

## Ephraim Moravian Messenger News from the Open Door

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

### Congregational Watchword for 2015

*“Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some.” - Hebrews 10:: 24, 25*

**June 2015**

### Pastor's Page:

When I taught third grade many years ago, there was one subject that caused me to break into a cold sweat. I knew that the 8 year old children in my class were more advanced than I in one subject... Art. Any type of Art. Drawing, coloring, painting, sculpting, sewing... When I would introduce an art project that I could competently teach, my students would groan and say, “that’s kindergarten stuff.” It was not pretty.

In Middle School my feeble attempts at sewing caused my peers to double up with laughter; even my kind teachers giggled as they pulled the stitches out, smoothed out the jagged seams and restored the fabric to the intended design.

In High School I flunked ceramics. My creations would make a Neanderthal cry. I was fortunate to have a friend with me in the class. After each disaster, she would re-shape the clay and make it into something beautiful for me.

In my adult years, I gamely showed up at craft classes – I guess I’m a glutton for punishment. It did not take long for the participants in those classes to realize that I was a menace with sharp objects and glue guns. But each group would rework my disasters so that I could take something home that was, if not perfect, at least able to be displayed without horrifying the onlooker.

You can imagine my discomfort when I joined the new Quilting group here at Ephraim. I forewarned our leader that she might have to sacrifice me for the greater good. All the others in the group displayed lovely projects that they were working on. Each person understood basic concepts– sewing on machines and by hand, measuring, using scissors, etc. As our leader explained a ‘simple’ quilting pattern, I was recoiling in horror. One group member saw my discomfort and assured me that even first graders could quilt. I realized that my failure here would be even more humiliating! I was relieved when I sat down at the sewing machine and did not run a needle through my finger. I was even happier when I sewed a basic pattern and it came out fine. It helped that our instructor had chosen the fabrics, measured out the strips and stayed with me step by step as the quilt square became a reality. I can proudly display my first square!

In my misadventures with all things artistic, I’ve learned a valuable lesson about God. Just as the people around me cleaned up my feeble attempts and helped me to fashion something beautiful, so God, in all of his kindness and creativity, can restore beauty and grace to our lives. In Ephesians 2:10, Paul tells us: “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.” Next time we think we’ve made a mess out of things– whatever it is, let’s give the mangled project to God, and ask him to rework it. May God’s grace bring restoration and beauty to us all!

## 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.



### BOOK OF JOB BIBLE STUDY

Fridays 10:00 a.m.  
through June 12

Join us as we look at the age old questions posed in the book of Job concerning tragedy, illness, the absence of God and the mark of true friendship.



### Spring into Summer Breakfast and Plant/Bake Sales

**THIS SATURDAY, MAY 30**

8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

FREE Continental Breakfast,  
Moravian Style (Moravian Sugar Cake,  
Lovefeast Buns, coffee, juice)

GIANT Plant Sale and Bake Sale

Come and bring your friends for a **free** breakfast!

Proceeds to the newest Moravian ministry,  
Tricklebee Café, Milwaukee



### YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

#### TRUSTEES

Funds: Investment Committee  
Building Exterior and Trustee

President:

Paul Burton 854-9506

Grounds:

Kay Wilson 854-4612

Cemetery:

Linda Carey 854-9253

#### ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair

Paul Flottman, Vice Chair

854-4780

Diane Jacobson 854-2871

Cici Mulliken 854-2018

Doug Schultz 854-2153

Theresa Weborg, Sect'y  
421-0032

Elder for the month of:

June ... Paul Flottman

July.....Diane Jacobson

### Services in June

**June 7** - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship/Communion

**June 14** - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, Joyful

Noise for Secret Santa

**June 21** - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

**June 28** - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. CHRISTMAS

LOVE FEAST!

*A Door County  
Moravian  
Christmas  
Concert*

*Sunday, June 28  
4 p.m.*

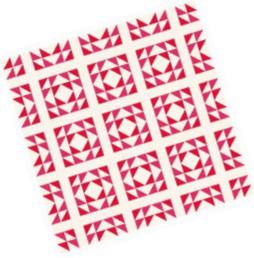


*Combined choirs of  
Ephraim, Sister Bay  
and  
Sturgeon Bay Moravian  
Churches  
at  
Ephraim Moravian  
9970 Moravia, Ephraim*

*Special Guests:*

*Olivet Moravian Church Youth Bell Choir, Winston-Salem,  
N.C., Pastor Doug Rights, Director*

*Free-will offering to Youth Bell Choir ministry  
920-854-2804 for more information*



## Ephraim Moravian Quilting Bee



Judy Turner's Quilters have begun,. The purpose is to learn and do, so you may want to make a new project or finish up an old one. Judy will have supplies and one sewing machine available.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 16  
at 10 a.m.

For more info, please call (854-5080)  
or email [jatnjct@gmail.com](mailto:jatnjct@gmail.com).

### May 17 Lovefeast and Christie Melby-Gibbons Installation at Spirit of Peace Church in Milwaukee



From our May offering, we donated \$1,084  
to Tricklebee Café and the Urban Retreat  
Center at Spirit of Peace Church.

Doug Schultz & Christie Melby-Gibbons

Pastor Dawn



The installation



The potluck

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in  
May: Claire & Dick Bierman, the men of the congrega-  
tion for Mother' Day, Cici Mulliken, Doug and Peggy  
Schultz

.....to those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in May.



**Art Classes are  
continuing this fall  
at Ephraim  
Moravian Church!**

Marcia Carey Ellis  
had arranged for  
Marcia Nickols, an  
Ephraim artist, to in-  
struct classes in our  
Fellowship Hall.  
Some are doing

watercolor, some oils, some pastels.

They will be continuing through fall and  
invite others to join them! Don't feel you  
have to commit to every class... it's just  
\$10 per class, Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m.:

**September 9 and 23**

**October 14 and 28**

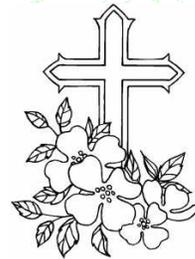
**November 4 and 18 (last class is 2-4  
p.m. because of the Open Door Lunch)**

If you are interested,  
let Marcia Ellis know  
at 757-572-4398,  
and she can give you  
the particulars.



**Christian Sympathies  
to...**

...Dolores Sessler on the  
passing of her daughter,  
Connie Backstrom, after a  
long battle with cancer.



...Gretchen Maring, Bob and  
Nancy Davis, and the rest of the family of John  
Maring, who died suddenly on May 26.

...Curt Skinner and family... Sally Skinner passed  
away at the age of 85 on May 12.

**and Prayers for...**

...those undergoing cancer treatments: Sue  
Sherman, Rich Bierman, Karen Brown, Sherry  
Koehler.

...Debbie Harmer, recovering from surgery, Mike  
Skippon for ongoing lung treatments.

...graduates, for their lives ahead: Kyle Nelson  
and Mitch Weborg from college, Mike Weborg  
from Gibraltar High School and Amy Strauch from  
York Community High School.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Member giving through April: \$40,110  
Visitor giving through April: \$12,139



### Income

Budget is \$144,900  
Actual through April: \$53,619

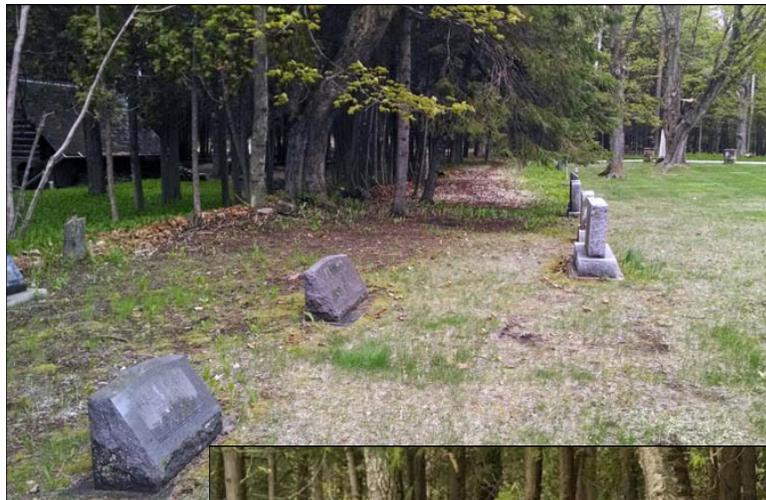
### Expenses

Budget is \$182,826  
Actual through April: \$71,025

(a five-year study shows that this \$17,000+ deficit at the end of April is the norm--just from the seasonal fluctuation in attendance. Not to worry!)

**FURTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE:** The Bilko basement doors have been fixed, and the new railings on the parsonage steps are in place. The landscaping from the drilling of the new well has been restored. The plantings at the cemetery pergola are blooming!

## BEFORE and AFTER at the Church Cemetery



**CHURCH CLEAN-UP on SATURDAY, MAY 16**

## June birthdays

Carol Sokolowski 13  
Denny Phillips...13  
Steven Cox...20  
Jacklene Nelson...20  
Hollace Mulliken...22  
Betty Chomeau...27  
Alicia Mulliken...28  
Brian Wilson...30

## June anniversaries

Shelley and John Cox – June 8, 1979  
Gunilla and Tom Wilson – June 15, 1974  
Denny & Cindy Phillips – June 16, 1990  
Betty and David Chomeau – June 29, 1963

*If your name, or the name of a loved one is not listed in our birthday and anniversary listings, please let us know by email or phone!*

Christmas at  
Ephraim  
Moravian  
June 28!

10 a.m. & 4 p.m.



During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will be celebrating Christmas! We know there are so many of our summer friends that cannot attend the Christmas festivities in December, so we're providing an opportunity to experience a Christmas Lovefeast. Then at 4 p.m., we will join the choir for a concert (see page 3) and singing of the traditional Morning Star.  
**Mark your Calendars!**

*Easter Pots- if you took home an Easter plant, please remove it from the pail and return it to the church so that our flower committee can use them for next year's plants! Thanks!*



## CARING HANDS

***“Every single one of us has to steer,  
Through struggles, insecurities and fear,  
However, to be entangled in these  
and cut-off  
Would be life's greatest failure.***

...

***“As tackling life we maneuver,  
Never let social fabric tear,  
Challenges are dealt better,  
With friend's support and cheer.”  
--Ravi Singh***

***Each month Caring Hands keeps in touch with those who are sick, need support or a ride, has lost a loved one. Want to join us? Talk to Diane Kirkland or Liz Schroeder about joining Caring Hands.***

***Reminder!***

**Vicki & Wes are always looking for flower pots for the next plant sale!**

**Please save them (not the little poly-packs but the larger plastic pots)**

Ephraim Moravian Church  
P.O. Box 73  
Ephraim, Wisconsin 54211

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

**June 2015 Newsletter**



***Fyr Bal is Saturday, June 20!***

***Visit us at the Moravian booth  
from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.***

Ephraim Moravian Church - PO Box 73, 9970 Moravia Street - Ephraim, WI 54211 - 920-854-2804  
**Website: [www.ephraimmoravian.org](http://www.ephraimmoravian.org)**

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

***Visit us on Facebook!***



# June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:30 p.m. Elders	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7 p.m. AA	<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting  10 a.m. - Bible Study	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship/ communion	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 4 p.m. Trustees	<b>11</b> 10 a.m. Elders  7 p.m. AA	<b>12</b> 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting  10 a.m. - Bible Study	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship - Joyful Noise	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10:00 a.m. Quilt Class	<b>17</b> 6:30 p.m. Combined choir rehearsal	<b>18</b> 7 p.m. AA	<b>19</b> 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting	<b>20</b>  <b>FYR BAL</b> booth - come down and see us!
<b>21</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Father's Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5 p.m. - Loaves & Fishes	<b>24</b> 6:30 p.m. Combined choir rehearsal	<b>25</b> 7 p.m. AA	<b>26</b> 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting  6:30 p.m. Combined choir rehearsal	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9 am S.S. 10 am Christ- mas Love feast <b>4 p.m.</b> <b>Concert!</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				