



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 am writing this, it is just before Market Day. There are already many things here at the church in anticipation of that day and many more are certain to come in. The Advent Concert choir has already held their first rehearsal. The Budget Committee has been working to put a budget together for the Joint Board to pass on to Church Council in January. The Nominating Committee is working to get future lay leadership for the church. The Sanctuary Revitalization Committee has been hard at work trying to get the best product for the least amount of money. We are in the midst of our "Building Bridges" sermon series, and if you haven't been here you have missed some wonderful skits. There are so many good things going on in and around the church that I am sure I am not coming close to mentioning all of them.

I am coming to the close of a one-year discipline that I have been doing. Beginning November 1 of last year, I started almost every day in my office by typing on my computer the one thing that I was thankful for the day before. Sometimes I had to catch up on a few days when I missed. It has been a wonderful discipline for me, and I have tried to not repeat things that I have already typed earlier. I need to tell you that many of the things that I typed were things like "a hard working Board," or "a great committee meeting," or "an opportunity to officiate at the baptism of ...," or "officiated at the wedding of..." or "the praise band singing another one of my songs." There are many other things that I was thankful for but my point is that in many, many of the cases I was thankful for you or for the ministry that you were doing.

As I reflect on this I am reminded of Philippians 1:3-4 which states, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

In this month when we celebrate Thanksgiving, I want to thank you for the blessing of being my partner in ministry. I encourage you to think each day of one thing that you are thankful for. It is a wonderful discipline.

Serving Christ with you,
Pastor Bruce J. Nelson

SWMM Afternoon For Mission

On Sunday, November 15, at 2 p.m. the Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Mission (SWMM) will be having an "Afternoon for Mission" at the London Moravian Church, located at N5610 County Road O in London. Mary Behm-Spiegler from the Lake Mills Moravian Church led a team of 13 people this past summer to Pittsburgh, PA on a mission trip. Come and hear of the work they enjoyed doing in the name of Jesus. Bring a friend or two and plan on staying for light refreshments that will follow the presentation.

COLLEGE & MILITARY ADDRESSES

Please be sure to let the office know if you have a college student and/or military person in your family and let us know the new address so the church family can stay connected with our young adults.

We will be sending goodie boxes the beginning of **November** for our students and troops.

Opportunities for Holy Communion

We will have two opportunities for Holy Communion in the month of November. On November 14 & 15, we gather to remember the announcement of Jesus Christ as our Chief Elder and on November 28 & 29 we gather to commune on the first weekend in Advent. We hope you are able to join us for both of these times of communion.



Elections Only Church Council

Sunday, November 15
Following Worship

Fall Church Work Day

We will have a fall work (clean-up) day on Sunday, November 15, following our elections only Church Council meeting which follows our morning worship service. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Consecration Weekend

We hope you can join us for consecration weekend. What is consecration weekend? It is when we have an opportunity to turn in our faith pledges or intent of monetary giving for 2016. Your budget committee takes very seriously into account the amount of money that is pledged for the following year when crafting a budget. During the worship services on Saturday, October 31, and Sunday, November 1, we will have an opportunity to turn in our faith pledges or intent of monetary giving for 2016. Following both services there will be a dessert fellowship time hosted by the Stewardship/Outreach Committee. Please plan to help your church with your faith pledge or intent of monetary giving.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND NOVEMBER 7 & 8

Put this weekend on your calendar! The women of the church will be leading the worship service both Saturday and Sunday. Installation of officers and a memorial for those women who have passed away this year will be held during the Sunday service.

Both services will be followed by a meal to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Women's Fellowship/Moravian Women. See the separate article for more information.

MORAVIAN WOMEN CELEBRATE 60 YEARS

Hard to believe, but the women of the Lake Mills Moravian Church have been serving our church for 60 years! Among the many things they have done are giving programs, serving funeral meals, studying together, holding Market Day, doing Mother-Daughter Banquets, and supporting projects in our church and around the world.

We will be offering sandwiches and sides after the Saturday, November 7, church service and a chicken breast or pork tenderloin dinner after the Sunday, November 8, service. All men, women, and children are invited to join us to celebrate.

There will be a display of historic photos and articles from the 60 years of Women's Fellowship/Moravian Women in Fellowship Hall. Stop in and see.

Please join us in honoring this milestone!



BAPTISM: We welcomed into our baptized membership Levi James Masche-Schroeder on September 26.

FUNERALS: We extend our sympathy to the family of Irvin Renz whose funeral service was held October 10 at the Claussen Funeral Home.

THANK YOU's: October has been a busy month. A very special THANK YOU to all our office volunteers with the Messenger, bulletin, and answering the phone – your help is greatly appreciated!! THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Market Day!!!!!!

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES: November 4 – Barbara Albrecht; November 10 – Mae Bryant, Shorty Shoemaker; November 12 – Fred Albrecht; November 28 – Marian Abel, Robert Jahn; November 29 – Martha Liebenow.

Have You Noticed...



- ? the wonderful singing that our Sunday School students have blessed us with in these last two months??? Thanks to Wendy Beckman for leading our children in song and to our parents for making sure our children are here to practice and sing praises to God!
- ? the wonderful job that Bob(s) the bridge builders have done with our skits recently? Thanks to Rich Fronck, Steve Brockert, Mike Durant, and Mike Denzin for being "Bob."
- ? the beautiful piano and strings trio that enhanced our worship on Sunday, October 18? Thanks to Stewart McElroy for organizing this and playing piano and to Eric Chesney and Ross McElroy for sharing their talents on violin and cello.
- ? that some of our stain glassed windows have been removed? Work has begun on some of the windows. Soon those will be back and others will be repaired. This is part of our Sanctuary revitalization project. All of the other work will be done after the first of January.
- ? that at the first annual Southern Wisconsin Concert for Missions we raised just short of \$1,400 for the Tricklebee Café in Milwaukee and the Ahuas Honduras water project??? A good time was had by all with good music and good fellowship during and following the concert.

Discipleship News

Discipleship Education is well underway. We have had several Sunday morning class sessions already as well as a couple of Wednesday evening class sessions. Some of the students have already gone to help serve at the Madison Men's Homeless Shelter. Some have already helped with ushering, reading, and helping to video tape. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on this important journey.

Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

September 30, 2015 (Actual)

Budget Needed as of Sept. 30:	\$ 244,222.98
Actual Income as of Sept. 30:	\$ 200,865.74
Actual Expenses as of Sept. 30:	<u>232,614.08</u>
Difference YTD	(\$ 31,748.34)

Unfortunately, our shortfall has continued to grow. Please consider making a special contribution or even increasing your regular giving. If everyone could give just a little more, we can end the year in the black. Here's the five-year comparison of income and expense through the third quarter:

January–September	Income	Expense	Difference
2015	\$ 200,865.74	\$ 232,614.08	\$ (31,748.34)
2014	\$ 214,610.85	\$ 239,614.87	\$ (25,004.02)
2013	\$ 229,584.25	\$ 243,141.71	\$ (13,557.46)
2012	\$ 237,217.70	\$ 231,272.04	\$ 5,945.66
2011	\$ 248,421.38	\$ 274,128.12	\$ (25,706.74)

Mary Bade, Treasurer

Book Club

The book club will meet on November 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. This month's book is "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. There are a couple of books available in the church office.

Men's Fellowship

Our next breakfast is Saturday, November 14 at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the highway cleanup in October.

November Servants

DIENERS: Kim & Wayne Staff; 920-253-6303 or 920-253-6306

SORTERS: Tammy Messmer & Aaron Crossman

GREETERS					
Date	Service	Front Entrance	Fellowship Hall	Bell Tower	Lower Level
11/1	10:00 A.M.	Tom Kasten	Kathy Kasten	Carole Wolfgram	Pam Krueger
11/7	6:00 P.M.	Diane McFarlane	Dave McFarlane	Camden Schultz	
11/8	10:00 A.M.	Don Frey	Dorothy Hartwig	Bill Hartwig	Jackie Frey
11/14	6:00 P.M.	Barb Strauss	Tom Strauss	Andy Anderson	
11/15	10:00 A.M.	Terry Streich	Pam Streich	Connie Manske	Ken Manske
11/21	6:00 P.M.	Barb Zastrow	Glenn Zastrow	Myrtle Masche	
11/22	10:00 A.M.	Dorothy Hartwig	Bill Hartwig	Bill Kiessling	Erna Kiessling
11/28	6:00 P.M.	Shirley Hofer	Peter Berg	Jane Berg	
11/29	10:00 A.M.	Anna Hoyt	Diane Fronck	Bob Hoyt	Don Frey

USHERS			LAY READERS		
Date	Service	USHERS	Date	Service	Readers
11/1	10:00 A.M.	Stewart Masche	11/1	10:00 A.M.	Pam Streich
11/7	6:00 P.M.	Paul Crossman (captain only)*	11/7	6:00 P.M.	Nan Nelson
11/8	10:00 A.M.	Dan Piper (captain only)*	11/8	10:00 A.M.	Erna Kiessling
11/14	6:00 P.M.	Bob Hoyt	11/14	6:00 P.M.	Wayne Staff
11/15	10:00 A.M.	Todd Messmer	11/15	10:00 A.M.	Diane Fronck
11/21	6:00 P.M.	Mike Denzin	11/21	6:00 P.M.	Andy Anderson
11/22	10:00 A.M.	Bob Hinzmann	11/22	10:00 A.M.	Jane Harberg
11/28	6:00 P.M.	Ken Manske	11/28	6:00 P.M.	Wendy Brockert
11/29	10:00 A.M.	Dave Wendt	11/29	10:00 A.M.	Rich Fronck

**November 7 & 8 is Moravian Women's Weekend

NURSERY SCHEDULE			
Date	Saturday, 6:00 P.M.	Sunday, 10:00 A.M.	
Oct. 31/Nov. 1	Theresa Palmer	Jim Williams	Tara Williams
Nov. 7/8	Wendy Brockert	Mia Wollin	Kathy Wollin
Nov. 14/15	Need volunteer	Lisa Garvan	Heather Graham
Nov. 21/22	Linda Kutzke	Diane McFarlane	Tracy Brandel
Nov. 27/28	Need volunteer	Teresa Holzhueter	Need volunteer

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Lake Mills Moravian Church is once again participating in this wonderful ministry by accepting donations and filled boxes. Information about OCC, gift boxes to be filled, and the collection boxes for donations are in the entranceway by the church office. More information can be found at www.Samaritanaspurse.org/occ.

Our collection runs now through Sunday, November 15. Items needed include (small items, please): bar soap, combs/brushes, crayons, gum (please double bag), hair things, hard candy & lollipops (please double bag all candy), harmonicas, hats, jump ropes, kazoos, kids' t-shirts, markers, pens & pencils & sharpeners, Slinky, small balls, small cars/trucks, small coloring books, small dolls, small Etch a Sketch, small notebooks, socks, solar calculators, stamp & ink-pad sets, toothbrushes, toothpaste-small tubes, washcloths, writing pads, yo-yos. Money is also welcome! (Please give to church office-ATTN: Jackie Frey.)

Whatever you choose to do, have fun and be a blessing!

Thank you in advance!
Jackie Frey, OCC Coordinator

Market Day Thank You

Thank you to all who attended and helped with the 2015 Moravian Market Day! Once again, a job well done!

It takes a lot of effort and willing volunteers to make this event happen each year. If you haven't had a chance to participate, please consider doing so next year. If you have an idea to help make this day even better, we'd like to hear it. Contact the Moravian Women's Board with your thoughts.

Mark your calendars for NEXT October. Next year's date will be announced shortly. Start planning now to donate your hand-made items and crafts and special talents to this wonderful community event.

Deb van Ommeren & Ashley Nebel

Mini Moravians is Back

Mini Moravians has a new leader, Anna Hoyt, and assistant, Sue Trumpf. Anna has been busy planning a great program for this school year! Mini Moravians is open to all students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Anyone older than 6th grade is welcome to come and be a helper. Three- and four-year-olds are also welcome as long as a parent is with them. We had our first meeting on Wednesday, October 21, and we will meet next on Wednesday, November 18. We meet in Fellowship Hall the third Wednesday of each month from 3:15 to 4:30 pm. through May 2016, excluding December. 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 at (920) 648-5412 to let him know that you will be riding in the van to church. Also, a parent must send a note or call the school that day to let them know you are going to be riding in the church van after school. Hope to see you!



Shelter for The Homeless

Matt Beckman and a few helpers prepared a very nice dinner for homeless men at the shelter in Madison. It was a beautiful fall evening on Tuesday, October 13, when the Lake Mills Moravian Church filled the bellies of about 100 guests at the shelter. God bless all of you for what you do for those in need.



The meal delivery/service team was led by Samantha Spiegelhoff, Kyrston Bell, Phoebe Kearns, and Zoe Cuthrell, with assistance from Kevin Klockow, Mark Zager, Steve Brockert, Sue Trumpf, and Kay Behling. The service team accepted many heartfelt thanks from the guests at the shelter, and would like to pass them on to all who donated parts of the meal and to the cooks/preparation team.

The men always appreciate a nice hot meal after a day out on the streets. The noodles and beef stroganoff were outstanding; Matt's special ranch dressing went great with the salad; the corn and applesauce were favorites with many of the guests. The members of our church family who donated parts of the meal deserve many heartfelt thanks for their support for this ministry. The service team wishes you could have seen the smiles the guests at the shelter showed when the night manager called that they could have seconds. A few didn't think they wanted to eat, but were encouraged by their friends to at least try the beef stroganoff. Once they did, they raced in for their seconds.

There was a good deal of fun and humor among the delivery team, and between the serving crew and the guests. We were fearful for one guest who didn't want the applesauce that Kay was serving. Seemed as though Kay was about to go across the serving table, grab him by his shirt and give him a good shaking. She was restrained and good order returned to the serving area. Zoe and Kevin were asked to keep a close eye on Kay after that.

Then there was the guest who rushed in for seconds and wanted a big helping of the excellent beef stroganoff. He was gushing with praise for how especially good it was. When he put a few dashes of hot sauce on it, Steve soundly chastised him for such an indiscretion, and told him his name would be turned into the head cook as a fibber. He pleaded that there was no pepper on the tables so he had to add a little. There were great guests, great food, and the humor rolled along all evening.

Our congregation has a separate fund for the Madison Homeless Shelter for those who want to donate money towards the purchase of items that are needed for the preparation of meals; just designate your contribution "Homeless Shelter." The meal preparation team would like to plan a special holiday meal for the guests at the homeless shelter on December 8. If there is sufficient funding, we will make their holidays a little better.

Many who travel make a point of bringing back the unused motel soaps, shampoos, etc. for the homeless men. The men appreciate all the thoughtful gifts. Our next trip will be on December 8.

God bless all of you!!!

Luminaries for Sale

The CEC will be selling luminaries for our Christmas Eve services, to adorn the outside as well as the inside of our church. In case you do not know what luminaries are, they are white bags with a candle inside. The bags used outside will have real candles, while the bags inside will have battery operated candles. Each bag may be given in "memory of" or "honor of" a loved one, friend, or even a pet. You may purchase your luminaries for \$5.00 each beginning November 14 through December 20. The luminary forms will be inserted in the weekly bulletins for your convenience. Proceeds will go to our Members Assistance Fund. Please help our Moravian Block glow once again this Christmas, inside and out!! Any questions, please contact Sue Trumpf at 920-723-9386. Thank you for your support.



Community Thanksgiving Worship

We will once again gather as an ecumenical community to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. This will take place on Monday, November 23, at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ across the street from LMMC. We hope you are able to join us for this special service. The offering collected that evening will all be turned over to the Lake Mills Food Pantry. Also, there will be a special ecumenical community choir which will sing one anthem for this service. Rehearsal for this special choir will take place on Wednesday, November 18, at 8 p.m.

Sanctuary Revitalization Update

You may have noticed that some of the stain-glassed window are gone. They are in the repair shop being fixed. Soon they will be back and others will be taken to be fixed. Plans are coming together to have the windows done before the end of the calendar year. The rest of the work will take place after January 1.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, January 3, as this will be a work day to help get the Sanctuary ready for revitalization. We will be moving all of the pews out of the Sanctuary and perhaps ripping up carpet that day to ready the Sanctuary for the workers who will begin their work on Monday, January 4. In addition to the work that is being done on the windows, we will see the floor sanded down and refinished, new carpeting, updated lighting, new ceiling fans, new paint, refurbished pews, new pew cushions, and an opening up of the chancel area. Members of this hard working committee are Mike Denzin, Diane Fronck, Jay Meister, Tammy Messmer, Mike Miller, and Bruce Nelson.

We encourage you to be flexible as we worship outside of the Sanctuary (probably in Fellowship Hall or perhaps in other rooms within the church) during the first several weeks of 2016.



November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study 8:45 AM Sunday School & Discipleship 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship 1:30 PM Advent Choir Reh.	2 9-10 AM Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Senior Line Dancing 6:30 PM Moravian Women Executive Board—Conf. Rm.	3 Election Day 6:30 Budget Committee 7:30 PM Dartball	4 7 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM AA	5 6-8 PM Cub Scouts Den 2.4 6:30 PM CEC	6 9-12 Noon Line Dancing	7 Wedding – Stephanie Marks & Kyle Chwala 6 PM Worship/Moravian Women
8 Moravian Women Sunday 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study 8:45 AM Sunday School 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship 1:30 PM Advent Choir Reh.	9 9-10 AM Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Senior Line Dancing	10 9 AM K. Sibert 7 PM E. Raiford – Jean Osborne – Gathering Room 7:30 PM Dartball	11 1 PM Brenda Brent- 5:30 PM Mentor Night Potluck 7 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM AA	12 9 AM E. Appenfeldt- 10 AM Book Club: Gathering Room 1 PM Dr. N. Goff 6:30 PM Trustees—“Matt.”	13 9-12 Noon Line Dancing	14 7:30 AM Men’s Breakfast 6 PM Worship & Holy Communion
15 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study 8:45 AM Sunday School & Discipleship 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship/Holy Comm. 11 AM Church Council 1:30 PM Advent Choir Reh.	16 9-10 AM Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Senior Line Dancing	17 5:30 PM Endowment 7:30 PM Dartball	18 3:15-4:30 PM Mini-Moravians 3:45-4:45 PM Discipleship 5-7 PM Community Meal @ EMS 7 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM AA	19 6-8 PM Cub Scouts Den 2.4 6:30 PM Joint Board/Elders – “Matt.”	20 9-12 Noon Line Dancing	21 6 PM Worship
22 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study 8:45 AM Sunday School 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship 1:30 PM Advent Choir Reh.	23 9-10 AM Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Senior Line Dancing 7 PM Thanksgiving Service at UCC	24 7:30 PM Dartball	25 7 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM AA	26 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED 	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 6 PM Worship & Holy Communion
29 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study 8:45 AM Sunday School & Discipleship 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship/Holy Communion 1:30 PM Advent Choir Reh.	30		 Coming in December, 2015 			
<p>December 6 – Advent Concert December 8 – Unity Prayer Watch December 13 – Dieters’ Lunch & Candle Wrapping December 19 – Sunday School Christmas Program December 20 & 27 – NO Sunday School</p> <p>December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – 3:30, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE) December 25 – NO Worship December 31 – NO Worship</p>						

Sunday School News



The past few weeks our children have been studying a new curriculum. The "Moravian Market" was open on October 18, for the children to spend some of the Moravian dollars that they earn by attending and participating in Sunday School, attending worship, and in other ways. We also joined together on October 18 to make "Recipes in a Jar" to help support our annual Adopt-A-Family project. At the 10:00 a.m. worship service, the children sang a very powerful, exciting song to the congregation. At our church Market Day on October 24, we sold our "Recipes in a Jar" (Friendship Soup and Cranberry White Chocolate Chip Muffin mixes) for \$5.00 each. It was very successful! If you were not able to purchase one of our "Recipes in a Jar" or would like additional jars, please contact Sue Trumpf at 920-723-9386. She will be taking orders **through December 6.**

This month along with the children studying their lessons, **we will be singing during 10:00 worship on Sunday, November 15.** On November 22, we will have another opportunity to help support our Adopt-A-Family project as we make our pies. Please see the separate "Annual Sunday School Pie Sale" article within this Messenger.

We will begin our Christmas program practices on Sunday, November 29. If children would like to be a part of this fantastic program, it is very important to attend all the practices. Our Christmas program will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in place of our regular worship service. Please mark your calendars for another awesome Christmas program given by our Sunday School children!

Sunday School Pie Sale



The Sunday School will once again be selling pies for \$10.00 each, with proceeds going to our annual Adopt-A-Family project. We will have order forms available in the bulletins beginning November 1 and running through November 15. This year we will be offering a variety of pies. If possible, please pay when the order is placed, making the checks payable to the Lake Mills Moravian Church and under the memo, please write "SS Pies." The pies will be made on Sunday November 22, and will be available for pick up after 10:00 a.m. that day.

If you do not care for pies but would like to support this important ministry, you may donate ingredients. Please contact Sue Trumpf at 920-723-9386 or stumpf84@gmail.com for a list. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you in advance for supporting this very important ministry!

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.

The Work of our Boards

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

- we looked briefly at our 2015 goals and noted where we are doing well and where there is more work to do.
- an update was given on the Sanctuary revitalization project.
- we looked at and made some changes to our current rules and regulations for our church. These revisions will be passed on to the Western District Executive Board, the Provincial Elders Conference, and then will come back to a future Church Council meeting for final approval.
- we talked about our church web page and the need for improvement/updates. This is being worked on.
- we set a date for the annual elections only Church Council meeting. It will take place on Sunday, November 15, following worship.
- we also set a date for our annual Church Council meeting where we approve the budget and accept reports. This will be held on Sunday, January 31, following worship and a meal (at about 12 noon).
- it was decided the annual Joint Board retreat for 2016 will be held here at our church beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 8. We will reconvene on Saturday, January 9, at 9 a.m. and be done by 4 p.m. on that day. Rev. Kurt Liebenow will be our facilitator for the retreat.

The **Board of Trustees** met on October 8 following the Joint Board meeting. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- the treasurer's report was shared and it was noted that even though all of our bills are paid, we have had to borrow from designated funds to pay our bills. It was also noted that our income (level of financial contributions taken in) is the lowest it has been since 1999. Our expenses are also down a bit but our deficit on paper is now over \$31,000 through the end of September.
- it was noted that we will have a fall clean-up day on Sunday, November 15, following Church Council which will follow worship.
- it was noted that we once again have a group of volunteers willing to do snow removal for the church sidewalks. We also signed a snow removal contract for the church parking lots with Schweighardt for this snow season.
- it was noted that we have two bids to repair the storage room off of the Matthew room. We are awaiting a third bid.
- a second and third bid came in for repairs to the grand piano in the sanctuary
- it was decided to purchase gutter guards for the parsonage. They will be installed hopefully on fall work day.
- new storm windows are being purchased for the Luke room and the bathrooms next to the Luke room.

The **Board of Elders** met on October 15. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- following our check-in time, Bruce led us in a reading from "The Cheesehead Devotional."
- it was noted that Mini-Moravians would start October 21 led by Anna Hoyt and Sue Trumpf.
- Bruce alerted the board to upcoming worship services.
- we talked about who would be serving communion on the two weekends in November.
- it was noted that Sunday School is going strong and that discipleship is off to a good start. Bruce had a concern for a couple of students who have missed several class sessions and have not been in worship.
- the pastor's and committee reports were shared. Bruce also shared actions and statistics.

STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH

We continue to share God's love in reaching out to others, ever mindful of Matthew 6: 21 – "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

With your support of our plant sale and pig roast we have monetarily donated to Lake Mills Public Schools, UW Cancer Center in Johnson Creek, the Lake Mills Food Pantry, the Ahuas Clinic in Honduras, and a window replacement project in our church. We are grateful to you in supporting our "good works" for missions, our community, and our church.

As we look ahead to Christmas, once again we will be sponsoring "Hams for Christmas" and donating them to the local Food Pantry. Through your generosity our goal is to purchase 100 hams at \$10.00 each. Please consider this special, much needed Christmas gift for families and friends in our community. We are accepting donations through December 13. Again our thanks and appreciation for your support.

Angel Tree Is Coming!

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

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

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.



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Plans for Christmas Eve

It is not too early to begin making plans for Christmas Eve. We will offer three Christmas Eve worship services this year. The message and the hymns and carols we sing will be the same at all three services. The special music may differ a bit at one of the services. It was decided after having to turn folks away the last few years to offer three services once again. So, our Christmas Eve schedule has worship at 3:30, 5:30, and 7:30 p.m. We hope you can join us for one of these very special worship times.



CARAMEL BEE - SWEET SUCCESS

Our Caramel Bee held on October 17 & 18 was a sweet success. We broke our record of 32 batches - 23 batches on Saturday and 10 on Sunday for 33 batches in all!! Thank you to everyone who donated supplies and helped in the kitchen. Our Saturday crew - Linda Kutzke, Nancy Jorgensen & Audry Scheele, Judie Bruesewitz, Barb Wendt, Barb Sanft, Jean Osborne, Kathy & Owen Pitzner, Ellen Braatz, Pam Krueger, Theresa Palmer, Trudy Miller, and Teresa Holzhueter; our Sunday crew - Christine & Rachel Kruwell, Shirley Hofer, Linda Kutzke, Lois Zimmerman, Barb Becker, Kathy Anderson, Barb Wendt, Marylin Meyer, Pam Krueger, Lisa & Emma Garvan, Cindy Wolff, Mary Wescott, and Teresa Holzhueter.

Dieners

'Tis the season for candle wrapping!! We will gather after church on Sunday, December 13 for a light meal and candle wrapping. Anyone interested in learning how to wrap beeswax candles is welcome. Dieners will have a chance to sign up for a month they would like to set up for communion and which Christmas Eve service they would like to serve candles. You don't have to be a Diener to sign up to help serve candles on Christmas Eve. There are three services: 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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