

Ephraim Moravian Church Comments “In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love”

Congregational Watchword for 2011

“Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today.” -Exodus 14:13

September 2011

From the Pastor's Desk

“Do business... until I come back”. Luke 19:13b

This scripture is taken from a parable of Jesus. Although it's similar to the parable of the talents, it has some twists and turns which makes it an interesting story and gives us a challenge when we embark on doing 'God's business'. The story is found in Luke 19: 11 - 24. In this story, Jesus tells us of a nobleman who has to leave the country in order to receive papers proving his legal authority to rule the country. The minute he leaves town, his countrymen, who despise him, send a delegation requesting that he not be given authority to rule over them.

Before he leaves, he gathers his servants for some final instructions. Instead of telling them to 'lay low' and not draw attention to themselves (since their countrymen were so hostile), he gives each of them an equal amount of money and tells them to do business with the money until he returns. The first man makes 10x the amount given, the second, 5x the amount. The third man doesn't want to take any risks and returns the money without having improved on the investment. The master is very angry with the third man because he expected each to 'do business'.

I believe God calls us to 'do business' until his return, even in a hostile environment. I was given a powerful illustration of this some years ago. My parents moved to South Carolina in the late 1980's. Being outgoing people, they attempted to befriend their neighbors, only to be repeatedly rebuffed. What they did not know at the time, was that the previous owner of their house had threatened them with a gun! These neighbors were not inclined to open themselves up to abuse, so they kept to themselves. One week my parents noticed that the lady of the house was not in sight. They made inquiry and found out she was sick. Although rebuffed many times, mom made her famous chicken soup and sent it over with a get well note. That kindness broke through the hostility. By the year 2000, my parents health declined. These neighbors were our lifeline, taking care of our parents in every crisis until we were able to make travel arrangements.

Not all our ministry will bring about positive results, we may still encounter hostility even after we have done our 'good deed'; but the Master, who knows something about suffering for a just cause, continues to command us to 'do business (God's Business!!!) until he returns. Let that be our daily passion!

-Pastor Dawn



Coming on October 29!

Women's Fall Lunch & Sale

Holiday boutique

We need donations of handmade items (some items might include aprons, rag rugs, ornaments, wreaths, centerpieces, woodworked items, nativity scenes, jewelry, handmade kids' clothing or accessories)

Silent Auction

We are also having a *new* silent auction area! Please consider items you'd like to donate for this project. ***The theme is "gift baskets."*** Think of coffee/breakfast items, spa items, etc. If you have questions, or to donate, please contact Vicki Maynard at 847-361-3684
or
email tmbers6@aol.com.

***We need your help to make this
a successful sale!***

September 2011 Services

September 4 - 10 a.m. Worship - Holy Communion

September 11 - 10 a.m. Worship - Joyful Noise (for Loaves & Fishes) and Feed

My People Offerings - Remembering 9/11

September 18 - 10 a.m. Worship

September 25 - 10 a.m. Worship, Rev. Ken Carlson, Guest Preacher

"I thank all my church family and friends that sent get well wishes, or called, or brought food after my hand surgery back on June 1. I surely appreciate it.

Blessings,
Karen Ekberg



Ephraim Moravian Church Office Hours



PASTOR: MON - THURS 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 FRIDAY Pastor's Day Off

CELL NUMBER: 920-421-4042 The Church Phone does NOT ring in the parsonage. Please keep the Pastor's Cell Phone handy for after hours. The only time her cell phone is off is during meetings or visiting. Please leave a message so that she can return your call.

SECRETARY: WED. - THURS. 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

NOTE: Pastor Dawn will be on vacation the week of September 19-25! If you have pastoral concerns during that time, please call one of the Elders listed below.

Elders Highlights

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- Usher & Sacristans have been recruited and training sessions held
- The Nursery is now open for business
- The Anderson Docks-ology was reviewed
- The Church Directory is complete
- Lunch on the Lawn was approved
- Sunday School will begin in October

Trustees Highlights

Your Trustees met August 11.

- They approved sponsorship of the October 1 program regarding slave trafficking, along with the Unitarian Universalist and Stella Maris congregations...
- They directed Hugh Mulliken to draw up plans for the handicap renovations to take place this year...
- The Cemetery Committee has been formed and will discuss any concerns with Gary Carlson...
- Various maintenance and repairs were discussed for action...
- Capital Project funds were discussed.



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

Funds

John Turner 854-5060

Building Interior/Parsonage

Jack Opitz 854-5949

Grounds

Gunilla Wilson 854-5105

Cemetery

Karen Ekberg 823-2526

Building Exterior

Jim Sokolowski 839-9265

ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair

Diane Jacobson 854-2871

Eunice Rutherford 868-3373

Doug Schultz 839-2153

Pete Classen: 839-2902

George Carey: 854-9253

Elder for the month of:

September..Doug Schultz



For those of you who would like to send a card with get-well wishes to Rev. Barbara Rich after her successful heart valve surgery, her address is:

1408 Evergreen Drive, Apt. 6
Watertown, WI 53098

Congratulations...

...to Laurel Cox and Mitch Ciohon, marrying in Ephraim on September 10!
...to Katie Koehler, who was placed on the Dean's List for the spring semester at the School of Business at UW Milwaukee!

Welcome...

...to new members Anne Crowe, Marilyn Cushing, and Angela, Ryan and Mylo Sherman

Baptized...

...Mylo Thomas Sherman
...Jovi Hansen, daughter of Britta and Jens Hansen and granddaughter of Diane and Larry Jacobson



SEE ME! HEAR ME!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011
7:00 p.m.
*Reception following performance

Baileys Harbor Stella Maris Catholic Church
8013 Highway 57

Kathleen Thompson will be presenting a one-woman performance highlighting the modern day slave trade, which ensnares 27 million people all over the world, including the United States. A free-will offering will be taken and given to charitable organizations that combat this injustice. Our church is partnering with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Stella Maris Catholic Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church to bring Kathleen Thompson to Door County. Please come and invite your friends.

**We need two people who are willing to bring refreshments for the reception following the performance. Please see Pastor Dawn if you can be of assistance.*

For more information on the performance, please visit the website:

Treasurer's Report through July 2011

	Budget	Actual	% of Budget
INCOME	\$119,918	71,010	59.2%
EXPENSE	\$139,885	107,367	76.7%



(these figures include all Moravian Fund distributions, but no flow-through amounts such as Cherry Scholarships, Joyful Noise or other items that come in and go out in the same exact amounts)



September Celebrations

September Birthdays

G.G. Paschke.....	2
Ranny Nelson....	3
Samantha Phillips..	5
Marv Staver.....	6
Walt Fisher.....	8
Eunice Rutherford	11
Nick Weborg.....	13
Eileen Jacobson	18
Larry Jacobson.....	30

September Anniversaries

Ryan and Angela Sherman - Sept 6, 2008
Kay and Paul Wilson - Sept 25, 1971
Dawn and Bob Volpe - Sept 22, 1991

We are sorry if we omitted or listed incorrectly someone's name from the list. Please call the church office (854-2804) or email us at (worship@ephraimmoravian.org)

ANDERSON DOCKS-OLOGY

What a wonderful time we had this summer at our Anderson Sunset Services. We wish to thank our partners, Stella Maris Catholic Parish, Sister Bay Moravian Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church, The Door of Life Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, for their inspirational services. We only had one service that needed to be held indoors because of inclement weather.

Our attendance figures: The lowest attended (because of weather) was 50, the highest was 120! We now have a new Door County tradition. We'll be planning for the 2012 summer season. Thank you for your participation and enthusiastic support!



Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing Zion United Methodist Church, 8781 County F (between Fish Creek and Baileys Harbor) Sunday, September 4, 6:30 p.m.

Led by Rev. Don Heeringa

Free-will offerings donated to Northern Door child Care Center for tuition assistance and to the Sister Bay branch of the Wellness Center of Door County for client services

Attention Women of the Ephraim Moravian Church

It's time for the Wisconsin Women's Gathering - coming **September 17, 2011**, at the Kellner Moravian Church, Wisconsin Rapids. A Women's Ministries event, it begins at 9 a.m. and will focus on this fall's study book (*Adventures in Faith with Paul*) and mission study book (*Telling our Story, Part II*). There are workshops and a luncheon.



If you have an interest in going to this event, call Diane Jacobson at 854-2871.

Looking for a ministry??

You may not be a preacher or teacher, you may not like to usher or serve at Fellowship, can't participate as an Elder or Trustee... but how about serving in our church's Nursery during the Sunday service?



We've got the Nursery all spruced up and ready for use again, thanks to Bob Volpe, and already we've had some customers. Youth looking for community service hours: 1-1/2 hours if you tend to children, 1 hour if there are no children to tend! Arrive at 9:45 a.m.; if no kids come by 10:10, you may join the service in progress (there is also a speaker in the Nursery so you can hear the service even if you remain in the Nursery). Sign-up is on the upper bulletin board.

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

It's been requested that Bible Studies for the Fall/Winter be during the daytime hours.

Please email: worship@ephraimmoravian.org to let us know what day/times work best for you (with the exception of Wednesdays and Fridays). We'd also like to know your preference in studies: lectionary, a book of the bible, or a topic. The pastor will choose the preference that most of the respondents give.

Please let her know soon! The new studies will begin in October.

The Open Door Lunch is coming!

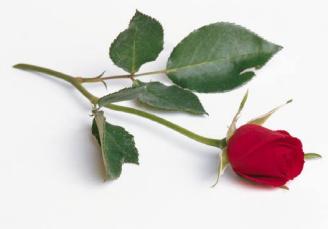
Sister Bay is joining the fun this fall - they will be serving a lunch at Sister Bay Moravian on the 1st Wednesday, and we will continue on each 3rd Wednesday here - November of 2011 through April of 2012.

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**Would you like to sponsor one of the Ephraim lunches this year?** A lunch of soup or chili plus a sandwich or hearty salad, a beverage and simple dessert have been the fare, and the response grew each week of our first year (average was 40 people). (P.S. No nuts or seafood!)



You can employ helpers/bakers/servers for your week, and from the free-will offerings you will be reimbursed for your food purchases.



## Thank You...

... to those who served at Fellowship Hour during August: Fran Eckland, Diane and Kathy Kirkland, Jim and Cathie Gelhaar, the Volpes, Jody Thiell and Doris Price (for Robert, Jody and Bill's birthdays!)

...to those who ushered during August: Niles and Scott Weborg, Jim Gelhaar, Bob Ekberg, Darrell Conway, Hugh Mulliken

To those providing special music during August: Robert Volpe, Pamela Johnson, Corey Colburn, Lindsay Scattergood, Harald Halvorsen, SeungShin Yoo.

## UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL FUND\$ CAMPAIGN

*WOW!!!* In the 6 weeks since the Capital Campaign breakfast, we have received \$125,000 in pledges and gifts. **WE HAVE \$75,000 to raise to meet our goal!**

Won't you help us reach the goal to upgrade our facilities!?

### PROJECTS BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

\***Handicapped Accessibility**— Plans have been drawn up and approved by the Ephraim Village Planning Committee. We will begin work in September with the funds that are on hand.

\***New Furnaces**— the Trustees signed a contract with Wulf Brothers to install 2 new furnaces

\***Outdoor Sign**— Prices have been obtained; permits will be sought to erect a sign for the church

### PROJECTS AWAITING FURTHER FUNDING

Restoring the Steeple  
Parking Lot paving  
Parsonage upgrades  
Roofing

*\*\*As the funds are available, new work will start. We will not be going into debt for these projects. All work will be done only with monies raised by this campaign.*

### It's up for a vote!!

Well, there were so many good suggestions for the new name of this monthly newsletter; it was too much to decide! So we're letting YOU decide. Please check your favorite below, and put it in the church office (or email your favorite to: [worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org)).

Moravian Muse

Open Door Tidings

The Door Post

News from the Open Door

The Open Door Herald

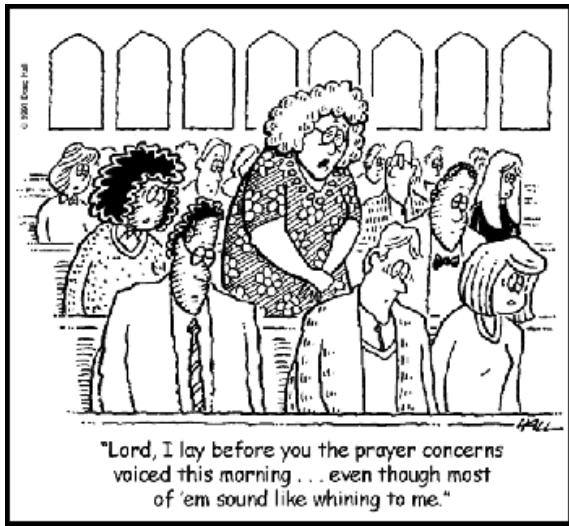
The Threshold

The Ephraim Gazette: News from the Open Door

The Moravian Messenger

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Pastor Dawn Volpe - Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Website:** [ephraimmoravian.org](http://ephraimmoravian.org)

Secretarial Office Hours: Wednesday/Thursday 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

General Correspondence: [worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org)

Organist-Choir Director: Jendean Olson 920-743-9347

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| Sun                                                                                                           | Mon | Tue                                                                                 | Wed                                     | Thu                                                 | Fri | Sat |
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| 4<br><i>10:00 a.m.<br/>Worship- Holy Communion</i>                                                            | 5   | 6<br><i>5 p.m. Elders</i>                                                           | 7<br><i>6:30 p.m.<br/>Bible Study</i>   | 8<br><i>5 p.m. Trustees</i>                         | 9   | 10  |
| 11<br><i>10:00 a.m.<br/>Worship</i><br><br><i>Joyful Noise (for Loaves &amp; Fishes) &amp; Feed My People</i> | 12  | 13                                                                                  | 14<br><i>9:30 a.m.<br/>Caring Hands</i> | 15<br><i>Deadline for newsletter submissions</i>    | 16  | 17  |
| 18<br><i>10:00 a.m.<br/>Worship</i>                                                                           | 19  | 20                                                                                  | 21                                      | 22                                                  | 23  | 24  |
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|                                                                                                               |     |                                                                                     | Pastor Dawn is on vacation this week    |                                                     |     |     |
| 25<br><i>10:00 a.m.<br/>Worship</i>                                                                           | 26  | 27<br><i>5 pm<br/>Loaves &amp; Fishes</i>                                           | 28                                      | 29                                                  | 30  |     |
| ..vacation-----                                                                                               |     |  |                                         | Pastor Dawn in Minneapolis-----                     |     |     |