

# THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — January 2020

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church  
N8095 High Road — Watertown, WI 53094  
920-206-0222 - Church



## Happy New Year Author: Catherine Pulsifer

**H**appiness depends upon your outlook on life. - Find the good in all situations  
**A**ttitude is just as important as ability.- Keep your attitude positive  
**P**assion find yours this year! - Do what you love and you will never work  
**P**ositive thoughts make everything easier.- Stay focused and stay positive  
**Y**ou are unique, with special gifts, use them. - Never forget you have talent

**N**ew beginnings with a new year.  
**E**nthusiasm a true secret of success.  
**W**ishes may they turn into goals.

**Y**ears go by too quickly, enjoy them.- Wisdom from your elders, listen  
**E**nergy may you have lots of it. - Take care of yourself  
**A**ppreciation of life, don't take it for granted. - Live each day  
**R**elax take the time to relax in this coming year.- Keep a balance in your life



Church council has been rescheduled to February 2, 2020.  
Deadline to have committee reports to Dawn is January 8th.  
Printed reports will be available by January 19th.

Monday,  
January  
20th  
for the  
February  
Newsletter

### PRAYER MINISTRY



*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”* Philippians 4:6.

If you would like to add a prayer request, please contact one of the Elders.

For prayer requests to be included in the weekly bulletin, please contact Pastor Katie (pastor.kvdl@gmail.com) BEFORE Wednesday of each week.

## REACHING OUT...

This is a list of members that may not be able to attend church regularly. Please feel free to contact them via mail. If you wish to have your contact information or someone close to you added, please contact Shelly De-grandt at (920)988-6281 or at degrandts@gmail.com.

**Leroy Gronert, Sr.**  
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**Douglas Rabbach**  
Park Ridge (Zinzendorf)  
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**Joyce Kopp**  
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Watertown, WI 53094

**Carol Schultz**  
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Watertown, WI 53098

**Todd Hamann #627678**  
Thompson Correctional Center  
434 State Farm Road  
Deerfield, WI 53531-9562



**JANUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1: Tammy Meyer
- 3: Chase Warren
- 6: Quinn Thomas
- 11: Pam Jacobson
- 13: Jill Beerbohm
- 13: Cory Cahill
- 13: Craig Cahill
- 16: Diane Tuhy
- 16: Brandon Finley
- 17: Joyce Kopp
- 17: Sarah Wegner
- 19: Anne Walsh
- 23: Simon Britts
- 27: Andre Caratachea
- 29: Jordan Beerbohm
- 30: Kari Maass
- 31: Karen Lee

## NOISY OFFERING UPDATES

January - March 2020: Moravian Open Door



January to March, 2019 — \$132.27 to Helping Hands Fund  
(Ebenezer)

April to June, 2019 — \$165.70 to Jefferson Senior Nutrition

July to September — \$127.48 to Haus of Peace

October to December — \$151.66 to Mount Morris

*If you have any suggestions for future rotations, please share your idea with one of the Elders.*

## GREETERS, LAY READERS & FELLOWSHIP HOSTS



If you are interested in being a greeter or lay reader, or hosting Fellowship Hour after the church service, please sign up.

The Elder on duty each month will pass around the clipboards before worship begins and will collect them at the end of announcements.

If you wish to sign up after the service is over, the clipboards will be in the Narthex.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United will hold their Human Rights Day celebration on January 18, 2020. We will conclude our "The Time is Now" theme with the program of 'Unite to Serve'.

The service will be held at First Congregational Church beginning with registration at 10am and the service at 10:30.

Our guest will be Sue Trepte from the Haus of Peace. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow. Participants are invite to bring personal products for use at the Haus of Peace.



**Women Church**

The next Moravian Women meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2020. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at "The Spot" restaurant on S. Church Street. Any woman is invited to fellowship and share a meal. Come join us!

### Young Adult Bible Study FIELD TRIP TO MIDWINTER January 31-February 2

Join with camp friends near and far (or new friends) at Christian Faith in Deforest, WI. Midwinter is an amazing event, planned and run by the Regional Youth Council. Please go to the church camping website ([wdcamping.com](http://wdcamping.com)) to register. Cost for the whole event is \$45 and carpooling can be arranged by talking to Pastor Katie. This is a great weekend to get away, relax, and reconnect.

## Adult Sunday School Class



October 8th started a study of the Apocrypha. If you

would like to know and study these books, you are invited to come at 8:45am Sundays. The Adult class meets in the Library.

## CHURCH COUNCIL IS COMING!

In November, the Church Council met to approve the budget and elect synod delegates. With those tasks complete, we will have more time to look over our many ministries, elect board members and committee members and focus on the challenges and joys of ministry at Ebenezer.

Our Church Council has been rescheduled to February 2 to try to accommodate most members (sorry to conflict with Midwinter!).

In order to review 2019, we need to create our *Annual Church Council Report*.

Please have your reports to Dawn by January 8.

Printed reports will be available by January 19th.

We will have a shorter church service on February 2 followed by our meeting.

Please plan on attending to review our ministries and share your ideas for the future. Your opinion matters.

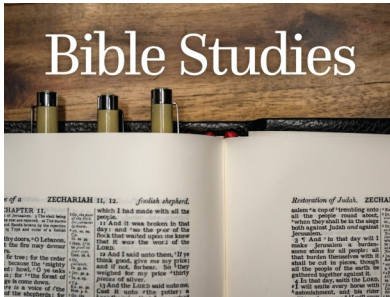
## EBENEZER KIDS!

Join us Sunday evening, January 19th for fun, games, food and Bible study! Kids in grades 6 and under are welcome to have fun and enjoy the evening from 6-7:30pm. Parents are welcome to stay or can drop off the kids for a short time away. We will do some exciting new year adventures!

## Proverbs: 101

Ok, so we might not be looking at the 101st Proverb, but Proverbs: 101 Bible Study will be looking various stories in Proverbs that challenge, bewilder or even amuse us. "Pride goes before the fall..." makes perfect sense....or not.

Come and discuss some short verses that maybe you have seen in your fortune cookie! Come to one or all of them, you will not be disappointed.

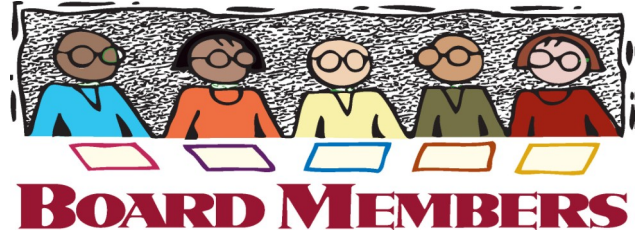


Pastor Katie Van der Linden  
(610) 442-3790

### IF NOT AVAILABLE CONTACT

Tom Naatz, Vice-Elder Chair  
(920) 699-3118

Jon Gehler, Trustee Chair  
(920) 342-2945



## BOARD MEMBERS

### ELDERS: 2019-2020

**Pastor Katie:** Chair

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**Tom Naatz:** Vice Chair

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**John Gehler:** Chair

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**Kris Kerr**

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Activity Group leaders meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 12, 2020 after Sunday worship.

We will meet in the Piper Room.



Sunday School classes resume during the morning worship on Sunday January 5, 2020.

## ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Neighbors program. We appreciate those who gave gifts of money to purchase food and gifts. We are thankful for those who donated their valuable time to shop for gifts and food, wrap all the gifts, and then deliver the gifts and food to our adopted families.

Your generous donations totaled \$1,396.00 and allowed Ebenezer to adopt nine families in 2019. We ask God's blessing on our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Please pray for God's blessing on the adopted families this holiday season.

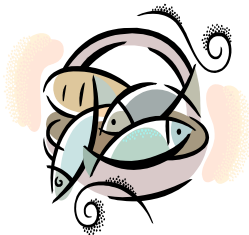
## LOAVES & FISHES

Contact Linda Lippens

In partnership with the Watertown Moravian Church, we provide dinner for our community free of charge. The meal is served every Monday evening, except holidays, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Watertown Moravian Church, 510 Cole Street.

### MEAL — January

- 6 - Baked Pork Chops
- 13 - Chicken Soup +
- 20 - Spaghetti
- 27 - Hot Ham & Turkey Sandwiches



**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



**January 5**

*Buzz Orval*

*Diane Schuett*

*Shelly & Bohdi Degrandt*

**January 12 & 19**

*Gerald & Paula Harris*

*Jozelle Roberts*

*Dalton Krueger*

**January 26**

*Gregg & Linda Lippens*

*Craig Cahill*

*Trudi Wesemann*

*(Please contact Head Usher Alex Zubrod at 920-261-8289 if you would like to assist in this ministry.)*



It's time to start planning for the Couples Retreat! Mark your calendars! Couples retreat is at Mount Morris from Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$125 per person for the weekend.

It's the time we spend to strengthen the second most important relationship in our lives. It's also a weekend of food, fellowship, nature, food, relaxing by the fire, watching wildlife, and did I mention food? Please prayerfully consider joining us on this most enjoyable and relaxing weekend. If we can not get 6 couples to commit, we will have to cancel our standing reservation at Black Oak Lodge. That means the next group on the list will take this weekend, and we will not be able to get it back in the future. If you have any questions, please speak with the Lippens, Meyers or Westenbergs. Thank you.



AND



To meet our 2019 budget, weekly offerings need to be approximately \$2,400. Thank you for your consideration.

November 17: 43 — \$1,436.00



November 24: 57 — \$2,187.00



December 1: 55 — \$2,816.00



December 8: 55 — \$2,031.00



Anne Davies-Walsh, Trustee

The Moravian Church



CALL TO THE 2020 SYNOD OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT MORAVIAN CHURCH

Western District Synod will convene at Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center

Thursday, April 23 to Sunday, April 26, 2020

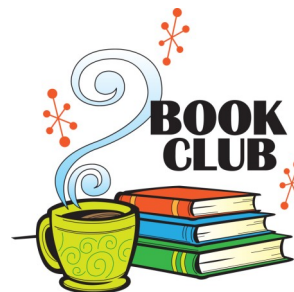
Registration will be from 3pm to 5:30pm on Thursday. Synod will conclude the following Sunday morning worship. A detailed schedule will be distributed to all delegates as we near the time for Synod.

CONGREGATIONAL REPRESENTATION: Using the 2017 Annual Report, Ebenezer will have 2 representatives.

A special church council meeting will be held **November 17<sup>th</sup>** to approve the budget and elect the synod representatives.

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Book: TBD

Watch your email for the survey and the bulletin for the results of the next book club survey. Last month, we read "Grapes of Wrath," a pretty heavy book about the dustbowl and life in the early 1900s. We have read fiction and non, stories and studies. We are always looking for book suggestions and love when people join us even if they have not read the book. We try to accommodate everyone, so this month, we will meet in Jefferson at the Heron's Landing on Tuesday, January 28th. Join us for good food and good conversation, book reading is up to you!

**ACTIVITY GROUP "A"**

Leaders Bob (920-342-4304) &  
 Tammy (920-342-3849) Meyer  
 AND

JoAnn Draheim - (920) 285-8978 OR  
 (920) 285-9983

**November 2019 -- January 2020**

Karissa Bender - (920) 342-3347

Kaylin Bender - (920) 285-6984

Shari Bender - (920) 285-6984

Pat Counsell - (920) 261-2730

Kris Kerr - (920) 261-1523

MaryLou Kopp - (920) 261-2096

Scott & Christine Kopp - (920) 253-1919

Bob & Tammy Meyer - (920) 342-3849

Arlene Molly - (920) 699-2133

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Emmaleigh Rein - (920) 206-1411

Eric & Tracey Rein - (920) 206-1411

Lee & Tracy Saxby - (920) 261-6251

Carol Schultz

Everett, Jr. & Judith Strauss - (920) 261-2006

Ken & Linda Strauss - (920) 262-0094

Aaron & Katie Van der Linden - (610) 442-3790

Joe & Anne Walsh - (920) 699-2884

Donald & Karol Wesemann - (920) 261-7388

Trudi Wesemann - (920) 342-4133

**ACTIVITY GROUP "B" — Co-Leaders**

Dennis & Linda Rabbach (920-699-3781)  
 AND

Tom & Virginia Naatz (920-699-3118)

**February - April 2020**

Nathan & Angela Baum - (920) 988-2230

Chris Bender - (920) 342-4218

John & Nancy Braatz - (920) 261-4333

Carol Britts - (920) 261-9493

Seth Brown & Teaya - (920) 220-0166

Bohdi Degrandt - (920) 342-5277 OR  
 (920) 988-6281 (Shelly)

Joe & Shelly Degrandt - (920) 699-2178

Jillian Degrandt - (920) 342-1289

Jon Gehler - (920) 342-2945

Amanda Harris - (920) 248-9304

Sue Kopp - (920) 699-3504

Darrick Krueger

Dalton Krueger - (920) 220-9626

Darrin & Trudy Krueger - (920) 220-9626

Tom & Ginny Naatz - home - (920) 699-3118

Tim & Julie Pattengale - (920) 988-6130

Dennis & Linda Rabbach - (920) 699-3781

Douglas Rabbach

Barbara Rich - (920) 421-3133

Jozelle Roberts - (920) 248-9304

Andy Roberts - (920) 285-4723

Theresa & John Vesper - (920) 941-0152

Charles & Judy Wesemann - (920) 261-6880

Emma Wegner - (920) 285-1370

Yolanda Yahn - (920) 253-6617

**ACTIVITY GROUP "C" — Co-Leaders**

Linda (920-253-8137) & Gregg Lippens  
 (920-253-8136) HOME: (920-261-2061)

AND

Doug (920-285-1045) & Kris (920-285-1048)

Schefft

**August - October 2019**

Scott & Jill Beerbohm - (920) 988-4714

Chris Cahill - (920) 699-2867

Craig & Melissa Cahill - (920) 699-2867

Robert Hahn - (920) 261-5849

Bob & Dianne Hamann - (920) 261-6685

Todd Hamann

Travis & Emily Hamann - (920) 262-8257

Joyce Kopp - (920) 261-7972

Greg & Linda Lippens - (920) 261-2061

Kari & Matt Maass - (920) 253-7297

Francis & Kathie Orval - (414) 416-0225

Reinhold Petig - (920) 261-6892

William Petig - (920) 261-2486

Doug & Kris Schefft - (920) 285-1048

Clifford & Dianne Schuett - (920) 261-9120

Carole Schumacher - (920) 261-2005

Diane Tuhy - (920) 253-1481

Megan Weihert - (920) 253-8139

Bob & Dawn Westenberg - (920) 261-7068

Glennis Zastrow - (920) 261-3731

**LAST UPDATE: January 2019**

# OFFICE HOURS



Tuesday 10am to 2 pm  
Thursday 10am to 2 pm  
*Please contact Pastor Katie to make arrangements for other times.*

## PARENT WELLNESS COMPASS CLASSES

Thank you to those who came to the Parent Wellness Compass Classes. Unfortunately, we did not have great turn-out and are looking at some changes for the next one. Watch the newsletter for the next 5-week session, hopefully in Spring!

## ON LINE GIVING

Ebenezer now has online giving enabled through the Moravian Ministries Foundation because we are an investor in the Common Fund.

Here's the link: <https://mmfa.info/ebenezer-moravian-church-donation-form/>

This is your one-stop, 24/7 online giving destination. You can now give at any time from the convenience of your home.

Online giving can be a way for members, friends and family to support Ebenezer.

As an added benefit, it allows giving to Ebenezer from afar. You can make memorial gifts in lieu of flowers, honor a loved one, schedule tithing, and more.

Payments will be made to Ebenezer monthly, at no cost to the church.



***Choir is currently on break.***

***Watch for updates in the bulletin, next newsletter or e-mail.***

***Glennis***

## Member Reconnection Program

It has been so helpful to connect to members we have missed over the recent years. We know that some are unable to come to church, have moved, or are in different circumstances. The elders have had great conversations with many members who share good feelings about Ebenezer. We are also thankful to hear from those who have been hurt or forgotten over the years.

One thing we have definitely discovered is our phone list is out-of-date and there are many we have yet to contact. If you are a member and have been unable to get to church and have not been contacted, please call the church office to update your contact info. We have been trying many methods to connect, including internet searches, family connections and even facebook. We really do wish to connect with everyone, so please contact the office if you have not been to church in a while. We want to hear from you!



Please help keep our website updated with current pictures of church activities, ministries, church grounds and church facilities. We are also looking for new group pictures of the church boards and committees.

Send pictures as jpg files to Dawn Westenberg at [dawn22658@gmail.com](mailto:dawn22658@gmail.com). We desperately need to update the photographs currently on our website.




## PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests or want to be included on the Ebenezer Prayer Chain, please contact Pastor Katie Van der Linden at (610) 442-3790 OR [pastor.kvdl@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.kvdl@gmail.com). The most important thing to remember is to have permission of the person or family before you request it be included on the Prayer Chain. Also, please be sure to just give facts and don't add any rumors or assumptions. Please use any information you get just for the prayer request.



# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>LOOKING AHEAD:</b> February 2: Church Council Meeting February 2: Sunday School class will wrap college care packages February 9: Pancake breakfast April 23-26: 2020 Synod of Western District @ Mt. Morris			1 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 	2 <b>6pm</b> Board of Elders	3 BDCleaning	4
5 <b>8:45am</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10am</b> Worship Communion <b>10:15am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Fellowship	6 <b>5-6pm</b> Loaves & Fishes Meal <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study: Proverbs	7	8 <b>9am</b> Moravian Women Breakfast @ "The Spot" <b>DEADLINE</b> for annual reports to Dawn	9 <b>8:30am</b> Shared Community Mission Group @ Christ United Methodist <b>6pm</b> CEF	10	11
12 <b>8:45am</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10am</b> Worship <b>10:15am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Fellowship Jeopardy/Lovefest Challenge Sunday Activity Group Leaders meeting	13 <b>5-6pm</b> Loaves & Fishes Meal <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study: Proverbs	14	15	16 Food to Go & Grow packing @ Webster School	17 BDCleaning	18 <b>10am</b> Church Women United @ First Congregational
19 <b>8:45am</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10am</b> Worship <b>10:15am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Fellowship Annual reports available to members <b>6-7:30pm</b> Ebenezer Kids	20 <b>5-6pm</b> Loaves & Fishes Meal <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study: Proverbs <b>DEADLINE</b> for newsletter articles	21 <b>6pm</b> Board of Trustees	22	23	24	25
<b>COUPLES RETREAT @ MT. MORRIS 24—26</b>						
26 <b>8:45am</b> Adult Bible Study <b>10am</b> Worship <b>10:15am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Fellowship	27 <b>5-6pm</b> Loaves & Fishes Meal <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study: Proverbs	28 Book Club @ "The Heron's Landing" in Jefferson	29	30	31 BDCleaning	
<b>MIDWINTER @ CHRISTIAN FAITH 1/31-2/2</b>						