



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

“In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love”

Congregational Watchword for 2012

“Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.” 1 Thessalonians 5:8

August 2012

From the Pastor’s Desk

“Now when they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.” - Acts 4: 13

A few Sundays ago, I shared a story about a man named Gerry, who was a member of my previous church. Since then, I have thought of the “Gerry stories” I have accumulated that demonstrate the values of our Christian journey. One of our values is Courage, and Gerry was one of the most courageous people I’ve ever met.

My first impression of Gerry was of a gregarious, well-spoken man who was quite sure of himself. As I came to know him, I heard a very different story. Gerry was by nature extremely introverted, bordering on catatonic (his words!). He was so shy, that he didn’t even know he was in a serious relationship until his beloved wife asked him to marry her! He said ‘yes’ right away because he was so stunned and happy and did not want her to change her mind. He and his wife, Karin, raised three beautiful daughters. He traveled to some exotic countries for his work. He had a keen, analytical mind. But he never lost his inherent introversion. He had a hard time in a crowd. He was uncomfortable in social settings. That is why he is the bravest man I’ve known.

Courage is not the absence of fear. Courageous people don’t allow their fear to dictate their actions. I believe that those who are companions of Jesus, are given every grace and the strength to act in spite of fear. Gerry was given that grace.

Gerry was active as a children’s Bible story teller. He brought the Bible to life with such hilarity that the stories would be indelibly imprinted on our brains. In one skit, he was Habib, the undertaker, preparing a body for burial (Jesus) by pouring potpourri on our shrouded volunteer and carrying him to the tomb. In another, during a worship service, he got up, plugged in a vacuum cleaner and began to vacuum the church carpet, declaring that he was preparing for Advent!

Gerry paid visits to the homes of people who were new to our church. These visits were way outside of Gerry’s comfort zone! He did them because they were needed and no one else was available.

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From the Pastor's Desk continued...

When the church needed to make decisions on important issues, Gerry would get up to speak, knowing that he might get criticized. Sometimes people avoided Gerry in church because they knew he would be asking them to do something. It hurt his feelings, but he soldiered on.

Toward the end of his life, Gerry contracted ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Even with this dreaded illness, he faced it with courage and wit.

In the story about Peter and John in Acts 4, these fishermen did not have any of the training needed for the work that God wanted them to do. Yet, they spoke with a wisdom and boldness beyond themselves. It was noted by the people around them that they were companions of Jesus. May the same be said of us. That we, as companions of Jesus, will promote God's kingdom, even when we're afraid!

--Pastor Dawn



Condolences

.....to Jody Thiell and family on the passing of Pete on July 17

..... to the family of Susanne Hansen Poole

August 2012 Services

Aug 1 - 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology on Anderson Dock

Aug 5 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Communion

Aug 8 - 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology on Anderson Dock

Aug 12 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship - Feed My People and Joyful

Noise Sunday (for Community Health Clinic this month)

Aug 15 - 7:30 p.m., Anderson Docks-ology on Anderson Dock

Aug 19 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship -

Aug 22- 7:30 p.m. the last Anderson Docks-ology service of the season

Aug 26 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

Ephraim Moravian Church Office Hours

PASTOR: MON - THURS 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
FRIDAY Pastor's Day Off
SECRETARY: WED. - THURS. 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

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.

Trustee Report

Your Trustees met on July 12 and discussed cemetery plots, restriping the parking lot for handicap parking and to prevent people from parking in front of the ramp. New handicap parking signs will be ordered. The garage on Moravia Street will be cleaned out to make room for one of the Volpes' cars, especially for winter. Risers and kayaks and other items that the church does not own need to be removed.

Noted that we are very close to our goal in the capital campaign. Also, next year's Fyr Bal will be more outreach than fundraiser; Moravian Sugar Cake and coffee will be free to attendees.

Elders Report

Pastor Dawn gave highlights of her Washington Island seminar, Elders for the months of August and September were chosen. Noted there is a continuous need for Elders to engage visitors and new people at the Fellowship Hour. The calendar for upcoming events was reviewed.



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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854-2871

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839-2902

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854-9253

Elder for the month of:

August.....Pete Classen

September..Eunice Rutherford



My wife and I, along with Ann's father, Ted Hoepner, wish to thank you and your worship team for a truly inspirational church service on Sunday, July 17.

The music, message, and fellowship after the church service was very gratifying, especially for Anne's father, Ted.

At age 93, Ted's visits to church are few and far between, so it was very heart-warming for Ann and I to have Ted attend church with us on Father's Day and for him to participate in the special Sunday dedication of the new wheelchair ramp. I'm sure the church worship service and music brought back many memories for Ted and his 35 years as Choir Director at Ephraim Moravian Church.

Please pass on our sincere appreciation to all who made Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2012, such a memorable spiritual experience for our family.

*Your Brother in Christ,
Dave Koy*

Treasurer's Report

General Finances - through July 26, 2012 income: **\$77,665**
 through July 26 2012 expenses: **\$84,133**

Update on Capital Campaign and Projects

We are just \$11,850 short of our goal of \$200,000! Remaining projects are to replace the roof on the back half of the church, stabilize the basement wall in the parsonage, and update the kitchen in the parsonage.



After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.

His father asked three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys!"

A reminder again that If you shop at the Piggly Wiggly, remember to put your cash register receipt in the donations slot for Ephraim Moravian Church as you leave. The church receives 1% of the total receipts. So far this year, our slot has had over 650 receipts for a total of \$17,200 recorded. It adds up!




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If you're holding paper in your hand and seeing this in black-and-white, you are missing out. Join our email list and receive a PDF of your newsletter at least one day earlier than those who get it in the mail! Let Diane know at worship@ephraimmoravian.org if you'd like to receive the Ephraim Moravian Messenger by email.

Prayers....

- For Lisa Carlson, Cathie Gelhaar, and Charlie Burton as they all go through cancer treatments
- For Fran Eckland as she recovers at the Scand Care Center
- For continued health, comfort and encouragement for Ted Hoepfner and Bob Yeomans at the Care Center
- For Addie Crum, who has been in Bellin Hospital's rehab after pacemaker surgery
- For Bo Johnson as he recovers from the total bone irradiation therapy and his cells continue to grow back and wipe out his cancer



New Member Dinner

Karen Ekberg planned a wonderful dinner in July for the newest members of our congregation : Angela and Ryan Sherman, Anne Spooner Crowe, Brent Bristol, and Marilyn Cushing. Members of the Board of Elders and Board of Trustees were in attendance.

Hors d'oeuvres were provided by several people, Karen made the wonderful salad, Bob Volpe made his famous lasagna, and Karen's daughter Carrie helped with the set-up, serving, and also provided the desserts.

Each of the new members stood and told a bit about themselves, and a good time was had by all.





Thank You

...to those who ushered during the month of July.

... to those who hosted Fellowship during July: The Schultz family, Eunice Rutherford, Diane Kirkland, Cathie and Jim Gelhaar, the Volpe family in honor of Pastor Dawn's birthday and the 27th anniversary of her ordination.

....to Jendean Olson and our choir, who made our John Hus Festival on July 6 so memorable.

Anderson Docks-ology for August



August 1- Music by Door of Life; message by Sue Gunderson (Immanuel Lutheran)

August 8 - Music by Jane Sommers & Co. (Calvary & Zion UMC); message by Bruce Foster (Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran)

August 15 - Music by 'The Door Men'; message by Phil Blom (Bethany Lutheran)

August 22 - Last one! Music by Stella Maris, message by Father Dave Ruby (Stella Maris) and Pastor Dawn

God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?



Don't put a question mark Where God puts a period.



August Birthdays



- Betty Ann Knudson...5
- Ava Neddersen ...9
- Jackie Larson ...11
- Lucille Sohns...12
- Mary Koehler...13
- Angela Sherman ...13
- Scott Anderson...15
- Kaye Maher...15
- Mary Ann Schuder...15
- Britta Jacobson...16
- Gary Carlson...17
- Arps Horvath...20
- Marcia Dorfman - 22
- Amanda Larson...24
- Linda Lorenz...27
- Joshua Opitz...28
- Bill Price...28
- Jody Thiell...28
- Robert Volpe...31

August Anniversaries

- Nancy & Tim Christofferson – Aug 5, 1972
- Marilyn and Jim Cushing – Aug 15, 1979
- Karen and Bob Ekberg – Aug 19, 1987
- Eunice and Ray Rutherford – Aug 28, 1955

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)



Ted Hoepfner with Anne and Dave Koy arriving at June 17 dedication

This is why we have accessibility at our church! Thanks to all who contributed to this wonderful outreach opportunity



Wolfram Fliegel and Fran Eckland



Worry is the darkroom where "negatives" are developed

**Heritage Potluck Picnic
Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church**

The Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church is celebrating their 150th year and invites us all to gather for a picnic and presentation.

It will be held on Sunday, August 19 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Hans Hansen House at Crossroads at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay.

There will be a presentation by George Evenson of the Door County Historical Society about the Hansen House itself (Hans Hansen had ties to Ephraim and Sturgeon Bay Moravian Churches). His home was built in the "sval house" method, with only a few examples left outside of Norway (the sval hus at the

Ephraim Historical Foundation being one of them!).

We want to have a good representation of our congregation at this picnic and hope to form car-pools. Bring your own tableware, beverage and a dish to pass.



.....**Other Community News**.....

At The Crossroads, Sturgeon Bay, at 2 p.m. - July 29 - "Belgian Architecture in Door County," Bill Laatsch

Men's Club Pancake Breakfast - Each year the Ephraim Men's Club raises thousands of dollars for Gibraltar seniors' scholarships. It's from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Village Hall on Saturday, August 4. A great meal and a great cause.

Sixth Annual Summer Church Festival - the Ebenezer Moravian Church in Watertown invites everyone to attend their country-style rib dinner with all the trimmings on August 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$8 adults, \$4 kids ages 4-12. Classic car show, craft sale, live music. Address is N8095 High Road, Watertown, Wisconsin.

Plus 50 Camp at Mt. Morris - the camp for the over-50 crowd (but still young at heart). August 16-19. Sing and reflect, share joys as Christians. The camp begins with Thursday supper and ends with Sunday lunch. Cost is \$150. Need more information: contact Rev.wveldman@gmail.com or check the Mt. Morris website.

"Perky Pancake" Breakfast at Sister Bay Moravian Church, August 18, 8-10:30 a.m. Proceeds will go to the Young Adult Volunteers Ministry.



August 2012

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5 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship - Communion	6	7 5 p.m. Elders	8 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 3:30 p.m. Cemetery Walk meeting 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology	9 5 p.m. Trustees	10	11
12 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship - Joyful Noise/ Feed my People	13	14	15 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology	16	17	18
19 9 am Sunday School, 10 am Worship 12:30-3 p.m. Crossroads for 150th picnic Sturg Bay Mo- ravian	20	21	22 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology LAST ONE!	23	24	25
26 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	27	28 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes	29	30	31 Dog days of summer >	



**Anderson Docks-ology
Sunset Services
Through August 22**

**Wednesdays at
7:30 p.m.**

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