

## EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH COMMENTS

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

### Congregational Watchword for 2010

**"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear." Psalm 46:1-2**

**December 2010**

### **From the Pastor's Desk:**

*"A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'" - Isaiah 40: 3—5*

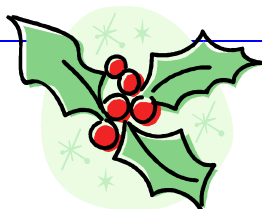


Have you finished your Christmas Shopping? I'm a little behind this year because of the move, but... all the gifts for my out of town friends/family are bought and wrapped and will be mailed out after Thanksgiving. I just have a few items left for Bob and Robert. By the first week of December, those items will be purchased, wrapped and under the tree. All decorations will be up by the first Sunday of Advent. By now most of you are muttering some form of bah-humbug! In my defense, I wasn't always this way. I used to wait and then run around trying to get everything done by Christmas. I found myself stressed out and exhausted. Being a slow learner, it took me a few years to realize that Christmas did not have to be like that. So now, all the little details that make the holiday special are done in advance, so that I can experience the true joy and peace that the coming of Christ brings!

I'm hoping that I can adopt the same behaviors toward other 'seasons' of life. The Bible tells us that we must be prepared for Christ's coming. We're not commanded to shop, or decorate our homes, or cook. We are commanded to live lives that are pleasing to God.

We prepare for Christ's coming by using every opportunity we have to speak words of kindness. We prepare for Christ's coming by using every opportunity we have to bring comfort to the sick and shut in. We prepare for Christ's coming by using every opportunity we have to reconcile with people who have treated us badly. We prepare for Christ's coming by using every opportunity to bring relief to the poor and the oppressed. We prepare for Christ's coming by using every opportunity we have to pray on others' behalf.

If you've put off preparing yourself for the coming of Christ, don't let another day go by! The beauty of the Gospel message is that we can have a new beginning today! Let's use today to bring comfort, healing and love to our community so that when we stand before Christ we will present him with a life well-spent!



## EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WOMEN YOU'RE INVITED!



The Ephraim Moravian Women's Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at the White Gull Inn. It starts at noon with lunch for \$12.00, collected at the door. The lunch includes a choice of soup and chicken salad sandwich (or vegetarian), with dessert and beverage. All women are invited - and please bring a friend! Gifts will be given to our honorary members, along with door prizes.

We hold our "No Bake" cookie sale, with the money going to a needy family in Northern Door County.

If you're coming, please call Diane Jacobson at 920-854-2871 or email to [dianejacobson73@yahoo.com](mailto:dianejacobson73@yahoo.com). Looking forward to seeing you there!

### SERVICES FOR ADVENT - CHRISTMAS-TIDE

November 28: First Sunday of Advent Join us for the Traditional singing of the "Hosanna" and the lighting of the first candle of Advent!

December 5: Second Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion. Join us as we reflect on the Coming of Christ.

December 12: Third Sunday of Advent. See the Advent wreath glow brighter with each Sunday. This Sunday we learn about the "Mary Candle". This is Joyful Noise Sunday!

December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent. A special Sunday School presentation: 'Baking Up a Sweet Christmas' plus a musical treat by the Gibraltar Madrigal Singers!

December 24: Christmas Eve Candle Service at 5 p.m. Scott Weborg will share the reading for the Christ Candle and Sadie Nelson will be singing the Morning Star. Others will be presenting their gifts of music on this special night. If you cannot make the 5 p.m. service, Sister Bay Moravian Church's service is at 7 p.m.

December 26: Christmas-Tide. Come out to hear the Christmas Story told in our "Lessons & Carols" Service. A beautiful service you won't want to miss!

December 31: New Year's Eve Watchnight Service- 11:15 P.M. Join us to 'Ring in the New Year'. Watchwords for the year will be on hand. Let's make this a new tradition at Ephraim!



## EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

PASTOR: MON - THURS 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
FRIDAY Pastor's Day Off

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. The only time her cell phone is off is during meetings or visiting. Please leave a message so that she can return your call.

SECRETARY: WED. - THURS. 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.



### TRUSTEES HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed by your Board of Trustees at their November 11, 2010, meeting:

- A new Treasurer is needed after the first of the year. Anyone interested see Diane Kirkland [editor note: oh it's FUN and you'd LOVE it, really!! See me - DK]
- A revised church Usage Agreement is ready for mailing
- Work on the website should be completed by January 1
- Pastor Dawn and Bob will be getting new west-facing window coverings to block the glare from sun in summer and winter
- We developed a prioritized list of projects for the Capital Fund Drive
- Initial overview of 2011 Budget - expenses fell close to projections, income did not reach 2010 goals
- Pastor Dawn offered to send out a December reminder/appeal letter
- Discussed Fall-Clean-up (reported from Saturday, November 13: Great turnout, great work - inside, outside, cemetery - great food and lots of great fellowship! Thank you hardy workers; we will all enjoy the results.

### YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

#### TRUSTEES

##### Funds & Cemetery

Jody Thiell: 868-3874

John Turner: 854-5060

##### Building-Exterior & Grounds

Jack Opitz: 854-5949

##### Building-Exterior & Interior

Natalie Neddersen:

854-2121

##### Grounds & Building-Interior

Gunilla Wilson: 854-5105

#### ELDERS

##### Vice Chair

Paul Flottman 854-4780

Diane Jacobson 854-2871

Hugh Mulliken 854-2336

Eunice Rutherford 868-3373

Doug Schultz 839-2153

##### Elder for the month of:

Dec.....Paul Flottman

January.....Doug Schultz

## WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

DEC. 31—11:15 P.M.

This year we'd like to begin a New Tradition at Ephraim. You are invited to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new possibilities God has in store for you. At this Watchnight service, individual 'watchwords' will be distributed, the 'watchword' for the church will be drawn (which the pastor will then preach about on the first Sunday of January!). At precisely midnight, the organist will interrupt the pastor to signal the new year and we will all stand to sing, "Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord". After the service ends, a pancake breakfast will be served. Please contact the church office so we know how many people to prepare for—920-854-2804 or email Pastor Dawn directly at:

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

## EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WOMEN'S MISSION PROJECT

The Ephraim Moravian Women's Sarah Circle has decided to make "Common Bread" our mission project. Justin Rabbach and Dan Miller are mission Volunteers from Watertown, WI. They go to Nicaragua to help rebuild churches and to do other work. They are leaving January 6, 2011, for their next trip. We would like to raise money for their GENERAL CONSTRUCTION FUND to purchase supplies that will aid construction projects on the coast.

Your donation could buy a 5-gallon bucket to transport water, nails, or hammers. Some specific items to purchase are shovels (\$10), cement brick mold (\$100), wheelbarrow (\$25), school supplies (\$25), ball and Frisbee (\$10), and a ball pump (\$15).

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Please make checks out to either EMW or Common Bread by December 31, 2010. You can give the checks to G.G. Paschke or Diane Jacobson (920-854-2817).

Justin, a member of Ebenezer Moravian, came and talked to our Moravian Women's Workshop and so inspired our women there. We hope to have him speak to us, after returning from this trip. More information can be found at: [www.commonbread.org](http://www.commonbread.org).



## FEED HIS PEOPLE

We don't think of Door County as a "needy" place -- no one living on the streets, no homeless shelters. But there are so many families living from week to week who count on donations to Feed My People/ Clothe My People to get them through, a need particularly felt during the holiday season when others seem to have such bounty.



## ADVENT-URE IN THE CHURCH! DECEMBER 4

We are continuing our tradition during the first Saturday in December - during the Village celebration of **Christmas in Ephraim** - with our Advent-ure at church!

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a special holiday bake sale (see page 5), and all visitors to the church will be treated to refreshments, take part in making stars and candles, and they'll hear about Moravian traditions and "going putzing" (whazzat?? Come and see!). Plan to come!

## CARING HANDS FOR NOVEMBER

Our members and Pastor Dawn have been faithful in visiting our shut-ins. Pastor Dawn visits weekly and serves communion at least once a month. CDs of our services are being copied and delivered to those who would like to hear them.

We are planning a little surprise for the end of the first semester for those of our congregation in college (there are eight of them!), and we began discussion on what we might put in the Christmas packages to our shut-ins this year.

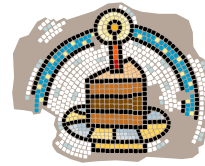
As always, Caring Hands is available on an emergency short-term basis for food, rides, cards and calls to anyone in our community who needs us. Please let us know if you have concerns or know of someone who could use our services.



## SECOND ANNUAL SWEETS FOR THE HOLIDAYS SALE

It will take place during Christmas in Ephraim on **Saturday, December 4,**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. here at church.

Bake, bake, bake, and bring gaily  
packaged goodies to church for sale  
no later than 9:30 a.m. that day.  
Men: make that yummy candy again!  
Candy, cookies, cakes, Stollen, it's  
**ALL** good!



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carly Mulliken...1  
Timothy Nelson...2  
Paul Burton...7  
Jack Opitz...7  
Karen Larson... 8  
Barbara Classen...9  
Robert Anderson...10  
Amanda Flottman...12  
Toby Wilson...12  
Susan Wysong...13  
Andrew Phillips...18  
Harry Maher...20  
Mary Wilson...23  
Linda Carey...27

We are sorry if we omitted or listed incorrectly someone's name from the list. Please call the church office (854-2804) or email (secretary@ephraimmoravian.org) to make changes or additions.

### PRINT OUT YOUR DECEMBER CALENDAR and PUT IT ON YOUR 'FRIDGE!

...and note the new date for the Sarah Circle meeting  
of December 2, 1 p.m. at Hedy Heise's !

## A SPECIAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Consider being a mealtime assistant at the care center at Scand. They are in such need of volunteers, especially on the weekends.

You WILL touch someone's life! Training is provided.

Call Nicki Sharrig at 854-2317 or by emailing at [nickis@dcwis.com](mailto:nickis@dcwis.com)

*"If you cannot feed a hundred people, then  
feed just one" - Mother Theresa*



## I AM A CHRISTIAN

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not shouting that 'I am clean living.'  
I'm whispering 'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

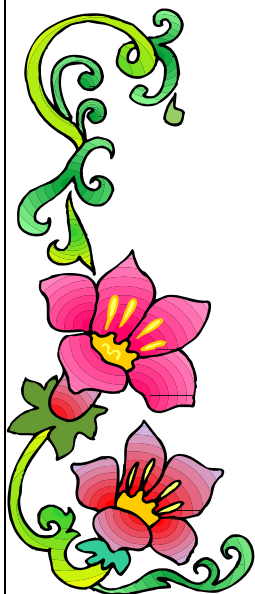
When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming to be perfect.  
My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier than thou,  
I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!



**Do you love the weekly flower arrangements**

**in our church on Sundays?**

**Do you admire the flower beds around the church?**

***Become a part of making that happen!***

Lisa Carlson, Cici Mulliken, Jody Thiell, Gunilla Wilson and Mary Wilson are the **Flower Committee**, and they're always looking for those who want to help them out! You can ...

\*share your garden flowers in summer

\*loan "party flowers" to the church for use on Sunday morning

\*honor loved ones in celebration as well as with memorial arrangements (for graduations, birthdays, anniversaries or a special thank you - call the church office (854-2804) and let us know at least a week in advance so we can get the information into the bulletin!)

Two special "raking angels" showed up at Bernice Koehler's home last week as a complete surprise to Bernice! She wants to thank Angel Earl and Angel Linda for their special gift of love.



*The Volpe Family Invites you to:*

*A Parsonage Open House  
Wednesday, December 15  
4 p.m.—9 p.m.*

*Refreshments Served*

*Share with us the Joy of this Holiday Season!  
Drop by for fellowship, a house tour  
and great food!*



Jim Gelhaar thanks the entire congregation for being the #1 contributor to the CROP Walk again this year - tenth year in a row!

The Ephraim Moravian congregation gave \$1,965 in support of the Walk in 2010. The CROP Walk is sponsored by Church World Service, with funds going to help end hunger locally as well as around the world. One quarter of Northern Door funds donated go to Sturgeon Bay's Feed My People.



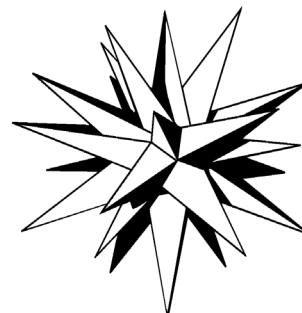
To those who provided refreshments at our Fellowship hour last month: Diane & Kathy Kirkland, Jim & Carol Sokolowski, Fran Eckland, and Earl & Linda Lorenz.

To all our wonderful workers at the Fall Clean-Up: Paul Burton, Lisa Carlson, Barb & Pete Classen, Bob & Karen Ekberg, Betty Anne Knudson, Earl Lorenz, Diane Kirkland, Vicki & Wes Maynard, Cici & Hugh Mulliken, Natalie Neddersen, Doug Peterson, Doug Schultz, Jody Thiel, Judy & John Turner, Dawn & Bob Volpe, Niles Weborg, Scott Weborg, Gunnila & Tom Wilson, and Mary Wilson. We all had a ball and enjoyed a FABulous lunch afterwards. Don't the church and church grounds look great!?

## TREASURER'S REPORT

as of November 8, 2010

|         | Budget                    | Actual                          | %      |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| INCOME  | \$114,480                 | \$ 93,709                       | 81.9%  |
| EXPENSE | \$145,985                 | \$110,637                       | 75.79% |
|         | <b>(31,505)</b>           | <b>(11,929)</b>                 |        |
|         | <b>budgeted shortfall</b> | <b>actual shortfall to date</b> |        |



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# December 2010

| Sun   | Mon | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|-----|---|--|--|--|--|
|   |     |   | 1  | 2<br><i>Sarah Circle<br/>1 p.m.<br/>Hedy Heise's</i> | 3  | 4<br><i>"Advent-ure"<br/>Candle Trim-<br/>ming, Bake Sale<br/>11 a.m. - 2 p.m.</i> |
| 5<br><i>9 am Choir<br/>10 a.m. 2nd Sun.<br/>of Advent Holy<br/>Communion</i>  | 6   | 7<br><i>12 p.m. Mora-<br/>vian Women<br/>Luncheon<br/>White Gull Inn<br/><br/>5 p.m. Elders</i> | 8<br><i>9:30 a.m. Car-<br/>ing Hands</i>   | 9<br><i>5 p.m. Trustees</i>                          | 10   | 11   |
| 12<br><i>9 am Choir<br/>10 a.m. 3rd Sun.<br/>of Advent<br/><br/>Joyful Noise &amp;<br/>Feed My People<br/>Offerings</i> | 13  | 14  | 15<br><i>Unity Prayer<br/>Watch<br/><br/>4 p.m. - 9 p.m.<br/>Parsonage<br/>Open House</i><br> | 16   | 17   | 18   |
| 19<br><i>9 am Choir<br/>10 a.m. 4th Sun.<br/>of Advent</i>  | 20  | 21<br><i>6 p.m. -Noble<br/>House- Fish<br/>Creek<br/>Christmas Open<br/>House</i>               | 22   | 23   | 24<br><i>5 p.m. -<br/>Christmas Eve<br/>Service<br/><br/>(7 p.m. at Sister<br/>Bay Moravian)</i> | 25<br><i>Christmas</i>   |
| 26<br><i>10 a.m. Christ-<br/>mas-tide. Les-<br/>sons &amp; Carols<br/>Service</i>                                       | 27  | 28<br><i>5 pm Loaves &amp;<br/>Fishes</i>   | 29   | 30   | 31<br><i>Watchnight<br/>Service<br/>11:15 p.m. fol-<br/>lowed by break-<br/>fast!</i>            |  |