

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

June 2011

From Pastor Dawn's Desk

For several years, my sister worked as an ICU nurse. The following is an article she wrote for a nursing journal. It reminds us of the lasting impact we can have on another human being through the words we speak. *"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver."*
- Proverbs 25: 11

THE POWER OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT - Linda Taylor



Recently, I began to think about people who influenced me and taught me important life lessons. I would like to share a true story of an encounter I had many years ago with a patient that helped me become a little bit 'wiser.'

As a nurse I have always believed in the power of the human spirit to lift others. However, after taking care of so many desperately ill patients, most of whom did not recover, this belief had become a little 'frayed' until I met Sister Veronica. Sister Veronica was a frail nun in her late eighties. She had a serious heart condition and was admitted to the ICU where I worked. The ICU was incredibly busy that evening. I was taking care of three critically ill patients. Sister Veronica was the only one not on life support. For the entire twelve hours of that night shift, I ran from bed to bed completing my nursing tasks. Sister Veronica was wakeful and lay watching me from her bed. There was no wall between us, just a curtain that she wanted to remain open. Every time I went to check on her or just pass by, she gave me a word of encouragement and blessing. This went on the entire shift. While the patients remained just as crucially ill, and I was just as busy, the work somehow became easier. When I arrived home, instead of being physically exhausted and emotionally drained, I was refreshed and rejuvenated. It was clear that she had been the nurse and I the patient that night.

I never saw Sister Veronica again. One week later when I returned to work, I found out that she had died the night before. The entire unit, from the secretaries to the physicians, was in mourning. As I talked with my colleagues, I discovered that Sister Veronica had spent the last week of her life encouraging and blessing an overworked ICU staff.

This event happened more than fifteen years ago. I will never forget Sister Veronica's effect on my life and marvel that a penniless and dying nun could use what little strength she had to help so many around her. She has inspired me to be a more effective, compassionate nurse and a better person. I believe in the power of the human spirit to make a positive difference in people's lives.

Thank you, Sister Veronica.



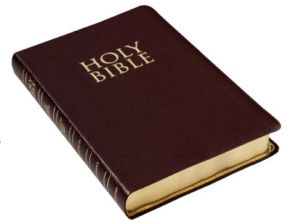
FYR BAL ! June 18 ~ 19

Ephraim Village will be teeming with people for the annual Fyr Bal festival. Our church will be represented at a booth. This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to our neighbors and the many tourists visiting for this weekend.

In preparation for this event, there is a sign up sheet for those who would like to engage in this ministry. We need: People to make sugar cookies— each baker makes 6 dozen, people to run the booth for 2-hour intervals, and people to take down the display on Sunday. If you are not here to sign up at church, please email us to indicate what you will be able to do: worship@ephraimmoravian.org

Bible Studies Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

*Join us each Wednesday
as we study :
“Listening for God through the
Book of James”
James gives us practical
advice on Christian Living.
Refreshments are served
weekly. Hope to see you this
Wednesday!*



Anderson Docks-ology

*Coming soon to a dock near you,
Wednesday night sunset services!*

At 8 p.m. on July 6, 13, 20, and 27
At 8 p.m. on August 3, 10 and 17

Join us down on Anderson Dock
for music, inspirational messages
and fellowship.

Pastor Dawn will be conducting the
first service, and we hope to have
Sister Bay Moravian's bell choir !

June 2011 Services

June 5 ~ 10 a.m. Ascension Sunday, Holy Communion

June 12 ~ 10 a.m. Worship, Pentecost Sunday!
Joyful Noise and Feed My People Offerings

June 19 ~ 10 a.m. Worship ~ Father's Day Bring friends to a very special
service, “Voices from the Past”

June 26 ~ 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.

Elders Highlights

Your Elders met on May 3. The Usher and Sacristan Corps were discussed (there are sign-up sheets on both bulletin boards!).

The Cemetery Walk committee is putting the final plan together for the May 17 walk.

The Pastor and Paul Burton are working on a special June 19 Fyr Bal weekend service. Immediately following the service, the pastor will travel to Sister Bay Moravian to conduct a renewal of wedding vows ceremony.

Trustees Highlights

Your Trustees met on May 12.

- They finalized plans for the Fyr Bal booth for our church
- They discussed the Ruth Nelson Scholarship and that per the criteria for the scholarship, it should be given to Sturgeon Bay Moravian grads this year
- They received an estimate for handicap accessibility, which was forwarded to Hugh Mulliken
- Jack Opitz will look at repairing the basement doors.

Distinguished Guests...

Retired Moravian pastors Rt. Rev. Kay Ward and her husband Rev. Aden Ward will be hosting John and Angelene Swart for a tour of Door County next Thursday through Saturday. Mrs. Swart is former President of the Moravian Unity Board and head of the South African Moravian Province. They will be staying in our church parsonage with the Volpes, brunching with Moravians on Friday, going to Sister Bay Moravian's fish boil, touring the Iverson House, and then heading out to tour other parts of the U.S.A.



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:

June.... George Carey

July.... Eunice Rutherford



Ephraim Moravian Women's Spring Sale and Luncheon

Saturday, June 4 ~ 11 am to 2 pm
Ephraim Village Hall

*famous Sloppy Joe luncheon with
homemade pie ~ \$7.00

*Homemade bakery

*Moravian items

NEW: *Garden Market (plants, baskets,
garden art)

*All proceeds from the bake sale will go toward
preservation of historic church items.*



Fish Boil Time !

The Sister Bay Moravian Church Men's Fellowship
is holding a fish boil on Thursday, June 2, with
three boils (5 p.m., 5:45 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.) -
Adults are \$12, children 5-10 years old are \$6.

'Tis the season - whitefish, onions, potatoes, cole
slaw, and cherry pie. For more information, call
854-4080.

*"Our Lord's command was 'Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure,
pressed down, and shaken together, and running over' (Luke 6:38). Yet it was
more than a command. It was an invitation to glorious and abundant living.*

*If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten
out almost every other area of his life." --Billy Graham*

Dearly Departed...

Our first cemetery walk on May 17 was a great success! The day was beautiful, and nearly 100 people gathered at gravesites to hear seven of Ephraim's past citizens describe their lives here:

Ole Larson - by **Niles Weborg**
Katrina Oneson - by **Ruth Oneson Mienke**
Kittie Valentine - by **Karen Ekberg**
Harold Wilson - by **Doug Schultz**
Frank Anderson - by **Dick Volkmann**
Mally Knudson Mayhew - by **Linda Mayhew Carey**
Edith Ohman - by **Kathleen Harris**

There are many other prominent citizens who rest in our cemetery, and so many good comments about the event, hopefully it can become an annual event.

Many thanks to **Lonnie Anderson Vitse**, who was the visionary and coordinator of the walk, **Jody Thiell**, who handled so many details behind the scenes and worked with the presenters, **Diane Kirkland** for publicity, cookie bakers **Lonnie Vitse**, **Judy Cloninger**, **Hedy Heise** and **Nancy Davis**, transportation specialists **Paul Burton**, **Kelli Torpey**, **Gary Vitse** and **Jim Reeve**, greeters on site **Pastor Dawn Volpe**, **Jane Olson**, **Mary Wilson**, **Judy Cloninger**, **Jody Thiell** and **George Carey**, and of course our actors mentioned above.

More pictures on the back page of this newsletter.

June Birthdays

JUNE

Carol Sokolowski 13
Denny Phillips...13
Robert Ekberg...19
Steven Cox...20
Jacklene Nelson...20
Hollace Mulliken...22
Alicia Mulliken...28
Brian Wilson...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)



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

SACRISTANS: The Sacristans work 'behind the scenes' preparing the space for worship. A sacristan would normally come in early Sunday morning (before 9 a.m.) or Saturday evening to place the paraments, offering plates and make sure the pews are in order. On a communion Sunday, the Sacristans prepare the elements and arrange them on the table.

It is not a difficult job but it is a very important one. Training will be available for all who sign up and you will be able to choose dates on which you are able to serve. If you will not be in church over the next few Sundays, please email us and we will reserve your spot! worship@ephraimmoravian.org



...from our Ephraim Moravian Church Facebook page

Jackie Nelson: Dear Amazing Members of the EMC: I cannot thank you all enough for the incredible support you have shown me throughout my life; not only with my recent efforts in raising money for DoorCANcer, Inc., but in every endeavor I have attempted to pursue. Your constant support and genuine goodness do not go unnoticed and have made me appreciate, cherish and love each and every one of you. I hope to see you all in church at least a few Sundays throughout the summer! (if I can get any off of work :p)
Peace and Love, Jackie

(P.S. Jackie set an 8:08 pace for the half-marathon and finished strong!)
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Barbara Rich: I hope we can be in Ephraim for the women's sale in June.  
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Karsten Topelmann: Go to his Facebook page for a 3-minute video gallery tour of the Hanseatic Art Gallery - fun!

We continue to look for Ushers! This ministry is for people who can be a welcoming presence to those who come for worship. We will be offering training to all who sign up. Either sign up on the church's bulletin board or contact us at: worship@ephraimmoravian.org.

You make a living by what you get - you make a life by what you give. --Billy Graham



Trea\$urer'\$ Report for April 2011

| | Budget | Actual | % of Budget |
|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| INCOME | \$ 119,918 | \$38,071 | 31.7% |
| EXPENSE | \$ 139,885 | \$41,954 | 30.0% |

(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)



From Elli Opitz: "Thank you so much for the Phillip and Martha Cherry Scholarship! I really appreciate it. 😊 Next Semester I'm taking three classes - a biology class, interpersonal communications, and a math class, so I'll have 12 credits. I may pick up another class, but I'm not sure yet. But thanks again for the scholarship!"

THANKS to those who served at Fellowship Hour during May: Cici Mulliken, John and Judy Turner, Natalie & Ava Neddersen, Joyce Jahn, Kay Maher and Fran Eckland.

THANKS to those who provided special music this last month: Samantha Phillips and Kim Craig, Robert Volpe, Barbara Classen, Ainsley Nelson, and Doug Peterson.

THANK YOU to Kay Wilson and her team for the wonderful Anniversary Love-feast: Hedy Heise, Tom Wilson, Theresa & Mike Weborg, Jack & Ellie Opitz, Joyce and Glen Gerdman. Thank you, also, to our wonderful choir and their fearless leader, Jendean Olson!



Congratulations to:

- *Brent & Erin Flottman
Bristol, who were married
here on May 28, 2011*
- *Angela and Ryan Sherman on
the birth of their son, Milo Thomas
Sherman, May 17, 2011*



The Nursery has been cleaned out, the little chairs and tables placed. Now we're looking for clean (preferably new) toys for ages 3 and under. Bob Volpe will also be recruiting people to staff the nursery. Teens are welcome and will be given Community Service credits for their service. Please call Bob at 920-421-4041 if you can be of service!



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 Pastor Dawn Volpe - Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Website: ephraimmoravian.org

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

General Correspondence: worship@ephraimmoravian.org

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

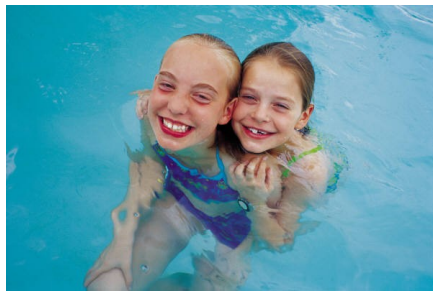
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1
6:30 p.m. Bible
Study on James | 2 | 3 | 4
Moravian
Women's Sale &
Luncheon
11 a.m.—2 p.m. |
| 5
10:00 a.m.
Worship- Holy
Communion | 6 | 7
5 p.m. Elders | 8
9:30 a.m. Car-
ing Hands
6:30 p.m. Bible
Study on James | 9
5 p.m. Trustees | 10 | 11 |
| 12
10:00 a.m.
Worship -
Pentecost
Sunday
Joyful Noise &
Feed My People
offerings | 13 | 14 | 15
Deadline for
newsletter
submissions
6:30 p.m. Bible
Study on James | 16 | 17
FYR BAL FEST | 18
Ephraim- Booth
at Fyr Bal Fest |
| 19
10:00 a.m.
Worship-
Father's Day

Ephraim- Booth
at Fyr Bal Fest | 20 | 21 | 22
6:30 p.m. Bible
Study on James | 23

Moravian Women's Conference-
Carolina, June 23 - 26 | 24 | 25 |
| 26
10:00 a.m.
Worship | 27 | 28 ^{5 pm}
Loaves & Fishes | 29
6:30 p.m. Bible
Study on James | 30 |  | |