



The MESSENGER

To glorify God, we invite all to grow as faithful disciples and to share in the love, grace and ministry of Jesus Christ by serving the church, community and world.

Bruce's Babblings

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"My goodness! What a mess!" This is what I have been saying to myself, sometimes out loud and sometimes under my breath as I have driven around Lake Mills recently. Just in case you are reading this and are away from Lake Mills, many of the city streets are torn up and it is like an obstacle course to get around town. Some very needed repairs are taking place and I am not for a moment suggesting that they should not be taking place, but it has made getting around town a bit of a challenge. And then, to add to the difficulty, after a recent storm several large branches came down around town. We were lucky to have only minor twigs down around the church but a significant branch fell across the street from the church blocking the roadway for a while.

In addition to that, the new countertops were recently installed in the church kitchen. They look great. Kudos to all those who helped to pay for them. But before the countertops were installed, things needed to be moved out of all of the top drawers and top shelves in the kitchen cabinets. Some hard working women took care of this after our Special Church Council meeting.

In the very near future we will be experiencing another major mess as some significant work goes on in our Sanctuary. We will need to move pews out of the Sanctuary for some of the work to be done. We will not be able to worship in the Sanctuary for a few weeks once the work gets started. We will probably see some extra sawdust and other things that we are not accustomed to on a regular basis. We may be thinking to ourselves, "What a mess!" But, once the project is completed we will have an opportunity to celebrate a revitalized Sanctuary.

I have noticed in my spiritual life that often some of the most growth for me comes right after I have gone through a significantly difficult time. Often times I am able to look back on a particularly troubling time and realize that it has prepared me for some wonderful things that the Lord has in store for me. Sometimes life may be a mess, but what happens after the mess is often wonderful.

I hope to see you in worship soon!

Serving Christ with you,
Pastor Bruce J. Nelson

Opportunities for Holy Communion

We have an opportunity to participate in Holy Communion on the weekend of August 15 & 16 as we celebrate the Moravian Pentecost experience of August 13, 1727. On the weekend of September 12 & 13, we will participate in our annual cup of covenant service. Please see a separate article about this special worship time.



Men's Fellowship

We are having a Beef Stroganoff Dinner on Wednesday, August 5 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Cost - \$9 adults; \$4 for 6-12 year olds. Carry-outs available.

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast is Saturday, August 8 at 7:30 a.m.

2016 Daily Texts

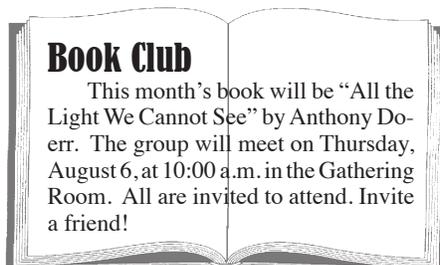
Don't forget to order your 2016 Daily Text!! There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Deadline is August 5.

E-Messenger

Several of the churches on our mailing list are receiving this Messenger by email rather than snail mail for the first time. If any of those churches would still prefer to receive the Messenger by mail, please contact our church office at 920-648-5412 or by email at lmmc3@frontier.com and we will put you back on the regular mailing list. On the other hand, we encourage anyone who would prefer to receive the Messenger electronically--individuals, churches or other agencies who receive our newsletter--to let us know your email address and we will make the switch to email.

Book Club

This month's book will be "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. The group will meet on Thursday, August 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. All are invited to attend. Invite a friend!



Outdoor Worship at Korth Park



We will gather for our annual outdoor worship service at Korth Park on Sunday, August 16. Worship begins at 9 a.m. and will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Praise Band will be leading us in worship on this day. Following worship we will gather for a potluck meal. You are encouraged to bring a dish to pass, your own table service and your own drinks. You may also want to bring a lawn chair to sit on or you could sit at the picnic tables for worship. We hope to see you at Korth Park on August 16. If you prefer to worship indoors, our Saturday, August 15, worship will be held in the Sanctuary. Both the Saturday and Sunday services will be basically identical.

Family Day at River Bend

Everyone is invited to join in the fun at River Bend on Sunday, August 9, from noon until 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person. So pack a picnic lunch and don't forget your beverages, and head on out to River Bend for some fun in the sun! No need for reservations or signing up for this great event! If you have any questions, please contact Mia Wollin.

Treats to School Teachers and Staff

We at LMMC have a long history of gifting our teachers on the first day of school with treats. We need your help. Once again this year we will provide three schools in town (Lake Mills Elementary, Lake Mills Middle, and Lake Mills High School) with goodies--cookies, bars, and fruit--for the teachers and staff members' first day of school with students. We invite you to bake some cookies or bars and/or to donate some fruit to help make the first day go a little smoother for our school staff. The first day of school this year is Tuesday, September 1. Please have your items into the church kitchen by noon on Monday, August 31, so the trays can be prepared for the teachers late Monday for early delivery on Tuesday. Thank you in advance for your help in this valuable ministry.





BAPTISM: On June 28 we welcomed Sebastian Walters into our communicant membership by adult baptism and we received Tera and Haley Walters into our non-communicant membership by letter of transfer. On July 12 we welcomed Sawyer John Schroedl, son of Ryan & Debra (Geyer) Schroedl, into our non-communicant membership.

BIRTH: Congratulations to Scott & Angela Masche-Schroeder on the birth of their son, Levi James, born on June 27.

THANK YOU'S: To our Messenger helpers and office helpers – without your help, these and many other projects would take a long time to complete!!

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES: August 10 – Orean Strasburg; August 13 – Nancy Hein; August 18 – Jeanette Hills; August 27 – Ruby Strasburg.

Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

June 30, 2015 (Actual)

Budget Needed as of June 30:	\$ 163,065.32
Actual Income as of June 30:	\$ 137,234.37
Actual Expenses as of June 30:	<u>162,429.12</u>
Difference YTD	(\$ 25,194.75)

As you can see, our shortfall has grown significantly since last month. Our spending is within budgeted limits and all our bills are being paid, but we are in effect borrowing from ourselves. At their last meeting, the Trustees felt that it would be helpful to share this five-year comparison of income and expense:

January-June	Income	Expense	Difference
2015	\$137,234.37	\$162,429.12	(\$25,194.75)
2014	\$146,802.45	\$171,133.26	(\$24,330.81)
2013	\$155,468.95	\$168,502.93	(\$13,033.98)
2012	\$157,809.37	\$159,144.47	(\$ 1,335.10)
2011	\$169,320.29	\$189,588.75	(\$20,268.46)

Our six-month income is the lowest it's been in the last 15 years, and our shortfall is the largest it's been at this point since 2011. Please prayerfully consider making a special contribution over and above your regular giving, so we don't fall further behind.

Mary Bade, Treasurer

“Welcome Back to Worship” To Be Celebrated

Please hold open the weekend of September 12 and 13 on your calendar. On this weekend we will be celebrating “welcome back to worship” weekend. More information will be forthcoming but we encourage you to plan to be with us and invite a friend.



Annual Southern Wisconsin Moravians For Mission Lovefeast

Save the date! On Sunday, September 13, 2015, at 2 p.m. Brother Rick Nelson will be at the Lake Mills Moravian Church for the Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Mission Annual Lovefeast. Brother Nelson has been appointed to a two-year term to serve at the Ahuas Clinic in Honduras by the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church of North America. He will speak about the work being done at the clinic and beyond. Brother Nelson was previously the Executive Director at Habitat for Humanity in Door County. He is one year into his two-year term of serving the Ahuas Clinic. All are welcome and invited to bring a friend. The Lake Mills Moravian Church is located at 301 College Street. A light luncheon will be served following Brother Nelson's presentation.

August Servants

DIENERS: Scott & Angela Masche-Schroeder; 563-1508 **SORTERS:** Steve Brockert & Terry Streich

GREETERS					
Date	Service	Front Entrance	Fellowship Hall	Bell Tower Ent	Lower Level
8/1	6:00 P.M.	Anna Hoyt	Shirley Hofer	Kip Engsborg	
8/2	9:00 A.M.	Marilyn Meyer	Jackie Frey	Pat Yahn	Don Frey
8/8	6:00 P.M.	Andy Anderson	Carl Kutzke	Linda Kutzke	
8/9	9:00 A.M.	Rich Fronek	Bev Stelse	Diane Fronek	Ken Manske
8/15	6:00 P.M.	Barb Strauss	Tom Strauss	Barb Zastrow	
8/16	9:00 A.M.	Terry Streich	Ken Manske	Connie Manske	Pam Streich
8/22	6:00 P.M.	Marilyn Meyer	Tom Strauss	Barb Sanft	
8/23	9:00 A.M.	Dorothy Hartwig	Bill Hartwig	Dave Palmer	Theresa Palmer
8/29	6:00 P.M.	Carol Maas	Camden Schultz	Mary Finley	
8/30	9:00 A.M.	Pat Yahn	Bev Stelse	Jane Harberg	Bob Hinzmann

USHERS		
Date	Service	USHERS
8/1	6:00 P.M.	Stewart Masche
8/2	9:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman
8/8	6:00 P.M.	Dan Piper
8/9	9:00 A.M.	Bob Hoyt
8/15	6:00 P.M.	Todd Messmer
8/16	9:00 A.M.	Mike Denzin (Korth Park)
8/22	6:00 P.M.	Bob Hinzmann
8/23	9:00 A.M.	Ken Manske
8/29	6:00 P.M.	Dave Wendt
8/30	9:00 A.M.	Stewart Masche

LAY READERS		
Date	Service	Readers
8/1	6:00 P.M.	Donna Hinzmann
8/2	9:00 A.M.	John Baumann
8/8	6:00 P.M.	Mae Bryant
8/9	9:00 A.M.	Mary Bade
8/15	6:00 P.M.	Steve Brockert
8/16	9:00 A.M.	Pam Streich
8/22	6:00 P.M.	Wendy Brockert
8/23	9:00 A.M.	Todd Messmer
8/29	6:00 P.M.	Anna Hoyt
8/30	9:00 A.M.	Jane Harberg

NURSERY SCHEDULE			
Date	Saturday, 6:00 P.M.	Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	
8/1-2	Need Volunteer	Jim Williams	Tara Williams
8/8-9	Melissa Hafenstein	Mia Wollin	Kathy Wollin
8/15-16	Cindy Wolff	Worship	At Korth Park
8/22-23	Need Volunteer	Diane McFarlane	Tracy Brandel
8/29-30	Nikki Lawson	Teresa Holzhueter	Need Volunteer

The Work of our Boards

The **Joint Board** met for a special meeting on Tuesday, July 7, to hear the presentation from the Sanctuary revitalization committee that was also presented at the July 12 Church Council meeting. Helpful suggestions to the presentation were made by the Joint Board.

- The **Board of Trustees** met on Tuesday, July 14. Following are highlights of that meeting:
- the treasurer's report was shared and approved with a motion to pay the bills as money is available.
 - reports from the various committees were shared and approved as well as the Pastor's report.
 - an update on the tuck pointing project was given.
 - Terry Streich will look at getting bids to repair the storage room off of the Matthew Room.
 - it was noted that we need something to protect the old office roof drain from debris catching. This is being looked at.
 - the board approved the bid from Russ's Painting for Fellowship Hall walls and ceiling.
 - the board approved, with sincere appreciation, the Moravian Women's offer to replace the shades in the old conference room.
 - it was noted that we will be getting new lighter (less heavy) tables for Fellowship Hall from the Moravian Women. A discussion was had on what to do with some of the older tables. We may have some available on a first-come first-served basis.
 - correspondence and facility use requests were shared.
 - it was decided to pursue a year-round humidity control system for the grand piano in Fellowship Hall and a cover to protect the piano.
 - the next meeting was set for August 13.

- The **Board of Elders** met on Thursday, July 16. Following are highlights of that meeting:
- it was noted that Little Lambs Day Camp had the highest numbers ever. Many good things took place during that week!
 - feedback was given on recent worship services. People seemed to really enjoy the hymn sing recently and we ought to do it more often.
 - it was noted that Jane Harberg will be leading worship on August 28 & 29 while Bruce is on vacation.
 - we will observe "welcome back to worship" on the weekend of September 12 & 13. We also will have a cup of covenant at those services.
 - details of our worship at Korth Park were discussed.
 - Bruce gave an update on progress with some of the first-year discipleship students.
 - it was noted that letters have been sent out to prospective incoming first-year discipleship students.
 - the board approved weddings for Jeff Meinert and Tracy Eilenfeldt on August 1 in Brodhead and for Evan Baker and Ariana Radke on September 3.
 - the board accepted requests for release of membership from Keith and Janice Beahlen and from Kari Pauli.
 - the next meeting was set for August 20.

Money Sent to Help Others

Your endowment committee recently sent \$6,000 away from Lake Mills to help with some very valuable ministries. \$2,000 was sent to support the emerging ministry in Milwaukee headed up by Rev. Christie Melby Gibbons. The money was earmarked for the "Tricklebee Café" which is a pay as you can café that Christie is in the process of setting up.

The other \$4,000 was sent to the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church and was targeted for two very worthwhile ministries. \$2,000 was earmarked for Moravian ministries in Peru which have outgrown their house meeting locations and have to pay rent for larger facilities to worship in. This money will help with some of the rental costs. The other \$2,000 was earmarked for the water project in Ahuas, Honduras. What a joy to be able to contribute to very worthwhile causes!

Have You Noticed...



- ? the new countertops in the kitchen? Be sure to check them out!
- ? the hard working Sanctuary revitalization committee? Be sure to tell them thanks!
- ? that our attendance at Little Lambs was the highest it has ever been?
- ? that the Packers begin pre-season games this month?
- ? that our very own Carley Krull was recently crowned 2015 National Red and White Queen? Way to go Carley!!!

Scrip Cards

This is the month to buy your Scrip cards to be used to purchase school clothes and supplies. A certain percentage of each card is given to the church, which has used it in the past to provide camp scholarships. Remember there are also cards available for resorts, airline tickets and other products and events. Check out the enlarged listing and order form in the bulletin.

We are grateful and honored to be a part of our Moravian "Worship in the Park" service on Sunday, August 16, at 9:00 a.m. at Korth Park. We would love to see there!

Respectfully, the Praise Band



Shelter for the Homeless

The next time the Lake Mills Moravian Church community is scheduled to prepare and serve a meal to the men at the Madison Men's Homeless Shelter is Tuesday, August 11. Please look for the meal sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board so you can support this ministry. The August serving opportunity comes before the beginning-of-the-year discipleship meeting where the discipleship students sign up to do their community service activity. Some seventh grade returning discipleship youth get the community service commitment of their eighth grade discipleship year done before school activities and homework start.

Any youth or adults who are interested in getting involved in this community service ministry by being part of the delivery service team can contact Steve Brockert at 648-3028. This is not a youth-only service opportunity. The discipleship youth get the first chance to be on the delivery and serving the meal team, but there are more slots than the youth can fill. Throughout the year the delivery team will be in need of adults to help deliver and serve the meal to the homeless men. Please consider volunteering to be a part of this ministry.



Echoes from our Special Church Council Meeting

Members and some friends of the Lake Mills Moravian Church gathered for a Special Church Council meeting following worship on Sunday, July 12, with one topic on the agenda. We heard a report from the Sanctuary revitalization committee and ultimately gave the committee the go ahead to continue to pursue this project with a cost not to exceed \$102,300. It was noted that between 75 and 80 percent of the funding is already in hand so a capital fund drive would not be needed. Items to be addressed include repair and refinishing of the hardwood floor, refurbishing the pews, carpeting, repairing the stained glass windows, painting and repairing the walls and ceiling, upgrading the lighting, upgrading the electrical system if needed, replacing the ceiling fans, replacing the pew cushions, opening up the chancel area, and improving the video ministry. If you have questions or concerns about this project moving forward please speak to any member of the committee. Committee members are: Mike Denzin, Diane Fronek, Jay Meister, Tammy Messmer, Mike Miller, and Bruce Nelson.



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Coming in September, 2015

September 6 – Fall Worship times begin; 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday

September 7 – Labor Day – office closed

September 13 – Sunday School Rally Day

September 13 – 2 p.m. – SWMM Lovefeast

here; Br. Rick Nelson guest speaker

September 16 – NO Mini-Moravians this

month

September 16 – Community Meal at EMS

September 25-27 – Moravian Women Retreat

at Mt. Morris – see bulletin for more infor-

mation

Attention Crafters:

Market Day is fast approaching--October 24!! As chair of the Craft Room, I along with my helpers, are looking for unique and different crafts in addition to the knit and crochet items that we have received in the past. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you, good and faithful servants!!

Cindy Wolff

Moravian Heritage Tour

Steve Heroux of the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church has organized a motor coach trip to take place October 7-11, 2015. It will include stops in Bethlehem and Nazareth, Pennsylvania, and New Philadelphia, Ohio. It will also stop at Hershey's Chocolate World. Cost is \$500 per person. Registration information is available in the church office.



Our Worship Services may be
seen on Analog Channel 98
or Digital Channel 994
on Wednesdays at 7:20 a.m.,
12:20 & 5:40 p.m.
Thursdays at 12:20 & 5:40 p.m.

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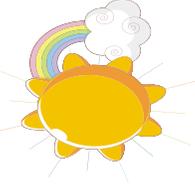
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August 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship Hour 	3 9-10 AM Beg Line Dancing 10-12 AM Line Dancing for Seniors 6:30 PM Moravian Women Exec. Board—New Conf. Room 	4 7 PM Stewardship/Outreach 	5 4:30-7 PM Men's Beef Stroganoff Dinner 6:30 PM CEC 7:30 PM AA 	6 	7 9-12 Noon Line Dancing	8 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 6:00 PM Worship & Scholarships
9 8:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship & Scholarships 10:00 AM Fellowship Hour	10 9-10 AM Beg Line Dancing 10-12 AM Line Dancing for Seniors	11 9:00 AM K. Sibert 6:00 PM Madison Homeless Shelter 6:30 PM E. Raiford – picnic at Shelly Piper's	12 Brenda Brent Circle 7:30 PM AA	13 9 AM E. Appenfeldt 10 AM Book Club – in the Gathering Room 1 PM Norvelle Goff Circle 6:30 PM Trustees—"Matt."	14 9-12 Noon Line Dancing	15 6:00 PM Worship & Holy Communion w/Praise Band
16 9:00 AM Outdoor Worship/Holy Communion & Picnic at Korth Park Ba6 Camp at Mt. Morris August 16-20 	17 9-10 AM Beg Line Dancing 10-12 AM Line Dancing for Seniors 4M Camp at Mt. Morris August 17-19	18	19 NO Mimi Moravians 5-7 PM Community Meal at EMS Building 7:30 PM AA	20  Plus 50 Camp at Mt. Morris August 20-23 6:30 PM Joint Board & Elders—"Matt."	21 9-12 Noon Line Dancing	22 6:00 PM Worship
23 8:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship Hour	24 9-10 AM Beg Line Dancing 10-12 AM Line Dancing for Seniors	25	26 7:30 PM AA	27	28 9-12 Noon Line Dancing	29 6:00 PM Worship with Jane Harberg
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Return to the Fall Schedule

Even though we have the entire month of August ahead of us, it is not too early to be thinking of the fall season. We return to our fall schedule with worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 6. This is Labor Day weekend. Saturday evening worship continues at 6 p.m. throughout the entire year. Our Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 13. Stay tuned for information about Sunday School in the near future.

Moravian Women News

The Moravian Women's Board met on July 12 to approve a purchase of microphones and sound equipment for the Praise Band and new window shades for the old conference room. They are also helping with the new kitchen countertops which were installed on Monday, July 13. We accepted the donation of 100 new white Correll plates from the Kim Sibert Circle. Thanks to them!



News Around The District

As was previously announced, Sister Sanette Francis, a recent Moravian Theological Seminary graduate, was installed as the new pastoral leader of the Ebenezer Moravian Church on June 28. We are glad to have Sister Francis in Southern Wisconsin.

Brother Garrett Fleming, another recent graduate of Moravian Theological Seminary, will be installed as the new pastoral leader of the Freedom Moravian Church in the latter part of August.

Both Greg Behrend and Ben Lippert, at Downey Moravian Church in California and at Grace Moravian Church in Michigan respectively, continue to do summer internships before returning for the second year of seminary in the fall. Sister Alyssa Nelson is continuing in her try ministry internship. She is working with Brother Brian Dixon and members of the Lake Auburn Moravian Church in Minnesota.

Please continue to hold the Watertown Moravian Church in your prayers as they are currently in the call process.

Meals on Wheels

The Moravian Church has recently delivered Meal on Wheels in the Lake Mills area. We wish to thank the following members and friends for their participation: Kay Behling, Donna Hinzmann, Carol Hofer, Lucille & Wayne Engsborg, Barb Sanft, Bev Stelse, Jean Glasser, Shirley Metzker, and Erna Kiessling.

Our next delivery dates are September 4 to September 18. If you are willing to be part of this service, please call Laura Dresen at 648-2076.



Discipleship Instruction To Resume

Pastor Bruce will once again be offering a discipleship class in the fall. The discipleship program is a two-year program and is generally open to students in middle school (traditionally 7th and 8th graders) or early high school students. If you or someone you know would like to be involved in this program or if you have any questions about the program, please speak with Pastor Bruce.

