

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)

September 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



“God consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.”

- 2 Corinthians 1:4

Last year, around this time, our dear friend, Anne Crowe, cut her visit short due to some troubling symptoms. Upon arriving home, she was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. She underwent grueling rounds of tests and treatments for months on end. She was immersed in her own suffering and the suffering of those in similar (and sometimes worse) circumstances. Her church family here in Ephraim, 2,000 miles away, did the only thing we could think to do... we prayed to our Great Physician and we sent cards, letters, texts, emails and Facebook messages to let Anne know that we loved her and were journeying with her throughout her illness. Most Sundays I was able to give an update from Anne's messages. She returned this summer, singing with the choir, hair a little shorter than usual. We could see the lingering effects of treatment but her smile lit up our world.

On her last Sunday this year, she stood up to give testimony to God's sustaining grace in her ordeal. She quoted the verse from 2 Corinthians. Within her suffering, because of the consolation she received from her church family, she was able to console those around her who were struggling. She told us that we were 'champions' of comfort.

What an amazing gift God has given to us! God soothes our own souls when we undergo great suffering, and then gives us the ability to be conduits of comfort to others in distress. No one asks to undergo suffering. It is not something we willingly embrace. But we know that, in our fallen, imperfect world, suffering will find us. When those moments come, we are assured of God's grace and mercy, and we are challenged to use our experiences to bring solace to others. Henry Nouwen, a priest and author, said it best when he called us to be "wounded healers." May God continue to give us grace to be 'champions' of comfort and healing.

- 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.

James Heroux's Last Sunday was August 21

Farewell to our
Student Intern. We wish him God-
speed as he enters his second year
of Seminary!



His address for the school year is:
53 West Church Street, Apt. 7
Bethlehem, PA 18018



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Elder for the month of:
September... Diane Jacobson

Flowers at the cemetery? If you have any dead/dying or plastic flowers on graves at the cemetery, please remove them if you'd like to save the pots, etc. Our Cemetery Superintendent, Kathy Kirkland, will be cleaning up the cemetery before our Cemetery Walk on September 12!

Services in September

September 4 — 8:00 a.m. Early Service
10 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

September 11 — 8:00 a.m. Early Service
**10 a.m. Worship Service, Joyful Noise for
Loaves & Fishes**

September 18 - 8:00 a.m. Early Service
10 a.m. Worship Service

September 25 —8:00 a.m. Early Service
10 a.m. Worship Service

For September's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:
Back-to-school lunch items



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

"Bridges," our International ministry, will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner, with all the trimmings at the Sister Bay Baptist Church on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. We will be asking for your help in dessert making and serving. A sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall

Save the date!

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

Mission News...Mission News...Mission News

Board of World Mission is asking for prayers for....

Taylor Vanderbloemen, BWM summer intern

Jenna Nodine, Hayley Geis, serving with Helen Gullede in Alaska this summer

Andrew Mengel and Tim Naisby, serving in Nepal this summer (Andrew recently returned)

Ordinations of Tania Sanchez and Alay Gonzalez in Cuba, August 27

FIT Event at Mt. Morris, WI, Labor Day weekend

Michael Tesh sends his greetings from the Ray of Hope Orphanage in Kenya. "Here at Ray of Hope we are doing very well. We want to thank you for your prayers and support. It is the rainy season and it is cold. We have been working hard on the key hole gardens. We have added 6 more key hole gardens, and now have 10. We have planted cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, dhania [coriander], spinach, watermelons, chili bell peppers, and herbs. We are really working with the kids in their school work and have gotten them some workbooks that will help them. It makes them study harder and helps them to understand the subject. On July 9th we had a camp with the team from North Carolina and Pennsylvania. We had 257 kids come to the camp! The kids learned about the Good Samaritan. The team has helped us a lot. They did a teacher's conference with the pre-school teachers. They remodeled the chicken house. Now the chickens have more space to lay eggs. The chickens have laid several eggs since they moved in to their new home."



Prayers

*..for Karsten, Lars and Lisa—Ellen Topelmann's family
...for Dave Olson's heart surgery on August 31
...for Anne Crowe's test results and continued good health
...for Vicki Schult and Ceci Anschutz as they continue cancer treatments*



Tricklebee Café Update From Pastor Christie

Over the summer our vegetables in Alice's garden have been growing and so has the progress on the café. Thanks to 96 volunteers who have put in over 650 hours of service plus paid contractors, we've installed floors, painted walls, fixed up tables and chairs, and ordered kitchen equipment.

We're excited to start Agape Meals every Thursday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. once Tricklebee Café is open. These will be family-style meals that center on forgiveness and belonging. While the liturgy and prayer are rooted in the Christian tradition, we encourage and welcome interfaith experiences. Anyone is welcome!

Tricklebee Café will host Creativity Nights every Wednesday 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting August 31st. Creativity Nights seek to make time and space for people to come together to create their own small-scale projects, whether that be in paint, textiles, words, or found objects. Anyone is welcome, though space is limited. Please RSVP by emailing tricklebeecafe@gmail.com.

Taylor DeNaples is a new intern at Tricklebee Café. She's part of Lutheran Volunteer Corps and their new Food Justice project, which aims to get sustainable, locally grown, healthy food to everyone. She's also interested in poetry, cooking, and theological conversations over tea. She's especially excited to see how people come together over food to share stories and build relationships that sustain and connect different communities.



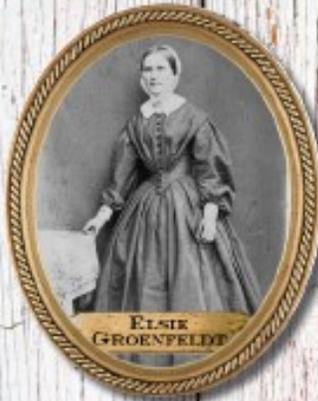
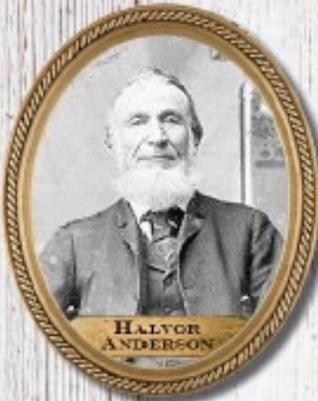
Thank you from Unity Hospice:

"Thank you so much for your gift of \$726. We are honored and grateful that you have chosen Unity as the recipient of your donations...Each of us at Unity is focused on providing the best care possible for those in Northeast Wisconsin who have life-limiting illnesses. Gifts such as yours allow us to serve more than 2,000 people each year through hospice and over 7,000 people through bereavement care... On behalf of all the families and patients we serve, thank you again for your gift to Unity." (funds from the Beth Chafey-Hon concert)

The Ephraim Moravian Church and Ephraim Historical Foundation present

Dearlly Departed

Monday, September 12 ~ Tours at 1 and 2:30 p.m.
At the corner of S. Norway & Willow St.
Rain or shine ~ (920) 854-9688



Sponsored by
The Cordon
Family 
Foundation

Tickets are FREE and limited to the first 70 people at the 1 p.m. tour. Guides will accompany guests to each presenter, then to the church, where there will be refreshments and artifacts to enjoy. A shuttle is available from the parking lot of Bethany Lutheran Church, Ephraim Moravian Church, and the Village offices at 10005 Norway Road. For those with mobility problems, there is a small amount of parking at the cemetery.

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in August: Kay and Keith Tschannen, Betty Chomeau and Susie Samson, the Joint Board in honor of James' internship, Hugh & Marilyn Whiteley for their 50th anniversary

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

...to James Heroux for his teaching and preaching at church, Scand and Anderson Dock, hosting 8 a.m. fellowship, visiting, and being our intern this summer!



Attention Quilters and Would-Be-Quilters!

Our quilt group is still meeting in the Fellowship Hall once a month. If you want to show a quilt, learn to quilt, bring a project you are working on, let Judy Turner know. See our special project, below!



September Birthdays

Glenore Paschke...2
 Randall Nelson...3
 Samantha Phillips...5
 Marvin Staver...6
 Don Fundingsland... 7
 Walter Fisher...8
 Brian Larson...10
 Eunice Rutherford...11
 Nicholas Weborg...13
 Sherry Moore... 15
 Eileen Jacobson...18
 Larry Jacobson...30

September Anniversaries

Ryan and Angela Sherman – Sept. 6, 2008
 Mary Ann and Tom Schuder – Sept.15, 1973
 Dawn & Bob Volpe – Sept. 22, 1991
 Kay and Paul Wilson – Sept. 25, 1971



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!

Bookfriends International is a charitable foundation which exists to provide books to schools in African countries. This fall, a container is being assembled to ship to schools in Kenya. In addition to books, the organization will include handmade, washable, reusable feminine pads for the goal of helping secondary school girls stay in school during their monthly cycle.

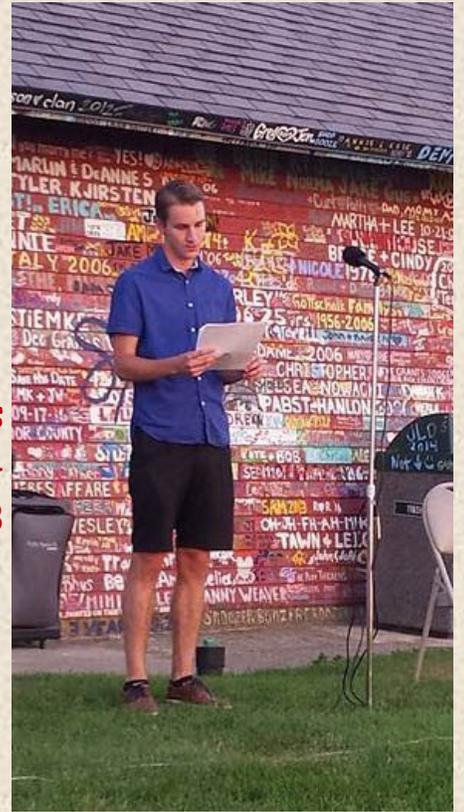
The quilt group will be working on these pads and we hope you will get involved! There's a sign-up sheet for our working session on Tuesday, September 27, beginning at 9 a.m. If you can cut, assemble, sew, iron, etc., your help is invaluable.





Presenting Christie Melby-Gibbons with consumables for the Tricklebee Café

James doing his thing at the Docks-ology on August 3



TREASURER'S REPORT

Member giving through July: \$48,965
 2015 through July: \$63,742
 2014 through July: \$56,703

Visitor giving through July: \$24,650
 2015 through July: \$33,178
 2014 through July: \$30,182

Income
 Budget for 2016 is \$157,800
 Actual through July \$ 81,785



Expenses
 Budget for 2016 is \$193,696
 Actual through July \$111,837

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD....

The **Spiritual Writers Guild** will emerge from its summer cocoon with a new name and a new time: Beginning in October, **Your Write** will now be held on the **2nd Monday of the month at 1 pm** (Sister Bay Moravian Church, The Oasis/Fellowship Hall). The group is open to anyone who likes to write, and any and all ideas are welcome. Contact Naomi Thomas at 854-1841 with questions. Hope to see you on **Monday, October 10!**

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Juddville, will host a **rummage and bake sale** to sponsor youth programs— Crossways Camp, scholarships, and the Washington, D.C., trip. The sale will be Friday/Saturday, **September 9-10**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (half-price Saturday!), with a great bake sale to boot. The church is one block east of Highway 42 on Juddville Road.



September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg	3
4 8 a.m. Early Service 10 a.m. Worship Communion	5 Labor Day	6 5:30 p.m. Elders Meeting	7 12 p.m. Free Lunch- Sister Bay Moravian	8	9 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg	10
11 8 a.m. Early Service 10 a.m. Worship Joyful Noise For Loaves & Fishes	12 "Dearly Departed" Cemetery Walk, 1 pm & 2:30 pm tours	13	14 9:30 Caring Hands	15	16 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg	17
18 8 a.m. Early Service 10 a.m. Worship	19	20 7 p.m. "Bridges" Thanksgiving Dinner- Sister Bay Baptist	21	22 10 a.m. Trustee Meeting	23 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg	24
25 8 a.m. Early Service 10 a.m. Worship	26	27 9 a.m. Sewing project for Kenya 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes- Stella Maris, Sister Bay	28	29	30 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg	

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POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:

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**Good luck, James, in your
second year at
Moravian Seminary!**

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