

Ephraim Moravian Messenger News from the Open Door

"In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love"

<u>Congregational Watchword for 2016</u> The Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands. - Deuteronomy 30:9 (NIV)

April 2016

From the Pastor's Desk:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. – Colossians 3:12

Have you noticed how carefully people dress for weddings? The Bridal parties spend a great deal of time selecting the colors and styles of their dresses. The Groomsmen are fitted for tuxedos. Even the guests are dressed up in their best attire. Our clothes reflect the joy and gravity of the occasion. The wedding day witnesses a miracle: the creation of a new family. It's no wonder we take time to look our very best.

This year, I am officiating at several weddings and have invitations to formal receptions. Knowing that I can't throw on any old thing, I took a trip to a Bridal shop. When the young man asked how he could be of service, I told him that I wanted to be taken to the Old Lady section - you know the one, it's usually called the 'Mother of the Bride' aisle. In clipped tones, he informed me that they had no such category... as he escorted me to, what was indeed, the old lady section. Since I haven't shopped for fancy clothes in quite a while, I was shocked at the tastelessness of the frocks. Bare shoulders, sleeveless dresses and plunging necklines greeted me. I don't know about most 60somethings, but I can't imagine wearing clothing that reveals old age spots and flabby arms. I gamely tried on some of the clothes offered. I looked like a cross between a sumo wrestler and the Pillsbury dough-boy. After leaving the store, I searched for a shop that catered to a more seasoned clientele. I wanted a place where sturdy, matronly women could find suitable attire. My quest ended in a store that had formal attire for every figure. I am happy to report that I found a fancy dress with sleeves that will not send people diving for cover.

The Bible talks a lot about suitable clothing. There are references concerning being clothed in righteousness, having the mantle of praise, being given royal robes, etc. In Colossians, we are encouraged to clothe ourselves carefully- with virtues that never lose their shape, never go out of style and are suitable for every occasion: <u>Compassion</u> - the virtue that feels deeply for those in distress; <u>Kindness</u> - a virtue that causes us to bite our tongue when a snarky comment is about to spew forth; <u>Humility</u> - a virtue that is quick to praise and affirm people around us; <u>Meekness</u> - a virtue that displays grace-filled acceptance when circumstances work against us and <u>Patience</u> - a virtue that does not give up on others or ourselves.

Whether our outward appearance is fit for a party or work around the house, let us always dress ourselves with the virtues that will display the grace and beauty of God: Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Meekness and Patience.

-Pastor Dawn

Ephraim Moravian Church Office Hours

PASTOR:

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. TUES - FRI MONDAY Pastor's Day Off 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. SECRETARY: WED. - THURS. 920-421-4042 The Church Phone does NOT ring in the parsonage. Please CELL NUMBER: keep the Pastor's Cell Phone handy for after hours.

Easter services

7 a.m. Sunrise Service with breakfast following 10 a.m. Easter Worship Service



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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

Linda Carey 854-9253 (Trustee President/Cemetery)

Marilyn Cushing 854-5230 (Church Building and Parsonage Interiors/ Cemetery)

Chuck Mead 854-3357 (Funds and Building Exterior/ Secretary)

Rob Moore 847-295-6388 (Building Exterior, Grounds)

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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 854-2203 Betty Chomeau Elder for the month of: April....Cici Mulliken

Marcia Ellis says....

Join 'Coaching Artists' with Marcia Nickols! Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall, March, April and May from 11-3. Bring a bag lunch and your art project. Marcia Nickols, Ephraim resident artist



and retired art teacher will coach any medium you have going on. She's amazingly talented and encouraging. We learn (and laugh) a lot.

Cost is \$10 per class, payable to Marcia Nickols.

Call Marcia (Carey) Ellis with any questions. 920-857-7852.

Services in April

April 3— 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship/Communion

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

April 17— 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship

April 24—9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Service



GAME NIGHT! Saturday, April 16 6:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite board games for a fun night of challenge and hilarity! Pizza and beverages will be served. This event is free and open to all ages!

Joint Board Meeting with Provincial Elders President, Dr. Elizabeth (Betsy) Miller

Wednesday, April 27 7:00 p.m. Betsy will be discussing our decision to tithe our assessments. All interested members are welcome to attend this meeting



Mark Your Calendars!!

Sunday, May 22 We'll be taking a Road Trip to Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, leaving Ephraim at 12 Noon for an Ecumenical Lovefeast We'll get an update on the work of the Urban Center and Pastor Christie Melby-Gibbons Tricklebee Café! Let's join a caravan to show our support!

Thank you to the Joint Boards and the congregation for your support during my sabbatical. I had a wonderful, refreshing time of study and reflection. I appreciate the work done in my absence to keep the church programs running smoothly. - Pastor Dawn



REMEMBER OUR COLLEGE KIDS—on the last stretch!

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 Madison, WI 53703 Andrea Nelson 900 Washington Ave SE Apt. 205 Minneapolis, MN 55414

Mike Weborg 347 Smith Hall 409 Reserve Street Stevens Point, WI 54481

TREA\$URER'S REPORT

Member giving through February: \$15,500 Visitor giving through February: \$4,302

In<u>come</u> Budget for 2016 is \$157,800 Actual through February: \$20,607 Expenses Budget for 2016 is \$193,696 Actual through February: \$31,296

For April's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:

Healthy Snacks for Kids And Adults



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



"Dearly Departed" Preview!

The date is Monday, September 12 for our next cemetery walk! There will be a Walk at 1 p.m. and another at 2:30 p.m. Here are the characters and actors:

Ida Seiler Sohns—Karen Ekberg Halvor Anderson—Dick Volkmann Charlotte Amundsen—Carolyn Glabe O'Donnell J.J. Groenfeldt—Rob Moore Elsie Groenfeldt—Sally Jacobson George Larson—George Larson Clara Alpha Oneson Scudder—Ruth Oneson Minke

<u>Condolences</u>

...to the Burkemper and Wilson families on the passing of Erika Wilson-Burkemper's father-in-law, Jim

<u>Prayers</u>

... George Carey (knee replacement), Jane Olson, Delmar Dahl and Anne Crowe

<u>Come in Out of the Cold</u> Opportunities for Free Lunch & Conversation

1st Wednesdays at noon—Sister Bay Moravian—will continue monthly through the year

3rd Wednesdays at noon—Ephraim Moravian

Last Lunch in Ephraim! April 20

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in March: Diane Kirkland & Rob Volpe, Elfi Johnson & Sherry Moore, the Shermans, and Kathy Kirkland & Barb Classen ...to those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in March.

...to those helping Theresa Weborg with the Easter breakfast!



Tea Party Requests!

We know you won't want to miss the 1930s Tea Party at the Hall on May 11 ! We have a few wishes, which we hope you can fulfill:

—if you have a <u>white</u> or <u>cream-colored</u> lace tablecloth we can borrow (any size), please call Linda Carey (854-9253) or Cici Mulliken (854-2018).

-Aprons were a very important part of a woman's kitchen supplies years ago (even though it's possible that young folks today do not even know what an apron is!). We ask that you wear one to the tea or bring one to show.

—Please bring a small photo (5"x7" or less) of a loved one who's had cancer, whether they have succeeded in beating it or not. We want to spend a moment remembering all of these treasured friends and family members.

-The tea is a fundraiser for DOOR CANcer. After having lost several of our own church members to this dreadful disease, it seemed the logical place to donate our funds. They do so much in their quiet way to provide financial help to the people in our county who have enormous financial burdens. We think it is wonderful that every penny of the money they receive remains in Door County! Not too many charities can say this. The tea is \$15 per person, but if you wish to give donations to help us with expenses, the bulk of the money from ticket sales can go directly to DOOR CANCEr. Checks to Ephraim Moravian, "Tea Party" on the memo line. -This tea is sponsored by Ephraim Moravian Women, but we want you to invite your friends from other churches and towns to join us! Invite a friend and tell them they won't want to miss this event.

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April Birthdays

Katharine Koehler...7 Amanda Carlson...12 Ryan Sherman – 13 Glenn Gerdman...19 Kay Wilson...27 George Carey...30

April Anniversarie

Betty and Bob Anderson - April 12, 1969 - Diane and Earry Jacobson - April 28, 1979

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!

You are cordíally invited to an Afternoon Tea in Ephraim, 1930's style.

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 TIME: 1:00 P. M. to 3.00 P.M. PLACE: Ephraim Village Hall, Water Street COST: \$15.00

By Reservation Only: contact Cheryl at 854-0007 or palubahn@yahoo.com

All proceeds will benefit DOOR CANcer Inc. Presented by the Ephraim Moravian Women

Given in memory of Sue Sherman and our many friends who have succumbed to cancer, and in honor of others who have survived it! We rejoice in them all. In Sue's honor, we will serve some of her delectable sweets to tempt you, and her remaining cookbooks will be for sale.

We have invited some collectors to display their objects. In that spirit, if you have an apron in your collection -- fancy or utilitarian -- old or new -- please consider bringing or wearing it to add to the atmosphere of the event.

> We will have TREES OF MEMORY and OF TRIUMPH. Please bring a small photo to hang on the tree during the tea (5" X 7" or less) of a loved one who has passed from this life, or has won his or her life back.



April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:30 a.m. OA mtg	2
3 9 a.m. Sun- day School, 10 a.m. Service/ Communion	4	5 5 p.m. Elders	6 Noon—Sister Bay Communi- ty Lunch	7 7 p.m. AA	8 8:30 a.m. OA mtg	9
10 9 a.m. Sun- day School, 10 a.m. Service/ Joyful Noise	11	12	13 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands	14 1 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. AA	15 8:30 a.m. OA mtg	16 6:00 p.m. Game Night!
7 9 a.m. Sun- day School, 10 a.m. Service	18	19	20 LAST Open Door Lunch at Noon here	21 7 p.m. AA	22 8:30 a.m. OA mtg	23
24 9 a.m. Sun- day School, 10 a.m. Service	25	26 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes, St. Rosalia's	27 7 p.m. Meeting With Betsy Miller	28 7 p.m. AA	29 8:30 a.m. OA mtg	30
			7	(Western April 28 —	District Synod May 1)	

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It's Spring! (snow? That's not snow...)

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