

THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — February 2018

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



Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

From the Pastor's Desk

I hope you are staying warm!!! On our first day at the bus stop with our kids, it was -7 degrees. That was a dark and cold morning. I noticed, this morning as we waited for the bus at 6:30am, there was a lovely hint of pink coming up over the horizon. It wasn't a huge amount and it was by no means "light out," but it was enough to remind me that the days are changing. Darkness does not last forever. The light comes in the morning.

How many times do we feel the challenges of life and think we cannot make it another day? How much more must we struggle or bear before we just cannot handle it anymore? It is impossible to know. What I do know, you have made it 100% of your bad days. You have a perfect record. You have survived, maybe not unscathed, maybe not unchanged, but you are still here. It is not easy, I get that. Even for the strongest of believers, life still deals a difficult hand sometimes. Nobody said that Christians have it easy. Nobody said that believers will have it all good. Even God's own son dealt with some pretty horrendous life challenges (remember the cross???)

So when the burdens come and the difficulties seem unbearable, remember that you are a survivor. I often think "this too shall pass" as I wonder how I will make it through. For example, just yesterday, the school called. My son missed the bus to come home. My daughter is riding alone and I realized that I cannot make it to school and back before her bus drops her off. So I wait. Just before the bus arrives, the garage door repairman calls to let me know that he is coming in 10 minutes. So now I am supposed to be at the bus stop, the school and the house at literally the exact same time. If I cannot be two places at once, I definitely cannot be three places at once.

I decide to just take it one thing at a time. I wait for the bus in full view of my house, if the repairman comes. I get my daughter off the bus and wait for the garage person, who shows up about 5 minutes later. After showing him the broken spring, I head out to the school to pick up my son. And so it goes, another day, another challenge, another problem solved.

We may not have all the answers. We may be asked to be at three, four, or five places at once. We may wish we could do more, be more, earn more, share more. We may feel and see darkness a lot more than light. But, as all of us are here to attest to, we have survived our bad days and we will again. The light will come up, the sun will shine, the birds will sing, the sky will glow. And, just like every day, darkness will come too. And you will be OK. You will make it, you have people who care and a church that cares. You have made it this far and you are not alone. Remember that. You are a survivor and you are never, ever alone.

Pastor Katie

The 2018 Giving envelopes are in your church mailbox. If not mailed, the 2017 end-of-year contribution statements are also in your church mailbox. Contact Trudi W if you haven't received them (truds@lycos.com or 920-342-4133). Thank you.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, February 4th — 8:45am
Bring a friend!!





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.

Lent



Ash Wednesday...Won't you Be My Valentine??

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, February 14th. We will be having our traditional Agape Meal at 5:30pm with a service to begin around 6:15pm with Communion. Please join us for this relaxed service, a time of reflection and self-care. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of reflection upon our own lives and caring for ourselves. It is not a time to list all of the bad and punish ourselves, but rather a time to care for ourselves, work on building strengths and changing difficulties. As we see Valentine's Day as a celebration of Love...perhaps this season of Lent...you will learn how to love yourself more.

Lenten Love: Self-Care for all of us

This Lenten Season, we will focus on acts of self-care. In preparing for the crucifixion, Jesus prayed and reflected, spent time with God and with himself. We will be invited to do the same. We will enjoy a simple meal together (sign up sheet in the Narthex) at 5:30pm and then move to the sanctuary for a short service based on self-care.

Too often, we are hard on ourselves. We concentrate on our negative attributes and fail to love ourselves as God truly loves us. So we will talk about ways to love ourselves, be invited to learn new techniques and skills to care for yourself, and be reminded that you are made in the image of God. Do not tarnish that by seeing only your failures and faults. Remember, God made you and you are amazing. Each week, we need reminders of just how special and loved we are. So come and join us for these reminders and know that you matter and that God loves you just as you are.

AFTERNOON FOR MISSION



The Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Mission invite you to an Afternoon for Mission. On Sunday, February 11th, at 2pm at the London Moravian Church located at N5610 County Road O.

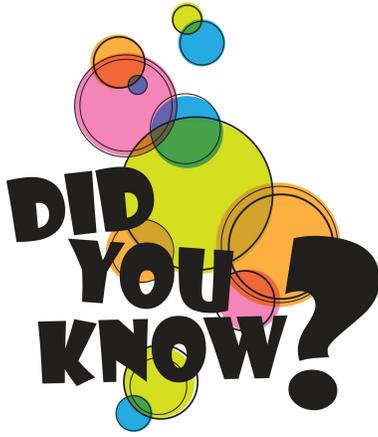
Janice Ellis will speak about her mission trip to Port Arthur, Texas. Janice heard the call to go and help work on a church that was damaged from the flooding that occurred in 2017. The work in Port Arthur is not completed and Aaron Vander Linden was there when Janice was and is unable to join Janice as he is back in Port Arthur.

Please come and bring a friend, plan to stay for refreshments following Janice's presentation.



Confirmation classes are being held every other Wednesday evening from 6pm to 8pm in the Piper room. Classes are scheduled for February 14 and 28.

LOVEFEAST: MORAVIAN CUSTOM



The holding of lovefeasts, after the practice of the Apostolic Church, has come to be one of the outstanding customs of the Moravian Church and has proved to be a real means of grace. Members of other denominations are attracted to Moravian lovefeasts in large numbers and thus the spirit for fellowship is greatly advanced.

Lovefeasts originated in the first gathering of Christians after Pentecost. The early believers met and broke bread together, thereby signifying their union and equality. These meals of the church family were associated with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, which followed them. They were called *agape*, from the Greek word for love, which is for the highest type of spiritual love. Gradually the *agape* lost its devotional character, and toward the end of the fourth century the Church gave it up.

The lovefeast of Apostolic times was resuscitated in the original simplicity by the Moravian Church in 1727. After the memorable celebration of the holy communion on August 13, seven groups of the participants continued to talk over the great spiritual blessing which they had experienced and were reluctant to separate and return to their own homes for the noonday meal. Count Zinzendorf, sensing the situation, sent them food from his manor house, and each group partook together, continuing in prayer, religious conversation, and the singing of hymns. This incident reminded Zinzendorf of the primitive *agape*, and the ideas were fostered until lovefeasts became a custom in Moravian life. There were introduced wherever new settlements were founded and so came to America.

Wherever its fullest liturgical development exists, the lovefeast is a service of solemn dignity, in which the finest Moravian Church hymns and stately music may be heard, but without any surrender of its central idea.

Because of its attraction for visitors, persons sometimes come to a lovefeast out of curiosity, perhaps amused at the idea of "eating in church." It is interesting to see such a person yield to the spirit of devotion which pervades the service and change in a very few moments from a visitor to reverent member of the service. This never fails when the congregation is itself full of the spirit of reverence and Christian love.

The lovefeast is primarily a song service, opened with prayer. Often there is no address; the hymns in the ode, or order of service, furnish the subject matter for devotional thoughts. If many visitors are present, the presiding minister often says a few words, explaining the purpose of the service, just before the congregation partakes of the bun and coffee, or whatever is served. On special occasions an address may be added, giving opportunity to remind the congregation of the history of the anniversary or the deeper import of the day.

There is no rule as to the food to be offered, except that it be very simple and easily distributed. The drink may be coffee, tea, or lemonade, fully prepared in advance, so that it may be served very quietly and without interruption of the singing. Usually mugs are used, which may be passed from hand to hand along a pew from a tray brought along the aisle. A slightly sweetened by, which can be served in baskets passed along the pews, is a convenient form of bread. Usually men handle the trays of mugs and women the baskets of buns. While the congregation partakes, the choir sings an anthem. Later the mugs are quietly gathered and removed. The food served is not consecrated, as in the communion. Children and members of any denominations may partake.

There are many services during the year at which a lovefeast is appropriate, such as the festivals of the church year, the anniversary days of the Moravian Church, anniversary day of a congregation, a missionary occasion, any day in fact on which there is a desire to stress the headship of the Lord and the oneness and fellowship of his followers.



Doug Schefft, Elder
920-285-1045
Buzz Orval, Trustee Chair
920-674-3440

WATCHWORDS FOR 2018

Activity Group A – The Lord will keep your foot from being caught. Proverbs 3:26

Activity Group B – The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Romans 11:29

Activity Group C – Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place. Psalm 118:5

Band – Deliverance belongs to the Lord; may your blessings be on your people! Psalm 3:8

CEF (Christian Education & Fellowship) – The Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Cemetery Board – May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you. 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Choir – You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. James 5:8

Confirmation – My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Isaiah 56:7

Congregation – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation. 2 Corinthians 1:3

Elders – If anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Galatians 6:1

Financial Secretary – O Lord, let your ear be attentive to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night. Nehemiah 1:6

Greeters – This God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide. Psalm 48:14

Janitors – An angel of the Lord stood before the shepherds, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.” Luke 2:9 - 10

Loaves & Fishes – My heart is steadfast, Oh God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul! Psalm 108:1

Moravian Women – I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Jeremiah 31:34

Musicians – The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7 (NKJV)

Pastor – God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testings he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Praise Ministry – Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57

Pulpit Supply – You shall eat your bread to the full, and live securely in your land. Leviticus 26:5

Sunday School – God will redeem me from the realm of the dead; he will surely take me to himself. Psalm 49:15 (NIV)

Treasurer – Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Trustees – But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Romans 8:25

Ushers – There is no Rock like our God. 1 Samuel 2:2

VBS – For lo, the one who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals his thoughts to mortals, the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name! Amos 4:13

Youth Group – You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace. Isaiah 55:12

MEN'S



RETREAT

MEN'S CHRISTIAN RETREAT

Sponsored by the Men's Fellowship of the Lake Mills Moravian Church

To be held at Mount Morris

"Being a Man in Today's World"

February 23 to 25, 2018

Cost: \$85 (includes \$25 deposit — DUE by February 16th)

The retreat begins with the evening meal at 6 pm on Friday, February 23rd. There will be an introductory session at 7:30 pm. For those who can't make it until Saturday, breakfast will be at 8 am, with group gathering at 9 am. The retreat concludes on Sunday morning with closing worship and communion, after breakfast. You may arrive as early as 4 pm for registration.

The weekend includes: Teaching ** Fellowship ** Music Ministry (bring instruments if you like)

Have fireside chats, time for walks and tours of the grounds, quiet time, group discussions and opportunities to enjoy God's creation.

Weekend fee includes 5 meals and cabin accommodations. (Black Oak is an additional \$25 per person.)

Send registrations and deposits to Rev. John Baumann, 238 Woodland Court, Lake Mills, WI 53551. Checks should be made payable to Lake Mills Moravian Church. Questions may be directed to Rev. Baumann at 920-648-2943 or jbbaumann@charter.net.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex or can be downloaded from the Ebenezer website.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests or want to be included on the Ebenezer Prayer Chain, please contact Karol Wesemann at 920-261-7388 OR donkar@netwurx.net. 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. In the absence of a Pastor, our Board of Elders are our spiritual leaders and everyone should be looking to them for guidance.

NOISY OFFERING

January to March — Mary's Room

April to June — Food to Go & Grow

July to September — Shared Community Mission

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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2: Eric Rein
- 2: Ken Kreuzscher
- 5: Vern Kreuzscher
- 5: Megan Lippens
- 7: Amanda Schultz
- 12: Dianne Hamann
- 13: Doug Schefft
- 14: Glennis Zastrow
- 15: Paige Hamann
- 16: Trudy Krueger
- 19: Karol Wesemann
- 21: Kathy Baum
- 23: Emily Hamann
- 26: Carrie Finley
- 26: Dawn Westenberg
- 27: Scott Kopp



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 27: Roland & Karen Lee

GRADUATION

Olivia Wolf (Hamann)



Graduation

I transferred from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater to the University of South Carolina Beaufort and graduated December 18th, 2017, with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education.

I graduated with a Presidential Honor Roll standing and in the top few students of my graduating class with a grade point average of 3.87 cumulative. I now work as a fourth-grade teacher in Waukesha Catholic and will be starting Kindergarten there in February as a long-term substitute teacher, with the hopes of my own classroom and full-time job in Waukesha or Hartland School District in the next year.

I am very blessed to have a job I love and excited to be finally doing what I have been dreaming about. I could not have done this without the continuous support of my Dad Todd Hamann, Grandma Dianne Hamann, Grandpa Bob Hamann, sister Paige Hamann, and husband Austen Wolf, as well as from my guardian angel Sharon Hamann (mom).

FROM: Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church
TO Ebenezer Moravian Church

The board and staff of the Moravian Board of World Mission, our volunteers and the hurricane victims who will benefit from our volunteers' efforts and your generous gift, are most appreciative of your support. Your donation helps us to continue the important work we do, and donations are how our work is made possible. We can't thank you enough for your contribution.

(This letter in its entirety is posted in the narthex.)

MORAVIAN WOMEN



The Ebenezer Women continue to meet at 9:00am on the first Wednesday September through June. All women and friends of Ebenezer are invited to a time of Bible Study and fellowship.

If the weather is threatening call Karol - 261-7388 OR Linda - 699-3781 to see if they are still meeting.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Watertown Food Pantry is looking for individuals who would be able to work 1 to 4 times per month, usually mornings between 8am and 10am. Some lifting would be involved. Jobs include making pickups at local grocery stores, moving cases of items at the pantry and unloading vehicles for food drive events. Having a van or small truck would be helpful, but not necessary.

If interested, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 920-261-7068 and leave a message. Or, you may also send an e-mail to wtnn.foodpantry@sbcglobal.net.



ATTENDANCE

December 17 - 102
(Sunday School Program)
December 24 - 51 (10am)
145 (7pm)
December 31 - 29
January 7 - 79
January 14 - 60



It's not too early to get ready for camp at Mount Morris. Summer camp dates have just been released. The Camping Committee is pleased to announce that the

cost to campers have all been reduced in price thanks to the assistance of the MWCEC.

In case you were not aware, there is a subsidy that is provided to assist campers by providing a voucher reducing the costs of camp. This year, along with the voucher, the MWCEC and the Camping Committee are providing *additional* funds to reduce the out-of-pocket expense for campers and churches. The Camping Committee is committed to continue the strong camping ministry for our youth and hope that the additional assistance will give each camper the ability to experience this very unique Christian Community.

The 2018 camping dates are:

- Chetek:** July 15 - 21 (completed grades 9 - age 21)
- Winmor:** July 22 - 28 (completed grades 6, 7 & 8)
- Junior Camp:** July 30 - August 3 (completed grades 3, 4 & 5)
- 4M:** August 13 - 15 (completed grades 1 & 2)

More information will be in our next newsletter or visit www.wdcamping.com.

* **My to-do list for today:** *

- * Count my blessings *
- * Practice kindness *
- * Let go of what I can't control *
- * Listen to my heart *
- * Be productive yet calm *



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.

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.

Dianne Schuett

407 Dorothy Place

Watertown, WI 53094

(recovering from knee replacement surgery)

Janet Butzine

c/o Sunset Ridge

1275 Rimmel Drive

Johnson Creek, WI 53038

Leroy Gronert, Sr.

Dycora Nursing Home

Apt. 201

430 Wilcox St.

Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Marion Schwartz

Marquardt Memorial Manor

1020 Hill St. Room 706

Watertown, WI 53098

Douglas Rabbach

Park Ridge (Zinzendorf)

1148 Bayberry Drive

Watertown, WI 53098

Naomi Athas

301 Jackson Street

Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Joyce Kopp

317 Lauren Lane

Watertown, WI 53094

Carol Schultz

Park Terrace

1047 Hill Street, Room 2528

Watertown, WI 53098

Todd Hamann #627678

John C Burke Correctional Center

900 South Madison St.

Waupun, WI 53963

LOAVES & FISHES

Contact Linda Lippens

In partnership with the Watertown Moravian Church, we provide dinner for our community free of charge every Monday evening. The meal served every Monday, except holidays, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Watertown Moravian Church,



MENU & SERVERS

FEBRUARY

5: Chili & Hot Turkey Sandwiches — Ebenezer

(NOTE.....IT'S OUR TURN TO SERVE!)

12: Chicken Dinner — Whitestone Church

19: Spaghetti — St. Paul's Episcopal

26: Turkey Dinner — Hope Lutheran

Doors open at 3:30pm — Meal served 5 to 6 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars! VBS will be held Monday, June 11th to Friday, June 15th from 5 pm to 8 pm, with supper included. The theme will be "Mighty Fortress: In Jesus the Victory is Won!" More information will be available in the next newsletter.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Dawn Westenberg at 920-261-7068 or dawn22658@gmail.com.

PLEASE remember.....



Our Face book name is

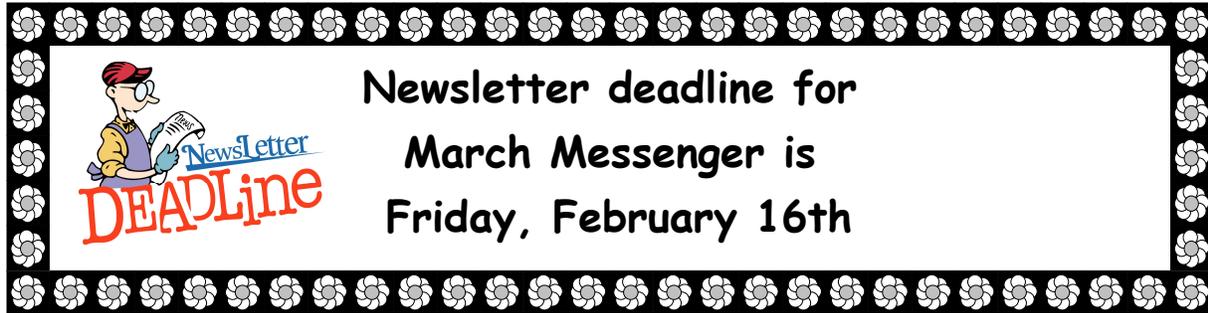
"Ebenezer Moravian"

Please do NOT include the word "Church".



Please help keep our website updated with current pictures of church activities, ministries, church grounds and church facilities. Send pictures as jpg files to Dawn Westenberg at dawn22658@gmail.com. We desperately need to update the photographs currently on our website.

We are also looking for new group pictures of all the church boards and committees.



Adopt-A-Family Report

The Adopt-A-Family ministry offers several opportunities for us to share some of the blessings we have been given, with other families at Christmas. Along with the contribution of money, Ebenezer members shopped for gifts, wrapped gifts, provided lunch, shopped for groceries, and delivered gifts and groceries before Christmas.

Our Ebenezer congregation very generously contributed \$1,389.55 which is the most we have ever collected for the Adopt-A-Family program. Your generosity allowed us to adopt seven families for Christmas. Each family had two children so that means fourteen children received Christmas gifts from our Ebenezer congregation, along with gifts for the parents and food for holiday meals.

This year marked the first time in the history of the Adopt-A-Family program, that all Jefferson County families who applied, were adopted. Due to the fact that all the families were adopted, and we could not adopt another family, there was \$154.36 left that will be held over till next year.

A big "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to, and helped with, the Adopt-A-Family ministry.

Tom Naatz, Adopt-A-Family Coordinator

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE — MOUNT MORRIS



The Board of Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center approved a capital fund drive designed to enlarge Arrowhead in order to provide a multipurpose dining space and enlarge the kitchen. The addition that has been proposed would require \$600,000 in pledges over a 5 year period. Congregations have been asked to support this effort through individual pledges and other fund raising methods. The addition will not move forward until sufficient pledges have been received. More information is available at Mt-Morris.org or you can contact Jane Harberg at revjane@yahoo.com



February 4 & 11, 2018

Eric Rein, Allison Rein, Tom & Virginia Naatz

February 14 - 5:30 & 18, 2018

Charles & Judy Wesemann, Jillian Degrandt, Karissa Bender

February 25 & March 4, 2018

Baum Family, Baneck Family

(Please contact Head Usher Alex Zubrod at 920-261-8289 if you would like to assist in this ministry.)

ACTIVITY GROUP "A"

Leaders Bob (920-342-4304) &
Tammy (920-342-3849) Meyer
May - July 2018

Shari Bender - (920) 285-6984
Pat Counsell - (920) 261-2730
Joe & Shelly Degrandt - (920) 699-2178
Sally Eubanks - (920) 262-8263
MaryLou Kopp - (920) 261-2096
Scott & Christine Kopp - (920) 253-1919
Kristine Kerr - (920) 261-1523
Bob & Tammy Meyer - (920) 342-3849
Arlene Molly - (920) 699-2133
James & Sally Parmley - (920) 206-1062
John & Jan Parmley - (920) 261-6629
Dorothy Rein - (920) 261-4269
Eric & Tracey Rein - (920) 206-1411
Lee & Tracy Saxby - (920) 261-6251
Gerald & Carol Schultz - (920) 261-7191
Everett, Jr. & Judith Strauss - (920) 261-2006
Ken & Linda Strauss - (920) 262-0094
Joe & Anne Walsh - (920) 699-2884
Donald & Karol Wesemann - (920) 261-7388
Trudi Wesemann - (920) 342-4133
Emma Wegner

ACTIVITY GROUP "B"

Co-Leaders
Dennis & Linda Rabbach (920-699-3781)
AND
Tom & Virginia Naatz (920-699-3118)
August - October 2018

Tonya Arndt - (920) 248-1867
Naomi Athas - (920) 563-2357
James & Amanda Baneck - (920) 285-6248
James & Katherine Baum - (920) 699-3706
Nathan & Angela Baum - (920) 988-2230
Ellis & Barbara Braasch - (920) 261-2654
John & Nancy Braatz - (920) 261-4333
Chris Bender
Carol Britts - (920) 261-9493
Amanda Harris - (920) 248-9304
Gerald & Paula Harris - (262) 617-6579

Sue Kopp - (920) 699-3504
Darrin & Trudy Krueger - (920) 674-5699
Ken Kreuzscher - (262) 490-4559
Vern Kreuzscher
Tim & Julie Pattengale - (920) 988-6130
Dennis & Linda Rabbach - (920) 699-3781
Douglas Rabbach - (920) 699-3174
Barbara Rich - (920) 421-3133
Theresa & John Vesper - (920) 941-0152
Andy Roberts - (920) 285-4723
Marion Schwartz - (920) 261-7559
Charles & Judy Wesemann - (920) 261-6880
Yolanda Yahn - (920) 253-6617

ACTIVITY GROUP "C"

Co-Leaders
Linda & Gregg Lippens (920-261-2061)
AND
Doug (920-285-1045) & Kris (920-285-1048)
Schefft
February - April 2018

Scott & Jill Beerbohm - (920) 988-4714
Janet Butzine - (920) 390-2264
Chris Cahill - (920) 699-2867
Craig & Melissa Cahill - (920) 699-2867
JoAnn Draheim - (920) 699-3419
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 - (920) 674-3440
Reinhold Petig - (920) 261-6892
William Petig
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

To a Special Person

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not shouting that 'I am clean living.

I'm whispering 'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say 'I am a Christian', I don't speak of this with pride.

I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not trying to be strong.

I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not bragging of success.

I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not claiming to be perfect.

My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I still feel the sting of pain.

I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not holier than thou,

I'm just a simple sinner who received God's grace.

**If you share this with another person, you will boost another person's self esteem,
and they will know you care about them!**

Be Blessed, Be a Blessing.

When you feel like you're drowning in life, don't worry – your Lifeguard walks on water.

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE DAY

The second Saturday in May (May 12th) is the largest one-day food drive in the nation. It is appropriately named Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day. This event occurs in more than 10,000 cities and towns, and the food is collected by the men and women carrying our mail across the country. As they deliver your mail, you get to do your part by filling their mailbag with non-perishable food donations. Over the past 20 years, one billion pounds of food has been delivered by this drive, which is sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers.



The Watertown Food Pantry is seeking volunteers to help. Help will be needed at two locations The post office beginning at 11 am and the food pantry (located at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 204 N. Tenth Street) beginning at 2 pm. If you can help in any way or have questions, please contact Dawn Westenberg at 920-261-7068 or dawn22658@gmail.com.



Choir Rehearsals

The Choir will practice on February 7th and 21st at 7:00 pm; and will sing on February 11th and 25th. Contact Glennis Zastrow for more information.

For God so loVed the world
thAt He gave His
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begottEn
SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN Him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)