



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2017

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.” - Colossians 3:16

January 2018

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



“He died penniless”. When we hear these words, they usually describe great artists who die before their contributions are fully understood or appreciated. They are sad commentaries on the times they lived in and the tragic nature of their lives. When I researched the life of Joseph Mohr, a parish priest who penned the beloved poem 'Silent Night. I read the same words: 'he died penniless.' But instead of tragedy, these words lauded the life of a man with a profound generosity of spirit. He did not die penniless because he was unappreciated or unrecognized. He died without means because he chose to give away his income to the people who needed it most. In a war-torn country, he provided shelter for the homeless and education for the poor. He was called, 'A reliable friend of mankind; toward the poor, a gentle, helping father.' His memorial from the townspeople is the Joseph Mohr School located a few yards from his grave.*

His life reminds me of Jesus, who had no material wealth to give. Rather, he gave himself away. He gave himself away so that we might have peace in this life, and hope for the life to come.

May we, this year, find the grace to give ourselves away- in bringing peace to people torn apart by strife, in bringing economic support to people torn apart by poverty, in bringing forgiveness to people torn apart by anger, in bringing hope to those torn apart by despair.

May this new year be a year of giving away ourselves with abandon- to love and serve, following the One who gave everything away.

**source: http://www.icce.rug.nl/~soundscapes/VOLUME02/Silent_Night_History.shtml*

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.

Dear Ephraim Moravian Church

"Thank you for all the love and support during my time in Ephraim. I appreciate everything you have done for me and my family. I will take the lessons and experiences with me as I move forward and share them with others.

Thank you for everything! God bless.

Sincerely,
Robert Volpe"



2018

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

Funds: Investment Committee
of John Turner, Chuck Mead

Chuck Mead 854-3357
(Cemetery/ Building Exterior/
Trustees President)

George Carey 854-9253
(Cemetery)

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(Church Building and Parson-
age Interiors)

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

Shelley Cox 421-0101
(Church Building and Parson-
age Interiors)

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#### ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair  
Hugh Mulliken, 854-2336  
Karen Ekberg, Vice Ch 421-2553  
Kathy Kirkland, Sect'y 854-6174  
Theresa Weborg 421-0032  
Betty Chomeau 854-2203

Elder for the month of:  
January 2018....Theresa Weborg

### Join us for Watchnight

Sunday, December 31  
11:15 p.m.

*Followed by  
pancakes at Midnight...  
Inspirational message for the  
New Year, a chance to reflect  
and fellowship with our  
brothers and sisters*



### Services in January 2018

Jan 7— 9 a.m. Choir/Sunday School, 10 a.m. Communion

Jan 14 - 9 a.m. Choir/Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and  
Joyful Noise offering, Loaves & Fishes

Jan 21 — 9 a.m. Choir/Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

Jan 28— 9 a.m. Choir/Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

## Lifetouch Directory

Our last church photo directory was in 2013.

Our next photo directory will be  
in 2018!

The dates are set for  
Thursday-Friday-Saturday  
August 2, 3 and 4  
Mark it on your calendars!!



## Prayers

For the Rutherford family as they mourn the death of Ray Rutherford. Ray's memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 30 at 11:00 a.m. here at Ephraim Moravian Church with a luncheon following the service.

Sympathy cards may be sent to: Eunice Rutherford  
4184 Peninsula Players Road, Fish Creek, WI 54212

## For January's Feed My People

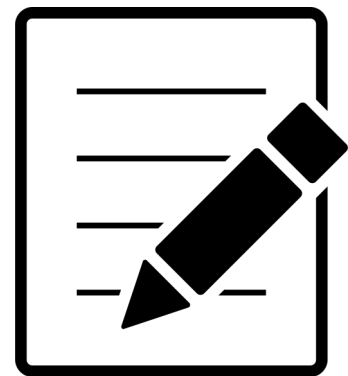
Suggested Donations for  
this month:

### Hearty Foods with Protein:

- Canned Stew
- Tuna
- Chicken



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



### *.Church Council Reports*

*If you chair a committee  
or a board, Church Council  
reports need to be sent to  
the church office  
(preferably by email) no  
later than Wednesday,  
Jan. 10*



.....to those who offered  
Fellowship after church in  
December: the Moores  
and the Biermans, the  
Sokolowskis, Diane and  
Kathy Kirkland

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

...to those who helped at Earl Lorenz's funeral  
service and Ray Rutherford's service.



## January Birthdays

Hugh Mulliken...1  
Kristin Wilson...2  
Bob Volpe...7  
Karen Ekberg...14  
John Cox...17  
James Nelson...19  
Hedy Heise...22



## January Anniversaries

Liz and Bob Schroeder – Jan 12, 1951  
Anne and Larry Crowe – Jan 16, 1988

If we have missed you or someone you know in the lists above, please let us know in the church office!

## UNDERSTANDING INCOME INEQUALITY



- \$ How it came about
- \$\$ How it creates challenges
- \$\$\$ How we can find solutions

6 Tuesdays\*: Jan. 9 - Feb. 13, 2018

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Bertschinger Center

7860 State Hwy 42, Egg Harbor

**\$15 Fee covers all six sessions!**

\*Attendance at all six weeks is recommended, but each session can stand alone

Register by emailing Jim Black at

[jblackjd85@gmail.com](mailto:jblackjd85@gmail.com)

Please type "Income Inequality

Registration" in the email subject line.

## The Monthly Memory Café

continues

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each Month

2:00-3:30, Meadows Solarium

RSVPs encouraged

854-7221 Kathy Wagner

Anyone who is experiencing mild to moderate level of memory loss is encouraged to attend with family, friend, or care partner. Much like your neighborhood café, it's not a place for supervision or respite. It's a place to laugh, learn, and love that old feeling of normalcy.

Mingling among café clientele are dementia-trained professionals and volunteers, to support conversations and attend to any specific questions. Coffee and refreshments provided.

**What are YOU  
doing in the  
future?**

### Open Door Lunches

Sign-up sheet for the four remaining Open Door Lunches is in the Fellowship Hall. We need leaders and those who can make the food, serve/clean up. (We have coverage for January)

If you're in the Chicago area...

Jan. 13 - 15, 2018

### **3-Day Leadership Training for Community Organizing**

Sat. 9 - 5, Sun. 1 - 5 and Mon. 9 - 3

1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015

Fee \$75

Contact Pastor Jim Honig at [sotbpastor@gmail.com](mailto:sotbpastor@gmail.com) to register or for more information

**Service for Christian Unity**  
**January 28**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**4167 Juddville Road, Juddville**



**Inspirational Message by Rev. Jim Honig.**  
**Opportunity to worship with friends & neighbors. Fellowship following service.**

### **Annual Church Council**

Our Annual Church Council will take place on **Sunday, Jan. 28** following the worship service.

Lunch will be served.  
Our Meeting will report on the activities of the church in 2017 and elect new officers for the coming year.  
The church council packets will be available electronically and in print prior to the meeting.

### **BULLETIN BACKS!!**

Since we are using our own personalized bulletin covers now, we have space on the back for our own personalized missives. If you've been enjoying the writings, you may want to try your hand at writing one for us! We'll need them for all bulletins onward.

Check with Pastor Dawn for the scriptures of the week you're thinking about so you can coordinate your writings. Thank you!!



### **TREA\$URER's REPORT**

Member giving through Nov: \$112,251  
2016 through Nov: \$89,653  
2015 through Nov: \$94,601

Visitor giving through Nov: \$49,390  
2016 through Nov: \$59,143  
2015 through Nov: \$64,090

#### Income

Budget for 2017 is \$163,700  
Actual through Nov 2017: \$228,408  
(\$59,929 of our income this year is memorials, so \$168,479 w/o memorials)

#### Expenses

Budget for 2017 is \$188,103  
Actual through Nov 2017: \$167,713



2017

Getting ready  
for the season



A busy ADVENTure



The middle  
school choir visits



5 p.m. Christmas Eve service

Our "Morning Star"  
Stars

< Mylo Sherman and  
Jack Penchoff





Canan Mittermann and  
Henry Bristol >





# January 2018

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| <b>31</b><br>11:15 p.m.<br>Watchnight !<br>12 midnight<br>Pancakes                                                                                                | <b>1</b> New Year's Day<br> | <b>2</b>                                                | <b>3</b>                               | <b>4</b>                                       | <b>5</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Meeting  | <b>6</b>                                                                              |
| <b>7</b><br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>and Choir<br>10 a.m. Service<br>and Communion                                                                              | <b>8</b>                                                                                                     | <b>9</b><br>5:30 p.m.<br>Elders                         | <b>10</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Caring Hands | <b>11</b><br>12 noon<br>Trustees               | <b>12</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Meeting | <b>13</b>                                                                             |
| <b>14</b><br>9 a.m. Sunday<br>School and<br>Choir<br>10 a.m. Service<br>and Joyful Noise                                                                          | <b>15</b> ML King Day                                                                                        | <b>16</b>                                               | <b>17</b>                              | <b>18</b>                                      | <b>19</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Meeting | <b>20</b>                                                                             |
| <b>21</b><br>9 a.m. Sunday<br>School and<br>Choir<br>10 a.m. Service                                                                                              | <b>22</b>                                                                                                    | <b>23</b><br>5 p.m.<br>Loaves & Fishes<br>St. Rosalia's | <b>24</b>                              | <b>25</b><br>2 p.m.<br>Scand<br>Birthday Party | <b>26</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Meeting | <b>27</b>                                                                             |
| <b>28</b><br>9 a.m. Sunday<br>School and<br>Choir<br>10 a.m. Service<br><b>CHURCH</b><br><b>COUNCIL</b><br>3 p.m. Unity<br>Service,<br>St. Paul's in<br>Juddville | <b>29</b>                                                                                                    | <b>30</b>                                               | <b>31</b>                              |                                                |                                      |  |

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## January 2018 Newsletter



The Bethany Lutheran and  
Ephraim Moravian churches  
shine bright

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