



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.

Discussions with Dave

An Interesting Group

The documentary filmmaker Ken Burns did an exploration of the group called the Shakers. They are best known for their furniture. I recently watched a documentary on the Shakers and thought I would share a little from the PBS website about them with you.

They called themselves the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, but because of their overjoyed dancing the world called them the Shakers. Seventy-five years before the freedom of the slaves and one hundred fifty years before women began voting in America, the Shakers were practicing social, sexual, economic, and spiritual equality for all members. The Shakers were ordinary people who chose to give up their families, property, and worldly ties in order "to know, by daily experience, the peaceable nature of Christ's kingdom." In return, they were welcomed into "holy families" where men and women lived as brother and sister, where all property was held in common, and where each participated in the rigorous daily task of transforming the earth into heaven.

This group was founded by an illiterate English factory worker named Ann Lee. Guided by divine visions and signs, she and eight pilgrims came to America in 1774 to spread her gospel in the New World. At their height in 1840, more than 6,000 believers lived in 19 communal villages from New England to Ohio and Kentucky. Tales of their peaceful and prosperous lives impressed many in the world. But Shaker goals were divine, not social or material. As millennialists, they were unified in the belief Christ had come again, first in the person of Mother Ann and subsequently "in all in whom the Christ consciousness awakens." It was therefore the duty of each believer to live purely in "the kingdom come" and to strive for perfection in everything he or she did.

If the world was to be redeemed and restored to God, the Shakers would accomplish it by the steadfast labor of their hands. They believed God dwelt in the details of their work and in the quality of their craftsmanship. All their devotion and love for God was put into what they made. Their villages were precisely built and maintained, their workshops were world renowned for reliable goods, and their gardens provided for their needs, with plenty to spare for the poor. Shakers did everything from building beautiful furniture to planting flower gardens as if they were doing it for God.

Today, just a few Shakers still live in a single village in Maine and will probably be the last Shakers. The Shakers did not marry or have children so there is no "future" generation to take over once these few pass into God's hands.

Imagine for a moment if you lived every aspect of your life as if you were doing something for God. Each conversation you have is speaking to God. Each moment you spend at work is working for God. Every flower you plant, bird you feed, table you clean is doing it for God. Would you do "just enough to get by?" Would you take pride in whatever task you are doing, no matter how mundane? It makes sense that Shaker furniture is built to last forever as they were making it for Christ himself (although they probably were not prideful about it). To have that sense of "everything for God" is incredible. Keep in mind the members of this group did not get "born into the church" like many today. Each of the members had to make a decision to leave the life they were living behind to join a group that prayed constantly together, worked for the common good of all, and owned nothing. Small wonder there are not too many of them left.

May you make each day an act of devotion. May each task you are given bring glory to God. May each person you speak to, help out, pray for, and cry with be seen as doing it for God.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Pastor Dave Sobek

Speaking of Holy Communion....



Our next opportunity to come to Christ's Table as a community of faith will be on Pentecost Weekend, Saturday, May 19, and Sunday, May 20. Pentecost is celebrated by most Christian congregations as the day the church began with the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Disciples. It is probably one of the few times of the year most Christian congregations celebrate Holy Communion on the same date.

Stewardship/Outreach Plant Sale



Deuteronomy 8:17-18 states: "You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth." As people of faith we are reminded that all we have and all we are comes from our Heavenly Father who blesses us each day beyond our daily needs. As good stewards of the gifts and abilities God has blessed us with, we joyfully respond by blessing those around us as we have been blessed by God.

We have the opportunity to share in God's ministry by supporting the upcoming plant sale on May 4 and 5, and again on May 25 and 26. The Stewardship/Outreach Committee is again selling hanging baskets as well as potted plants and vegetables this year. The sale will be in the lower parking lot. The proceeds from the sale further the ministry of Jesus Christ as they are used to support the community we live in as well as other mission work and special needs.

Book Club

This month's book will be "The Last Mrs. Parrish" by Liv Constantine. The group will meet on Thursday, May 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. All are welcome!

Men's Fellowship

Our next breakfast will be Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 a.m. All men are invited!

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS:

9:00 a.m. summer worship hours will begin on Sunday, May 27.

Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

March 31, 2018 (Actual)

Budget YTD March 31: \$78,989.34
 Actual Income as of March 31: \$58,447.55
 Actual Expenses as of March 31: 77,964.76
 Difference YTD (\$19,517.21)

Mary Bade, Treasurer



FUNERALS: We extend our sympathy to the family of Loretta Reed (Connie Manske's mother), who passed away April 6. Her funeral service was held in our sanctuary on April 12. We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Sue Becker, who passed away March 17. Her funeral service was held April 24 at the Watertown Moravian Church.

BAPTISM: On April 21, we welcomed into our baptized membership Malin Eleanor Holz, the daughter of Michael and Megan (Kasten) Holz.

WEDDING: We would like to congratulate Aleta (Beckman) and Scott Luebke on their marriage, which took place in our sanctuary on March 24.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES: May 10 – Samantha Meister; May 13 – Kevin Adams; May 16 – Ruth Odegaard; May 20 – Adam Lawson; May 20 – Jay Meister; May 22 – Wayne Hills; May 23 – Robbie Spiegler

THANK YOU: A very special thank you to all of the LMMC women who have stepped up and are helping with Market Day! You have saved the Market Day tradition!

Meals on Wheels

We wish to thank the following members and friends for delivering Meals-on-Wheels recently: Kay Behling, Jane Harberg, Anna Hoyt, Wayne and Lucille Engsberg, Bev Stelse, Pam Krueger, Wayne Hoffman, and Shirley Metzker. Our next delivery period is June 8 to June 22.



College Goodie Boxes



The CEC would like to thank everyone who donated goodies for our college students. We did not have any military folks' addresses and packed 12 boxes FULL

TO THE TOP with goodies for our college students!! It really warmed our hearts to see how many people donated. Thank you again and God Bless!!

Discipleship

The Discipleship Class is winding down for this year. Those who are in their second year of studies are working on writing their Statements of Faith. These will be shared with the class during the next couple of weeks and perhaps edited where necessary. These Statements will be found in the bulletin on May 20th when they confirm their faith. As they write and discuss these Statements, how would you answer these questions?

- 1) What does your relationship with Christ mean to you?
- 2) What do you believe about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit? Why do you believe what you have written?
- 3) How have you seen God working in your life?
- 4) What gifts has God given you? What is God calling you to do with your gifts?
- 5) After you are confirmed, how do you plan to continue growing in your faith?
- 6) What does it mean to you to be a member of the Body of Christ? (A member of the church)
- 7) What do you remember most about your Confirmation Class? What is something you learned from class?

May Servants

DIENERS: Greg & Mary Wescott; 920-945-0103 (Greg)

SORTERS: Mike Nebel & Shannon Yahn

GREETERS

Date	Service	Front Entrance	Fellowship Hall	Bell Tower	Lower Level
5/5	6:00 P.M.	Carl Kutzke	Linda Kutzke	Sam Denzin	
5/6	10:00 A.M.	Don Frey	Jackie Frey	Jean Glasser	Andrea Geyer
5/12	6:00 P.M.	Barb Strauss	Tom Strauss	Barb Zastrow	
5/13	10:00 A.M.	Teresa Holzhueter	Pam Krueger	Theresa Palmer	Warren Krueger
5/19	6:00 P.M.	Shirley Hofer	Peter Berg	Jane Berg	
5/20	10:00 A.M.	Diane Fronek	Student	Greg Wescott	Mary Wescott
5/26	6:00 P.M.	Student	Myrtle Masche	Sue Trumpf	
5/27	9:00 A.M.	Mike Miller	Mary Wescott	Jean Glasser	Cindy Miller

USHERS

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

LAY READERS

Date	Service	Reader(s)
5/5	6:00 P.M.	Warren Krueger
5/6	10:00 A.M.	Mary Behm-Spiegler
5/12	6:00 P.M.	Wendy Brockert
5/13	10:00 A.M.	John Baumann
5/19	6:00 P.M.	Diane McFarlane
5/20	10:00 A.M.	Sue Conrad
5/26	6:00 P.M.	Marilyn Meyer
5/27	9:00 A.M.	Beth Denzin

There will be no Saturday evening nursery until further notice.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sunday, 10:00 A.M.		
5/6	Mia Wollin	Kathy Wollin
5/13	Lisa Garvan	Heather Graham
5/20	Diane McFarlane	Tracy Brandel
Summer Hours Begin, 9:00 A.M.		
5/27	Kim Peterson	Ryan Peterson





Where has the time gone? Another year is coming to a close for Sunday School. On Sunday, May 13, we celebrate not only the last day of Sunday School for this school year, but also Mother's Day! **We invite the entire congregation--and you do not have to be a mom to join us--for a fantastic breakfast and a time for fellowship on Sunday, May 13, which will be served in Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:45 a.m. and continue until 9:45 a.m.** Following breakfast, the children will gather any projects they may have in their classrooms and top off this day with singing to the congregation during the 10:00 worship service. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us on this beautiful day as we conclude our Sunday School year on May 13!!

Mini Moravians Celebration

In celebration of the Mini Moravians last day, we will be having a cookout on May 16 from 3:15 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Pastor Dave will grill hot dogs and we'll play games outside, weather permitting. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, please let the church office know what you'd like to bring. Adults are welcome to join us as well for fun and games! If your child(ren) will be riding the church van after school, please be sure to let the school and the church office know.



Town & Country Day Parade

Our church float will be in the Town & Country Day parade on Saturday, June 23. **We need your help walking with our float in the parade!!** At this time, we do not know the particulars for the parade route or even where our float will be in the line-up. Please consider helping support our church!! Please contact Warren Krueger at 920-723-7888 or Sue Trumpf at 920-723-9386 for more information regarding the parade. **We are also in need of water, cookies and candy for the day of the parade; more information on this will be coming in the June Messenger.**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE
FOR SHOWING YOUR SUPPORT TO
OUR CHURCH!!

Our Core Values

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

Shelter for the Homeless

Matt Beckman led a large group of folks in preparing a hot meal for the guests at the Men's Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, April 10. Matt was assisted by Larry Fahney, Deb VanOmmeren, Steve Brockert, and Dave Radke. It was a designated "welcome to the ball park" tailgaters' meal. The hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, and all the other foods were much appreciated. With an abundance of food, the men were given an opportunity to return for seconds, which many did with much gratitude.



Abbi Voight, Cassidy Frey, Riley Nelson, Jessica Dakin, and Emma Jo Topel led the meal delivery and serving team. Each of these five brought their Port Arthur, Texas, Mission Trip hard work and great attitude to this more local ministry. They were assisted by Karen Radke, Steve Brockert, Dave Radke, Mark Zager, and Kevin Klockow.

Everyone in the congregation who donated food items, helped with the meal preparation, or loaded and delivered/served the meal should feel good for what they helped put together for the homeless men. The hotdog buns were donated by Kwik Trip. If you find yourself in Kwik Trip at some time, please let them know their gift to our ministry was greatly appreciated.

Our next service/local mission opportunity will be on Tuesday, June 12. We are looking for volunteers to help with the delivery and serving of the meal. Please prayerfully consider offering your time and talents as you feel led to this ministry.

The Work of Our Boards

The **Board of Elders** met on March 15. They approved the Baptism of Malin Eleanor Holz, the daughter of Michael and Megan during the Saturday, April 21, worship service. The Elders also set Pentecost Sunday, May 20, as the date for those wishing to confirm their Baptismal vows (Confirmation Sunday) during the morning worship, provided they complete their assignments prior to the Elders' meeting on April 19. That Sunday will also be the first opportunity for these new communicant members to join the congregation at the Lord's Table.

The **Board of Elders** April meeting took place after the deadline for this issue. Highlights of that meeting may be found in next month's Messenger.

The **Board of Trustees** met on April 12. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- the treasurer's report was received and approved.
- plans are underway for Little Lambs/VBS.
- the start date for installation of new protective window coverings on the stained glass windows will likely be pushed back because of the wintery weather.
- several facility use requests were approved.

Summer Church Camp Dates:

Chetek Camp (Completed Grades 9 through age 21) – **July 15-21**

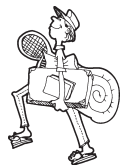
Winnor Camp (Completed Grades 6 – 8) – **July 22-28**

Junior Camp (Completed Grades 3 – 5) – **July 30-August 3**

4M Camp (Completed Grades 1 & 2) – **August 13-15**

Little Lambs Day Camp (Age 3 through Kindergarten) – **August 13-15**

All camps will take place at Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center, except for Little Lambs Day Camp, which will be held at our church. Registration packets for the camps at Mt. Morris have been mailed and are also available in the church office.



Moravian T-Shirts & the Parade

Our float will once again be visible in the Lake Mills Town & Country Day parade on June 23. We invite and greatly encourage the support of our congregation to wear the "Moravian" shirt and walk in the parade with us OR wear the shirt and be a bystander, watching the parade and supporting our church! Either way, our presence will be **VERY** visible!! Please consider purchasing one or more of our fantastic royal blue t-shirts with the awesome slogan "**The FEW, the PROUD, the MORAVIANS.**" The last day to order your fantastic t-shirt is Sunday, May 27!! The cost of the shirts are: Youth sizes through Adult XL ~ \$10.00 each, XXL & XXXL are \$12.00, payable upon order or when shipment arrives. Order forms are located on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall and should be completed and turned into the church office, or you may call Sue Trumpf at 920-723-9386. Make checks payable to LM Moravian Church and on the memo line please write "t-shirt." We need 12 shirt orders before we can place our order. Remember, the last day to order your t-shirt will be May 27. Please consider ordering, and thank you for supporting our church!!

Did You Know?

☺ **Market Day is October 20!!** We have had two people step up to lead Market Day. We have chairs for all the rooms. All we need is YOU!! Make crafts for the Craft Room, baked goods for the Bakery, Candy and more in the fall. And the traditional pies for the dinner!!



☺ **Did you know Market Day cannot happen without ALL members of the church?** Please plan on helping to prepare and helping that day. Where do you fit? More information will follow!

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Board of Elders

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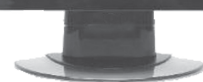
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Warren Krueger (2018)	920-723-7888
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Mike Miller (2020).....	920-988-2487

COMING IN JUNE 2018:

- June 9 – Men’s Breakfast
- June 12 – Madison Homeless Shelter
- June 16 & 17 – Holy Communion
- June 17 – Father’s Day
- June 21-25 – Northern Province Synod
in Bethlehem, PA

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.





**Deadline for the June 2018
Messenger will be May 22nd.
Please email your articles to
Mary Bade,
mmbade@charter.net.**

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May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 6 8:45 AM Adult Sunday School/ Sunday School/ Discipleship Class 9:00 AM Fellowship Hour 10:00 AM Worship	7 9-10 Beg. Line Dancing 10-12 Line Dancing for Seniors 7:00 PM Moravian Women's Board – Old Conf. Room	8 9 AM K. Sibert Circle 7 PM E. Raiford Circle - Cindy Fahney – Gathering Room	9 1 PM Brenda Brent 7:30 PM AA	10 1:00 PM E. Appenfeldt— Nancy H. 6:30 PM Trustees—"Matt."	11 9-11 Line Dancing 4 9-11 Line Dancing Stewardship/Outreach Plant Sale May 4 & 5	12 7:30am Men's breakfast 6 PM Worship 7 PM Senior Banquet
13 Mother's Day 8:45 AM Mother's Day Breakfast and Last day of Sunday School 8:45 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Fellowship Hour 10:00 AM Worship	14 9-10 Beg. Line Dancing 10-12 Line Dancing for Seniors 7:00 PM Stewardship/ Outreach—"Matt."	15 3:15-4:30 Mini Moravians Celebration Cookout 5-7 PM Community Meal/EMS 7:30 PM AA	16 7:30 PM AA	17 6:30 PM Elders—"Matt."	18 9-11 Line Dancing	19 12:30-2:30 PM BLM Free Community Shred Event 6 PM Worship/ Holy Communion
20 Confirmation 9:00 AM Fellowship Hour 10:00 AM Worship/ Confirmation /Holy Communion	21 9-10 Beg. Line Dancing 10-12 Line Dancing for Seniors	22	23 7:30 PM AA	24	25 9-11 Line Dancing Stewardship/Outreach Plant Sale May 25 & 26	26 Plant Sale 6 PM Worship
27 Summer Worship Hours Begin 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship Hour	28 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!! 	29	30 7:30 PM AA	31	