



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:

As I reflect on recent happenings within the life of our church, I am reminded of a phrase that is often used in the sports world. That phrase is "next man (or woman) up." It refers to the fact that sometimes on sports teams because of injuries, because of decisions that young people make, there are times when someone who had been counted on to do something or someone who had been doing something is either unable or unwilling to do it anymore.

Two places where that was very obvious are first of all with the Ohio State football team. They lost two starting quarterbacks to injury during the season. Yet with a third-string quarterback they were able to win very handily against the Wisconsin Badgers (Ouch!) for the Big 10 football title and went on to win the national championship in Division 1 college football.

A second place where that is occurring is with the University of Wisconsin Badgers men's basketball team. Starting point guard Traevon Jackson recently suffered a foot injury and will not be able to play again until probably sometime in March. The next man up – Bronson Koenig – stepped into Traevon Jackson's role and the Badgers are still playing very well.

Because we are a church and not a high-profile college sports team, we don't have nearly the publicity that those organizations do. But, we are nicely using the next man (or woman) up theme here at LMMC. We probably won't get our names on the front pages of newspapers or web pages but the servanthood that is taking place is as, or arguably, more important than running around on a basketball court or football field. Let me give you some examples:

- ~ I usually pick up the children from the elementary school for mini-Moravians. For the January meeting I was not able to do this because of a funeral. I asked Steve Brockert to be the next man up and he picked up our mini-Moravians with no snafus.
- ~ Jackie Frey had been leading our mini-Moravians, but she has accepted a second part-time position and had to give something up. It was a difficult decision for her to give up mini-Moravians but when it was made known, Heidi Wendorf and Mia Wollin became the next women up and took over mini-Moravians.
- ~ we had six people who completed terms on the Joint Board this year. Several of them had been on the board for more than one term over the years. We have six new members of the Joint Board, five of them are serving on a board for the first time, as they were next man or woman up.
- ~ late last year, one of our trustees felt the need to resign from the Board of Trustees. The board got together to suggest someone to take on the remainder of that term. Terry Streich became the next man up as he agreed to serve out the rest of that trustee's term.
- ~ we had eight people who felt the need to leave the church during 2014 and turned in letters of resignation from the church rolls. Some of those people were very faithful givers and very hard workers. We also lost 12 people through death during 2014. In spite of those losses of people power and financial giving, none of our regular ministries have folded. We are still looking to replace Ben Lippert's involvement with youth ministry, but there are plans for events in 2015. The reason none of those ministries have folded is because the next man or woman up has been willing to perhaps work a little harder or contribute a little bit more.

I think any organization has to cope with turnover and/or change of personnel. A system that does not have any turnover is probably pretty stagnant. We have had turnover over the past year but the next man or woman up has been faithful in keeping our ministry strong.

I will never forget what a mentor of mine said to me several years ago concerning church ministry. "It is amazing what can get done in churches when people don't care who gets the credit." (Thanks, Burke) "Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters." (Colossians 3:23)

Gratefully serving Christ with you,
Pastor Bruce J. Nelson

*This issue of the Messenger is in Memory of
Willis and Charlotte Erlandson*

Mid-Week Lenten Plans

Even though it seems as though Christmas was just a few weeks ago, Pastor Bruce has already been making plans for our mid-week Lenten services. Lent this year begins on Wednesday, February 18. Once again this year we will offer soup and sandwich suppers beginning at 6 p.m., followed by our worship at 6:45 pm. Choir rehearsal will follow our worship services.

Our theme this year will be "Beatitudes of Promise." Each week we will hear about one of the beatitudes. Following are the weekly themes:

- Feb. 18: The promise of heaven
- Feb. 25: The promise of comfort
- Mar. 4: The promise of an inheritance
- Mar. 11: The promise of righteousness
- Mar. 18: The promise of mercy
- Mar. 25: The promise of seeing God

The schedule of those who will be hosting the meals is as follows:

- February 18: Men's Fellowship
- February 25: Moravian Women
- March 4: Senior Choir and Stewardship/ Outreach Committee
- March 11: Joint Board
- March 18: Discipleship students & mentors
- March 25: Moravian Women

Thank you to all of the ministry areas in advance for helping with these meals. Please plan to join us as we learn more about the beatitudes and as we fellowship and eat together.

Bible 101 Update

What happened to Bible 101? Pastor Bruce has been gone two weekends in January doing ministry at Mt. Morris (Joint Board retreat on January 4 and discipleship retreat on January 25), and we had annual church council on January 18. We will have our next installment of Bible 101 on Sunday, February 1 in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. We will also meet on Sunday, February 22. All are welcome to join us as we talk about basics of the Bible. You do not need to have attended previous class sessions to join us in February.

SWMM

On Sunday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m., Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Missions (SWMM) will be having a presentation at the Watertown Moravian Church. It will be on the recent mission trip to Cuba by various Moravian members. Come join us at 510 Cole Street in Watertown for a time of fellowship.

Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

2014 Year End Summary:

\$314,539.04	Income
<u>314,759.39</u>	Expense
(\$ 220.35)	Shortfall

Thank you to all the faithful givers who gave "over and above" in December to help the church end 2014 almost in the black! The Trustees have authorized the transfer of \$220.35 from the 2012 surplus to cover the shortfall.

Mary Bade, Treasurer

Endowment Committee

In 2014 the Endowment Committee requested funds for various donations and projects. They donated \$1,100 toward the purchase of a handbell octave, \$2,000 to the Ahuas Clinic in Honduras, \$1,000 to Family Promise, \$500 to the Lake Mills Food Pantry, \$500 to Ben Lippert for seminary, \$500 to Dan Miller for seminary, \$500 to Greg Behrend for seminary, and \$80,000.00 to the Lake Mills Moravian Church Board of Trustees for capital improvements for a total of \$86,100. The ending value on December 31, 2014 of the fund was \$1,566,245.26.

Adult Bible Study

In February we will begin a new Sunday morning Adult Bible Study using the book "The Bible Makes Sense." There's always room for more! If you need a book, please let the office know and we will purchase a "slightly used" book for you for \$4.

Church Council Echoes

We held our annual church council meeting on Sunday, January 18. At this meeting we heard reports from the various ministries, boards, and organizations. We heard the treasurer's report and passed a budget for 2015. We also elected four delegates and three alternates to represent our congregation at Western District Synod in April of 2016. Our four lay delegates will be Erna Kiessling, Cindy Miller, Sue Trumpf, and Carole Wolfram. Our alternates will be in this order: Pat Yahn, Mike Miller, and Nan Nelson.

Easter Morning

With the Lenten season beginning later this month, it is not too early to start making Easter plans. This year our schedule will be an Easter Dawn service that begins in the sanctuary at 6:15 a.m. We will leave the Sanctuary and go to Rock Lake Cemetery, weather permitting, to finish this service. Following the Easter Dawn service we will gather back at the church for our traditional Easter morning breakfast. Following breakfast we will have **one regular Easter worship service beginning at 9:00 a.m.** Please note that this is a time change from what we have done in previous years. Make plans now to attend this special worship service and be sure to invite your family and friends to join you.



FUNERALS: We offer our sympathy to the families of: Arlie D. Wilke, Jr. (Melissa Hafenstein and Krista Crossman's dad) whose funeral service was held January 14 in our Sanctuary; Franklin Brunk (Mark Brunk's dad) whose funeral service was held January 17 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Farmington; Jim Huffman (Debby Deutsch Barnum's dad) who passed away January 17; Chris Kovalaske (Nancy Graff Schultz's sister) who passed away January 20.

BIRTH: Congratulations to Kyle & Erika (Wager) Wollin on the birth of their son, Finn William, born December 13, 2014.

BAPTISM: We welcomed into our baptized membership on January 18 Avery Timothy & Owen Dwight Schuenke, twin sons of Matthew & Miranda (Crossman) Schuenke.

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH: We welcomed into our communicant membership Miranda (Crossman) Schuenke on January 18.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES: February 5 – Audrey Wolfram; February 13 – Doris Stockfish; February 18 – Les Michel; February 23 – Alta Kottwitz, Richard Bidgood; February 29 – Claudette Kottwitz.

Have You Noticed...

- ? that our December worship attendance for 2014 was up 8% over December 2013 attendance?
- ? that our attendance at the Sunday School Christmas program was the highest it has been in 11 years?
- ? that Jackie Frey recently stepped down as the leader of mini-Moravians? Thanks Jackie for your service to our younger youth!
- ? that three Elders – Judie Bruesewitz, Kay Wipperfurth, and Carole Wolfram – recently completed terms? Thank you ladies for your service to the church and to the Lord!
- ? that three Trustees – Dave McFarlane, Mike Miller, and Jim Williams – recently completed terms? Thank you gentlemen for your service to the church and to the Lord!
- ? that pitchers and catchers report on March 20? Go Brewers!!!

Nursery Help Needed!!

We have posted the nursery schedule for 2015. There are many blank spaces on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. Please help us out and sign up to help with this valuable ministry!! If you have any questions, please call David or Shannon Yahn at 608-451-1377 or the church office at 648-5412.

February Servants

DIENERS: Pam & Terry Streich – 988-1379 or 608-333-4015

SORTERS: Steve Brockert & Mary Bade

GREETERS

Date	Time	Front Entrance	Fellowship Hall	Bell Tower Ent	Lower Level
1/31	6:00 p.m.	Connie Oestreicher	Barb Sanft	Bob Oestreicher	
2/1	10:00 a.m.	Barb Zastrow	Kathy Kasten	Anna Hoyt	Bob Hinzmann
2/7	6:00 p.m.	Andy Anderson	Dave McFarlane	Diane McFarlane	
2/8	10:00 a.m.	Peach Beahlen	Ema Kiessling	Bill Kiessling	Don Frey
2/14	6:00 p.m.	Barb Strauss	Tom Strauss	Marilyn Meyer	
2/15	10:00 a.m.	Terry Streich	Ken Manske	Connie Manske	Pam Streich
2/21	6:00 p.m.	Marilyn Meyer	Tom Strauss	Bob Hinzmann	
2/22	10:00 a.m.	Dorothy Hartwig	Bill Hartwig	Dave Palmer	Theresa Palmer
2/28	6:00 p.m.	Shirley Hofer	Dona Hinzmann	Mary Finley	

USHERS

Date	Time	USHERS
1/31	6:00 p.m.	Stewart Masche
2/1	10:00 a.m.	Paul Crossman
2/7	6:00 p.m.	Dan Piper
2/8	10:00 a.m.	Bob Hoyt
2/14	6:00 p.m.	Todd Messmer
2/15	10:00 a.m.	Mike Denzin
2/21	6:00 p.m.	Bob Hinzmann
2/22	10:00 a.m.	Ken Manske
2/28	6:00 p.m.	Dave Wendt
3/1	10:00 a.m.	Stewart Masche

LAY READERS

Date	Time	Readers
1/31	6:00 p.m.	Wendy Brockert
2/1	10:00 a.m.	Ema Kiessling
2/7	6:00 p.m.	Wayne Staff
2/8	10:00 a.m.	Todd Messmer
2/14	6:00 p.m.	Marilyn Meyer
2/15	10:00 a.m.	Rich Fronck
2/21	6:00 p.m.	Steve Brockert
2/22	10:00 a.m.	Tom Pirwitz
2/28	6:00 p.m.	Bob Oestreicher
3/1	10:00 a.m.	Pat Yahn

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Date	Saturday, 6:00 p.m.	Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
1/31 & 2/1	Cindy Wolff	Jim Williams, Tara Williams
2/7 & 2/8	Melissa Hafenstein	Mia Wollin, Kathy Wollin
2/14 & 2/15	Teresa Holzhueter	Lisa Garvan, Heather Graham Riess
2/21 & 2/22	Nikki Lawson	Diane McFarlane, Tracy Brandel
2/28 & 3/1	Theresa Palmer	Terry Heinz, Ashley Nebel



Our kick off to the second half of Sunday School took place on January 4 as the children and adults enjoyed a fantastic breakfast and fellowship! As I write this, it is so hard to believe that we are in the third week of January! Pastor Bruce enlightened the children, as well as the staff, on the Rites of Sacrament. On January 16, the children sang during worship. It has been a wonderful winter!

Coming up on Friday, February 13, preparations are being made for an awesome evening event for the children!! Please see a related article in this issue for more details, and watch for information to be sent home.

Please mark your calendars for another special event, our annual **Pretzel Sunday on February 15, 2015**. All children and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend this special time, as we enter the season of Lent.

Homeless Shelter

On Tuesday, February 10, our church will be delivering another meal to the Men's Homeless Shelter in Madison. Please look for the food donation sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. When you sign up for items on the list, it is essential that you bring them to the church kitchen Sunday morning. The plan is for meal preparation to start on Sunday.

We would love to deliver small shampoos, disposable razors, combs, brushes, and our prayers of hope for all homeless people. They still accept at the shelter door new (still in the store wrapper) towels, blankets, hats, socks, or clothes. Please continue to bring veteran towels, blankets, and clothes to the church. We will get them to the homeless folks at the preparation facility.

At this time we seem to need additional adults and youth to offer their time and talents to deliver and serve the meal on April 14, June 9, and August 11. If it gets close to those dates and you find you are available, please call Steve Brockert and offer your services to the team. He will take your name and number. If in fact it turns out there are not enough discipleship youth to serve the meal, you will be called back and asked to come and be the hands and feet of God for this ministry.

Discipleship News

Our discipleship students are basically half way through their program year. By the time you read this they will have returned from their annual retreat at Mt. Morris with other southern Wisconsin Moravian students. Many of them attended the annual Church Council meeting. Some of them have almost completed all of their required worship evaluations for this school year. Some have also been working hard on their memorizations. They and their mentors will be serving us for our mid-week Lenten meal on March 18. Confirmation Sunday this year will take place on Sunday, May 31. Please continue to keep our discipleship student in your prayers.

The Work of our Boards

In addition to the Joint Board retreat which was held on January 2-4, our Board of Trustees and Board of Elders held their regular monthly meetings in January. Following are highlights of those meetings:

The **Board of Trustees** met on Thursday, January 8. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- we reorganized in the following way: Terry Streich was elected President, Jay Meister was elected Vice President, and Steve Brockert was elected Secretary.
- the treasurer's report was submitted, and it was noted that we ended 2014 in the red by \$220.35. That amount has already been taken from the 2012 surplus to end the year with a balanced budget.
- Mary Bade was re-appointed as Treasurer.
- Mary Bade and Teresa Holzhueter were again empowered to make certain financial transactions on behalf of the Board of Trustees.
- the next meeting was set for February 12 following the Joint Board meeting.

Your **Board of Elders** met on December 18. We welcomed our three newest members to this meeting to observe a meeting where they could offer comments but not vote. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- it was announced that Jackie Frey wanted to step down from her duties with mini-Moravians. We were sad to hear this but happy for her years of leadership in this area.
- we discussed recent worship services and plans for future worship services.
- it was noted that installation of boards will take place during worship on January 11.
- Mike Denzin volunteered to serve as the Elder's representative on the Sanctuary revitalization committee.

Your **Board of Elders** also met on January 15. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- Pastor Bruce led the group in a short Board orientation.
- election of officers took place with the following results: Mike Denzin was elected Vice President and we decided to rotate the secretarial position on a monthly basis.
- under youth ministry, it was noted that Jackie Frey has stepped down from Mini-Moravians and Ben Lippert was a surprise guest leader for their meeting on January 14. Mia Wollin and Heidi Wendorf have agreed to take over this ministry. We thank Jackie for her years of service to the mini-Moravians and thank Mia and Heidi for their willingness to step into this role.
- it was noted that Sunday School continues to go strong.
- a middle school bowling outing is being planned for February.
- under Christ-centered worship, feedback was given on recent worship services.
- it was noted that new songs and hymns are being introduced in worship.
- it was also noted that our mid-week Lenten programming begins on February 18.
- we had a discussion on the possibility of having Praise Band play for a Sunday morning service at some time. It was decided to have them play on Saturday nights during the school year and possibly a Sunday during the summer when Stewart wants a day off and/or during our outdoor service.
- we shared reflections from the Joint Board retreat.
- it was noted that there are some individuals interested in pursuing a mission trip in the near future. More information will be obtained.
- the next meeting will be held on February 19.

Kids' Night February 13!

Join us for Kids' Night on February 13 from 5:30 to 8:30 in Fellowship Hall. Dinner and activities will be planned for the entire evening for kids ages 3 years old through 4th grade. Younger kids are welcome if parents would like to stay and older kids are welcome to join in the fun or help with the little ones. Bring your dancing shoes because there will be a Wii Just Dance-a-thon! We'll have BINGO and other games as well, and of course there will be prizes! We'll top the night off with build-your-own ice cream sundaes! You're not going to want to miss this fun event!!! Contact Mia Wollin for more information at 920-253-5430. This event is FREE and is open to all Sunday School children and their friends, so spread the word!!!!



Heart Health Month

February is recognized as "Heart Health Month." Because heart disease is our nation's greatest cause of death in adults, it is vital to learn about ways in which to reduce one's risk for this disease. The Stewardship & Outreach Committee recognizes that one of our areas of stewardship should be that of taking care of our bodies, one of God's greatest gifts. Join us on Sunday, February 8, at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to have your blood pressure taken and learn about heart healthy activities, healthy food and heart disease prevention methods!

Children to Lead Worship

Mark your calendars. Our children will be helping to lead us in worship on February 14 & 15. Pastor Bruce will be around but it is our hope to have the children take much of the leadership roles for these two services. Please come and support our children as they share with us in worship on this weekend. Also, on Saturday, February 14, the praise band will be helping to lead the musical part of worship. Make plans now to join us and support our children.

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Holy Communion

Our next opportunity for Holy Communion will take place on February 21 & 22 as we gather on the first weekend in Lent. Please plan to join us. We will not have an opportunity for Communion in March but will gather for the Sacrament on Maundy Thursday which this year takes place on Thursday, April 2. Please set these dates aside and plan to join us.

Coming in March, 2015

March 4, 11, 18, 25

– 6 p.m. Soup Supper; 6:45 p.m. Worship

March 8 – Daylight Savings Time begins

March 14 – Men's Breakfast

March 14

– Dartball Round Robin Tournament

March 18 – Mini Moravians (?)

March 18

– Community Meal at EMS; 5-7 p.m.

March 24 – Dartball Banquet

March 29 – Palm Sunday



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next breakfast is February 14th at 7:30 a.m. All men are welcome!!

The Men's Fellowship will start the Wednesday evening Soup & Sandwiches for Lent on February 18. Serving starts at 6 p.m.

The Men's Retreat will be held on February 27-March 1 at the Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center. "Feats of Strength" will be led by Rev. Brian Dixon, Pastor of the Lake Auburn Moravian Church in Victoria, Minnesota. Registration forms are available on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

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2015 LMMC Watchwords

Congregation: “The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life.” 1 John 1:2 (NIV)

Elders: Then (Jesus) knelt down, and prayed, “Father if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” Luke 22:41-42

Trustees: Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants.” Luke 10:21

CEC: “Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.” 1 John 1:3-4

Stewardship/Outreach: “There is nothing better than that all should enjoy their work, for that is their lot.” Ecclesiastes 3:22

Scholarship: Jesus said, “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.” Matthew 7:24

Endowment: “It is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” Philippians 2:13

Memorial: “Take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; for I am with you.” Haggai 2:4

Nominating: “Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.” Ephesians 6:14-15

Visitation Ministry: “Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!” Psalm 82:8

Sunday School: “Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.” Galatians 6:7

Adult Study: “Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness, and being found in human form.” Philippians 2:6-7

Middle School/Senior High Youth: For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 4:6 (NASB)

Discipleship: “Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means!” Romans 9:14

Mini-Moravians: “All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.” Romans 8:14

Little Lambs: “You, O God, are my king from of old; you bring salvation upon the earth.” Psalm 74:12 (NIV)

Nursery: Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:14,16

Senior Choir: “Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.” 1 Corinthians 14:12 (NIV)

Organist: “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.” Hebrews 11:1-2

Praise Band: “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.” Hebrews 11:8

Church Band: “Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” Matthew 6:8

Handbells: Jesus says, “And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them.” Luke 18:7-8

Men’s Fellowship: Jesus said, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

Moravian Women: “It has pleased the Lord to make you a people for himself.” 1 Samuel 12:22

Staff: “By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.” Psalm 42:8

Lay Readers: “O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!” Romans 11:33

Greeters: “With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?” Psalm 118:6

Ushers: “I have put my spirit upon my servant; he will bring forth justice to the nations.” Isaiah 42:1

Dieners: “I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:1-2

Tellers: “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

Prayer Chain: Jesus said, “The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath.” Mark 2:27

Parish Nurse: “Surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.” Psalm 54:4

Family Promise: “The Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands.” Deuteronomy 30:9 (NIV)

Homeless Shelter: “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress.” James 1:27

Messenger: “This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” Isaiah 25:9

Update from the Joint Board Retreat

Eight of the fifteen members of the Joint Board as well as Mary Bade and Teresa Holzhueter met at Mt. Morris during the weekend of January 2-4 to do some group building, reflecting on 2014, and planning and visioning for 2015. At the retreat we worked on the Joint Board portion of the annual report that is sent into the District and Province. We also talked about what ministries that we felt were currently thriving at our church. We made a listing of them and then right after we completed the exercise we realized that we had not come close to naming all of the ministries that are thriving.

We decided this year to once again root ourselves in a passage of scripture. This year the passage that was chosen was from I John 1: 1-4. This contains our congregational watchword for the year which is I John 1:2 which states, “The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life.”

We also developed three goals for 2015. They are:

#1. The Trustees will continue to prioritize and implement maintenance, repairs, and improvement projects in the year 2015.

#2. The Joint Board will work toward improving communication regarding events and ministries at Lake Mills Moravian Church. We will do this by:

- A. Sharing more pictures and information on facebook.
- B. Sharing our event information and pictures on the church website.

- C. Sharing articles and pictures in the local and area newspapers.
- D. Pastor Bruce will develop a Pastoral blog.

#3. The Joint Board will reach out to all members in an effort to get current contact information.

We encourage you to continue to keep our Joint Board in your prayers throughout this year.



Those participating in the Joint Board retreat were: (standing) Mike Denzin, Steve Brockert, Jay Meister, Terry Streich, Barb Sanft, Mary Bade, Teresa Holzhueter, Laurie Albrecht; (kneeling) Pastor Bruce, and Carolyn Wey.



Offering Envelopes

There are a few 2015 offering envelopes left in Fellowship Hall to be picked up. Your 2014 contribution statements have been mailed. Questions? Call Teresa at 920-648-5412.

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45 AM Sunday School, Adult Study, Discipleship 9:00 AM Fellowship Hour 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Bible 101	2 9- 10 AM Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Line Dancing for Seniors 6:30 PM Moravian Women Board—Conf. Room	3 Dartball: Mor. 2 @ St. Paul's; U. Meth. @ Mor. 1	4 7 PM Senior Choir 7:30 PM AA	5 6-7:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Gather to Grow at Karen Radke's	6 9-Noon Line Dancing	7 6 PM Worship
8 8:45 AM Sunday School, Adult Study 9:00 AM Fellowship Hour 10:00 AM Worship	9 9- 10 AM Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Line Dancing for Seniors	10 9 AM K. Sibert: 6 PM Madison Homeless Sh. 7 PM E Raiford: Laurie Albrecht Dartball: Mor. 1 @ Newville; Mor. 2 has bye	11 1 PM Brenda Brent: 7 PM Senior Choir 7:30 PM AA	12 9 AM E. Appenfeldt: 1 PM Norvelle Goff: 6:30 PM Joint Board/ Trustees—"Matt."	13 9-Noon Line Dancing WDEB Meeting – 2/13-14 5:30-8:30 PM Kid's Night Fellowship Hall	14 Valentine's Day 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 6 PM Worship led by the children
15 Pretzel Sunday 8:45 AM Sunday School, Adult Study, Discipleship 9:00 AM Fellowship Hour 10:00 AM Worship led by the children 2:00 PM SWMM at the Watertown Moravian Church	16 9- 10 AM Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Line Dancing for Seniors	17 6-7 PM Girl Scout Troop 2406 Timothy Room 6:30 PM Endowment Dartball: Mor. 1 @ Mor. 2	18 Ash Wednesday 5-7 PM Community Meal at EMS Building 6 PM Soup Supper 6:45 PM Worship (Sr. Choir rehearsal to follow) 7:30 PM AA	19 6-7:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Elders—"Matt."	20 9-Noon Line Dancing	21 6 PM Worship/Holy Communion
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