



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

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am not sure how to say this delicately, but I have noticed that worship attendance has been down a bit this summer. Worship attendance is usually down during the summer, but this summer it is lower than it has been in previous years.

Now I am not much into guilt and so I am not going to try to shame you or make you feel guilty for not being in worship. But, I am going to let you know that you are missed when you are not worshipping with us. When you are not in worship you are missed.

I also would like to think that you miss something by not being in worship. During the months of June, July, and August these are just a few of the things you have missed if you were not in worship:

- a special celebration recognizing Jerry Jenkins' 50 years of music ministry with our congregation;
- Rev. Jane Harberg preaching in Pastor Bruce's absence;
- Rev. Kurt Liebenow preaching on a Saturday night in Pastor Bruce's absence;
- special music by Stewart McElroy and members of his family;
- special music by the Handbell Choir;
- welcoming Kat Wendt to direct the Handbell Choir and sing a duet with Wendy Beckmann;
- having the Praise Band lead us in worship and teach new songs one Saturday and two Sundays;
- worshipping at Korth Park;
- welcoming new members;
- having a Special Church Council meeting following worship to talk about sanctuary revitalization.

The month of September also offers some special opportunities. We will observe "welcome back to worship" weekend, we will have a cup of covenant together, and we will hear from our mission team that went to Pittsburgh this summer. We hope you can join us for worship because you are missed and we believe you also are missing some very important opportunities.

Serving Christ with you,

Pastor Bruce J. Nelson

Annual Southern Wisconsin Moravians For Mission Lovefeast

On Sunday, September 13, Brother Rick Nelson will be at the Lake Mills Moravian Church at 2 p.m. for the Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Mission Annual Lovefeast. Brother Nelson has been appointed to a two-year term to serve at the Ahuas



Clinic in Honduras by the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church of North America. He will speak to the work being done at the clinic and beyond. Brother Nelson was previously the Executive Director at Habitat for Humanity in Door County. He is one year into his two-year term of serving the Ahuas Clinic. All are welcome and invited to bring a friend. A light luncheon will follow Brother Nelson's presentation.

Senior Choir Returns



It is that time again-- where did the summer go? Senior Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. The choir will begin singing for worship on Sunday, September 13.

Looking forward to seeing everyone, bring a friend! It's always good to have new voices.

Pittsburgh Mission Team to Lead Worship

The mission team that went to Pittsburgh this summer to do short term mission work will share their experiences with us as they lead us in worship on Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27. Please join us to hear how the Lord worked amongst them.

"Welcome Back to Worship" to be Celebrated

We will celebrate "welcome back to worship" on the weekend of September 12 and 13. On this weekend we hope that you will be able to clear your calendar and join your church family in worship. For some of us, we were in worship just a week ago. For others it has been several weeks, months, maybe even years since we have been in worship. September 12 and 13 is a weekend to be welcomed back to worship. At this service you will be invited to join in a cup of covenant where we have an opportunity to commit or re-commit our lives to the Lord and to the local church.

There is actually a national Back to Church Sunday on September 20. But Moravians have often "jumped the gun" on some things. Jan Hus pre-dated Martin Luther by almost 100 years, yet Luther gets much of the credit for the Protestant Reformation.

We hope you can join us for worship as we all are welcomed back on September 12 and 13.

Sunday School News



We are very excited as we begin another fantastic school year! We will be studying a new curriculum this year.

The children, ages 3 years on up, will begin the school year learning about creation and the Holy Spirit. **Please mark your calendars, as Rally Day is Sunday, September 13, 2015.** We will begin with registration in Fellowship Hall at 8:45 a.m. This will include a time for fellowship as we enjoy an awesome breakfast provided by Matt Beckman and his crew. **The breakfast is open to the entire congregation!** We will conclude our morning at the 10:00 worship service with installation of our wonderful Sunday School staff. See you on September 13!

Men's Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Beef Stroganoff Dinner and the people who supported the dinner.

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

Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

July 31, 2015 (Actual)

Budget Needed as of July 31: \$190,034.54
 Actual Income as of July 31: \$156,731.68
 Actual Expenses as of July 31: 184,327.18
 Difference YTD (\$ 27,595.50)

Mary Bade,
Treasurer

The Work of our Boards

The **Board of Elders** met in August after the Messenger deadline. Highlights of the August meeting can be found in the next issue of the Messenger.

The **Board of Trustees** met on Thursday, August 13. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- the treasurer's report was shared and approved. The good news is all bills have been paid and we are up to date. The other news is that our offerings through the end of July are the lowest they have been in several years.
- reports were shared from the various committees as well as the pastor's report
- It was noted that the "no weapons" signs are here and will be posted soon.
- we are moving ahead with grand piano repairs/maintenance.
- it was noted that we will have three Christmas Eve services so we will need sorters for three services instead of two.
- a proposal to look at replacing/upgrading the church computers was looked at. More information will be forthcoming.
- the next meeting was set for September 10.



Some of the children and staff who attended Little Lambs this year.

Little Lambs

Little Lambs 2015, held June 23-26, had the highest attendance ever! More than 50 students and staff enjoyed learning about "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." We would like to thank everyone who provided their time and talents to make this a year to remember. And we especially would like to thank the children for attending and making this a fantastic time in the life of our church! God's blessings to everyone.

Opportunities for Holy Communion

We do not have a scheduled opportunity for Communion in September; however, we will be observing a Cup of Covenant. Please see a separate article about that service in this Messenger. In October we will observe Worldwide Communion weekend on October 3 & 4. We hope you can join us!



News Around The District

As was previously announced Brother Garrett Fleming, a recent Moravian Theological Seminary graduate, was ordained a deacon of the Moravian Church on Saturday, August 1, at Palmer Township Moravian Church in Pennsylvania. Garrett has already begun his work at Freedom Moravian Church and will be installed on Sunday, August 30.

Please continue to be in prayer for the Waretown Moravian Church which is in the call process. Please also hold the Downey, California, Grace in Michigan, and Northfield, Minnesota, Moravian Churches in your prayers as they are being led by their Joint Boards.

Also continue to pray for our Western District Synod which will take place on April 28 - May 1, 2016, at Mt. Morris.



BAPTISM: August 22 - Marlow Holz, daughter of Michael & Megan (Kasten) Holz.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Tracy Eilenfeldt and Jeff Meinert who were married August 1 in Brodhead, Wisconsin.

FUNERAL: We extend our sympathy to the family of Nancy Schmitt who passed away August 15.

THANK YOU's: To our Messenger helpers and office helpers - without your help, these and many other projects would take a long time to complete!!

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES: September 17 - Roland Liebenow; September 23 - Elsie Schwager; September 28 - Bev Stelse.

Stewardship/Outreach News

The Stewardship Committee has donated \$300.00 to the Lake Mills School District to be used toward field trips for those children that cannot otherwise afford them. The date for our annual pig roast has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 10. Our fall stewardship series is coming in October. More information will be included in the October Messenger.

September Servants

DIENERS: Barb & Glenn Zastrow (648-2118)

SORTERS: Jay Meister & Steve Brockert

GREETERS					
Date	Service	Front Entrance	Fellowship Hall	Bell Tower Ent	Lower Level
9/5	6:00 P.M.	Myrtle Masche	Andy Anderson	Bob Hoyt	
9/6	10:00 A.M.	Bill Kiesslering	Erna Kiesslering	Carole Wolfram	Nancy Schultz
9/12	6:00 P.M.	Bob Hoyt	Anna Hoyt	Abbey Voight	
9/13	10:00 A.M.	Andrea Geyer	Pam Krueger	Warren Krueger	Jackie Frey
9/19	6:00 P.M.	Carl Kutzke	Linda Kutzke	Carol Maas	
9/20	10:00 A.M.	Diane Fronek	Pam Streich	Barb Wendt	Terry Streich
9/26	6:00 P.M.	Marilyn Bielke	Shirley Hofer	Student	
9/27	10:00 A.M.	Barb Sanft	Jean Glasser	Kathy Kasten	Tom Kasten

USHERS		
Date	Service	USHERS
9/5	6:00 P.M.	Paul Crossman
9/6	10:00 A.M.	Dan Piper
9/12	6:00 P.M.	Bob Hoyt
9/13	10:00 A.M.	Todd Messmer
9/19	6:00 P.M.	Mike Denzin
9/20	10:00 A.M.	Bob Hinzmann
9/26	6:00 P.M.	Ken Manske
9/27	10:00 A.M.	Dave Wendt

LAY READERS		
Date	Service	Readers
9/5	6:00 P.M.	Wayne Staff
9/6	10:00 A.M.	Warren Krueger
9/12	6:00 P.M.	Andy Anderson
9/13	10:00 A.M.	Beth Denzin
9/19	6:00 P.M.	Nan Nelson
9/20	10:00 A.M.	Rich Fronek
9/26	6:00 P.M.	Bob Oestreicher
9/27	10:00 A.M.	Deb Van Ommeren

NURSERY SCHEDULE			
Date	Saturday, 6:00 P.M.	Sunday, 10:00 A.M.	
9/5-6	Theresa Palmer	Terry Heinz	Pam Krueger
9/12-13	Wendy Brockert	Heidi Wendorf	Need Volunteer
9/19-20	Cindy Scheele	Cindy Miller	Need Volunteer
9/26-27	Linda Kutzke	Need Volunteer	Teresa Holzhueter



Market Day

The Moravian Women are excited and honored to host the 55th Annual Moravian Market Day scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This much-anticipated event will showcase the talents and treasures of our church family. Throughout the church, one will find gift-giving treasures, handmade items, repurposed items, homemade

candies and baked goods, holiday crafts and so much more!

Two hands-on presentations will take place throughout the day. One can learn to make a small Moravian star or purchase ready-made stars in the Holiday Craft Room or make an attractive fall pumpkin centerpiece in the Produce Room.

A traditional Swiss steak dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dinners are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3 - 11. For those who can't stay, orders for carry-out dinners will be available.

Need help with the kids while you shop? The nursery will be open! Drop your children off and you can shop in peace. They will be kept entertained and safe while you enjoy all the market has to offer.

Months of preparation go into making this event a success. As with all of our events, "it takes a village" to make this all possible. If you are willing to volunteer your time or talent to make this year's Market Day an extra special event, please contact Deb van Ommeren at debvano@yahoo.com or Ashley Nebel at ashleynebs@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed throughout the day in a number of capacities. Share your talents, support your church.

Market Day is open to everyone. There is no entry fee but many treasures to purchase. Money raised at this event makes it possible to support local, national and international missions and many other church community based ministries.

Sunday School Market Day Project

Our Sunday School will once again be selling their Recipes in a Jar at Market Day. We are looking for quart jars with lids. Please bring them to the church office and have them labeled for Sunday School. Thank you in advance! It is greatly appreciated.

A Concert for Missions

Please hold open the date of Sunday, September 27 at 4 p.m. (The Packers do not play that day.) On that date your very own praise band as well as guests from other Southern Wisconsin Moravian Churches will be presenting a concert for missions. This concert will be a benefit for two very worthwhile mission endeavors. Half of the money will go to the Tricklebee Café which is a ministry effort in Milwaukee of Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons. Christie and her husband David will be presenting some of the music that David has written and Christie will say a few words about her vision for the "Tricklebee Café." The other half of the money collected will go to support the water project in Ahaus, Honduras. More information will be forthcoming, but we encourage you to hold open the date of September 27 at 4 p.m. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Bruce.

Discipleship News

Our discipleship season will begin on Sunday, September 13, at 11 a.m. with a student and parent/guardian meeting. At this meeting we will get schedules for the year, talk about class expectations, and answer any questions that prospective students and parents may have. If you or someone you know (who is in or near 7th or 8th grade) is interested in learning more about the discipleship program, either speak with Pastor Bruce or join us for the meeting on Sunday, September 13 at 11 a.m. in the Matthew Room.



Have You Noticed...



- ? that the Green Bay Packers are playing football once again?
- ? all of the school supplies that we donated to the Lake Mills school system? Way to go!!!
- ? that our janitors have been doing some extra work this summer waxing many of the floors? Tell them how proud you are of the way they keep our building!
- ? that this year's Milwaukee Brewers' team is teaching our beloved pastor patience?

Sanctuary Revitalization Committee Update

Your sanctuary revitalization committee continues to be working very hard to make the sanctuary revitalization happen. As we have spoken with contractors and various people who will be doing this work in the sanctuary it has become increasingly clear to us that most of them would not be able to begin work until October 1 at the earliest. Because of some very important events coming up in the life of the church which include Market Day, the pig roast, the Sunday School Christmas program, the Advent Concert rehearsals and the Advent Concert, it became very clear to the committee that it would be very difficult, perhaps even impossible, to do the project without adversely affecting some or all of these events. As a result we have decided to push back the work on the sanctuary until after the end of this calendar year.

Please know that we will continue to meet as a committee and that the work will go forward. It will just not go forward until early 2016. Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns please speak with any member of the committee. Committee members are Mike Denzin, Diane Fronek, Jay Meister, Tammy Messmer, Mike Miller, and Bruce Nelson.

Shelter for the Homeless



A super meal was served to over 50 men at the Madison Homeless Shelter on August 11 by a crew from our church. The delivery/serving crew consisted of Kay Behling, Laura Dresen, Barb Sanft, Steve Brockert, Sue Trumpf, Kevin Klockow, Mark Zager, and David Radke. There were many compliments and thanks for the meal. It seemed very obvious that those who ate the meal really appreciated the efforts of those involved in this ministry. A special thank you goes to Matt Beckman and his extra special efforts to prepare the meal. The baked chicken was a big hit. The serving crew gladly dished up potato salad, baked beans (with extra dashes of goodness), bread, cheese slices, cut-up vegetables with the best homemade veggie dip ever, cakes, plus lemonade or milk for each guest. There were great compliments for the extra good baked beans and Matt's special potato salad. Many guests were overjoyed when the night manager decided we had enough food to allow seconds. There was something special about what Matt did to the baked chicken that put big smiles on the faces of the guests returning for seconds.

It was almost embarrassing how many laughs, grins, and fun the delivery/serving team had on this mission trip. The bantering and interactions amongst the team members and between the team and the guests at the shelter made this way too enjoyable a time. Bringing excellent food and good humor probably made for a better evening for the guests than their days have been.

Thanks to all who donated food for this meal. It is with great pride that all of us should note how this congregation pulls together to put a meal together for these homeless men. Our joint efforts were enough to put together a big enough meal that some guys, with bad days going on continuously, were given a wonderful treat of being granted seconds of some special good food. That our congregation works together so exceptionally is a wonderful testament to the generous nature of those we share pews with! It is a special gift we give the men, and many men made a point of letting the service team know how much they appreciate our efforts. It is important that we pass on their gratitude to all of you who participate in this ministry and don't get a chance to hear the thanks directly from the homeless men. You are all an essential part of our church being God's hands and feet through this ministry. May God bless all of you!!!

Worship Times

FALL SCHEDULE
Saturday – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
8:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hour
9 a.m.

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Coming in October, 2015

October 3 & 4 - Worldwide Communion

October 17 & 18 - Caramel Bee

(see bulletin for times)

October 21 - Mini Moravians

October 24 - Market Day

Hospital Visitation

Pastor Bruce would love to come and visit you while you are in the hospital, but many of our hospitals no longer call when a person is hospitalized. Please let the church or Pastor Bruce know when you are scheduled for surgery so that he can come and visit with you and pray for you. If you know of someone who is hospitalized, please call Pastor Bruce or the church office. He would rather have several people let him know rather than assuming that someone else has let him know.

Our Core Values

- Christ Centered Worship
- Spiritual Growth
- Leadership
- Youth
- Community
- Living Out Our Faith Journey

Our Worship Services may be seen on Analog Channel 98 or Digital Channel 994 on Wednesdays at 7:20 a.m., 12:20 & 5:40 p.m. Thursdays at 12:20 & 5:40 p.m.

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 School Starts 	2 7 PM Senior Choir 7:30 PM AA	3 7 PM Market Day Meeting— “Matt.”	4 9-12 Noon Line Dancing	5 6 PM Worship
6 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship	7 Labor Day (Office Closed)	8 6:30 PM MW Board Meeting 9 AM Kim Sibert – at Cindy Wolff’s 7 PM E. Raiford Circle; Mary Bade – Gathering Room	9 1 PM Brenda Brent Circle at Lake Mills Family Restaurant 7 PM Senior Choir 7:30 PM AA	10 9 AM Ella Appenfeldt Circle 10 AM Book Club – Gathering Room 1 PM N. Goff Circle 6 PM Memorial 6:30 Trustees—“Matt.”	11 9-12 Noon Line Dancing	12 7:30 AM Men’s Breakfast 6 PM Worship/Cup of Covenant
13 8:45 AM Sunday School 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship & Cup of Covenant 11 AM Discipleship Students & Parents Meeting 2 PM SWMM Lovefeast at Lake Mills Moravian Church	14 9-10 AM Beg Line Dancing 10-12 Line Dancing for Seniors	15	16 ?? Mimi-Moravians 5-7 PM Community Meal at EMS Building 7 PM Senior Choir 7:30 PM AA	17	18 9-12 Noon Line Dancing	19 6 PM Worship
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