

THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — August 2023

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church
N8095 High Road – Watertown, WI 53094
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As I sit here just a few days before my husband's surgery, I am wondering what will happen. I know it is a "common" surgery, but it is not common for us. I know it is needed but it is still scary. I know it will turn out OK, but what if it doesn't? There are so many questions, stresses and concerns that it would be easy to sit and struggle each moment, unable to do anything else but worry. It's easy to let worry consume us and anxiety take

hold. But how do we not? What's the alternative?

I used to watch the show "This is Us" when it first came out and the one family used to do this really cool stress reliever in which they would speak out their worries and play it out. In other words, they would do the "what ifs" until the end. I have adapted that in my own life, realizing that my fears are based upon unknowns. So when I make it known, its not as scary (note I didn't say all fear vanishes). So, as I think about Aaron's surgery, my scariest thought is that he wouldn't survive the operation. Well, first, we both have life insurance and wills and have discussed our end of life decisions. So there is no guess work on what we want in the end or if we will be secure financially. But emotionally, what about that? And the kids, how would they be? Well, as the child of a widow myself, I will say it is not easy, but it is something we will manage somehow. We all know we are loved and we all know this surgery comes after all other options have been exhausted. And, as much as we might not admit it, every married person has thought about what life would be like if their spouse passed. So although I do not want it to be that way, in the event that Aaron did not survive surgery, we would be OK.

So then the next concern, what if it goes wrong and he survives but is left in a difficult state. Again, we have both shared that we do not want the other person to give up their lives to care for one of us and we know there are places to help and offer support and care. Would it be what either of us wants? No. But would we figure it out somehow? Yes. So what am I worried about? No matter how things go, I know that we will be OK. We have had those important discussions. We know how we feel about each other. We have shared intimate moments and thoughts of passing. We have our affairs in order (hopefully) and have voiced to each other and others our final plans. There is no more fear in the unknown because I know, that no matter what, we will be OK. God never says the journey is easy, uneventful or smooth, just that God will be with us wherever we go.

I have faith in the doctors and medical staff. I also have faith in knowing that no matter what, God will be there. Does this mean things can't go wrong? Nope. But does it mean, even when they do, I am not alone? Yup. Faith isn't about having no fear or having nothing bad happen, faith is about working through what happens with courage, grace and support. My prayers are for a successful surgery. My fears are less when I think through all the possibilities. And now, we wait, hope, and pray for good outcomes, healing, and a new knee free from pain.



**DEADLINE for
the September
Newsletter is
Wednesday,
August 23rd**

(Earlier is always better.)

Pastor Katie Van der Linden
(610) 442-3790

IF NOT AVAILABLE CONTACT

Tom Naatz, Vice-Elder Chair
920-248-1029

Megan Weihert: Trustee Chair
920-253-8139



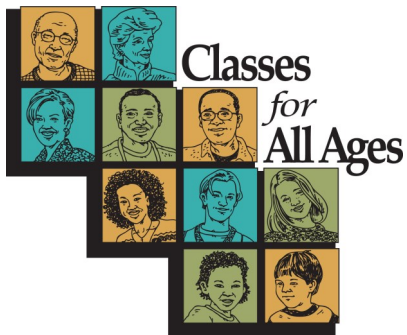
June 25: \$1,780.00
(plus \$4,000 from cemetery
for insurance)

July 2: \$3,190.00

July 9: \$1,111.00

July 16: \$1,301.00

Thank you.



Watch for more information and a
start-up date when classes resume in
September.



LOAVES & FISHES

Contact Linda Lippens

The free meal is served every Monday evening,
except holidays at the Watertown Moravian
Church, 510 Cole Street.

Curbside Pick Up: 4:00 - 4:45 (NO later)
Dining Inside and Carry-out: 4:00 – 5:30

On June 7, 2023, we celebrated
our 13 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

We serve a population in need so we need to do
what we can to keep serving. Please pray for
friends that need food.

MEAL — August

7: BBQ pulled pork sandwich
14: Pizza casserole
21: Spaghetti
28: Chicken dinner

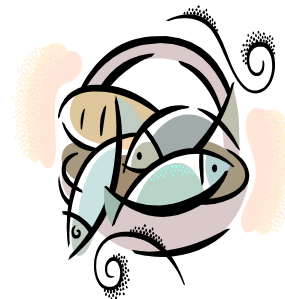
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SERVERS — August

7: St. Paul's
14: Whitestone
21: Ebenezer
28: Watertown Moravian

We have had several groups/organizations retire
from helping serve meals. If you are in a group/
organization, please consider helping.

Please pass the word that we are looking for
people to help serve our weekly Loaves & Fishes
Meal. We have a yearly rotation and each group
serves twice a year.



ACTIVITY GROUP "A" - Co-Leaders

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

Joe & Anne Walsh - (920) 699-2884
(920) 342-0909 (Anne cell)

August - October 2023

Karissa Bender - (920) 342-3347

Kaylin Bender - (920) 285-6984

Shari Bender - (920) 285-6984

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Kris Kerr - (920) 261-1523

MaryLou Kopp - (920) 261-2096

Christine Kopp - (920) 253-1919

Scott Kopp - (920) 988-2748

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Ken & Linda Strauss - (920) 262-0094

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

Joe & Anne Walsh - (920) 699-2884

(920) 342-0909 (Anne cell)

(262) 894-1652 (Joe cell)

Donald & Karol Wesemann - (920) 261-7388

Trudi Wesemann - (920) 342-4133

We desperately need to update the photographs currently on our website. Please take and send pictures of church activities, ministries, church grounds and church facilities. We are also looking for new group pictures of the church boards and committees.

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August 6

Buzz Orval
Diane Schuett
Shelly Degrandt

August 13 & 20

Eric Rein
Paula Harris
Anne Van der linden

August 27th

Gregg & Linda Lippens
Craig Cahill
Trudi Wesemann

*If you are unable to usher, please contact head usher
Reine Petig @ 920-261-6892.*



Tuesday
10am to 2 pm
Thursday
10am to 2pm

*Please contact Pastor Katie to make
arrangements for other times.*



- 3 - Chloe Lee
- 7 - Alex Lee
- 8 - Jodi Wesemann
- 9 - Dominik Winter
- 13 - Erin Brown
- 16 - Todd Hamann
- 17 - Katrina Langhoff
- 17 - Jillian Degrandt
- 17 - Kaylin Bender
- 24 - Angela Baum
- 31 - Robert Westenberg
- 31 - Lucas Henry Maass



- 5 - Buzz & Kathleen Orval
- 13 - Simon & Carol Britts
- 13 - Aaron & Katie Van der Linden
- 15 - Robert & Dawn Westenberg
- 17 - Timothy & Susan Brown
- 21 - Matt & Jamie Orval
- 24 - Darrin & Trudy Krueger
- 25 - Brandon & Carrie Finley
- 25 - Stephen & Julie Thomas

Summer Worship!



We are in our last month of our summer outside worship schedule, which will be August 13th at 9am.

“End of Summer Splash!” Sunday September 10

Worship at 10am followed by an End of Summer Splash Festival. We will worship outdoors then have game, prizes, food and fun!



Bring your neighbors and your friends. Watch the bulletin and emails for more information but **SAVE THE DATE!**

GIVING

Remember, there are many ways to stay current with your gifts:

- **Auto Bill Pay:** Through your bank or credit union
- **Mail:** Mail check to the church
- **Moravian Ministry Foundation:** See article.



Thank you for your generosity.

Ebenezer Kids are hitting Summer Camp

Ebenezer is sending over 10 kids to summer camp this year. We are so grateful for the generosity of so many...we fund every kid of ours to go to camp...all of them! I do not know another church that does this amazing gift!



Camp is so important to the faith formation of our youth and we are so grateful to get everyone to camp. Thank you for taking part in our fundraisers and for continuing to support our youth in faith development, learning and growth.

BLESSING BOX

The Blessing Box is in need of donations of personal care items such as toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, etc. Those items cannot be purchased with FoodShare cards.



With the cost of food going up, it leaves less funds available for these other necessities.

Feel free to drop these items off, leave in the Library, or contact Kris Schefft with questions

kschefft@hotmail.com or 920-285-1048.

God is Good.....(say it with me) all the time:) Thank you!

2024 Moravian Daily Texts

If anyone would like a 2024 Daily Text, please contact me. The early-bird registration date is August 13th.

Journal Edition - \$17.10

Hardcover Journal Edition - \$15.30

Large Print Edition - \$13.05

Paperback Edition - \$10.35

German Daily Text - \$11.65

Directory of Statistics - \$11.65

(Price if you get a Daily Text - \$5.00)

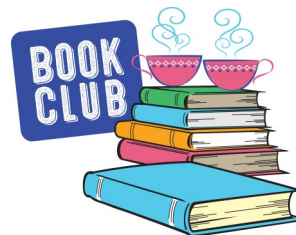
I will also be ordering the 2024 Moravian Deck Calendar/Planner for members of the Board of Elders and Trustees. If anyone else would like one, please let me know.

If you placed an order last year, I will be contacting you in the near future.

Thank you. Dawn



Ebenezer offers online giving through the Moravian Ministries Foundation. The link is: <https://mmfa.info/ebenezer-moravian-church-donation-form/>.



**Tuesday September 19th
6pm**

Book Club will be held at Little Italy in Watertown (formerly Deegs Grill). We will be reading "Beyond Justice" by Joshua Graham...a thriller that leads the reader on a journey of loss, redemption and the power of faith. Find the book at the library or another book store and join us for a fun discussion in Watertown's newest restaurant.

Noisy Offering!!!!

Are you still saving your change?? We started collecting our noisy offering in June.

Bring your change on the THIRD Sunday of the each month and we will collect funds for important ministries.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests or want to be included on the Ebenezer Prayer Chain, please contact Pastor Katie at (610) 442-3790 OR 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. Please use any information you get just for the prayer request.



Moravian Women's Retreat

Guest Speaker:

Reverend Katie Van Der Linden

Location: Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center

Dates: September 15-17, 2023



“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:39

The Lake Mills Moravian Women invite you to come for a weekend of fellowship,

laughter, and reflection to shape who we are with God and one another.

Katie will focus on [self-care](#).

Invite a family member or friend, all are welcome!



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SOS: Supporting Our Students

DRIVE-THRU FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Assisting families that can not afford school supplies
Free school supplies will be prepackaged for your children based on
REGISTRATION form you fill out.

Every family MUST pre-register this year.
WHERE: St. Henry Parish Center 300 East Cady St. Watertown, WI 53094
Registration Forms are available at the following locations:

- Ebenezer Moravian Church & Watertown Moravian Church & Summer Sandwiches in the park on Friday at Timothy Johnson Park 11:30-12:30pm (Loaves and Fishes on Mondays)
- Good Shepherd Lutheran and Summer Sandwiches in Park Wednesdays at Riverside Park
- Immanuel Ev. Church (and Watertown Food Pantry, PEP, Laundry program at East Main St. on 3rd Street Tuesday Morning)
- First Congregational-UCC, River City Church, River Valley Alliance, Christ United Methodist Church, St. Bernard Catholic Church, First Baptist Church, St Paul's Episcopal (and Mary's Room) and Summer Sandwiches in the Park Tuesdays at Clark Park 11:30-12:30 PM

****REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE MONDAY JULY 31-FRIDAY AUGUST 11****

Are You Tuning In?

Want to worship with us without coming to the sanctuary? You can join us each Sunday on Zoom.

Watch your email for the address and log in a few minutes early. You will see everything on the screen and have the opportunity to share prayer concerns and announcements. It is a great alternative to coming in person.

Thanks so much to our tech people who are working hard at making all worship experiences possible. We may change formats and are still learning each week, but we are so grateful for the opportunity to gather in a variety of ways.

REACHING OUT...

These are 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 Pastor Katie.

Loretta Zubrod

1405 Prospect Street, Watertown, WI 53098

Bobby Hahn

N8319 Airport Road * Watertown, WI 53094

Janet Parmley

N8352 Airport Road * Watertown, WI 53094

SOS - Get School Supplies!

I know school has just let out, but August will be here soon. August 21-23, the Shared Community Missions Group plans to distribute school supplies for 500 kids! In order to do that, we need the supplies.

Check out the list in the newsletter for the items we need and put them in the box in the narthex. We definitely need backpacks, folders in certain colors, post-it-notes, pencils and more. Check out the list and keep it handy while you are out in your regular shopping. Thanks for taking care of our community kids.

SOS: Supporting Our Students 2023

List of needed school supplies

Revised July 2022

Thanks for helping kids succeed in school !!!

Backpacks

Simple inexpensive 4 function calculator

Scientific calculator (Solar TI-31, TI -30xiis(battery/solar combo \$12-15.00 range (trendy colors are more expensive) also Casio makes scientific calculator that is often now less than 10.00

Crayons-set of 8 large

Crayons-set of 24

Washable markers-set of 8-10 bold colors

Markers set of 8-10 bold colors

School glue bottles

Glue sticks

Scissors (kids 5 inch pointed tip and larger student scissors)

Ruler (preferably inches and centimeters)

Pencil box for elementary and 3 hole pencil bags for older kids

Large pink erasers

Standard #2 pencils

Set of 10-12 colored pencils

Dry erase markers (black and colors)

Highlighters

Protractor/compass

Post-it notes

Red pens

Black or blue pens

Composition books-both wide and college ruled

Index cards

Folders: plastic or laminated preferred, variety of two pocket and center clip styles (red, blue, yellow and green most requested)

Spiral notebooks- wide and college ruled (red, blue, yellow and green most requested)

Loose leaf filler paper-wide and college ruled

1 inch wide and 2 inch- 3 ring binders

Dividers (5 or 10 tab) for three ring binders

Pencil sharpeners (that catch the wood shavings)

Ear buds or head phones for computer use





ALL are
Welcome!

WORSHIP & COMMUNITY

AT THE BENTZIN FAMILY TOWN SQUARE

Sunday, August 13 at 9:30am

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a fun gathering for worship and building community with a place for all here in Watertown!

Special Offering

Monetary gifts will support the work of **Hometown Missions**, which helps with rent, energy, and other needs in Watertown.

School supplies for area children will also be collected for **Supporting Our Students (SOS)**.

Join the Choir!

You're invited to join the "pick-up choir" that will sing a simple piece during worship. For more info, contact Matt Stein at: mstein.immanuel@gmail.com.

Increment Weather Location

Immanuel Evangelical
Lutheran Church
209 North Ninth Street,
Watertown, WI 53094



Check out our
Facebook event!
[fb.me/a/9Nz1ax4Cn](https://www.facebook.com/9Nz1ax4Cn)



The Elders did not meet in July.
The next meeting will be
Thursday, August 3rd.

**** Elder for the month of
August — Shelly Degrandt****



CEF did not meet in July.
The next meeting will be
Thursday, August 10th.



The Trustees met after the
newsletter deadline. The
minutes will be in the
September Messenger.


Summer Sandwiches in the Park

The Summer Sandwiches in the Park Program continues through August 25th. Ebenezer serves lunch every Friday from 11:30-12:30 (rain or shine) at Timothy Johnson Park.

We always need volunteers. We meet at Ebenezer at 10am to make the sandwiches, pack the lunch bags with the nonperishable items, and pack everything up to go to the park.



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday School resumes: September 10th Outside Service & Summer Picnic: September 10th		1 5:30pm Joint Board Meeting	2	3 6pm Board of Elders	4 BDCleaning Summer Sandwiches: 10am Pack 11:30-Noon Distribute	5
6 9am Worship	7 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-4:45pm Curb-side pickup 4:00-5:30pm Inside dining	8	9	10 10am CEF Meeting	11 Summer Sandwiches: 10am Pack 11:30-Noon Distribute	12
13 9:30am Community Worship @ Bentzin Square	14 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-4:45pm Curb-side pickup 4:00-5:30pm Inside dining	15	16	17 9:30am Shared Community Mission Meeting @ St. Henry's Gymnasium	18 Summer Sandwiches: 10am Pack 11:30-Noon Distribute	19
20 9am Worship NOISY Offering	21 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-4:45pm Curb-side pickup 4:00-5:30pm Inside dining	22	23  DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles	24	25 Summer Sandwiches: 10am Pack 11:30-Noon Distribute	26
Shared Community Mission Distribute School supplies: Aug. 21-23						
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CHOIR

If anyone interested in getting a choir together, please contact me.

Glennis

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RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED

