

THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — June 2024

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church
N8095 High Road – Watertown, WI 53094
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Have you heard the term "Maycember?"

I had not heard that until recently, but it makes so much sense. It is the idea that May is as busy as December, but jokingly without the joy of the holiday season. In the month of May, schools schedule a bunch of year-end activities, colleges end their semesters and finals go on, sports change, summer camp sign ups start and much more. It feels like the hardest mile of the marathon (somewhere around mile 20). It is just a pile of "to-dos"

without much break and somehow you have to get to everything, everywhere, in addition to regular life events and schedules. It can feel very overwhelming.

I hear the term "burning the candle at both ends" and it can really feel like there is just too much to do before Summer even begins. The good or the bad is that, it's true. There is a lot to do. There is always a lot to do. We fill our schedules with activities and events, obligations and choices that can keep us busy through each day. Now there are definitely things we must do (work, care for others, commitments, etc.) but there is also an important time to take a break.

It is often in the midst of the most chaos that I need the biggest nap. It is hard, because having many things to accomplish can cause a lack of sleep, but the reality is, we often neglect ourselves when we get busy and stressed. This is exactly the time we need to care for ourselves. This is when we need to make good food choices, get enough sleep, find time to care for yourself physically, emotionally, spiritually. The harder we work, the harder we must rest.

Even God took a day off. Don't overwhelm yourself. Say "no" to more than is on your plate. Skip an event. Take care of yourself. It is more important than ever to be kind to ourselves so we can keep going. Don't neglect you to keep everything going. Things will be OK even if you take a day off. Be mindful of your schedules and your needs. Don't let one overpower the other. If you want to truly serve God, make sure you take care of all God's children, especially the one in the mirror.



**DEADLINE
for the July
Newsletter is
Wednesday, June 19th**

(Earlier would be better.)

Music, Moscato and Meaning

Join Pastor Katie for a unique Bible study where we look at the ways "modern" music shares the Gospel message. Pour yourself a glass of sweet wine (or bring your own non-sweet wine or drink) as we look at songs from the Eagles and the Beatles and how it connects to our faith.

We will meet every other Wednesday from 7-8 beginning June 19th. Come when you can and share some sweet music and tastes. We will meet in the Piper Room (behind the kitchen)

WORSHIP ON WHEELS

2nd and last Sundays of the Summer!

Bring your lawn chair, pets, friends, car, bikes, etc. to our summer outdoor worships beginning in June. We will once again gather in our beautiful open space to worship in the sunshine and cool breeze. Unfortunately, these services will be only in person as an online option does not work well. If the weather is bad, we will move inside. Although we do not wish to relive 2020, we are grateful that it inspired our outdoor morning worship time.

Mark your calendars and join us for this exciting and relaxing worship experience.



MORAVIAN WOMEN

We have a meeting set for Wednesday, June 5, at 10:00 at the Church.

After a time of eating and fellowship, we will be discussing Chapter 4 of both of the two studies.

Moravian Women does not hold meetings during the summer months. June 5 will be our last meeting until September.



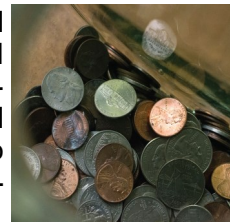
Are you our Facebook Friend?

Please "like" our Facebook page to keep updated with the newest info, fun stories and updates. Feel free to share it with others. If you wish to share info, please message the page and our FB admin will add it to the page! Our FB page is "Ebenezer Moravian" AND "Ebenezer Moravian Church".



NOISY OFFERING

Bring your change on the third Sunday of the month, and we will collect funds for important ministries. Bring your change and make lots of noise as we look to help others who need our support.



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

Please contact Pastor Katie to make arrangements for other times.

ACTIVITY GROUP "A" - Co-Leaders

Leaders Bob & Tammy Meyer AND
Joe & Anne Walsh
MAY-JUNE 2024

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(920) 342-4304 (Bob cell)

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Two people read the same Bible.
 One sees reasons to love.
 The other reasons to hate.
 One sees unity.
 The other division.
 One finds prejudice.
 The other equality.
 One discovers compassion.
 The other indifference.
 One goodwill.
 The other malice.
 Two people, one book.
 One book, two views.
 The book is a mirror.
 The reflection is you.

Shared by Bruce Nelson



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS

Zeek van der Linden
 Ava & Hailyn Spreitzer
 Jackson Hamann
 Lilly Orval

CEMETERY



The Cemetery expansion is underway. We will keep everyone updated as things progress.

GAME NIGHT

Among Friends is sponsoring a game night on Tuesday evening, June 11th, at 6pm.

Due to popular demand, we will be playing sheepshead. If you like to play sheepshead or if you would like to learn how to play sheepshead, plan on attending.

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Snacks are provided.





Anniversary & Birthday List

- 2 - Francis Orval, Jr.
- 3 - Timothy Brown
- 3 - Reinhold Petig
- 4 - Aaron Van der Linden
- 4 - Jozelle Roberts
- 4 - Paul Schultz, Jr.
- 7 - Scott Beerbohm
- 7 - Jean Walker
- 8 - Bob Meyer
- 8 - John Vesper, Jr.
- 10 - Kristine Schefft
- 11 - Darrin Krueger
- 12 - Stephanie Saxby
- 14 - Pat Counsell
- 17 - Tracey Rein
- 19 - Laura Zubrod
- 24 - Matt Orval
- 25 - Dianne Schuett
- 27 - Rachel Kopp

- 2 - Tom & Virginia Naatz
- 3 - Everett Jr. & Judith Strauss
- 26 - Charles & Judith Wesemann
- 28 - Nathan & Angela Baum



BUILDING A WELCOMING WATERTOWN

Community, Conversation, and Christian Welcome

June 23rd

12:30-2:30

**Watertown Public Library
Community Room**

Join us as we gather with others to work on the needs in our community. At the last meeting, we looked at some tangible goals and a small subcommittee was formed to assess needs in our community. That group has been meeting and will share with the larger groups what it has found.

So far, the focus has been on housing insecurity, homelessness, landlord/tenants and seeing the true needs of people without stable housing. We continue to research and plan to help making our area more welcoming.

All are invited to the next meeting and hope you can join us to see the actions and plans for making our area more accessible, friendly and inviting.



Ebenezer is on the schedule to serve Loaves and Fishes:

August 19

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.
- **QR Code:** Scan code to make donation on your phone.

LOAVES & FISHES

Contact Linda Lippens

MISSION STATEMENT Feeding the body, mind, and spirit through the unconditional love of Christ

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

Dining Inside and Carry-out: 4:00 – 5:30

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 — June

3: Hamburgers, potato salad, chips & dessert

10: Fish sticks, tater tots, coleslaw, fruit & dessert

17: Pork loin, stuffing, veggie, bread & dessert

24: Taco salad, nachos, fruit & dessert

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SERVERS — June

3: Watertown Moravian

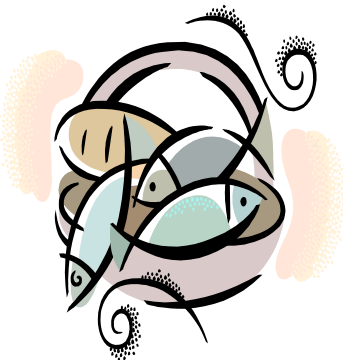
10: Kwik Trip - Todd

17: Marquardt

24: Rotary

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.



Loaves & Fishes

Dinner guests need to come downstairs to eat and/or receive take-home carryout meals. The door (off of the parking lot) will be opened at 3:45 pm, with the meal served beginning at 4:00 until 5:30. The lift/elevator will be available for those who need it.

For those who have come to pick up 10 or more carryout meals, you'll still be able to do that. But, **very importantly**, there will be a PRE-ORDER SHEET you will need to fill out each month. For these larger orders, you will need to come downstairs (through parking lot door) to pick up your meals between 4:00- 4:30. More instructions and sign-up sheets will be provided.

We have missed visiting with our dinner guests! As our mission states, we feed mind, body and spirit and that's been hard to do through a car window.

PRAYERS

Prayer concerns should be called into the office or e-mailed to Pastor Katie for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin **BY** Thursday morning.



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.

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



Ebenezer 2024 Summer Sandwich Program

It's almost time for Summer Sandwiches in the Park! The program begins the week of June 9 and continues until August 30. Be on the lookout for supply signup sheets to be passed around as we get closer to the start. Please consider joining us on Friday mornings at 10am to make the lunches, and we also need volunteers to help hand out the lunches to the families from 11:30 to 12:30, at Timothy Johnson Park. Please see Paula Harris for more information if you are interested or have any questions.

Thrivent Financial Planners, in Watertown, is generously planning an event scheduled for mid-June, to collect lunch supplies like zip lock bags, brown bags, and pre-packaged food, like juice boxes and fruit snacks and other snacks. The supplies collected will be shared between the four churches in the program. They're also planning to collect school supplies at Riverfest in August for the SOS program.

We can always use gently used books for children of all ages.

Summer Sandwiches in the Park

Who? Families with children are invited to share a free picnic lunch with us. Young children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Where?

- Tuesday we will be at the Clark Park Shelter
- Wednesday we will be located at the Shelter in River-side Park
- Thursdays we will be at the Clark Park Shelter
- Fridays we will be at the Timothy Johnson Park Shelter

What? During the summer break, every Tuesday, through Friday a free bag lunch will be provided. Each lunch will have a high protein choice (such as ham, peanut butter, cheese or tuna), fruit, vegetables, a cookie and a beverage (water, juice, milk).

When? Each day we will serve lunches from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

The program begins the week of June 10th through the week of August 26th. (NOTE: Lunches are not available on July 4th)

We hope to see you in the park!

Eat with us and stay to enjoy the park and time together.

Food will be served rain or shine!

Lunches are provided by members of:

St Lukes Lutheran Church

301 Clark St, Watertown WI 920-261-2120
www.stlukewatertown.org

Ebenezer Moravian Church

N8095 High Rd, Watertown WI. 920-206-0222
www.ebenzermoravianchurch.org

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1611 E. Main St, Watertown WI. 920-261-2570
www.goodshepherdwi.org

St Paul's Episcopal Church

413 S. Second St, Watertown WI 920-261-1150
www.saintpaulswt.org

Pastor Katie Van der Linden: (610) 442-3790

IF NOT AVAILABLE CONTACT



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

Linda Rabbach: Trustee Chair: (920) 699-3781 OR (920) 941-0696 (Cell)

MAIL BOX SLOTS

The Elders have updated the names of members and moved many of the mail box slots. As we email many newsletters the use of the mail slots has decreased. If your adult child, or friend doesn't have a mail slot anymore do not fear!! They continue to be members who simply chose to get information digitally. We are happy to add slots back if desired.



QR Code

Just scan the QR Code on your phone to make a direct offering through the Moravian Ministry Foundation to Ebenezer.



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.



April 14

General: \$2,680.00

Loose: \$109.00

On-Line: \$210.00

April 21

General: \$1,610.00

Loose: \$14.00

Welcoming Watertown: \$325.00

Noisy Offering: \$74.60

April 28

General: \$455.00

Homestead Missions: \$55.00

May 5

General: \$1,880.00

Loose: \$135.00

Church use: \$125.00

May 12

General: \$2,280.00

Loose: \$45.00

Rent: \$250.00

Thank you.

grat·i·tude

[grat i tood]

noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

SHARED COMMUNITY MISSIONS GROUP

Start collecting those school supplies!

I know it is way too early to be thinking of school (this year isn't even done yet), but the SCMG is always looking a ministry ahead. As we end the year with our weekend food bags, we begin to plan the school supply drive for August.

Last year, over 300 kids were given the supplies they need for school. This happens because of the generosity of our 11 churches working together. We need supplies...backpacks, pencils, pens, etc. Start watching for sales, picking up new items at yard sales (think binders, unopened packages) and collecting things that kids will need for school.

Watch for the donation bin at the back of church beginning in July, but it is never too early to start getting.

Thanks for caring about the kids in our community.



June 2 & 9

Tom & Virginia Naatz

June 16 & 23

Joe & Anne Walsh

June 30

Dennis & Linda Rabbach

Theresa Vesper

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



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

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Janet Parmley

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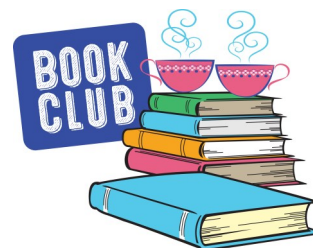
BLESSING BOX

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 and leave in the Library.

If you have any questions, please contact **Kris Schefft** at kschefft@hotmail.com or 920-285-1048.



NEW Book Club Book: **Hang The Moon** by Jeanette Walls.



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Church Camp is coming!!

There are so many wonderful opportunities for kids to have an amazing experience getting to know others and God in a variety of ways. Check out <https://sites.google.com/view/wdcamping/home> to get more information and to register. This year, you can choose from:

- **CHETEK CAMP** runs July 14 - 20th and is for kids who completed 9th grade through age 21. This is a weeklong camp where kids will experience dancing, silly themes, hammock village, high ropes, worship, campfires and more, all guided by faithful adults providing a memorable experience of God.

- **WINMOR CAMP** runs July 21 - 27th and is for kids who completed 6th through 8th grades. This amazing middle school youth experience combines sports, arts, creativity and fun to make God come alive in new and exciting ways.

- **JUNIOR CAMP** runs July 28th - Aug 1st and invites kids who completed 2nd through 5th grades to have a unique and supervised experience exploring where God leads them in nature and more.

Each of these camps is designed to spark interest in faith, develop questions and see how God is not far away, but nearby as a friend, help, support, and guide. Kids who attend camp experience faith in a new way, often returning with a zest for faith and a ton of new friends. To make sure each kid has the opportunity to go to camp, Ebenezer pays the tuition!!!

Here's how it works....go to the website. Click on the "register" tab under the correct camp for your child(ren). A \$50 de-posit is due upon registering. Some families choose to pay this, that is a option. Another option is to pay and ask the church for reimbursement. The third option is to talk to Pastor Katie and register your child at church, allowing the church to cover the registration fee. No matter what you choose to do with the registration, please email Pastor Katie at pas-tor.kvdl@gmail.com and let her know about the registrations. We need to keep a record of all those registered so that we can send Mt. Morris the funds for each of our kids. Please know, we cover not only our kids, but also their friends. So please talk to Pastor Katie about getting registered and encourage your child to bring a friend to camp. We want every kid to have a church camp experience. So please, register your kid(s) and their friend(s) and talk to Pastor Katie about the registration fee and camp tuition.

We can also arrange carpools if necessary for camp.

**Join us @ the Plus 50 Retreat @ Mt. Morris
for Everyone in the Over 50 Crowd
August 8 - 11, 2024**

"Spirit-You-ality"



God calls us to lead Spirit-filled lives; Jesus teaches us how to do that. Yet our journey with Christ takes us on a path of twists and turns that shapes our unique spirituality. Join us as we reflect on these twists and turns, appreciating and sharing the experiences of our journeys. We'll be using Richard Rohr's book *"Falling Upwards: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life"* as a roadmap for our time together. Wisdom and fellowship abound in the beautiful setting of Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center. Does your life journey include a brief stopover? Come and see that the Lord is good!

**Fellowship, Faith, Food & Fun
as we enjoy God's creation!**

Registration begins @ 4pm on Thursday followed by dinner at 5:30 pm. We end with breakfast and worship on Sunday. Cost per person is \$270 which includes all meals and 3 nights lodging in Black Oak Lodge.

Reserve your spot now with a \$100 deposit* by July 15th

Our registrar

Debby Ford

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Our program director

Rev. Mary Lou Plummer

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**Deposit is non-refundable*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9am Worship Communion	3 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-5:30pm Inside dining and inside pick up	4 12 noon Clergy Roundtable	5 10am Moravian Women 6pm Book Club @ The Old House	6 6pm CEF	7 BDCleaning	8
9 9am OUTDOOR Worship	10 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-5:30pm Inside dining and inside pick up	11 10am Cemetery Meeting 6pm Among Friends Game Night - Sheepshead	12	13 9am Shared Community Mission Group Meeting 1pm Board of Elders	14 10am Make & pack lunches 11:30-12:30am Distribute @ Timothy Johnson Park	15
16 9am Worship Guest preacher: Jon Gehler Judy Kluetzman organist	17 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-5:30pm Inside dining and inside pick up 5:30pm Board of Trustees	18	19 7-8pm Music, Moscato & Meaning Bible Study 	20	21 10am Make & pack lunches 11:30-12:30am Distribute @ Timothy Johnson Park	22
23 9am Worship 12:30-2pm Building a Welcoming Water-town @ Library	24 Loaves & Fishes 4:00-5:30pm Inside dining and inside pick up	25	26	27	28 10am Make & pack lunches 11:30-12:30am Distribute @ Timothy Johnson Park	29
30 9am OUTDOOR Worship	Mt. Morris Camp Chetek: July 14 to 20 Mt. Morris Camp Winmor: July 21 to 27 Mt. Morris Camp Junior Camp: July 28 to August 1 Summer Sandwiches in the Park: June 10 - August 3 Community Worship at Bentzin Square: August 11					