



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

March 2018

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Keeping the Faith While in the Grip of Winter”

As much as I love the winter and cold weather, I understand why people flee for points south during the month of March. In other areas of the country, March ushers in Spring. In Door County, it ushers in gray days, cold weather and lingering ice. How do we keep the faith in the grip of winter? I can't give you a list of sure-fire cures for winter doldrums. I can't tell you that I maintain a cheerful presence in all circumstances (If I ever uttered those falsehoods, my own family would rat me out). [note: the church secretary would, too] I turn grumpiness into an art form. The way I keep the faith has absolutely nothing to do with me, and everything to do with God. I have found in the midst of grayness, 'God Sightings' abound. Here's one recent example:



This past month I held a women's retreat in the Green Bay area on the topic of forgiveness. During lunch, one of the attendees told me about her own challenges with forgiveness. Her husband is a Vietnam Vet. There were no parades when he came home from war, only heartache and stress. To make things worse, Vietnam vets were labeled as unstable, violent, “baby-killers.” In order to have any type of normalcy, the family kept his military service hidden. Leaders in government spent years denying that Agent Orange exposure caused physical damage, not only to veterans, but also to their offspring. There were no support systems for these veterans. It's only recently that she and her husband have been able to tell their story. I could certainly understand how difficult it would be to forgive 45 years of heartache. I was impressed at how she channeled her anger into so many worthy endeavors - using her skills to create items of hope all over the world. There are people who have benefited from her work who will never know her name. After the sessions were completed, she gave me a wooden “holding cross” that her husband makes for hospital patients. It's his own form of therapy. It is very smooth and fills the palm of one's hand. The next day at the Scand chapel service, I shared her deeply moving story, displaying the cross as I spoke. After Chapel I visited with a hospice patient, who was having a very bad day. She spoke of her fear of dying. I placed the cross in her hand. During a visit two days later, she was holding the cross. She was no longer in distress. She said, “today is a new beginning.” She died that evening. Someone told me that she held onto that cross until her dying breath. It gave her tremendous peace.

So, dear friends, although I do not have a formula for chasing away the winter blues, I am confident that the God of the ages will make an appearance on the grayest of days.

—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.



Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Services

Mar 7—6:45 p.m. Lenten Service, The Meadows, Sister Bay
Mar 14—6:45 p.m. Lenten Service, The Meadows, Sister Bay
Mar 21—6:45 p.m. Lenten Service, The Meadows, Sister Bay
Mar 26-29—7 p.m. Holy Week Services at Sister Bay Moravian
Mar 30—2 p.m. Good Friday Service at Sister Bay Moravian
Apr 1—7 a.m. EASTER SUNRISE service, joint Service at
Sister Bay Moravian, with breakfast following
Apr 1—10 a.m. Easter Service, at Ephraim Moravian

Niles Weborg, our intrepid greeter each Sunday, will be in Florida for a while... he wants everyone to know he is counting on **YOU** to be a friendly greeter to our visitors while he's gone, engaging them in conversation and giving them a visitor's packet.



Regular Sunday Services in March 2018

Mar 4— 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Communion
Mar 11 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Joyful Noise offering
Mar 18— 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship
Mar 25 — 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship



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Elder for the month of:
March—Liz Opitz



.....to those who offered Fellowship
after church in February: Mary Wil-
son, Carol Schalla & Di Taillon, Doug
& Penny Schultz, Gunilla Wilson
.....to those who ushered or acted as

Sacristan in February.

...to those who helped at the Shrove Tuesday
pancake supper and at Judy Pichette's service.

Have you heard about Peninsula Pet Pantry, Inc.?

Celebrating its first year, they distribute dog and cat
food, free of cost, to financially struggling Northern
Door pet owners. It's a registered charitable organiza-
tion, so donations are deductible.

In their first year, hungry pets ate their way through
355 bags of dog and cat food. Their address: P.O.
Box 577, Fish Creek, WI 54212.

For March's Feed My People

**Suggested Donations for
this month:**

**Pet items such as dry food for
dogs or cats, canned food,
catnip, toys**



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

TRICKLEBEE CAFÉ UPDATE

HEALTHY CHOICES WORKSHOP SERIES



**Thursday Nights • March-June 2018
5:00 pm at Tricklebee Café**

(Stay after for a pay-what-you-can community dinner at 6pm.)

Spend early spring with us as we learn about real food &
sustainability! We're inviting local experts to share their
knowledge on growing, preparing healthy meals on a budget,
pH levels, composting, & more. *Schedule to be announced soon...*

*All participants in these workshops will
be entered into a weekly drawing for the
chance to win an array of fun prizes!*

*[NOTE: Neighbors living within a 2-block
radius of our café get TWO chances to
win the weekly prizes!]*

Only
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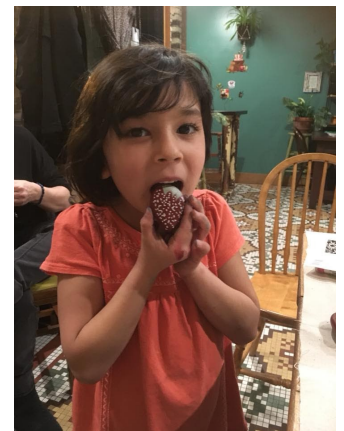
Tricklebee Café

4424 W North Ave. • 414-488-2477 • tricklebeecafe.org
A pay-what-you-can community café

SPOTLIGHT on the VOLUNTEERS: **DEBONNE**

Debonne, daughter of Christie
(Executive Director) and David
(Volunteer Baker), is our youngest
volunteer. She enjoys volunteering
here because it's fun to play with

the little kids who come in even though it does make it a little
hard to eat your lunch on your lunch break. Her favorite food is
spaghetti. Outside of volunteering at Tricklebee, Debonne runs
around outside in the yard with her friends and picks up
trash. "I like that Tricklebee is a nice place where everyone
can come."



**Message from Pastor Christie: "We still need to raise \$20,000 to make our 2018 budget.
If you'd like to donate, make your check out to 'Tricklebee Café' and send to us at
4424 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208. Or go to our Go Fund Me page:
www.gofundme.com/tricklebeecafe. Thank you! Every little bit helps."**

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



(Brie gazing at mom... and she's holding her dad's finger!)

Jack and Liz Opitz report:

Meet our new baby granddaughter: "**Brielynn Vi Lapolla**" born on February 8 at 1:56 am. weighing in at 7lb.5oz., 19 1/2" tall.

So excited!!

Mother Elli Lapolla and father Ryan Lapolla are all doing well.



The Monthly Memory Café

continues

4th Wed. each Month, 2-3:30, 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.

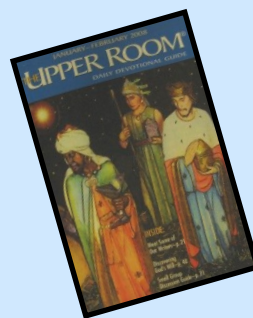
Mingling among café clientele are dementia-trained professionals and volunteers, to support conversations and attend to any specific questions. Coffee and refreshments provided.



Literally, called to serve... our
Open Door Lunches!

Sign-up sheet for the remaining lunches is in the Fellowship Hall. We need a leader for March and those who can lead, make the food, serve/clean up, for April.

The Upper Room



Some of you use the Daily Text for your devotions, others may use other publications. Just as a reminder, as a church we get several copies of The Upper Room and they are always in the

bookshelf in the narthex. You can give a donation in the slot if you like, but they are available for your use. There are usually copies left over, the older ones now in the Fellowship Hall—no matter the dates, they are a good tool for your daily devotions).

The 2018 Spring's Ladies Tea will be renamed
"WHEN COWGIRLS DREAM - DREAMS TO REALITY"



A fabulous highlight of the program is coming from Prairie du Chein, Wisconsin's own 81-year-old National Cowgirl Hall of Famer (putting her alongside Dale Evans and Annie Oakley). Her spectacular career was unusual for a woman of her time---or any time.

Cowgirl duds are very welcome! Wear them or not, but giddy up and join us on Wednesday, May 9, 1 - 3 p.m. in fellowship hall at Sister Bay Moravian Church.

Bring your side kicks!

\$20 per cowgirl helps Door CANcer in their need to support us. Watch for April's notices of final full information and invitation.

Trail master Cheryl Lubahn is looking forward to your reservations prior to May 1 at (920)-246-6459 or e-mail palubahn@yahoo.com.

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 **\$15 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 \$ _____

(put in offering plate, secretary's office, or send to PO Box 73, Ephraim 54211)



"Singing the Living Traditions"

Put it on your calendar!

An interfaith choir concert
here on Fyr Bal Sunday,
June 17, at 4 p.m.
Cynthia Stiehl
conducting, featuring
choirs from Northern
Door and the Sister Bay
Bell Choir.



My love and thanks to everyone for sending thoughts, prayers, cards and love to me. I feel very special!! What a wonderful family I have. I will certainly pay it forward. In Christ's love, Karen



Prayers

...for Karen Ekberg as she continues her recovery
...for Lucille Sohns as she continues to gain strength
...for John Turner as he gets a new knee in March
...for Aleigha Penchoff and all of Judy Pichette's family on her passing
...for Jim Sokolowski at Scandia
...for Toby Wilson in the Emerald Shores Assisted Living, 1100 Baumeister Road, Kewaunee 54216.
Cards would be appreciated!



Baptism and Consumables Baby Shower for Charlie Nicholas Weborg
(son of Nick and Katie)
Sunday, March 18, 2018

They'll need...

Huggies diapers, size 2 or 3
Pampers Sensitive Baby Wipes, unscented
Diaper Genie refills
Honest Company (Target) shampoo & body wash and lotions, fragrance free

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!!



Income

Budget for 2018 is \$177,500
Actual through Jan 2018: \$24,306

(\$650 in memorials year-to-date)

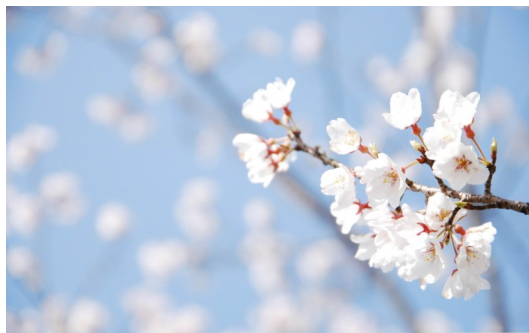
TREA\$URER's REPORT

Member giving through Jan: \$16,738
2017 through Jan: \$17,004
2016 through Jan: \$12,771

Visitor giving through Jan: \$6,789
2017 through Jan: \$1,651
2016 through Jan: \$957

Expenses

Budget for 2018 is \$186,641
Actual through Jan 2018: \$20,188



March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 8:30 am OA Meeting	3
4 9 am—Sunday School 10 am - Worship/ Communion	5	6 5 pm Elders	7 6:45 pm Lenten Service, Meadows	8 12 noon Trustees	9 8:30 am OA Meeting	10
11 9 am—Sunday School 10 am - Worship	12	13	14 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 6:45 pm Lenten Service, Meadows	15	16 8:30 am OA Meeting	17
18 9 am—Sunday School 10 am - Worship Weborg bap- tism/baby shower	19	20	21 12 pm Free Lunch 6:45 pm Lenten Service	22	23 8:30 am OA Meeting	24
25 9 am—Sunday School 10 am - Palm Sunday Wor- ship	26 7 p.m. Holy Week Service, Sister Bay	27 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes 7 p.m. Holy Week, Sister Bay	28 7 p.m. Holy Week Service, Sister Bay	29 7 p.m. Holy Week Service, Sister Bay	30 8:30 am OA Meeting 2 p.m. Good Friday Service, Sister Bay	31
	Easter Sunday Apr 1:	7 a.m. Sunrise at Sister Bay w/ breakfast	10 a.m. Service, Ephraim Moravian			

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