



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:

It has been a time of transitions, a time of comings and goings in my life. In the wider church that means welcoming Sister Sanette Francis as a colleague. She is the new pastor at Ebenezer Moravian Church. It has meant saying good-bye (in a way) to Sister Barb Berg as she concluded her ministry at Watertown Moravian. Barb is staying in the area but her role will now be different as she enters retirement.

At Lake Mills Moravian it has meant rejoicing with our high school seniors as well those who have graduated from college or moved on to high school from middle school, or to kindergarten from pre-school.

In my personal life it has meant sending my youngest off to Lake Auburn to do a try-ministry internship with Rev. Brian Dixon and welcoming another daughter home for a few weeks as she does a couple of rotations at area hospitals. It has meant adjusting to a new schedule at work for my wife.

It also has meant meeting with families to plan memorial services, meeting with couples who will transition from the single life to married life, meeting with couples who are having some difficulties, and meeting with a couple to plan a baptism.

Summer is a time when I often make my plans for the fall season. I will set up the discipleship schedule for the coming school year. I will send out letters to prospective discipleship students. I will do worship planning for the fall season.

Through all of this, I have continued to feel God's blessings and have continued to see God at work in many people's lives. There may be many transitions going on around me. Some of them are very fun and some of them are difficult. But the one constant in all of this is that our Lord and Savior walks with us in each and every transition, in each and every circumstance, in all of our highest of highs and lowest of lows.

I would encourage you to embrace the transitions knowing that your Lord and Savior is right beside you. And, I would encourage you to enjoy the ride.

Serving Christ with you,
Pastor Bruce J. Nelson

Special Church Council Meeting

We will gather for a Special Church Council meeting immediately following worship (about 10 a.m.) on Sunday, July 12. The purpose of this meeting is to present materials and information from the Sanctuary revitalization committee and to seek approval to go ahead with necessary repairs and some refurbishments. We hope that you will mark your calendars and will make this meeting a priority.

Praise Band to Lead Worship

Some of our Sunday morning worshippers have been asking when the Praise Band will play on a Sunday morning. The Praise Band will be leading us in worship on Saturday and Sunday, July 25 & 26. The Saturday and Sunday services will be nearly identical. Please plan to join us as we praise and worship our Lord and Savior.

SUMMER CAMPS

There's still time to register for summer camps at Mt. Morris, although the July camps are now subject to an increased registration fee. Here are the dates:

- July 6-10 – Junior Camp
- July 19-25 – Chetek Camp
- July 26-August 1 – Winmor Camp
- August 16-20 – Ba6 (Teepee Camp)
- August 17-19 – 4M Camp



Registration and health forms may be picked up in the church office. If you have questions, please call Mia Wollin at 920-253-5430 or Shelli Blomgren at 920-648-8205. You may also register online at www.wdcamping.com. NOTE: If you do register online, **please let the church office** know so we know who will receive camp scholarships and who will need rides to and from camp.



Confirmation



On May 31, we welcomed Abbey Elaine Anna Voight into our communicant membership by the Rite of Confirmation. Pictured above are Rev. Bruce Nelson and Abbey Voight.

Opportunities for Holy Communion

We have two upcoming opportunities for Holy Communion. We will gather on the weekend of July 4 & 5 as we celebrate the martyrdom of Jon Hus. We will gather again on the weekend of August 15 & 16 as we remember the August 13th experience of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



Thank You

June 7th, Moravian Music Sunday, was a wonderful service and a lasting memory for me. I want to thank Pastor Bruce, the Senior Choir, former choir members, and the congregation for acknowledging my 50 years as the Senior Choir Director. The ending song, "Sing Hallelujah Praise the Lord," had a great praise sound and message.

I want to thank Bev Stelse for her hours of contacting former choir members, phone calls, and searching for "historic facts." Bev presented me with a notebook of programs from all 50 Advent Concerts and names of former choir members, pastors, and organists from the past 50 years. (This notebook is on display in the music room.)

I'm grateful for the many cards and gifts I received.

Jerry Jenkins

Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

May 31, 2015 (Actual)

Budget Needed as of May 31: \$136,096.10

Actual Income as of May 31: \$ 116,250.77

Actual Expenses as of May 31: 136,268.07

Difference YTD (\$ 20,017.30)

Mary Bade, Treasurer

Sanctuary Revitalization Committee

Your Sanctuary revitalization committee is made up of Mike Denzin, Diane Fronck. Jay Meister, Tammy Messmer, Mike Miller, and Pastor Bruce. This hard working committee is currently getting bids on repairing the hardwood floor, replacing the carpeting, refurbishing the pews, updating the lighting, improving the Sanctuary lighting, improving the fans in the Sanctuary, painting, possibly improving the camera that is used to video tape our services and a couple of other items. This committee will be sharing these plans at a Special Church Council meeting on Sunday, July 12 after worship (about 10 a.m.).



CONFIRMATION: We welcomed Abbey Elaine Anna Voight into our communicant membership by the Rite of Confirmation on May 31.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Ellie Austin and Jack Baartman who were married June 20 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

FUNERAL: We extend our sympathy to the family of Lyle Allen (Karen Radke's dad) who passed away May 29 at Rainbow Hospice Inpatient Care Center in Johnson Creek; the family of Iver Erlandson (Jane Berg's dad) who passed away June 1 at London Lodge in Cambridge; the family of Ruth Berthold whose memorial service was held June 13 in our Sanctuary.

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Marvin & Rachel Hein who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 17.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES: July 3 – Ken Kisow; July 5 – Audrey Schlender; July 20 – Shirley Jahn; July 22 – Joyce Stockfish.

Reaching Out Respite

There is a need for new volunteers to help at Reaching Out Respite, a program designed to offer caregivers a day off. New training sessions are being offered this month. Please let Jane Harberg know if you are interested.

The Work of our Boards

The **Board of Elders** met on May 21. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- in youth ministry it was noted that Mini-Moravians met for the last time during the school year on May 20. Over 20 children were involved. It was also noted that Sunday School is done for the year and that it was a very good year for our children's Sunday School. Summer camps and Little Lambs Day Camp are just around the corner.
- we talked about recent worship services. The board felt good about the recent stewardship series. Plans for upcoming worship services were shared.
- there was unanimous approval given for Abbey Voight to confirm her faith on May 31.
- approval was given for Sebastian Walters to join the church. He will be joining on Sunday, June 28.
- it was decided that we will not meet in June. Our next meeting will be July 16.

The **Board of Trustees** met on June 11. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- we approved the treasurer's report and agreed to pay the bills. It was noted that our offerings or income is the lowest it has been in the past 5 years, but our expenses are also significantly lower than last year at this time.
- a bid from Keeser Masonry was accepted to do necessary tuck pointing around the church.
- it was noted that the step from the hallway into the choir loft will be looked at by Nonn's.
- bids for painting the fellowship hall roof were received.
- it was noted that the new countertops for the kitchen will be installed on July 13 & 14. The old countertops will be available for a donation on a first come basis.
- a thank you was given to the Messmer family for mowing the church lawn this summer.
- the next meeting was set for Tuesday, July 14 (note change from normal meeting date).

The **Joint Board** met on June 11. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- we briefly discussed our annual goals and the progress that we have made so far.
- we approved a policy prohibiting weapons on our church property. This policy will be posted in the near future.
- we received a report from the sanctuary revitalization committee and made a motion to hold a Special Church Council meeting on Sunday, July 12, following worship. (Please see a separate article about this meeting.)
- we began to talk about our annual Joint Board retreat for 2016. This year it will be held in Lake Mills on January 8 & 9. A facilitator was suggested to lead us in discussion and goal setting.
- a committee of two was set up to look into revising our by-laws.
- the next regular meeting of the Joint Board will be held on August 20.

July Servants

DIENERS: Mary & Greg Wescott; 920-945-0103 **SORTERS:** Aaron Crossman & Teresa Holzhueter

| GREETERS | | | | | |
|----------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Date | Service | Front Entrance | Fellowship Hall | Bell Tower Ent | Lower Level |
| 7/4 | 6:00 P.M. | Cindy Fahney | Larry Fahney | Mary Cromey | |
| 7/5 | 9:00 A.M. | Diane McFarlane | Dave McFarlane | Scott Schultz | Nancy Schultz |
| 7/11 | 6:00 P.M. | Anna Hoyt | Kip Engsborg | Bob Hoyt | |
| 7/12 | 9:00 A.M. | Barb Sanft | Bob Hinzmann | Donna Hinzmann | Peach Beahlen |
| 7/18 | 6:00 P.M. | Darren Strasburg | Student | Sam Spiegelhoff | |
| 7/19 | 9:00 A.M. | Bev Stelse | Kathy Wollin | Jane Harberg | Ed Wollin |
| 7/25 | 6:00 P.M. | Carole Wolfgram | Marilyn Meyer | Abbey Voight | |
| 7/26 | 9:00 A.M. | Pat Yahn | Cindy Miller | Tom Strauss | Mike Miller |

| USHERS | | | LAY READERS | | |
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| Date | Service | USHERS | Date | Service | Readers |
| 7/4 | 6:00 P.M. | Paul Crossman | 7/4 | 6:00 P.M. | Pat Yahn |
| 7/5 | 9:00 A.M. | Dan Piper | 7/5 | 9:00 A.M. | Beth Denzin |
| 7/11 | 6:00 P.M. | Bob Hoyt | 7/11 | 6:00 P.M. | Andy Anderson |
| 7/12 | 9:00 A.M. | Todd Messmer | 7/12 | 9:00 A.M. | Rich Fronck |
| 7/18 | 6:00 P.M. | Mike Denzin | 7/18 | 6:00 P.M. | Nan Nelson |
| 7/19 | 9:00 A.M. | Bob Hinzmann | 7/19 | 9:00 A.M. | Deb VanOmmeren |
| 7/25 | 6:00 P.M. | Ken Manske | 7/25 | 6:00 P.M. | Bob Oestreich |
| 7/26 | 9:00 A.M. | Dave Wendt | 7/26 | 9:00 A.M. | Sue Conrad |

| NURSERY SCHEDULE | | | |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Date | Saturday, 6:00 P.M. | Sunday, 9:00 A.M. | |
| 4/5 | Theresa Palmer | Kay Frey | Katelyn Frey |
| 11/12 | Wendy Brockert | Julie Renz | Jean Osborne |
| 18/19 | Nikki Lawson | Ashley Nebel | Alexis Schultz |
| 25/26 | Linda Kutzke | Kim Peterson | Ryan Peterson |

News Around The District

As was announced earlier, Sister Sanette Francis, a recent Moravian Theological Seminary graduate, has accepted the call to serve the Ebenezer Moravian Church in Watertown. Sister Francis began her work on June 15 and will be installed on June 28.

Garritt Fleming, a recent graduate of Moravian Theological Seminary, has accepted the call to the Freedom Moravian Church in Freedom, Wisconsin. We will share more details of his installation as they become available.

Sister Barb Berg, who had been serving the Watertown Moravian Church, has entered into retirement. Her last Sunday at Watertown was June 14. Please keep Sister Berg in your prayers as she begins this new chapter in her life. Also remember Watertown Moravian as they are in the call process.

We also encourage you to remember in prayer Ben Lippert, who for the summer is serving under appointment the Grace Moravian Church in Westland, Michigan. Also remember Greg Behrend who, for the summer, is serving the Downey Moravian Church in Downey, California.

Market Day Meeting

Watch the bulletin for our 2015 Market Day meeting. Our co-chairs this year are Ashley Nebel and Deb van Ommeren.



Talk on Global Warming

You are invited to a talk on global warming. Steve Coleman, a retired engineer who lives near Marshall, will present "A Catholic Response to Global Warming" on Wednesday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Parish Hall. The talk will have some Catholic parts in it, but it is also very appropriate for ecumenical audiences. The three parts of Mr. Coleman's presentation will be: a summary of Catholic teaching on global warming, the science, and possible solutions.

Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars now for the Western District Women's Retreat to be held at Mt. Morris September 25-27. Bishop Kay Ward will be leading us as we explore "The Bestowing of Blessings." Using scripture, story and song, we will explore the essentials of our Moravian faith—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—Faith, Love and Hope.

Our lives are showered with blessings and during our time together, we will stop to appreciate those blessings and learn how we might become blessings to each other.

In addition to a great program, there will also be plenty of time for fellowship, sharing, laughter, creativity, and delicious meals. There will also be an optional time to join together with Western Region Moravian women to connect, elect officers, and vision for the future. The cost will be \$115 for housing in Black Oak or \$87 for housing in one of the cabins. Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast meals are included. If you are only able to come for part of the weekend, we can work that out too. Registration materials will be coming out in the near future. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Nan Nelson (Nancy.Nelson10@gmail.com/920-253-9040) or Cindy Fahney (clfahney@yahoo.com/920-648-5744).

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next breakfast and meeting is Saturday, July 11 at 7:30 a.m.

Basement Hall Windows

In addition to funds from the Dean Frey and Denise Peters Memorials, the Men's Fellowship assisted in paying for the new basement hall windows.



Have You Noticed...



? that Bob Hinzmann has recently fertilized and sprayed the parsonage and church lawns? Be sure to tell him thank you.

? that Mike Durant quietly, faithfully makes coffee every Sunday morning for our fellowship times? And, sometimes he buys treats for that fellowship time? Way to go Mike!

? that the committee to plan Jerry Jenkins' 50th anniversary celebration did a wonderful job of honoring him and celebrating his 50 years of music ministry? Members of the committee were: Jo Stokes, Bev Stelse, Tom Pirwitz, Barb Sanft, Cindy Fahney, and Pastor Bruce. Thank you to those involved.

? that the choir is taking a well-deserved summer break? Thanks to our choir members.

? that often the music that Stewart McElroy is playing for preludes, postludes, or offertories is music that he had arranged himself? We are blessed to have him!

Shelter for the Homeless



On Tuesday, June 9, Kay Behling, Larry Fahney, Ariana Radke, Dave Radke, Karen Radke, Lynnell Austin, Steve Brockert, and Dani Brockert delivered a wonderful meal that fed between 50 and 60 homeless men in Madison. This service crew shared many laughs, kept the food flowing to the guests, and enjoyed an evening of doing God's work at the men's homeless shelter. The meal was prepared by Matt Beckman and a few others. The fried potatoes and doctored baked beans were big hits. The homemade veggie dip was very well received. The hamburgers and hotdogs were awesome. Everyone who contributed food items to make this meal possible should be commended for their part in making this ministry move forward.

The next time we are scheduled to serve a meal to the men at the Madison Men's Homeless Shelter is Tuesday, August 11. At this time, there are no discipleship youth signed up for serving the August meal. The August serving event comes before the beginning-of-the-year discipleship meeting where the youth sign up to do their community service activity. Last year's seventh grade discipleship youth might think about getting the community service part of their eighth grade discipleship commitment done before school activities and homework start. If you are available to help deliver and serve the meal, please contact Steve Brockert (648-3028) or Bruce Nelson about getting on the August serving crew.

It was awesome to deliver so many small tubes of toothpaste, shampoos, soaps, etc. The men at the shelter, as always, could use the motel (small) size toiletry items. If you have gently used towels, wash cloths or clothes, we know how to get them to the place where they can be steamed and cleaned, then given to the men. Bring them to the closet in Fellowship Hall, and they will get delivered to the right spot. Thank you for all you do to help with this ministry.

Praise Band

Praise Band is really enjoying taking part in one Saturday night worship service each month. We are blessed by and have enjoyed learning new songs that have been written by our very own Pastor Bruce Nelson. Some upcoming dates are: Saturday July 25 and our "In the Park" Sunday worship service on August 16. Thank you for your support and feedback. We continue to be... Joyfully strumming and singing praises to God.

Book Club

The Book Club will meet this month on July 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The book we will read is Tortilla Curtain by TC Boyle. There don't seem to be many copies available in the library, so you may have to order a used copy on Amazon. All are welcome to attend.

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Coming in August, 2015

August 8 – Men's Breakfast
August 8/9 – Baumann/Behling/Wendt Scholarship Presentation

August 16 – 9 a.m. – Worship/Holy Communion at Korth Park & Picnic

August 16-20 – Ba6 Camp at Mt. Morris

August 17-19 – 4M Camp at Mt. Morris

August 19 - Community Meal at the EMS building on Lake Street

August 20-23 – 50 Plus Retreat at Mt. Morris
NO Mini Moravians in August

Thanks from Jo

My heartfelt thanks to the committee of choir members, Bev Stelse, Pastor Bruce, Cindy Miller, Cindy Fahney, Tom Pirwitz, Barb Sanft, who helped plan and make Jerry's 50th anniversary such a joyous surprise.

Very special thanks to Bev for her hours and hours of work writing to former choir members, putting collections of Advent Bulletins together, and for coming up with all the great ideas that made the surprise a success.

Thank you to the ladies who ordered the cake and flowers, and set up and served the reception, it was wonderful. Thank you Bill Beckman, for taking all the photos and putting together a keepsake book for Jerry and the church.

Jerry was indeed surprised and moved by the celebration, which was after all what we wanted.

Jo Stokes, Senior Choir President



Board Members

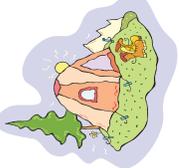
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JULY, 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  5 8:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion & Mission Team Commissioning 10 AM Fellowship Hour |  6 9-10 AM Beg Line Dancing 10-12 AM Line Dancing for Seniors NO Moravian Women Board |  7 | 1 7:30 PM AA | 2 9 AM E. Appenfeldt— 1 PM Norvelle Goff— | 3 9-12 Noon Line Dancing | 4  Happy 4 th of July!!! 6 PM Worship & Holy Communion |
| JUNIOR CAMP – July 6 – 10 at Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center | | | | | | |
| 12 8:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10 AM Fellowship Hour | 13 9-10 AM Beg Line Dancing 10-12 AM Line Dancing for Seniors | 14 9:00 AM – K. Sibert— 6:30 PM Trustees 7 PM – E. Raiford—Diane McFarlane | 15 NO Mini-Moravians 5-7 PM Community Meal @ EMS 7:30 PM AA | 16 6:30 PM Elders | 17 9-12 Noon Line Dancing | 18 6 PM Worship |
| 19 8:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Church Council | 20 9-10 AM Beg Line Dancing 10-12 AM Line Dancing for Seniors | 21 | 22 7:30 PM AA | 23 | 24 9-12 Noon Line Dancing | 25 6 PM Worship |
| CHETEK CAMP – July 19 – 25 at Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center | | | | | | |
| 26 8:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10 AM Fellowship Hour | 27 9-10 AM Beg Line Dancing 10-12 AM Line Dancing for Seniors | 28 | 29 Order deadline for 2016 Daily Texts (signup sheet on F. Hall bulletin board) 7:30 PM AA | 30 6:30 PM CEC | 31  | |
| WINMOR CAMP – July 26 – August 1 at Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center | | | | | | |