



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.

“What Is Next”

By the time you read this it will be a full month since Pastor Beth moved on to North Dakota and I accepted what I believe to be the call of the Lord to be your pastor. As I said in my letter of acceptance of the call I am humbled and grateful to have this opportunity to continue to serve you.

I have been a solo pastor before. In my 20 plus years of ordination I served as the only pastor at the church I was serving for basically 16 of those 20 years. This is not something new for me. What is new for me is serving a church as the only pastor that is as large as Lake Mills. I could spend time being overwhelmed by all that needs to be done. If the truth be known there are times during the last month when I have felt a bit overwhelmed. However, I am not serving alone. Pastor Baumann continues to make several visits on behalf of the church. Pastor Jane Harberg is overseeing our adult educational opportunities and has volunteered to do any visiting that may be needed. I also have had offers from lay members to do visits. Those offers warm my heart. In addition to that there are several who are stepping up and doing other things around the church – things too numerous to mention.

So what happens next? There are certain things that I do well. There are certain gifts and talents that I bring to ministry. There are some things that are growing edges for me. There are some things that I don't necessarily do very well at all. In the churches where I and the church I am serving have thrived we are able to plug lay people in to those things that I don't do so well. They are able to do them and we have made a wonderful team.

I have been quoted in the past as saying that I will not on my own be able to do all of the things that Pastor Beth and I used to do. I am only one person. I am willing to be a very faithful servant, but I am only one servant.

I would ask for your prayers and patience as we (the joint board and myself) try to determine what ministry is for me to do and what is for lay members to do and what is to be put aside for a future time. Please know that as I ask for your prayers, I am also praying for you. My recent prayer for us as a congregation is very similar to a recent Epistle lesson in our worship.

“(I) always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in (my) prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” I Thessalonians 1:2

Serving Christ with you,
Pastor Bruce J. Nelson

Church Council And Congregational Forum

We will gather following worship on Sunday, November 6, for a special church council meeting as well as a congregational forum.



The purpose of the church council meeting is to elect 4 lay delegates and alternates to Western District Synod. Synod to be held on April 26-29, 2012 in Appleton, Wisconsin.

The congregational forum will be an opportunity to share some information. Some of the topics we will discuss or learn about could include, but may not be limited to, our current financial status, a new way of being assessed for provincial common ministries, and a new type of budget – a mission and ministry budget. We encourage you to stay following worship to join us for this special meeting.

Please Let Us Know...

If you have any address, phone number, or other changes, please be sure to update your information with the office. We are often experiencing challenges with members who have switched from a landline to their cell phones.

We also are here to serve you and your family when there is a need. We can't always know what your needs are if you don't let us know, though. Privacy rules prevent hospitals from calling the church when a member is admitted, so please call the office when a visit is desired or you'd like the prayer chains to have information. It will also be very helpful if a family member contacts us when your loved one is discharged from the hospital, or moved to another facility.

Upcoming Worship Services

Take a look at what we have planned for our November worship services.

November 5 & 6: We will gather to remember that Jesus Christ is our chief elder. We will share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion as we remember that we don't need to be in charge because Jesus Christ is.

November 12 & 13: Pastor Bruce will be in West Salem as their special (renewal) services speaker. The Moravian Women will be in charge of the worship services for this weekend. Please support our women as they share with us.

November 19 & 20: We will use a Thanksgiving theme on this weekend before Thanksgiving. The title of the sermon is, “More Than a Day.”

November 26 & 27: On this first Sunday in Advent our theme will be preparing. We will sing the Hosanna hymn and partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at these services. Be sure to join us for these special worship opportunities.

Adult Study

We continue to offer several opportunities for adult studies here at the church. On Sunday mornings in the Timothy room we are still offering “the Wired Word” which is a discussion of current events as it relates to the Bible. We also offer “Christianity and the United States of America” which meets in the old conference room and discusses the role of Christianity in our history as well as how it affects us today.

On Monday mornings Shirley Knapp is offering a lectionary study which looks at the assigned readings for the following weekend. This class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Timothy room.

Thanksgiving Worship



This year the ecumenical community will gather for our annual community Thanksgiving service. At the time of this newsletter we do not have a definite date and time for the service. Stay tuned in for this information as it becomes available.

*This issue of the Messenger is in Memory of
Willis and Charlotte Erlandson*

Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

January-October 2011 (Estimated)

	<u>Needed</u> <u>Year To Date</u>	<u>Received</u> <u>Year To Date</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current Budget	\$296,220	\$254,331	(\$41,889)
Service Ministries	\$ 20,071	\$ 21,963	\$ 1,892
Total	\$316,291	\$276,294	(\$39,997)
Total Income Year to Date:	\$276,294	2010 Budget Shortfall	\$52,549.14
Total Expenses Year to Date	<u>301,462</u>	Amount Received thru 10/17/11	<u>26,588.00</u>
Total Difference Year to Date:	(\$25,168)	Amount Still Needed	\$25,961.14

Mary Bade, Treasurer

The Work Of Our Boards

The **Board of Trustees** met on Thursday, October 13. Following are highlights of that meeting.

- The Treasurer's Report was shared and approved and it was noted that our expenses through September are the lowest that they have been in at least 5 years and that our income is the highest it has been in at least 5 years. In spite of this, we continue to have a deficit of over \$25,000 from 2011 and we still are carrying a 2010 deficit of a little over \$27,000. To put this into perspective, last year at this time our deficit was in excess of \$56,000. And, in 2008 our deficit at this time of year was in excess of \$75,000. We are making significant progress.
- We are continuing to look at the old office remodel project.
- We talked about snow plowing bids for this season. Ken Manske and Bob Hinzmann will take care of sidewalks this year.
- Thanks to Ken Manske for caulking the roof at the Fremont Parsonage and to Greg Tubbs for lots of work done around the parsonage.
- Extra keys will be made for the Keyes Street parsonage and a new toilet will be installed in the basement by Bob Hinzmann.
- A discussion was held regarding the Keyes Street house. It was decided that at this time there is no desire amongst this board to rent this house.
- Mike Bade fixed the mushroom sidewalk light near the lower parking lot. Thank you Mike.

The **Board of Elders** met on Thursday, October 20, after the *Messenger* deadline. We will share information from that meeting in the next *Messenger*.

In The Life Of The Congregation

FUNERALS: We extend our sympathy to the family of Terry Lanting whose funeral was held September 30.

THANK YOU'S: To all our office volunteers with the *Messenger*, bulletin, answering the phone, and other mailings – your help is greatly appreciated!!

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES: November 10 – Mae Bryant, Shorty Shoemaker; November 12 – Fred Albrecht; November 19 – Alvin Abel; November 28 – Marian Abel, Robert Jahn; November 29 – Martha Liebenow.

Caramel Bee – Sweet Success



Our Caramel Bee held on October 15th and 16th was a sweet success – we broke our record of 27 batches and made 30 batches of caramel candy!!

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies and helped in the kitchen.

Have You Noticed?..



- ? that through the months of June through September our worship attendance is up 17% over the same period last year???
- ? that the choir has already begun practicing for their annual Advent Concert? You may want to hold open Sunday, December 4 to listen to what has become a meaningful part of the Advent/Christmas season for this community.
- ? that Jackie Frey continues to faithfully meet with the Mini-Moravians on a monthly basis? She is always looking for more Kindergarten through 4th graders to join her. If you need more information speak with Jackie.
- ? the wonderful job that Ken Manske has been doing around the church all year to keep the lawn mowed and the leaves raked? Tell Ken how much you appreciate him.

Coming In December



- December 4th – Advent Concert
- December 17th – Sunday School Christmas Program
- December 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – 4:30 & 7:00 p.m.
- December 25th – Worship at 10 a.m.; no Sunday School or Discipleship classes
- December 26th – Office closed
- December 31st – Worship at 6 p.m.

November Servants

Dieners: Bob & Donna Hinzmann, 920-674-9617

Sorters: Dave Palmer & Warren Krueger

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Front Entrance	Fellowship Hall	Bell Tower Entrance	Lower Level
November 5	6:00 p.m.	Anna Hoyt	Nicole Hooper	Carley Krull	
November 6	10:00 a.m.	Ed Wollin	Kathy Wollin	Laura Libal	Alyssa Nelson
November 12	6:00 p.m.	Barb Wendt	Dave McFarlane	Diane McFarlane	
November 13	10:00 a.m.	Roland Liebenow	Martha Liebenow	Mae Bryant	Andrea Geyer
November 19	6:00 p.m.	Barb Strauss	Tom Strauss	Barb Zastrow	
November 20	10:00 a.m.	Don Frey	Dave Palmer	Theresa Palmer	Jackie Frey
November 26	6:00 p.m.	Mary Finley	Russell Butzine	Carole Wolgram	
November 27	10:00 a.m.	Sue Chadwick	Amy Sobrolske	Wendy Roloff	Sue Trumpf

LAY READERS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Readers
Nov. 5	6:00 p.m.	Marilyn Meyer
Nov. 6	10:00 a.m.	Mary Bade
Nov. 12	6:00 p.m.	Steve Brockert
Nov. 13	10:00 a.m.	Erna Kiessling
Nov. 19	6:00 p.m.	Anna Hoyt
Nov. 20	10:00 a.m.	John Baumann
Nov. 26	6:00 p.m.	Wendy Brockert
Nov. 27	10:00 a.m.	Roland Liebenow

USHERS SCHEDULE

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Date	Saturday, 6:00 p.m.	Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Nov. 5/6	Theresa Palmer	Jim Williams Tara Williams
Nov. 12/13	Wendy Brockert	Mia Wollin Kathy Wollin
Nov. 19/20	Tammy Messmer	Lisa Garvan Heather Graham
Nov. 26/27	Linda Kutzke	Diane McFarlane Melissa Wilke

Homeless Shelter

It was a beautiful autumn day on Tuesday, October 11th, when Matthew Beckman and a crew prepared a very nice dinner for homeless men at the shelter in Madison. Would members of the congregation give a thank you hug to any of the cook team when they see them out and about? This congregation does some wonderful things. May God bless all of you for what you do for others.

The meal delivery/service team of Allie Voight, Steve Brockert, Avery Voight, Morgan Roessler and Dave Radke were honored to serve our church's meal to the guests at the Madison Men's Homeless Shelter.

The October delivery team gladly unloaded many many boxes of clothing and toiletries to the appreciative men at the homeless shelter. In the past, especially at this giving thanks time of year, our congregation has done a great job of locating and donating gently used blankets, towels, wash cloths, disposable razors, combs, brushes, men's t-shirts, underwear, socks, men's winter clothing, and most of all lots of prayers. Many who travel have been making a point of bringing back the unused motel soaps, shampoos, etc. for the homeless men. They really appreciate all the thoughtful gifts. Our next trip will be on December 14th.



The children have learned about Abraham and Sarah through the rotation program.

The 3 and 4 year olds have been learning about the Bible stories and the 7th and 8th grades have been learning to be better disciples.

November marks another outreach program. This time we will be taking orders and making baked pies. We will be taking orders through Wednesday, November 16th. You may place your order(s) with either Kim Staff or Sue Trumpf on Sundays during Sunday School hour or else turn them into the office during regular business hours. The price on the pies will be \$10.00 each, with the proceeds to go to our adopted family. The types of pies will be: banana cream, coconut cream, apple, cherry, blueberry and pecan. Forms will be in Fellowship Hall during Sunday School hour and also in the church office. The pick up date will be announced.

The end of November also means the beginning of the Christmas program practices during regular Sunday School time. Please watch the December Messenger for dates and times of special rehearsals.

College & Military Addresses

Please be sure to let the office know if you have a college student and/or military person in your family and let us know the new address so the church family can stay connected with our young adults. We will be sending goodie boxes the beginning of December for our students and troops.

Youth News



Lake Mills Moravian Middle School youth was scheduled to meet on September 26. This meeting had to be cancelled because Pastor Bruce was ill. Their first meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday, October 26 at 4 p.m. All youth in grades 5-8 are welcome to join us.

Mini-Moravians continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month under the leadership of Jackie Frey.

An area Southern Wisconsin Moravian high school youth group has begun under the leadership of Kurt Liebenow and Kathy Harberg-Liebenow. So far they have had two events. These events are open to all high school students in Southern Wisconsin.

Advent Concert

Please join the Senior Choir for the Advent Concert Sunday December 4th at 2:30 p.m. There will be vocal specials and the choir will join in song. The handbell choir will perform as well.

Please support the music ministry of our church for this beginning to the Advent Season. We will share our voices as we prepare for and await the birth of our Lord!

Luminary Sales

It is that time of year again to be thinking about luminaries. The Sunday School will be selling luminaries for \$5.00 each, with the proceeds to go toward the General Assistance Fund. Starting this month, please look for the order forms in the bulletins and also in Fellowship Hall during the regular Sunday School hour. The luminaries will be sold from November 6th through December 18th. If you have any questions on this, please see Sue Trumpf or call at 920-723-9386.

News Around The District

It was announced recently that Brother Terry Weavil, who is currently serving the West Salem Moravian Church, will be retiring from the active ministry in February, 2012. Please hold Brother Weavil and the West Salem congregation in your prayers. West Salem is entering the call process.

Please also hold the Wisconsin Rapids, Hope, Indiana, and the Northfield, Minnesota congregations in your prayers as they continue in the call process.

Please hold the Rev. Beth Rohn-Habegger in your thoughts and prayers as she begins her ministry at the Canaan Moravian Church. Beth will be installed as the pastor at Canaan on Sunday, November 6. The next WDEB face to face meeting will be held on December 2 and 3.



Dear Heavenly Father, creator of us all. We praise you, and give you thanks for your incredible gifts of love, forgiveness, grace and never-ending mercy. We thank you for all the blessings in our lives. Help us to remember that all we have and all we are belongs to you. Please guide us, we pray, to be good stewards, and to use our time, talents and treasures to glorify you and to serve you through the ministries of our church. Teach us the true values of your kingdom, that we may know the difference between our needs and wants, so that we may share with our neighbors.

Lord, we pray for your blessing on each and every member of our church. We thank you for our pastor and for his energy and commitment to our congregation and its future. Guide us, we pray, as we seek to serve you with the gifts you have given us. Help us to let our lights shine so that others may see in us your presence and your love.

Listening God, quiet our spirits now and open our ears to hear your voice. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

Discipleship Education

Discipleship education for 2011-2012 is up and going. This year we have 11 students in the program. Those students are: 8th graders - Carley Krull, Morgan Roessler, Allie Voight, and Avery Voight and 7th graders - Nathan Denzin, Alexis Frey, Meta Frey, Zach Maron, Ryan Messmer, Audry Scheele, and Alexis Schultz.

This year discipleship classes are taking place every other week during the Sunday School time. We continue to meet for mentor night on various Wednesdays. Please keep all of our students in your prayers as they learn and discern what they will choose in terms of church membership in the future.

We did a commissioning service for their mentors on Sunday, October 9 during our regular worship service. You will want to be sure to join us in worship on January 14 and 15 to support our youth as they lead us in worship that weekend.

Holy Communion

We have two opportunities for Holy Communion this month. We will gather on November 5 and 6 to commemorate the chief Eldership of Jesus Christ. We also will be observing the Sacrament of Holy Communion on November 26 & 27 in observance of the first weekend in Advent. Please be sure to mark these dates on your calendars and plan to join us.

November 12 & 13 is
Moravian Women's Weekend



NOVEMBER, 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends 8:45 AM Sunday School 8:45 AM Discipleship 9 AM Coffee Hour 10 AM Worship/Holy Communion 11 AM Special Church Council and Congregational Forum 1:30 PM Advent Rehearsal	7 6:00 PM Stewardship 6:30 PM Moravian Women Executive Board	8 9-11 AM Play Group 9 AM Kim Sibert 6 PM Outreach Committee 6 PM Budget Committee 6:15 PM Cub Scouts Den 7 PM K. Snyder-Jean-old Conference room 7:30 PM Dartball: M1@UM Trinity @ M2	9 1 PM D. Propson Circle 5:30 PM Mentor Potluck 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM AA	10 9 AM Appenfeldt Circle 1 PM Dr. Goff Circle 6:30 PM Trustees	11 TEN Retreat @ Mt. Morris - 11/11-13	12 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 6 PM Worship (Moravian Women weekend)
13 8:45 AM Sunday School 9 AM Coffee Hour 10 AM Worship (Moravian Women weekend) 1:30 PM Advent Rehearsal	14 7 PM Pony Club	15 9-11 AM Play Group 7:30 PM Dartball: Trinity @ M1, M2 @ St. Paul's	16 Sunday School Pie orders due 3:15 PM Mini Moravians 5-7 PM Comm. Meal @ EMS 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM AA	17 6-7:30 PM Brownies 6:30 PM Elders	18	19 6 PM Worship
20 8:45 AM Sunday School 8:45 AM Discipleship 9 AM Coffee Hour 10 AM Worship 1:30 PM Advent Rehearsal	21	22 9-11 AM Play Group 7:30 PM Dartball: M1 @ Newville; U Meth @ M2	23 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM AA	24  OFFICE CLOSED	25 Office Closed	26 6 PM Worship w/Holy Communion
27 First Sunday of Advent 8:45 AM Sunday School 9 AM Coffee Hour 10 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 1:30 PM Advent Rehearsal 6 PM Diemers-Candle Wrapping	28	29 9-11 AM Play Group 7:30 PM Dartball: M2 @ M1	30 4 PM Middle School Youth 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM AA			

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Men's Fellowship

We had seven men come out to clean along the highway. Thank you to everyone who was able to help! Our next breakfast is Saturday, November 12th at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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Hams For Christmas

This year we will be collecting canned hams for families in need. Please keep this in mind as we approach this blessed holiday season. Watch the bulletin and next month's newsletter for further details. --Cindy Fahney

Our Core Values

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

Congregational Goals

1. We will develop activity groups by the end of 2011.
2. We will strive to have one lay witness speaker per month in our worship services.
3. We will strive to follow God's plan while remaining fiscally responsible.
4. We as a Joint Board will strive to pray every day for our pastors, board and committee members, and our congregation and we encourage the entire congregation to do the same.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 6



Make sure you set your clock behind one hour Saturday night.

Board Members

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