

Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2016

The Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands. - Deuteronomy 30:9 (NIV)

March 2016

From the Pastor's Desk:

*“Shun not suffering, shame or loss; learn of him to bear the cross”
(Go to Dark Gethsemane)*

“Closure”- this word is over-used in our media and culture. In our discomfort with sadness and grief, we rush towards healing. We shun suffering, we are fearful of the raw emotions that overwhelm us. So we cling to the fiction that ‘closure’ will seal us off from the terrible feelings of desolation when a loved one dies, or our hopes and dreams are crushed.

And yet, the season of Lent is all about residing with Jesus in the darkness. Our songs and liturgies reflect the incredible suffering of Jesus. Why do we do this to ourselves every year? Why not skip over Lent? It is tempting to apply our culture’s rejection of a season of grief. After a few weeks, we are expected to find ‘closure.’

My parents have been dead for 13 years. They did not die tragically. They had a full, wonderful life. After their funerals, life went on. But I can never say that I had ‘closure.’ A few months ago, as I was driving alone down a highway, a billboard caught my eye. It read, “Call your Parents.” I said out loud, “How I wish I could.” I spent the next 2 hours driving in tears. I thought of the things we would talk about and how deeply I missed their presence and counsel. Since I couldn’t talk to them, I talked to Jesus. As I reflect on that trip, I am so thankful that Jesus himself never dismissed our seasons of grief. Jesus never said, ‘get over it.’ Jesus chose to settle into the darkness and is our companion during times of isolation and despair. How important it is for us to be companions to those engulfed in grief. One of my friends, Cory Kemp, wrote about an encounter she had with a woman in her workplace who had gone through unimaginable loss - the death of her child. Co-workers kept their distance, not knowing what to say and uncomfortable in her presence. It is my hope that her reflections (used with permission) will speak to all of us this Lenten Season:

Grief is some of the hardest work any of us will ever do. It is relentless, and it offers no charity to those who try to avoid any of its steps or lessons. Grief reveals the raw sensitivity and power of who we are at our most vulnerable, our most willing to find our way through to the other side of the unimaginable. Standing anywhere near someone grieving is intolerable for many. Standing with someone in their grieving is often unthinkable. So, people keep moving. Standing there with her, a woman I barely know, listening with her to what her heart was speaking, I only felt peace. Here is where healing begins for all of us. <https://cory949.wordpress.com/>

As we travel through this holy season, let us seek to be companions to those who are grieving. Let us experience, with them, the peace which envelopes our darkness and the One who declared, “I am the Resurrection and the Life.”

—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.

PASTOR'S SABBATICAL

Pastor Dawn is on sabbatical until March 19. Bishop Paul Graf and Rev. Gary Straughan will bring the first two messages in March. Pastor Kerry Krauss of Sister Bay Moravian will be on hand for any emergencies; should you have other pastoral needs while Pastor Dawn is away, please call:

The week of Feb 21—Theresa Weborg, 421-0032
The week of Feb 28—Cici Mulliken, 854-2018
The week of Mar 6—Diane Jacobson, 854-2871
The week of Mar 13—Karen Ekberg, 421-2553



Services in March

March 2— Lenten Service at the Meadows—6:45 p.m. hymn sing, 7 p.m. Service

March 6 - 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship/Communion

March 9— Lenten Service at the Meadows—6:45 p.m. hymn sing, 7 p.m. Service

March 13—9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship— Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes

March 16— Lenten Service at the Meadows—6:45 p.m. hymn sing, 7 p.m. Service

March 20 - Palm Sunday—9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship

Holy Week Services—Mon-Friday March 21-25, The Meadows at Scand, 7 p.m. (with Good Friday at 2 p.m.)

**March 27 —Easter Sunday
7 a.m. Sunrise Service with breakfast
10 a.m. Easter Service**

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

Funds: Investment Committee
of John Turner, Chuck Mead,
Pete Classen

Linda Carey 854-9253
(Trustee President/Cemetery)

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(Church Building and Parsonage Interiors/ Cemetery)

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(Funds and Building Exterior/
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(Building Exterior, Grounds)

Ryan Sherman 920-734-1313
(Church Building and Parsonage Interiors/Grounds)

ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair
Cici Mulliken, Vice Ch 854-2018
Karen Ekberg 421-2553
Diane Jacobson 854-2871
Theresa Weborg, Sect'y
421-0032
Betty Chomeau 854-2203

Elder for the month of:
March.....Theresa Weborg



ADVENTURE, ANYONE?

Mission to Nepal

The Nepal Church is looking for a person who could spend 3-4 weeks in Nepal, in March and another in April 2016, to help with the kindergarten there. We know it's late notice, but if interested connect with Jill Kolodziej for more info at:

jill@moravianmission.org

"Happiness is a Habit" Class in March/April at Sister Bay Moravian



Barbara Houge, a member of Sister Bay Moravian, will be presenting an 8-session class for the ladies beginning March 9 and running each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. through April 27.

The class will look at our daily habits and help us build more powerful habits that will increase our energy, improve the way we use our energy and add joy to every day. You'll look at healthy habits and healthy thinking, positive living and reflection, and much more. There are crafts, too!

Cost of the class is \$25, and you don't need to attend every one to benefit from Barbara's message. Sign-up deadline is March 2, and there is a sign-up sheet in our Fellowship Hall. **If you have questions for Barbara, you can contact her at 630-740-8948 or at barbhounge@shopglobal.net**

It's time to order Easter flowers!! If you are interested in spring flowers in memory or in honor of someone, fill out the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible. They are \$10 each. **The deadline is March 18 !**

I would like ___ pots of flowers for Easter this year.

In memory of:

In honor of

Your name _____ Amount attached \$ _____



TREASURER'S REPORT

Member giving through January: \$4,971

Visitor giving through January: \$ 957

Income

Budget for 2016 is \$157,800

\$193,696

Actual through January: \$6,501

Expenses

Budget for 2016 is

Actual through January: \$8,430



For March's Feed My People

*Suggested Donations for
this month:*

*Peanut
Butter
and
Jelly!*



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

THANK YOU from Rick Nelson:

Pastor Dawn & Fellow Door County Moravians—

The very generous gift of \$1400 that I picked up last month arrived in the office of the Board of World Mission and has since been transferred to Honduras. It has been used to purchase maintenance supplies (PVC pipes and plumbing accessories, painting and supplies) and medicines taken to the remote village of Wispliniused in Ahaus. We are grateful for your generosity and for the help that you are providing some very needy people. Thank you for blessing us so that we can be a blessing. In Christ, Rick

Just two more lunches this season in Ephraim!

March 16—headed by Doug Schultz, Rosie Klein providing salad. If you can help with set-up, serving or dessert, contact Doug at 421-1223.

Jendean says:

In order for the choir to be prepared for all the Holy Week activities, we need to start rehearsing again at 9 am on Sunday, March 13--also Daylight Savings time Sunday, so "spring your clocks ahead"!



She will also need help from anyone willing to sing for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Easter! You will be appreciated!

Condolences

...to the family and friends of Betty Staver, who passed away at age 94 on February 20.

...to the family of "Tad" Foote, including Tiggy & Walt Shields, who passed away from complications of Parkinson's on February 15.

Prayers

...to Anne Crowe for continued healing.

...for restored strength for Harry Maher and Dan Olson

Come in Out of the Cold Opportunities for Free Lunch, Conversation

1st Wednesdays at noon—

Sister Bay Moravian

3rd Wednesdays at noon—

Ephraim Moravian



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church
 in February: Mary Wilson, Kay Wilson, Carol and Jim
 Sokolowski, and Elfi Johnson
 ...to those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in
 February.
 ...to Bob Volpe and the pancake crew for Shrove
 Tuesday!

THANK YOU!




Ladies, Save the Date!
May 11, 2016 at the Village Hall

Ephraim Moravian Church is hosting
 an Afternoon Tea this spring!
 This all-community event will benefit
 Door CANcer, in memory of Sue
 Sherman, a beloved member of
 Ephraim Moravian Church and a
 well-known Ephraim business owner
 who passed away this last August
 from cancer.

Date: Wednesday, May 11th
Cost: \$15.00 per person
Place: Ephraim Village Hall

Featuring savories and sweets, some
 from Sue's very own cook book. Many
 other surprises are in store
 for your enjoyment.

Stay tuned for further information in
 the April Newsletter. Again, space is
 limited, so reservations will
 be required.



**Contact Cheryl Lubahn at
 920-854-0007 for further in-
 formation.**



March birthdays

- Kevin Horvath...1
- Katharine Oneson... 2
- Scott Weborg...5
- Brent Bristol... 6
- Logan Mittermann... 10
- Priscilla Krist...12
- Bernice Koehler...18
- Sydney Heim...20
- Peter Classen...21
- Jane Olson...23
- Mitchell Weborg...24
- Ellie McCullin... 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

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



Church Council Follow-Up

On January 31, over 30 people participated in our Church Council. With such a significant turnout, we will continue to hold church councils on Sunday after worship.

The Trustees were asked to work on two items:

(1) Lighting in the upper parking lot. The Trustees have discussed the need and are now researching solar lighting options. A recommendation will be brought to the next meeting.

(2) Snow removal—a young person in the area who needs community service credits has been tasked with keeping the front steps and walkway cleared for this season. We will have to come up with another option next winter. As far as increasing the budget, the Trustees decided to keep track of all the bills associated with snow removal this year so that they can make a realistic projection for 2017.

10%

Tithing our Assessment—Rev. Betsy Miller has requested to meet with the Joint Board concerning this decision. We welcome any members to this meeting, which will be held on April 27, 7 p.m.

Sign-ups in the Fellowship Hall:

We need people to sign up for usher duties on March 6, March 13 with Chuck Mead, March 20 and 27. It's a ministry!

We need people to sign up for Fellowship after church for March 13, 20 and 27. It's a ministry!



REMEMBER OUR COLLEGE KIDS

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

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

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

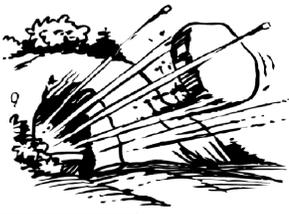
Ainsley Nelson
344 W. Dayton St., #211
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347 Smith Hall
409 Reserve Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481



March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Noon—Lunch at Sister Bay Moravian Lenten Service Meadows 6:45 hymn sign 7 p.m. service	3 7 p.m. AA mtg	4 8:30 a.m. OA mtg	
6 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Service/ Communion	7	8 (no Elders Meeting this Month)	9 Lenten Service Meadows 6:45 hymn sign 7 p.m. service	10 7 p.m. AA mtg	11 8:30 a.m. OA mtg	12
13 9 a.m. Sunday School/Choir 10 a.m. Service, Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes	14	15	16 Noon—Open Door Lunch! Lenten Service Meadows 6:45 hymn sign 7 p.m. service	17 7 p.m. AA mtg	18 8:30 a.m. OA mtg	19 Pastor Dawn's sabbatical ends
20 Palm Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday School/Choir 10 a.m. Service 11:15 Trustees	21 Holy Week Services, The Meadows at Scand 7 p.m.	22 Holy Week Services, The Meadows 7 p.m. Loaves & Fishes, 5 p.m. St. Rosalia's	23 Holy Week Services, The Meadows 7 p.m.	24 Maundy Thursday Holy Week Services, The Meadows 7 p.m. 7 p.m. AA mtg	25 8:30 a.m. OA mtg Good Friday Holy Week Services, The Meadows 2 p.m.	26
27 Easter Sunday 7 a.m. Sunrise Service/ Breakfast; 9 a.m. Choir, 10 a.m. Service	28	29	30 7	31		

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**Spring is
coming!**

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