



The Voice

Wisconsin Rapids Moravian Church

July/August 2006

Are you busy this summer?

Remember that we, the Wisconsin Rapids Moravian Church, offer many opportunities for refreshing your soul and reconnecting the bonds that we have as a community of faith. Pause and reflect. Take a break. Regroup. Come and join us as we worship, study and fellowship together as the Body of Christ.

Worship: Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Campfire vespers on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on July 9 and August 13

The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward will be our guest pastor on July 16 while Pastor Tammie and her family is on vacation.

Fellowship: July 4th Cookout

The Adopt-a-Village Committee and our Youth Group will host this annual cookout starting at 6 p.m. and serving until the fireworks begin.

There are also three church camps (Winmor, Chetek and 4 M Camp) this month. Further information and registration forms are available in the Social Room.

Study: Vacation Bible School – July 10-14 (see insert for further information)

Breakfast Bible Study continues through the summer with the Rev. Aden Ward as facilitator. They meet Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room.

Pastor Tammie is also leading a basic Bible Study on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings in the Lounge.



Moravian advertising task force update

The Advertising Task Force would like to thank all of those who offered ideas at our Coffee Hour held several weeks ago. There were many, many creative ideas suggested, and we appreciate the input and were overjoyed by the enthusiasm of those who participated.



The Joint Board approved our letter of intent and it was forwarded to the Provincial Elders' Conference prior to the end of May as required.

It spelled out to the PEC how we plan to spend the \$20,000 advertising grant money.

The Task Force is now working very hard setting timelines and goals to bring the ideas to fruition. We'll be keeping you posted as to the committees we are looking for and, as you hear more, if you would like to volunteer assistance as a committee person, we certainly would invite you to contact one of us. It will take the cooperative effort and talents of many, many people to bring all the facets of our campaign together.

We remain excited as we go forward and you'll be hearing more from us.

*The Moravian Advertising Task Force Committee
Nancy Baldwin, Katie Behrend, Julie Davis, Becky Jacoby,
Tammie Rinker, Harry & Helen Streekstra, Kay Ward*

... and then some

Shortly after a business executive retired, someone asked him what had been the secret of his success. He chuckled softly, and then said that it could be summarized in three words: "... and then some."

He explained that he had learned early in his career that the top people in any group were those who did what was expected of them ... and then some.

Such people worked diligently, efficiently, faithfully ... and then some. They were thoughtful and kind to others ... and then some. They were reliable friends who could be counted on ... and then some. If an emergency came, they tried to do their share to deal with it ... and then some. In short, they were more than ordinary people, they tried to be extraordinary.

That is precisely what Jesus expected and still expects of his followers. When he was teaching his friends about loving and serving others (see Matthew 5:43-48), he included these words, "What more are you doing than others?" (v. 47, NRSV).

Christians do what is required ... and then some.

-Newsletter Newsletter

Moravian women's notes

Flowers Housekeeping

Circle 1 July Circle 2

Circle 2 Aug. Circle 1

Moravian women's retreat

The Lake Mills Women's Fellowship is planning another retreat at Mt. Morris the weekend of September 8-10. All Moravian women and their friends are invited to join us as the Rev. Kay Rohn leads us in a study and discussion on "Women of the Bible."

Registration forms are available in the Social Room.



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 9
4 - 7 p.m.
Saratoga Moravian Church

Barbecues, Ice cream/toppings,
Shortcakes, Strawberries

In our church library

A Love Worth Giving

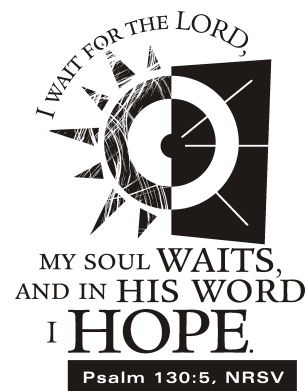
by Max Lucado

The author brings new insight from the "love"

chapter of I Corinthians 13. In order to give love we must first receive love from God. How awesome to know that God loves us so much. How can He? Because God is love. The author asks: "Are you low on love? Down to your last dose of forgiveness? Scraping the bottom of the barrel of patience?" Read the book. Receive God's love and know that "yes, God really does love me like that." I believe God directs Max Lucado to speak to the heart of what matters most. A helpful discussion/study guide is found after the last chapter.

Hope, patience, forgiveness, endurance, protection, and much more. His unfailing love carries us through it all. Only when we experience God's love personally can we truly love ourselves and others. The author suggests we take an inventory of our hearts. "Are we living in the overflow of God's love? How well do we love the people in our lives? Does the way we treat people reflect the way God has treated us?" A truly uplifting book.

-Ruth Biemeret



The Board of Elders met on June 5. A full report will be included in the next newsletter.

The Board of Trustees met on June 13 with quorum present.

- The minutes from previous meeting were accepted.
- The Treasurer's Report was received. Motions were made and carried to accept the report and to pay the bills.
- A more powerful booster is needed before network setup can be completed on office computers.
- Ron's Refrigeration will prepare initial estimates on updating the heating system.
- The new ovens for the kitchen have arrived and will be installed shortly.
- Approved camp scholarship to a non-member.
- Discussed putting mulch along west-side of church.
- Diane Klawikowski, a member of the Western District Executive Board, gave a presentation to the Board.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 11.

Mission statement

We, the Wisconsin Rapids Moravian Church, a community of believers in Jesus Christ, are called by God to minister to individuals and families, to grow spiritually and proclaim the Gospel. We recognize

God's love and bountiful resources in all we do.

Congregational watchword

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

Psalm 26:8

A thankful boy

The sun was just beginning to set when I started on my daily walk. I had not gone more than 75 yards when a plastic whiffle ball sailed through the air and landed at my feet.

I heard the chatter of small boys playing on the other side of a wall. "You knocked the ball out into the street," said one voice. "We'll have to go get it."

I quickly picked up the ball and hurled it in their direction, and then heard, "Hey, look! There's the ball. Someone threw it back."

I then recognized the voice of a five-year-old neighbor who, unable to see me, asked, "Who threw the ball back?"

I decided to tease him a bit and answered in a kind, but authoritative voice, "God!"

There was dead silence for at least 10 seconds, while I chuckled to myself. Then the child asked with a curious voice, "Who did you say threw the ball over the wall?"

"God!" I answered with as much authority as I could muster.

In an accepting and trusting voice, the boy replied, "Thank you! Thank you very much!"

I smiled and remembered the words of our Lord, "Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:4, NRSV).

—Charles Ferrell

May statistics

Beginning 2006 Balance =	-\$73.51
Income through 5/31/06 =	\$65,946.12
Expenses =	\$82,439.88
General Fund Balance =	-\$16,567.27
Ave. Needed/Week to Meet Budget	= \$3,612.98
Ave. For the Year Received =	\$2,953.44
Ave. Attendance for May =	129

Nan's calling to stewardship

Nan K. was asked by her church to lead a special campaign to pay off the remaining debt on the sanctuary. She consented and made this statement at a worship service:

"Stewardship is realizing that our relationship with money is very much connected to our relationship to God. When our relationship to money becomes the stewardship of God's gifts, then our decisions and actions are tied to our understanding of God's will for our life. When we discern the purpose for our life on Earth, then we look for the signs, the opportunities, the coincidences that show us the path to that purpose.

"I want you to know that this is not just a campaign to pay off our debts (although it will). It is about building a community of faith. If one of our members came to me today and offered to pay off the entire debt, I wouldn't feel this campaign was a success.

"This is about strengthening our church community with everyone giving to their own ability. I'll feel the campaign is successful when 100 percent of our membership participates." Are you participating? You have nothing to

lose, and everything to gain.

-Newsletter Newsletter

Save your empty inkjet and laser cartridges

Recycle your empty inkjet and laser cartridges. Just place them in a plastic bag and then deposit them in the recycling box in the hallway by the church office.

In our church family

Homebound

Ila Barth, Arnold Baltus

Nursing/group home residents

Riverview Manor: Danny Hedin,
Velma Riemer

Harmony House: Louise Saeger

The Renaissance: Ellen Young

Out-of-town home: Kathryn Woodworth

Pastoral care

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the church office. We are not always contacted by the hospital. For emergency pastoral care, you may call the parsonage at 423-3349.

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Sunday 20, August

In our church family

Birthdays

July

07/01 Janet Wetzel, Savanah Simon
07/02 Murvin Homann, Dylan Narel
07/05 Betty Ninneman
07/06 Richelle Anderson
07/08 Allison Livernash
07/09 Julie Slauson
07/11 Kathleen Plante
07/14 Richard Otto, Donald Tessmer
07/17 Brenda Kroll
07/18 Elizabeth Cooper, Frances Stransky
07/19 Jill Abbott, Jon Shaurette
07/20 Kody Stoflet
07/22 Valerie Heltsley
07/23 Kay Doll, Michael Lutz
Cole Mehlbrech
07/24 Cassidy Parker
07/26 Kimberly Ninneman
07/27 Tyler Ninneman
07/28 Anna Plantico, Bonnie Cornwell,
Rebecca Jacoby, Marcie Brown
07/29 Ruth Maeder, Edward Eckes,
Kristofer Hanson, Joshua Kehrberg
07/30 Ellen Young, Bette Lauby
Michael Fleming
07/31 Laniece Haferman, Ramsden Nystrom

August

08/02 Ila Barth, Katherine Stewart
08/04 Marlene Gasch, Kevin Straughan
08/06 Leota Baldwin, Rebecca Behrend
08/07 Terry Cudworth
08/08 Joan Shaurette
08/10 Jon Quisler
08/11 Harold Streekstra, John Anderson,
Blake Wipperfurth
08/12 Janet Portesi
08/13 Lloyd Young, Harlan King

08/15 Wendy Nystrom, Kelly Gruber
08/16 Wilbur Gaetke
08/17 James Hanneman, Andrew Grimm,
Andrew Shipley
08/19 Susan Gunderson
08/20 Alicia Livernash
08/21 Joni Jelinski
08/23 Lexi Wipperfurth
08/24 Kenneth Korn, Aden Ward, Jody Werth
08/25 Hillary Anderson, Holland Gruber
08/26 Samantha Hanson
08/27 Jason Plante
08/28 Keith Irwin, Gino Portesi
08/30 Brenda Simon, Erik Hanson
08/31 Ashley Woodard

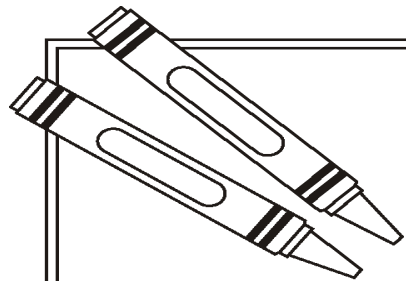
Anniversaries

July

07/08 Robert & Samantha Hanson
07/12 Ronald & Helen Henke
07/16 Chester & Joyce Komppa
07/22 Roy & Dawn Wesenberg
07/23 Conrad & Joni Jelinski
07/26 Harold & Helen Streekstra
07/27 Dirk & Kelly Gruber
07/30 William & Laniece Haferman

August

08/02 Silvio & Janet Portesi
08/03 John & Richelle Anderson
08/06 Leo & Nicole Moffett
08/07 Mark & Jill Abbott
08/13 Karl & Janci Treutel
Kevin & Colleen Straughan
08/15 Ostomy Matthew & Tammie Rinker
08/19 Donald & Susan Gunderson
08/21 Kevin & Linda Sailer
08/23 Tom & Lori Whitney
08/27 Garth & Wendy Nystrom
08/28 Steven & Sara Burgeson



Just for **KIDS**

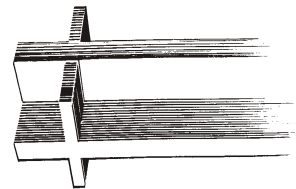
Jesus Traveled to Many Places

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of those places. Can you find all the names on the list?

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|-------------------|-----------------|---|---|---|------------|
| BETHANY | EPHRAIM | → | ↓ | ↑ | ↘ |
| BETHLEHEM | GALILEE | | | | |
| BETHSAIDA | JERICHO | | | | |
| CAESAREA PHILIPPI | JERUSALEM | | | | NAZARETH |
| CANA | JORDAN RIVER | | | | PEREA |
| CAPERNAUM | JUDEA | | | | SAMARIA |
| DECAPOLIS | MAGDALA | | | | SIDON |
| EGYPT | MOUNT OF OLIVES | | | | TYRE |
| | | | | | WILDERNESS |

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