

The Nazareth Moravian Congregation Watch Word for 2015

“Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom and power are his.” Daniel 2:20

275th Borough of Nazareth Celebration

A letter has been sent either by e-mail or first class mail to each family requesting a donation of \$27.50 to support the 275th Celebration events of the Nazareth Borough. The following events have been planned:

“Everyone is invited ...”

May 7, 2015 at 5:30 pm The 275th Kickoff – Moravian Historical Society at the Whitefield House.

May 22, 2015 Get your tickets to the **275th Iron Pigs Night for Nazareth**, Coca Cola Park. Purchase your tickets in advance at Moravian Hall Square – 610-746-1000 (Cash & Check only.)

June 7, 2015 at 3:00 pm the Nazareth Ministerium Ecumenical Service at the Borough Park

June 14, 2015 at 3:00 pm the Nazareth Moravian Church 275th Anniversary Love Feast and Concert

August 15, 2015 the Historical Guided Bus Tour from the Borough Park, begins at 9:00 am

September 12, 2015 the 275th Anniversary Parade and Birthday Party at 2 pm.

WOW!!! A parade – and we will be part of that parade. Plans are now being made for the Nazareth Congregation to sponsor a float in the parade. Watch for more details about the float. We will need your help!

December 12, 2015 starting at 10:00 am Christmas in Nazareth

A Special Church Council Meeting will be held on May 3rd immediately following the 10:45 Worship Service. The reason for the meeting is to discuss important needed repairs to the organ chamber ceiling and the costs associated with the necessary repair work. **Please plan to attend this important meeting.**

“How Nazareth Began”

We have an opportunity to view a short program about the beginnings of Nazareth. Barb Dietterich has offered to share a presentation with us on Sunday evening May 3rd at 7 pm in the Chapel. This is a great opportunity for those who know little about the History of Nazareth and also for those who know something about our history (a great re-fresher for the historians among us). Join us at 7 pm in the Chapel on May 3rd.

Worship in May:

May 3 – Our Call to Worship this morning will be Psalm 22:25-31. The pastor’s message is entitled “Re-thinking Baptism.” During the 10:45 am Service we will pray the “Liturgy of Baptism” as we welcome Everly Rose Scollo into our membership. Everly is the daughter of Brian and Lauren Scollo.

May 10 – *Happy Mother’s Day* – We will celebrate with a Love Feast

Our Call to Worship this morning will be Psalm 98. During the 10:45 am Service we will be receiving new members into our Fellowship and we will baptize Joelle Michaela Toth. Joelle is the daughter of Andrew and Kelly Toth.

May 17 – Our Guest Pastor today will be the Rev. Cynthia Geyer, Director, Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Eastern District.

Pastor Geyer will be present for both services and for the closing of our Sunday School program.

NOTE – Today, May 24th, the Summer Schedule begins – One Service at 9:30 am

May 24 – *Pentecost Holy Communion – Confirmation Sunday*

Join us as we gather around the Table of Our Lord and as we welcome Brendan Alvino, Elizabeth Anthony, Megan Curtis, Grace Doulé, Hannah Hoch, and Brayden Saylor into Communicant membership. There will be a special Fellowship After Worship today.

May 31 – *Worship Out-Doors – Trinity Sunday*

We will gather on the lawn of the Whitefield House at 9:30 am for a time of worship. Don’t forget to bring along a chair or a blanket to spread on the ground. (*Worship will be at the Church in the event of bad weather*)

Bible Study – Look for Bible Study to begin once again in the Fall of 2015.

Youth Delegates

The Northern Province is accepting applications for youth delegates, youth entering the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades in the fall of 2015, and 2015 high school graduates, to attend "Rise Up" the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America National Youth gathering, July 15-19, 2015 in Detroit, Michigan. The ELCA Youth Gathering is a ministry of the church wide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to, with and for high school-aged youth. The Gathering, as it is known, is a triennial event that takes place over five days – Wednesday to Sunday – and includes opportunities for worship, service, fellowship, study and holy play. The Northern Province via the 2014 Northern Provincial Synod, will cover the costs of selected youth delegates. For more information go to <http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering> or contact Rev. Cynthia Rader Geyer, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, ED at Cynthia@mcnp.org or 484-554-0102.

This year the Provincial and District Quotas:

Our fair-share of the Provincial and District Quotas is \$42,997.43. Each Communicant member's portion of the Provincial and District Quotas is \$110.25 per individual and \$220.50 per couple. Every Communicant member has an envelope packet and within that packet are six special envelopes for "Benevolences-Missions". Donations from these envelopes are sent directly to the Province and District.

Copies of the 2015 Common Ministries Expenses Moravian Church Northern Province are available in the Church Office.

Each Month a short Blurb about our Provincial and District Quotas will appear in "The Chimes"

The month of May we feature:

The 2015 Provincial Common Ministries – "Board of World Mission"

This is what our 18% supports:

Board of World Mission, Provincial Elders' Conference, Provincial Staff, Interprovincial Board of Communication, Director of Stewardship.

Eastern District Conference

"Our Lamb has conquered – Therefore." The Eastern District Conference will be held on "The Hill" in Bethlehem, PA on July 23-26, 2015. "What does it mean to live as resurrection people? What is Christ's call in your life? What is Christ's call for your congregation?" The District Conference will explore these questions and more through "Keynote Address, Worship and Workshops, Fun and Fellowship." If you have any questions contact Marie Coutts: mcouts@sbcglobal.net or phone 330.401.1212. Registration deadline July 2nd.

Dates available for flower sponsorship in 2015 are: May 31 (1) bouquet, July 12, and Nov 15. Volunteers are also needed to deliver flowers. Please see Holly Bachman to sponsor flowers or to volunteer.

Inquirer's Classes

Pastor Gehris began an Inquirer's Classes on Sunday April 19th at 7 pm. Those in attendance will meet for the third session on May 3rd. We will be receiving new members on Mother's Day, May 10th during the 10:45 am Service of Worship.

NAZARETH MORAVIAN SPRING RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 3 TO 7 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

SET-UP TO BEGIN SUNDAY, APRIL 26



As the weather warms and flowers and trees are beginning to burst into bloom, it's also time to make take part in our Spring Rummage Sale. The success of this major fund raiser for our church depends upon your participation.

Let's make this sale another tremendous success! Come and join the fun and fellowship.

Stewardship

"God opens doors for you!"

Sometimes God opens a door for you to RECEIVE gifts and opportunities.

Sometimes God opens a door for you to GIVE gifts and opportunities!

Enjoy the blessings of giving and receiving. Both are parts of God's plan!



Reaching In – Reaching Out

The first Sunday of every month is Food Bank Sunday. Donations can be placed inside either the north or the south entrance doors. Join us as together we “fight hunger” in our area. Cash donations are welcome. Please mark the special offering envelopes with the words “Food Bank” and place in the offering plates so that the gift may be directed to the proper location. Non-perishable items can also be brought in throughout the month. The collection dates for the remainder of 2015 are: *May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6.*

Late Report from St. John’s Lutheran “Banquet of Song”

This year’s benefit concert for the Nazareth Area Food Bank was a great success. The energy and spirited singing of the children delighted everyone and the combined choir and brass ensemble filled the room with glorious sounds. The Hand Bell choir touched our hearts and the post-concert reception hosted by the Social Ministry Team at St. John’s and the Food Bank volunteers provided a wonderful time of fellowship. The offering received at the concert, which includes the matching funds received from the Upper and Lower Northampton Chapters of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans was \$6,143.00.

The “Joyful Noise Offering” collected in March and April is being given to the Nazareth Area Food Bank.

The Nazareth Area Food Bank serves approximately 300 families each month. We are thankful for all the Food and Funds that the Food Bank receives, and for the many volunteers who give of their time to service others in our community.

Easter Baskets – Easton Children’s Home

Sixty Easter baskets were made up and delivered to the Children’s Home in Easton. We received donations from various churches in the area. Thank you to the member of Nazareth Moravian who donated gift cards to Wal-Mart for each of the baskets. Jan Ochs delivered the bags before Easter.

Loaves and Fishes

We will be preparing and serving Lunch on May 30th for the guests of Loaves and Fishes. We need your help in the kitchen preparing the food and your help in the dining room (Fellowship Hall) setting up, serving and cleaning up. Kitchen help should report at 10:30 am on May 30th and Dining Hall help should report at 11:00 am. Those who help in the kitchen must be 18 years of age or older. Preferred ages for dining room help is 12 years of age and above. Anyone between the age of 12 and 18 helping in the dining room must have a parent accompany them and work with them. Please contact Pastor Jeff if you are willing to help.

3rd Annual 5K Run, Walk, and Roll

Shane Burcaw from East Hills Moravian began a non-profit business three years ago while attending Moravian College. He is the President and Founder of “Laughing At My Nightmare, Inc.” Shane wanted to do something to help those affected by his disease – muscular dystrophy. The 3rd Annual 5K Run, Walk and Roll will take place on June 20th beginning at East Hills Moravian Church. There is a fund raising goal set of \$25,000 for the event and Shane needs support of his community to make this happen. Information about the run and the sponsorship levels is available at <http://laughingatmynightmare.com/>

Summer Lunch Program

The Summer Lunch Program will begin on June 15th and this year will consist of eleven (11) weeks throughout the summer. Watch for further details. Once again Nazareth Moravian will host the first week, June 15th through June 19th. Anyone wishing to help make bagged lunches during that week may contact Pastor Gehris.

This is the fourth (4th) year we are working with the Summer Lunch Program. During the summer of 2014 we prepared and served 4,095 lunches. Churches and Organizations in the Nazareth Area will once again be asked to take one week during this summer to prepare and hand out the bagged lunches.



The Bright Star Circle is still collecting labels, which can be any labels, from Campbell’s please. We are also collecting labels from Prego Sauces, V8, V8 Splash and Pepperidge Farm products. **Please bring in the whole label. We need the complete label with the UPC code.**

These labels will be sent to Navajo Indian students who collect them and receive a remuneration for the labels. This helps them with their schooling. Remember, any Campbell, Prego or Pepperidge Farm label will help. Bring them to the church and deposit them in the box located on the shelf outside the church office. We would like to thank you all for supporting us in the collection of Campbell’s labels. Keep up the good work!

GREETINGS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR:

Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. John 4:13, 14

As the 2014/2015 Sunday School year winds down, so does our focus on all things water. Our Lenten Project, Charity:Water is now over, as is the Nazareth Moravian Sunday School's online account at MyCharity:Water.com. With your help we collected \$474.26 in the family banks and an additional \$75.00 online for a total of **\$549.26**. That means we will help over 18 people get clean water. Well done everyone!

Other Sunday School news, dates & reminders:

May 17th (9:30 a.m.) Recognition & Promotion Sunday & McDonalds Breakfast (Last day of Sunday School)

(Reminder: Menus must be back in to Sister Patty by May 10th)!

June 7th (11 a.m.) Curriculum Meeting with Marie Coutts

July 13 – 17 (9 a.m. to 12 noon) Vacation Bible School at Schoeneck Moravian

Curriculum: Go Fish Guys – Theme: Praise (See Sister Patty if you want to help)

August 1 (1 – 7 p.m.) Martin on Main (Need volunteers for the following shifts: 11-1, 1-3, 3-5, 5-8)

August 24 (11 a.m.) Workshop with Marie Coutts

August 30 (10 a.m.) Rally Day at Camp Hope

The Christian Ed Committee invites you to a fun evening of baseball at the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs.

Join us for **Nazareth Moravian Church Night** on Friday, June 19th at 7:05pm at the PPL Picnic Patio.

Price: \$27.00/person (ages 3 and up – kids 2 & under are free). Price includes game ticket and two hour buffet. Reserved tables are close to left field. Buffet features ballpark style meal and soft drinks. There are Friday night fireworks.

We have room for 50 in our group. Payment is required to reserve your tickets. Please contact Vicki Doulé to reserve your tickets at 610-746-2520 or 610-554-3018 or vldoule@me.com

National Day of Prayer – May 7th

Each year on the first Thursday in May we celebrate the National Day of Prayer. This year the theme is "Lord, hear our prayer." Remember to stop what you are doing around Noon and lift up a prayer thanking God for what you have, praising Him for what He has done for you, and in particular pray for our Local, State, Federal and Global leaders.

Memorial Day

Have you attended the Memorial Day events held here in Nazareth? Memorial Day, Monday May 25th at 10:00 am the Parade kicks off at the Square. The parade begins with the raising of the flag and our salute to the flag. The route of the parade finishes at the Memorial Park Ball Field bordered by Church, Center and Green Streets. Once again Pastor Gehris has been asked to lead in the praying of the Invocation and the Benediction. This has been a long standing celebration in our Borough.

Graduates

Those who are graduating from High School, College, or for an Advanced Degree are asked to contact Pastor Gehris. We would like to acknowledge your achievements in an up-coming "Chimes." A letter was mailed to those graduates we know of, but we also often miss someone. If you haven't received a mailing from Pastor Jeff please contact him and he will mail the questionnaire asking for your information.

Coming Events

June 7th Ecumenical Worship Service, 275th Anniversary at the Borough Park, at 3:00 pm

June 13th Whitefield House Craft Fair, 8:30 am until 3:00 pm (we will be selling Moravian Sugar Cakes)

June 14th The 275th Borough of Nazareth Love Feast, at 3:00 pm, at Nazareth Moravian Church

June 19th Nazareth Moravian Church Outing at the Iron Pigs (contact Vicky Doulé for tickets.)

June 21st Happy Father's Day

June 27th Pastor Gehris begins a week's vacation.

June 28th the 268th Anniversary Celebration of Nazareth Moravian Church, a Love Feast will be observed during the 9:30 am Service.

**Camp Hope –
2015 Summer Camps at Camp Hope**

Program Information and registration forms are available in the church office.

2015 Camp Sampler – May 8-9

- Conferences:** Pre-Primary (grades 1-2) June 21-24
 Primary (grades 3-4) June 28 – July 4
 Middler (grades 5-6) July 5-11
 Junior High (grades 7-8) July 12-18
 Senior-Post High (grades 9 – age 21) July 26 – August 1

- Specialty Camps:** Fishing Camp (grades 5-10) June 21-27
 Musical Theater Camp (grades 5-9) July 19-25
 Swimming Camp (grades 3-6) July 19-25

(*All camps denote grades completed)

- Family and Adult:** Memorial Day Family Camp – May 22-25
 Memorial Day Picnic – May 25
 Women’s Retreat – Quilt Camp – Sept. 23-26
 Camp Hope Alumni Retreat – Nov. 13-15

More information at www.camphope.org or call 908-459-4435

When to call the Church Office –

- ✚ A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
 - ✚ Your group plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared on the church calendar.
 - ✚ Either your home or business phone number, address or email address has been changed.
 - ✚ A new baby arrived in your family.
 - ✚ You are planning to move.
 - ✚ There has been a death in the family.
 - ✚ A member of your family leaves home for college or service.
 - ✚ You feel the church can help you in any way.
 - ✚ When a family or friend is to be placed on the list for prayers of intercession and also when they can be taken off the list.
- Please feel free to call the office to discuss issues that are important to you.

DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE CHIMES? We welcome your input for the Chimes Newsletters.

If you have a note of thanks or an article you want in the next newsletter, please send it to the church office by the 15th of the month.

April Attendance

3/29	4/5	4/12	4/19
177	333	95	112

Treasurer’s report as of April 20

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u>
Budget Requirement	\$24,782.90	\$99,132.48
Amt. Received	<u>17,055.60</u>	<u>85,525.87</u>
Balance	- 7,727.30	-13,606.61

April Joyful Noise collected for the Nazareth Area Food Bank was \$100.60

May Music Schedule

- May 3 – Sr. Choir in 10:45 Worship
- 8 – Orchestra rehearsal
- 10 –Senior Choir, Children’s Choir & Orchestra – 10:45 Worship (Christian Family Lovefeast)
- 17 – Senior Choir – 10:45 Worship
- 24 – Brass Choir – Holy Communion – 9:30 Worship
- 31 – Brass Choir – Outdoor Worship at Whitefield House

FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP: May 24th will be hosted by the Orchestra and Brass Choir

Frederick Balliet, faithful member of Nazareth Moravian Church, passed into the more immediate presence of his Savior on Sunday, April 19, 2015 and was buried in the Nazareth Moravian Cemetery on Friday, April 24th. Please uphold Jean, his wife of 48 years, in your prayers.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 1 - Kevin Mingora
Robert Morgenstern
- 2 - Amber Kahler
Randy Neumeyer
- 3 - Allen Haidle
Brooke Young
- 4 - Michael Frey
- 5 - Karen A. Forte
Lillian Hercik
- 6 - Joel Toth
Anneliese Warnke
Alice Yeakel
- 7 - Suzanne Curtis
Dorothy Hege
- 8 - Ronald Mahorsky
- 9 - Dona Folweiler
Trudy Young
- 10 - Bradley Price
Timothy Price
- 11 - Isabelle Kauffman
Christa Knecht
- 12 - Zachary Trach
- 12 - Nahdia Palma
- 14 - Mindy Heimbach
Kyle Noraas
- 15 - Jessica Eck
Barbara Knecht
James C. Kresge
Benjamin Roth
- 16 - Karin Albert
Todd Eck
- 18 - Matthew Green
Scott Swedar
- 19 - Martha Haidle
Cindy Longley
- 20 - Mary Ruth Smith
- 23 - Karen Huth
- 24 - Shannon Neumeyer
- 25 - Robin Anthony
Harold Heckman
Kristina Toth
Emily Tsurumaki
- 26 - Dennis Bealer
George Moffitt
James Walter
- 27 - Oletha Wilson
- 28 - Andrew Doulé
- 29 - David Schwab
Kelly Serfas
Jason Thomas
- 30 - TJ Eck Jr.
Brian Walter
- 31 - Lori Eck
Gwyneth Peischl
Daniel Stocker
Russell Thomas

- May 9 - Lea & Guy Laurin
- 10 - Jill & Gregg Kauffman
Kathy & David Roth
- 15 - Barbara & John Knecht
- 16 - Vicki & Andrew Doulé
- 17 - Katie & Zachary Trach
- 20 - Lauren & Brian Scollo
Jamie & Christopher Tomac
- 23 - Lorraine & James Perillo
Barbara & Richard Utzat
- 24 - Ellen & Paul Saylor, III
- 25 - Kathleen & David Schulte
Trisha & Dean Benner
- 27 - Karen & Roger Huth
- 28 - Joanne & John Dusinski
- 29 - Jeanne & David Serfas
- 31 - Janice & George Bartholomew
Cynthia & Terry Hunt
Ann & Lester Pettis
Jane & Ronald Serfass

MAY ELEVATOR OPERATORS

- May 3 - Brian Trauger
- 10 - Wayne Longley
- 17 - Scott Swedar
- 24 - Terry Hunt
- 31 - Robert Reagle (in the event of rain)



MAY USHERS

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| Thomas Bross, Captain | Bradley Price |
| Debbie Bross | Timothy Price |
| Emily Quinn | Allen Haidle |
| Matthew Bross | Fred Bergstresser |
| James Knecht | Mike Kahler |
| Tom Noraas | Dianne Noraas |
| Howard Schoeneberger (8:15) | |



MAY GREETERS

- May 3 - Virginia Kleintop; Glenn & Virginia Boerstler
- 10 - Wayne & Cindy Longley; John Kleintop
- 17 - Joan Condomitti; Jan Ochs
- 24 - The Trauger Family;
Deborah, Brendan & Cameron Alvino
- 31 - *Outdoor Service* (weather permitting)



ELDERS' SERVING COMMUNION ON MAY 24th

- Serving - Barbara Dietterich
- Assisting - Robert Reagle and Fred Bergstresser

MAY NURSERY CARE

- May 3 - Barbara Schwab
- 10 - Lois Calvo
- 17 - Sherry Goes
- 24 - Sherry Gehris
- 31 - Larisa Calvo



COUNTING OFFERING FOR MAY

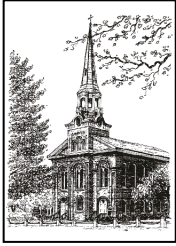
- May 4 - Barbara Dietterich
- 11 - Susan Mahorsky
- 18 - Joan Condomitti
- 26 - Becky Butz

LAY READERS FOR MAY

- May 3 - Suzanne Curtis
- 10 - Edward Anthony
- 17 - Traci Stocker
- 24 - Cheryl Borck
- 31 - *Outdoor Service*

CARD PERSON IN MAY: Catherine Ward

“The Chimes”



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An invitation to worship in May for...

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LOVEFEAST MAY 10TH



“The Chimes” Nazareth Moravian Congregation May 2015

Our Mission: “To minister, as living witnesses, the saving grace of Jesus Christ”

Rev. Jeffrey D. Gehris, Pastor
Barbara Wieller, Administrative Assistant
Ellen Saylor, Director of Music
Gabriel Toth, Organist
Lois Calvo, Nursery Supervisor
Patty Morgenstern, Sunday School Coordinator



Our Sunday Schedule
8:15 am Worship in Chapel
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary