



# The Messenger

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*The Freedom Moravian Church is a Christian Community seeking together to discover Jesus Christ through worship, education, and fellowship; so that all may know they are loved by God and become responsible members of His church.*

## From the Pastor's Desk:



When Alli is in WI, one of our favorite things to do is to play trivia with her family. There's a restaurant in Oshkosh that hosts trivia every Monday night and our team consists of the two of us, her grandparents, her mom, and her sisters. It is great fun to play together while watching a Brewers or a Bucks game, but each and every week I am amazed to find out just how much I don't know. We get 18 questions to answer, and at least 12 of those are almost always a complete mystery to me. You'd think I'd be kicked off the team sooner or later for my lack of knowledge, but it turns out the six questions that I know, the rest of the family is typically unsure about.

I get us points on the questions about sports or music, Alli's mom knows all about TV and movies, Alli covers any science related questions, and Alli's grandpa is a total history buff. On the nights that we are missing someone from the squad, we sorely miss their expertise in that certain category. Our finishes toward the bottom of the standings are reminders of just how important each person is to the team. We all have glaring weaknesses and blind spots, things that we know absolutely nothing about, but when we're all together we usually end up somewhere near the top.

Knowing that we have an important role to play is vital to the life of our church. Individually, we all have our strengths and our weaknesses. There are few things that we can do all on our own. When we are working together, the things one person isn't gifted for don't stand out as much (or even at all) because someone else can use their gifts to play that part. It both removes that sense of burden to do everything well and it invites us to celebrate the talents we see in other people.

I'd encourage us to really embrace that mindset – to know that we don't have to be experts at everything, but that we each have a vital role to play. Our size may bring the assumption that we are too small to take on x, y, or z. You might fear that you'll be left doing everything on your own. You may see a potential project or ministry and feel overwhelmed because your weaknesses will be exposed. Don't be discouraged. You have brothers and sisters who are blessed and ready to help out in those areas that don't come as easy to you. And there are places in our ministry where your talents are exactly what is needed to thrive. By ourselves, we certainly don't have all the right answers, but that is why we live our faith in community; to support each other, to help one another, and to discover the beauty found in blending our gifts together.

Pastor James

### **RUMMAGE SALE**

The annual rummage sale, craft, and bake sale will be held **Thursday, August 5th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Friday August 6th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

Many household and miscellaneous items (no clothing or shoes). **Bake goods available Thursday, August 5th, until gone.** Craft sale items by the Quilters group.

We will be accepting donations anytime starting **Monday, June 21st.** Please contact **Jeanne Sprister (920-450-3377)** to arrange drop-off of items.

Please consider helping out, whether with your time, your donations, your baked goods etc. Many hands make light work!

I will be needing help on **Sunday, August 1st,** after church setting up the tables, marking donated items, etc.

Baked goods can be dropped off **Wednesday, August 4th.**

Let's make this year's sale better than ever!!

Thank you.

## MARY AND MARTHA

Our June meeting was held Wednesday, June 16th at which time we finalized plans for the food and fellowship hour we hosted following the Buelow Memorial Service on June 19th. We briefly discussed plans for the August 5th and 6th rummage/bake/craft sale. We will again organize the bake sale and are asking for donations of baked goods which we will need by Wednesday evening, August 4th. Please have your items plated and covered. We encourage you to price your items and have included a suggested price list below. If you do not feel comfortable pricing your baked goods, we can do it for you. The bake sale has always been a popular part of the rummage sale so we hope to have a good selection of goods to offer our customers. We appreciate any help you can provide. Our next meeting is **Wed., July 16th**. All women are invited to attend.

### **SUGGESTED PRICE GUIDE FOR BAKED GOODS:**

Cookies: \$3.00 per dozen (\$1.50 per half dozen) for small cookies.

\$4.00 per dozen (\$2.00 per half dozen) for large cookies.

Bars: \$4.00 per dozen (\$2.00 per half dozen )

Cupcakes: \$4.50 per dozen(2.50 per half dozen.)

Pies: \$10.00 for 9 inch pie and \$8.00 for 8 inch pie.

Small, individual pies: \$2.75

Tortes: \$6.00 for 8 x 8 or 9 x 9 inch pan. \$1.00 for 3 x 3 inch piece.

Cake: \$5.00 for 8 x 8 or 9 x 9 inch pan. \$1.00 for large piece or .50 for small.

Quick breads: \$3.00 large loaf and \$2.00 for small loaf

Other baked goods and deli items are welcome.



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7-2 Mike and Lori Mischnick

7-20 Ron and Patti Dombrowski



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7-9 Elaine Brockman and Rob Sprister

7-13 Jamie Bernetzke

7-14 Jim Muenster

7-23 Ginger Muenster

7-24 Brittney Muenster and Sarah Schultz

7-25 Nancy Droostan, Chris Bolssen, and  
Sarah Schmit

7-27 Diane Brugger

## **Prayer Chain**

A prayer chain is a way for people to gain assistance in prayer for any serious and pressing problem. It is also a way for any person to act on God's command to love one another (*John 13:34-35*). Many people cannot engage directly in ministry but we can all pray. We can all take the time to help others and to make their time and suffering valuable. Jesus teaches us that if we agree on anything and ask in faith it will be granted (*Matthew 18:19*). If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, **please call Pastor James (920)495-5400, or Carol Jens (920)740-7981**. As a courtesy to our prayer chain members, no calls are made in the middle of the night.

Report any address, phone, email changes directly to the office or to

**[freedomcentraldata@gmail.com](mailto:freedomcentraldata@gmail.com)**

Changes include name, address, phone, email, marriages, births, baptisms & confirmations. Electronic versions of directory available on request!!

**In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, love.**



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