



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:

I purchased the ticket probably two months ago. I had been making plans for a long time to take a few days of vacation to travel to Michigan to go see Brian Wilson in concert. For those of you who don't know, Brian Wilson was a founding member of the Beach Boys and wrote or co-wrote many of their hits. He is still releasing albums today but his songs today are much deeper than cars, and girls, and beaches. Brian Wilson is 73 years old so one never knows how much longer he will be around and how much longer he will be touring. I have enjoyed his music for many years since I started playing my older brother's records of Beach Boy songs.

I had heard earlier in the day of the concert about the terrible tragedy in Paris and to say that it affected my excitement for the concert would be an understatement. I still very much enjoyed the concert and for an hour and a half I tried to forget what was going on in the world and tried to just enjoy the concert.

After the concert I had heard that Paris was not the only place with tragedies that day. I have wondered myself what can I do from Lake Mills, Wisconsin, when these terrible tragedies take place around the world. I have had others ask me, "What can we do?" I know of two things that we can easily do right in the comfort of our homes and in the midst of our churches and communities. We can continue to pray. We can pray for the victims' families. We can pray for those who had to come to rescue those who could be rescued. We can pray for a change of heart for those who do these terrible tragedies.

I saw something recently on the internet that was credited to Fred Rogers. You may have known him as Mr. Rogers who was a public television personality on Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. He said in the face of fear and uncertainty or when he had heard scary news that his mother had taught him to look for the helpers. As our world reacts to another tragedy in Paris and in other places, I would encourage you to look for the helpers. And if the Lord provides an avenue for you, I would encourage you to be a helper.

Back to the Brian Wilson concert: He ended his concert with a song entitled "Love and Mercy." I thought the words of the chorus were very appropriate for the events of the day. Those words are: "Love and mercy, that's what you need tonight. So, love and mercy to you and your friends, tonight. Love and mercy tonight." (Brian Wilson)

Love and mercy to all of you and your families this holiday season.

Serving Christ with you,
Pastor Bruce J. Nelson

Christmas Eve Worship

This year we will offer three services at 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Our services will be identical in the songs that we sing and in the message from Pastor Bruce, but some of the special music may be different from one worship service to another. The reason for adding a third service on Christmas Eve is because the past few years we have had to turn away worshippers from the early service because we were filled to capacity. We are hoping that we won't have to turn anyone away this year. If you can be flexible with your personal plans, usually the first service is the best attended so you will want to plan accordingly. We hope you will take this opportunity to worship, and be sure to invite your family and friends to Christmas Eve worship.



Advent Concert

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual Lake Mills Moravian Church Senior Choir Advent Concert, under the direction of Jerry Jenkins, on Sunday, December 6, with pre-concert music beginning at 2:15 p.m. We are thankful for this community event and for the many members from other church choirs lending their voices and talents. We will be featuring many sounds of the season; including brass, bells, cello, violin, flutes and our very own Praise Band.

We hope you will join us for a time of good cheer in this most blessed of seasons. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall following the concert.

DIENERS CANDLE WRAPPING

There will be a potluck for candle wrapping and meeting on Sunday, December 13, after the church service. We will meet in the Matthew Room.

Moravian Unity Prayer Watch

Once again this year we will have an opportunity to take part in the Unity Prayer Watch. This is an opportunity to be part of a continuous prayer chain where someone in some part of the world is praying 24 hours a day 365 days a year. This year our day to pray is Tuesday, December 8, and we are sharing the day with Watertown and Ebenezer Moravian Churches. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall as well as suggested prayer topics. We hope you can sign up and join us in the Moravian Unity Prayer Watch.

Opportunities for Holy Communion



We will gather for Holy Communion on the first weekend in Advent – November 28 & 29 and then will gather again on January 9 & 10 in celebration of Epiphany. We hope you can join us for these services.

Scrip Order

This month's scrip order is due on **Saturday, December 5**. Watch for order forms in the November 28-29 weekend bulletin. Now is the time to buy gift cards for Christmas! This will be the last order for the year.

Poinsettias for Advent

If you would like to donate a poinsettia for the Advent Season, they need to be at church **by Saturday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m.** Please contact the office if you'd like your poinsettia to be in memory or in honor of someone so it can be published in the bulletin.



Men's Fellowship

Our next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 a.m.

The Men's Annual Retreat is scheduled for February 26-28, 2016, at Mt. Morris.

The church office will be **OPEN** on Thursday, December 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and will be **closed** on Christmas Day, December 25. For the New Year holiday, the office will be **OPEN** on Thursday, December 31 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon and **closed** on New Year's Day, Friday, January 1.



Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

October 31, 2015 (Actual)

Budget Needed as of Oct. 31: \$271,442.20
 Actual Income as of Oct. 31: \$223,100.04
 Actual Expenses as of Oct. 31: 257,180.68
Difference (Needed) YTD (\$ 34,080.64)

Mary Bade, Treasurer



BIRTH: Congratulations to Derek & Shelli Blomgren on the birth of their son, Easton Arthur, born October 6.

WEDDINGS: Congratulations to Don Wegner and Dr. Lisa Nashold who were married October 25 at the Moravian Log Church in Aztalan. Congratulations to Kyle Chwala and Stephanie Marks who were married in our sanctuary November 7.

FUNERALS: We extend our sympathy to the family of Lois Hoffman whose funeral service was held October 29 in our sanctuary. We extend our sympathy to the family of Frederic Albrecht whose funeral service was held October 30 in our sanctuary. We extend our sympathy to the family of Larry Painter whose funeral service was held November 7 at the Mamre Moravian Church. We extend our sympathy to the family of Arden Piper whose funeral service was held November 11 in our sanctuary.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES: December 4 – Don Strauss; December 10 – Rodney Bergholz; December 11 – Harriet Wollitz

Have You Noticed...



- ? that your Advent Christmas Concert is just around the corner and that several people have been working very hard to make the concert special for all involved?
- ? the beautiful hand painted bridge that Judy Bruesewitz did for our Building Bridges sermon series? If you haven't yet seen it, it can be found on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to tell Judy thanks.
- ? the wonderful help that we had at our recent fall clean-up day? Thanks to all who stayed to help!
- ? that slowly almost all of the windows on the Christian Education part of the building and the area below the sanctuary are being replaced? Thank you to the Men's Fellowship, Moravian Women, anonymous donors, and others who have contributed to make this happen.

2016 DAILY TEXTS

If you pre-ordered a 2016 Daily Text, they will be available December 7 in the office. We do have a few extras for sale, too.

The Work of our Boards

The **Board of Elders** met in November after the Messenger deadline. Highlights of that meeting will be shared in the next issue of the Messenger.

The **Board of Trustees** met on November 12. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- it was noted that we continue to run a deficit of \$34,080. This is the largest deficit in at least five years and our financial giving is the lowest it has been in several years. It was decided to send a letter to all communicant members letting them know about our financial situation.
- committee and the pastor's reports were shared and approved.
- it was noted that five of the stained glass windows have been returned and more were taken to the shop for repair.
- it was noted that the parking lot drainage man hole needs to be repaired. That will take place in the spring.

Electronic Giving

The Lake Mills Moravian Church has been offering the congregation electronic giving since 2004. This service helps reduce fluctuations in contributions during the whole year while making it easy and safe for you to donate. On the date you specify, and at the interval you specify (one time only, weekly, monthly, etc.), your contributions will electronically transfer from your account to the church's account. When the funds have been transferred, the church office will be notified. The date and amount transferred will appear on your bank statement, and the information will be included in your annual contribution statement. If you have any questions, please call Teresa in the church office at 920-648-5412. Forms are available in the office for you to fill out or you can fill out the form in the newsletter and return it to the office.

December Servants

DIENERS: Warren & Pam Krueger (920) 723-7888; (920) 723-9964

SORTERS: Dawn Klecker & Erich Wollin

Christmas Eve: 3:30 p.m. – watch bulletin • 5:30 p.m. – watch bulletin • 7:30 p.m. – watch bulletin

GREETERS					
Date	Service	Front Entrance	Fellowship Hall	Bell Tower	Lower Level
12/5	6:00 P.M.	Connie Oestreicher	Kyan Schmidt	Carol Maas	
12/6	10:00 A.M.	Noah Frey	Mia Wehausen	Pam Krueger	Warren Krueger
12/12	6:00 P.M.	Carl Kutzke	Linda Kutzke	Bob Oestreicher	
12/13	10:00 A.M.	Teresa Holzhueter	Pam Streich	Barb Wendt	Terry Streich
12/19	6:00 P.M.	Shirley Hofer	Marilyn Meyer	Andrea Geyer	
12/20	10:00 A.M.	Glenn Zastrow	Tom Kasten	Kathy Kasten	Barb Zastrow
12/24	3:30 P.M.	NEED VOLUNTEERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS
12/24	5:30 P.M.	NEED VOLUNTEERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS
12/24	7:30 P.M.	NEED VOLUNTEERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS
12/26	6:00 P.M.	Connie Oestreicher	Alyssa Renz	Bob Oestreicher	
12/27	10:00 A.M.	Mike Miller	Kip Engsborg	Jean Glasser	Cindy Miller

USHERS		
Date	Service	USHERS
12/5	6:00 P.M.	Stewart Masche
12/6	10:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman
12/6	2:30 P.M.	ADVENT CONCERT – need volunteers
12/12	6:00 P.M.	Dan Piper
12/13	10:00 A.M.	Bob Hoyt
12/19	6:00 P.M.+	Todd Messmer – Sunday School Christmas Program
12/20	10:00 A.M.	Mike Denzin
12/24	3:30 P.M.	Paul Crossman
12/24	5:30 P.M.	Dan Piper
12/24	7:30 P.M.	Bob Hoyt
12/26	6:00 P.M.	Bob Hinzmann
12/27	10:00 A.M.	Ken Manske

LAY READERS		
Date	Service	Readers
12/5	6:00 P.M.	Bob Oestreicher
12/6	10:00 A.M.	Beth Denzin
12/12	6:00 P.M.	Marilyn Meyer
12/13	10:00 A.M.	Warren Krueger
12/19	6:00 P.M.	Sunday School Christmas Program
12/20	10:00 A.M.	Tom Pirwitz
12/24	3:30 P.M.	Todd Messmer
12/24	5:30 P.M.	Pam Streich
12/24	7:30 P.M.	Pat Yahn
12/26	6:00 P.M.	Donna Hinzmann
12/27	10:00 A.M.	Deb Van Ommeren

*Pre-concert music starts at 2:15 P.M.
 +Need captain only

NURSERY SCHEDULE			
Date	Saturday, 6:00 P.M.	Sunday, 10:00 A.M.	
Dec. 5/6	Cindy Scheele	Terry Heinz	Pam Krueger
Dec. 12/13	Melissa Hafenstein	Heidi Wendorf	Need volunteer
Dec. 19/20	Cindy Wolff	Cindy Miller	Need volunteer
Dec. 26/27	Need volunteer	Need volunteer	Teresa Holzhueter

Hams for Christmas

Once again this year our Stewardship/Outreach Committee is organizing a ministry to provide hams for all of the families that use the Lake Mills Food Pantry. Our goal is to provide 100 hams for Christmas and the cost per ham is approximately \$10 per ham. We encourage you to support this very worthwhile project. Simply mark your envelope "Hams for Christmas." We will need all donations in by Sunday, December 13, so that we have time to purchase the hams and get them to the Food Pantry. If you have questions about this, please speak with Larry or Cindy Fahney.



Annual Christmas Sweater Weekend

We will gather for our annual Christmas sweater weekend on December 26 and 27. We encourage you to dust off, go purchase, or pull out of the closet your most beautiful Christmas sweater. Please know that a Christmas sweater is not a requirement to attend worship, but we hope you will join us for this special weekend.



Current Phone Number(s)

Just a reminder that we still are unable to reach some of our members by phone because we do not have a current phone number. We realize a lot of folks have gone to cell phones now. The church would really appreciate it if you would also share your new number with us. We want to keep you up to date on events in addition to the mailings, bulletins, and newsletters that you receive. Please call the church office with your up-to-date number or you can write it on your offering envelope when you come to church on Saturdays or Sundays. We would also appreciate your current email address. Thank you so much for your help in this!!!!



Church Council "Elections Only" Echoes

We gathered for an "elections only" church council meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, November 15. Following are the results of that meeting: We elected two Trustees – Warren Krueger and Greg Wescott. They will attend the December Trustees meeting as observers and will become official members in January. We elected two Elders – Rich Fronck and Wendy Roloff. They will also attend the December meeting as observers and will become official voting members in January. We elected one person to the Christian Education Committee. Thanks to Kim Staff for her willingness to serve on this committee. Thanks to all of our newly elected officers as well as our nominating committee for their work in finding new lay leaders for our church.

Sanctuary Revitalization Committee News

Your Sanctuary Revitalization Committee continues to work very diligently to bring about our project. Members of the committee are Mike Denzin, Diane Fronck, Jay Meister, Tammy Messmer, Mike Miller, and Pastor Bruce. We are going ahead with plans to be out of the sanctuary after worship on Sunday, January 3 until the work is completed. We will be moving things out of the sanctuary after worship on Sunday, January 3, and could use as many strong backs and hands as possible. We are asking for your flexibility and patience as we worship out of the sanctuary for what we are hoping is no longer than 6 weeks. Can we count on you to help move things on Sunday, January 3? Are you willing to show how adaptable and flexible you can be with this project?

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

We have the chance to make Christmas brighter for the children of prisoners from our area.

The Angel Tree will be up on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 29 & 30; Dec. 5 & 6; and Dec. 12 & 13. Pick an angel from the tree that shows the child's name, age, and Christmas wish, and sign the register so we know which child you are helping. Please return the wrapped present to the tree or church office by Dec. 16.

People are needed to deliver gifts to the children's homes on Dec. 19 or 20 in Jefferson, Johnson Creek, Lake Mills and Watertown. If you can help deliver, let Pat Yahn (648-2809) or the church office (648-5412) know.



Women's Fellowship 60th Anniversary

Thanks to all women who said "yes" to participating in the 60th Anniversary church services. We are glad for those of you that could join us for the food and fellowship after the services, too. Hope you got a chance to look at the historical display on Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Bev Stelse and Mary Bade for helping Pat Yahn with items and to Donna Crossman for the dress form to show off the Moravian dress.

A very special thanks to Sue Trumpf and Matt Beckman and all the crew for making such delicious food for Saturday and Sunday!!



2015 ANNUAL REPORTS

It's that time of year again – annual reports for our booklet for Church Council. Organization reports are due to the church office by December 31. Financial reports are due as soon as year-end information is available. You may fax your articles to 920-648-3669 or email them to Teresa at lmmc3@frontier.com. She is looking forward to them!!!!!!



Sunday School Christmas Program

Come and share the Christmas story with us as the Sunday School presents its Christmas program on Saturday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m.! You are sure to hear familiar scripture and see some familiar "stars" as our Sunday School kids present a traditional Christmas program called "New Star." This program is sure to leave you with warm hearts and smiling faces. Mark your calendars!



Luminary Sale Continues

The CEC will continue selling luminaries for our Christmas Eve services, to adorn the outside as well as the inside of our church. You may purchase a luminary for \$5.00 each through December 20. Luminary order forms will be in the weekly bulletins. Proceeds will go to our Member's Assistance Fund. **Please help our Moravian block glow once again this Christmas Eve, inside and out!!** Any questions, please contact Sue Trumpf at 920-723-9386. You may also purchase luminaries through our church office during normal business hours.

The Christian Education Committee (CEC) would like to wish everyone a very safe & joyous holiday season. Merry Christmas & A Very Happy New Year!



Helpers Wanted!

Do you have a few hours a month to give? The Messenger mailing crew could use a few new helpers, either on a regular basis or as substitutes when the regulars are unavailable. The Messenger mailing is usually put together on the last Tuesday morning of each month at church. If you would like to help, please call the church office at 648-5412. Training and good fellowship provided!



May the Blessing
of the Christmas Season
be with You and Your
Families
once again this year.

Bruce and Teresa



December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 6 Second Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Adult Sunday School 8:45 AM Sunday School & Discipleship 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship 2:30 PM Advent Concert	 7 9-10 AM Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Line Dancing 6:30 PM Moravian Women Executive Board—Conf. Rm.	1 7 PM Stewardship/Outreach 7:30 PM Dartball – St. Paul's @ Mor. 1; Mor. 2 @ Trinity	2 5:30 PM Discipleship & Elder's Pizza 7 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM AA	3 9 AM E. Appenfeldt – at Lake Mills Family Restaurant 6- 8 PM Cub Scouts Den 2.4 Pack 136	4 9-12 Noon Line Dancing	5 1:30 PM Advent Concert Rehearsal 6 PM Worship
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13 Third Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Adult Sunday School 8:45 AM Sunday School 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship 11 AM Diener Potluck & Candle Wrapping – "Matt."	14 9-10 AM Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Line Dancing 6-8 PM Cub Scouts Troop 148 – "Matt."	15 7:30 PM Dartball – Mor. 2 @ St. Paul's; Newville at Mor. 1	16 NO Mini-Moravians 5-7 PM Comm. Meal @ EMS 5:00 PM Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:00 PM Memorial 6:30 PM Trustees – "Matt." 7:30 PM AA	17 6 – 8 PM Cub Scouts Den 2.4 6:30 PM Elders—"Matt."	18 9-12 Noon Line Dancing 5:00 PM Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal	19  6 PM Sunday School Christmas Program
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Adult Study (no Sunday School/Discipleship) 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship	21 9-10 AM Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Line Dancing	22  First Day of Winter 7:30 PM Dartball – Mor. 1 @ Trinity; U. Meth. @ Mor. 2	23 7:30 PM AA	24 Christmas Eve (Office open 9 AM-12 Noon)   3:30, 5:30 & 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Services	25 Christmas Day  OFFICE CLOSED (NO Worship Service)	26 (Christmas Sweater Weekend) 6 PM Worship & Scholarships
27 First Sunday after Christmas (Christmas Sweater Weekend) 8:30 AM Adult Study (no Sunday School/Discipleship) 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship & Scholarships	28 9-10 AM Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Line Dancing	29 NO Dartball –	30 7:30 PM AA	31 New Year's Eve (Office open 9 AM-12 Noon)  		

Sunday School News



We would like to thank everyone who donated their time and talents to help make our pie sale a success! Our awesome congregation once again showed their support of this ministry by donating supplies and ordering a record number of pies! As this is being written, the pie orders are still coming in. This is one of our best years for our Adopt-A-Family project! We will be able to adopt one or more families with the proceeds from our Recipes In A Jar and our pie sales!! Once again, THANK YOU! It is through your generous support that we are able to make the Christmas holidays brighter for other families within our congregation.

Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, November 29, for our annual Christmas program. Please note additional rehearsal times: Wednesday, December 9 & 16, along with Friday, December 18. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. for supper on these dates, followed by rehearsals, which end at approximately 7:00. This wonderful Christmas program, as told by our Sunday School children, will take place on Saturday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. in place of our regular worship service.

It is very important for your children to attend Sunday School, not only to be a part of this fantastic Christmas program, but also to learn about God, our church, and to create long-lasting friendships that will carry on throughout their lives! If you have not registered your child(ren) for our Sunday School classes, it is never too late. Please contact Sue Trumpf. She will be happy to register your child(ren). As a reminder, Sunday school begins at 8:45 a.m. and concludes at 9:45.

We will not hold classes on December 20 or 27, 2015. Classes will resume on **January 3, 2016, as we begin our second half with a "welcome back" breakfast**, along with our Sunday School's Moravian Market.

As we are in this joyous celebration of the Christmas season, spending time with our church family and those we love, we would like to wish each and every one of you a Christmas filled with peace and happiness that will carry over to the New Year! *Christmas blessings to all! Heidi, Mia and the entire Sunday school staff.*



You Are Appreciated!

THANK YOU to the following dining room helpers at Market Day this year: Jay Meister & the kiddos – Jack, Olivia, Adam & Sammie; Sebastian Walters & the kiddos – Haley & Tera; Rita Marty & the kiddos – Jordan & Jared; Dorie Marty; Dick & Annette Bidgood; Erna Kiessling; Cassidy & Noah Frey; Ashley, Katie & Justin Brandel; Mia Wehausen; Alexis Frey; and Samantha Spiegelhoff. Also, a HUGE THANK YOU to the awesome kitchen staff who made our job much easier!

The dining room was a huge success and ran very well because of you. I appreciate your taking the time to volunteer. Many hands helped to lighten the overall load. My apologies if I missed anyone! God Bless you!

Jackie Frey, Dining Room Chair

Shelter for The Homeless

A special holiday meal will be prepared in our church kitchen for delivery to the Madison Men's Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, December 8. It surely would be great if some members of the congregation would be able to donate money to the homeless fund that has been set-up in our church. We would like to purchase chicken and pork for this meal. These donations must be above and beyond what you normally give to the church. Also, please watch the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for the sign-up sheet so we all can take part in this ministry by donating food items for the meal. Please have your items in the church kitchen by Sunday, Dec. 6. Sue Trumpf has volunteered to make a special dessert for this occasion. There will be extra items on the sign-up sheet to help Sue with that special treat for the guests at the shelter. If you have time to lend her a hand with her dessert, please let her know about your availability.

We are very thankful to the many in our congregation who have donated items from their travels like motel shaving lotion, soap and shampoo for use by the men at the homeless shelter. But, as much as those items are and would be appreciated, it would also be great to give the men at the shelter blankets and towels for the holiday season. Please find some time to pray for those who are homeless. Food or other donations to the homeless very well may be the best gifts you give this coming holiday season.



News Around The District

Rev. Kurt Liebenow was installed as Pastor of the Watertown Moravian Church on Sunday, November 22. Please hold the Christian Faith Moravian Church in your prayers as they are in the call process.

The Rudolph Moravian Church held their closing service of worship recently under a tent on the land where the former church used to be before a fire destroyed the church building. The Kellner Moravian Church will be having their final service of worship on Sunday, December 6, and will then be closing their doors. Please be in prayer for members of the former Rudolph and Kellner Moravian Churches.

The pre-Synod meeting which was originally scheduled for November 22 has been postponed. There will be a pre-Synod meeting at Marquardt on Saturday, February 27. More information will be coming about this meeting in the future.

Western District Synod will be held at Mt. Morris on April 28 – May 1, 2016. Please be in prayer for our upcoming Synod.

Discipleship News

Our discipleship students continue to learn and grow as they continue in their journey toward possibly confirming their faith. We have 17 students in this year's discipleship class and the students sometimes are bringing their friends to join them. The students have now had two mentor nights, some have been to the Madison men's homeless shelter, and some have helped in the nursery or with ushering, greeting, or videotaping the worship service. In December they will be meeting with the Elders and helping out with the Sunday School Christmas program. In January they will be attending their annual retreat at Mt. Morris as they join with students from other Southern Wisconsin Moravian Churches. Members of this year's class are: Kyrston Bell, Zoe Cuthrell, Sam Denzin, Chris Frey, Noah Frey, Jordan Marty, Logan Nelson, Riley Nelson, Alyssa Renz, Camden Schultz, Sami Spiegelhoff, Kayla Yahn, Hannah Lamke, Keegan Orcutt, Kyan Schmidt, Samantha Meister, and Mia Wehausen. Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

Operation Christmas Child

Once again you have warmed my heart with your generosity! Thank you so much for the very generous donations to Operation Christmas Child project this year. I'd like to add a very special thank you to the Moravian Women for your much appreciated monetary donation this year.

By packing shoe boxes and collecting donations, we can change the life of a child, a family, a community. Because of the generosity of our church, we have helped to send packages all around the world to children plagued by war, natural disasters and extreme poverty.

Thank you Lake Mills Moravian Church for helping to bring a message of hope and love to these kids, most of whom have never received a gift in their life. God Bless!

Jackie Frey, OCC Coordinator

News for Mini Moravians

Mini Moravians had our first get together of the year on October 21 with 19 young people in attendance. We met again on November 18. **We will NOT have Mini Moravians in December and will resume on January 20, 2016 at 3:15 p.m.** Mini Moravians is open to all children in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Younger children may attend when accompanied by an adult. As a reminder, transportation is provided via the church van from Prospect Elementary to the church. It is **very important** to either email Pastor Bruce at bruce-lmmc@hotmail.com OR call the church office (920)-648-5412 to let him know that you will be riding in the church van. Also, parents **please** send a note or call the school that day to let them know your children are going to be riding in the church van after school.



As we are in the season of Advent, we wish our church family and friends a very Merry Christmas and an excellent New Year!

Anna and Sue

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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Book Club

The next meeting is December 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The book this month is *The Hotel on Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Books will be available in church office. All are welcome.



COMING IN January, 2016:

January 1 – Office Closed

January 8 & 9 – Joint Board Retreat at Lake Mills Moravian Church

January 9 – Men's Breakfast

January 22-24 – Discipleship Retreat at Mt. Morris

January 31 – 11 a.m. Camp Promotion Brunch

January 31 – Church Council following brunch

Worship Times

Saturday – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday – 10:00 a.m.



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