



October 2022

# 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

Recently I found out I may be related to a John Billington. Mr. Billington came from England to America with his family on the Mayflower and was a part of the Plymouth Colony. While that sounds great, apparently the Billington family were trouble makers in the colony. John himself became the first known murderer in the colonies and is somewhat famous for being the first person executed in what is now the United States in 1630.

At first, I was excited about possibly being related to one of the pioneers of our nation. As I read it became somewhat sobering.

On September 13-16, I spent almost four days in Montgomery, Alabama, at a Racial Justice Pilgrimage with many of my colleagues from across the Moravian Church. I looked forward to learning some history, but it also was somewhat sobering.

Brother Frank Crouch, retired Dean of Moravian Seminary, has been doing a great deal of research in the Southern Province. He relayed to the group gathered that brothers and sisters of our Moravian Church owned slaves. Much of the wealth of our early nation was gained through the tobacco, cotton, and fruit trades, all of which utilized slave labor. An estimated 6 -7 million individuals were kidnapped from their own lands and forcibly brought to the New World. It is estimated 2 million did not survive the journey. And while the slave trade was outlawed in 1808, those already enslaved in these United States were not freed until the Confederate States of America were defeated in 1865. It was then the true horror began.

With no one willing to enforce civil rights laws in most areas of the U.S., terror was used to keep former slaves under control. The rise of the Ku Klux Klan by 1877 spread terror by keeping Blacks from voting, congregating in certain locations, or even to gain education. One of the most horrible ways to get Negroes to do what the authorities wanted them to do was through lynching. Where hanging someone meant dropping from a scaffold, lynching involved dragging someone into the air by the neck. More than 4,400 were lynched in over 800 counties in the United States, including one in Milwaukee, and two Native Americans further up north. All were "accused" of crimes and never got a trial.

While these numbers are disturbing, what really disturbed me was the attitudes of the "good people." At a museum there were newspapers announcing when a lynching was going to take place. There were authority figures who simply allowed people to be taken from jail to be lynched. There were photos of smiling people standing around a lynched body posing as if they had just killed a trophy deer. Almost all of these crimes went unpunished, even if someone confessed to doing it.

And the people who did it looked like me and you. They did not look evil. They did not wear robes. They did not have torches in their hands. The vast majority of them were good "Christian" people who felt they were doing God's will. That somehow only white people were made in God's image, the rest did not matter. There are groups of people who feel the same way today.

As I stood looking at these photos and reading about what was going on, I truly wondered to myself. Where would my heart have been if I were living in those times? Would I have had enough hatred in my heart to consider another human being's life as worthless? It is very easy to say I would not have treated anyone this badly but the truth is, I do not know. We might say, "it was a different time." We have changed. I am not so sure. People still like to label others so they do not have to consider them to be "real" people. Politicians do it with commercial after commercial. There seems to be no place to hide from someone showing hate for someone else.

*"Then God said, 'Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:26-27*

Why does any of this matter to us modern day followers of Jesus Christ?

George Santayana, Professor of Philosophy at Harvard, said in 1905, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

*Pastor Dave Sobek*

## Holy Communion

The First Sunday in October, Christians from around our world will join in coming to Christ's Table. We too, on both Saturday and Sunday of that first weekend in October, will come to Christ's Table for Communion.



## Men's Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who helped at the spaghetti dinner and purchased meals.

The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, October 8, at 7:30 a.m. All men are welcome!

**Market Day  
October 15**  
see articles inside

## Gourmet Caramel Apple Fundraiser

October 11 – October 25, 2022

This October, our Sunday School is partnering with Amy's Candy Kitchen and selling gourmet caramel apples to raise funds for the annual Adopt-A-Family Christmas program.



The 5 apples being offered are Heath Toffee, M&M, Dark Sea Salt, Pecan Turtle, and a Milk Chocolate with fall-colored sprinkles (all apples have caramel, and use imported Belgian chocolate). These jumbo gourmet apples are \$15.99 each, and for the first 30 apples we sell our program will receive 100% of the profits!

We will use traditional paper sales, but also have a digital storefront where you can purchase your favorite apples using an online link and pick-up at the church in early November. Watch for additional details in the church bulletin to order your delicious apples and support this important ministry.

## BOOK CLUB

This month's book is "Perfect Nightmare" by John Saul. We will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, in the Gathering Room. All are welcome!

## Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

August 31, 2022 (Actual)

YTD Budget as of August 31:	\$215,791.36
Total Income as of August 31:	\$158,273.16
Total Expenses as of August 31:	<u>201,381.67</u>
Difference YTD	(\$43,108.51)

As you can see, our shortfall of income vs. expenses continues to grow. Please prayerfully consider making a special contribution over and above your normal giving so that we can close this gap before the end of the year.

Below is a comparison of income vs. expenses as of August 31 for the last five years:

Jan-Aug	Income	Expenses	Difference
2022	\$158,273.16	\$201,381.67	\$(43,108.51)
2021	\$175,200.16	\$189,975.95	\$(14,775.79)
2020	\$160,778.72	\$182,277.93	\$(21,499.21)
2019	\$166,877.35	\$194,461.67	\$(27,584.32)
2018	\$161,059.38	\$191,634.86	\$(30,575.48)

Mary Bade, Treasurer



**FUNERAL:** We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Maurice Kottwitz, who passed away on August 27. His memorial service was held at Claussen Funeral Home on September 2, with Pastor Dave leading the service.

**BAPTISMS:** On Sunday, August 28th, we welcomed Ainsley KathyLynn Heine into our baptized membership. She is the daughter of Anthony and Mariah (Strauss) Heine, born on June 23, 2022. Her sponsors are Cody and Heather Heine, Cheyenne Johnson, and Carly Strauss. On Sunday, September 4th, we welcomed Willow Eve Bleecker into our baptized membership. She is the daughter of Tom and Tori (Tarnutzer) Bleecker, born on December 17, 2020. Willow's sponsors are Rachel Bleecker, Kelli Hegstrom, and Lance J.W. Tarnutzer.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations and Blessings to Jamie Vega and Maribel Aguilera on their marriage, which took place in our sanctuary on Saturday, September 3. Best wishes to them on this wonderful journey, as they build their new lives together!

**THANK YOU:** We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers that help with the Messenger, our Tellers, and the Office volunteers. You all are greatly appreciated.

### BIRTHDAY WISHES:

October 16 – Rev. Dave Sobek

### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES (80+):

October 11 – Donald Schwager;  
October 14 – Bev Baumann;  
October 16 – Rev. Jane Harberg;  
October 28 – Rachel Frey

## The Work of Our Boards

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

- the treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. Mary reported that the shortfall has grown to over \$43,000, the highest it's been at this time in over 10 years.
- the CEC reported that a new Little Lambs VBS coordinator will be needed next year.
- the Personnel Committee reported that Cassandra Richardson has been hired as the new Business Manager. Applications are still being sought for the janitorial position.
- Saturday, October 8, was set as Fall Clean-up Day. All members of the congregation are welcome to help.
- a bid from Brad Schmidt was approved to install permanent wiring and a switch for the heat tape outside the pastor's office.
- several ongoing building maintenance and repair issues were discussed.
- bids are being sought for new gutters/gutter guards for the parsonage.
- the new refrigerator for the parsonage has been delivered.
- the table/chair rental policy has been updated to include that no rentals will be permitted during the months of the Plant Sale and Market Day.
- with the hiring of a new Business Manager, Mary Bade submitted her resignation as Financial Administrator effective September 30, and the resignation was accepted with thanks for her service. She will continue in her volunteer position as Church Treasurer.

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

## New Business Manager

The Trustees are pleased to announce that Cassandra "Cassie" Richardson has been hired as our new Business Manager. She will be working up to 20 hours a week. Cassie has two young daughters and lives just outside of Lake Mills. She has a Bachelor's degree in Business and a Master's degree with a certificate in Nonprofit Leadership and Development. She was a member of the Air National Guard, including budget management responsibilities, and also has held leadership roles with non-profit organizations.

Cassie began training with Mary Bade in mid-September. Once the initial training is completed, Mary will leave her position as Financial Administrator on September 30, but will continue as Church Treasurer.

Please welcome Cassie the next time you're in the church office!

## Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Mission

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend an Afternoon for Mission hosted by the Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Mission on Sunday, October 23, at 2 p.m. at the Lake Mills Moravian Church. Pastor Christie Melby-Gibbons will speak about the wonderful and challenging things happening at the Tricklebee Cafe. Pastor Christie is blessed to be a blessing and her service in the Tricklebee Cafe and the Sherman Park neighborhood of Milwaukee is truly blessing many.

There will be refreshments following Pastor Christie's presentation, so plan on staying for some fellowship time and bring a friend. All are invited.

## OCTOBER SERVANTS

**DIENERS:** Steve & Wendy Brockert (S) 920-723-8848

**SORTERS:** Sherman Lawson & Donna Crossman

USHERS		
Date	Service	Ushers
(Usher Teams will also greet until further notice)		
10/2	10:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman
10/9	10:00 A.M.	Jane Berg
10/16	10:00 A.M.	Bob Hoyt
10/23	10:00 A.M.	Todd Messmer
10/30	10:00 A.M.	Mike Denzin

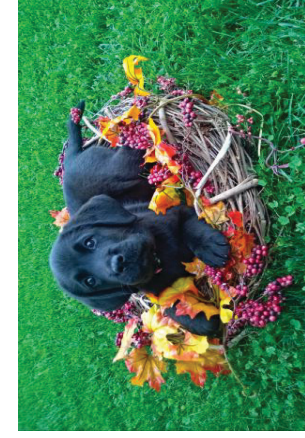
LAY READERS		
Date	Service	Readers
(Only reading on Sundays right now)		
10/2	10:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman
10/9	10:00 A.M.	Jane Berg
10/16	10:00 A.M.	Bob Hoyt
10/23	10:00 A.M.	Todd Messmer
10/30	10:00 A.M.	Mike Denzin

WORSHIP RECORDING & PRODUCTION			
Date	Service	Recording	YouTube Video
10/2	10:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman	Dakota Sobek
10/9	10:00 A.M.	Paul Albrecht	Paul Albrecht
10/16	10:00 A.M.	Paul Albrecht	Paul Albrecht
10/23	10:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman	Dakota Sobek
10/30	10:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman	Dakota Sobek

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

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





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>2</b> 8:45 – 9:45 AM Adult Study 9 – 9:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship & Holy Communion	 <b>3</b> 9-11:30 AM Line Dancing	 <b>4</b>	 <b>5</b> 9 - 2:30 Reach. Out Respite- Matt 3:15-4:30 PM Discipleship Class 6:30 PM CEC Meeting 6:30 PM Mor. Women Bd. 7:30 PM AA	<b>6</b> 10 AM Book Club- Gath. Rm		<b>1</b> 4 PM Drive-In Worship & Holy Communion
<b>9</b> 8:45 – 9:45 AM Adult Study 9 – 9:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 11 AM Caramel Bee	<b>10</b> 9-11:30 AM Line Dancing 10 am – 2 PM Caramel Bee 6:30 PM Budget Committee-Office Conf. Rm.	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM Kim Sibert Circle 7 PM E. Raiford Circle-Gath. Rm	<b>12</b> 9 - 2:30 Reach. Out Respite-Matt 1 PM Brenda Brent Circle-Gathering Rm. 3:15-4:30 PM Discipleship Class 6:30 PM Personnel Comm. 7:30 PM AA	<b>13</b> 1 PM Ella Appenfeldt Circle - “Matt” 6:30 PM Trustees – “Matt”	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>9 AM – 2 PM Market Day</b> (Market day Lunch 11-1)  4 PM Drive-In Worship
<b>16 Fire Fighter Sunday</b> 8:45 – 9:45 AM Adult Study 9 – 9:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship	<b>17</b> 9-11:30 AM Line Dancing	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9 - 2:30 Reach. Out Respite-Matt NO Discipleship Class 7:30 PM AA	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM Elders – “Matt”	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 4 PM Drive-In Worship
<b>23</b> 8:45 – 9:45 AM Adult Study 9 – 9:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 2 PM SWMM Afternoon for Mission- Fell. Hall	<b>24</b> 9-11:30 AM Line Dancing	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 - 2:30 Reach. Out Respite-Matt NO Discipleship Class 5:30-6:45 PM District 11 7:30 PM AA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4 PM Drive-In Worship
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On September 11th we celebrated a fantastic Rally Day as everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared and served by Bob and Donna Hinzmann along with Warren and Pam Krueger. At the worship service, the 2nd grade students received their Bibles. Pastor Dave introduced the Sunday School staff and said a blessing as the children laid their hands on their teachers--what a perfect day!

September's lessons through the book of Luke, Chapter 16, taught the children about money and how God entrusts everyone with gifts like time, talents and treasures. They learned God should be the most important part of everyone's lives.

During the month of October, the children will learn about the importance of Scripture, unconditional love and how God uses everyone, just the way they are, to make a difference in the world. These lessons will come through the Book of Timothy, Genesis and Luke. The children also will be creating and selling a craft for the annual church Market Day with the proceeds to benefit the Adopt a Family program.

We are looking forward to another awesome year! **Each Sunday morning begins at 9:00 a.m. in their respective classrooms and concludes at 9:45 a.m.** Please pick up your child at his/her classroom at that time. God's blessings to everyone as we enter into another school year.

## Youth Group

The October youth event is a bonfire at Schuster's Farm with the choice of the corn maze (all ages) or haunted forest (13+). This event requires prepayment, so please contact Kristen Stilling (kstilling@rocketmail.com) or Kim Peterson if you are interested. It will take

place at 6:30 p.m. on October 29. This event is open to everyone in grades 4 and up AND any guests they wish to bring. Parents are welcome as well! More information will come via email in October.

## Meals on Wheels

October 16th through 28th is our turn for Meals on Wheels. I will be calling for volunteers starting the week before. As always I thank you for your generous service to those who need us. Anyone wanting to inquire about volunteering, contact me: Connie Manske at 920-723-7598.



## Market Day

Market Day is Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and we plan to be back inside the church building. We will again have our traditional Swiss steak dinner from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with seating in Fellowship Hall, and carry-outs available as well. The Silent Auction is back this year! The Moravian Room, Candy Room, and Sunday School will have areas upstairs, and the Craft/Bling Room and Homemade Goodies (Bakery and Produce combined) will be downstairs in the Sunday School rooms. This event is open to the public--friends and family are welcome! Market Day is the Moravian Women's big fundraising event for the year. Proceeds go to support ministries of our church as well as local, national, and international missions.

If you have items to donate or would like to help on Market Day, please contact the following people, or sign up on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. All are welcome! No experience necessary, just a willingness to serve!

**Market Day Co-Chairs** - Teresa Holzhuetter (920-723-4492) & Mary Bade (920-988-5349)

**Homemade Goodies** - Teresa Holzhuetter (920-723-4492) & Jean Osborne (608-751-7458)

**Crafts (includes Bling)** - Barb Becker (920-648-3767)

**Candy** - Deb van Ommeren (608-628-3235)

**Kitchen** - Donna Hinzmann (920-988-8824)

**Moravian** - Kathy Wendt (920-728-1101)

**Dining Room** - Pam Krueger (920-723-9964)

**Silent Auction** - Diane McFarlane (920-988-1993)

**Sunday School** - Sue Trumpf (920-723-9386)



## CARAMEL BEE

With Market Day fast approaching, it's time to think about making caramels! Our Caramel Bee is scheduled for Sunday, October 9, following the 10:00 a.m. service and Monday, October 10, at 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome - No experience necessary! Join us for fun, fellowship and the joy of caramel making. Lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall, or send a message to debvano@yahoo.com to indicate your willingness to help.

Those that would like to pre-order caramels may do so by emailing your order to debvano@yahoo.com. Orders should include:

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **How many pounds ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

Caramels are \$10/pound or \$5/half pound. All pre-orders will be set aside and arrangements will be made for pick-up. Payment due at pick-up.

All candy donations are welcome for Market Day. Maybe your specialty is fudge or peanut clusters, popcorn balls or peanut brittle. Whatever your specialty we'd love to have it donated to the Candy Room. All candy donations should be delivered to the church by Friday, October 14. Tables will be set up in Fellowship Hall.

## Silent Auction Items Requested

Please consider donating items for the Silent Auction fundraiser to be held at Market Day on October 15th. Any type of donation is encouraged! Think of items that you would like to bid on such as experiences (tickets to shows, restaurant certificates, outing to local event), artwork, sports memorabilia, baskets that would make nice gifts for children or holidays. Let's all work together to make this a successful Silent Auction showcasing our amazing Moravian kind and generous attributes.

Please bring items to the church office by Friday, October 14th at 3:00 p.m. Label with opening bid amount and name of person or group providing the donation.

Thank you so much!

Diane McFarlane - 920-988-1993, diane.dave.mc132@gmail.com

## Moravian Women

As we begin the fall season, we are getting ready for our Market Day on Saturday, October 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Moravian Women started their new study book, "Rolling with the Rock - Lessons from the Life of the Apostle Peter" written by Rev. Jason Andersen. Our mission study is "Body Building - Empowering Moravian Girls and Women for Global Change - Building the Body of Christ" written by Julie Tomberlin from the Unity Women's Desk.

In our church, the Moravian Women is the organization designed to unite all women in Christian fellowship. ALL women of the church are members of Moravian Women, whether in a circle or not. The primary goal is to make Christ known by demonstrating that we are "members one of another," by fostering spiritual growth, by educating for mission, and by providing opportunities for service.

One opportunity for service is to volunteer for the upcoming Market Day, an annual event organized by the Moravian Women. Monies raised from the event support many projects of the Northern Province, regionally and in our own congregation. Please see the separate Market Day articles in this issue for information on ways you can be involved in Market Day.

**Worship Times**

**Saturday - 4 p.m.**

**Sunday - 10 a.m.**

**Sunday School - 9 a.m.**

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## Firefighter Sunday

During our morning worship on Sunday, October 16, we will honor those in our community who save lives and protect property, as members of the City of Lake Mills Fire Department join us for worship. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

### STAFF

Email: [office@lakemillsmoravianchurch.org](mailto:office@lakemillsmoravianchurch.org)

Rev. David Sobek - Pastor ..... Office 920-648-5412  
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Hours  
Monday - Friday:  
9-12 & 1-3



### Board Members

#### Board of Elders

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

## COMING IN November, 2022:

November 5 – Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
November 12 & 13 – Holy Communion  
November 23 – No Discipleship Class  
November 24 – Thanksgiving (Office Closed)  
November 25 – Office Closed  
November 27 – No Sunday School

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 November 2022 Messenger  
will be **Tuesday,**  
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Please email your articles to  
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