



## **Ephraim Moravian Messenger**

### **News from the Open Door**

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

#### **Congregational Watchword for 2014**

*“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15: 5-6*

**February 2014**

#### From the Pastor’s Desk

On New Year’s Eve, we draw ‘watchwords,’ which are scripture verses that we hope will guide us throughout the new year. The verse drawn for Ephraim Moravian Church, 2014, is Romans 15: 5 – 6. What a wonderful guide for us!

“May the God of steadfastness & encouragement...” - We serve a God who is ‘steadfast’ - which means unwaveringly loyal. God will not leave us when life turns us upside down. God will not abandon us when we fail. God will always be with us. If our God is steadfast, then it’s incumbent upon us to reflect that in our relationships. The people of God must never give up on anyone. We are steadfast in all circumstances, meeting every need, knowing that God will supply the strength and the resources. We serve a God of encouragement. This is the way we are to respond to failure, not with blame or ‘I told you so,’ but with the encouragement that characterizes God’s grace. If God is gracious with us in all our weak moments, we can certainly encourage others in their times of disappointments.

“Grant that you live in Harmony with one another” - This does not mean that we will always agree! It does mean, however, that we find a way to bring God’s kingdom of grace and light to this community. We might not agree on methods or means, but we will encourage each other to do our very best to promote God’s love. When I was a younger pastor, I came up with what I thought was a great idea to solve a space problem we had for our Sunday School. I pitched it to the trustees of my church. One promptly said, “Pastor, that’s the stupidest idea I’ve ever heard!” I snapped back, “Oh, yeah, you got a better one?” He said he did. It was a much better idea than mine! Rather than fight over the method, we got behind his idea and solved the problem. Living in harmony means keeping our focus on God’s will for us.

“So that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” - Praise is not for God’s sake. God does not need to know that God is great. Praise is something we need. As we praise God, we are reminded of the grace that brought us to this point. When we praise, we look beyond our problems and grief to the presence of Jesus.

May God grant us, this year a tenacity of spirit and unwavering loyalty to each other and to our entire community. May God grant us, this year, a spirit of encouragement, especially to those broken in spirit. May God grant us, this year, a spirit of Unity so that we may rise to every challenge...together! May God grant us, this year, a spirit of praise and joy!

In the Joy of Serving Christ Jesus – Pastor Dawn

## Ephraim Moravian Church Office Hours

PASTOR: TUES - FRI 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
MONDAY Pastor's Day Off  
SECRETARY: WED. - THURS. 9:30 a.m.—4:30 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.

### New in our church!



**New Fellowship cups** (lightweight and more eco-friendly than foam or paper). Many thanks to Natalie Neddersen and Paul Burton.



**Beautiful original painting by Austin Fraser**, Door County artist who died in 2006. Many thanks to the Price family for this generous donation to the church in memory of Doris and Bill. This painting was in their Arizona home.



### YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

#### TRUSTEES

Funds: Investment Committee  
Building Interiors  
Hugh Mulliken 854-2336  
Building Exterior  
Paul Burton 854-9506  
Grounds  
Kay Wilson 854-4612  
Cemetery

#### New Trustees:

Linda Carey.....854-9253  
Marilyn Cushing.....854-5230

#### ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair  
Paul Flottman 854-4780

#### New Elders:

Shelley Cox.....854-2548  
Ellie McCullin.....854-3398  
Cici Mulliken.....854-2018  
Doug Schultz.....854-2153

Elder for the month of:  
February... to be determined

### Services in February, 2014

February 3 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Communion

February 10 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship & Joyful Noise Offering

February 17 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

February 24 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

## Thank you...

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in January...  
.....to those who ushered or served as Sacristan for January.  
.....to those who plowed, sanded, shoveled and salted!  
.....to our January Open-Door Luncheon Crew



From the Volpe Family

Thank you for all your expressions of sympathy on the passing of our beloved dog, Max. He was truly our 'ambassador of Good Will.' We have been so heartened by all your words of comfort.

*Thank you so much* for all your prayers and thoughts, for being so kind to us after the fire at the Ephraim Inn and as we go forward. It's wonderful to have a church family, and we are so grateful for ours.

Nancy & Tim Christofferson

*Our gratitude and thanks* to so many of our friends and church families for their cards, thoughts, and continuing prayers for Bob and I. The support we've gotten is overwhelming, as is his lung cancer. After one round of Chemo, he's feeling some good effects, say the Oncologists that are caring for him. We must be optimistic with his progress and keep thinking that God is truly in charge. It's hard for me to live one day at a time, because I struggle daily with patience, but know God's arms are holding us up. Please keep praying. We can feel them. Bless all of you.

Bob and Karen Ekberg

*I wish to thank all the Ephraim Moravian Women for the surprise gift of golf that I received from you at the White Gull Inn Christmas party.*

*May you all have a happy and healthy New Year!*

*G.G. Paschke*





## ***Music, Music, Music!***

Special music coming to our church:



**February 2: Pamela Johnson**

**February 9: Katie Dahl**



**Sunday, July 20, 7 p.m.: New Herrnhut  
Moravian Choir from St. Thomas**

**Set your calendar for all of the Anderson Docks-ology  
services this year:**

**Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. from July 9 through August 20**

**Special Music:**

**July 16 - Abe Caceres and the Divine Word  
Pentecost Church from Milwaukee**



**July 23 - New Herrnhut Moravian  
Church Choir from St. Thomas**

**The New Herrnhut Moravian church  
has been in worship on St. Thomas  
for more than 270 years. They  
have a senior choir, a trombone  
choir, men's choir and women's choir.**

**The 20-member senior choir has traveled all over the Caribbean, Florida, North Carolina, Maryland, Washington, DC., Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and the Netherlands. They are self-funded and will be staying in Ephraim for a week, performing at our church and at the Anderson Dock.**

## **YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH**

**One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"**

**The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.**

**After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing.**

**Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?"**

**The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye..... "I took your place!"**

**There are still Watchwords available  
for 2014...**

**Look for the basket in the narthex and pick  
your scripture to lead you through this year**

**The new Church Directories are here!** If you are in town and haven't picked up yours, they're in a box underneath the name tags. If you have your photo in the directory but are out of town, it will be mailed to you unless you direct us to hold it for your arrival in Ephraim.

If you did not have your photo in the directory, but would like a copy, let Diane in the church office know ([worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org), or call 920-854-2804).

### ***"Pull Together" Campaign!***

We have a basket by the lower bulletin board for you to bring in your **pull-tops** from cans of soda, water, etc. The Ronald McDonald House can turn them into cash to support their care-giving homes for families of cancer patients.



### ***Reminder re Piggly Wiggly Receipts***

**We no longer are collecting receipts from The Piggly Wiggly. Rather than this program, Manager Jay says they will help out non-profits in other ways, and he gave the example of donating the chicken for the dinners at Sister Bay Moravian. He says they know how much each non-profit has gained through the receipt program, so they are hoping to equal that in donations in other ways to the same non-profits. Good to know for any future fundraising events with food here at Ephraim Moravian!**

## CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Church Council on January 23 was attended by more than 30 hardy souls. For those who could not come but want the report, there are extras in the narthex, or email the church office at [worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org), and you can be sent a copy by email.

New Board members for the Elders include Shelley Cox 1 year, Cici Mulliken 2 years, Doug Schultz 2 years, and Ellie McCullin 3 years. For the Trustees, Linda Carey for 1 year and Marilyn Cushing for 3 years. Pastor Dawn gave gifts to the outgoing Board members: Pete Classen, Jim Sokolowski, Karen Ekberg, Natalie Neddersen, George Carey, with thanks and appreciation for all they have done.

Loaves & Fishes, Secret Santa are the two charities chosen for our Joyful Noise offerings this year.

### **New Committee Members Needed!**

With the women of the church focusing on fellowship and spiritual growth specifically for women, a **Women's Committee** needs to be formed to plan and execute any events they plan--spring/summer/Christmas luncheons, prayer breakfasts, women's retreats, etc. Ladies, if you feel that these activities are important in your life and the life of the church, please talk to Pastor Dawn or email us at the church to volunteer to be on this committee.

An **Outreach and Fundraising Committee** also needs to be formed as soon as possible to handle the spring and fall lunch/sales (or any other version thereof), special concerts in conjunction with the Music Committee, other fundraisers and outreach events. If you feel you would like to take on this ministry and outreach to the community, talk to Pastor Dawn or email us to volunteer. We have two members already!

## Treasurer's Report

### 2014 Annual Budget

Income - Budget of \$195,088 (with available balance from 2013) (2013: \$151,775)

Expenses - Budget of \$173,844 (2013: 167,189)

Notable changes - the general congregation will be picking up some expenses that the Moravian Women used to cover such as kitchen supplies, donations to Caring Hands and Loaves & Fishes. The advertising budget has been increased for 2014 to allow more publicity and ads for special programs, the Anderson Docks-ology, etc.

Fundraising activities show an equal amount for income and expense (\$1500) since none are scheduled until the Outreach and Fundraising Committee is formed.

...COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS..... COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS... COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS...



**Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry** continues its Community Health Information Programs with an upcoming series of two presentations on the **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act** (Health Care Reform) to be held on **Sunday, February 9th**, at 4:00 pm at First Baptist Church, Sister Bay.

The status quo of health insurance and health care in America is changing. The driving force behind much of this change is health care reform. While much has been written and spoken about it, the truth remains that many of us are still unclear about what health care reform changes will mean for us. Now is the time to come and hear about the Affordable Care Act from a panel of local experts and have the opportunity to ask the questions that for you remain unanswered.

- \* Health Care reform
- \* its cost and how it is funded
- \* the Affordable Care Act
- \*Goals of reform

**Men's Retreat at Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center - February 28 through March 2, 2014**, sponsored by the Men's Fellowship of the Lake Mills Moravian Church. The theme is "Faith Shapers" and discussions will be facilitated by the Rev. Wayne Adcock, Presbyterian Pastor from North Lake, WI. Registration form on the upper bulletin board.

**Mid-Winter Retreat for 9th grade through post high, age 21 - at Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church from Friday, January 31 through Sunday, February 2, 2014.** Information and registration form on upper bulletin board.

**Don't forget the free hot lunches through April!**

Sister Bay Moravian Church's Community Lunch:

February 5    March 5    April 2

Ephraim Moravian Church's Open Door Lunch:

February 19    March 19    April 16



(rumor has it that Sister Bay will continue their lunches through summer! Stay tuned for more information)

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on March 4 !**  
**Free-will offering for the Peninsula Preschool.**  
**Want to help? Call Bob Volpe at 421-4041.**

**Tomorrow (Thursday, Jan. 30)!  
BOB YEOMAN's 95th Birthday  
Party**



**2 p.m.  
The Chapel at Scand**

***Come Celebrate Bob!***

**February Birthdays**

- Frances Burton...1
- Paul Wilson...2
- Dale Jacobson...3
- Betty Wolf...5
- Dick Bierman... 5
- Diane Jacobson...6
- Tim Christofferson... 10
- Betty Anderson...15
- Shelley Cox...18
- B. D. Thorp...18
- Pat Horvath...20
- Natalie Neddersen ...20
- Chris Farmer...21
- Lorraine Morton...21
- Theresa Weborg...26
- Marilyn Cushing - 26
- Karin Jacobson...28
- Niles Weborg...29

**February Anniversaries**

Norma and Roger Larson – Feb. 13, 1971

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](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org)) to make changes or additions.

**GRACE** is when God gives us what we don't deserve;

**MERCY** is when God doesn't give us what we do deserve

***Bible Study will run every  
Friday through February 28***



***"The Minor Prophets -  
Short Books that Pack a Punch"***

***Come at 10 a.m.  
Refreshments!***



# February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship/ Communion <b>Pamela Johnson</b>	3	4 5 p.m. Elders	5	6 7 p.m. AA meeting	7 8:30 a.m. OA meeting Parlor 10 a.m. Bible Study	8
9 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship - Joyful Noise <b>Katie Dahl</b>	10	11	12 9 a.m. Caring Hands	13 1 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. AA meeting	14 8:30 a.m. OA meeting parlor 10 a.m. Bible Study <b>Valentine's Day</b> ♥	15
16 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	17	18	19 Open Door Lunch - 12 noon	20 7 p.m. AA meeting 7:30 p.m. - Mothers' meeting	21 8:30 a.m. OA meeting parlor 10 a.m. Bible Study	22
23 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	24	25 Loaves & Fishes 5 p.m. St. Rosalia's	26	27 7 p.m. AA meeting	28 8:30 a.m. OA meeting parlor 10 a.m. Bible Study	

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## **February 2014 Newsletter**



**Christmas Eve**

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