

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)

May 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

My friend, Delmar Dahl has had a rough time over the past 11 months. It all began with a fall in a church parking lot. The words of the pastor's sermon that day rang in his ears as he lay on the pavement, "Jesus said, my grace is sufficient for you. If you don't know where to turn and you don't know what to do, remember, 'my grace is sufficient for you.'" With that reassurance he took out his phone, called 911, and told the first responders where to collect him, asking them not to turn on their sirens since the church was still in session. In the weeks and months since that fall, he's had a long struggle back to health, including two surgeries. After the second surgery, he went into crisis. He was rushed into the ICU where his doctor tried to assure him, "Delmar, we're going to pull you through this." Delmar replied serenely, before losing consciousness, "Folks, I'm not afraid to die. Jesus said he'd be with me and I know he is."



I asked Delmar how he could be so sanguine in the face of death- was he ever afraid to die? He said he hasn't been afraid since the age of 14. At that time he became deathly ill. He was hospitalized 6 weeks with Rheumatic fever and double pneumonia. The doctors did not hold out much hope for recovery. He was released from the hospital on October 1st and did not walk until Thanksgiving. Two things gave him great confidence. The first was Romans 8: 38 - 39: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord," and the Lord's Prayer - "Thy will be done." Knowing that Jesus would be with him in life or in death, knowing that his life was in God's hands, banished all fear. Since then, Delmar has been unafraid to die.

In our conversation, I realized something wonderful. Not only is Delmar unafraid to die, he is unafraid to live. I, and so many others, have been drawn to Delmar's sunny faith and joyful exuberance. He attributes it to the promise of Jesus- to hold onto us through every circumstance of life.

I often tell Delmar that I want to be just like him when I grow up. I cannot duplicate his personality, but I can take a hold of life like he does - with perfect assurance that Jesus is with me at all times and that, when I cannot control my circumstances, I can leave them in God's hands - 'Thy will be done.'

I want to thank my friend, Delmar, for his witness and for allowing me to tell his story. I challenge each of us to take hold of life, knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God!

- 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.

Doug Schultz helping with drywall at Tricklebee Café in Milwaukee

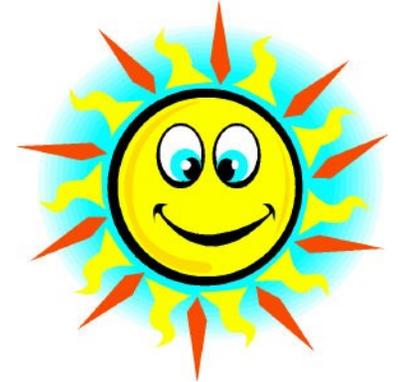


Service at 4 p.m. with Lovefeast

Spirit of Peace—May 11, 2016



Soul Food Vegan meal after the Lovefeast



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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Funds: Investment Committee
 of John Turner, Chuck Mead,
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 Theresa Weborg, Sect'y
 421-0032
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Elder for the month of:
 June....Betty Chomeau

Services in June

June 5— 10 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
June 12—10 a.m. Worship Service, Joyful Noise for Secret Santa
June 19—10 a.m. Worship Service
June 26—10 a.m. Worship Service



SYNOD REPORT

I was excited to be a delegate to Western District Synod 2016. Our theme was “Embraced by Resurrection.” We met at Mt. Morris April 28 thru

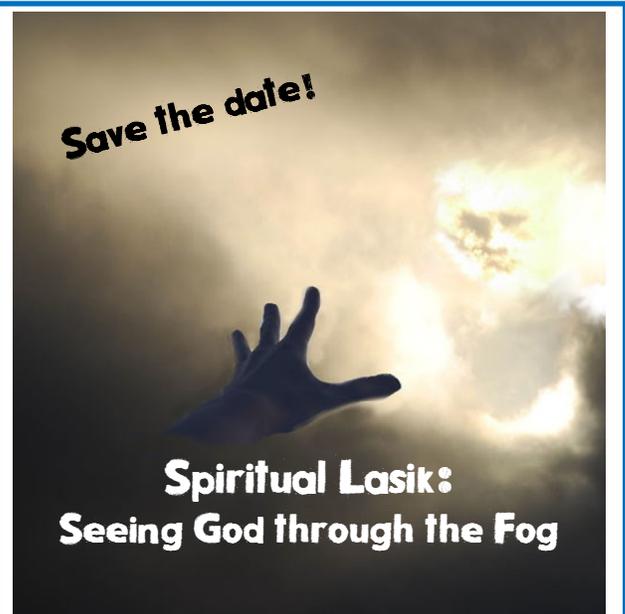
May 1. All the delegates met in small groups.

We began by thinking back how Jesus has been working in our Moravian Church. We need to embrace “Who we are” and join in “What is next?” With courage we can live into a new way of being in our church.

We were warmly welcomed and felt included when we arrived. I knew some of the people and many of the pastors. Reverend Jim Hicks remembered me from Ephraim Moravian. The music was so beautiful in our general assemblies. Everyone was so helpful and friendly right from the beginning. By Saturday morning, I felt renewed and uplifted in my faith.

My thoughts now are about our Moravian Church moving into the future with a new focus on what is next? “With Christ as our guide, we need to move forward in action, to work for a vital church for all.”

-Joyce Gerdman



**Spiritual Lasik:
Seeing God through the Fog**

**A Women’s Retreat at
Bjørklunden, Baileys Harbor
Wednesday, November 9
8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Presented by Pastor Dawn Volpe,
Ephraim Moravian Church
\$10 per person – RSVP 920/854-2804**



Cecilia Anschutz, daughter of Marcus and Alissa Nelson Anschutz, was diagnosed with Stage 3 Wilms tumor in April of this year. She had the 4-5 lb. tumor removed along with one kidney and part of her diaphragm. She is seven years old. Ceci is Jim Nelson’s granddaughter and a relative to Kristy, Tim, Jackie and Sadie Nelson, Brenda, Ainsley and Sadie Nelson.

She is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiation. Here is her webpage if you want to donate or keep track of her progress:

<https://www.youcaring.com/cecilia-anschutz-566836#.VzbPw4C0YGs.facebook>



Breakfast with James

Everyone is invited to meet with our intern, James Heroux, for a very special 4-week Bible study. Mark these dates on your calendar to join us for continental breakfast and the study, being held at the Bertschinger Center meeting room in Egg Harbor (7860 Hwy 42).

Thursdays, 8 a.m. June 23 and 30
 July 7 and 14



Josie, great-granddaughter of Linda and George Carey

Prayers

...for Vicky Schult, as she continues treatment for her cancer
...of strength and hope for Jane Olson, living with cancer at Scand
...for Jock Whitacre, in rehab from an aneurism in Illinois
...of thanksgiving for Nancy and Tim Christofferson's return from Massachusetts after Tim's back surgery



Hello from Ainsley Nelson

Dear EMC Congregation:

I hope you're all getting to enjoy some spring weather! This picture is from some islands that my roommates and I toured one weekend, a few hours south of where we're living in Lima [Peru]. A few of us also took a trip to the mountains north of us the weekend after to go hiking and try the hot springs. Don't worry, I do take time to study, too. ☺ Our midterms are coming up in the next few weeks, so we'll probably

take a break from all our traveling to hang out at the library.

Love & miss you! —Ainsley

Dearly Departed



Monday, September 12

Tours at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Ida Seiler Sohns (Karen Ekberg)
Charlotte Amundsen (Carolyn Glabe O'Donnell)
Elsie Groenfeldt (Sally Jacobson)
Clara Alpha Oneson Scudder (Ruth Oneson Minke)

Halvor Anderson (Dick Volkmann)
J.J. Groenfeldt (Rob Moore)
George Larson (George Larson)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Member giving through April: \$21,077
 2015 through April: \$34,912
 2014 through April: \$28,108

Visitor giving through April: \$ 8,206
 2015 through April: \$12,139
 2014 through April: \$ 7,975



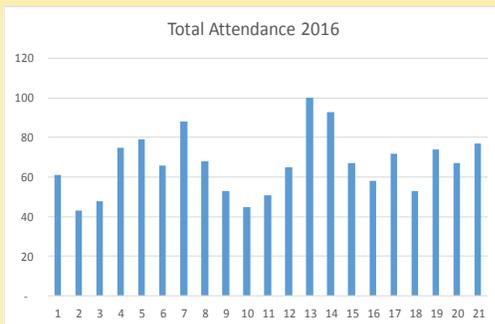
Income

Budget for 2016 is \$157,800
 Actual through April: \$39,988

Expenses

Budget for 2016 is \$193,696
 Actual through April: \$54,899

As you can see, year-to-date between income and expenses we are in the red by about \$15,000. Over the last several years this has been the case, even through summer, although we started with a cushion of funds in the checking account to tide us over. It appears that as our attendance goes, so go our offerings...if people are in church, they give. If they aren't here on a Sunday, no offering. Some of our members "catch up" on their giving when they return to church, but most do not.



(note that total attendance includes visitors this winter and spring)

You may want to consider electronic giving for your offerings to the church. Just tell your bank our account number (536325) and our routing number (075902104), and they can set up any schedule you'd like—weekly, monthly, same or different amounts for each date and easily altered if needs change. It's an easy way to give to your church!

For June's Feed My People

*Suggested Donations for this month:
 Baby items—diapers, lotions,
 shampoos, bibs*

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



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in May: Cici Mulliken, the men & kids of the congregation for Mother's Day, Dave & Stacy Holst, Betty Chomeau & Susie Samson, Marilyn Cushing & Hedy Heise
 ...to those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in May.
 ...for those who hosted a wonderful Afternoon Tea at the Village Hall on May 11— kudos to Linda Carey, Cici Mulliken, Karen Ekberg, Cheryl Lubahn, Tea Thyme and all the guys!



The Ephraim Firefighters surprised Jane Olson at Scand with status as a lifetime honorary member of the Ephraim Fire Department. Jane has chaired the Community Protection Committee for many years and fought hard for Fire Department projects.



June Birthdays

- Carol Sokolowski 13
- Denny Phillips... 13
- Steven Cox...20
- Jackie Nelson...20
- Hollace Mulliken Alspach..22
- Betty Chomeau....27
- Susie Samson....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
- Rob & Sherry Moore – June 19, 1971
- 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

Spring into Summer!



**This Saturday, May 28,
8 a.m.—11 a.m.**

FREE Continental Breakfast

(Moravian sugar cake, Lovefeast buns, coffee, juice)



All Proceeds to Northern Door food pantries!

Huge Bake Sale!

Huge Plant Sale
shared from our own gardens!

Afternoon Tea, 1930's Style
 May 11, 2016
 Fundraiser for DOOR CANcer, Inc.



Angela Sherman presents a \$500 check to DOOR CANcer Board members Kris Husby-Nelson and Dee Paulsen for the sale of the late Sue Sherman's cook book. At the 1930's Tea itself, the cook book generated another \$360 of the total Tea revenue of \$2,330 given to DOOR CANcer.



The Afternoon Tea Menu

- Pomegranate Tea Punch*
- Sandwich Loaf with Fruit Garnish*
- Raspberry Ribbon Cookies*
- Almond Apricot Cookies*
- Orange Vanilla Chip Cookies*
- Lemon Bars*
- Pecan Puffs*
- Magic Meringue Cookies*
- Tea: Indian Nimbu*

DOOR CANcer INC.

WHAT CANCER CANNOT DO

Cancer is so limited . . .

- It cannot cripple love,
- It cannot shatter hope,
- It cannot corrode faith,
- It cannot destroy peace,
- It cannot kill friendship,
- It cannot suppress memories,
- It cannot silence courage,
- It cannot invade the soul,
- It cannot steal eternal life,
- It cannot conquer the spirit.

—Anonymous



Here is an excerpt from the Annual Report of the Moravian Church in Uganda. We hosted a fundraiser in 2014 for this church, and they used the \$862 to start a piggery. It sounds like it's working out beautifully:

“INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES (PIGGERY)

During the year, the Moravian Church in Uganda with support from Ephraim Moravian Church through Board of World Mission (North America), ventured into a project whose aim is to empower communities with specific focus on women to increase household incomes. Through this project, the Church started a piggery project where seven piglets were bought. The idea is that when these piglets grow up and produce offspring, these offspring will be distributed to other members as a way of addressing the abject poverty experienced at house hold level. The Church supports the beneficiaries with medicine and food. A criteria was set for the first beneficiaries of the piglets which included the following attributes: a) Experience in piggery b) Space for piggery: Of these pigs, four are cared for by Church members while three are reared by the Church. The success of this initial piggery project compels us to consider purchasing more seven piglets to strengthen the project and enable the other six congregations to benefit from the same.”



Door County has a great reputation for being friendly to the workers who come from so many countries. The State Department recently said that Door County is the “gold standard” for how to treat workers from their many international locations.

The Bridges program is looking for people who would like to be a friend to one of the visiting workers. It is a commitment to contact them and try to get together once a week. It might be as simple as a cup of coffee, or joining you for dinner at your house...inviting them along when you're going shopping so they can come along to do their own shopping...taking them on a picnic...just including them occasionally in your everyday life. It has such an impact! They see how Americans really live.

There are also other things you can do to help Bridges, like helping with the bikes' delivery or repair, giving transportation to events, or helping workers learn conversational English.

Kathy Zehner will have a table at Fellowship Hour this Sunday, May 29, with more information on what you can do to minister to our international workers this summer.

Bible Study Continues through June 11

“Letters from the Front”

Join us each Friday at 10 a.m. We're discussing Paul's letters and the impact they had on those receiving them and on those who've read them thousands of years later. We'll also look at the value of letter writing for our families and future generations.



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POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:

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< Scott Weborg holding a card signed by all his admirers at Scand. Scott received the Lifetime of Service award for volunteering from The Volunteer Center of Door County

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