

THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — June 2019

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



What is my Response?

The world today seems more chaotic than I remember it in my lifetime. Growing up in the 80s, things were pretty mundane, TV was in its heyday, the internet was far from being everywhere and friends were not online but in person. Arguments were handled directly and venting occurred in closed doors to trusted friends. The world has changed, some for the better and some for the not-so-better. I can connect with people a million miles away, but I have no idea who my neighbors are. I can eat food that is ripe and out of season anytime of the year, yet farmers are going bankrupt at record rates. I can learn about different cultures and travel to places in hours, yet judgments based on looks alone seem more prevalent than ever. Doctors no longer make medical decisions, insurance companies and the government decides. I am not sure what is right or wrong because so many people do things in so many ways that my head spins. My children think the world revolves around them and I am constantly working on the importance of society and sharing, compassion and awareness of others. But sometimes I feel like I am the only one. I am trying to balance life in the real world and life in the cyber-world and using them both to follow Christ, which has also become a lot more complicated. If I am a Christian, I must believe in this or be against that. My head spins with all that is going on in the world and yet, it is a luxury just to have a spinning head because it means that I can focus on thoughts, not about where my next meal is coming from or if I have a place to stay for the night. We live in a privileged world and when much is given, much is required. I think we fail at that last part sometimes.

We often think the requirement is making sure others “live right.” But what does that mean? I am not the moral compass for the world, for Christianity, even for myself sometimes. Yet, I am called to be an example. This is a great responsibility, burden, and joy. For if I really take this seriously, I have to let go of the burden of others. I don’t get to judge their morality, their existence, their rightness or wrongness. My responsibility as a Christian is not to value or de-value another person, but to do what Jesus did, to heal. Jesus didn’t ask the background of the man on the mat or request the death certificates of the woman at the well. There was no background given to almost everyone healed, yet they were touched by God and made well.

What if our sole purpose was to make well? What have you done today to make well? As I sit here, my son is sick, so the tummy rubs, medicine runs and fixing any food requested seems like the perfect example of making well. But what about when things are not so obvious? What do you do with the homeless person? What about the person who you don’t like or who is not nice? How about the one in opposition to all that you stand for, the one living a life you would call sin or having a past that should cause shame...how are you making him well or her well? What about the politician pushing for regulations for or against your own judgment or perhaps with you but not good for the rest of the people? That’s what making well really is. It is not about doing what you want or what you think another person wants or needs. It is providing what they need, whether it is what you want for them or not.

Jesus did not heal by giving what was wanted, but what was needed. What does that outcast need? The prisoner? The immigrant? What does your neighbor, barber, friend need? Healing isn’t a movement, it is faith. Jesus did not gain notoriety for his words, but for his actions. He healed, one at a time. So who needs healing in your world? Who, today, will you heal, not by what you could give, but what the other truly needs...your forgiveness, empathy, understanding, apology, honesty. What can



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**IF NOT AVAILABLE
CONTACT**

Tom Naatz, Vice-Elder Chair
(920) 699-3118



Monday, June 17th

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.

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

CAMP HELP NEEDED!



Pastor Katie (and Zeeq) are the directors of Junior Camp. Junior Camp runs July 28-August 1. In order for camp to occur, there must be adequate staff, including a nurse, kitchen help and counselors.

Currently, there is a need for the nurse (RN, LPN, EMT), kitchen staff and some counselors (over 18) and junior counselors (14-18). If you are interested, please see Pastor Katie. This is such a wonderful ministry and time spent with youth in various ways. Please look at your calendars and see if you could come for the whole time or even part of the week. Thanks so much for checking and talking with Pastor Katie. For many, camp is the most sacred place they encounter, it would be awful to have to cancel or turn people away for lack of adequate staff. Could you spend a few days away to help youth encounter God?

GREETERS, LAY READERS & FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

If you are interested in being a greeter or lay reader, or hosting Fellowship Hour after the church service, please sign up.



The Elder on duty each month will pass around the clipboards before worship begins and will collect them at the end of announcements.

If you wish to sign up after the service is over, the clipboards will be in the Narthex.



No more practices.

We will sing once more on Father's Day (June 16th) and then be off until fall.

MORAVIAN WOMEN

The Moravian Women meet on June 5th at 9am at the church. We will take off for the summer months and begin meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month in September.



If you have any questions, please call Linda Rabbach - 699-3781.

**Join us @ the Plus 50 Retreat
@ Mt. Morris
for Everyone in the Over 50 Crowd
August 15-18, 2019**

“Love, Love, Love”
What does the Bible say about Love?



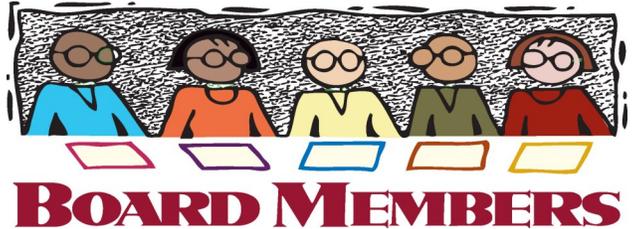
Fellowship, Faith, Food & Fun
as we enjoy God's creation!

Registration begins @ 4pm on Thursday followed by dinner at 5:30 pm. We end with worship and brunch on Sunday. Cost per person is \$190 which includes all meals and 3 nights lodging in Black Oak Lodge.

Reserve your spot now with a \$75 deposit by July 1st.

Feel free to contact our registrar: Myrna Peil at 920-333-0447.

Our program director is Rev. Wanda Veldman at rev.wveldman@gmail.com or 715-213-7447. Musician Jason Pues will again be with us.



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NOISY OFFERING

April to June 2019 — Jefferson County Senior Nutrition



COLLECTIONS

July to September — \$131.20 went to Shared Community Mission
October to December — \$160.17 went to Watertown Humane Society
January to March — \$132.27 went to Helping Hands Fund (Ebenezer)

If you have any suggestions for future rotations, please share your idea with one of the Elders.



ATTENDANCE

AND



April 18 - Maundy Thursday: 32

April 19 - Good Friday: 34

April 21 - Easter Sunrise: 104

April 21 - Easter - 51 - \$1,519.00



April 28 - 40 - \$1,358.05



May 5 - 45 - \$2,325.00



May 12 - Mother's Day - 57: \$1,830.00



To meet our 2019 budget, weekly offerings need to be approximately \$2,000. Thank you for your consideration.

Anne Davies-Walsh, Trustee

ACTIVITY GROUP "A"

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

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 (920) 285-9983

February - April 2019

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Kaylin Bender - (920) 285-6984

Shari Bender - (920) 285-6984

Pat Counsell - (920) 261-2730

Kris Kerr - (920) 261-1523

MaryLou Kopp - (920) 261-2096

Scott & Christine Kopp - (920) 253-1919

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Arlene Molly - (920) 699-2133

Dorothy Rein - (920) 261-4269

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Emmaleigh Rein - (920) 206-1411

Eric & Tracey Rein - (920) 206-1411

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Ken & Linda Strauss - (920) 262-0094

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Trudi Wesemann - (920) 342-4133

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AND

Tom & Virginia Naatz (920-699-3118)

May - July 2019

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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

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 (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

Gerald & Paula Harris - (262) 617-6579 (Paula)
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Yolanda Yahn - (920) 253-6617

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Dalton Krueger - (920) 220-9626

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Tom & Ginny Naatz - home - (920) 699-3118

Tim & Julie Pattengale - (920) 988-6130

Dennis & Linda Rabbach - (920) 699-3781

Douglas Rabbach

Barbara Rich - (920) 421-3133

Jozelle Roberts - (920) 248-9304

Andy Roberts - (920) 285-4723

Marion Schwartz

Theresa & John Vesper - (920) 941-0152

Charles & Judy Wesemann - (920) 261-6880

Emma Wegner - (920) 285-1370

ACTIVITY GROUP "C" — Co-Leaders

Linda (920-253-8137) & Gregg Lippens

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

AND

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

Schefft

November 2018 - January 2019

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Janet Butzine - (920) 390-2264

Chris Cahill - (920) 699-2867

Craig & Melissa Cahill - (920) 699-2867

Robert Hahn - (920) 261-5849

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

Megan Lippens - (920) 253-8139

Kari & Matt Maass - (920) 253-7297

Francis & Kathie Orval - (414) 416-0225

Reinhold Petig - (920) 261-6892

William Petig - (920) 261-2486

Doug & Kris Schefft - (920) 285-1048

Clifford & Dianne Schuett - (920) 261-9120

Carole Schumacher - (920) 261-2005

Diane Tuhy - (920) 253-1481

Bob & Dawn Westenberg - (920) 261-7068

Glennis Zastrow - (920) 261-3731

LAST UPDATE: January 2019

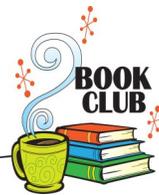
PERNAT'S BRAT FRY FUNDRAISER



On Saturday June 1st, 2019 the Christian Education and Fellowship (CEF) committee will be holding a camp scholarship fundraiser at Per-nat's Premium Meats in Johnson Creek. We will be serving up brats, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, chips, and beverages. The brat stand is open from 10 am to 2 pm. We will need volunteers to help with serving, cooking, and cashiering. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the church narthex soon.

The brat fry is a great time for fellowship for the volunteers. Plan on stopping by to purchase these great grilled sandwiches even if you are unable to volunteer to help.

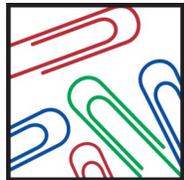
If you are interested in volunteering or have other questions about the fundraiser please contact Tom Naatz,



"Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis.

A classic novel by one of the most famous Christian authors in history, Mere Christianity combines the various challenges of Christianity and tries to work through the basics without worrying about the nuances of various specific denominations. C.S. Lewis wrote these from a compilation of his radio broadcasts during WW2 and it is described as possibly his greatest work.

Even if you don't get a chance to read the book, come out for good conversation and good food.



Office Hours

Tuesday 10am to 2 pm

Thursday 10am to 2 pm

Please contact Pastor Katie to make arrangements for other times.

VBS FOR A DAY!



On Saturday August 3rd, Ebenezer will have a ONE FULL DAY VBS!

Mark your calendars and watch the newsletter and bulletin for future information about this amazing one-day event!



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.



Pastor Katie will be away for the women's conference and vacation (June 20 to July 2).

Pastor Kurt Liebenow, pastor of Watertown Moravian will be on-call while Pastor Katie is away.

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.

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 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Watertown Moravian Church, 510 Cole Street.

MEAL

June 3: Chicken legs & thighs
June 10: Subs (turkey and ham)
June 17: Turkey casserole
June 24: Taco salad

SERVERS

June 3: Pick'n Save
June 10: Kwik Trip - Todd's Group
June 17: Carmen / Summit Harvest
June 24: Hope Lutheran

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LOOKING AHEAD.....

Ebenezer will be serving on July 1 & September 30
Watch for sign-up sheets in the narthex.

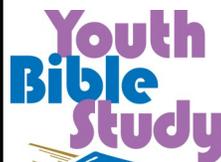


"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."



Ebenezer Kids will continue through the summer!

Our next gathering will be on Monday June 10th from 6-7:30. If the weather permits, we may gather at a local park. Please watch your emails or the church bulletins for updates on the location.



Young Adult Bible Study gathered in May to discuss the parable of the talents, the story where a slave owner left his slaves different amounts of money and some made more while the rest hid the money. We spent almost two hours discussing the people and discovering it isn't as cut and dry as we originally thought. We could even understand the slave owner! We will gather again on Wednesday June 12th and discuss the parable of the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18. All young adults, middle school through 20s are welcome to attend!

WESTERN DISTRICT CAMPING!

Camping season at Mount Morris is approaching FAST!

Camp Mindyy (Minnesota) June 16-19 — \$200

At Mt. Morris, Wautoma WI:

Chetek July 14-20 (high school age through 21) — \$290

Winmor July 21-27 (middle school) — \$290

Junior Camp July 28-August 1 (3rd through 5th grades) — \$200

4M Camp August 5-7 (grades 1 and 2) — \$135



- ◆ In order to hold a camper's spot, a \$35 non-refundable fee is due at the time of registration.
- ◆ The prices listed by each camp are the total cost to be paid for each camper. The registration fee will count towards this amount. **FUN FACT:** Each camp is offered at a reduced cost (between \$55-115 per camper!) thanks to a generous subsidy from a donor funded account to help alleviate the cost of camp to families and congregations. Every camper (Moravian or not) automatically benefits from this gift.
- ◆ Ebenezer has a "camp fund" and will pay the balance.

Please watch the bulletin and future newsletters for more information.
Information is also available on the Mt. Morris website: www.mt-morris.org



June 2 & 9

*Joe & Anne Walsh
Chris Cahill
William Kopp*

June 16 & 23

*Dennis & Linda Rabbach
Theresa & John Vesper*

June 30

*Douglas & Kristine Schefft
Mary & Scott Kopp*

(Please contact Head Usher Alex Zubrod at

Madison Day at the Mallards!

Sunday, July 7th, Moravians from the Southern Wisconsin churches are invited to go to "faith day" at the park. Tickets are \$22 and include an all-you-can-eat buffet prior to the game. The game time is 1:05 and the buffet begins at noon.

Please sign up in the narthex to reserve your ticket! There are a limited number of seats reserved, so please sign up! If you have any questions, please see Pastor Katie who is coordinating this event...all ages (and faiths) welcome!





- 2 - Francis Orval, Jr.
- 3 - Timothy Brown
- 3 - Reinhold Petig
- 4 - Aaron Van der Linden
- 4 - Jozelle Roberts
- 4 - Paul Schultz, Jr.
- 7 - Scott Beerbohm
- 7 - Jean Walker
- 8 - Bob Meyer
- 8 - John Vesper, Jr.
- 10 - Kristine Schefft
- 11 - Darrin Krueger
- 12 - Stephanie Saxby
- 14 - Pat Counsell
- 17 - Tracey Rein
- 19 - Laura Zubrod
- 22 - Heather Barnes
- 24 - Matt Orval
- 25 - Dianne Schuett
- 27 - Rachel Kopp
- 28 - LeRoy Gronert, Jr.



- 2 - Tom & Virginia Naatz
- 3 - Everett Jr. & Judith Strauss
- 10 - Bruce & MaryLou Kopp
- 23 - John & Theresa Vesper
- 26 - Charles & Judith Wesemann
- 28 - Nathan & Angela Baum
- 29 - John & Janet Parmley

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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Douglas Rabbach

Park Ridge (Zinzendorf)
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Watertown, WI 53098

Joyce Kopp

317 Lauren Lane
Watertown, WI 53094

Carol Schultz

Park Terrace
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Watertown, WI 53098

Todd Hamann #627678

Thompson Correctional Center
434 State Farm Road
Deerfield, WI 53531-9562

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating our church files, as well as printing a new directory book and need to know your e-mail address, if you have one.

This is also a huge help when Pastor Katie needs to send mass e-mails to ALL church members.

We would also like to know your cell phone number, if you have one.



Please forward this information to Dawn. Thank you.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LOOKING AHEAD: July 1: Ebenezer serves Loaves & Fishes July 7: Moravians at the Mallard's Game July 21: Worship with Lake Mills Praise Band August 3: VBS for a Day!						1 10am-2pm Brat Fry @ Per-nat's
2 9:00am Worship 10am Fellowship Joint Board	3 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Meal	4	5 9am Moravian Women	6 6pm Elders	7 BDCleaning	8 Watertown Graduation
9 9:00am Worship 10am Fellowship	10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Meal	11 6pm Book Club @ Amado's	12 6-7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	13 8:30am Shared Community Missions Meeting @ Christ UMC 6pm CEF	14	15
16 9:00am Worship Choir Sings 10am Fellowship 	17 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Meal	18 6pm Board of Trustees	19 6-7:30pm Ebenezer Kids	20	21 BDCleaning	22 Tour De Goose
				Moravian Women's Conference - North Carolina - June 20 to 23		
23 9:00am Worship Guest Preacher - Barbara Rich 10am Fellowship	24 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Meal	25	26	27	28	29
Pastor Katie on Vacation: June 24 to July 2						
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