



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

“Membership Has Its Privileges”

If you are old enough to remember back to the 1990’s or so, this was an ad campaign for the American Express credit card. American Express was one of the first credit card companies to begin charging a fee for their cards. So while it did come with some perks, you did have to pay for them. I suppose it would not be much different than having a Costco or Sam’s Club membership, or even an Amazon Prime account.

But now it seems like every place you shop at has some sort of “membership” reward. Almost every place one goes into seems to ask “are you a member?” or “do you have a rewards card?” Kwik Trip, Speedway, Ace Hardware to name a few, all have some sort of rewards for shopping at their business.

This may appear strange for a pastor, but this has made me wonder what “rewards” someone gets by being a member of a church? I know some congregations who have their own cemeteries allow members to be buried there for free or a reduced cost. In one congregation I served almost 1/3 of their membership did not live in the state where the church was located. They kept membership there only so they could come back and be buried there for free. I am not sure I would consider that a reward for membership.

Unlike Costco, you do not need to be a member to come in the building. You can even come to a large group meeting without being a member. Granted, you have to listen to some person give a speech, maybe sing a couple of times, and listen to prayer concerns and joys. Every time you come, no one asks you for your reward card. At the end of the year no check comes in the mail for all you did during the year.

So why be a member? Or maybe the question should be, what makes someone a member? Each of us would probably answer that somewhat differently and for a variety of reasons.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:12-14: “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.”

Unfortunately, this does not answer my question. Being a member of a congregation today is something completely different than when I was growing up. Our world is so much different than it was even three years ago. I would love to try and explain what the “new” church is going to look like, but I cannot. It is still in motion, still evolving. Even the church growth gurus are unsure of where the change will take us.

If you are expecting the church to look and act like it did 20 years ago, you will be waiting a long time. The Body of Christ has changed over the years and will continue to change. This pandemic has hastened the change. We then have a choice to make: sit and lament the good old days, or embrace the change and find ways to minister to the world. Christ’s ministry, life, and death brought tremendous change to his world at the time and ever since. We must embrace new ways of ministry, new ways to make the Body of Christ.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Dave Sobek

Men’s Fellowship

The next men’s breakfast is Saturday, May 14, at 7:30 a.m. All men are welcome.

Meals on Wheels

Our next turn for Meals on Wheels delivery will be May 2nd through 13th. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Coordinator, Connie Manske at 920-723-7598.



Road to Racial Equity and Social Justice:

A Pathway for Systemic Transformation

The Moravian Church Northern Province Racial Justice Team (RJT) and the Moravian Church Southern Province Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural, and Ethnic Reconciliation (MTR) are sponsoring the seminar, “Road to Racial Justice,” presented by Dr. Timothy Berry on May 9, 10, and 12, 7-9:30 p.m. ET, 6-8:30 p.m. CT, and 5-7:30 p.m. MT.

This seminar engages participants in a comprehensive approach to learning about the social constructs of race and will enhance an individual’s or congregation’s ability to identify and address inequities in communities.

Dr. Timothy Berry is an educator, composer, and performing artist. He is Interim Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs and Equity Initiatives at Minnesota State University Mankato. He holds a Master of Music Education degree with an emphasis in multicultural music from The University of Minnesota. <https://timothy-berry.com/performances%2Fworkshops>

The seminar is FREE and open to all. Registrations for this engaging series are due by May 6, 2022. To register, e-mail hstevenson@mcp.org and provide your name and preferred e-mail address. For questions, contact Sue Koenig at suekoenig@mcp.org or Betsy Bombick at bbombick@gmail.com.

Plant Sale

Spring is in the air, and it’s time once again for the Stewardship/Outreach Committee’s plant sale. We invite you to shop for your beautiful baskets and individual flowers as well as vegetable plants and at the same time help support the Stewardship/Outreach Committee. The dates and times for the sale this year are: Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, and Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28; Friday hours are 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Saturday hours are 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The sale will again take place in the upper parking lot. Spread the word to family and friends and plan on joining us for the plant and vegetable sale.



BOOK CLUB

This month’s book is “The Obituary Writer” by Ann Hood. We will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, in the Gathering Room. All are welcome!

Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

March 31, 2022 (Actual)

Budget as of March 31: \$80,921.76
 Total Income as of March 31: \$60,258.31
 Total Expenses as of March 31: 73,349.66
 Difference YTD (\$13,091.35)

Mary Bade,
Treasurer



RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

We welcomed into our communicant membership Brian and Lynette Mertz, by letter of transfer on Sunday, March 27.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

- May 10 – Samantha Meister;
- May 13 – Kevin Adams;
- May 18 – Lilyana Theder;
- May 20 – Adam Lawson;
- May 20 – Jay Meister;
- May 23 – Robbie Spiegler;
- May 24 – Landin Haumschild

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES (80+):

- May 22 – Wayne Hills,
- May 23 – Jerry Shoemaker

THANK YOUs:

We'd like to thank Rev. Jane Harberg for filling in for Pastor Dave in April. We'd also like to thank Carolyn Wey, Jerry Schultz, and the Praise Band and John Gunn for providing us with music on Saturdays in April. Thank you to all of the soloists and musicians who have also blessed us with their talents during services. Thank you to the recording and production team for all of your hard work. A special thank you to all of the volunteers that have helped with the Lenten services.

Employment Opportunity

LMMC is reopening its search for a Business Manager. Position includes managing financial information, personnel and building; works closely with pastor, other paid and volunteer staff, boards & committees. Ideal candidate must be proficient in MS Office suite, email, internet; familiar with or able to quickly learn Powerchurch accounting software; have excellent written & verbal communication skills; and be able to juggle multiple projects. Business or accounting education or experience desired. Up to 20 hours/week including some evening meetings. For consideration, please submit a resume and letter of interest to maryb.lmmc@gmail.com or mail to Lake Mills Moravian Church, Attn: Personnel Committee, 301 College St., Lake Mills WI 53551. For a complete position description or more information, please contact Mary Bade in the church office at 920-648-5412.

The Work of Our Boards

The April meetings of both the **Board of Trustees** and **Board of Elders** took place after the deadline for this issue. Highlights of those meetings may be found in next month's Messenger.

Board of World Mission Ukraine Update

The Moravian Board of World Mission is pleased to share that they have now raised over \$210,000 to be used in assisting the resettlement of Ukrainian refugees. The magnitude of this response from North American Moravians humbles us. Please know these funds are already being wired to the Moravian Provinces hosting refugees in the Czech Republic and Germany. Refugees are showing up across Europe, so we are exploring other avenues where these funds will be needed. For the latest updates, including a new video from the Moravian congregation in Nová Paka, Czech Republic, please go to moravianmission.org and follow the links for the Ukrainian crisis. Please keep all of those who are fleeing violence in your prayers.

Mt. Morris Work Day

The Board of World Mission and the staff of Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat Center invite volunteers to join together in preparation for Mt. Morris' summer programs. Dates are May 13-18, 2022. Come for one day or as many as you are able! There is no cost to attend the service camp. Meals and lodging will be provided for the volunteers. For more information or to register, please contact BWM Director of Mission Service, Jill Kolodziej at jill@moravianmission.org or (920) 256-9472 by April 29. Space is limited.



Moravian Women

At our April board meeting, we discussed having an outdoor spring/summer gathering. Several ideas on location were presented. We talked about Market Day in October and are looking for co-chairs for our annual event. We will keep you posted on any changes and with the possibility of having the dinner in Fellowship Hall. Approval by the Joint Board for Market Day will still be needed. We also talked about having a garage/rummage sale this summer—will keep you posted. Wishing you all a wonderful spring once it really feels like spring and no snow!! 😊

Electronic Giving

The Lake Mills Moravian Church has been offering the congregation electronic giving since 2004. This service helps reduce fluctuations in contributions during the whole year while making it easy and safe for you to donate. On the date you specify and at the interval you specify (one time only, weekly, monthly, etc.), your contributions will electronically transfer from your bank account to the church's account. When the funds have been transferred, the church office will be notified. The date and amount transferred will appear on your bank statement, and the information will be included in your annual contribution statement. If you have any questions, please call Mary in the church office at 920-648-5412 or email her at maryb.lmmc@gmail.com. There is a form to fill out which we can mail or email to you.

MAY SERVANTS

DIENERS: Beth & Mike Denzin 920-342-0649

SORTERS: Sherman Lawson & Steve Brockert

USHERS		
Date	Service	Ushers
(Usher Teams will also greet until further notice)		
5/1	10:00 A.M.	Bob Hinzmann
Mother's Day		
5/8	10:00 A.M.	Ken Manske
5/15	10:00 A.M.	Dave Wendt
5/22	10:00 A.M.	Stewart Masche
5/29	10:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman

LAY READERS		
Date	Service	Readers
(Only reading on Sundays right now)		
5/1	10:00 A.M.	Pam Streich
Mother's Day		
5/8	10:00 A.M.	Cindy Miller
5/15	10:00 A.M.	Derek Sobek
5/22	10:00 A.M.	Deb Van Ommeren
5/29	10:00 A.M.	Kathy Wendt

WORSHIP RECORDING & PRODUCTION			
Date	Service	Recording	YouTube Video
5/1	10:00 A.M.	Paul Albrecht	Paul Albrecht
Mother's Day			
5/8	10:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman	Dakota Sobek
5/15	10:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman	Dakota Sobek
5/22	10:00 A.M.	Paul Albrecht	Paul Albrecht
5/29	10:00 A.M.	Paul Albrecht	Dakota Sobek

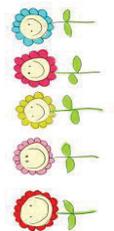
NURSERY SCHEDULE

For the safety of all,
there will be no nursery
until further notice.



May 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45 – 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 9:00 – 9:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship & Holy Communion	2 9-11:30 AM: Line Dancing 6:30 PM Women's Board Meeting	3 	4 9 AM-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite- Matt 3:15-4:30 PM Discipleship Class 6:30 PM CEC Meeting 7:30 PM AA	5  10 AM Book Club- Gath. Rm	6 9 AM – 6 PM Plant Sale- Upper Parking Lot	7 9 AM – 3 PM- Plant Sale- Upper Parking Lot 4 PM Worship
8 Mother's Day 8:45 – 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 9:00 – 9:45 AM Last Day of Sunday School 10 AM Worship	9 9-11:30 AM: Line Dancing	10 9:30 AM Kim Sibert 7 PM E. Raiford Circle – Gath. Rm.	11 9 AM-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite- Matt 1 PM Brenda Brent Circle-Old Conf. Rm. 3:15-4:30 PM Last Discipleship Class 7:30 PM AA	12 1 PM E. Appenfeldt- Old Conf. Rm. 6:30 PM Trustees	13 4 PM Worship	14 4 PM Worship
15 10 AM Worship	16 9-11:30 AM: Line Dancing	17	18 9 AM-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite- Matt 7:30 PM AA	19 6:30 PM Elders	20 4 PM Worship	21 4 PM Worship
22 Pentecost 10 AM Worship	23 9-11:30 AM: Line Dancing	24	25 9 AM-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite- Matt 5:30-6:45 PM District 11 Meeting 7:30 PM AA	26 	27 9 AM – 6 PM Plant Sale- Upper Parking Lot	28 9 AM – 3 PM- Plant Sale- Upper Parking Lot 4 PM Worship
29 10 AM Worship	30 No Line Dancing OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!! 	31 				



On Palm Sunday, children, along with their teachers, paraded through the sanctuary waving palms and ringing bells. The parade warmed hearts and brought many smiles to everyone in the sanctuary and those joining online. After worship, children were invited to Fellowship Hall for story time and snacks before heading out for the first ever Christian Easter Egg hunt! We had 31 children participate in finding over 600 eggs. Special thank you to Pastor Dave, Cora Rund, Sue Trumpf, Ashley and Jessica Haberman, Todd and Julie Ripp, Kristen and Bill Stilling, and Lindsey and Corey Nampel for making Palm Sunday and the Easter Egg Hunt an enjoyable morning for everyone.

After a break for Easter Sunday, classes resume on April 24 at the regular starting and ending times. As of this writing, there are ONLY 3 Sundays left for Sunday School!! Where has the time gone?

On May 1 the children will have one more opportunity to spend their "Moravian dollars" at their very own Sunday School Market. Our last day of Sunday School for this school year will be held on Mother's Day, May 8, with plans for an end of year carnival!

Youth Group

Watch for notifications about a May youth event, Outdoor Movie Night! We will have a big screen set up on the lawn of church to gather youth 4th Grade and up for a great time in the outdoors. We'll have activities and snacks beforehand, and a movie playing on the big screen at dark. More details to come! Watch for flyers sent home during Sunday School and hanging up at church, or reach out to Kristen Stilling or Kim Peterson with questions.

Discipleship

A thank you to the Discipleship Students who helped out during the Lenten Season. The students read for the Ash Wednesday Service and again for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross Service. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, some of the young people were not heard as well as others. I praise them for being willing to do these things for the church. Class will wrap up around Mother's Day.



SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS:

Starting June 5, our Sunday worship times will change to 9:00 a.m.

Sweatshirt Sale!!

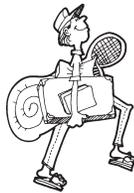
The CEC is once again selling hooded sweatshirts. The color will be blue with white embroidery of the newer version of the Lamb on the front upper left side of the sweatshirt. If you would like to purchase one or more, the cost is \$32.00 for adult size small through large and \$34.00 for adult size XL-XXXL. If paying by check, please make the check payable to the Lake Mills Moravian Church and write on the memo line Sweatshirt Order. The last day to order will be Sunday, May 15, 2022.

Little Lambs VBS!

Save the Date: Our LLVBS program will be August 9th - 11th!



We are looking for energetic youth and adult volunteers to help make our VBS a success! Volunteers can lead stations, assist children with fun crafts, or participate in music and science activities. If you would like to join our team or have any questions, please contact Lindsey Nampel (ldnampel@gmail.com).



Summer Camp Dates:

Family Camp: **June 3-5** Registration forms available in the church office.
Chetek Camp (Completed Grades 9 through Age 21) – **July 17- 23**
Winnor Camp (Completed Grades 6 – 8) – **July 24 - 30**
Junior Camp (Completed Grades 2 – 5) – **July 31 – August 4**

2022 Moravian Music Festival

Registration is open for the 2022 Moravian Music Festival. The theme is **JESUS STILL LEAD ON!** The Festival will be live and in-person in Bethlehem, PA, July 26-30, 2022. Singers and instrumentalists of all ages and all levels are welcome.

There will be special programs for children and youth, including a musical theater production entitled ACTS; children and youth are tuition free. Meal plan and on-campus housing are available. Early bird rate for adults ends June 1. Registrants may participate in the Festival Chorus or Concert Band, and also join a smaller ensemble. Volunteers are needed; contact info@moravianmusic.org. All the information and details are at www.moravianmusicfestival.org.



Financial assistance to attend may be available; please contact Pastor Dave for information.

Tricklebee Café Work Days

Join the Board of World Mission and Tricklebee Cafe in Milwaukee for the upcoming spring work days to complete projects around the cafe in preparation for summer. Come as an individual, as a work team, or as a youth group!

Dates (rain or shine):

- Saturday, May 7th and/or Sunday, May 8th (Christie will be leading worship at Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church on Sunday morning)
- Saturday, May 21st and/or Sunday, May 22nd
- Saturday, June 4th and/or Sunday, June 5th

Details:

- Saturday work will begin as early as 8:30 a.m. Sunday work will begin after worship and lunch (approximately 12:30 p.m.).
- Snacks, lunch, and dinner will be provided.
- For those wishing to stay for the weekend, lodging is available at Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church (bunks and showers available!). The Board of World Mission will be underwriting the cost of lodging for volunteers.

Projects to be completed (there is something for all skill levels!):

- Assemble five metal picnic tables including umbrellas and bases and secure the tables to the ground with rebar
- Install post and Little Library (purchased from Ukraine!)
- Build and install the new stage area under the direction of Maureen
- Paint the new mural on the wall under the direction of Julio the Artist
- General spring cleanup of empty lot and area around the building
- Indoor tasks for the cafe

Contact: For questions or to sign up, contact Pam Streich at (920)723-7360 or pam.streich@gmail.com.



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COMING IN JUNE 2022:

- June 3 – 5 Family Camp Weekend at Mt. Morris
- June 5 Begin summer worship hours, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
- June 11 Men's Breakfast
- June 19 Father's Day

Our Worship Services may be seen on

Analog Channel 98

or Digital Channel 994

Wednesdays at 7:20 a.m., 12:20 & 5:40 p.m.

Thursdays at 12:20 & 5:40 p.m.

LMMC You Tube Channel

- click on the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCffbGgUhqkSC7xxtfHigeFA/>

Deadline for the June 2022 Messenger will be **Tuesday, May 17.**

Please email your articles to Mary Bade, mmbade@charter.net.