

Ephraim Moravian Church Comments

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

Congregational Watchword for 2011

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February 2011



From the Pastor's Desk:

We began New Year with a wonderful service of Reflection and looking ahead. The Watchnight service brought people out from our community to receive inspiration for the year ahead. It was on that night that we drew a Watchword for the entire congregation. We hope to live in the light of that text for the year 2011.

“Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today.” - Exodus 14:13

Anyone listening to Moses at the time of his speech would have thought that he was stark-raving mad. The people were caught with an Army on one side of them and the Red Sea on the other. Either option was death! How could they be unafraid? *We* know that they were miraculously spared, but *they* didn't have that information at the time! In their fear they told Moses that they should have been left alone in their enslavement. They reasoned that slavery was preferable to death. The people of that day were not much different from us. When we're in extreme distress, we tend to fall back to behaviors that are familiar, even if they are not helpful. We want to find someone to blame. Our fear paralyzes us. The first message that God has for us this year is: Do not be afraid. Whatever the circumstances, they are no match for the God of all creation! “Stand Firm” is the second message. Moses did not want the people to run away in panic—harming themselves and others in the process. To ‘stand firm’ in this day and age means that we do not forsake our principles when life gets tough. The church stands firm when we continue to preach the gospel in our words and actions. The church stands firm when we take our motto seriously... ‘In essentials, Unity (The Christian Faith); in Non-essentials, Liberty (Don't sweat the small stuff) and in all things, Love (whether I like you or not!!). We have to remember that Love is a choice, not a feeling. The Second message is: “Stand Firm”. The Last word that Moses spoke was: “See the Deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you”. We know, from the story, that the people escaped the King's Army and marched across the Red Sea to freedom. “See the deliverance” means that we have to actively look for God's actions in our lives. Someone once said we need to have ‘God Sightings’- God is at work everyday but most of us fail to see His hand because we're not looking. Let's make every day an opportunity to see God's hand at work. Are you ready for what God will do in this congregation? Let's work together, shaking off our fear, preaching and modeling the Good News, Standing firm in our faith and Watching God at Work!

Leadership Training Seminars

We are privileged to have 2 gifted pastors who will give us the benefit of their extensive experience in Leadership. These Seminars are open to all Ephraim Church Leaders (past, present AND future). If you currently serve on a board or committee, or you feel that sometime in the future the Lord will use you in a leadership capacity, these seminars are for you! The Rev. Fred Lehr, director of Church Development and The Rev. Gary Marsh will be presenting workshops on Communication, Leadership Skills, How to maintain a Healthy Congregation, etc.

These men will also share the pulpit with Pastor Dawn on the Sunday following their presentations. We see this as an opportunity to be more effective in the ministry God has given to us here in Door County. Please put these 2 dates on your calendar. Let's prepare ourselves for the work that has been entrusted to us!

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5 -Fred Lehr
9—2 p.m. (with lunch)
Empowerment...Rooted in the Gospel...Managing Conflict

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19 -Gary Marsh
9—2 p.m. (with lunch)
The healthy Church...How to be a Leader...Stewardship

February 2011 Services

February 6 - 10 a.m. worship; Holy Communion.
Preachers: Fred Lehr and Pastor Dawn. *Note from the Pastor: "I'm very excited that the Packers are playing in the Super Bowl! Since the game is being played in the evening, I expect everyone in church for worship!"*

February 13 - 10 a.m. worship; Joyful Noise & Feed My People offerings.

February 20 - 10 a.m. worship; Preachers Gary Marsh and Pastor Dawn

February 27 - 10 a.m. worship



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

January 20, 2011 Meeting

The January 20 Board of Trustees meeting included approval of the following items:

- Payments to the Ephraim Business Council for the 2011 Fyr Bal booth and membership (including advertising in the brochure)
- Custodian's hours set for 3-5 weekly, additional hours with approval. Larry Jacobson would call Jaime for snow removal help.
- Changes to the Cherry Scholarship, clarifying dates and three-person selection committee.
- Request to the Common Fund for \$20,000 from Commemorative Preservation Fund to repay money borrowed from Money Market.
- Request to the Common Fund for funds from the Forever Fund to replace money spent on new trees at the cemetery.

The Trustees also listed the following concerns for 2011:

- Condition of church furnaces
- Decision on position of Treasurer
- Updating the signboard
- Removal of wood pile in cemetery
- Installation of roller shades in the parsonage
- Effectiveness of outdoor lighting

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

John Turner: 854-5060
Jack Opitz: 854-5949
Gunilla Wilson: 854-5105
Karen Ekberg: 823-2526
Jim Sokolowski: 839-9265
(Trustee responsibilities to be determined at next meeting)

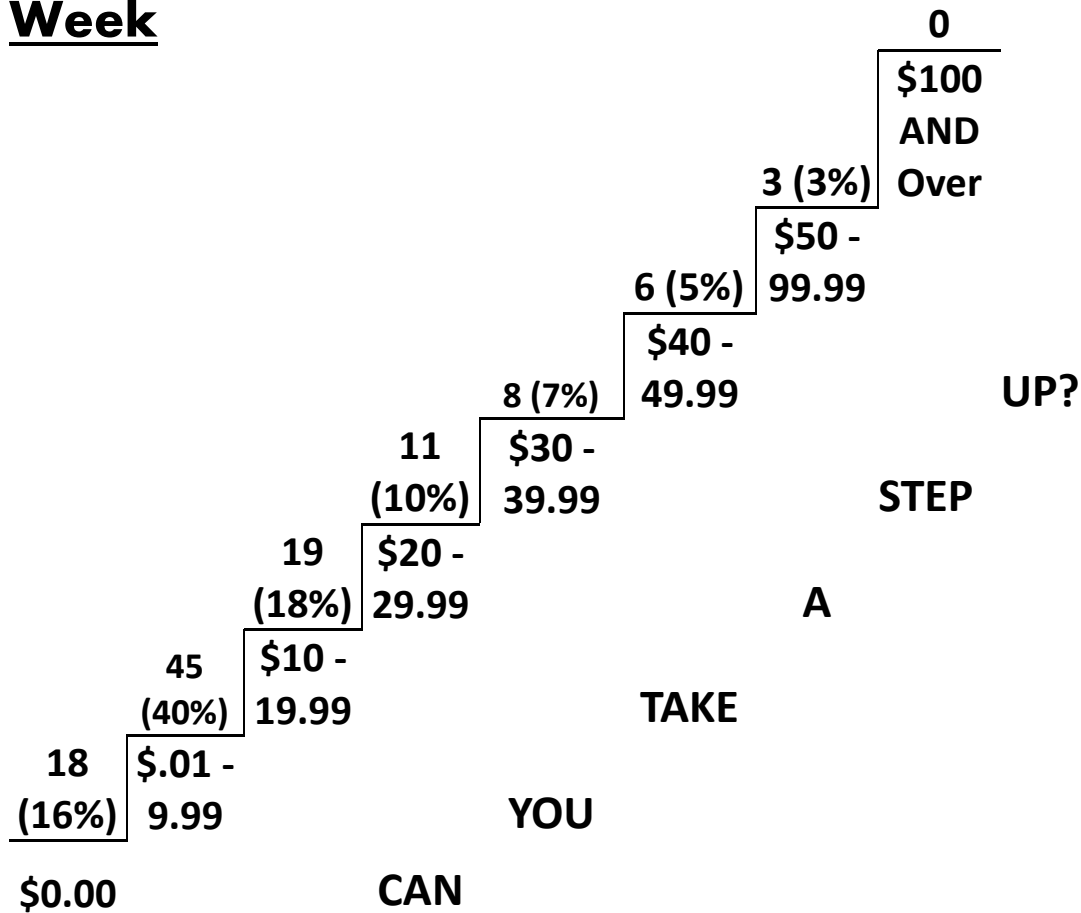
ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair
Diane Jacobson 854-2871
Eunice Rutherford 868-3373
Doug Schultz 839-2153
Pete Classen: 839-2902
George Carey: 854-9253

Elder for the month of:

February.....Eunice Rutherford
March..... to be determined

STAIRSTEPS OF GIVING - Giving Increments per Week



The above chart is the representation of our congregation presented at Church Council on January 26. We have 114 individual members, not including college students, confirmed youth, or spouses who are not members.

Fifty-six percent of our adult members gave nothing or less than \$10 per week in 2010. A similar study done in 2004 shows that we have a larger percentage in these bottom two categories than six years ago--but we also have a larger percent of members in the upper categories. Prayerfully consider "stepping up" your giving in 2011.

"God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others." 2 Corinthians 9:6-9



Electronic Giving



Remember that you can give to your church electronically every week or every month--it's easy! Just give your bank this routing number for Ephraim Moravian Church, tell them how much and when, and they'll set it up:

Routing Number: 075902104

Checking Acct Number: 0536325

Caring hands for January

Since we met in January, we lost Karen Larson in our congregation, for which we are sad. We discussed many in our congregation and friends of Ephraim Moravian who are recovering from surgeries, etc., and signed cards to send to them. In February, we will sign and send Valentine's cards to our shut-ins to remind them that their church family cares about them.

"Stewardship is the act of organizing your life so that God can spend you." — LYNN A. MILLER, AUTHOR



OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, February 16
12 noon at church**

Serving up
Soup / Sandwiches
& a chance to get to
know our neighbors!
Invite a friend!

Cost: FREE !



February Birthdays

Frances Burton...1
Paul Wilson...2
Dale Jacobson...3
Betty Wolf...5
Diane Jacobson...6
Betty Anderson...15
Shelley Cox...18
B. D. Thorp...18
Pat Horvath...20
Natalie Neddersen ...20
Chris Farmer...21
Lorraine Morton...21
Theresa Weborg...26
Karin Jacobson...28
Niles Weborg...29

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.

THE DAILY TEXT

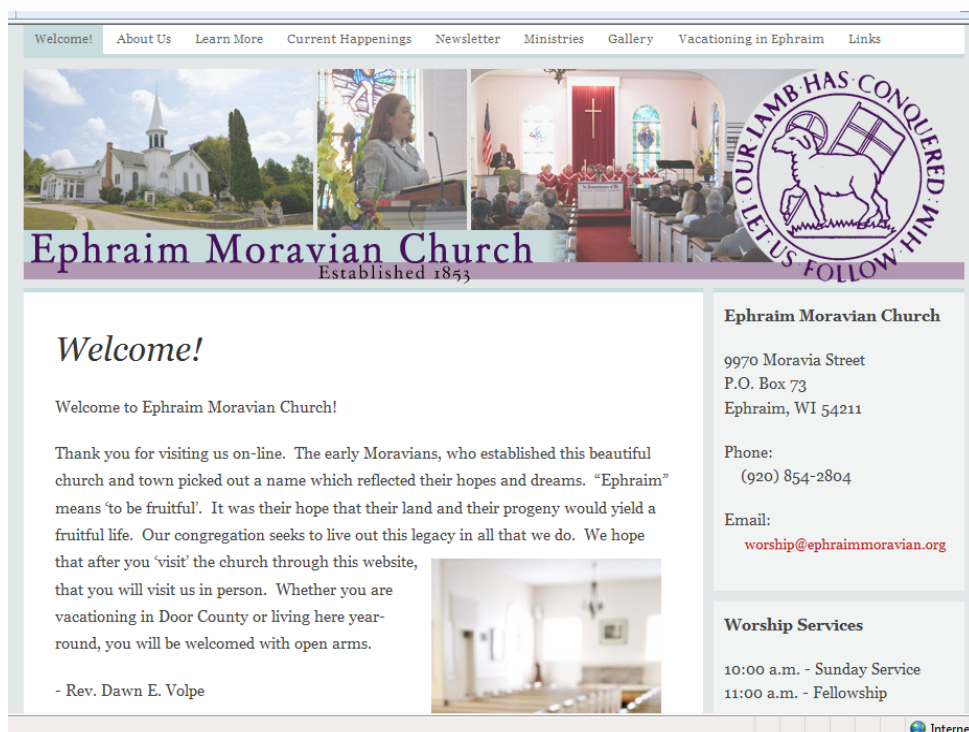
Sign up to get the Daily Text for the day, delivered right to your email each morning:

http://www.moravian.org/daily_texts/

If you miss having an actual book in hand and didn't order a copy for 2011, you can go to the following website address and order one:


<http://www.moravian.org/publications/>

Check out our new website design, thanks to Ryan Sherman! The address is still www.ephraimmoravian.org



Our new email address is tied into the website and it's worship@ephraimmoravian.org

Our old address of emoravian@dcwis.com will be forwarded for quite a while, but please make note of the new email!

	<i>Treasurer's Report for 2010</i>		
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	INCOME	\$119,271	\$119,024
	EXPENSE	<u>\$146,235</u>	<u>\$131,827</u>
(these figures include all Moravian Fund distributions, but no flow-through amounts such as Cherry Scholarships, Joyful Noise or other items that come in and go out in the same exact amounts)			

Ephraim Moravian's Congregational Watchwords

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Exodus 14:13

For the Elders: "I am the Lord who heals you." Exodus 15:26

For the Trustees: "Better is a little with righteousness than large income with injustice." **Proverbs 16:8**

For Caring Hands: "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other." Isaiah 45:22

For Moravian Women: "Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Philippians 3:7-8

For the Choir: "O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise." Psalm 51:15

For the Sunday School: "Christ says, 'Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do.'" John 14:12

For Loaves & Fishes: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." Philippians 4:4



...to those who served Fellowship in January: Mary Wilson, The Volpes (in honor of Bob's birthday), Liz and Bob Schroeder (in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary!), Theresa Weborg and Nancy Christofferson.

Many thanks to the ladies who set up, served and cleaned up at the Church Council on January 26, and to all those who got their reports in for the Annual Report in a timely manner! Thanks to our outgoing Joint Board members for their hard work: Jody Thiell and Natalie Neddersen on Trustees, Paul Flottman and Hugh Mulliken on Elders.

Thanks to Mary Ann Schuder, who takes our donated groceries to Feed My People

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POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 5 p.m. Elders Meeting	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 5 p.m. Trustees	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 9 - 2 Leadership Training- Fred Lehr Lunch included
<i>6</i> 10:00 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion Preachers: Fred Lehr & Pastor Dawn	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 1 p.m. Sarah's Circle	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> 10:00 a.m. Worship Joyful Noise & Feed My People Offerings	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Deadline for newsletter submissions	<i>16</i> 12 p.m. "Open Door" Community Luncheon	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 9 - 2 Leadership Training- Gary Marsh Lunch included
<i>20</i> 10:00 a.m. Worship - Preachers: Gary Marsh & Pastor Dawn	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> _{5 pm} Loaves & Fishes	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 10:00 a.m. Worship	<i>28</i>					

BIBLE STUDIES

Currently we do not have Bible Studies here at Ephraim. In order to assess the need and the willingness to attend, the pastor would like you to take a few minutes to fill out this survey. After it's completed, you can either 'clip it' and put it on the secretary's desk, mail it in, or email your responses directly to: secretary@ephraimmoravian.org.

I am interested in attending a Bible Study

yes_____ no_____

I would like for our church and the pastor to join the two Bible Studies currently run at the Sister Bay Moravian Church (Men's Class & Women's Class)

yes_____ no_____

I would like to attend a study at our church.

yes_____ no_____

I would be most comfortable in:

men's class _____
women's class _____
all gender class _____

The best time for a class would be

_____ Early a.m.
_____ Mid-Morning
_____ Afternoon
_____ Evening

The topics/Bible Books I'd like to study are:

Name_____