



# 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.**

## Ministerial Mutterings

As I sit down at my computer to "write" this it is almost a month since we had our annual church council meeting. I want to thank those of you who took the time to attend this very important meeting of our church. I also want to thank our outgoing board members for their three years of service. Completing their terms on the board of Elders were Irene Kirst, Liberty Roloff, and Barb Sanft. Completing terms on the board of Trustees were Bob Hoyt, Ken Manske, and Mike Miller. Completing a term on the CEC was Beth Denzin. Thank you to all of you.

Your new joint board has already met to do some visioning and planning for 2011. Our newest board members include: Elders – Carl Kutzke, Cindy Miller, and Wayne Staff and Trustees – Warren Krueger, Greg Tubbs, and Kat Wendt. I appreciate the gifts that each of them bring to their respective boards. We also welcome Mia Wollin to the CEC.

I have some reflections about church council that I would like to share with you. First of all, I was impressed at how quickly we were able to finish the business that we had at hand. Thank you from all of us Packers fans who wanted to watch the game. I think everyone had an opportunity to speak and I believe we all were very respectful of other opinions even if they differed from our own. I appreciated the passion that many of you showed for your church.

I, perhaps, was more transparent at that meeting than I ever had been here at Lake Mills. For those of you who were not at the meeting, the pastors were asked "how do the pastors feel about our staffing situation? What are your thoughts or recommendations on this matter of how many pastors we ought to have?" It was in response to that question that I stated that from the time I got to Lake Mills I questioned whether or not we as a church could afford to have two full time pastors. The longer I have been here the more I have realized that trying to afford two full time pastors was handcuffing the congregation and it seemed as if our main reason for being seemed to be to afford two full time pastors rather than reaching out and doing some ministry that we currently cannot afford to do. I also stated that this is in no way a reflection of how I feel about working with Pastor Beth. We can work together. It's just that this congregation, in my opinion, cannot afford both of us at this time.

As much as I appreciated the passion that I witnessed at that meeting, there was one thing that deeply saddened me. I heard one individual stand up and say, "If we continue to try to have two pastors I have heard that people may leave the church." I heard another individual stand up and say, "I heard that if either one of our pastors leave, that some lay people will also leave." Perhaps that last comment ought to have made me feel good. Actually both comments put a pit in my stomach because I have always hoped that the church I am serving is gathered to worship the Lord. I have always hoped that the end of our motto – "in all things love" – would be the words that would guide us. I would love to dialog with any of you who could help me better understand why you or someone you know would leave the church over this matter.

The Apostle Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians said, "Now I appeal to you, brothers and sister, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose." (I Corinthians 1:10)

As we continue to try to be faithful and try to listen to God's will for this church I encourage you to remember our Moravian Motto – "In essentials unity, In non-essentials liberty. In all things love."

Serving Christ with you,  
Pastor Bruce J. Nelson

## Mid-Week Lenten Plans



Once again this year we will be gathering for soup and sandwich suppers and worship during the first 6 Wednesdays in Lent. These programs begin on Wednesday, March 9. Following is a listing of our hosts for the meals.

- March 9 Board of Elders
- March 16 Board of Trustees
- March 23 Men's Fellowship
- March 30 Discipleship students and Mentors
- April 6 Moravian Women
- April 13 Outreach & Stewardship Committees

Worship services will center around the theme "Overheard – Conversations By the Cross." During the 6 weeks of these services we will hear from Malchus and Mark; Barabbas and Caiaphas; Pontius Pilate and his wife Procula; Simone of Cyrene and the Centurion; the two thieves who were crucified with Christ; and Mary and John. We hope you will hold these dates open and join us for this time of food, fellowship and learning.



## Special Church Council Meeting

On Sunday, March 20, immediately following worship, we will have an opportunity to meet with Western District President James Hicks (and perhaps another Western District Executive Board member who is not a member of the Lake Mills Moravian Church). He will listen to our concerns regarding pastoral staffing here at Lake Mills Moravian Church and will explain the way the call system works in the Moravian Church. It is important for you to know that the way Moravian policy works, the church council cannot make any personnel decisions. The joint board is charged with doing that work. What church council can do is share their thoughts, joys and concerns as it relates to pastoral staffing.

We hope that you will make every effort to attend this meeting as Reverend Hicks looks forward to listening to and sharing with you.



## Daylight Savings Time Begins March 13

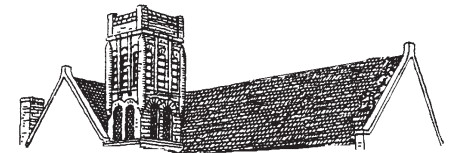
**Make sure you set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night.**

# Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

January-February 2011 (Estimated)

	<u>Needed</u> <u>Year To Date</u>	<u>Received</u> <u>Year To Date</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current	\$60,276	\$53,134	(\$7,142)
Benevolence Budget	\$ 3,920	\$ 5,596	\$ 1,676
Total	\$64,196	\$58,730	(\$5,466)
Total Income Year to Date:	\$58,730	<b>2010 Budget Shortfall</b>	\$52,549.14
Total Expenses Year to Date	<u>69,100</u>	Amount Received thru 1/31/11	<u>1,650.00</u>
Total Difference Year to Date:	(\$10,370)	Amount Still Needed	<b>\$50,899.14</b>

Mary Bade, Treasurer



## In the Life of the Congregation

**FUNERAL:** We offer prayers and sympathy to the family of Lloyd Lenius, who passed away on February 2nd. His memorial service was held on February 8th in our Sanctuary

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES:** March 1 – Phyllis Strauss, March 7 – Muriel Schultz, March 20 – Crystal Hafenstein, March 28 – Harold Hafenstein.

## Meals On Wheels

We have recently completed the delivery of Meals On Wheels during this cold, snowy, slippery weather. We appreciate the faithfulness of our volunteers to assist in this service, even though delivery for one day was suspended by the County because of the storm. Thank you to the following members and friends: Kay and Roger Behling, Carol and Lorin Hofer, Jane Harberg, Shirley Metzker, Lucille and Wayne Engsborg, Beverly Stelse, Kip Engsborg and Jerry Bartel

Our next scheduled delivery dates begin on Thursday, April 21 through May 6. There are no meals delivered on Good Friday, April 22.

## News Around The District

We rejoice with Rev. Staci Marrrese-Wheeler, Pastor at Lakview Community Moravian Church, as she will be consecrated a presbyter on Sunday, March 13, at 3:00 p.m. at the Lakeview Church. You are all invited to celebrate with Staci and the Lakeview congregation.

We also rejoice with Brother Gary Straughan and the Daggett Moravian Congregation in Upper Michigan. It was recently announced that Gary has accepted the appointment to be the pastor of the Daggett congregation while commuting from his home. Gary will begin his work with the Daggett congregation on April 1. The Daggett congregation and the Western District Board extend their thanks and appreciation to Archie and Opal Roberts for their leadership at the Daggett congregation for the past four years.

We would encourage you to continue to be in prayer for the following congregations involved in the call process: Hope Moravian in Indiana, Waconia Moravian in Minnesota, and Wisconsin Rapids in Wisconsin.

## Have You Noticed.....



? the wonderful job that our snow removal folks have been doing with some heavy duty snow??? Thanks to Ken, Dean, and Bob (and any other behind the scenes folks) for their work in this area.

? that we elected 6 new board members and one new committee member at our annual church council meeting? Please support the entire leadership of this congregation with your prayers.

? that Lent begins this year on March 9? Mark your calendars for our mid-week Lenten activities.

? how wonderful it was to have our children sing in worship on February 6? Did you tell them how much you appreciated their singing?

? how wonderful the front cover of the bulletins have been looking? Thanks to Bill Beckman for doing this.



## Coming In April, 2011:

- April 9 – Men's Breakfast
- April 16 – Good Sense Workshop
- April 21 – Maundy Thursday
- April 22 – Good Friday
- April 24 – Easter Sunrise Service
- April 27 – 8th Grade Discipleship meal w/ Elders

## March Servants

Don & Jackie Frey (608-423-9821)

Sorters: Dave Palmer/Warren Krueger

### GREETERS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Front Entrance	Fellowship Hall	Bell Tower Entrance	Lower Level
3/5	6:00 p.m.	Wendy Brockert	Steve Brockert	Avery Voight	
3/6	10:00 a.m.	Peach Beahlen	Nancy Nelson	Myrtle Masche	Kay Wipperfurth
3/12	6:00 p.m.	Tom Strauss	Barb Strauss	Carley Krull	
3/13	10:00 a.m.	Irene Kirst	Marv Kirst	Eileen Crossman	Theresa Palmer
3/19	6:00 p.m.	Anna Hoyt	Bob Hoyt	Morgan Roessler	
3/20	10:00 a.m.		Pam Streich	Terry Streich	Amy Sobrolske
3/26	6:00 p.m.	Pat Yahn	Connie Oestreicher	Bob Oestreicher	
3/27	10:00 a.m.	Kathy Wollin	Ed Wollin	Jerry Stelse	Debby Deutsch

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

Date	Saturday, 6:00 p.m.		Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	
March 5&6	Cheryl Gard		Cindy Scheele	
March 12&13	Tammy Messmer	Shelli Blomgren	Jim Williams	Tara Williams
March 19&20	Cindy Wolff	Carley Krull	Cindy Miller	
March 26&27	Wendy Roloff	Libby Roloff	Kathy Wollin	Heidi Wendorf

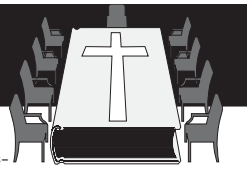
### LAY READERS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Readers
3/5	6:00 p.m.	Bob Oestreicher
3/6	10:00 a.m.	John Baumann
3/12	6:00 p.m.	Dani Brockert
3/13	10:00 a.m.	Steve Brockert
3/19	6:00 p.m.	Anna Hoyt
3/20	10:00 a.m.	Mary Bade
3/26	6:00 p.m.	Marylin Meyer
3/27	10:00 a.m.	Kathy Wendt

### USHERS SCHEDULE

Date	Saturday, 6:00 p.m.	Date	Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
3/5	Todd Messmer	3/6	Bill Hartwig
3/12	Harley Frey	3/13	Ken Manske
3/19	Dave Wendt	3/20	Stewart Masche
3/26	Paul Crossman	3/27	Dan Piper

# Board Highlights



Highlights from the **Board of Trustees** February 10 meeting:

- Paul Crossman was elected President. Dave Palmer was elected Vice-President. Kay Frey was elected Secretary.
- Committee responsibilities and other usual Trustees tasks were divided up among the members of the board.
- The treasurer's report was shared and it was noted that our January, 2011 shortfall is the lowest it has been in several years. That is the good news. The other news is that we are still carrying a shortfall from the end of 2010 still in excess of \$50,000.
- We approved a request from Stewart McElroy to compensate him in a different way for rehearsals and worship services. The bottom line cost will be virtually the same as last year.
- The Trustees will be hosting the mid-week Lenten soup and sandwich supper on Wednesday, March 16.

Highlights from the **Board of Elders** January meeting:

- We approved a letter of transfer for Andrew Janosik who has joined the Freedom Moravian Church.
- Pastor Beth gave an update on various youth events.
- Feedback on recent worship services was shared.
- Communion servers were assigned for February and March.
- In terms of spiritual growth opportunities updates on discipleship, Sunday School, and adult studies were shared.
- Mike Durant will be the elder of the month for February and Carl Kutzke will be for March.
- Our annual goals for 2010 were looked at and discussed.

## Joint Board Retreat

The Joint Board, Pastor Beth, and Pastor Bruce shared time at a meal Friday, February 4, and time at the Lake Mills Methodist Church Saturday, February 5, so that they could grow as a team, get to know one another a little better, share the visions and hopes for the coming year, struggle with how to meet our financial need and plan how we can live into God's vision for our congregation.

At their first meetings they made decisions as to board leadership. For the Trustees the Chair for this year is Paul Crossman, the Vice-Chair is David Palmer and the Secretary is Kay Frey; for the Elders the Co-Chairs are the pastors, the Vice-Chair is Cindy Miller and the Secretary is Shirley Knapp. Please hold all of our leadership in prayer as they continue to seek to be faithful to God and serve our congregation.



## Adult Study

Pastor Jane Harberg continues to lead an adult study on current events and what the Bible has to say about them during our Sunday School hour. The class meets in the Timothy Room. Please plan to join us.

## Special Thank You

We wish to thank Omer Key for his years of service as one of the tellers who would come in each Monday morning to help count the offering. Omer started in May, 1980 and "retired" in January, 2011. We appreciate and thank Omer for his faithful service to our church!!

### TLC

***Try It, Learn It, Create It!!***

## Knitting & Crocheting

Have you wanted to know how to knit, make pot holders, or those wonderful scrubbies. Don't know how to do anything or have a project you have started and need some help finishing or possibly just need to be refreshed. Perhaps you are already an expert and would like to help someone learn. Come and join us Saturday, February 26th at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be provided and then stay for 6:00 worship. Everyone of all ages are welcome.

Bring a friend or a neighbor. Some supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Hope to see you there!



## Shelter for the Homeless

### MARCH REPORT

Members of the church should take the time to thank Matthew Beckman, and his assistants for preparing a great meal for the homeless men. There was enough excellent food that the men were very well fed, and had leftovers for a next meal. Everything was appreciated by the men. There were many thanks sent back with us from the men at the shelter. A big thank you goes to those who donated the food stuffs that made this meal happen.

There should also be thanks sent to Tyler Frey, Katelyn Frey, Kay Frey, Steve Brockert, Dave Radke and Ariana Radke for delivering this meal to the men at the homeless shelter in Madison on Tuesday, February 8th. This was a great service crew. We were told we'd served 145 men in a little more than one hour. Once the guests got into the serving area, they were able to move smoothly through the line due to the hustle and professional manner of this service team.


Those of you who may be staying in motels/hotels on your Spring Break/Easter Holiday trip may want to remember the needs of the homeless men at the shelter. They really could use any small soaps, small shampoos, etc. that you might bring back for them. Those of you, who are staying around home, may want to check the towel and blanket supplies in your storage area. If you have veteran towels or blankets that are just being stored for a special occasion, maybe they could be sent to the shelter for the use of men in real need of some help. Thank you for considering the needs of these men.

## Holy Communion

We will observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion at both services on March 12 and 13 in celebration of the Atonement as we go through our Lenten journey. Join us at the Lord's Table as we remember the grace and salvation given to us through our Lord Jesus Christ.



# March, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9 AM Play Group  7:30 PM Dartball: Mvn 1 @ Mvn 2	<b>2</b> 9 AM: Ec. Bible Study  7 PM: Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM: AA	<b>3</b>  5:30 PM Daisy Girl Scouts Fellowship Hall 7 PM: CEC	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  6 PM Worship
<b>6</b> 8:45 AM Sunday School/ Adult Study 9 AM Coffee Hour 10 AM Worship	<b>7</b>  6:30 PM Mvn Women Bd	<b>8</b> 9 AM Play Group 9 AM Kim Sibert  6:15 PM Stewardship 7:30 PM K Snyder – <i>Wendy Roloff</i> 7:30 PM Dartball: Mvn 2 @ Meth. St. Paul @ Mvn 1	<b>9 Ash Wednesday</b> 9 AM: Ec. Bible Study 1 PM D Propso 6 PM Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:45 PM Worship <i>Sr. Choir reh. following Worship</i> 7:30 PM: AA	<b>10</b> 9 AM Eilla Appenfeldt  1 PM Dr. Goff Circle - Barb Albrecht @ church 6:30 PM Trustees—"Matt."	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 6 PM Worship w/Holy Communion   <i>Don't forget to turn clocks ahead tonight!</i>
<b>13</b> 8:45 AM Sunday School/ Adult Study 9 AM Coffee Hour 10 AM Worship w/Holy Communion	<b>14</b>  7 PM Pony Club	<b>15</b> 9 AM Play Group  6 PM: Outreach Comm. 7:30 PM Dartball: Trinity @ Mvn 2 Mvn 1 @ Newville	<b>16</b> 9 AM: Ec. Bible Study  3:15 PM: Mini Moravians 6 PM Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:45 PM Worship <i>Sr. Choir reh. following Worship</i> 7:30 PM: AA	<b>17 St. Patrick's Day</b>  5:30 PM Daisy Girl Scouts Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Elders "Matt"	<b>18</b>  5 PM District Board <i>Timothy Room</i>	<b>19</b>  6 PM Worship
<b>20</b> 8:45 AM Sunday School/ Adult Study 9 AM Coffee Hour 10 AM Worship 11 AM Special Church Council w/Jim Hicks	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9 AM Play Group  7:30 PM Dartball: Mvn 2 @ London UCC @ Mvn 1	<b>23</b> 9 AM: Ec. Bible Study  4 PM: Discipleship 6 PM Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:45 PM Worship <i>Sr. Choir reh. following Worship</i> 7:30 PM: AA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Couples Retreat @ Mt. Morris March 25-27	<b>26</b>  6 PM Worship
<b>27</b> 8 AM Sunday School - Intergenerational 9 AM Coffee Hour 10 AM Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9 AM Play Group  7:30 PM Dartball Playoffs	<b>30</b> 9 AM: Ec. Bible Study 5:30 PM: AA District 11 6 PM Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:45 PM Worship <i>Sr. Choir reh. following Worship</i> 7:30 PM AA	<b>31</b>		

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Sunday School has been very busy. Our outreach project for October and November was the cookie mixes in a jar. We sold a total of \$206.00. The money went to the Lake Mills Food Pantry.

December was our annual Christmas program, which was a great success. We once again sold luminaries. This year we sold a total of \$300.00 with the proceeds going to the Member's Assistance Fund at our church.

January brought us into the rotation, Jesus and the Children. We finished the rotation by 'adopting' the platoon that Jordan Yandre is a part of. During the rotation, we had a writing center and each week a different class would write letters to the platoon with the help of the 7th and 8th graders. The 3 and 4 year olds made special notes for them as well.

For the completion of the outreach project, we decorated cookies and, along with what the church family donated, packaged everything to send to Jordan's platoon. We offset the cost of the shipping by collecting a Joyful Noise offering the last weekend in January.

In February the children are learning to be better disciples as we are studying how Jesus called His Disciples. The 7th and 8th graders continue on their journey of discipleship and the 3 and 4 year olds are learning through their curriculum.

## Youth Handbells

I would like to remind our Junior High School youth about starting a youth handbell choir. If you have received a consent form, please turn it in to the church office or to Kathy Wendt. We'd like to begin practice with the group as soon as possible.



## Scholarships

Spring means so many things: flowers blooming, trees budding, birds singing, and students finishing school. For many High School Seniors and college students spring also means it's time to apply for scholarships. The deadline for applications for the Baumann, Behling and Wendt scholarships is May 1.

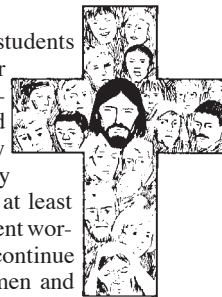
In the next few weeks a letter, with more information, will be going out to those we have listed in our records as High School Seniors. If you would like to apply for any of these scholarships, applications with more information are available in the church office.

## Our Core Values

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

## Discipleship Update

This month the students will continue with their class study and discussion as well as attend the Ash Wednesday worship service. They will also be attending at least one of the mid-week Lent worship services. Please continue to hold these young men and women in your prayers as they continue to seek to grow in their faith.



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 Erna Kiessling (2013) ..... 648-2424  
 Karen Radke (2013)..... 648-8517  
 Barb Wendt (2013)..... 608-423-3868  
 Carl Kutzke (2014) ..... 648-8231  
 Cindy Miller (2014) ..... 648-3632  
 Wayne Staff (2014) ..... 648-3057

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