

# THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — May 2018

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



Where is Spring? I have heard it over and over again and I am so thankful this crazy weather was not over Easter! It just seems like we are in a never-ending Winter. Although, admittedly, Winter was pretty mild, so I guess we cannot complain too much. However, I feel like I will be shoveling snow and find Easter eggs underneath. It is the second half of April. I thought April showers were water, not snow! Maybe I need to change my expectations.

I have learned a lot about expectations in my lifetime. I have heard it said that if you have no expectations, you will never be disappointed. That seems pretty true. We expect rain in April, not snow. We expect flowers blooming, not shoveling snow. We expect to pull out our summer wardrobe, not try to stretch out those snow pants for a few more times. Our expectations often lead us to disappointment. Occasionally, our expectations are low and we are pleasantly surprised. Yet, I believe most of us are easily disappointed because, whether we admit it or not, we have expectations. We expect a standard of service at restaurants, we expect cars to stay in their own lanes and follow traffic laws, we expect the support of our friends and family.

We expect Jesus to remain in the grave after he is crucified.

Jesus defies expectation. That is what makes faith amazing and challenging all at once. We have a God that we expect to heal everything and make peace in the world. Yet, we look around and see problems and destruction. We have a God who we expect cannot love us as we are, but who embraces us each day, flaws and all. We have a God who should do this or that but doesn't, then in the same breath, amazes us with the gifts God does bring. It is so hard. I want God to be what I expect. I want God to answer all my prayers correctly, as I wish. I do not want a God who is hard to define and understand, who does things differently than I think they should be. I think so many people have turned from God because God does not meet expectations. We feel disappointed and abandoned and so we turn away. We want the God that intervenes with everything, yet we want to be left alone to make our own choices and decisions. We want the God who steps in to make things right, yet we want the God to boost our ego and follow our will. It is so hard. We know God loves but we find it so hard to do the same. We know what God wants of us, but we find it difficult to follow through. We want the God that we define, that we expect, that we control. And God is so much bigger than that.

God defies our expectations. God is more than we can put in a box or control with our own agendas. God challenges our understandings but helps us understand. God pushes us but never lets us go. God drives us but let's us steer. It is so crazy to think of how God works because it is far beyond our expectations and understanding.

So maybe Spring is hiding, or maybe it will be here tomorrow. Maybe you feel alone, or maybe God is carrying you right now. God is bigger than our own understanding and so maybe we need to let go of our expectations and trust. It isn't easy. We want things our own way. But God is caring and doing what is best. So have faith and know that God is bigger than any expectations. Don't give up, God hears and knows you better than you know yourself.

## Newsletter Deadline



Newsletter  
Deadline

for  
June  
Messenger  
is

Tuesday, May 22nd

## Spring Clean-up

Spring is here, though it may not feel like it! On Saturday, May 5th, we are looking for help from all ages with spring cleaning. Cleaning will start at 8 am and end when the work is done. Lunch for participants will be provided. A sign up sheet can be found in the Narthex. Trustees will be leading teams of people for chosen areas, so sign up for the team and/or duties you want to be a part of! Make Jesus proud and wash some windows!





### 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.



### Welcome Emmaleigh, Kaylin and Bohdi!

On Sunday May 20th, we will welcome the three students who completed confirmation class over the past two years. They have worked hard and learned about faith, Ebenezer, the Moravian Church and a lot more.

Please join us in welcoming them to our church through a special service and celebration. Emmaleigh Rein and Bohdi Degrandt are both students at Watertown Middle School. Kaylin Bender attends Johnson Creek. All three have been part of our Ebenezer family for many years. Please join us in welcoming them and celebrating with their families.



#### May 6th - 13th

Donald & Karol Wesemann  
Bob & Tammy Meyer

#### May 20th - May 27th

Buzz Orval & Kathie Orval  
Clifford Schuett & Diane Schuett

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



The Choir will practice on May 9th and May 16th at 7:00 pm; and will sing on May 13th and May 20th. We will be off for the summer months.

Contact Glennis Zastrow for more information.

### 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.

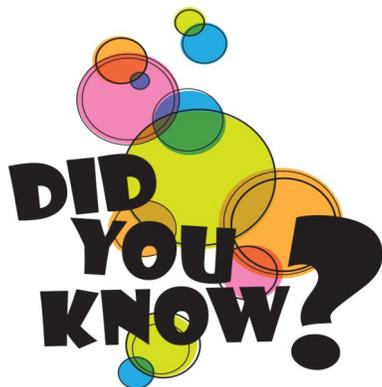
I would appreciate it if all church members would forward their e-mail addresses to me, (dawn22658@gmail.com) so I can check it against my list. Trudi will then update the file at church for Pastor Katie to use. Thank you.



Dawn

### 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 pastorkvdl@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.



# The Rite of Confirmation

Confirmation is a rite by which persons baptized as children publicly affirm the covenant made for them in baptism and confirm their faith. At the same time the congregation prays that each confirmand will receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit and the strengthening of his or her faith. Confirmation is a personal decision to accept the full responsibilities of membership in the church. It is also a time for the congregation to celebrate and acknowledge the confirmand's decision.

## How did confirmation originate?

Confirmation was originally a part of the rite of initiation for membership in the church. The candidate was baptized after confessing his or her faith. A prayer was offered for the blessing and strengthening of the Holy Spirit in the candidate's life, followed by the laying on of hands or the signing of the cross with oil upon the forehead.

In the early church only bishops were permitted to baptize. When Christianity became legal in the fourth century, the church experienced rapid growth. To cope with the requests for membership in the church, priests were permitted to baptize, but the laying on of hands or anointing was reserved for the bishop. The word confirmation was first used of this laying on of hands or anointing in the early fifth century.

In the Moravian church today confirmation follows a period of instruction in the doctrines, practices, and heritage of the church. Education for confirmation is the task, not of the pastor only, but of the parents and the church. All Christians must provide the knowledge and experience of what it means to be a Christian so that the young person can see in action and understand the faith he or she is to confirm.

## What difference does confirmation make?

Through baptism one becomes a full member of the church, as through birth one becomes a full member of a family. Through confirmation one enters into fuller participation in the responsibilities and privileges of church membership. This includes regular participation in worship, the giving of financial support according to ability, commitment to serve the church and the larger community, and bearing witness to the love of God for the world.

The confirmand does not stand alone in assuming these responsibilities and privileges. The individual is in covenant relationship with God as a member of the covenant community. The individual is supported by the prayers and expressions of love of the congregation. The individual is strengthened by the Holy Spirit for the life of faith. Thus confirmation is as much a celebration of God's grace mediated through the covenant community and confirmed by the Holy Spirit as it is a rite marking an individual's decision to belong to the church.

## Confirmation in the Moravian Church

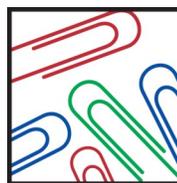
Upon completion of the confirmation program, the candidates publicly confess their faith. Palm Sunday and Pentecost Sunday are two common times for this service. However, some congregations confirm candidates whenever they are ready.

Addressing the candidate for confirmation, the minister asks, "Are you ready, in the presence of God and of this congregation, to confirm the covenant into which your baptism placed you, and to seal that covenant in the Holy Communion; and are you resolved, by grace, cleaving to Christ your Savior, to continue in this covenant and thereby exalt your Lord until life's end?" The candidate responds, "I am." A prayer is said for the candidate. The minister lays hands on the candidate, names the candidate, pronounces a suitable text of Scripture, and imparts the benediction. The candidate is then charged in the sight of God to keep the faith "until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ"

## What happens after confirmation?

Confirmation is a significant commitment for a young adolescent to make. Contemporary understandings of the development of human personality have provided a new lens of understanding faith. Faith may be seen to develop in stages. Each stage of personality development has its appropriate faith expression. Early adolescence is a time for exploration and experimentation.

It is crucial to see confirmation as a step along the way, not as an end to growth in the understanding or practice of the faith. Confirmation is an empowering for the journey, not the destination. Continued participation in youth programs, church school, worship, retreats, and service to the community is expected.



## Office Hours

Tuesday 10am to 2 pm

Thursday 10am to 2 pm

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

**ACTIVITY GROUP "A"**

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

Shari Bender - (920) 285-6984  
 Karissa Bender - (920) 342-3347  
 Pat Counsell - (920) 261-2730  
 Joe & Shelly Degrandt - (920) 699-2178  
 Jillian Degrandt - (920) 342-1289  
 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  
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 Allison 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*

Tonya Arndt - (920) 248-1867  
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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

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  
*February - April 2018*

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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 - (920) 674-3440  
 Reinhold Petig - (920) 261-6892  
 William Petig  
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 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



- 3 - Jeremy Harris
- 4 - Gracie Hamann
- 4 - Cliff Schuett
- 6 - Judith Wesemann
- 8 - Matthew Meyer
- 9 - Sherry Bender
- 10 - Paul Schultz, Jr.
- 10 - Colleen Walsh
- 11 - Thomas Baum
- 13 - Seth Brown
- 18 - Chloe Baneck
- 20 - Lilliana Katharine Orval
- 21 - Alexander Caratachea
- 24 - Donna Flath
- 24 - Harley Flath
- 27 - Craig Cahill, Jr.
- 28 - Amanda Draheim
- 28 - Ryan Parmley
- 28 - Dennis Rabbach
- 31 - Darlene Hain



- 15 - Doug & Kris Schefft
- 15 - Gerald & Paula Harris
- 18 - Greg & Linda Lippens
- 19 - James & Katherine Baum
- 23 - James & Sally Parmley
- 23 - Joe & Ann Walsh
- 23 - Matthew & Kari Maass

# ATTENDANCE

- March 18: 60
- March 21 (Wednesday Lent): 26
- March 25 (Palm Sunday): 70
- March 29 (Maundy Thursday): 29
- March 30 (Good Friday): 55
- April 1 (Sunrise Service): 87
- April 1 (Easter): 69
- April 8: 71

## MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY Saturday, May 5th

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 Saturday, 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).

Pastor Katie Van der Linden  
(610) 442-3790



### IF NOT AVAILABLE CONTACT:

- Tom Naatz, Vice-Elder Chair  
(920) 699-3118
- Buzz Orval, Trustee Chair  
(920) 674-3440

## Mission and Moms!

On Sunday May 13th, we will celebrate Mission Sunday. Justin Rabbach, Aaron Van Der Linden, and others will share about mission work going on around the world. Following worship, we will have a "Mother's Day Brunch"



With a potluck and time spent to celebrate the important women in our lives. All are welcome!

## 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 outreach project.

### 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](mailto:revjane@yahoo.com).

## NOISY OFFERING

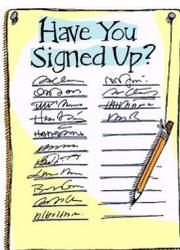
April to June — Food to Go & Grow

July to September — Shared Community Mission

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

## 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](mailto: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**

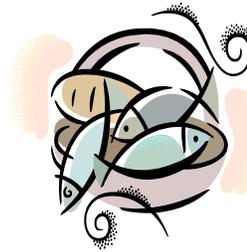
Park Terrace  
1047 Hill Street, Room 2528  
Watertown, WI 53098

### **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.

## MAY

### MENU & SERVERS

7: Pancakes, ham & eggs

Marquardt

14: Hot beef sandwiches

Rotary Club

21: Chicken cordon blue casserole

Hope Lutheran

28: OFF - Memorial Day

**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## 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.



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](mailto: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.



## 2018 Summer Camping Season

**4MCAMP** (Mini-Moravians at Mt. Morris) This camp is for children having completed **grades 1 and 2**. The site is our Mount Morris Camp and Conference Center, Mt. Morris, WI. We staff the camp so that campers can receive a great deal of attention, but it is helpful if the children are ready for, or have been away from home and their parents for a few days.

**Age:** Completed 1-2 grade

**Dates:** Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> (late morning) - Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

**Director:** Stacy Wickert E-mail: stacwix@gmail.com AND Staci Mareese-Wheeler E-mail: lakeview@sbcglobal.net

**Total cost of camp: \$135.00;** Registration Fee (non-refundable): \$35.00\*; District Voucher: \$55.00; **AMOUNT DUE AT CAMP: \$45.00** - Ebenezer covers this

**JUNIOR CAMP** Junior Camp will unfold this summer, for children **grades 3 through 5**, in the beautiful woodland setting of Mount Morris Camp and Conference Center, Mount Morris, WI. Filled with energy and excitement for Christ, the staff cannot wait for your children to come, explore and grow in their faith.

**Age:** Completed 3,4,5 grade

**Dates:** Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> (mid-afternoon) – Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> (late morning)

**Director:** Katie & Aaron Van der Linden E-mail: pastor.kvdl@gmail.com

**Total cost of camp: \$200.00;** Registration Fee (non-refundable): \$35.00\* - District Voucher: \$80.00; **AMOUNT DUE AT CAMP: \$85.00** - Ebenezer covers this

**WINMOR** Winmor is a conference camping experience for young people having completed **grades 6 – 8**. The site is at our Mount Morris Camp and Conference Center, Mt. Morris, Wisconsin.

**Age:** Completed 6,7,8 grade

**Dates:** Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> (mid-afternoon) – Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> (mid-morning)

**Director:** Dason Kurkiewicz E-mail:dasonk@gmail.com

**Total cost of camp: \$290.00;** Registration Fee (non-refundable): \$35.00\* - District Voucher: \$115.00; **AMOUNT DUE AT CAMP: \$140.00** - Ebenezer covers this

**CHETEK** Chetek is the conference camping experience for those young person's having completed the **9<sup>th</sup> grade through age 21**. The site is our Mount Morris Camp and Conference Center, Mt. Morris, Wisconsin.

**Age:** Completed 9th grade - age 21

**Dates:** Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> (mid-afternoon) – Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> (mid-morning)

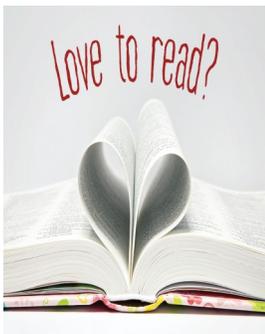
**Director:** Jason Andersen E-Mail: pastor\_andersen@hotmail.com AND Amy Andersen E-mail: smilesfromamy@yahoo.com

**Total cost of camp: \$290.00;** Registration Fee (non-refundable): \$35.00\* - District Voucher: \$115.00; **AMOUNT DUE AT CAMP: \$140.00** - Ebenezer covers this

***ALL registrations will be received on a first come, first served basis. Due to camp planning, camper placement may not be guaranteed.***

ALL registration forms for **4M, Junior, Winmor and Chetek** camps can be mailed to the Western District Camp registrar at the following address: (Camp Name), c/o Linda Rabbach, N8071 High Road, Watertown, WI 53094

### Book Study Group



Do you like to read? Have you read any good books lately? Want to get out to a nice meal and chat a while? Pastor Katie is looking to start a book club at Ebenezer. A book will be chosen (recommendations needed, not necessarily a spiritual book, God speaks through many books) and copies made available. A date will be chosen to enjoy a lunch or dinner out while discussing the book. Even if you do not choose to read the book, you are invited to join for the event. Please talk to Pastor Katie if you would like to join and also if you prefer a lunch or a dinner. We will try to pick a local restaurant possibly linked with the theme of the book. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. This is open to everyone, friends and family too. Always a good time sharing a meal and discussing a good book!



## **BOARD MEMBERS**

### **BOARD OF ELDERS: 2018-2019**

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## **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.





## CAPITAL FUND DRIVE ARROWHEAD EXPANSION

In 1964, the Western District of the Moravian Church purchased what would become the Mount Morris Camp & Conference Center. Sandhill was built as the first programming space with complete kitchen facilities in 1972. In 2000, additional buildings were constructed consisting of seven cabins, Black Oak and Arrowhead, which was to be used as the primary program and dining space. The Mount Morris Board of Directors, affirmed by the 2016 Western District Synod, approved a \$600,000 campaign to expand Arrowhead.

### Arrowhead's Purpose:

When Arrowhead was built, its purpose was to serve primarily as the program center and dining facility for the camping program. Sandhill had sufficient space to offer program space and a complete kitchen. Black Oak, with a smaller program space, had the ability to prepare meals for small groups. The cabins, however, had insufficient space for programs and no facility for food preparation.

### The Need:

While built primarily to house the Western District Camping program, it was soon apparent that more and more groups would not only use the program space of Arrowhead, but would request food service. For instance, quilting and scrapbooking groups, housed in the cabins, use Arrowhead for both program and dining.

Groups using Black Oak and Sand Hill began to transition from preparing their own food to relying upon the center's food service. When Arrowhead is being used for programming, staff has to transport food to other areas. Additional dining space is needed which can also serve multi-use purposes.

### Did You Know?

- Mount Morris annually hosts two weeks of camping services to Mideast Wisconsin Cerebral Palsy.
- A great number of our Moravian Church Western District pastors were influenced to enter the ministry because of a camping experience.
- Moravian Church affiliated groups receive a 15% discount in fees.
- An important group hosted, especially in the fall and winter are crafting groups (scrapbookers, quilters, etc.)
- Mount Morris is home to two endangered species (Eastern grass lizard & Karner Blue butterfly).
- Mount Morris hosted the spring's 2016 Western District Synod!

Contributions may be made on line: [www.mt-morris.org](http://www.mt-morris.org).

Click on Arrowhead Expansion and then "\$Donate".

Please select "Arrowhead Expansion Project Fund".



Our Face book name is "*Ebenezer Moravian*".

Please do NOT include the word "Church".



## 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  
 Bible Challenge / Stronghold Storytelling  
 Festival Crafts Tournament Games.

Use the Registration Form in this newsletter or pick one up in the church Narthex.



## Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

### MOTHERS

Eve<sup>31</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Sarah<sup>23</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Rebekah<sup>7</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Rachel<sup>13</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Leah<sup>12</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Zilpah<sup>44</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Bilhah<sup>34</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Jochebed<sup>19</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Naomi<sup>2</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Ruth<sup>14</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Hannah<sup>26</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Bathsheba ..... bore .....  
 Elizabeth<sup>10</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Mary<sup>3</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Eunice<sup>6</sup> ..... bore .....

### CHILDREN

Cain, Abel and Seth<sup>11</sup>  
 Isaac<sup>22</sup>  
 Jacob and Esau<sup>18</sup>  
 Benjamin and Joseph<sup>27</sup>  
 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,  
 Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah<sup>43</sup>  
 Gad and Asher<sup>35</sup>  
 Dan and Naphtali<sup>28</sup>  
 Moses<sup>29</sup>  
 Mahlon and Kilion<sup>32</sup>  
 Obed<sup>5</sup>  
 Samuel<sup>21</sup>  
 Solomon<sup>42</sup>  
 John the Baptist<sup>37</sup>  
 Jesus<sup>9</sup>  
 Timothy<sup>4</sup>



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PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: "May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" Proverbs 23:25, NIV

**2018 Vacation Bible School**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**  
(One Per Child)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone (include area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver's Cell Phone (include area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Home E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Other Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO/MEDIA WAIVER:**

I, being parent/guardian of the child named above hereby consent that my/his/her image, and likeness, as shown in videotapes, photographs, and/or electronic images in which I/he/she appear(s), and/or audio recordings made of my/his/her voice may be used by the Moravian Church or posted on the Ebenezer church web page.

Parent's/Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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*“Honor ... your  
mother, as  
the LORD  
your God  
has  
commanded  
you ....”*

*Deuteronomy 5:16*