



## Ephraim Moravian Church Comments

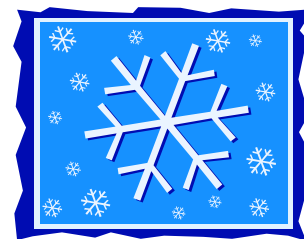
**"In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love"**

### 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**

January 2011

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



Did you get a personal Watchword for this past year? I always pick up a Watchword for myself at our New Year's Eve Service. A watchword is a verse of scripture cut out of the Daily Text. It's designed to be a guide and inspiration for the coming year. My Watchword for 2010 was: "See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are."

-1 John 3:1. It was so important to me, that this slip of paper traveled with me from Maryland to Wisconsin.

Although you and I are told that we are children of God, we do need to understand what that means.

It means that, when I leave all the people I love and move thousands of miles away... I am not alone, or bereft, or without friends! I am a child of God and I'll find others who are part of his family. This has meant a great deal to me as I've moved far from family and friends. The love of God hasn't changed. In fact, because I know I'm loved, I can bravely face a new life and new challenges. I hope everyone who has to move away from home understands that we can never move away from the love and compassion of God. When you feel homesick and alone, remember that you are God's child.

It means that, regardless of the roles we play and the responsibilities we are given, we are always 'God's kids.' I can have expectations heaped on me yet not feel trapped because the God of the Universe considers me His child! This has helped me in my roles as pastor, mother, wife, sister and friend. I can always bring the burdens of my life to God and leave them in His almighty hands!

It means that I have an identity beyond my name, my nationality, my place of birth, my family. I am God's child. No one can take that away from me or minimize my life. When you feel caught up in everyone else's judgment of who you are, stand up and declare, "I am a child of God!"



I don't know what the new year will bring for you, for me or for our church. I DO know one amazing fact. Our Divine parent will see us through the changes that this year will bring. I'm so glad we are His children!

## *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)

SATURDAY                  FEBRUARY 19                  -Gary Marsh  
9—2 p.m. (with lunch)

## *❄ January 2011 Services ❄*

*December 31 Watchnight Service, 11:15 p.m.* - New Year's Eve service until midnight sharp. Pick your watchword for 2011 and join us in a pancake breakfast after the service!

*January 2, 10 a.m.* - Holy Communion. Pastor will preach on the Congregational Watchword for 2011. Pastor conducting services at Scandia at 1:15 p.m.

*January 9, 10 a.m.* - Epiphany Sunday. Joyful Noise and Feed My People offerings today. Pastor conducting Scandia service at 1:15 p.m.

*January 16, 10 a.m. worship* - Join Liz and Bob Schroeder as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary during Fellowship). Pastor conducting 1:15 p.m. Scandia service

*January 23, 10 a.m. worship* - Pastor conducting 1:15 p.m. Scandia service

*January 26, Wednesday, 6 p.m.* - Potluck and Church Council

*January 30, 10 a.m.* - Installation of Officers. Pastor conducting 1:15 p.m. Scandia service

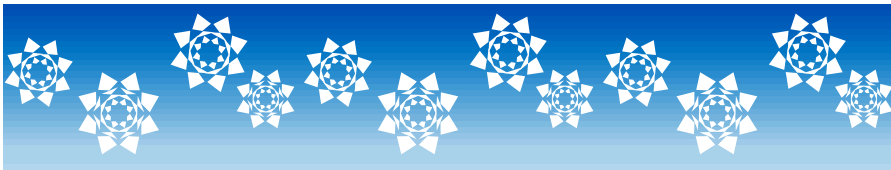
## *Ephraim Moravian Church Office Hours*

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

***Note:*** *The Pastor will be on vacation Monday through Saturday, January 3-8 (she will be conducting worship on the 9th). If there is an emergency, please call one of our Elders listed below.*

CELL NUMBER:      920-421-4042 The Church Phone does NOT ring in the parsonage. Please keep the Pastor's Cell Phone handy 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 Trustees send their appreciation to the congregation for its strong support throughout this very busy year. We also send our wishes for a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with good cheer.

Among topics discussed at the Board of Trustees meeting of December 9, 2010, were:

- Letter to the congregation - suggested changes in pastor's end-of-year giving letter;
- Brochure - needs some revisions and updates before reprinting;
- Outdoor sign board - needs to be "dressed" for the Holiday season;
- Parsonage window coverings, to be ordered in January;
- Plowing and shoveling - Natalie will ask Larry Jacobson about plowing, and Jody will ask Bob Volpe to connect with the snowblower. Additional help is needed;
- 2011 Budget - final draft approved with room for adjustments. We continue to anticipate a shortfall;
- Treasurer - will send out end-of-year giving statements with additional information on the Capital Campaign.

### **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**

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair

Paul Flottman                      854-4780

Vice Chair

Diane Jacobson                      854-2871

Hugh Mulliken                      854-2336

Eunice Rutherford                      868-3373

Doug Schultz                      839-2153

##### Elder for the month of:

January.....Doug Schultz

February.....Eunice Rutherford

## 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 chosen, 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).



## Elders Highlights

The Elders have been working on programming for next year and are excited over the opportunities for ministry. Among the projects are:

(a) Anderson "Docks-ology" - Anderson Dock has been reserved, community churches have "signed on" to conduct the services, and the dates are set!

(b) Community Luncheons - see separate article

(c ) Name tags - see article at the right

(d) Leadership Training (article on page 2)

(e) Mission Trip - we're exploring the possibility of a Mission Trip within a few hours of us. More info to come!

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## Anderson "Docks-ology"

**We have a name for our "Sunset on the Pier" services. The winning entry was Paul Flottman! Pastor Dawn will be presenting his prize at the annual Church Council meeting!**



The launch of our new and improved Ephraim Moravian Church WEBSITE is January 1!

[ephraimmoravian.org](http://ephraimmoravian.org)



**WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME**

We're working on permanent name tags for all our members, and a board to "house" them....a long-time project finally coming together!

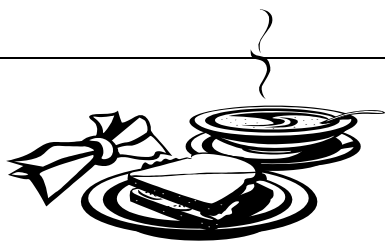
In the meantime, please fill out a name tag each week to wear in church and fellowship so that our visitors know your name (and the Volpes are still connecting names with faces, too!).

## *Caring hands for DECEMBER*

We spent part of our December meeting gathering together goodies for our college kids. They will receive them for finals week to boost their energy!

We also began planning our Christmas packages for those of our congregation who are shut-ins and can no longer attend church. It's always fun to plan what goes in these packages. We also discussed those who had been sent cards and who needed our prayers and care.

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.



## *Community Lunch*

We're beginning a new ministry for our "winter residents"! The entire community is invited to a Monthly Luncheon here at Ephraim. We'd like a "catchy" name for it.

If you can come up with one, please send it in! Pastor Dawn will be giving a prize at Church Council (if you're not "in town," she'll mail it out!).

*"I have held many things in my hands,  
and I have lost them all.  
But whatever I have placed in God's hands,  
that I still possess."*

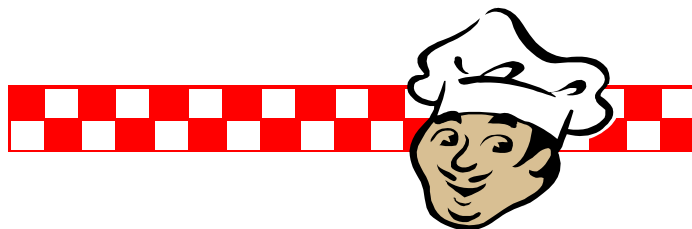
— MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)



## **January Birthdays**

Hugh Mulliken...1  
Kristin Wilson...2  
Bob Volpe...7  
Karen Ekberg...14  
Malinda Shea...14  
John Cox...17  
James Nelson...19  
Hedy Heise...22  
Robert Yeomans...30

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.



## **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

**Wednesday, January 19**  
**12 noon**

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

**Cost: FREE!**



### *When You Store....*

D.L. Moody said he was walking down the street one day and somebody gave him five dollars. The man said, "Brother Moody, you are such a great blessing to me." Moody said he thanked him and had not walked a block until he found somebody who had a need, and he passed the five dollars on to him. Moody said, "I felt so good." He said, "I had not walked another block until somebody came up and said, 'Mr. Moody, you are such a blessing to me,' and gave me another five dollars." Moody said he thanked the man and put it in his pocket, and "I did not pass that five dollars on."



And he said, "I never had anybody come and do it again."



### *Treasurer's Report Jan 1 - Dec 10*

|         | <u>Budget</u>             | <u>Actual</u>                   |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| INCOME  | \$114,480                 | \$ 104,608                      |
| EXPENSE | <u>\$145,985</u>          | <u>\$ 117,997</u>               |
|         | <b>(31,505)</b>           | <b>(13,389)</b>                 |
|         | <b>budgeted shortfall</b> | <b>actual shortfall to date</b> |

*A lot of people are willing to give God the credit,  
But not too many are willing to give Him the cash.*

### **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IS FOR:**





Pastor Dawn decorates a cookie

Natalie & Kelsey Neddersen at the Eagle Harbor Inn Open House



One of the FOUR tables at the White Gull Inn - the Ephraim Moravian Women's annual Christmas lunch



## Christmas Doings in Ephraim

Jody Thiell and Eunice Rutherford  
"Christmas in the Village"



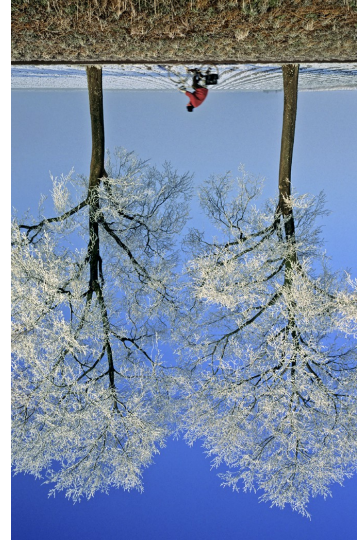
## Thank You

...to those who served Fellowship in December: Joyce Jahn and Kaye Maher, Sue Sherman, Sadie Nelson and Jane Olson, and Kay Wilson.

Thanks to all those who helped with the ADVENTure and the great bake sale for Christmas in Ephraim at our church, and all those involved in getting our church ready for the Christmas season. The church looks beautiful!

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General Correspondence: [emoravian@ddcwis.com](mailto:emoravian@ddcwis.com)  
Organist-Choir Director: Jendean Olson 920-743-9347

*Winter is the time for comfort, for good food  
and warmth, for the touch of a friendly  
hand and for a talk beside the fire:  
it is the time for home.  
~Edith Sitwell*



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|                                                                                         |     |                            |                                                                                                                      |  |                                                                                       | 1                                                |
| 2<br>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br><br>1:15 pm Pastor conducting services at Scandia     | 3   | 4                          | 5                                                                                                                    | 6                                                                                   | 7                                                                                     | 8                                                |
| 9<br>10:00 a.m. Worship<br>Joyful Noise & Feed My People Offerings<br>1:15 p.m. Scandia | 10  | 11                         | 12<br>9:30 a.m. Caring Hands<br><br>1 p.m. Sarah's Circle                                                            | 13<br>5 p.m. Joint Board                                                            | 14<br><b>Deadline for Church Council Reports!!</b>                                    | 15<br><i>Deadline for newsletter submissions</i> |
| 16<br>10:00 a.m. Worship<br><br>1:15 p.m. Scandia                                       | 17  | 18                         | 19<br>12 p.m. Community Lunch<br> | 20<br>5 p.m. Trustees                                                               | 21                                                                                    | 22                                               |
| 23<br>10:00 a.m. Worship<br>1:15 p.m. Scandia                                           | 24  | 25<br>5 pm Loaves & Fishes | 26<br>6 p.m. Pot-Luck<br><br>7 p.m. Church Council                                                                   | 27                                                                                  | 28                                                                                    | 29                                               |
| 30<br>10:00 a.m. Worship<br>Installation of Officers<br>1:15 p.m. Scandia               | 31  |                            |                                                                                                                      |                                                                                     |  |                                                  |

# 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](mailto: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:

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Name\_\_\_\_\_