



November 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

As a person who is not comfortable with being in high places, flying does not seem to bother me. The first time both Dina and I ever flew was for our honeymoon in 1985. I have flown many times since. I love the feeling when the plane accelerates down the runway pushing you back into the seat. It's the same feeling I get when I accelerate in my car.

When you are up that far in the air, the landscape below appears flat. There is also a false sense of distance between things like towns, roads, rivers, etc. One can see where roads might have been at one time before a bypass was created.

This trip I spied something I have seen before but seemed to stand out more. It was realizing where railroad tracks once may have been. It is cool to look down and see trains moving along tracks. When you see a very straight line of trees or bushes which cross rivers and roads, making big curves and heading into towns, a lot of the time it is or was a railroad track. I still love to see trains, watch trains, follow trains, etc. It is one thing I have done since 4 or 5 years old when we lived in Madison.

Back when the railroads were the kings of transportation in the United States, companies put down miles and miles of tracks. A town's fortunes could change overnight depending upon where a railroad would lay its tracks. Where we lived in Madison the Milwaukee Road, with its orange and black diesel engines passed by, with the same tracks extended out to DeForest. Here in Lake Mills the Chicago & Northwestern with its yellow and green diesels came through town (I wanted to give Larry Fahney equal time as he worked for the CNW).

A lot of these tracks have been torn out or are no longer in use today. Some, like the former tracks through Lake Mills, have been turned into bike trails. Others become tourist railroads like the one at North Freedom outside of Baraboo. Still others just become overgrown with vegetation and are left to rot. Two places where railroad tracks were laid eventually became roadbed for automobile highways.

Many railroads overbuilt their trackage, which caused problems for them in the long run. They had to keep these tracks maintained for trains to move over them safely. Do you think these railroads thought about this at the time they were building? Probably not. They were probably thinking about future expansion needs. As the future arrived and needs changed, they needed to change what they were doing to keep making the company money.

When Jesus came into the world a few things changed. This change accelerated following his death and resurrection as disciples went out into the world and shared their message of hope and salvation. If you remember your history, many of the people who traveled to the New World did so to worship God in a manner they chose. The Moravians of Herrnhut sent missionaries all over the world to bring the message of God's love through Jesus to people who had never heard about it. I was told (but admit I have not verified) that the Christmas Day tsunami in the Indian Ocean that hit Sumatra washed away gravestones of Moravian missionaries.

The history of the world and the history of Christianity often run together. Sometimes in a good way. Sometimes in a not so good way. On the first day of a class in Medieval History I took in college, the professor's first question was, "Who was the most influential person in history?" Jesus Christ was the answer. Because whether you believe or not, the world changed after him.

Has God's love through Jesus' death and resurrection changed you at all? Does it make a difference in your daily life, or only at Easter and Christmas? Granted, it is not easy anymore to be labeled a Christian. Or Muslim. Or Jewish. It seems the only religious people who make the news these days are extremists from any religious body. And perhaps it makes you uncomfortable to be asked what a difference Christ has made in your life. Christ did that very thing in his time; he made people uncomfortable. He forced a change. Some of the change was welcome. Some was not.

But change the world He did. And left behind the evidence in the landscape of our land and lives.

Pastor Dave Sobek

Holy Communion

Our next opportunity for Holy Communion will be on Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13, celebrating the Chief Eldership of Jesus Christ. Please join us at the Lord's Table.



BOOK CLUB

This month's book is "Whistling Past the Graveyard" by Susan Crandall. We will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 3, in the Gathering Room. All are welcome!

Men's Fellowship

Our next men's breakfast is Saturday, November 5th at 7:30 am. All men are welcome.

Discipleship Class News

On Saturday, November 12, the Discipleship Class will be traveling to Milwaukee to help at Tricklebee Café. We will leave from the church at 8:30 a.m. and return around 2:30 p.m. The Cub Scouts are having a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall that morning so we will meet in the lower parking lot.

Church Council for the Election of Boards

On the last Sunday of November, November 27, immediately following worship we will have a report from the Nominating Committee and elect members to our Board of Elders, Board of Trustees, and a representative to the Christian Education Committee. This usually is not a long meeting so please be a part of this important work of the church.



Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6

Make sure you set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 5th.

Meeting Our Financial Responsibilities

September 30, 2022 (Actual)

YTD Budget as of September 30: \$323,687.00
Total Income as of September 30: \$179,586.47
Total Expenses as of September 30: 226,671.38
Difference YTD (\$47,084.91)

Mary Bade, Treasurer



BAPTISM:

We welcomed Emersyn Estella Barlow into our Baptized membership on September 25, 2022. She is the daughter of Joel and Courtney (Schmitt) Barlow.

FUNERALS:

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Audrey Ann (Stockfish) Banach, who passed away unexpectedly on September 19, 2022. A Prayers and Remembrance service was held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 5, with Pastor Dave leading the service. We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Roger Hoffman, who passed away unexpectedly on September 30, 2022. His service was held in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, October 11, with Pastor Dave leading the service.

THANK YOU:

We'd like to say thank you to Rev. Kurt Liebenow and Rev. Aden Ward for being our guest preachers and to Carolyn Wey and Jerry Schultz for sharing their talents with us during our Saturday night services.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

November 23 – Brooke Behm;
November 23 – Stephanie Behm

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES:

November 10 – Mae Bryant;
November 28 – Robert Jahn

The Work of Our Boards

At their September meeting, the **Board of Elders** determined we will be celebrating the Birth of Christ with Candlelight Services in the sanctuary at 3:30, 5:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 24. The Elders also were determined to have Pastor Dave lead these services rather than watching them from his bedroom window this year.

- As Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we will hold our normal (sort of) Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. This service will be filled with Christmas Carols and joy!
- Likewise, a worship service will be held on January 1 at 10:00 a.m., and there will be an open Communion Service on New Year's Eve. Please stay tuned for the time for the New Year's Communion Service.

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

- the treasurer's report was given and approved. Mary noted that the shortfall continues to grow.
- several committee reports were given.
- the stove exhaust hood controls have been repaired.
- the fall church clean-up went well.
- Pioneer Roofing repaired several holes in the flat roof over the office workroom.
- Jensen Plumbing was called to repair the garbage disposal by the dishwasher; they found that the problem was a fork in the disposal. It now costs \$112 for a service call to remove silverware from the garbage disposal, so anyone using the garbage disposal is asked to be careful.
- more bids have been received to replace gutters on the parsonage.
- three Facility Use Requests were approved.
- a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to hire Christine Kruwell to join the janitorial team was approved.
- a suggestion was approved to set up AmazonSmile for our congregation. Watch for information in the bulletin about this fund-generating opportunity.

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.

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.

NOVEMBER SERVANTS

DIENERS: Mike & Ashley Nebel (M) 262-565-8226

SORTERS: Donna Crossman & Mike Nebel

USHERS		
Date	Service	Ushers
(Usher Teams will also greet until further notice)		
11/6	10:00 A.M.	Bob Hinzmann
11/13	10:00 A.M.	Ken Manske
11/20	10:00 A.M.	Dave Wendt
11/27	10:00 A.M.	Stewart Masche

LAY READERS		
Date	Service	Readers
(Only reading on Sundays right now)		
11/6	10:00 A.M.	Kathy Wendt
11/13	10:00 A.M.	Jane Harberg
11/20	10:00 A.M.	Derek Sobek
11/27	10:00 A.M.	Cindy Miller

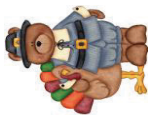




NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

WORSHIP RECORDING & PRODUCTION			
Date	Service	Recording	YouTube Video
11/6	10:00 A.M.	Dakota Sobek	Dakota Sobek
11/13	10:00 A.M.	Paul Albrecht	Paul Albrecht
11/20	10:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman	Paul Albrecht
11/27	10:00 A.M.	Paul Crossman	Paul Albrecht



November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 5 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 4 PM Drive-In Worship Turn your clocks BACK ONE HOUR tonight!!!!	 4 9:30-10:30 AM Line Dancing 10 AM Book Club - Gathering Room	3 10 AM Book Club - Gathering Room	2 9 AM-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite- Matthew Room 3:15-4:30 PM Discipleship Class 6:30 PM CEC Meeting 7:30 PM AA	1 7 PM Dartball: Newville @ Moravian	10 1 PM Ella Appenfeldt Circle-Matthew Rm 6:30 PM Trustees—"Matt."	19 4 PM Drive-In Worship
6 8:45-9:45 AM Adult Study 9-9:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship	7 9-11:30 AM Line Dancing 6:30 PM Moravian Women's Board Meeting- Timothy Rm 7 PM Post Market Day Meeting	8 9:30 AM Kim Sibert 6 PM Budget Comm. Meeting- Ofc Conf Rm 7 PM E. Raiford -Gathering Room 7 PM Dartball: Moravian @ Trinity	9 9 AM-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite- Matthew Room 1 PM Brenda Brent-Gath. Rm 3:15-4:30 PM Discipleship Class 7:30 PM AA	11 9:30-10:30 AM Line Dancing	12 7-11 AM Cub Scouts Pack 136 Pancake Breakfast 4 PM Drive-In Worship & Holy Communion	
13 8:45-9:45 AM Adult Study 9-9:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship & Holy Communion	14 9-11:30 AM Line Dancing	15 7 PM Dartball: Moravian @ United Meth.	16 9 AM-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite- Matthew Room 3:15-4:30 PM Discipleship Class 7:30 PM AA	17 6:30 PM Joint Board/ followed by Elders - "Matt"	18 9:30-10:30 AM Line Dancing	26 4 PM Drive-In Worship
20 8:45-9:45 AM Adult Study 9-9:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship	21 9-11:30 AM Line Dancing	22 No Dartball	23 9 AM-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite- Matthew Room NO Discipleship Class 7:30 PM AA	24 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED 	25 No Line Dancing OFFICE CLOSED	26 4 PM Drive-In Worship
27 8:45-9:45 AM Adult Study NO Sunday School 10 AM Worship 11 AM Elections Church Council	28 9-11:30 AM Line Dancing	29 Moravian Dartball Bye Week	30 9 AM-2:30 PM Reaching Out Respite- Matthew Room 3:15-4:30 PM Discipleship Class 5:30-6:45 PM District 11 7:30 AA			



The past few weeks our children have continued their studies. On October 9th the entire Sunday School met in Fellowship Hall to decorate wooden Sunday School chairs and make wire plant picks to sell at the annual Moravian Women's Market Day. We would like to thank Linnea Phillips and Kristen Stilling for this idea and for supervising this event. We would also like to thank our Stewardship/Outreach committee for donating the plant vouchers. The sales will benefit our Adopt a Family program.

November events: Along with their studies, the children will be practicing for the Christmas Program on November 6th and 13th. On Sunday, November 20th, we are once again holding an Advent Workshop in Fellowship Hall during our Sunday School hour. Families are encouraged and welcome to join this fun event! We are planning multiple stations where everyone may participate in a variety of activities. For more information on that event, please contact Lindsey Nampel at 414-702-8644, Kristen Stilling at 608-575-8560 or Sue Trumpf at 920-723-9386. Leave a message if no one answers and we will get back to you.

We will not have Sunday School on November 27 and will resume classes on December 4, 2022. ***Please mark your calendars as our Sunday School Christmas program will be held on SUNDAY, December 18, 2022, and not Saturday, December 17.***

Thanksgiving Blessings to one & all!

Meals on Wheels

Our Meals on Wheels is done for this year. Thanks to all the volunteers for your time and kindness to our community clients in need. Coordinator, Connie Manske, 920-723-7598.



LM PRAISE BAND INVITATION

Do you enjoy singing? Do you play guitar or piano or drums or another instrument?? Do you enjoy being a part of or would like to be a part of a musical group? If yes to any of these, YOU should consider being a part of our LM Moravian Praise Band!! We are hoping to build onto our current group and add more band members (would love to add some of our high school age talents as band members)! If you would like to come to a rehearsal and check it out, please call or text me! Current band members are happy to assist, provide mentorship, listen

to your suggestions etc.! Look forward to hearing from you!
~Wendy Beckman - 608-212-0789.



Market Day Thank You

Thank you to everyone who shopped at our Market Day, who purchased the delicious Swiss steak dinner, the room chairs, and all who worked so hard to make the day successful! We are very grateful for your participation!

Special thanks to the Discipleship Students and Pastor Dave for setting up tables before the event and to Ken Manske, Paul Albrecht, Kathy Pitzner, and Lisa Garvan for helping to break everything down afterwards. We couldn't have done this without you!

Sincerely,
Teresa Holzhuetter and Mary Bade
Market Day Co-Chairs



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 candles, while the bags inside will have battery operated candles.



Each bag purchased may be given in "memory of" or "honor of" a loved one, friend, or even a pet. You may purchase your luminaries for \$5.00 each beginning November 26 through December 22, 2022. The luminary forms will be available on a table at the entrance ways of the church. If writing a check, please make it payable to the Lake Mills Moravian Church and in the memo line write "Luminary." Please bring your completed forms and payment to the worship services on Saturday or Sunday or to the church office during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12; 1-3 p.m.. Proceeds will go to our 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, leaving a message if she does not answer. Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry!

Moravian Women

With Halloween upon us, that means Thanksgiving will soon be here too!! The circles received their new study and mission books for 2022-2023. The study book is "Rolling with the Rock - Lessons from the Life of the Apostle Peter" by Rev. Jason Andersen. The mission book is "Body Building - Empowering Moravian Girls and Women for Global Change—Building the Body of Christ" by Julie Tomberlin from the Unity Women's Desk.

Our Market Day was a success!! There will be a post-Market Day meeting following the Women's Board meeting on Monday, November 7, at about 7 p.m. in the Timothy Room.

We are looking for a President to replace Teresa Holzhuetter for 2023-2024 and a Secretary to replace Jean Osborne for 2023-2024. Their term ends on December 31, 2022. If you are willing to help out in these areas, please contact Teresa Holzhuetter at 920-723-4492. Teresa has completed two 2-year terms; Jean has completed one term but would like to step down from the Secretary position.



Electronic Giving

LMMC has been offering 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 is 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 or would like to sign up, please call Cassie in the church office at 920-648-5412 or email her at cassie.lmmc@gmail.com. There is a form to fill out which we can mail or email to you.



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Hours
Monday - Friday:
9-12 & 1-3



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COMING IN December, 2022:

December 1 – Unity Prayer Watch
December 3 & 4 – Holy Communion
December 18 – Sunday School Christmas Program
December 25 – NO Sunday School
December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – 3:30, 5:30, & 7:30 p.m.
December 25 – Christmas Day Worship
December 31 – New Year's Eve Communion Service (*Watch for more details*)



*Deadline for the December 2022 Messenger
will be **Tuesday,
November 15.***

*Please email your articles to
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