

## 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*

**September 2014**

### Pastor's Page:

I saw the most ridiculous thing on the evening news. A plane was forced to make an unscheduled landing- not for an emergency, but to remove 2 unruly passengers. Here's the story: A man brought a handy device with him called 'the knee defender'. It's used to prevent the seat in front of you from reclining. But the woman in front of him wanted to be comfortable and recline. For anyone who has been on an airline recently, we can sympathize with both these people. I often feel like I'm squeezed into a sardine can in economy class! The woman who was blocked from reclining asked a flight attendant to intervene. The man refused the flight attendant's request to remove the device. The woman then threw a glass of water on the man. The argument escalated and the plane was diverted, causing the offending parties to be escorted off the plane and all the other passengers to arrive at their destination 1 - 1/2 hours late. All for a dispute over personal comfort.

Unfortunately, there are many examples in modern life, where simple disagreements escalate into feuds. We now have programs dedicated to restoring civility to our discourse- whether political or personal. Civility was addressed thousands of years ago, by a wise person who penned the book of Proverbs. “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” - Proverbs 15: 1 - 2.

It is vital, in an age where personal rights and comfort seem to trump all other considerations, that we embody the peace and graciousness of Jesus. Whenever Jesus had something harsh to say, it was to promote justice or defend the vulnerable. That is the only time we should give a vigorous argument - to advocate for someone who has no voice. When it comes to our own sensibilities and preferences, “A soft answer” creates space for healing and friendship. As we continue through the “busy season,” when nerves get frayed and demands pile up, let us remember that a gracious word not only pleases God, but creates a safe, peaceful place for us all to enjoy. May God grant us the courage and strength to speak that 'soft answer'.

--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.



### **BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for a new study "Men in the Shadows of History" We'll be looking at some of the lesser known men of the bible: heroes, villains and ordinary people.

Join us every Friday, September - October at 10 a.m. Our studies are usually one hour in length and refreshments are included. Our first lesson will feature some heroes and villains in the story of Jeremiah, including the fearless eunuch: Ebed-melech!



### **PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

**October 15** - "Bead for Life" and a wonderful meal! BeadforLife creates sustainable opportunities for women to lift their families out of extreme poverty by connecting people worldwide in a circle of exchange that enriches everyone. Stay tuned for details!

**October 29** - Congregational potluck and a look at the 2015 budget process for the church.

### **Services in September**

Sept 7 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, Communion

Sept 14 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes

Sept 21 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

Sept 28 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

### **YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **TRUSTEES**

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#### **ELDERS**

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854-4780

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Cici Mulliken.....854-2018

Doug Schultz.....854-2153

Elder for the month of:

September.....Shelley Cox

October.....Doug Schultz

Sacristan for September

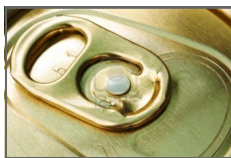
Jody Thiel



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in August: Doug and Penny Schultz, Diane Kirkland, Cathie & Jim Gelhaar, Betty Chomeau and Susie Samson, John and Judy Turner and Betty Ann Knudson.

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

.....to those who attended and helped at all our Anderson Docks-ologies this year - especially Paul Flottman for wielding the sound equipment each week, Pastor Dawn for shepherding all the speakers and musicians, Jendean for accompaniment, and Scott Weborg for handing out bulletins - a great success!



***"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.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE**

September 26 & 27, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. - 4167 Juddville Road -  
Proceeds will be used for the purchase of new chairs for their Fellowship Hall.

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** - The 12th annual Moravian Women's Conference, "Walk in the Light," will be held June 25-28, 2015 in North East, Maryland. Information is on the upstairs bulletin board for those interested.

**STURGEON BAY MORAVIAN** is looking for those who would like to participate in mission work in New York City, November 5-10. You would serve in soup kitchens, clothing distribution centers, Moravian Open Door and rehabs after Hurricane Sandy. The estimate of costs is between \$375 and \$400 per person for bus transportation, meals and mass transit passes. Hospitality will be provided by one of the Moravian congregations on Staten Island. There will be preparation meetings, the first being Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. Call Jill Kolodziej, Mission Coordinator, for more information: 920-256-9472.

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***Our College Kids!*****Write, Send a Card or Cookies****Andrea Nelson**

(will have her address soon!)

**Kyle Nelson**

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

Income: - - Budget is \$148,250; through July: \$96,341  
Expenses: - Budget is \$173,444; through July: 109,608

**Theo Sherman's Baby Shower is October 2 after church!**

Angela and Ryan say that they are using cloth diapers with Theo, but they could use some things that help augment that as well as their homemade baby wipes:

Bounty Paper Towels, select-a-size

California Baby Shampoo & Body Wash - Tea Tree & Lavender or Calendula

California Baby Massage Oil - Calming

Oxi-Clean FREE

Door County Creamery Goat Soap - Natural Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day

Dish Soap, Basil

Huggies Wipes- Natural Care

Huggies Diapers - Pure and natural, size 2 and up

They primarily shop at Target, so Target would have these items.



### Calling All Women

## **Western Region Moravian Women Fall Gathering Saturday, September 13, 2014 Watertown Moravian Church**



**“Prayer, Our Highest Privilege”**

**Registration & Fellowship – 9:00-9:30 a.m.**

**Guest Speaker: Nancy Chandler**

**Lunch provided**

**Ladies, see the survey sent by the  
Western District Moravian Women >>>>>**

Whether or not you have ever been involved with the Moravian Women's organization, we are asking for your valued thoughts and opinions as we seek to determine our future direction. The Moravian Women's organization has been a valued ministry for many years whose purpose is:

1. To encourage the organization and strengthening of Moravian Women in the regions, in the areas and in the local churches of the Province.
2. To cooperate in matters of mutual interest with the organizations for women's work in other Provinces of the Moravian Church at home and abroad.
3. To represent the women of the Northern Province in denominational and interdenominational activities.
4. To encourage all women to participate in the programs of the local congregations and the church at large.

As we move forward in ministry together and prayerfully assess our future, we value your input. Please take a few moments to complete a survey. The survey can be found online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8JLJKGS>

### **Our gifts on Ted Hoeppe's behalf**

**We are receiving some wonderful thank-you cards from our gift to the workers at Scandia Care Center - raised on Ted Hoeppe's behalf at our ice cream social and auction this summer. Here are a few excerpts from one we received:**

**“Your generosity in the gift you provided to me and my fellow staff members is unbelievably thoughtful. Ted and Jeanette Hoeppe were beloved in our community here as they were in yours and the Village of Ephraim. It was my honor to be involved in their lives here... In the many months preceding his death, Ted would “stroll” in his chair back from meals, doffing his cap as he went, greeting with a wry smile. The nurse's aides adored him. Losing Ted was heartbreaking, but we know he has been reunited and is whole again.”**



## **"Use Your Words"** **A Kay Ward Writing Workshop**

On **Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to noon**, join retired Moravian Bishop Kay Ward for a special writing workshop at Sister Bay Moravian Church.

If you ever wanted to test your talents at spiritual writing, this is the perfect way to begin--in a non-judgmental, encouraging and friendly environment. This spiritual formation workshop will explore how we use words to speak to God and words to speak of ourselves. We will consider prayer, liturgy, hymnody, memoirs, journaling, your *lebenslauf* (look it up), poetry, essays, and short stories as ways to express our faith.

We already have six signed up from Ephraim Moravian! Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

### **September Birthdays**

G.G. Paschke...2  
Randall Nelson...3  
Samantha Phillips...5  
Marvin Staver...6  
Don Fundingsland... 7  
Walter Fisher...8  
Brian Larson...10  
Eunice Rutherford...11  
Nicholas Weborg...13  
Eileen Jacobson...18  
Larry Jacobson...30

### **September Anniversaries**

Ryan & Angela Sherman – Sept 6, 2008  
Mary Ann & Tom Schuder – Sept 15, 1973  
Dawn & Bob Volpe – Sept 22, 1991  
Kay & Paul Wilson – Sept 25, 1971

### **FEED MY PEOPLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Our Feed-my-People  
theme for  
September is**

**Pasta and Sauces  
Rice and Potatoes**



### **PRAYERS FOR..**

**...Rudolph Moravian Church, which  
had a devastating fire this week. The  
building is mostly destroyed.**



Anderson  
Docks-ologies  
2014



# EPHRAIM MORAVIAN STEWARDSHIP

Join us for a 3-week series in which Pastor Dawn will be exploring our Past, Present and Future!

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**Sept. 14      10:00 a.m. Worship Service      Stewardship of the Present**

How do we make the most of the opportunities that God has given to us today?

**11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour      "Job Fair"**

The Fellowship Hour is going to be turned into a Job Fair, complete with 'give-aways', employment (for the kingdom!) opportunities and general information about the Industries within the community, such as Hospitality, Public Relations, Finance, Philanthropy, Music, Geek Patrol, Health Care, Facilities Management, Higher Education, Service and Legacy. Each table will offer a different snack and will have a representative to answer any questions. An unmanned table labeled "The Future" will consist of a box and pieces of paper to write your own hopes and dreams about the future of this community, whether in new programs, ministries, worship, etc. This is not a 'suggestion' box for the present, but an opportunity to think about what 'new thing' God may be calling us to.

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**Sept. 21      10:00 a.m. Worship Service      Stewardship of the Future**

We will be baptizing Theo Sherman today. Pastor Dawn will be speaking on what type of future we would like to work toward for our children's sake.

**11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour**      Sherman Family will be hosting. The Future's Table will be on display once again to receive your hopes and dreams!

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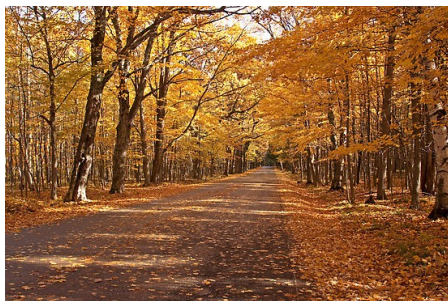
**Sept. 28      10:00 a.m. Worship Service      Stewardship of the Past**

Pastor Dawn will be speaking about the importance of preserving our past and how it will inform our present and our future.

**11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour      "Job Fair"**

Our Job Fair returns so that you have an opportunity to visit tables you may have missed in the first one!





# September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2 5 p.m. Elders	3 Noon – Sister Bay Luncheon	4 1:30 pm – EHF Historic Tour  7 p.m. AA meeting	5 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	6
7 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Communion	8 Cemetery Walk 1-3 pm	9	10 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands  1 p.m. Trustees	11 1:30 pm – EHF Historic Tour  7 p.m. AA meeting	12 8:30 a.m. OA meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study	13
14 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Joyful Noise Stewardship Job Fair	15	16 7:00 p.m. Mothers' mtg Nursery	17	18 1:30 pm – EHF Historic Tour  7 p.m. AA meeting	19 8:30 a.m. OA meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study	20
21 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Theo Sherman baptism	22	23 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes at St. Rosalia's	24	25 1:30 pm – EHF Historic Tour  7 p.m. AA meeting	26 8:30 a.m. OA meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study	27
28 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Stewardship Job Fair	29	30				

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