

# THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — February 2019

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church  
N8095 High Road — Watertown, WI 53094  
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Love is the most powerful force in the world. It has caused mothers to lift cars off of infants and lovers to scale mountains and fight lions. It is powerful because it connects in a way that can never be duplicated. It is fascinating because it never ends. Everything in this world ends. Our refrigerators die, our cars go to the junk yard, even our bodies eventually fail and die off. Plants and animals die, even those tortoises that live for a long time will eventually perish. Yet love, that never ends. Our memories may fade, our ability to remember a voice, a name, a specific piece of someone may be harder to grasp. However, the love you have for another never leaves. It may change, it may move or may be cognitively forgotten. But if you truly love someone, just the thought or the mention of that person should invoke a response. That, is love.

God is love. A quote often shared, but, to me, the true essence of what real love is. Sadly, we mistake love for infatuation or lust. We also misunderstand love that is painful or harmful. Love is so complicated and complex, but simple and joyful. I really think God is love. Ask a child and he/she will know what love is, probably in the same way that God is described. Now ask an adult about either love or God and I would bet that the words "its complicated" would come somewhere in the answer.

God and love are as complicated as we make them, or as simple and lovely. February, the month of St. Valentine's and candy hearts reminds us of love and the joy it can bring. Celebrate the love of God this month. Remind yourself that love never dies and that God's love never fades. Know that human love may be imperfect, but it should never cause harm, fear or hurt. Love may not be easy, but it is always worth it. You are loved by more than you know. Love extravagantly, just like God loves you!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**  
**Fellowship luncheon followed by**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 3rd**



## YOUTH WITH A MISSION...



Our Youth group is working on some upcoming mission projects to help with people in our area. We are working on plastic bag mats that are waterproof and warm to help people who are homeless at least be up from the ground for a little while. We are also looking for some other activities to work on as we understand what God calls us to do and be. We will be working on some topics to talk about and also planning a lock-in in the near future. Please come to the next meet-up, Wednesday February 20 to help with some planning and ideas. Youth Group meets once a month from 6-7:30 and is for kids in 7th grade and above. It is open to all, members and friends!

## Young Adult Retreat

Join us: February 15th-17th 2019



*Walks in Pairs:  
Reflections of Christian Empathy*

Young Moravians and friends ages 18 to 30ish are encouraged to gather at Mount Morris Camp and Conference Center for a spirit-filled weekend listening to Rev. Amy Gohdes-Luhman teach on christian empathy through stories, biblical examples, and practicing on each other by taking Walks in Pairs!

Cost: \$45 per person includes meals and lodging!

Location: W6016 Blackhawk Rd, Wautoma, WI 54982

Check in: ~5pm Friday Check Out: ~10am Sunday

Register today at: <https://sites.google.com/view/wdcamping/home>

Please feel free to contact Taylor Wickert ([taylorwickert85@gmail.com](mailto:taylorwickert85@gmail.com)) or Sylvie Hauser ([hausers2@carleton.edu](mailto:hausers2@carleton.edu)) with any questions or concerns!

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Save the date! The Sunday school teachers and students are serving pancakes and sausage on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served from 8:45am to 9:45am. Bring a friend and come hungry!

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Activity group A is on duty in the kitchen.

# 2018 WATCHWORDS

## Activity Group A

Psalm 84:2 – **My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

## Activity Group B

Psalm 85:6 – **Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?**

## Activity Group C

Leviticus 19:32 – **You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged.**

## Band

Luke 13:17 – **The entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that Jesus was doing.**

## CEF

Luke 8:25 – **Jesus said to the disciples, “Where is your faith?” They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”**

## Cemetery Board

Psalm 68:19 – **Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation!**

## Choir

Exodus 24:7 – **All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.**

## Congregation

Matthew 18:14 – **So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.**

## Elders

Psalm 78:3-4 – **Things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us—we will not hide them from their children.**

## Financial Secretary

Romans 12:11 – **Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.**

## Greeters

Philippians 1:6 – **I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.**

## Cleaning Crew

Psalm 25:7 – **Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

## Couples Group

Joshua 24:18 – **We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.**

## Loaves and Fishes

1John 4:18 – **There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.**

**Moravian Kids**

Psalm 25:11 – **For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

**Moravian Women**

Isaiah 27:3 – **I, the Lord, am the vineyard's keeper; every moment I water it. I guard it night and day so that no one can harm it.**

**Musicians**

John 14:2 – **Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places."**

**Newsletter Editor**

Psalm 34:4 – **I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

**Pastor**

James 1:5 – **If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly.**

**Shared Community Mission**

Psalm 143:6 – **I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

**Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Missions**

Psalm 6:4 – **Turn, O Lord, save my life; deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.**

**Sunday School**

Ephesians 3:20-21 – **Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.**

**Treasurer**

Exodus 34:10 – **The Lord said to Moses, "All the people among whom you live shall see the work of the Lord."**

**Trustees**

Psalm 90:14 – **Satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days!**

**Ushers**

Isaiah 64:8 – **Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.**

**Vacation Bible School**

Luke 1:30 – **The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."**

**Watertown Food Pantry**

1John 5:4 – **This is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.**

**Youth Group**

Psalm 65:3 – **When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.**

**ACTIVITY GROUP "A"**

Leaders Bob (920-342-4304) &  
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 AND

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Bob & Tammy Meyer - (920) 342-3849

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**ACTIVITY GROUP "B" — Co-Leaders**

Dennis & Linda Rabbach (920-699-3781)

AND

Tom & Virginia Naatz (920-699-3118)

**May - July 2019**

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**November 2018 - January 2019**

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Glennis Zastrow - (920) 261-3731

**LAST UPDATE: January 2019**



# BOARD MEMBERS

## BOARD OF ELDERS: 2018-2019

Pastor Katie: Chair

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES: 2018-2019

Buzz Orval: Chair

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## LOAVES & FISHES

Contact Linda Lippens

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

### Meal — February

4: Sloppy Joe's

11: Turkey

18: Scalloped potatoes & ham

25: Pork sauerkraut casserole

### Servers — February

4: Ebenezer Moravian

11: St. Paul's

18: 4H

25: Whitestone

### LOOKING AHEAD.....

Ebenezer will be serving on :

July 1

September 30

*Watch for sign-up sheets in the narthex prior to these dates.*



**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## MORAVIAN WOMEN



The Moravian Women meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 9am.

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



*Happy Valentine's Day*



### Ebenezer Kids

Ebenezer Kids will continue to meet on the last Wednesday of the month. Parents are welcome to drop off their kids around 6pm and pick them up at 7:30pm. Kids enjoy a Bible lesson, crafts, games, snacks and more!

All kids 6th grade and under are welcome (and parents and caretakers, it is just enough time to grab dinner or shop a bit around town).

No need to RSVP, just bring your kids and friends!

### WORSHIP DEVOTIONS ON MONDAYS

Come and enjoy an alternative worship experience Monday nights at Watertown Moravian Church. Share a meal with the community at Loaves and Fishes, between 5 and 6pm.

Worship begins at 6pm, no need to dress up or even come for dinner. This is a great way to start the week on a positive note and relax and unwind. People from both Watertown Moravian and Ebenezer have been faithfully attending.

All ages and backgrounds are welcome, February 11th and 25th.

### STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE DAY

The second Saturday in May (May 11th) 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.

The Watertown Food Pantry is seeking volunteers to help. Help will be needed at two locations .....

The post office (back loading dock) 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.



The annual men's retreat will be held at Mt. Morris February 22 - 24.



"A Weekend With God" is the topic, based on 2 Chronicles 15:2. Dan Behrend will be facilitating the weekend. Men of all ages are encouraged to attend.

Cost is \$85 and there are funds available if necessary.

Please look for the registration information in the Narthex. A registration fee of \$25 is due February 15th.

## NOISY OFFERING

January to March 2019 — Helping Hands Fund (Ebenezer Moravian)  
April to June 2019 — Jefferson County Senior Nutrition (formerly Meals on Wheels)  
July to September 2019 — Haus of Peace



### COLLECTIONS TO DATE

January to March — \$186.35 went to Mary's Room  
April to June — \$145.11 went to Food to Go & Grow  
July to September — \$131.20 went to Shared Community Mission  
October to November — \$160.17 went to Watertown Humane Society

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



Please help keep our website updated with current pictures of church activities, ministries, church grounds and church facilities. We are also looking for new group pictures of the church boards and committees.

Send pictures as jpg files to Dawn Westenberg at [dawn22658@gmail.com](mailto:dawn22658@gmail.com). We desperately need to update the photographs currently on our website.



## ATTENDANCE

December 23: 60  
December 24 (7pm) - 125  
December 24 (11pm) - 20  
December 30 - 36  
January 6 - 50

## E-MAIL FILE

We would like to keep our mass e-mail list up to date so Pastor Katie can send messages to all church members at once.

It would be a huge help if all church members would forward their e-mail addresses to me,



Trudi will then update the file at church for Pastor Katie to use. Thank you.

Dawn

Watch for choir announcements in the weekly bulletin. As future plans are being made and confirmed, Glennis will e-mail choir members or phone those folks she does not have e-mail addresses for.





## ARTICLE DEADLINE

**Monday, February 18th**



## USHER SCHEDULE

*February 3*

*Douglas & Kristine Schefft  
Mary & Scott Kopp*

*February 10 & 17*

*Scott & Jill Beerbohm  
JoAnn Draheim  
Amanda Harris*

*February 24*

*Donald & Karol Wesemann  
Bob & Tammy Meyer*

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



## Office Hours

Tuesday 10am to 2 pm

Thursday 10am to 2 pm

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



## February BIRTHDAYS

2: Eric Rein

2: Ken Kreuzcher

5: Megan Lippens

6: Thea Esther Maas

7: Amanda Schultz

12: Dianne Hamann

13: Doug Schefft

14: Glennis Zastrow

15: Paige Hamann

16: Trudy Krueger

19: Karol Wesemann

23: Emily Hamann

26: Carrie Finley

26: Dawn Westenberg

27: Scott Kopp

28: Brenna Rose Baneck



## February ANNIVERSARIES

27: Roland & Karen Lee

Our Face book name is

**Ebenezer Moravian**



Find us on  
**Facebook**

## WESTERN DISTRICT CAMPING!

Although the camping website may be down at the moment, camps are being planned, staffed and created! The theme this year is "won't you be my neighbor?"

Here are the dates to put on your calendar:

**Camp Mindy** (Minnesota) June 16-19

At Mt. Morris, Wautoma WI:

**Chetek** July 14-20 (high school age through 21)

**Winmor** July 21-27 (middle school)

**Junior Camp** July 28-August 1 (3rd through 5th grades)

**4M Camp** August 5-7 (grades 1 and 2)



Pastor Katie Van der Linden  
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### IF NOT AVAILABLE CONTACT

Tom Naatz, Vice-Elder Chair  
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Buzz Orval, Trustee Chair  
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## 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.

### Janet Butzine

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Lake Mills, WI 53551

### 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

### Joyce Kopp

317 Lauren Lane  
Watertown, WI 53094

### Carol Schultz

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

### Todd Hamann #627678

Thompson Correctional Center  
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