



## **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***

**November 2015**

### **Pastor’s Page**

#### **“A Caregiver’s Journey”**

***Karen Ekberg’s husband, Bob, died one year ago. She shares with us her journey of heartache, hope, and the importance of community.***

“WE WALK BY FAITH. NOT BY SIGHT.” These words have sustained me over the past 2 years. On October 30, 2014, I lost my best friend, husband and soul-mate, Bob. He was diagnosed with lung cancer in December of 2013 and died 10 months later. He didn’t just ‘pass away’ ... he suffered, and like our Savior, he endured, he kept pushing onward, and then he died. He left this earthly place into a heavenly one. I wish I could get a glimpse of it, just for a moment!

I also was on a journey down an unfamiliar path. I had days and days of sadness, then suddenly, great hope when Bob would get a little stronger. Faith grew with each passing day. Church family and many friends tried to cheer me. They prayed, brought food and visited. Our friend, Sue Sherman’s weekly visits gave us much encouragement. We were so moved that Sue, in spite of her own suffering, sought to comfort Bob.

One of my greatest comforts on this journey came when someone called and asked, ‘How are you, Karen?’ If you have a loved one dealing with an illness or imminent death, don’t forget to ask the caregiver how he/she is coping. When my friend asked the question, I broke down and cried with joy.

One year has passed since I said a final goodbye to Bob. Faith has indeed sustained me. What would we do if we didn’t believe? God is with me, in me, around me at all times. Even when I forget, God never does. I seem to feel a loving nudge when I am alone. If you feel little nudges every now and then, take a minute to breathe in your surroundings. Be ever grateful. I know I am.

I’m especially grateful and thank all of you for caring for both Bob and I on our journey... together. Blessings to each of you. - Karen Ekberg

## *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.



### Welcome, Olivia June Christofferson!



Congratulations to  
Eric and Joanna  
Christofferson as they  
welcome their first child.

Congrats, too, to Nancy and  
Tim Christofferson, first-  
time grandparents.



**Born**  
**October 11, 2015**  
**7 lbs. 6 oz.**  
**19.1 inches long**

### 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

Marilyn Cushing 854-5230

Chuck Mead 854-3357

#### 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:  
 November....Paul Flottman  
 December...Doug Schultz

### Services in November

**Nov. 1** - 9 a.m. Choir and Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship/All Saints Day

**Nov 8** - 9 a.m. Choir and Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship— Joyful Noise Offering for Loaves & Fishes

**Nov. 15** - 9 a.m. Choir and Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship— Christ as Chief Elder- Communion

**Nov. 22** - 9 a.m. Choir and Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

**Nov 29** - 9 a.m. Choir and Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship- 1st Sunday of Advent



## HELP THE TRICKLEBEE CAFÉ !

If you saw the poster on our bulletin board from Christie Melby-Gibbons, you know there are several ways you can help with the start-up of the newest Moravian ministry: the Tricklebee Café in Milwaukee. You can (1) Help renovate the space they are leasing (they are working October 1 through April 1, 2016), (2) Host an organic “foodraiser” (they need organic flour, flax, oats, Wisconsin honey) (3) Donate used commercial-grade kitchen fixtures, (4) Sign up to volunteer in the café once it’s opened.... or **(5) sew cloth napkins!**

We may not be close enough to be hands-on at the Café, but we can make cotton napkins that will be used in the Café. They can be plain colors, earthy or geometric patterns, with mitered corners, finished size 7-1/2” by 7-1/2”. If you’d like to make some, bring them to church and we can send them on en masse. Financial donations are always appreciated, as well.

### From the Bridges Team and Dave and Joyce Detert

“We want to thank you for your participation in the Bridges program this year, and express appreciation for:

- ◇ Helping to provide food for two Bridges events;
- ◇ Inviting students into your homes and extending friendship to them through the American Connection;
- ◇ Providing transportation for students to social events & English classes;
- ◇ One member as English coordinator, and another as facilitator;
- ◇ Supporting this ministry financially.

We are grateful for all of these aspects of your involvement.

Bridges of Friendship to International Students provides a unique opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with the foreign students who have come to work in Door County. By showing them kindness and welcoming them, we gain opportunities to share something of ourselves with them, to let them see the light and love of Jesus and the reality of God in our lives.

You are indispensable to this ministry; it requires the efforts of all of us to accomplish what we have done together this summer. To God be the glory!

### ....MISSION NEWS..... MISSION NEWS....

**Syrian Refugees:** Our Moravian mission agencies in Europe are directly dealing with the large number of refugees coming from Syria. Klas Lindberg in Stockholm reports their small Santa Clara congregation is hosting over 20 refugees every night in the church. They provide breakfast and supper. The British have a similar number of refugees and are working with Christian Aik UK and Ireland to get funds to refugee camps. Germany through our German Mission Board is also welcoming many refugees. Board of World Mission is receiving donations through the disaster relief program to help with the refugee crisis: GWM, 1021 Center Street, PO Box 1245, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

**Peru:** There are four congregations in Peru that began renting space early this year and are seeing growth. They are developing some wonderful ministries, such as the children’s outreach at the Somos Unos Congregation. Please pray for these congregations.

**Czech Province/Poland:** The Czech Province has extended outreach into Poland. A young Czech couple and their children are living in Nowa Sol, learning Polish and starting clubs for young mothers and seniors. Teams of Czech Moravians have visited the area to conduct work days in the community and English camps for local youth. Please keep them in prayer.



Our **Harvest Supper** on October 14 raised \$960 from the supper and, to date, \$395 from the handmade Honduras goods for the Ahuas Medical Clinic in Honduras. In addition to these funds, we received a gift from Zion UCC of \$500 to be sent to the clinic!

Thanks to all who came to the dinner and helped out to make this such a successful event.!



### For November's Feed My People



*Think Thanksgiving!*



Canned pump-  
kin, packaged  
stuffing, nuts,  
canned  
cranberry  
sauce



Place in any of the "Feed My People" baskets we have in the church.



### CALENDAR MEETING

October 15 during  
Fellowship Hour

Bring ideas for next year's calendar  
Of activities! All are invited!

### *Come in Out of the Cold Two Opportunities for Free Lunch & Conversation*



*Wednesday, November 4,  
12 p.m. Community Lunch  
Sister Bay Moravian Fellowship Hall*

*Wednesday, November 18,  
12 p.m. Open Door Lunch  
Ephraim Moravian Fellowship Hall*

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in October: John & Judy Turner, Mary Wilson, all those at the Ministry Opportunities tables, and Carol & Jim Sokolowski



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

**A Nice Visitor's Note....**

I was thinking about LuAnn and my visit to your Church on the 4th during our stay in Ephraim. So many members came up to us with welcoming arms. It was a wonderful Sunday for us both.

We get to Door County a couple times a year, not nearly enough and we are going to change that moving forward with our lives. We will be back to your Church every Sunday and spending more time after the service getting to know as many as we can.

Thank you so much for making us feel a part of Ephraim Moravian Church, we'll always be grateful.

Sincerely,  
Bill & LuAnn Eyer

*In our Thoughts and Prayers...*

...**Anne Spooner Crowe** as she deals with her lymphoma in California.  
 ...**Cathie Gelhaar** as she continues treatments in Florida for her bone cancer.  
 ...**Betty Ann Knudson** who is at the Care Center, # 200  
 ...**Patti Bennett**, whose daughter, Jan, died  
 ...others we know who are dealing with **cancer and other medical issues.**



**November birthdays**

- Laurel Cox Ciohon...1
- Robert Forsberg...6
- Betty Staver...6
- Erin Bristol...8
- Jeffrey Jacobson...9
- John Koehler...9
- Charles Paschke...9
- Judy Flottman...10
- Norma Larson...10
- David Nelson...10
- Merikay Heim...11
- Harald T. Halvorsen...23
- Bruce Olson...27
- Jim Gelhaar...30

**November anniversaries**

- Alicia and Hugh Mulliken – November 12, 1982
- Betty and Marv Staver – November 29, 1947

*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!*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Member giving through Sept: \$78,895**  
**Visitor giving through Sept: \$39,530**

**Income**

**Budget is \$144,900**  
**Actual through Sept:**  
**\$123,129 (85%)**

**Expenses**

**Budget is \$182,826**  
**Actual through Sept:**  
**\$149,853 (82%)**



### COMMUNITY NEWS.....COMMUNITY NEWS.....COMMUNITY NEWS

**Skin cancer:** Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry presents a program with Dr. Paul Stover, Dermatologist, on **Sunday, November 1, 4 p.m.** at the First Baptist Church in Sister Bay. Learn to identify skin cancer in regularly monthly skin self-examinations.

**Grace-Based Parenting Conference:** Bethel Baptist Church in Ellison Bay is sponsoring this program at the Door Community Auditorium on **Saturday, November 14, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** (free box lunch provided). Topics will include what it takes to raise kids these days, how to deal with a rebellious or strong-willed child. Kevin East is the featured speaker. FREE event, open to all. More information: [www.familymatters.net](http://www.familymatters.net).

**UNITY PRAYER WATCH:** Ephraim Moravian's day for the worldwide Unity Prayer Watch is **Sunday, December 6**. The half hour you pick for your prayer time is up to YOU, as Sturgeon Bay and Sister Bay congregations already had the entire day covered, but it is important that you take part in this fellowship between Moravians and God to pray for others. Topics are suggested by the Province and can be found on the bookshelf in the narthex.



#### REMEMBER OUR COLLEGE KIDS

If you'd like to send a note of encouragement (or cookies), here are their addresses:

Mr. James Heroux (summer intern)  
 53 West Church Street, Apt. 7  
 Bethlehem, PA 18018

Rob Volpe  
 Coe College GMU #1278  
 1220—1st Ave NE  
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Andrea Nelson  
 900 Washington Ave SE  
 Apt. 205  
 Minneapolis, MN 55414

Samantha Phillips  
 Luther College  
 700 College Drive, SPO 2384  
 Decorah, IA 52101

Ainsley Nelson  
 344 W. Dayton St., #211  
 Madison, WI 53703

Mike Weborg  
 347 Smith Hall  
 Stevens Point, WI 54481



**Thanksgiving Service  
Sunday, November 22  
6:45 p.m.**

Scandia Village Nursing Home  
The Meadows Gathering Room

*Join us for a wonderful evening of song and an inspirational message! The Choirs of Sister Bay & Ephraim will minister along with the Sister Bay Bell Choir. We ask that all participants bring a non-perishable food item and/or monetary offering. These will be given to the local food pantries.*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
November 29  
10:00 a.m.  
Singing of the Hosanna  
Lighting the Advent Candle  
Join Us!**



### **Poverty Forum Update**

**On October 1, over 40 people from community and faith-based organizations came together to discuss poverty in Door County. We were led by representatives of WISDOM (an ecumenical organization dedicated to justice in Wisconsin). We discussed the need for action and the problems of “hidden poverty.”**

**From that discussion, we have come up with a ‘first step’: A working group has been formed to get information into the hands of people who may not know what resources are currently available. This information (food pantries, free meals, rent assistance, etc.) will be published in English and Spanish, and sent to every home in Northern Door County. Ephraim Moravian will be offering free Wi-Fi access to school children who were given computers, but whose families cannot afford internet service, and we urge other churches or businesses to do the same.**

**These are only first steps. We hope to continue our efforts with people of good will to work toward solutions to this seemingly intractable issue. If you have an idea or a particular skill that can be utilized, please let us know (worship@ephraimmoravian.org)**

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# November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School & Choir 10 a.m. Worship (All Saints Day)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 12 p.m. Community Lunch— Sister Bay Moravian	<b>5</b> 7 p.m. AA meeting	<b>6</b> 8:30 a.m.—OA mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study 4 p.m. Trustees	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School & Choir 10 a.m. Worship - Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30 p.m. Elders	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7 p.m. AA meeting	<b>13</b> 8:30 a.m.—OA mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School & Choir 10 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12 p.m. Open Door Lunch—Ephraim Moravian	<b>19</b> 7 p.m. AA meeting	<b>20</b> 8:30 a.m.—OA mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School & Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6:45 p.m. Thanksgiving Service— Scandia Village Gathering Room	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5 p.m.—Loaves & Fishes at St. Rosalia's	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> 7 p.m. AA meeting	<b>27</b> 8:30 a.m.—OA mtg	<b>28</b>
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