



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

May 2011

From Pastor Dawn's Desk

Some of you may have heard my 90 second 'radio spot' on FM 105.1 about my Post-Easter experience. In my article below, you'll read, as Paul Harvey says, 'the rest of the story'. My prayer is that you will also experience a Post-Easter blessing!

We all know how wonderful the Easter experience is. Churches are packed, the music is joyful and the sermons (hopefully!) are inspirational. It's a grand day and all is right with the world. But the week after Easter finds us back to the same old routines. Pastors like me usually take off the week following Easter to take a rest and parishioners sometimes follow suit and take a week off from church!

Last year's Post-Easter season found me on the road, taking a trip back to a beautiful village nestled in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia. It was in this village that my parents had a summer home in their retirement years. My parents had been faithful members of the local church 6 months out of every year until they left the mountains in 2001. They relocated to Maryland and passed away in 2003. I was feeling nostalgic and wanted to reconnect with this place that had been such an important part of their life and mine. When I arrived, I went straight to the home that my parents had owned. It was a beautiful ranch home right on top of the mountain, with breathtaking views of the valley below. As I stood in front of the house, I was deeply disappointed. It held none of the charm that I remembered. Gone was the glider rocker on the front porch, the wind chimes, the hummingbird feeders, the deck furniture, the bountiful garden that daddy had tilled. It looked like a small, ordinary house. My next stop was the home of my Uncle Bob. Uncle Bob loved the property so much that he asked to be buried in the back yard. He had a sun room built onto the house. His home always looked like something out of a magazine. I almost drove past the house because it looked so different. The once beautiful home was in very shabby condition. The person who answered the door was shocked to learn that there was a body buried out back. It was easy to locate the grave, a large concrete slab with a headstone on top, but I understood why the home owner was puzzled. The grave was overgrown with dirt and weeds. There was no way to see the tombstone's wording without a power wash! I had visions of Uncle Bob perpetually spinning in his grave!

At the hotel that night I called my husband and recounted my sad discoveries. I should have known that there would be no evidence of my relatives after 9 long years. I told him that I thought it best that I leave early Sunday morning and just go home. Bob reminded me that I am known to give people a hard time when they absent themselves from worship when I'm not preaching and that I had spoken from the pulpit about the importance of showing up, even when we don't feel like it. He was right, of course, so I set out for church Sunday morning with no expectation of receiving inspiration or comfort. When I arrived at the church, a young woman greeted me. The minute she heard my maiden name, she lit up. The entire congregation remembered my parents. They not only greeted me warmly, but also told stories about my parents ministry in that church. Daddy was remembered for always lending a hand at any fund raiser or work day.

From Pastor Dawn's Desk, continued...

Mommy was remembered for her wit, magnetic personality and her 'lead foot' on the gas pedal. A man who had a brain tumor 20 years ago recalled their prayers and encouragement during that difficult time. I left those mountains in joy.

I learned some valuable lessons that day. The first one is something I preach every chance I get - being in worship, whether we feel like it or not, is always the right choice. We never know how God will touch us unless we show up! The second thing I learned is that our life is not contained in the house we own, the clothes we wear or the places we've been. Our life has purpose and is remembered when we have nurtured friendships and have been generous with our time and resources. My parents valued relationships over possessions. Those relationships live on today.

How do we want to be remembered after our life on earth ends? Let's begin today to cultivate our relationships within this church, in our work places and in our community. See you in church on Sunday!



The best mathematical equation: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

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Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous

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Forbidden fruits create many jams

May 2011 Services

May 1 ~ 10 a.m. worship, Holy Communion; Guest preacher Rev. Dan Olson

May 8 ~ 10 a.m. worship - Mother's Day! Joyful Noise and Feed My People offerings

May 15 ~ 10 a.m. worship - Moravian Music Sunday

May 22 ~ 10 a.m. worship - Church Anniversary Sunday! Lovefeast and NEW Ephraim Moravian members received

May 29 ~ 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.

Pastor Dawn is on vacation for the week after Easter, and the Rev. Dan Olson will be preaching on May 1. If you have concerns during her vacation, please call one of the Elders noted below.

Elders Highlights

The Elders met on April 5. They

- Set up the Communion Assistants through July
- Named "Elders of the Month" to help at the pulpit
- Named Elders who would check on members if they have unexplained absence from church
- Recruited Niles Weborg to enlist and train an Usher Corps, with possibly an "usher of the month" rotation
- Recruited Jody Thiell to assist in training a Sacristan Corps
- Approved the idea of a Facebook account for the church [note: now up-and-running with almost 100 "friends"]
- Officially approved the May 17 Cemetery walk
- Discussed involvement in Fyr Bal.

Trustees Highlights

The Elders met on April 14.

They have been planning to restore the Nursery to its proper standing within the church, and Bob Volpe is in charge of the transformation. We will be needing a new changing table and new crib (both safety-approved), and if you see any sale on toys that are approved for ages three and under, we will be replenishing our stock for the toddlers.

There was a discussion of encouraging electronic giving for the congregation--especially those who are not in town part of the year --a wonderful and carefree way to keep your church giving consistent.



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

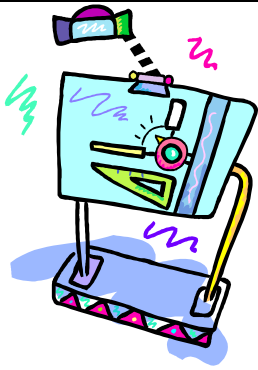
George Carey: 854-9253

Elder for the month of:

April.... Diane Jacobson

May..... Pete Classen

June.... George Carey



CREATIVITY CONFERENCE

May 20-22, 2011
Mt. Morris Camp &
Conference Center

This second creativity worship, designed for those who think they are creative or NOT, will be held at Mt. Morris May 2-22. The weekend event is designed for all ages, with programming for the entire family. Activities include creative writing, woodworking, drama, drawing, cookie, breadmaking, beginning keyboard, tone chimes, floral design, photography and hiking!

It is possible to sign up for Saturday only, if you don't want to commit to the whole weekend. Good food and fellowship are promised, as well as the opportunity to try something NEW. Enrollment is limited, so don't wait too long.

There is a poster on the upper church bulletin board with more information, and brochures in the book shelf rack. Jane Harberg is your contact: 920-648-5019.

Home Instead

A service founded by Steve Nooyen in 1997, Home Instead is now the world's largest provider of comprehensive, non-medical care for seniors who want to stay in their homes, and includes home help, short-term recovery care and respite care.

They are currently looking for paid caregivers in this area--no medical care is done, so no medical expertise is needed, just someone who is comfortable taking care of personal needs. It is flexible, part-time (they would like 12 hours or more per week of your availability), with a view towards continuity of care.

If you are interested, contact Carrie Miller at 920-743-9370.



Ephraim Moravian Women's Spring Sale and Luncheon

Saturday, June 4,
11 am to 2 pm

Ephraim Village Hall

*famous Sloppy Joe
luncheon

*Homemade bakery

*Moravian items

NEW:

*Garden Market
(plants, baskets,
garden art)



Dearly Departed.. Cemetery Walk through Ephraim's Past

Tuesday, May 17
1-3 p.m. (rain date May 18)



The objective of the cemetery walk is to provide historic background on the Village through presentations and portrayals of individuals from our history as well as an outreach into the community.

Characters developed for presentation are Frank Anderson, Kittie Valentine, Ole Larson, Harold Wilson, Mally Knudson Mayhew, Katrina Oneson, Edith Ohman, and Harold Wilson



Several of our members will be involved and we'll be serving goodies at the cemetery walk as an additional outreach. ***If you are interested in baking some Moravian Sugar Cake or other treats for the event, or would like to help out during the event, please let the church office know!***

Parking in the Ephraim Moravian parking lot will be encouraged, and there is also public parking behind the Ephraim Fire Department on Norway.

The Ephraim Historical Foundation will be providing a tram between locations for your convenience!



May Birthdays

MAY

Jody Paschke...2
Gunilla Wilson...3
Elli Opitz...6
Cindy Phillips...11
Arnold Sohns...13
Doug Schultz...14
Joyce Jahn...17
Pieta Horvath...18
Tiffany Ann Opitz 18
David Sohns...21
Nicolai Carlson...23
Earl Lorenz...23
Elaine Jacobson...26
Patti Bennett...30
Liz Opitz...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 us at (worship@ephraimmoravian.org)





NEW MEMBERS!

New members will be received on Anniversary Sunday,
which is May 22.

What a wonderful way to celebrate the founding of this church
by receiving new members into our family:

Brent Bristol

Angela and Ryan Sherman

Be sure to come to church on May 22 to celebrate
Ephraim Moravian's Anniversary and welcome our new
members to the church!

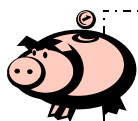


The Ephraim Moravian Church has taken the leap into the Social Network by establishing our own Facebook page!

If you'd like to become our "friend" on Facebook, go to www.facebook.com and search for "Ephraim Moravian Church." Ask to be our friend, and we'll confirm you so that you can get updates from the Daily Texts, information and updates on church events.

CONGRATULATIONS!

On Saturday, May 7, the Right Reverend Russell E. Jacobus, Seventh Bishop of Fond du Lac, will be ordaining seven candidates to the Sacred order of Deacons, including Scand's own Chaplin, Joy Zakrzewski. Congratulations, Joy!



Trea\$urer's Report for Mar 2011

	Budget	Actual
INCOME	\$ 119,918	\$27,318
EXPENSE	\$ 139,885	\$31,352

(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)



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We thank those who served our church by providing Sunday Fellowship in the month of April: Scott Weborg, our “coffee man,” Jim and Carol Sokolowski, Kay Wilson, the Volpe family, Diane Jacobson, and all those who cooked and baked for the Easter Breakfast: Bob Volpe, Joyce Gerdman, Jackie Nelson, Cici Mulliken and Gunilla Wilson!

Kay Wilson made a wonderful “Open Door Luncheon” to end our winter-season lunches for the community, assisted by Gunilla Wilson, Mary Wilson, and Jackie Nelson. We had over 40 people attend our finale. The lunches start up again in November, and we have inspired Sister Bay Moravian to have similar lunches on the 1st Wednesday of each month Nov-April.

Thanks to all the ladies involved in the Ephraim Moravian Women’s Spring Salad Luncheon (see photos on the back page) -- the food was great, the program was wonderful and interesting, and Eunice Rutherford’s table decorations were perfect for the occasion.

Thanks to Kathy Kirkland, who has agreed to be responsible for recording our Sunday Services. If you would like a copy of a service, please put your request on the secretary’s desk (with your name!) and we’ll be sure to give you a CD.

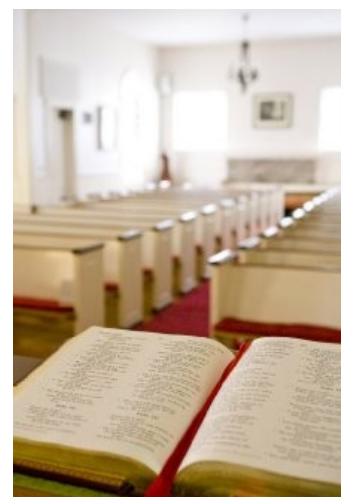
Thank you to the 25 people who made our Spring Clean Up a s success: Betty Anderson, Brent Bristol, Barbara and Pete Classen, Erin Flottman, Judy Flottman, Diane Kirkland, Wes and Vicki Maynard, CiCi Mulliken, Natalie Neddersen, Liz and Jack Opitz, Doug Peterson, Jim and Carol Sokolowski, Jody Thiell, John and Judy Turner, Gunilla and Tom Wilson, Kay and Paul Wilson, Mary Wilson, Bob and Dawn Volpe.

Bible Study Starting SOON !

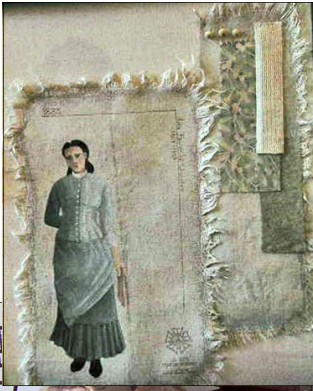
Thanks to all those who have shown an interest in beginning a Bible study at Ephraim Moravian.

The two times that seem to work out best for those who indicated a preference are on Wednesdays, either 4 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

We’ll be starting on Wednesday, May 18, so please let the Pastor know which time works out best for you, and we’ll all decide what study we will pursue at the first meeting.



**Women's Salad Luncheon
April 13**



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Secretarial Office Hours: Wednesday/Thursday 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 a.m. Worship- Holy Communion	2	3 5 p.m. Elders	4	5 5 p.m. Joint Board	6	7
8 10:00 a.m. Mother' Day Joyful Noise & Feed My People Offerings	9	10	11 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 1 p.m. Sarah Circle	12 5 p.m. Trustees	13	14
15 10:00 a.m. Worship Moravian Music Sunday	16 Deadline for newsletter submissions	17 Cemetery Walk - 1-3 p.m. (rain date May 18) - meet at the cemetery	18 Bible Study (time to be decided)	19	20	21
22 10:00 a.m. ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY- LOVEFEAST and welcoming new members!	23	24 5 pm Loaves & Fishes	25 Bible Study (time to be decided)	26	27 6 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	28 Flottman/Bristol Wedding
29 10:00 a.m. Worship	30	31	