



# 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 am having trouble finding something to write about this month. I am not having trouble because of writer's block or because I can't think of anything to write about. Actually, I am having just the opposite situation. There is so much happening. There is too much to write about. I am not sure what to concentrate on because there are so many things that could be mentioned.

I am having trouble coming to grips with how generous this congregation has been recently. I am having trouble coming to grips with how much ministry has been taking place, some within the past few weeks and some that has been going on year round. Let me list just some of the things that I am aware of and I am absolutely certain that I have missed some, maybe several.

What follows is a listing of what I am aware of that has taken place:

- #1. We sent \$4,000 from two different groups within the church to purchase new equipment and supplies for the laboratory at the Ahaus Moravian Clinic.
- #2. We sent \$1,700 to Western District Seminary students.
- #3. We sent \$100 to a college student studying at a Christian college.
- #4. Disbursements of gift cards for gas have been made through the Helping Hands fund.
- #5. A \$1,000 donation was made to Family Promise of Jefferson County to help families transitioning from staying in churches to a home or apartment.
- #6. We gave over \$1,000 to the Lake Mills Food Pantry.
- #7. Over \$500 was given to Special Olympics.
- #8. Donation and delivery of food was made to the Madison Men's Homeless Shelter.
- #9. Coffee purchases were made which created over \$1,100 in camp scholarship monies.
- #10. Continuing ministry to the Lake Mills Food Pantry through our Harvest of Hope offerings.
- #11. Money to purchase 100 hams for those who use the Lake Mills Food Pantry to provide Christmas hams for those who can't purchase one themselves.
- #12. Goodies and plants sent to our elderly folks by our Moravian Women's circles.
- #13. People volunteered to make dinner for our Sunday School children before their rehearsals for the Christmas program.
- #14. The Men's Fellowship and Moravian Women agreed to pay for new windows for the old conference room downstairs.
- #15. Our ministry to the children of incarcerated persons through Prison Fellowship Angel Tree ministry.
- #16. Meals on Wheels delivery.
- #17. The filling of shoe boxes through Operation Christmas Child.
- #18. Allowing the Optimist Club to use our building to wrap and provide presents for those who may not otherwise get any.
- #19. Allowing Alcoholics Anonymous and line dancers to use our building for their meetings.

As you can see, there is a pretty long list here and I am certain there are things that I have missed. All I can say is "well done, good and faithful servants."

Serving Christ with you,  
Pastor Bruce J. Nelson

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 10 at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All men of the congregation are invited to join us!!

Our Men's Retreat for 2015 will be held at Mt. Morris on February 27-March 1. "Feats of Strength" is the theme and Rev. Brian Dixon from the Lake Auburn Moravian Church in Victoria, Minnesota, will be the guest speaker.

## Communion Opportunities

We have two upcoming opportunities to partake of Holy Communion. We will observe Holy Communion on January 10 & 11 on the first weekend in Epiphany and again on February 21 & 22 on the first weekend in Lent. Please plan to join us for these services.

## Annual Church Council January 18

Our Annual Church Council meeting will take place following a camp promotion brunch after worship on Sunday, January 18 (or at about noon). The meeting will take place in the Sanctuary. At this meeting we will accept reports from the various ministries and committees of our church. We also will look at our financial position and discuss and approve a budget for 2015. In addition, we will be electing delegates for the Western District Synod to take place in 2016. The 2016 Western District Synod will take place April 26 - May 1 at Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center. We are allowed four lay delegates to this synod. Please be thinking and praying about who we would like to represent us at District Synod. Plan to join us for our annual "business meeting" of the church on January 18.

## Bruce's January Schedule

There are several times during the month of January that Pastor Bruce will be doing ministry away from Lake Mills Moravian Church. On January 2-4, Bruce as well as members of the Joint Board, will be meeting at Mt. Morris to do some planning, visioning, and getting to know each other as we make plans for 2015 and beyond. From January 26-28, Bruce will be attending the Western District Clergy Retreat at Mt. Morris. And, he will be taking two vacation days on January 6 and 7 to spend with family.

## Scholarship Checks

The second installment of college and seminary scholarship checks will be handed out on the weekend of January 3 and 4. Please be here to see our college and seminary students and to hear of their progress.

*The church office will be closed on New Year's Day, January 1st.*

*Happy New Year!!!!!! ☺*

# Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

November 30, 2014 (Actual)

Total Budget as of November 30:	\$329,516.84
Total Income as of November 30:	\$261,862.78
Total Expenses:	\$287,613.48
<b>Difference YTD</b>	<b>(\$ 25,750.70)</b>

Please watch for the Annual Report for information on our end-of-year financial picture.

Mary Bade,  
Treasurer

## Have You Noticed...



- ? that Pam Krueger, Linda Kutzke, Diane Franks, and Barb Sanft help to get the bulletins typed, run off, and stuffed in time for worship every weekend? Thanks to them for their help.
- ? that Laurie Albrecht and Barb Wendt volunteer in the church office on Monday mornings to help things run more smoothly in the church office? Be sure to thank them!
- ? the wonderful Advent Concert put on by many people (too numerous to mention) within our church and community? Thanks to all who made it so special as well as those who served the fellowship time following the concert!
- ? that our Advent Concert attendance was the highest since at least 2006??? Well done to all who sang, played, and/or attended!



**FUNERAL:** We extend our sympathy to the family of Jesse Becker whose memorial service was held November 26 in Fellowship Hall.

### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES:

January 4 – Jerry Bartel; January 15 – Lorraine Renz; January 19 – Donald Hein; January 22 – Bea Nadler.

### FROM T☺:

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped out in the office in 2014!! We got a lot accomplished, and your volunteering and asking if I needed help really made a difference in getting things done. For all of you I am truly thankful and blessed to have a wonderful church family!! May 2015 bring you and your family God's grace and blessings.

## The Work of our Boards

The **Board of Trustees** met on Thursday, December 11. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- The Advent Concert offering of over \$1,000 was split between the Special Olympics and the Lake Mills Food Pantry.
- CEC has purchased some new technology they will be installing.
- We are forming a committee for building improvements.
- We are completing a goal of an updated project and building maintenance list.
- We discussed creating a no-weapons policy and purchasing appropriate signage.
- We decided to recruit more janitorial help (talk with a trustee or Bruce if interested).
- A plan for computer upgrades in office will be brought to the next meeting.

Your **Board of Elders** met on Thursday, November 20. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- Carole Wolgram led us in an opening devotion/Bible study.
- In terms of youth ministry, it was noted that the Mini-Moravians continues to go strong. It was also noted that Sunday School continues to go strong. At this time nothing is planned for middle/high school youth.
- It was noted that since Pentecost Sunday in 2015 falls on Memorial Day weekend, we are going to move Confirmation Sunday back one week to May 31.
- In terms of Christ-centered worship, we provided feedback on recent worship services.
- It was noted that the Easter 2015 worship schedule will include our Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast followed by our regular morning worship at **9 a.m.** **Please note this time change and plan accordingly.**
- Plans for upcoming worship services were shared.
- It was noted that the Bible 101 class seems to be growing.
- It was noted that Sue Becker would be joining our church through letter of transfer from the Waretown Moravian Church.
- We accepted the resignations or dropping of membership of 8 individuals from our congregation.
- Our next meeting was set for December 18.

The December meeting took place after the Messenger deadline.

## January Servants

**DIENERS:** Ken & Connie Manske – 920-222-6724 **SORTERS:** Teresa Holzhueter & Tammy Messmer

GREETERS					
Date	Time	Front Entrance	Fellowship Hall	Bell Tower Entrance	Lower Level
1/3	6:00 p.m.	Cindy Fahney	Larry Fahney	Mary Cromeey	
1/4	10:00 a.m.	Diane McFarlane	Dave McFarlane	Scott Schultz	Nancy Schultz
1/10	6:00 p.m.	Ann Hoyt	Kip Engsberg	Bob Hoyt	
1/11	10:00 a.m.	Barb Sanft	Bob Hinzmann	Donna Hinzmann	Peach Beahlen
1/17	6:00 p.m.	Carl Kutzke	Linda Kutzke	Sue Trumpf	
1/18	10:00 a.m.	Diane Fronek	Kathy Wollin	Terry Streich	Ed Wollin
1/24	6:00 p.m.	Tom Kasten	Carole Wolgram	Kathy Kasten	
1/25	10:00 a.m.	Phyllis Strauss	Cindy Miler	Don Strauss	Mike Miller
1/31	6:00 p.m.	Connie Oestreicher	Barb Sanft	Bob Oestreicher	

USHERS		
Date	Time	USHERS
1/3	6:00 p.m.	Paul Crossman
1/4	10:00 a.m.	Dan Piper
1/10	6:00 p.m.	Bob Hoyt
1/11	10:00 a.m.	Todd Messmer
1/17	6:00 p.m.	Mike Denzin
1/18	10:00 a.m.	Bob Hinzmann
1/24	6:00 p.m.	Ken Manske
1/25	10:00 a.m.	Dave Wendt
1/31	6:00 p.m.	Stewart Masche

LAY READERS		
Date	Time	Readers
1/3	6:00 p.m.	Anna Hoyt
1/4	10:00 a.m.	Sue Conrad
1/10	6:00 p.m.	Monica Yandre
1/11	10:00 a.m.	Jane Harberg
1/17	6:00 p.m.	Mae Bryant
1/18	10:00 a.m.	Diane Fronek
1/24	6:00 p.m.	Andy Anderson
1/25	10:00 a.m.	Deb van Ommeren
1/31	6:00 p.m.	Wendy Brockert

NURSERY SCHEDULE			
Date	Saturday, 6:00 p.m.	Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	
1/3 & 1/4	Theresa Palmer	Kay Frey	Need Volunteer
1/10 & 1/11	Wendy Brockert	Julie Renz	Jean Osborne
1/17 & 1/18	Need Volunteer	Ashley Nebel	Alexis Schultz
1/24 & 1/25	Linda Kutzke	Kim Peterson	Ryan Peterson
1/31 & 2/1	Cindy Wolff	Jim Williams	Tara Williams



We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful people willing to assist with our annual Christmas program. As I am writing this article, the children have two rehearsals remaining in preparation of another awesome program, thanks to our program coordinator, Wendy Beckman. A big thank you to each and every one who shares their time and talents to make our Christmas program, as well as our Sunday School year, a success by supporting this very important ministry.

We are looking forward to a very exciting second half along with seeing each and every one of our church family children at Sunday School after our Christmas break. The children will return to Sunday School on January 4, 2015, as we celebrate the second half "kick-off" with a fantastic breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This breakfast is open to anyone who would like to join us for some great food and fellowship. PLEASE mark your calendars and join us for fabulous food and fantastic fellowship time!

## News Around The District

Rev. Jane Gehler completed her ministry at Ebenezer Moravian Church on November 16 and was installed at Unionville Moravian Church on December 7. Please continue to hold Rev. Jane and Jon Gehler and Unionville Moravian in your prayers as they begin this new chapter in their ministry. Please also hold the Ebenezer congregation in your prayers as they seek pastoral leadership. Please also hold the Saratoga Moravian Church in rural Wisconsin Rapids and Grace Moravian in Westland, Michigan in your prayers.



## Discipleship News

Our discipleship roles continue to increase. We are now up to 12 people in the discipleship program. The class is made up of 8th, 7th, and some 6th graders. Members of this year's class include: Alyssa Renz, Abbey Voight, Sam Denzin, Christopher Frey, Noah Frey, Camden Schultz, Samantha Spiegelhoff, Jordan Marty, Kyrston Bell, Riley Nelson, Logan Nelson, and Zoe Cuthrell. The students have now had two mentor nights, have had several classes, and are currently working hard on the Sunday School Christmas program. On the last weekend of January, they will be heading to Mt. Morris to join youth from Watertown Moravian, Glenwood Moravian, Lakeview Moravian, and London Moravian for the annual discipleship retreat. Please keep these students in your prayers.

## Madison Men's Homeless Shelter



I feel compelled to give some background to the events surrounding the feeding of the homeless men in Madison on Tuesday, December 9. Matt Beckman and his elves did an excellent job preparing a huge turkey meal. His gift of time and willingness to take on the most time consuming part of this mission effort is a blessing to the men at the shelter. Through an early morning phone call to the shelter for coordinating our delivery, we learned that lately donations have been down. Two months ago we had trouble finding room in the refrigeration units for the two gallons of milk we brought. The morning before our dinner delivery, they had run out of milk during breakfast. We were told they had been rationing much of what they fed the guests. It was with great pride in our church community that I boasted there would be no rationing that evening. When we arrived at the shelter we found that the warming units on the steam serving station were not functioning. There seemed to be some power issue they had not resolved. Serving a cold meal was not what we wanted. The team jumped into problem-solving mode, and then the whole team went about setting things up as best we could under the unusual circumstances. This was a fantastic team that made plan B work as if it was plan A.

The meal delivery/service team was led by Kyrston Bell, Sam Denzin, Camden Schultz, and Sami Spiegelhoff. They were assisted by Colton Klecker, Heidi Wendorf, Steve Brockert, Dave Radke, Mike Denzin, and Wendy Beckman. This was one of our largest teams that was honored to deliver a meal to the shelter. We were all needed as we served this huge meal to 100 to 125 homeless men on a cold December day. The turkey was a big hit, and for that we must thank all the folks who donated to the homeless fund so we could purchase the main course. The men enjoyed the turkey, the top quality stuffing with sausage, the home grown squash, the mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, veggies with homemade dip, and of course the cakes. You will need to ask Kyrston about the cakes though. :-). Being able to offer the guests a choice of milk or lemonade was a joy, considering how poorly their morning started out. This was one of the largest meals we have prepared for the guests at the shelter. It was all made possible by the generous people we are blessed to worship with in this church. Every food item that was donated--from the butter and the squash to the celery and mayonnaise or the money for the turkeys--was greatly appreciated by the men staying at the shelter. We must convey back to all who were involved in this mission effort the many "thank you"s and "God bless you"s we heard from the men as they got their food or returned the trays after they enjoyed their meal. **This is a great church to be a part of!!!**

The next time we are scheduled to prepare a meal will be on February 10. Watch for the sign-up sheet as we get closer to February.

## Reports for Church Council Booklet

In preparation for our annual Church Council meeting on January 18, please have your articles into the church office by December 31 so that they can be collated and put together into our Church Council booklet. We hope to print the booklets by January 9, 2015. If you have questions or need more information, talk to Teresa in the church office. Thank you in advance for your help in this.

## Meals On Wheels

In 2015, the Moravian Church will be delivering Meals on Wheels December 26 - January 9, March 20 - April 3, June 12 - 26, September 4 - 18, November 27 - December 11.

If you would like to help out, please call Laura Dresen at 920-648-2076.

## New Adult Bible Study

Beginning the first Sunday of January, Mike Durant will be presenting a study on law in the Bible. This will take place at 8:45 a.m. in the Timothy Room. There's always room for more participants!



## Stewardship/Outreach Committee

Looking back at 2014, your Stewardship/Outreach Committee has been blessed with successful fundraisers such as the flower sale and pig roast. We were able to share these blessings recently by helping school children with needed school supplies, sending Christmas cards to our elderly church members, and providing hams to the local food pantry. Looking ahead to 2015, we continue to pray for ways to share our time, talents and hope to expand our outreach circle.



## 2015 Contribution Envelopes Ready

2015 Contribution Envelopes are ready to be picked up in Fellowship Hall. For those of you who do electronic giving, the reason you still have envelopes is that your box also includes envelopes for the Initial Offering (to cover the cost of the box of envelopes), Reserve Fund, Lent, Camp Scholarship Fund, Mission Fund, Thanksgiving and Christmas for you to give to if you so wish to use an envelope. And your envelope number is used when posting your contributions.

**2014 Contribution statements** will be ready (hopefully!!) January 10/11.

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## Coming in February, 2015

February 14 – Men’s Breakfast

February 18 – Ash Wednesday; 6 PM Soup/  
Sandwich Suppers begin; 6:45 PM Worship

February 22 – Pretzel Sunday

February 27 - March 1 – Men’s Retreat at Mt.  
Morris

## Angel Tree Thank You

Thanks to all who took angels for the Angel Tree ministry. Because of your participation, 28 children enjoyed Christmas with a present from their parents. Also, thank you to the Froneks who helped deliver the gifts.

Pat Yahn



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.

## Board Members

### ELDERS:

Tom Pirwitz (2015) .....920-650-3232  
Carolyn Wey (2015)..... 648-2150  
Laurie Albrecht (2016) .....920-945-0346  
Mike Denzin (2016) .....648-2497  
Shirley Hofer (2017) .....648-2776  
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# JANUARY, 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>4</b> 8:30 AM Sunday School Kick-off Breakfast 8:45 AM Sunday School & Adult Study 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10:00 AM Worship & Scholarships		 <b>6 Epiphany</b> (Bruce on vacation Jan. 6-7) 7:30 PM Dartball: Mor. 1 @ London; Newville @ Mor. 2		<b>1 New Year's Day (Office Closed)</b> NO Gather To Grow at Karen Radke's	9-11 AM Line Dancing (Office open 9-12 noon) <b>Joint Board Retreat at Mt. Morris; January 2-4</b>	<b>3</b> 6 PM – Worship & Scholarships
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<b>18 Church Council</b> 8:45 AM Sunday School & Adult Study 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship 11 AM Camp Promotion Brunch & Church Council	<b>19</b> 9-10 AM Line Dancing 10 AM–12 Noon Line Dancing for Seniors	<b>20</b> 6-7 PM Girl Scout Troop 2406 Timothy Room 7 PM Stewardship/Outreach 7:30 PM Dartball: U. Meth. @ Mor. 2 ; Mor. 1 @ St. Paul's	<b>21</b> 5-7 PM Community Meal at EMS building 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:30 AA	<b>22</b> 6:30 PM CEC	<b>23</b> 9-11 AM Line Dancing <b>Discipleship Retreat at Mt. Morris; January 23-25</b>	<b>24</b> 6 PM Worship
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