

## 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*

**March 2014**

From the Pastor....

*“I waited patiently for the Lord, he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Psalm 40: 1 - 2*

#### **“STUCK” (Adapted from a recent sermon)**

A friend of mine was walking around her property during the Spring thaw last year, when she stepped into a muddy expanse that held her feet like glue. No amount of force could shake her loose from the mud, so, she had to wiggle out of her boots and crawl out of the muck. You can imagine the mess! She was safe, but the boots were a total loss. We all know the feeling, don't we, of being stuck. We can get stuck emotionally, physically and spiritually. It seems that we are all stuck right now in the never ending cycle of winter weather. I have been stuck for more than a month with a cane and back brace, waiting for the day when I can stand up straight. Being stuck is very frustrating!

The person who wrote Psalm 40 gives us some advice when we are stuck. Take time to read the Psalm today. The first piece (and probably the most difficult) is: Wait patiently for God. This does not mean that we sit around, doing nothing, waiting for rescue. To be patient means that we are tenacious in our faith and steadfast in our deeds. While we wait, we continue to serve and love God. Secondly, the Psalmist advises us to steer away from destructive habits. It's tempting to do something, even if it's wrong, because we are tired of waiting for God and are willing to do anything to change our circumstance. His third point is: bargaining is useless. Many of us try, including myself, but when you think about it, what can we possibly offer Almighty God in exchange for what we want? Although we cannot bargain with God, doing God's will gives us the grace and strength that we need during these difficult times. On the last day of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life, with absolute faith and conviction, he said, “I just want to do God's will.” He then declared that he would not live to see all the changes he envisioned, but that God had given him a glimpse of 'the promised land.'

The great promise of this Psalm is in the opening lines, when the Psalmist declares that God brought him up from the miry bog and set his feet on a rock! We will be delivered! And when we are, we must talk about it, so that others who are stuck will be encouraged. After the Psalmist's deliverance, he encountered another problem for which he needed God's help. Life is cyclical. We may get delivered and then get stuck again! But through it all, we have God's promise of grace and deliverance!

--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.

### ✝ Christian Sympathies

...to Bernice Koehler and the rest of the Koehler family on the passing of Bernice's son, David, after a stroke in February.

#### Prayers

Please continue to keep the following people in prayer for good reports, peace and comfort, and healing:

Sue Sherman	Janet Halverson
Bob & Karen Ekberg	Bill & Doris Price's family
Bob Yeomans	The Christoffersons
Liz Schroeder	



To our church family: We thank you with grateful hearts for your loving kindness, for all the cards and calls, and mostly for your prayers. With love, Bob and Liz Schroeder

### Regular Services in March

March 2 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Communion (see article on page 5)

March 9 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship & Joyful Noise Offering - Loaves & Fishes

March 16 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

March 23 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

March 30 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

### YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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Cemetery:

Linda Carey.....854-9253

Marilyn Cushing.....854-5230

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Paul Flottman, Vice Chair

854-4780

Shelley Cox.....854-2548

Ellie McCullin.....854-3398

Cici Mulliken.....854-2018

Doug Schultz.....854-2153

Elder for the month of:

March....Ellie McCullin

## Thank you...

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in February:

Diane Jacobson, Shelley Cox & Joyce Gerdman,  
Jane Olson, Ken & Naomi Carlson, Linda & George Carey,  
Harry & Kaye Maher



.....to those who ushered or served as Sacristan for February.

.....to those who plowed, sanded, shoveled and salted!

.....to our February Open-Door Luncheon Crew: Kay Wilson, Mary Wilson,  
Lana Hall, Betty Ann Knudson

Hi EMC Friends,

Paul and I are wondering if anyone over there is interested in doing a joint "SUMMER" community lunch with us over here at SBMC, on a first Wednesday in June, July, August or September?! We would need 3 or 4 of you to help and YOU pick the month!!

We sure would like to work with you guys on this together. So let us know if this works for any of you. Our phone is 854-0007 or e-mail [palubahn@yahoo.com](mailto:palubahn@yahoo.com) .

Your friends for Christ,  
Cheryl and Paul Lubahn



## Are You an Organ Donor?

**If so, wonderful! Your organs and tissues can help someone else live when you pass away. But here are a few facts you may not know:**

If you have an 'organ donor' dot on your driver's license and are in an accident, the police may take your driver's license for a time and no one would know immediately you wanted to be a donor. So if you go to [YesIWillWisconsin.com](http://YesIWillWisconsin.com), they'll get you registered as a donor, and donation professionals will see your name on the list and work with your family to honor your decision.

You should not rule yourself out as a donor for any reason--if you've had cancer or another disease, for reasons of age, etc. Donation professionals will review your potential to donate organs or tissues and determine suitability.

Donation does not disfigure the body or delay funerals--donation is a very careful surgical procedure for the donor as well as the recipient and does not rule out even open casket situations.

Donor families are not charged for organ donation, and the medical team that works to save your life is completely separate from the donation professionals who recover organs and tissues so there is no conflict of interests.

Success rate is very high, and there are over 28,000 organ transplants and 1 million tissue transplants in America each year. It has become a standard medical procedure.

“THANK YOU for sending us the Ephraim Moravian Church Directory 2013 .

I am honored and pleased that you used my painting "The Open Door" for the cover. The size of the reproduction is very impressive, details and colors are excellent. The gloss of the paper adds an extra classy appeal.

We enjoyed all the photos.

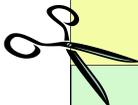
Best regards, Karsten and Ellen”



**The new Church Directories are here!**

Many of you have picked up your copies, and some are being held for the “snow birds” to return. If you are in town and haven’t picked up yours, they’re in a box beneath the name tags in the hallway.

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, or call 920-854-2804).



**It's Easter Flower time!**

Once again the spring flowers will be \$18 per pot, checks payable to Ephraim Moravian Church, and you can pick up your flowers after display through Easter. Deadline for ordering is April 8.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Joyful Noise Offerings for 2014

Church Council decided on the following Two organizations to receive our Joyful Noise offerings this year - each will receive six in total, every other month.

### Loaves & Fishes -

headed by Kay Wilson and involving many of our members and those of other Northern Door churches, they serve a free hot meal every fourth Tuesday

through the year. Door County's Loaves & Fishes is in its 8th year, serving over 5,300 people to date. Each monthly meal costs between \$150 and \$200, and volunteers are always needed for planning, purchasing ingredients, and preparing the meals. Last year, Loaves & Fishes received \$587 from the Joyful Noise offerings here.



Loaves & fishes  
— MINISTRY —

### Secret Santa -

This is an organization started by Jane and Jennifer Lee. Jane said "The idea started with a Hallmark movie, where a poor man secretly gave to townspeople every year. The first year, we helped one family with heating costs. Last year we helped 20 families." Secret Santa anonymously pays the heating bills of needy Door County families, even paying for a new furnace or water heater if needed. "There is a lot of need out there," says Jane.



Bob Yeomans at 95

2014/01/30



With Pastor Dawn



With son Geoff

## Communion on March 2:

At times our rituals can become so ingrained that we can't see the wonder and joy in the gifts of God. To help us deepen our experience of the Lord's supper, we will make a change for the March communion service. Instead of singing hymns while communion is being served, we will be given an opportunity to listen and quietly meditate. This will not be a new "tradition," just a small change every so often to rekindle the depth and meaning of the sacrament.



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. You can be in charge of just one event, if you like!

An **Outreach and Fundraising Committee** is being formed to fundraisers and special concerts in conjunction with the Music Committee, 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 four members and a few helpers and are looking for more!



**Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper Here  
Tuesday, March 4, 5-7 p.m.  
Free-will offering for  
Peninsula Preschool  
Everyone's invited!  
Want to help? Call Bob Volpe at 421-4041**

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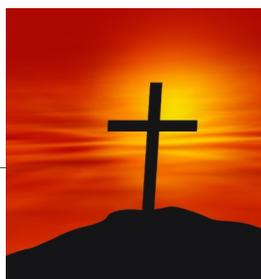
**Lenten and Holy Week Schedule:**

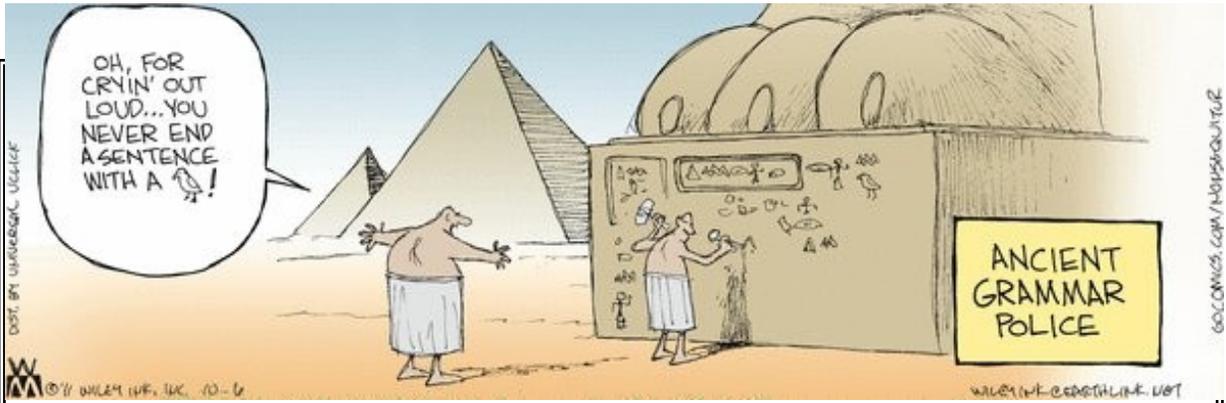
**Ash Wednesday**, March 5 - 6:45 p.m. hymn sing, 7 p.m.  
service - *The Meadows*

**Lenten Wednesdays** March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 - 6:45  
p.m. hymn sing,  
7 p.m. Service - *The Meadows*

**Holy Week Readings** Monday, April 14 through Thursday, April 17 - 7 p.m.  
Good Friday, April 18 - 2 p.m. *all at Sister Bay Moravian*

**Easter Morning**, April 20 - 7 a.m. Sunrise Service & breakfast and 10 a.m.  
worship *here*





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

**Sister Bay Moravian Church's Community Lunch:**

**March 5    April 2    May 7**

**Ephraim Moravian Church's Open Door Lunch:**

**March 19    April 16**



**Trea\$urer'\$ Report**



Not too much to report in the first two months of 2014. For January, we fell short of our expenses by \$5,500; but with the combination of weather keeping people away and increased heating needs, it was not unexpected. And of course we had funds in the bank at the start of the year (\$47,000) to cover expenses.

Remember that even if you can't make it to church for any reason, your tithes and offerings still can - ask your bank about electronic giving. It's easy, safe and can be arranged weekly, monthly, or in any manner you would like.



There is a very substantial, round table in the Parlor that the church no longer needs. Is there anyone in our congregation who could use it? (p.s. delivery not included)

It's a very nice table. Take a look at it on Sunday and make your wishes known! Otherwise, it might go down to the Re-Store or to Bargains.

## *Are you up for the challenge??*

Habitat for Humanity will be building a home for a local family in Egg Harbor this year! It is rare they get donated property north of Sturgeon Bay, and they are asking all the Northern Door churches for help. Each home takes \$100,000 (plus many hours of "sweat equity" by the family and volunteers).

**There is a matching fund grant available to us at Ephraim Moravian that will match all donations up to \$2,000 from our congregation.** We will be collecting during the month of March (mark your checks made out to EMC for "Habitat" in the memo section), and Kerry Krauss will be here on March 16 to tell us more about the project.

You can also help by

- Donating your time at the home site with hands-on work, food for breaks for the workers
- Talking to others about donating land in Northern Door for future homes here. There is a need!

Talk to Kerry after the March 16 service for more information.

Is it too late to add more thanks from us in the newsletter? *(Editor: Nope, not too late)* We've really been blessed. things are looking up. Better outlook on life. All the wonderful cooks in our church family. We are humbled and so grateful for your love. Our church is our life. The people in it make all the difference in the world. We are now settling into our new house. Come and visit please. We love you so much.

Blessings

Karen and Bob

### **March Birthdays**

Kevin Horvath...1  
Scott Weborg...5  
Brent Bristol... 6  
Priscilla Krist...12  
Bernice Koehler...18  
Sydney Heim...20  
Peter Classen...21  
Cathie Gelhaar...23  
Jane Olson...23  
Mitchell Weborg...24  
Roger Larson...25  
Michael Weborg...26  
Donna Nelson.....27  
Nancy Christofferson...27  
Kelly Schuder...30

### **March Anniversaries**

**Liz and Jack Opitz – March 26, 1983**

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.

Sunday, March 16, 4 p.m. - The first of three Musicales in Lent at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran in Ellison Bay. Sanctuary and Handbell Choir--reflect through music appropriate to Lent. The other two Musicales are March 23 and 30, 4 p.m.





# March 2014

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Communion	3	4 4 p.m. Elders  5 - 7 p.m. Shrove Tues. pancakes	5 Sis Bay Lunch noon Ash Wed. 6:45 hymn sing, 7 pm service - Meadows	6 7 p.m. AA meeting	7 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	8
9 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Joyful Noise	10	11	12 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 6:45 hymn sing, 7 p.m. service-- Meadows	13 <<< on Wed., 1 p.m. Trustees  7 p.m. AA Meeting	14  8:30 a.m. OA meeting	15
16 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship  4 p.m. Lenten Musicale at Shepherd of the Bay Church	17	18 4:30 p.m. "Climate Refugees" film at UU Fellowship 7:30 p.m. Mothers' mtg	19 Noon - Open Door Lunch 6:45 hymn sing, 7 p.m. service-- Meadows	20 7 p.m. AA meeting	21  8:30 a.m. OA meeting	22
23 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	24	25 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes at St. Rosalia's	26 6:45 hymn sing, 7 p.m. service-- Meadows	27  7 p.m. AA meeting	28  8:30 a.m. OA meeting	29
30 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship  2-6 p.m. "Spring Fling" Pot Roast Dinner at St. Rosalia's	31	<u>Coming April 1</u> 3 p.m. Taize Prayer Service at St. Rosalia's				

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*POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:*

## **March 2014 Newsletter**



**I guess  
Wisconsin winters  
aren't so bad  
after all!**

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