



Ephraim Moravian Church Comments

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

Congregational Watchword for 2011

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

March 2011

From Pastor Dawn's Desk

As many of you know, I have requested prayers for Teri Gerson who was a member of Trinity Moravian Church. Soon after I left the church, Teri was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Teri died on Sunday, February 6. Thank you for your prayers on her behalf and for your expressions of concern. Teri taught me a great deal about what it means to be a servant of Christ. I offer her story to you in the hope that her witness will inspire you as it did me.



Teri Gerson was not your typical ‘church lady’. In fact there was nothing ‘typical’ about Teri. She swept into my life and Trinity’s about 8 years ago with two small boys in tow. I shall always remember her long blonde hair, perennial tan, flaming red lipstick, black tights, jewelry everywhere, husky voice and, at times, very colorful language!

Once she realized that the church accepted her just the way she was, she jumped into action. Teri loved doing things with her hands, so we asked her to take over the crafts for Vacation Bible School. I marveled at her organizational skills and her energy. Two years ago, I asked her to take over the Food Pantry ministry. This ministry had been part of the church since the 1980’s. Teri was hesitant, not because of the work involved, but because she was unsure that she could be effective. After seeing her in action over the years, I had no such qualms. I urged her to give it a try. And, as I had seen so often in the past, Teri threw herself into this new challenge. The Food Pantry ministry had seen many dedicated leaders but one of the frustrations that they all talked about was the fact that, although the congregation saw the need, very few people could get involved or showed much enthusiasm. All this changed under Teri’s leadership. It had to. How could anyone ignore such joyful exuberance! She excitedly told me, “I get to give away food! How cool is that!” At every opportunity, she would talk about this amazing privilege she had. You could see the joy every time a client came in. She would stand at the door saying, “Well, hello, my dear, how are you?” As if greeting an honored guest. The Food Pantry is now in the forefront of Trinity’s minds and hearts because of Teri. She modeled the true servant that Christ wants all of us to be: working for Jesus with joyful abandon.

In the Fall of 2009 the director of a program that houses homeless men in churches during the winter months, came to me with a daunting request. She asked if Trinity could open its doors to the Safe Haven program. I agreed only because I knew that Teri had the enthusiasm and organizational skills to make it happen. Since we had never

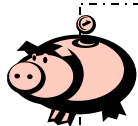
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done anything like this before, we had to recruit many people to make it a success. Soliciting donations of blankets, dinnerware and food, getting together a cadre of people to cook, chaperone, do laundry, bring men to shower facilities - Teri did it all and we were ready for another 'adventure' at Trinity. Teri was on hand to greet our guests that first year. Each night she sat down and chatted with these men like they were part of her family. At the end of the week, one of the men said to me, "This was, by far, the best shelter we've been in. You've treated us like equals. You've been so tolerant. Thank you for a wonderful stay!" Teri Gerson has left us with a legacy of how the servant of God should be in all dealings: gracious, kind and accepting.

In November of this year, as Teri was continuing her ministry with the Food Pantry and planning for another week of Safe Haven, her life turned upside down. She was diagnosed with a virulent form of cancer. With every surgery and treatment, the news was always grim. She had many days of tears and pain. But through it all she managed to make others smile. She told me that after surgery, she was feeling like cr** and everyone was telling her how good she looked. "It's the red lipstick, honey; everyone looks great in red lipstick." She also told me that she didn't realize just how much people loved her until she was sick. "I'm so thankful for that. Not many people have the support I've had." During our last conversation she said, "It will work out, it will all work out! If I live, I'll be grateful, and if I die, I'm going to get heaven organized!"

What a privilege it was knowing Teri! Trinity will never be the same. Because of her fine organization the ministries of the Food Pantry and Safe Haven will go on. But what really brings joy to my heart is the God whom Teri found at church. As a child, Teri believed that God was 'out to get her.' In fact, she lived in fear of God's wrath. At church, she learned that God loved her unconditionally. And He did... God gave Teri the church family who encouraged her, cheered her on and rallied around her when she was in crisis. God gave Teri her beloved Warren, who adored her and remained with her until she took her last breath. God gave Teri many friends who became advocates, comforters and shoulders to cry on. God gave Teri the hope of eternal life. She knew beyond a shadow of a doubt where she was going. I am so thankful for the day Teri Gerson swept into my life!



Treasurer's Report for Jan 2011

	Budget	Actual	
INCOME	\$ 119,918	\$17,336	14.5%
EXPENSE	\$ 139,885	\$10,669	7.6%

(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)

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 9

6:00 p.m. Sacrificial Meal

(Ephraim's Fellowship Hall)

Bring soup or bread to share

A sign-up sheet will be
on the bulletin board



7:00 p.m. Worship

(Ephraim's Sanctuary)

Pastor Dawn will be preaching and
our choir will be singing

WEDNESDAYS in LENT

March 16 - April 13

6:30 p.m.

Scandia Nursing Home: The Meadows
Joint Services with Sister Bay Moravian

Each week we will be hearing an
inspirational message on the subject:
The Seven Words TO the Cross

These messages reflect on the words
people said to or about Jesus during his
suffering and dying.

Please be sure to come out for a time of
reflection and fellowship with
the community.

March 2011 Services

March 6

10 a.m. worship; Holy Communion

March 9

6 p.m. Sacrificial Meal; 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

March 13

10 a.m. worship, 1st Sunday of Lent; Joyful Noise & Feed My People
(Joyful Noise goes to the Sunshine House this month)

March 16

6:30 p.m. Joint Lenten Services at The Meadows

March 20

10 a.m. worship, 2nd Sunday of Lent

March 23

6:30 p.m. Joint Lenten Services at The Meadows

March 27

10 a.m. worship, 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 30

6:30 p.m. Joint Lenten Services at The Meadows

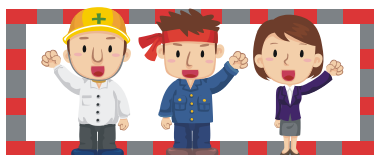
Ephraim Moravian Church Office Hours

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.

Pastor's Vacation - Pastor Dawn will be gone from March 14 to March 27. For regular church business, contact one of the Elders. For emergencies, please call Bob's cell phone at 920/421-4041.

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



LEADERSHIP SEMINAR WITH GARY MARSH

22 people met for an exciting seminar led by Rev. Gary Marsh. He

gave us tools to begin our work to grow into a vital, thriving church. Here are some of the highlights:

- People who ask, "What is a Moravian?" do not want a history lesson. They want to know what we believe and if they will be 'at home' in our worship setting.

- Next year, the Province will no longer calculate assessments based on membership, but on the biblical concept of percentage giving.

- Ephraim Moravian does a good job welcoming people who find us, but we need to work on inviting people to worship.

- Bible Study and prayer are essential to a congregation's growth. We need to begin a study sooner, rather than later.

- Ephraim Moravian does a good job being involved in service and mission.

- Although we print our mission statement in every bulletin, no one was able to recite it from memory!

- Brother Marsh gave us a new strategy on how to deal with inactive members which is personal, sensitive and does not involve 'form letters'!

We all recognized that we have a real challenge ahead of us which will not be met with a 'short term fix'. We celebrated the fact that we are energized, aware and ready, with God's empowerment, to be the light that so many people in this community need.

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

Funds

John Turner 854-5060

Building Interior/Parsonage

Jack Opitz 854-5949

Grounds

Gunilla Wilson 854-5105

Cemetery

Karen Ekberg 823-2526

Building Exterior

Jim Sokolowski 839-9265

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:

March..... Doug Schultz

April.... Diane Jacobson

Quickbooks Whiz??

Anyone out there who's an old hand at Quickbooks? We have a few annoying glitches in the church program and are looking for someone to help us fix them! Speak to Hugh Mulliken or Diane Kirkland if you think you might be able to help!

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### Report from the Board of Trustees

The February meeting welcomed new Board members Karen Ekberg and Jim Sokolowski. The new Chair of the Board is John Turner. Gunilla Wilson agreed to continue as Trustee secretary.

Summer time parking concerns - to assist the village, we will be offering to open our upper parking lot to employees of Wilson's from Monday through Friday. This will ease some of the congestion in that area of town.

The new website project has been completed. We thank Ryan Sherman for his fine work on our behalf. Our website is [www.ephraimmoravian.org](http://www.ephraimmoravian.org).

Other projects in the "works":

- Cemetery woodpile - John Turner has this covered and has a home for it once the weather turns warmer.
- Signboard - Jim Sokolowski is working on locating a suitable vendor for this project.
- Parsonage window coverings - Gunilla Wilson will order and have these installed.
- Insurance Coverage for art/antiques will be re-evaluated.
- New furnaces - will be evaluated and action taken at our next meeting.
- Scholarship committee - Gunilla Wilson has been appointed by the Board. Another member will be appointed by the Joint Board.

### Have one too many keys on your ring?



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**YOU** may have a church key you no longer need as a Trustee, Elder, or another capacity in which you have served in the past. If you find that you have a mystery key on your key ring and it fits the door here at church, please turn it in to the church office. Thank you!

### Looking Ahead to Holy Week

*This year, our friends at Sister Bay Moravian will be joining us for the readings of Holy Week. The readings begin on Palm Sunday through Thursday. Each evening we will meet in our Sanctuary to reflect on God's great sacrifice. Please keep these dates open:*

**Sunday—Thursday, April 17—21  
6:30 p.m.**



## OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY LUNCHEON



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

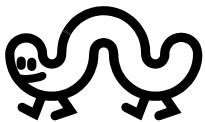
**Serving up  
Soup / Sandwiches  
& a chance to get to  
know our neighbors!**

**Invite a friend!**

**Cost: FREE !**

**We have had wonderful feedback from this new ministry! For the last 2 months we have averaged between 25—30 guests.**

**Special thanks to our chefs/helpers for January & March— Cici & Hugh Mulliken, Doug Schultz, Jackie Nelson, Bob Volpe, Jody Thiell, Natalie Neddersen. Thanks to Diane Kirkland for publicity. In March, Gunilla Wilson will be the coordinator and in April, Kay Wilson. After April, we'll be on 'summer break' and begin again in November!**



### DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?' 'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms?'



### March Birthdays

#### MARCH

Kevin Horvath...1  
Pete Thiell...3  
Ted Hoepfner...4  
Scott Weborg...5  
Priscilla Krist...12  
Bernice Koehler...18  
Sydney Heim...20  
Peter Classen...21  
Cathie Gelhaar...23  
Jane Olson...23  
Mitchell Weborg...24  
Roger Larson...25  
Michael Weborg...26  
Nancy Christofferson...27  
Kelly Schuder...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.



### THANK YOU

..to those who served Fellowship in February: Earl & Linda Lorenz for the splendid Super Bowl feast, John & Judy Turner, Gunilla Wilson and Fran Eckland, and Pat Horvath.



## NEW MEMBERS

In April, Pastor Dawn will be holding new member sessions for all those interested in joining Ephraim Moravian Church.

There will be three sessions, the last one being a dinner! Please let Pastor Dawn know if you are interested in joining these sessions and the days/times that would be most convenient for you.

New members will be received on Anniversary Sunday (May 22). What a wonderful way to celebrate the founding of this church by receiving new members into our family! You may reach Pastor Dawn by calling 920-421-4042 or by email: [dawnandbobv@gmail.com](mailto:dawnandbobv@gmail.com)

## Joyful Noise



We have four charities this year that will receive our Joyful Noise offerings on a rotating basis.: our own Sunday School, our Loaves & Fishes program, and - new this year - Sunshine House and Feed My People.

Sunshine House - established in 1971, this non-profit is a diverse community service organization whose purpose is to achieve full participation in society for people with special needs. They provide bulk mailing services, packaging and assembly services, job placement in the community, and assistance in feeding, mobility, personal hygiene and activities. They provide transportation for their workers to and from the Sunshine House.

Feed My People - Feed My People started in 1982 in Sturgeon Bay. They provide a variety of food items (including fresh vegetables, milk and fruits) to those in need, clothing, bedding and small household items, and collect and distribute coats for kids. They have a holiday program, anonymously matching donors with needy individuals or families for Christmas giving, and an emergency needs program in case of fires, disasters or relocations.

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A big **THANK YOU** to Hugh Mulliken, who stepped forth and agreed to be Ephraim Moravian's newest Treasurer! We all appreciate your dedication and commitment to our church, Hugh!



Elder Notes

After routine concerns related to Communion schedules and Elder of the month assignments, Pete Classen and George Carey were appointed to share Secretary of Elders responsibilities and Doug Schultz the duties of Vice Chair of the Elder Board.

Leadership training scheduled for February 19 with Gary Marsh leading the session was discussed with an emphasis on encouraging all whom might be or might have an interest in some committee and/or board work.

It is an objective of the Pastor and the Elders to strengthen the infrastructure within Ephraim Moravian Church as a means of developing a stronger church presence and service to the congregation and community.

Projects the Elders will be working on this year are:

- Establishing an Usher Corps
- Establishing a Sacristan Corps
- Developing a summer children's program (anticipating there will be seasonal residents and tourists who would benefit from these)
- Consider how to strengthen offerings for teen and college-age persons
- Consider re-establishing a nursery
- Continue a presence in the Fyr Bal Festival Celebration
- Advance to a Capitol Fund program
- Develop "Calling Committee" with related contact list
- Continue the Moravian Open Door Luncheon Program next fall and winter

Further discussion on Easter Season Services will continue at the March Elders meeting.

There is much we would like to do in the days ahead this year as you can see from the above. We seek input and participation from all in achieving this ambitious plan. Please join with us in Prayer and Action as we move forward in the Lord's work at Ephraim Moravian.

Submitted on behalf of the Elder Board,
Doug Schultz

Eunice Rutherford's felt candles



They're beautiful, and you can learn to make them on Tuesday, March 15, at 1 p.m. Everyone's invited - friends, family - to the Fellowship Hall, to learn this craft from Eunice. It's on your calendar, attached, so make note and join in the fun.

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General Correspondence: worship@ephraimmoravian.org

Organist-Choir Director: Jendean Olson 920-743-9347



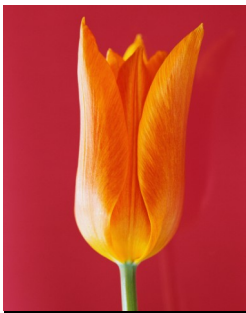
*Super Bowl Sunday
Fellowship by the Lorenzes*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>10 a.m. Moravian Women Executive Mtg</i> <i>5 p.m. Elders</i>	2	3 <i>5 p.m. Joint Board</i>	4 <i>2 p.m. Ted Hoepfner's 92nd birthday - Meet at Scandia</i>	5
6 <i>10:00 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion</i>	7	8	9 9:30 a.m. <i>Caring Hands</i> 1 p.m. <i>Sarah Circle</i> 6 pm <i>Ash Wednesday Sacrificial Meal</i> 7 p.m. <i>Service</i>	10 <i>5 p.m. Trustees</i>	11	12
13 <i>10:00 a.m. Worship - 1st Sun. of Lent Joyful Noise & Feed My People Offerings</i>	14	15 <i>1 p.m. Felt Candle Craft with Eunice Rutherford (in Fellowship Hall)</i>	16 <i>Open Door Community Lunch 12 p.m.</i> <i>6:30 pm Joint Lenten Services-Scandia</i>	17 <i>Deadline for newsletter submissions</i>	18	19 <i>10:30 to noon & lunch - Betsy Miller, Pres. Of PEC, LISTENING SESSION at Sturgeon Bay Moravian</i>
20 <i>10:00 a.m. Worship- 2nd Sun. of Lent</i>	21	22 5 pm <i>Loaves & Fishes</i>	23 <i>6:30 pm Joint Lenten Services-Scandia</i>	24	25	26
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