



# 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

### *The Rising of the Sun*

I am writing this on Tuesday, May 17, with the knowledge I first sat at my current desk on May 18, 2017. Five years. We have been together for five years. It certainly doesn't feel like it has been five years in many ways, although for some of you I assume it feels much longer!

I believe I am on my third cell phone since arriving, as well as my third personal laptop computer. I am at least 20 pounds lighter than when I arrived. I have witnessed the parking lot get sealed and restriped twice. I have baptized 12 children, confirmed 21, married 10 couples, and led 56 funeral services. I have not kept track of how many meetings I have attended. I cannot tell you how many car crashes, medical calls, or fires I have helped fight. Or how many times I have mowed the lawn. I have attended a Milwaukee Bucks game, a Madison Mallards game, and 6 or so Milwaukee Brewers games. I got to watch the Lake Mills Girls Basketball Team win the State Tournament, and was privileged to escort both that team and the boys' team the following week as they headed to the state tourney.

Much like Ken Manske, I am still driving the same car I arrived with. Actually, I have not replaced a vehicle since coming here, which is a first. Each Call I have accepted we ended up needing to replace a vehicle within the first two years. I still have boxes in my office that were placed there prior to my moving to Lake Mills, and haven't moved since.

Surely, I have written over 50 "Discussions with Dave" during this time. How many were actually read I could not tell you. Life moves on.

As I sit here pondering all of this I wondered, "what would have happened if I had not come here?" And the answer is most of this would have still happened. I just wouldn't have been involved. Children would have been born, others would have gotten married with a different pastor, and the same for funerals. The parking lot would have still been sealed. Ken Manske would still be driving his little green pickup. I had absolutely nothing to do with Emily and Taylor Wollin winning the state tournament (other than praying for them). I doubt anyone would have noticed my absence during a Brewers game.

Something I have told people (and myself) during a tragedy is the sun will come up tomorrow. Although at times it feels like the world is about to explode around us the trees have budded out and the grass is green. As much as we might want it to, the world will not stop for us to get off. Rarely more than a few days go by without hearing about a shooting in Madison or Milwaukee. Last week up near Sparta, Wisconsin, four children lost their lives in a house fire. Road rage incidents occur daily somewhere in our nation. People are targets of hate and violence because of the church they attend, the political doctrine they adhere, or the country their ancestors came from long ago. New conspiracy theories spring up each and every day to try and explain some wrong which may or may not have been committed. Personally, I have removed most social media applications from my phone as I found I was having difficulty loving the people who I thought I knew and loved. I spent \$1,400 last week fixing a rusted out 16-year-old pickup with 150,000 miles on it. And do you know what?

Despite all of this, the sun came up this morning.

Paul writes in his second letter to Timothy: "You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings— what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:10-17)

Paul suffered more than once for the sake of the Gospel, saying in 2 Corinthians 12:10: "That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." There is nothing in scripture which tells us life will be a bowl of cherries. I understand for some life seems to be easier than mine and for others it is more difficult. The grace of God is there for all.

God's love may not make our lot in life great. God's grace will not take away the everyday problems we face. God's power cannot change all the horrible things which occur in our world daily. But God does promise the sun will come up tomorrow.

*Pastor Dave Sobek*

## Holy Communion

Our next opportunity to come to Christ's Table will be the weekend of June 4/5 as we celebrate the gifting of the Holy Spirit to Christ's Church on Pentecost. Pentecost or in the Greek pentecostē, means "50th day," it being the 50th day of the Easter Season. The celebration of Pentecost in England is referred to as "Whitsunday" (as it used to be called in our hymnal). This is due to the white robes those who were being baptized wore at that time. Pentecost is one of the two times of the year when we use red paraments for the pulpit and lectern.



## GRADUATIONS

**Lake Mills High School:** Destiny Adams, Hunter Frey, Erin Lynd, Logan Renz, and Emma Jo Topel.

**Cambridge High School:** Jared Marty

**PLEASE** let the church office know of any college graduations you have in your family. We want to recognize them!!



## Discipleship Class

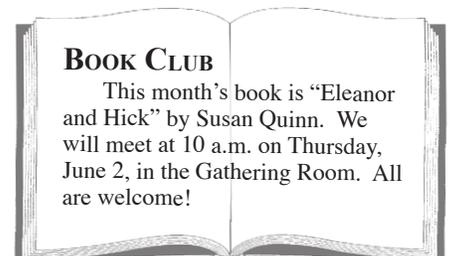
Classes for the Discipleship students have ended for this school year. We will have a meeting for Confirmands and their parents sometime in August.

## Men's Fellowship

The next men's breakfast is Saturday, June 11, at 7:30 a.m. All men are welcome.

## BOOK CLUB

This month's book is "Eleanor and Hick" by Susan Quinn. We will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, in the Gathering Room. All are welcome!



## Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

April 30, 2022 (Actual)

Budget as of April 30: \$107,895.68  
 Total Income as of April 30: \$88,858.34  
 Total Expenses as of April 30: 98,366.79  
 Difference YTD (\$ 9,508.45)

*Mary Bade,*  
Treasurer



### BIRTHDAY WISHES:

June 5 – Beth Denzin;  
 June 6 – Patricia Wood;  
 June 9 – Lisa Paskey;  
 June 12 – Tiffany Trumpf;  
 June 20 – Becky Haferman;  
 June 21 – Nathan Denzin

**Birthday Wishes:** If you would like your name put in the Messenger for your birthday, please call the church office (920-648-5412) and your name will be added. We DO NOT put the year – just the date. Thank you!!!!

### THANK YOU:

We'd like to thank Rev. Kurt Liebenow and Rev. Jane Harberg for filling while Pastor Dave was away. We'd like to thank Jerry Schultz, Carolyn Wey, and the Praise Band for sharing their talents and filling in on Saturday nights this summer. Lastly, a very special thank you to Mary Bade, Diane McFarlane, Jane Berg, Laurie Albrecht, Linda Kutzke, Barb Sanft, and Teresa Holzhueter for covering the office for Nikki while her sitter was out and she was on vacation.

### Moravian Women



At our May board meeting, we discussed an outdoor spring/summer gathering. We hope to have it in August in conjunction with the Korth Park worship service. 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 sure went from winter to summer!!!! Stay well!!!!

### Messenger Mailing Crew

Many thanks to several long-serving volunteers on the Messenger mailing crew who recently decided to retire from that task: Barb Sanft, Mae Bryant, Rachel Frey, and Doris Stockfish. Well done, good and faithful servants!!

If you would like to help with the monthly mailing, please contact the church office.

## The Work of Our Boards

- The **Board of Trustees** met on April 21. Following are highlights of that meeting:
- CEC reported that Little Lambs VBS will be held in conjunction with the United Methodist Church in August.
  - a bid from S&S Plumbing to make plumbing repairs was approved.
  - Matthew Room windows have been replaced with glass blocks, and the window wells have been filled in.
  - several other ongoing projects were discussed.
  - it was announced that Rich Fronek has resigned from Trustees. Steve will contact potential replacements.
  - approval was given to the Personnel Committee to search for an additional janitor.

- The **Board of Trustees** also met on May 12. Following are highlights of that meeting:
- Mike Nebel has agreed to fill the vacant seat on Trustees and his appointment to that position was unanimously approved.
  - the treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.
  - CEC reported that a senior recognition event will be held in July. Pastor Dave has given summer projects to two 8th grade Discipleship students, with a goal of confirming them in the Fall.
  - the Plant Sale is underway, with a successful first weekend.
  - plumbing repairs have been completed.
  - a bid from Russ's Painting was approved.
  - door gaskets in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen refrigerator were replaced by Sherman Lawson.
  - summer grass mowing will be done by Todd Messmer and Jerry Trumpf.
  - a bid from Richter Heating for a new parsonage furnace was approved.

The **Board of Elders** met on April 21. At that meeting the Elders regretfully granted Rich and Diane Fronek their request to be released from the membership of our congregation. The Froneks wrote a letter explaining their desire to return to their Lutheran roots. Both Rich and Diane have been very active in the life of the congregation, especially over the past two years as we struggled through COVID. When we were recording our Sunday worship services with no one in the sanctuary, it was Rich, Diane, Pastor Dave and his family who were the voices heard on our recordings. Rich learned how to accomplish this and provided a necessary ministry for us. We trust God will continue to bless their ministry wherever it takes them.

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



### Senior Recognition Event

We will be celebrating our high school seniors during and after our 4:00 afternoon outdoor worship service on Saturday, July 16th. The graduating high school class of 2022 include: Destiny Adams, Emma Jo Topel, Erin Lynd, Hunter Frey, Jared Marty and Logan Renz. The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend to celebrate and extend their well wishes to our graduates!!

## JUNE SERVANTS

**DIENERS:** Terry Heinz & Cindy Wolff (T) 920-988-3854 (C) 920-674-2682

**SORTERS:** Dave McFarlane & Mary Bade/Steve Brockert

USHERS		
Date	Service	Ushers
(Usher Teams will also greet until further notice)		
6/5	9:00 A.M.	Jane Berg
6/12	9:00 A.M.	Bob Hoyt
6/19	9:00 A.M.	Todd Messmer
6/26	9:00 A.M.	Mike Denzin

LAY READERS		
Date	Service	Readers
(Only reading on Sundays right now)		
6/5	9:00 A.M.	Jane Harberg
6/12	9:00 A.M.	Dakota Sobek
6/19	9:00 A.M.	Todd Messmer
6/26	9:00 A.M.	Pam Streich

WORSHIP RECORDING & PRODUCTION			
Date	Service	Recording	YouTube Video
6/5	9:00 A.M.	Paul Albrecht	Paul Albrecht
6/12	9:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman	Dakota Sobek
6/19	9:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman	Dakota Sobek
6/26	9:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman	Dakota Sobek

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

# JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 9 am-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite – Matthew Room 6:30 PM CEC Meeting 7:30 PM AA	<b>2</b> 10 AM Book Club – Gath. Rm.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Family Camp Weekend (June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)</b> 4 PM Drive-In Worship & Holy Communion (weather permitting)
<b>5</b> Summer Worship Time Starts 9 AM Worship & Holy Communion	<b>6</b> 9-11:30 AM Line Dancing 6:30 PM Women's Board Meeting- Timothy Rm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9 am-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite – Matthew Room <b>No Brenda Brent Circle</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>9</b> 1 pm. Appenfeldt Circle – Old Conf. Rm. 6:30 PM Trustees - Matt	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 4 PM Drive-In Worship (weather permitting)
<b>12</b> 9 AM Worship	<b>13</b> 9-11:30 AM Line Dancing	<b>14</b> 9:30 AM Kim Sibert Circle 7 PM E. Raiford Circle- Gathering Rm	<b>15</b> 9 am-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite – Matthew Room 7:30 PM AA	<b>16</b> 6:30 PM Elders	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 4 PM Drive-In Worship (weather permitting)
<b>19</b> Father's Day 9 AM Worship	<b>20</b> 9-11:30 AM Line Dancing	<b>21</b> First Day of Summer	<b>22</b> 9 am-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite – Matthew Room 7:30 PM AA	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 4 PM Drive-In Worship (weather permitting)
<b>26</b> 9 AM Worship	<b>27</b> 9-11:30 AM Line Dancing	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9 am-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite – Matthew Room 5:30-6:45 PM District 11 7:30 PM AA	<b>30</b>		



It was a beautiful Mother's Day morning on May 8th, as the children gathered in their classrooms and then headed outside to celebrate the last day of Sunday School for this school year. At the end of the Sunday School time, the children each chose a carnation to give to their mothers, with the remaining flowers handed out to the women in the congregation at worship. We would like to thank the wonderful Sunday School staff for making this a great year of learning and enjoying each other's company!

Our Rally Day celebration is scheduled for September 11th, 2022. Blessings for safe travels and fantastic memories in the making as we enter into summer in Wisconsin.

### Little Lambs Vacation Bible School - Food Truck Party!

Get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into our neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! This VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.



**Where:** Lake Mills Moravian Church

**When:** August 9-11, 4:00-6:30 p.m. daily

#### Registration Information:

We encourage all children 3-years old through 8-years old to join us! Children **MUST** be potty trained.

New this year, check out our online registration website for more details: <https://www.myvbs.org/LLVBS2022>

Cost: \$15.00 per camper, \$25.00/two campers, \$30.00 per family. Payments can be made to the Lake Mills Moravian Church and dropped-off at the front office by July 8th.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with our youth ministry, please email Lindsey Nampel at [ldnampel@gmail.com](mailto:ldnampel@gmail.com).

### Meals on Wheels

Thank you to all the Meals on Wheels volunteers. We will be serving our community again in August to get meals out to those who require our help. Anyone interested in volunteering for this service please contact Coordinator Connie Manske, 920-723-7598.



## Worship Times

**Saturday – 4 p.m.**  
**Drive-In Worship**  
*(weather permitting)*

**Sunday – 9 a.m.**

### 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](mailto:info@moravianmusic.org). All the information and details are at [www.moravianmusicfestival.org](http://www.moravianmusicfestival.org).

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

### Saturday Night Live Services 4:00 PM – Upper Parking Lot

Over the Lenten Season our Saturday 4:00 p.m. services were held in our Sanctuary. The next Saturday our Praise Band played. And the next Saturday the weather did not cooperate. After two months of being inside, the dedicated Saturday worshippers revolted. Much like martyrs of the past, Pastor Dave was dragged outside and forced to provide worship in the parking lot. The people then circled their vehicles around his mobile pulpit until he agreed to continue having services in the parking lot. As hunger set in, he finally acquiesced to their demands. Please tune your radio to 87.9 to hear the service, or bring a lawn chair and sit out.

### SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 14, is scheduled to be our annual outdoor worship service at Korth Park at 10 a.m.



### Summer Camps at Mt. Morris:

Family Camp: **June 3-5**

Chetek Camp: **July 17- 23** (Completed Grades 9 through Age 21)

Winmor Camp: **July 24 - 30** (Completed Grades 6 – 8)

Junior Camp: **July 31 – August 4** (Completed Grades 2 – 5)

Registration information and forms for Family Camp are available on the table outside the church office. Please watch the weekend bulletins for information on how to register for Chetek, Winmor, and Junior Camps.

### Back to School Supplies

As the students plan to return to school in Lake Mills, we are once again collecting school supplies. The requests for supplies for this year includes:



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| Backpacks  | Pencil Pouches         |
| Expo Markers                                     | 3 x 3 Post-It-Notes    |
| Crayons – 24 count                               | Loose Leaf Paper       |
| Glue Bottles & Sticks                            | 2” 3 ring binders      |
| Highlighters                                     | Scotch Tape            |
| Folders  | Pencils                |
| Pens – Blue, Black and Red                       | Scientific Calculators |
| Wide Lined 1 subject spiral Notebooks            |                        |
| Perforated Notebooks (college or standard ruled) |                        |

A tote to collect supplies will be located in the entrance to church. We will initially collect the supplies through August 15 to be available for picture day. The Lake Mills School District has benefitted from the generosity of the families providing school supplies for over a decade and truly appreciate our support in getting the kids off to a great start each school year.

### Plus 50 Retreat

This year's Plus 50 Retreat will take place on August 11-14 at Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat Center. The theme is "Breathe on Me..." and the program director is Rev. Mary Lou Plummer. All those over 50 are invited to take part in fellowship, faith, food and fun as we enjoy God's creation! Registration begins at 4 p.m. on Thursday followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. We end with breakfast and worship on Sunday. Cost per person is \$200 which includes all meals and 3 nights lodging in Black Oak Lodge. Other lodging includes cabins for \$160 per person and campsites at \$90 for the site and \$88 per person for meals.

Registration forms are available on the table in the lobby outside the church office. Reserve your spot now with a \$75 deposit (non-refundable) by July 1. Any questions about registration should be directed to Dr. Debby Ford at [drford920@yahoo.com](mailto:drford920@yahoo.com) or 920-262-9413. Make checks payable to Debby Ford/Plus 50, and mail your registration form and \$75 deposit to Debby Ford, 114 Stimpson St #14, Watertown, WI 53094.

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Hours  
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9-12 & 1-3



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Donna Crossman (2024) .....	920-648-2486
Jeff Levake (2024) .....	920-988-7567

## COMING IN JULY, 2021:

- July 4 – Office Closed
- July 9 – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
- July 9 & 10 – Holy Communion
- July 16 – High School Senior Recognition



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 July 2022 Messenger will be **Tuesday, June 14.**

Please email your articles to Mary Bade, [mmbade@charter.net](mailto:mmbade@charter.net).