

THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — April 2018

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church

N8095 High Road – Watertown, WI 53094

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In case you did not know, we slept on the pews during Lent. Well, not actually slept, but laid down, turned down the lights and just listened. It was so nice. We spent time stretching our bodies, then rested our minds. The next week, we listened as a calming voice tried to help us relax every part of our body and we discovered that our minds cause relaxation. We can turn off our bodies and our tension if we relax our minds and let the world around us drift away. It was just what was needed on another hectic day. The third week brought about a bit more anxiety as we were asked to unscramble scripture and work on “spirited” exercises to communicate with each other and focus on one task. It got a bit challenging and frustrating but for those minutes, we were all focused on those words and nothing else. And then the confirmation class reminded us how important it is to laugh and to enjoy downtime. We even shared our jokes and LOL’d.

Life gets busy and our days seem to go by so quickly, wondering if we ever accomplished anything or what happened to all the time I used to have. We get so caught up in things we “have to” do that we forget that there are really things we HAVE to do, which includes taking care of ourselves. The Lenten journey is often about self-discipline and self-deprivation. This year, it was about self-loving and self-caring. Did you take a few minutes everyday to take care of yourself? Did you make better choices in eating habits, sleeping habits, rest and relaxation habits. These are things we must do as well.

I have sat by many people on hospice care and in their final days. None of them wish they could work longer. Many of them wish they had taken better care of themselves and spent more time in leisure than in work. Don’t we all wish that we could be on an island somewhere basking in the sun? We might not be able to be there everyday (especially in the middle of Wisconsin), but our minds can take us there if we work on relaxing, decompressing, spending a few minutes taking care of yourself.

We all carry many labels (mom, aunt, grandma, teacher, spouse, etc) but you are you and you deserve to take care of you. Long before you got so many labels, you were simply, you, a child of God. Take care of God’s child. Take time for yourself, even if it is just five minutes a day. You will feel better. You will be calmer and more alert. You will realize that you do have more “time to spare” than you realized.

I hope, this Lenten season, you realize just how important you truly are and how much those around you want you to be here forever. The good and bad news is that only you can take care of you. You need to care for you. Do a morning stretch, read a good book or magazine, take your pet for a walk, go to the gym, eat an apple, watch the sunrise or set, take a drive, open your windows, take a nap. You only get this one body and this one time on earth, you belong here and you matter. Take care of you. Love yourself enough to take care of who you are. God loved you enough to create you, be a good steward of God’s creation, love yourself each day.

**Newsletter deadline for
May Messenger is
Tuesday, April 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.



Easter - April 1

Sunrise Service at 6:15am

Easter breakfast following sunrise service

Easter Service at 10:00am



Choir Rehearsals

The Choir will practice on April 11th and April 25th at 7:00 pm; and will sing on April 15th and April 29th.

Contact Glennis Zastrow for more information.

CEMETERY CLEANUP

Cemetery Board members Don, Dennis and Chuck wish to inform the congregation that the cemetery will be cleaned up for the Easter Sunrise Service; and they ask your help in removing the old decorations you might have on your family plots.

Blessing Box Beginnings...

Did you read the article in the last "Moravian" about a church in North Carolina creating a "Blessing Box." The idea is this large outdoor cabinet (similar to a little free library) would be stocked with "essentials" completely free for the taking. These items include toiletries, blankets, canned goods, diapers, and so much more that is a place for people to go and get items any time they need. It sounds simple, but it will take a lot of work, especially knowing that it will need to be filled regularly. Jo-Ann Draheim and Pastor Katie are working on figuring out where and how to get this box going. Please chat with them for more information or to take part in it. There are many people in our community in need and having a place to stop and get something without judgment is so important. Please consider how you can help make this box come to life!

Youth Group Re-Group

We all want youth to be part of our church, but we also know they need a space to be part of church. We are working on organizing a space and place to once again get youth actively involved in church. This can take many forms and we need many ideas.

So come to church on Wednesday April 18th at 6pm and we will be discussing just what a youth program can look like at Ebenezer. This meeting is for youth and leaders alike. The more the merrier. Please talk to Pastor Katie or Megan Lipens for more information. This is the first meeting, so a great time to come out and start working on some new ideas for youth to do ministry with us. God calls all of us, no matter what age, so let us work on some youth activities, ideas and plans. All are welcome.

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
 JoAnn Draheim - (920) 699-3419
 Sally Eubanks - (920) 262-8263
 Kris Kerr - (920) 261-1523
 MaryLou Kopp - (920) 261-2096
 Scott & Christine Kopp - (920) 253-1919
 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
 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
 Emma Wegner

ACTIVITY GROUP "B"

Co-Leaders

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

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 James & Amanda Baneck - (920) 285-6248
 James & Katherine Baum - (920) 699-3706
 Nathan & Angela Baum - (920) 988-2230
 Chris Bender - (920) 342-4218
 Ellis & Barbara Braasch - (920) 261-2654
 John & Nancy Braatz - (920) 261-4333
 Carol Britts - (920) 261-9493
 Seth Brown & Teaya -
 Amanda Harris - (920) 248-9304
 Jozelle Harris - (920) 248-1851

Gerald & Paula Harris - (262) 617-6579 (Paula)
 (920) 723-8587 (Gerald)
 Sue Kopp - (920) 699-3504
 Dalton Krueger - (920) 674-5699
 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
 Jozelle Roberts - (920) 248-9304
 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 (920-253-8137) & Gregg Lippens
 (920-253-8136) HOME: (920-261-2061)
 AND
 Doug (920-285-1045) & Kris (920-285-1048)
 Schefft

Scott & Jill Beerbohm - (920) 988-4714
 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 - (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



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- Barbara Rich*
- 4 – Darrick Krueger*
- 6 – Carol Britts*
- 6 – Susan Brown*
- 6 – Gregg Lippens*
- 8 – Matayson Powell*
- 8 – Lucy Thomas*
- 9 – Carole Schumacher*
- 19 – Shane Brown*
- 20 – David Hain*
- 20 – Amanda Harris*
- 21 – Emma Wegner*
- 23 – Lorrie Kopp*
- 25 – Catherine Huth*
- 25 – Christina Huth*

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.



MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Church Women United of Watertown are planning their annual May Friendship Day celebration for 2018. It will be held at St Bernard's Catholic Church on May 5, starting at 1 pm. Following the service a short business meeting will be held, followed by a time of fellowship. This celebration is open to all and would be of interest to all ages.

This year's theme is "God's Presence" taken from Colossians 1:17 - "And God is before all things, and in and through God the universe is a harmonious whole." This service focuses on our response to human need, especially childhood hunger.

Those attending are encouraged to bring items for PEP and/or the Food Pantry. We hope you can join us on May 5th. Any questions can be directed to Karol Wesemann (261-7388).

ATTENDANCE

- February 18: 46
- February 21 (Lent): 27
- February 25: 69
- February 28 (Lent): 31
- March 4: 64
- March 7 (Lent): 30
- March 11: 66
- March 14 (Lent): 24

Among Friends Game Night

On Friday evening April 13th at 6pm you are invited to gather at Heiser Hall for our annual game night. This year Christian Education and Fellowship committee decided to have a potluck game night. Bring a favorite salad, snack, dish to pass, or dessert, along with your favorite card game, or board game.



GAME NIGHT

A sign-up sheet will be available in the church narthex. We need to know approximately how many people to plan for. Invite friends and family to join in for a night of food and fun.

"BOARD" BOOKS

The City of Watertown Health Department needs board books for at risk preschool children. The books should be gently used or new, bright colors and easy language. (most of them are). The city Health Department takes the books to children, helps parents with reading to the children and gives a book to the family. Reading is an essential skill and early intervention is so important for a child's development. This could be a one time project, or an on going project. Carol Grunewald has offered to take the books to the Health Department, or someone else could be designated. This is a community out reach project.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

GET READY!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Monday, June 11th to Friday, June 15th 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm (supper included) Come join us at Ebenezer Moravian Church for a fun and enjoyable week of Vacation Bible School.

The theme this year is "Mighty Fortress – In Jesus, the Victory is Won!" We will be learning a different bible story each day:

God's Might Tumbles Jericho's Walls
God Delivers King Hezekiah's Kingdom
God's Word Reforms King Josiah
King Jesus Enters Jerusalem
Jesus Wins the Victory



Join us for: Mighty Fortress Opening / Closing Program Stronghold Storytelling Victory Village Challenge Festival Crafts Tournament Games Registration Forms will be in the church Narthex. Or you may print a registration form from the church website.



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

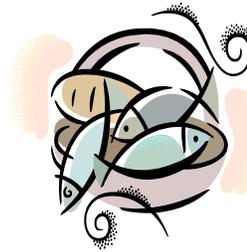
Park Terrace
1047 Hill Street, Room 2528
Watertown, WI 53098

Todd Hamann #627678

John C Burke Correctional Center
900 South Madison St.
Waupun, WI 53963

LOAVES & FISHES

Contact Linda Lippens



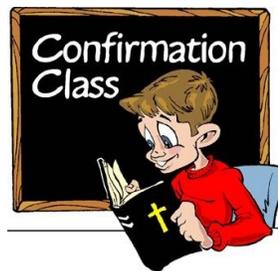
In partnership with the Watertown Moravian Church, we provide dinner for our community free of charge. The meal is served every Monday evening, except holidays, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Watertown Moravian Church, 510 Cole Street.

APRIL MENU & SERVERS

- 2: Sloppy Joes — Lebanon Lutheran
9: Pizza — Methodist
16: Ham Dinner — Watertown Moravian
23: Chicken a la King Over Noodles —
Good Shepherd
30: Sub Sandwiches — Girl Scouts

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Confirmation Class Schedule



April 11: Regular class —
6pm to 8pm in the Piper room

May 9: Regular Class —
6pm to 8pm in Piper room

May 20: Confirmation



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.



BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF ELDERS: 2018-2019

Pastor Katie: Chair

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Theresa Vesper: Worship Liaison

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Buzz Orval: Chair

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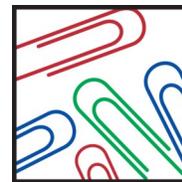
adwcs@tds.net

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 between 12:30 and 1 pm. If you can help in any way or have questions, please contact Dawn Westenberg at dawn22658@gmail.com or 920-261-7068.



Office Hours

Tuesday 10am to 2 pm

Thursday 10am to 2 pm

Please contact Pastor Katie to make arrangements for other times.

Spiritual Companion Retreat

May 18-20, 2018

Sandhill Conference Center, Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center

Cost: \$100 including room, and 5 meals.

Registration material in church office.

Deadline May 9, 2018

Spiritual Companionship Groups have been described as a modern day expression of the Moravian Choir System of the 18th century. In spiritual companionship groups, people explore the spiritual aspect of being human by listening for the sacredness in each other's life stories. In spiritual companionship, God leads. The spiritual companion is not responsible for the outcome, does not try to impose an agenda, fix a problem or attempt to teach the person they are listening to. The assumption in spiritual companionship is that a relationship between each person and God already exists. The goal is to become more deeply aware of the holy presence of God in daily living. As a result, spiritual companionship helps us learn how to live in peace, with compassion, promoting justice, as humble servants of the Holy Mystery of God. Rev. Rick Beck of Good Shepherd Moravian Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada has been facilitating spiritual companionship groups in his congregation for nine years assisting other church to start similar small groups.

Questions may be directed to Jane Harberg — revjane@yahoo.com.



Pastor Katie Van der Linden

(610) 442-3790

IF NOT AVAILABLE CONTACT:

Tom Naatz, Vice-Elder Chair

(920) 699-3118

Buzz Orval, Trustee Chair



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

PIE FUNDRAISER BLESSINGS

On March 17th, several veteran pie makers and some first-time pie makers, spent part of the day making 60 pies full of love, blueberries, and cherries. Thanks to everyone who donated supplies and to everyone who purchased pies. And a very special thank you to Glenn's Market who gave us all the cherries free of charge. Because of all these generous gifts, all money made from selling pies (approximately \$500) went into the camp scholarship fund. What a huge blessing for Ebenezer to continue to send youth to church camp at Mount Morris.



E-MAIL FILE

We are in the process of updating our mass e-mail list so Pastor Katie can send messages to all church members at once.

I would appreciate it if all church members would forward their e-mail addresses to me, (dawn22658@gmail.com) so I can check it against my list. Trudi will then update the file at church for Pastor Katie to use. Thank you.

Dawn

