

# THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — June 2023

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



FROM THE



PASTOR

What Sparks You?  
What are you passionate about?  
What would you drop everything to do?  
What can't you live without?

These question all ask the same thing...what matters?

It may be hard to talk of your passions or your spark, but you can share of who you would drop anything for or who you would love to see or visit or what is your favorite thing to do in a day.

Our passions vary and change over time, but if a relative gets sick, you can drop everything. That is what matters. If you save years for an education or a trip, that's what matters. If you are excited about your day, who you see or what you do, that is what matters. Each of us has a variety of passions, but I wonder how many of us would say God or faith.

I think we hope God would be on the list, but has God ever called you and you didn't answer?

If God wanted you to drop everything, would you?

What would it feel like to have a passion for God?

It feels a lot like having your eyes opened after a traumatic event. It feels like responding to a crisis and being the voice of calm in the storm. It feels like taking a chance and going to an unknown destination to have a new adventure.

Do we really feel that way about God?

Or is our faith something that fits into our lives out of obligation or convenience?

In this season of Pentecost, of passion, spark and fire, will you look into your passion to serve God?

Will you spend time prayerfully discerning what God is asking of you, where God is calling you?

Will you figure out what matters and make God part of that list?

What experiences do you need, what goals do you need to achieve, what questions do you need to find answers to, to understand what your faith needs?

You have the choice for what matters in your life.

Will you re-ignite or burn for the first time that flame for faith, God, and service?

Faith, passion, desire are not limited by age or race or relationship status, you can be very passionate for God as long as you have breath. Spend time over these next weeks to really claim your faith, prioritize serving others and find what God is calling an equipping you to do.



**DEADLINE for  
the July  
Newsletter is  
Wednesday,  
June 21st**

*(Earlier is always better.)*

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



April 23: \$1,793.00

April 30: \$1,360.00

May 7: \$2,689.00

May 14: \$1,740.00

May 21: \$1,196.00

Thank you.



### Summer Worship!

Beginning in June, we will once again change to 9am worship.

Make sure to adjust your alarm clock and we look forward to seeing you a bit earlier this summer. Our summer schedule runs June, July and August.

We will also be having monthly outdoor worship in our parking lot (weather permitting). Mark your calendars for our Worship on Wheels services which will be: June 11, July 9, and August 13.



## 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 anticipate hitting 100,000 this year!**  
**On June 7, 2023, we will be celebrating**  
**our 13 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!**

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 — June

5: Chili dog, chips, beans, fresh fruit  
12: Shrimp salad, vegetable salad, fruit salad  
19: Hamburger, potato salad  
26: Taco salad:

### July (so far)

3: CLOSED  
10: Turkey  
17: Subs, chips, cold salad

**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

### SERVERS — June

5: Watertown Moravian  
12: Kwik Trip - Todd  
19: Marquardt  
26: Rotary

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 "C"

Linda (920-253-8137) & Gregg Lippens  
(920-253-8136) HOME: (920-261-2061)

*May to July 2023*

Scott & Jill Beerbohm - (920) 988-4714  
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Bob & Dianne Hamann - (920) 261-6685  
Todd Hamann

Travis & Emily Hamann - (920) 262-8257  
Joyce Kopp - (920) 261-7972

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Kari & Matt Maass - (920) 253-7297

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Reinhold Petig - (920) 261-6892

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Kris Schefft - (920) 285-1048

Clifford & Dianne Schuett - (920) 261-9120

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Diane Tuhy - (920) 253-1481

Brian & Megan Weihert - (920) 253-8139

Bob & Dawn Westenber - (920) 261-7068

Glennis Zastrow - (920) 261-3731



**Tuesday**  
10am to 2 pm

**Thursday**  
10am to 2pm

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

## Save the Dates!!!!

September 10: End of Summer Splash Block  
Party Picnic

September 15 - 17: Women's Retreat, Mt  
Morris with Pastor Katie



**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**Bohdi DeGrandt**

**Emmaleigh Rein**

## Summer Sandwiches in the Park

A healthy lunch will be provided four days of the week to families with children, from June 11 to August 20. Four area churches will provide lunches at four different parks, Tuesday through Friday. Lunch is served rain or shine, from 11:30-12:30.

Books will also be available for kids to take home with them.

- ◆ **Tuesday:** St. Paul's Episcopal Church at the Clark Park shelter
- ◆ **Wednesday:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at the shelter in Riverside Park
- ◆ **Thursday:** St. Luke's Lutheran Church at the Clark Park shelter
- ◆ **Friday:** Ebenezer at Timothy Johnson Park

Signup sheets for items needed for this program will be sent around as we build our supplies back up and as they are depleted. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Volunteers are also needed to make sandwiches and to serve the lunches at the park. We meet at Ebenezer at 10am to make the sandwiches, pack the lunch bags with the nonperishable items, and pack everything up to go to the park.

# SUMMER



- 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
- 24 - Matt Orval
- 25 - Dianne Schuett
- 27 - Rachel Kopp



- 2 - Tom & Virginia Naatz
- 3 - Everett Jr. & Judith Strauss
- 10 - Bruce & MaryLou Kopp
- 26 - Charles & Judith Wesemann
- 28 - Nathan & Angela Baum

## 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 Street, Watertown, WI 53098

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Janet Parmley  
N8352 Airport Road \* 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:questions.kschefft@hotmail.com) or 920-285-1048. God is Good.....(say it with me) all the time:) Thank you!



## CHOIR

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



Glennis

## 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](mailto: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.



## Noisy Offering Returns!!!!

Have you been saving your change??

Beginning the third Sunday in June, we will be collecting our noisy offering once again! The faces of those who collect may be different, but the impact we make will be the same or greater.

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

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



## MORAVIAN WOMEN

Moravian Women meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am. Every one is invited to attend.



**Online Giving**

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



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MT. MORRIS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

<b>FAMILY CAMP</b>	ALL AGES	<b>JUNE 2ND-4TH</b>
<b>CHETEK</b>	COMPLETED 9TH-AGE 21	<b>JULY 16TH-22ND</b>
<b>WINMOR</b>	COMPLETED 6TH-8TH	<b>JULY 23RD-29TH</b>
<b>JR CAMP</b>	COMPLETED 2ND-5TH	<b>JULY 30TH-AUG 3RD</b>

REGISTER AT: [WDCAMPING.COM](http://WDCAMPING.COM)



## **BOARD MEMBERS**

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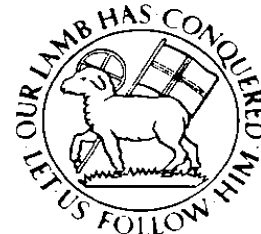
## **Prayers for Synod**

From June 22 - 25, clergy and laity from every congregation in the Northern Province of the Moravian Church will gather in Bethlehem, PA for Synod. This is the largest governing body for our domination besides Unity Synod that meets every 9 years. At this gathering, all will be invited to have voice and vote, a unique trait of the Moravians as most other denominations do not allow voice and vote for every congregation.

Pastor Katie and Theresa Vesper will be traveling to synod as the clergy and lay representative for Ebenezer Moravian. At Synod, they will elect a new Northern Province President as Betsy Miller has completed her terms in office. They may choose to elect a bishop. They will also decide on varying proposals that will come from the ministry teams gathered together.

Please be in prayer for all the teams, delegates, leaders, secretaries and more involved in making the NP Synod a success. We need your prayers to follow God's leading and listen to the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your prayers.



## **Ragnar Race Love!**

Thank you so much to those who helped with the Ragnar race stop and the bake sale. We were able to raise \$500 for our general fund which is given to us by the Ragnar Race.

We also raised over \$700 for our camp scholarships from the bake sale. In addition, we will receive \$50 from Ragnar to support our bake sale/camp scholarships.

Thank for you sharing your time with our church, showing hospitality and raising funds to help our kids go to camp.

It was a great rainy day!

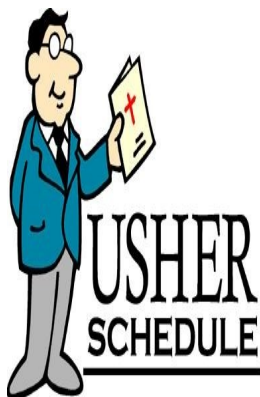


## Shared Community Missions Group Change in Focus!

For most of the year, the Shared Community Mission Group focuses on our weekend food to go and grow bags in which we give food bags to families in need connected to our local schools, both public and private. In the Summer, our focus shifts to school supplies. I know that we are ending the school year and nobody wants to think about school supplies just yet, but we are already planning.

On August 21 - 23, St Henry's parking lot will be turned into a school supply distribution center. Help will be needed to pack, share and pack-up supplied for those three days. But first, we have to collect the supplies! We need hundred of pencils, tons of backpacks and a whole lot of others supplies to make sure kids in our area are ready for school. As you go out and about or shop online, consider ways to support the SOS (support our schools) program by purchasing some extra supplies.

Watch for a drop of bin in the narthex to share the supplies received. Thank you so much for supporting SCMG and all they do for the kids and families in our community. We could never make the impact we do without your support.



### June 4-11

Dennis & Linda Rabbach  
Theresa Vesper  
John Vesper

### June 15-25:

Kristine Schefft  
Mary Kopp  
Scott Kopp

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

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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## 2023 CAMP DATES



**Chetek:** July 16th - 22nd  
Completed 9th grade - Age 21

**Winmor:** July 22nd - 29th  
Completed 6th grade - 8th grade

**Junior Camp:** July 29th - August 3rd  
Completed 2nd grade - 5th grade


Visit the church website  
(ebenezermoravianchurch.org) for links  
to register for camp.





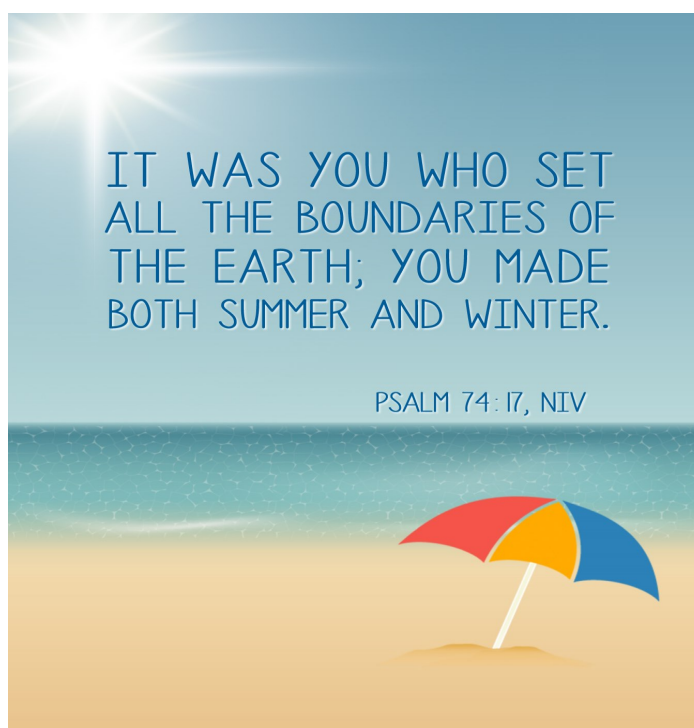


# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>LOOKING AHEAD:</b> <b>Camp Chetek:</b> July 16th - 22nd <b>Camp Winmor:</b> July 22nd - 29th <b>Junior Camp:</b> July 29th - August 3rd <b>Plus 50 Retreat @ Mt. Morris:</b> August 10th - 13th <b>End of Summer Splash Block Party Picnic:</b> September 10th <b>Women's Retreat @ Mt Morris with Pastor Katie:</b> September 15th - 17th				1 6pm Elders	2 BDCleaning	3
4 9am Worship  Fellowship Hour  11am Paul Schultz Burial	5 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-4:45pm Curb-side pickup 4:00-5:30pm Inside dining	6	7 10am Moravian Women	8 9am SCMG Meeting @ Christ United Methodist Church	9	10
11 9am OUTDOOR Worship	12 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-4:45pm Curb-side pickup 4:00-5:30pm Inside dining	13	14 10am CEF	15	16 11:30-12:30 Summer Sandwiches in the Park @ Timothy Johnson Park	17
18 9am Worship Communion Noisy Offering Returns!	19 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-4:45pm Curb-side pickup 4:00-5:30pm Inside dining	20 9am-noon Jefferson Food Meeting  6pm Trustee Meeting	21 	22	23	24
				June 22-25: Northern Province Synod		
25 9am Worship Guest Preacher Barbara Rich	26 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-4:45pm Curb-side pickup 4:00-5:30pm Inside dining	27	28 7:30pm Religion Recovery @ Lyons Pub	29	30	

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**RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED**



IT WAS YOU WHO SET  
ALL THE BOUNDARIES OF  
THE EARTH; YOU MADE  
BOTH SUMMER AND WINTER.

PSALM 74: 17, NIV