 4th. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. at the church.

The new Bible study will be on the book of James as well as a new mission study. All women are invited to join in a time of fellowship and study.

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.

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 Pastor Katie.

Loretta Zubrod

1405 Prospect St., Watertown, WI 53098

Bobby Hahn

N8319 Airport Road * Watertown, WI 53094

Janet Parmley

N8352 Airport Road * Watertown, WI 53094



BUILDING A WELCOMING WATERTOWN

Community, Conversation, and Christian Welcome

Sunday, October 1, 2023
12:30p-2:30p

Community Room at Watertown Public Library

Lunch Provided

Hosted by Watertown Area Congregations

Let's build a more inclusive community – together!



Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Richard D. Shaw

The Rev. Dr. Richard Shaw is a pastor, preacher, teacher, and social activist, currently serving as pastor of St. Matthew CME Church in Milwaukee and president of MCAH: Milwaukee Inner-City Congregations Allied for Hope — a multi-racial, interfaith organization committed to the justice issues of greatest impact on our communities. MCAH is an affiliate of Gamaliel Network and WISDOM.



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 10am Worship World Communion Sunday</p> <p>12:30-2:30 "Building a Better Watertown" @ Wttn. Public Library</p>	<p>2 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-4:45pm Curb- side pickup 4:00- 5:30pm Inside dining</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10am Moravian Women</p>	<p>5 6pm Board of Elders</p>	<p>6 BDCleaning</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 10am Worship 10am Sunday School & Confirmation Class</p> <p>Booyah Sunday</p>	<p>9 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-4:45pm Curb- side pickup 4:00- 5:30pm Inside dining</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 6pm CEF</p>	<p>12 9am Shared Community Mission Group Meeting</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 10am Worship Women's Sunday</p> <p>Endowment Grant Application DEADLINE</p>	<p>16 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-4:45pm Curb- side pickup 4:00- 5:30pm Inside dining</p>	<p>17 5:30pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 10am Worship 10am Sunday School & Confirmation Class</p> <p>Pumpkin Patch with Ebenezer Kids</p>	<p>23 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-4:45pm Curb- side pickup 4:00- 5:30pm Inside dining</p> <p>Joint Board Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Religious Recovery</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 10am Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

CHOIR

If anyone interested in getting a choir together, please contact me.

Glennis

