



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

“WOW.” That is the only way I can describe the feeling I have as I sit down to write this article. It is only the middle of December as I am writing this but so far this month I am aware of so many ways that we as a church have shown our generosity. Let me count for you (realizing that I will probably forget a few) some of those ways:

1. On December 1 our CEC and some helpers packed boxes for our college and military folks. We had plenty of things to share in the boxes this year thanks to the generosity of so many of our members.
2. Our Stewardship Committee had encouraged and challenged you to provide hams for Christmas for about 70 needy families. We met our goal of 70 hams.
3. On December 2 we had a “parent’s night out” sponsored by our CEC. We cared for 29 children free of charge – many of whom were not members of this congregation.
4. Our Sunday School, through some fundraising, chose to adopt a family for Thanksgiving and Christmas. So much money was taken in that we were able to help more than one family with the money raised.
5. A couple from our church anonymously donated two turkeys and asked me to find someone who could use a turkey for Thanksgiving or Christmas. I was able to joyfully give those two turkeys away.
6. Another couple keeps a change jar in their house and everyday throughout the year they throw their spare change in it. Near the end of the year they bring it to church and ask a pastor to anonymously give it to a needy family. They have been doing this for several years.
7. We once again had a dedicated crew who prepared food for the Madison homeless shelter and another crew who went to serve them. In addition to the food, they brought several bags of used clothes and toiletries that our congregation donated.
8. We have decided to be one of the host churches for the Family Promise of Jefferson County.
9. We continue to be very active in the community meal. 155 people were served at the November meal held at the EMS building.
10. Many people gave up several hours of their time beginning in October to begin rehearsals for our Advent Concert. The Concert was held in front of a very appreciative crowd on December 5. Following the Concert our Moravian Women hosted a delightful reception/fellowship time with goodies donated by our choir and church members.
11. Our Sunday School staff and particularly Wendy Beckman as well as our students have been working hard on the Sunday School Christmas program which was presented on December 17.
12. Two different individuals/or couples gave me some money anonymously to give to someone who has fallen on hard times. They did not want that person to know where the money came from.
13. Some of our Moravian women recently got together to assemble fruit baskets for some of our members who don’t get out real frequently.

As you can see, we have been very generous and it warms my heart to see that generosity. Matthew 25:40 states, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” James 1:27 says, “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress....”

All I can say is “Wow” and thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ. And, if I did not mention the way that you personally have been generous, I sincerely apologize. I can only imagine that God must be smiling to look down on all of this generosity.

Gratefully, Pastor Bruce

Holy Communion

We will have a few opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the coming weeks. On January 7/8 we gather in the season of Epiphany. Our special guest this weekend is Western District President, Rev. Jim Hicks. He will help to officiate our communion. We also will partake of communion on February 4 and 5 and on Ash Wednesday – February 22.



Holiday Greetings

We want to wish you all a Happy New Year.

We want to thank our many volunteers whose help is invaluable. It is a joy to do ministry with all of you through the Lake Mills Moravian Church. May God continue to bless us all in 2012.



Annual Church Council

We will gather for the annual “business meeting” of the church when we will receive reports from our boards and committees, look at the year past, look at the year to come, discuss and approve a budget for 2012, and elect new officers to represent us. The meeting will take place at **12:00 noon on Sunday, January 22.**

Prior to the meeting there will be a camp promotion fund raising meal immediately following morning worship. Please plan to join us for this very important day.

Discipleship Students Lead Worship

Our discipleship students will be leading worship on January 14 and 15 after spending some time learning about what worship is and what some of the components of Moravian worship may be. Be sure to see what the Lord has to say through them.



Upcoming Worship Plans

December 31/January 1: We will be choosing watchwords for the New Year. Bruce’s sermon is titled “Clothing for the New Year” and is based on Isaiah 61:10-62:3.

January 7/8: Brother James Hicks, President of the Western District Executive Board, will be bring our message. Come hear what the Lord has laid upon Pastor Hicks heart to share with us. Bruce will be here to listen to this wonderful message.

January 14/15: Our discipleship students have been learning about what worship is and will help to plan and lead the worship services this weekend. Please plan to come and support our discipleship students.

January 21/22: Our sermon text for this weekend comes from Mark 1:14-20 where Jesus calls the first disciples. The sermon title is “A Change of Plans.”

January 28/29: Pastor Bruce will be at Mt. Morris with our discipleship students as well as students from London Moravian, Christian Faith Moravian in DeForest, and Watertown Moravian. Pastor Jane Harberg will lead our services this weekend.

Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

January-December 2011 (Estimated)

	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	
Current Budget	\$349,080	\$315,447	(\$33,633)
Service Ministries	\$ 24,086	\$ 26,158	\$ 2,072
Total	\$373,166	\$341,605	(\$31,561)
Total Income Year to Date:	\$341,605	2010 Budget Shortfall	\$52,549.14
Total Expenses Year to Date	349,766	Amount Received thru 12/19/11	32,734.21
Total Difference Year to Date:	(\$8,161)	Amount Still Needed	\$19,814.93

The above figures are just estimates of where we may be as of the end of December. Our actual year-end figures will be available in the Annual Report which will be distributed in January.

Mary Bade, Treasurer

Scrip Program

This program got off to a great start for the month of December with many of you buying gift cards for Christmas. About \$450 was raised to go towards reducing last year's deficit.

This easy fund raiser is dependent upon members buying gift cards for stores where they plan to make a purchase. Grocery stores and gas stations are obviously used every day and cards can be purchased in advance and used when buying. Kwik Trip is again offering 9% for every card offered until March. If you are planning big purchases at Menards or Sears or Home Depot, why not buy a card and use it for the purchase?

Cards will be ordered once a month with orders due within the first two weeks of the month so the cards can be available by the 15th. Order forms and checks for your purchase can be handed into the office. Talk to someone who participated last month and see how easy it is. (See form included with the newsletter).

Have You Noticed....



- how wonderful the Sanctuary looked with the Christmas tree, wreaths, poinsettias, and other decorations? Thanks to all who helped with this.
- that our deficit for 2011 is the lowest it has been since 2003?
- that our income for January through November is the highest it has been in at least 5 years?
- that our expenses through November are the lowest they have been in at least 5 years?
- that our nominating and budget committees have recently completed their work for 2011? Thanks for your faithfulness.
- the wonderful Advent Concert put on by our choir and several community helpers this year, as well as the bell choir, brass, and other instrumentalists? Be sure to thank our directors and musicians for their fine work.

2011 Annual Report

In order to save costs, we will not be mailing out the 2011 Annual Report. If we have your email address, we will be sending it to you that way. Copies of the report may be picked up at the church by January 14th.

Luminary Update

We received over 60 luminary orders!! Thank you so very much for helping make our church glow on Christmas Eve! The money collected will be going to the Member's Assistance Fund. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are very much appreciated.

January Servants

Dieners: Cindy Wolff (674-2682) and Terry Heinz (648-5471)

Sorters: Greg Tubbs and Kathy Wendt

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Front Entrance	Fellowship Hall	Bell Tower Entrance	Lower Level
January 1	10:00 a.m.	Stewart Masche	Julie Masche	Jane Berg	Peter Berg
January 7	6:00 p.m.	Cindy Fahney	Larry Fahney	Peach Beahlen	
January 8	10:00 a.m.	Diane McFarlane	Dave McFarlane	Scott Schultz	Nancy Schultz
January 14	6:00 p.m.	Mary Finley	Anna Hoyt	Bob Hoyt	
January 15	10:00 a.m.	Barb Sanft	Bill Kiessling	Erna Kiessling	Heidi Wendorf
January 21	6:00 p.m.	Donna Hinzmann	Bob Hinzmann	Darren Strasburg	
January 22	10:00 a.m.	Erich Wollin	Kathy Wollin	Laura Libal	Myrtle Masche
January 28	6:00 p.m.	Jane Harberg	Dave Radke	Karen Radke	
January 29	10:00 a.m.	Mike Miller	Cindy Miller	Don Strauss	Phyllis Strauss

LAY READERS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Readers
Dec. 31	6:00 p.m.	Wendy Roloff
Jan. 1	10:00 a.m.	Bill Beckman
Jan. 7	6:00 p.m.	Bob Oestreicher
Jan. 8	10:00 a.m.	Jane Harberg
Jan. 14	6:00 p.m.	Andy Anderson
Jan. 15	10:00 a.m.	Deb vanOmmeren
Jan. 21	6:00 p.m.	Steve Brockert
Jan. 22	10:00 a.m.	Todd Messmer
Jan. 28	6:00 p.m.	Anna Hoyt
Jan. 29	10:00 a.m.	Pat Yahn

USHERS SCHEDULE

Date	Saturday, 6:00 p.m.	Date	Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 31	Paul Crossman	Jan. 1	Bill Hartwig
Jan. 7	Todd Messmer	Jan. 8	Ken Manske
Jan. 14	Harley Frey	Jan. 15	Stewart Masche
Jan. 21	Dave Wendt	Jan. 22	Paul Crossman
Jan. 28	Bob Hoyt	Jan. 29	Dan Piper

The church office will be closed on New Year's Day, Jan. 1st & Monday, Jan. 2nd.
Happy New Year!!!!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Date	Saturday, 6:00 p.m.	Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 31/Jan. 1	Kathy Pitzner	Need a helper
Jan. 7 & 8	Theresa Palmer	Morgan Roessler
Jan. 14 & 15	Wendy Brockert	Allie Voight
Jan. 21 & 22	Tammy Messmer	Nikki Lawson
Jan. 28 & 29	Linda Kutzke	Need a helper
		Cindy Scheele
		Teresa Holzhueter
		Kay Frey
		Lexi Frey
		Julie Renz
		Need a helper
		Ashley Nebel
		Kathy Pitzner
		Kim Peterson
		Ryan Peterson

In The Life Of The Congregation

FUNERALS: We extend our sympathy to the family of Omer Key whose funeral service was held December 22 in our Sanctuary.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES: January 4 - Jerry Bartel, January 9 - Leona Graf, Earl Zimmerman, January 15 - Lorraine Renz, January 19 - Donald Hein, January 22 - Bea Nadler.

Coming In February, 2012:



February 1st: Chicken Carry-Out Dinner

February 3rd & 4th: Joint Board Retreat

February 11th: Men's Breakfast

February 19th: Pretzel Sunday

February 22nd: Ash Wednesday, Soup/Sandwich Suppers begin

February 24-26th: Men's Retreat

2012 Offering

Envelopes are ready to be picked up in Fellowship Hall.



2011 Contribution statements will be ready January 22.

The Work of Our Boards

The **Joint Board** met on Thursday, December 8. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- The report of the nominating committee has fill all positions for 2012.
- The Joint Board will meet in retreat on February 3 and 4 in Lake Mills.
- Because of cost and level of participation, the 2013 Joint Board retreat will also be held locally instead of at Mt. Morris.
- The 2012 budget was approved to send on to our annual Church Council.
- We will participate in the Family Promise of Jefferson County with Marlene and Dale Koplin as our coordinators.

The **Board of Trustees** met on December 8 following the Joint Board meeting. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- The treasurer's report was shared and approved. The deficit for this year is the smallest it has been at this time of year since 2003.
- Warren Krueger gave a report on the old office remodel plan. Two issues that need to be resolved before further work can be completed are the roof over that part of the building and determining whether the air conditioners on the roof there are still usable.
- The outside bulletin board needs new hydraulic struts to hold the door open.
- Warren Krueger is checking on the Keyes Street parsonage once a week.
- It was decided to have this year's Advent Concert offering go to the member's assistance fund.

The **Board of Elders** met on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Highlights of that meeting include:

- Bruce was given permission to attend the men's retreat on February 24-25. Bruce will attend the men's retreat. He will lead worship Sunday morning with a substitute Saturday night.
- Bruce will attend the couple's retreat and will find someone to fill the pulpit that weekend.

Homeless Shelter

There was a great deal of appreciation shown by the guests at the men's homeless shelter on Tuesday, December 13th for an excellent ham dinner with all the trimmings that was delivered from our church. Thanks Matt Beckman for preparing the meal and to the generous folks who donated food.

We must convey to all who were involved in this very important mission the many 'thank you's' and 'God Bless you's' from the men as they got their food. Alexis Frey, Nicole Peterson, Cassidy Frey, Isabella Fiore, Jackie Frey, Dave Radke, and Steve Brockert were lucky enough to be able to deliver and serve this meal to somewhere between 120 and 140 homeless men. It was our humble pleasure to bring your good tidings and well wishes in the form of a warm meal of great quality to some men who were definitely in need of something good to happen in their lives.

Many church members donated items of use to the men at the shelter. We are always happy to make the delivery of new or gently used: towels, men's clothes, blankets, etc. Many members of this church went out-of-their-way to do something special for those in need.

Once again, to the whole church community, it should be said, "Well done good and faithful servants!!!"

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Chicken Carry-out Dinner will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. The dinner can be picked up between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. on that day.

The Men's Annual Retreat will be held on February 24-26 at Mt. Morris.

Our next breakfast will be held on January 14th, 2012, at 7:30 a.m.

ATTENTION: Grades 5th – 12th

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2012**

Come spend the night with us at church!!

Date: Friday, January 13th

Drop off time: 6 p.m. (dinner served)

Pick up time: Saturday, January 14th at 9 a.m.
(Breakfast served)

*MORE INFO TO COME!!

Lock-in Cost: \$10.00/person

Lock-in Registration Deadline: Dec. 31st

**Our Worship Services May be seen on
Analog Channel 98 or Digital Channel 994
on Wednesdays at 12:10 & 6:10 PM**

Sunday School News

The Christmas program was fantastic and we thank the Sunday School children for their willingness to participate. We would also like to thank the entire Sunday School staff and parents for their participation in the program. A very special thank you to both Wendy Beckman and Kathy Wendt for their guidance and patience during our many practices leading up to the program.

The children did not have Sunday School on December 25, 2011, or January 1, 2012. Sunday, January 8, 2012, we will kick off the New Year with surprises. **The children should meet in Sanctuary at 8:30 on Sunday, January 8th 2012.** Sunday, January 15, 2012, we will go back to our regular starting time of 8:45 and start our new curriculum on that day.

We hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas holiday!!



**Saturday
6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday
10:00 a.m.**

Lock-in For Youth

We will have a lock-in for all 5th-12th graders on Friday, January 13, at 6 p.m. (after supper) until Saturday, January 14 at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be served on Saturday. All youth are encouraged to attend and invite your non-Moravian friends. Cost is \$5 per person. Registration deadline is December 31, 2011. If you need more information, contact Jackie Frey.

News Around The District

Rev. Mary Lou Plummer has accepted the call to serve as the pastoral leader of the Wisconsin Rapids Moravian Church. Her final Sunday at Glenwood Moravian Church will be January 1. Her first Sunday at Wisconsin Rapids will be January 22.

Brother Terry Weavil, Pastor of the West Salem Moravian Church, will be retiring in February. We thank Brother Weavil for his years of service to the church.

Pastor Bruce, as well as all of the clergy of the Western District, will meet at Mt. Morris from February 6-9 for a clergy-staff meeting. This is a gathering of all Western District clergy currently under call or appointment as well as district board members. You are encouraged to keep all of our pastors in prayer as they gather for this important meeting.

There will be a **clergy/spouse retreat** to be held at Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. It will be held on April 29 – May 1. Pastor Bruce is the chair of the planning committee for this gathering.

Please hold the following congregations that are in some form of the call process in your prayers: **Hope, Indiana; West Salem, Illinois; and Northfield, Minnesota.**

Mini Moravians 2012

ATTENTION: KIDS IN GRADE K-6TH

You are invited to come learn, grow and most importantly, HAVE FUN. We meet in Fellowship Hall from 3:15-4:30 p.m. Transportation is provided via the church van from Prospect Elementary to the church. Parents need to send a note or call the school that day if their child is riding in the Church Van. A light snack will be provided.

PARENTS: Mark your calendars and plan on sending your kids! We have A LOT of fun and I promise a good time for your children.

2012 Schedule: January 18th, February 15th, March 21st, April 18th, May 16th, June 20th, July - no Mini Moravians, August - no Mini Moravians, September - no Mini Moravians, October 17th, November 21st, December 19th.

Jackie Frey

djfreyfamily@gmail.com, 608-513-6237 cell

Adult Bible Study

- Each Monday morning at 9:30, we will resume offering a Bible study on the Lectionary.
- Sunday morning we will offer the "Wired Word" Bible study. We meet in the Timothy Room at 8:45.



**Happy
New Year**

JANUARY, 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day NO Sunday School or Discipleship Classes 9 AM Coffee Hour 10 AM Worship	2 Office Closed	3 9-11 AM Play Group 6 PM Outreach Comm. 7:30 PM Dartball: Mor. 1 @ Mor. 2	4 7 PM Senior Choir 7:30 PM AA	5 6-7:30 PM Brownies 7 PM Gather To Grow at Karen Radke's 7 PM CEC	6 Epiphany	7 6 PM – Worship w/Holy Communion & Scholarships Rev. Jim Hicks, guest preacher
8 8:45 AM Sunday School & Discipleship Classes 9 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion & Scholarships Rev. Jim Hicks, guest preacher	9 10-12 Noon AM Line Dancing for Seniors 6 PM Stewardship 6:30 PM Moravian Women Bd.	10 9-11 AM Play Group 9 AM K. Sibert-- 6:15 pm Cub Scouts Den 8 7 PM K. Snyder-- 7:30 PM Dartball: St.Paul's @ M1; M2 @ Newville	11 1 PM Deb Propsoom 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:30 AA	12 9 AM Ella Appenfeldt- 1 PM N. Goff @ Marlene Koplin's 2 PM Willowbrook/BG 6:30 PM Trustees "Matt"	13 Middle School/High School Lock-In Jan 13—6 p.m. to Jan. 14—9 a.m.	14 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 6 PM Worship (led by Discipleship students)
15 8:45 AM Sunday School 9 AM Coffee Hour 10 AM Worship (led by Discipleship students)	16 10-12 Noon AM Line Dancing for Seniors	17 9-11AM Play Group 7:30 PM Dartball: M1 @ U. Meth.; Trinity @ M2	18 3:15 PM Mini-Moravians 5-7 PM Community Meal at EMS building 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:30 AA	19 6-7:30 PM Brownies 6:30 PM Elders—"Matt."	20	21 9 AM – 12 Noon Stewardship Summit at Ebenezer Moravian Ch. 6 PM Worship
22 Church Council 8:45 AM Sunday School & Discipleship Classes 9 AM Coffee Hour 10 AM Worship 11 AM Camp Promotion Dinner; Church Council after	23 10-12 Noon AM Line Dancing for Seniors	24 9-11 AM Play Group 10 AM LMMA 7:30 PM Dartball: Trinity @ M1; M2 @ St. Paul's	25 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:30 AA	26 2 PM Willowbrook/BG	27 Discipleship Retreat at Mt. Morris; January 27-29	28 6 PM Worship (Rev. Jane Harberg)
29 8:45 AM Sunday School 9 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Worship (Rev. Jane Harberg)	30 10-12 Noon AM Line Dancing for Seniors	31 9-11 AM Play Group 7:30 PM Dartball: M1 @ Newville; U. Meth. @ M2				

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Angel Tree Thanks

Thanks to all who helped buy gifts for inmates' children. I delivered to 6 families in Jefferson County and mailed 2 boxes to families elsewhere in Wisconsin. Two inmates were out of state in Kentucky and Pennsylvania so were happy to get a local delivery to their children. My granddaughter, McKayla, helped me to deliver.



Pat Yahn

Hams For Christmas

1 Timothy 6:18 states: "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." You have answered that call during this Christmas season. Through your generosity of the canned hams donated along with the money with which we purchased additional hams, we provided the food pantry with enough hams that each family should receive a ham to enjoy during the holiday season. It was very much appreciated by the food pantry. Well done good and faithful servants.

--The Stewardship Committee

Board Members

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- Shirley Knapp (2012)..... 648-8201
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