



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.

Discussions with Dave

Happy Birthday

By the time you read this, I will be one year older. I know many of people say age is just a number, or you are as young as you feel. I usually say it's not the years, it's the mileage. That line comes from Raiders of the Lost Ark, said by a 39-year-old Harrison Ford playing Indiana Jones. Maybe it's because my birthday is in the Fall that I enjoy this season so much. I was born one day before my Grandparents' anniversary. But I was scheduled to be born on October 31, Halloween. My older sister still calls me a goonie.

Like most people I remember some birthday celebrations more than others. For my 50th, Dina's family bought me a Green Bay Packers jersey with the number 50 and my name on the back. A friend of mine wore it to a late season game...over his coat. I remember turning 18 a little over a month into my senior year in high school. I remember turning 30 my first Fall as a pastor. I had Confirmation Class that Wednesday and one of the kids exclaimed, "My God, you're old!" When I lived in the area, my mother would make her now famous chocolate cinnamon rolls. In fact, she showed up this morning at our clergy breakfast in Madison with a batch for the pastors and some to bring home. Birthdays have been moments to celebrate.

Many years ago, someone told me that on their birthday each year, they would send their mother flowers. And then it dawned on me. I really had nothing to do with this day. It is not like when I graduated from college or seminary, as those were accomplishments I achieved. Nor is it like getting married and the celebration that goes along with that great day. I didn't help save a life or property. I didn't have a moving message or sing a beautiful song. To my knowledge I came into this world through no act of my own.

I did not purchase my way.

I did not consciously decide to be born on this day.

I am here on this earth due to the love of my parents and God.

As brothers and sisters of faith, we believe God sent His Son into the world to show us how to truly love. We are given grace through no act of our own. If we were to be honest with ourselves, we could say we have been given a grace we rarely deserve.

We did not purchase this grace.

We did not consciously decide to get this grace.

It is a grace given to us through the love of our God through Jesus Christ.

Celebrating a day of birth most of us had no hand in creating is a great thing. Celebrating grace given to us we had no hand in bringing upon ourselves is also a blessed thing. Live each day with the grace God has given to you. Celebrate each day the love God granted to you. Show the world what God--your God--is all about.

Pastor Dave Sobek

Tapestry Sale

Our Christian Education Committee is adventuring into the great unknown with the presale of a **FANTASTIC** tapestry! For those who happen to have attended worship on Sunday, October 13, you were able to see and hear a bit about it. As of this writing, many others had a chance to see and preorder it during Market Day on October 19. If you weren't able to attend Market Day, no worries! You may place your order at the church office during normal business hours of Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. This beautiful tapestry is woven in many colors with the center focal point being our Moravian seal with our motto and on the corners are the Moravian star, the candle, the Moravian man and Moravian woman. The man and woman were originally hand drawn by Eileen Engsborg. This tapestry may be used to decorate the back of a couch or chair, to be hung on a wall, to be used as a tablecloth, a blanket, and of course will make an excellent gift! The price of this lovely tapestry is \$35.00, with proceeds going to the Adopt A Family program. For those who are unaware of our Adopt A Family program, it was started a number of years ago as a Sunday School outreach event to help brighten Christmas for families within our congregation who are in need.

Thanksgiving blessings to all!!

Elections Church Council – Sunday, November 24

We will be holding our Fall Church Council meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, November 24, for the purpose of electing members to the Board of Elders, Board of Trustees, and Christian Education Committee.

We will also be electing representatives to attend the Western District Synod to be held at Mt. Morris Camp and Retreat Center April 23-26, 2020.

Men's Fellowship

Our next breakfast meeting is Saturday, November 9, at 7:30 a.m. All men are welcome!

LMC Pictorial Directory is coming!!!

- Pictures will be taken December 3-7.
- Appointments can be made online or in person.
- Orders will be ready by Dec 21st, just in time for Christmas.
- Complimentary 8x10 picture and directory with your picture.
- Questions? Contact Diane Fronek, 608-333-4028.



Online and in-office scheduling have opened, and in-person scheduling will be available after worship services in November. Please see the insert for more detailed information.

Choir for Advent Vesper Service

There is still time to join the choir for the Advent Vesper Service. The choir will sing four anthems, so less rehearsal time is needed. Rehearsals are scheduled for Sundays, October 27, November 3, November 17, and Saturday, November 30, all at 1:00 p.m. The Vesper service will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2019, at 2:30 p.m. If you are interested in singing, please contact Jo Stokes or Kathy Wendt or come to our rehearsals. We'd love to have you join us!



Daylight Savings Time Ends November 3

Make sure you set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 2nd.

Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

September 30, 2019 (Actual)

Budget as of September 30: \$237,637.26

Actual Income as of Sept. 30: \$190,024.84

Actual Expenses as of Sept. 30: 218,447.28

Difference (Needed) YTD (\$28,422.44)

Mary Bade, Treasurer

INFORMATION UPDATES

If you have any address, phone number, email, or other changes, please update your information with the church office. Please keep in mind how important it is to update your personal information, so we can keep our records up to date.

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 if you'd like the prayer chain 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.



FUNERALS: We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Christine Voight-Rothbarth, who passed away October 1. Her funeral service was held in our sanctuary on October 7.

BAPTISM: We welcomed Blayke Rebecca Wiedenfeld into our baptized membership on September 29. She is the daughter of Patrick and Paige (Haferman) Wiedenfeld.

WEDDING: Congratulations and Blessings to Tammy (Schears) and Scott Martin on their marriage in the Lyster Lutheran Church in Nelson, WI on October 4 with Rev. Dave Sobek officiating.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank the families of Alta Kottwitz and Christine Voight-Rothbarth for leaving flowers in the sanctuary and in the office in their memories.

BIRTHDAY WISHES: November 23 – Brooke Behm & Stephanie Behm

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES (80+): November 4 – Barbara Albrecht; November 10 – Mae Bryant; November 26 – Carol Hofer; November 28 – Robert Jahn.

Worship Times

Saturday – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School – 8:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hour – 9:00 a.m.

Moravian Women News

As this is written, our Moravian Women were busy finishing up their projects for Market Day on Saturday, October 19. The Caramel Bee on Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13 was a great success as the group made 25 batches of caramels. Deb VanOmmeren provided lunch for us on both days, and Shirley Hofer brought a delicious chocolate cake for dessert on Sunday!! We will fill you in on the Market Day details in the next Messenger.

The September 20-22 Women's Fall Retreat was attended by 60 women from the Western District Churches. Rev. Amy Gohdes-Luhman was our guest speaker and did an awesome job!!

The Moravian Women are planning a Christmas Tea on December 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. We will serve light refreshments and beverages, and will be entertained by Tapestry, a musical group from Fort Atkinson. All women are welcome. Please sign up on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.



Book Club

This month's book is "The Last Time I Saw You" by Liv Constantine. The group will meet on Thursday, November 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. All are welcome!

Discipleship

The Discipleship students will be heading to Tricklebee Café on Saturday, October 26, and Saturday, November 3. Half the class will be going one Saturday, and the rest the next. Tricklebee would not have enough to keep them busy if all went the same day!

Our first group of students went to the Homeless Shelter on October 8 to assist with the meal there. We will be sending 2-4 students each month until all have had an opportunity to help out.

November Servants

DIENERS: Ken & Connie Manske 920-222-6724 (Ken)

SORTERS: Mike Nebel & Mike Miller

GREETERS					
Date	Service	Front Entrance	Fellowship Hall	Bell Tower	Lower Level
11/2	6:00 P.M.	Carl Kutzke	Linda Kutzke	Taylor Wollin & Ashley Brandel	
11/3	10:00 A.M.	Don Frey	Jackie Frey	Jean Glasser	Andrea Geyer
11/9	6:00 P.M.	Adam Lawson	Nikki Lawson	Shirley Hofer	
11/10	10:00 A.M.	Barb Zastrow	Glenn Zastrow	Theresa Palmer	Warren Krueger
11/16	6:00 P.M.	Shirley Hofer	Peter Berg	Jane Berg	
11/17	10:00 A.M.	Diane Fronek	Rich Fronek	Greg Wescott	Mary Wescott
11/23	6:00 P.M.	Sue Trumpf	Myrtle Masche	Jeanne Green	
11/24	10:00 A.M.	Mike Miller	Barb Sanft	Teresa Holzhueter	Cindy Miller
11/30	6:00 P.M.	Nancy Schultz	Charlie Ripp	Scott Schultz	

LAY READERS		
Date	Service	Readers
11/2	6:00 P.M.	Diane McFarlane
11/3	10:00 A.M.	Cindy Miller
11/9	6:00 P.M.	Wendy Brockert
11/10	10:00 A.M.	Erna Kiessling
11/16	6:00 P.M.	Nan Nelson
11/17	10:00 A.M.	Pam Streich
11/23	6:00 P.M.	Bob Oestreicher
11/24	10:00 A.M.	Rich Fronek
11/30	6:00 P.M.	Derek Sobek

USHERS		
Date	Service	Ushers
11/2	6:00 P.M.	Bob Hoyt
11/3	10:00 A.M.	Todd Messmer
11/9	6:00 P.M.	Mike Denzin
11/10	10:00 A.M.	Bob Hinzmann
11/16	6:00 P.M.	Ken Manske
11/17	10:00 A.M.	Dave Wendt
11/23	6:00 P.M.	Stewart Masche
11/24	10:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman
11/30	6:00 P.M.	Dan Piper

NURSERY SCHEDULE			
Date	Service	Helpers	
11/3	10:00 A.M.	David Yahn	Shannon Yahn
11/10	10:00 A.M.	Terry Heinz	Pam Krueger
11/17	10:00 A.M.	Jean Osborne	Julie Renz
11/24	10:00 A.M.	NEED VOLUNTEER	NEED VOLUNTEER

Our Core Values

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

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 3 8:45 AM Sunday School/Adult Study 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship 1 PM Advent Choir Rehearsal	 4 9-10 AM Beginners Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Senior Line Dancing 6:30 PM Moravian Women Board—Old Conference Rm	 5 7 PM Stewardship/Outreach – Gathering room 7:30 PM Dartball: UM @ Morv I & Morv II @ Trinity	 6 3:15-5:15 PM Discipleship 7:30 PM AA	7 10 AM Book Club - Gathering Room 6:30 PM CEC—“Matt”	1 9-11 AM Line Dancing 2 6 PM Worship Turn your clocks BACK ONE HOUR tonight!!!	9 7:30 AM Men’s Breakfast 6 PM Worship
10 8:45 AM Sunday School/Adult Study 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship	11 9-10 AM Beginners Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Senior Line Dancing	12 9 AM K. Sibert 7 PM E. Raiford –Gathering Room; Jane Berg 7:30 PM Dartball: Morv I @ Morv II	13 1 PM Brenda Brent 3:15-5:15 PM Discipleship 7:30 PM AA	14 1 PM E. Appenfeldt- Dorothy H. & Nancy H. 6:30 PM Jt. Board followed by Trustees - “Matt.”	15 9-11 AM Line Dancing 16 6 PM Worship	16 6 PM Worship
17 8:45 AM Sunday School/Adult Study 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship 1 PM Advent Choir Rehearsal	18 9-10 AM Beginners Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Senior Line Dancing	19 NO Dartball: 3:15-4:30 PM 1 st Year Discipleship 3:15-4:30 PM Mini Moravians 5-7 PM Community Meal @ EMS 6:30 PM Christie Melby Gibbons Circle 7:30 PM AA	20 NO Discipleship 7:30 PM AA	21 6:30 PM Elders – “Matt”	22 9-11 AM Line Dancing 23 6 PM Worship	23 6 PM Worship
24 8:45 AM Sunday School/Adult Study 9 AM Fellowship Hour 10 AM Worship 11 AM Elections Church Council	25 9-10 AM Beginners Line Dancing 10-12 Noon Senior Line Dancing	26 7:30 PM Dartball: Morv I @ St. Pauls; Newville @ Morv II	27 NO Discipleship 7:30 PM AA	28 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED 	29 No Line Dancing OFFICE CLOSED	30 1 PM Advent Choir Dress Rehearsal 6 PM Worship

Identity, Purpose, and Organization

The 2018 Northern Provincial Synod called for further conversation about the Identity, Purpose, and Organization of our province, specifically through congregational and regional gatherings with local church leaders and members.

Our Joint Board met with members of our Western District Executive Board in early October. Many questions came up. The Joint Board is being asked to survey the congregation and report this to the Western District Executive Board. More questions came up.

I have wrongly operated under the assumption all members of the church understand how the larger Moravian Church functions. In each of our professions we speak “the language” of that job, not realizing people outside of our profession may not understand what we are speaking about. If someone asks me to retrieve “the irons” from a fire engine I know what they are talking about. Most other people would not.

On Sunday, November 3, during our morning 10:00 worship service, we will seek to inform all members about what the Identity, Purpose, and Organization Task Force is asking of us. This will also be an opportunity to understand how the Moravian Church operates. I understand this may sound boring to some. It might also sound intimidating to some. I pray it is neither of these.

There will be some slides to view. There will be coffee and refreshments to drink and eat. I cannot stress how important this meeting may be to the future of the Moravian Church in North America.

Please plan to join us. Child care will be provided.

The Work of Our Boards

The **Board of Trustees** met on Thursday, October 10. Following are highlights of that meeting:

- the treasurer’s report was reviewed and approved.
- several committee reports were given.
- several building repair/maintenance items were discussed.
- spring/fall clean-up tasks were reviewed.
- two facility use requests were approved.

The **Board of Elders** October meeting took place after the deadline for this issue. Highlights of that meeting may be found in next month’s Messenger.

Youth News

The October youth group event was selling Bucky Books, Moravian tapestries, hot cocoa jars and pancake mix jars at Market Day, October 19. Hopefully you stopped by the Youth/Sunday School table in Fellowship Hall to check us out!



The November event will be a town-wide scavenger hunt, taking place on the night of Friday, November 8. Watch your email for more information!

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.





The past few weeks our children have been studying the lectionary-based curriculum.

We joined together on October 13 to make "Recipes In A Jar" to help support our annual Adopt A Family program. We switched it up this year and are offering a Hot Cocoa Mix and a Pancake Mix. We would like to extend a thank you to those who donated ingredients and a special thank you to our Stewardship/Outreach Committee for donating the remaining needed ingredients. As of this writing, we will be selling our "Recipes In A Jar" at our annual church Market Day on October 19 for \$5.00 each.

Looking a bit ahead, on November 24 we will have another opportunity to help support our Adopt A Family program as we make and sell our pies. For those who are unaware of our Adopt A Family program, it was started a number of years ago as a Sunday School outreach event to help brighten Christmas for families within our congregation who are in need. Please read our "Annual Sunday School Pie Sale" article located in within this month's Messenger for more information.

Thanksgiving Blessings to one and all!

Mt. Morris Fall Work Day

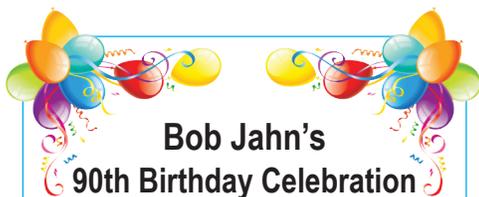
The Land & Facilities Committee of Mt. Morris invites you to spend some time working on outdoor projects around the camp on Saturday, November 2.



Projects include clearing trails; cutting, splitting and hauling wood; invasive plant control; blue bird house replacement; and more. Come and learn a bit about our prairie restoration efforts and tour the trails.

This event is limited to the first 20 interested persons who reply. Lodging is provided in Sandhill Center Friday and Saturday night. Come work for a few hours or all day (and night!). There will be a special cookout and campfire Saturday night after chores.

Please contact Jeff Annen with any questions and to sign up at jeffannen@gmail.com or 608-445-9977.



Bob Jahn's 90th Birthday Celebration

Please come to help Bob celebrate his 90th Birthday!

Date: Friday, November 29, 2019

When: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Where: Drumlin Communities
107 E. Reynolds St.
Cottage Grove, WI 53527

Please contact Diane McFarlane with questions at 920-988-1993.

"No gifts please, your presence is the best present of all!"

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

We will be gathering for the community Thanksgiving service on Monday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. Please be sure to join us.



Market Day Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers, room chairs, helpers, and donors for your time and donations to make this year's Market Day what it was. Without all of you, Market Day would not have happened!

Thank you everyone!

Shannon Yahn, Market Day Chair

Madison Shelter for Homeless Men

Donna Hinzmann and the Men's Fellowship prepared a very nice spaghetti dinner for homeless men at the shelter in Madison. It was a nice evening on Tuesday, October 8, when the Lake Mills Moravian Church filled the bellies of from 50-60 guests at the shelter. May God bless all of you for what you do for those in need.

The meal delivery/service team was led by Taylor Wollin, Ava Schmidt, and Kenadee Orcutt with the assistance of Kurt Orcutt, Dave Radke, Steve Brockert, and Erich Wollin. The service team accepted many heartfelt thanks from the guests at the shelter, and would like to pass them on to all who donated parts of the meal and to our cooks.

There is a newly developed critical problem at the men's shelter. All three large capacity coffee pots have broken down. Even when the three pots were working there were some at the back of the line who did not get any breakfast coffee. Now they are all left wanting each morning. The program at the shelter doesn't have any funding for replacement coffee pots. They are praying that someone will find it in their heart to donate a large capacity coffee pot.

The meal preparation team is planning a special holiday meal for the guests at the homeless shelter on December 10. Hopefully there will be funding for the meat and other parts of the meal so we can try to make their holiday season a little better. Please make sure any donation towards the Homeless Shelter Fund comes after you have made your regular donation to our church. The homeless ministry should not divert monies away from the regular church budget needs.

Many who travel have been making a point of bringing back the unused motel soaps, shampoos, etc. for the homeless men. The guests at the shelter really appreciate all the thoughtful gifts. Our next trip will be on December 10.



Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Mission

Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Mission (SWMM) endorses mission motivated ministries. On Sunday, November 17, at 2:00 p.m. SWMM is having an "Afternoon for Mission" at the Watertown Moravian Church located at 510 Cole St. Pastor Kurt Liebenow led a team to Peru in August of 2019 which included Bishop Sam Gray and Justin Rabbach. The team worked to foster relationships with Moravian churches, and part of the trip included visiting a village in the Amazon jungle where Moravian churches are forming. Mission trips leave lasting memories for those who hear God's call and answer it. Invite friends to come and hear about the exciting things happening in Peru. There will be refreshments following the presentation.

Luminaries for Sale

The CEC will once again sell luminaries for our Christmas Eve services, to adorn the outside of our church as well as the inside. In case you do not know what luminaries are, they are white bags with a candle inside. The bags used outside will have real beeswax candles, while the bags inside will have battery operated candles. Each bag may be given "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one, friend, or even a pet. You may purchase your luminaries for \$5.00 each beginning November 30 through December 22. The luminary forms will be inserted in the weekly bulletins for your convenience. Proceeds will go to our Members Assistance Fund. Please help our Moravian Block glow once again this Christmas, inside and out!! Any questions, please contact Sue Trumpf at 920-723-9386; leave a message if she does not answer. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!



Annual Sunday School Pie Sale



The Sunday School will once again be selling pies for \$10.00 each, with proceeds going to our annual Adopt A Family program. We will have order forms available within the bulletins beginning November 2 and running through November 17. If possible, please pay when the order is placed, making the checks payable to the Lake Mills Moravian Church and under the memo, please write "SS Pies." Payment at time of pick up is also accepted. The pies will be made on Sunday, November 24, and will be **available for pick up after the 10:00 a.m.** worship service. For those who are unaware of our Adopt A Family program, it was started a number of years ago as a Sunday School outreach event to help brighten Christmas for families within our congregation who are in need.

If you do not care for pies but would like to support this important ministry, we are accepting donations of pecan halves, canola oil, flour, sugar and of course monetary donations for purchasing other ingredients such as apples are also welcome. Thank you in advance for supporting this very important ministry!

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Hours
Monday - Friday:
9-12 & 1-4



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COMING IN December, 2019:

December 1 – Advent Vesper Service
December 7 & 8 – Holy Communion
December 8 –
 Diener's Lunch & Candle Wrapping
December 8 – Unity Prayer Watch
December 14 –
 Sunday School Christmas Program
December 15 & 22 – NO Sunday School
December 24 – **TENTATIVE**
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services –
 3:30, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
December 25 – 9:00 a.m.
 Christmas Day Worship
December 31 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
 New Year's Eve Communion Service

Our Worship Services may be
seen on Analog Channel 98
or Digital Channel 994
on Wednesdays at 7:20 a.m.,
12:20 & 5:40 p.m.
Thursdays at 12:20 & 5:40 p.m.

Deadline for the December 2019 Messenger
will be **Tuesday, November 19.**

Please email your articles to
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