

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

August 2011



From Pastor Dawn's Desk

"Lift Up your Hearts"

At the first 'Anderson Docks-ology' I related a story of a woman whose mother was having a rough time dealing with the realities of old age. In an attempt to restore some liveliness, she decided that her mother should try para-sailing. Before poor mom could object, she was strapped into the harness and away she sailed. As the daughter looked up at her mother sailing up to the clouds, she wondered about the wisdom of her ploy and began praying in earnest that

From the Anderson Docks-ology mom would be okay! When her mom landed, she was absolutely radiant. She said that as she soared up, she opened her eyes to such beauty that she felt as if she could reach out her hand and 'touch the face of God'.

That's what it means to 'Lift up your hearts'. We hear that command often in our churches and we respond- 'we lift them up to the Lord'. But are they only words to say in church? I don't think so. These are words of action in which we strive to touch the face of God. I'm not suggesting that we do this by para-sailing, or taking a plane ride, or even doing anything recreational- although that might help us get in the right frame of mind. I'm suggesting this can be done, even when we're making a bed, preparing a meal, conducting tours, etc. Lifting up our hearts is a conscious decision to connect with God.

Every time I attend a Docks-ology, I'm given a unique opportunity to lift up my heart. When the Stella Maris community conducted the worship, the last hymn was 'How Great Thou Art.' The hymn happened to coincide with the sun setting. As we sang, people began to turn toward the sunset to sing praise to the God who created that incredible beauty. My heart was lifted to God. When Immanuel Lutheran conducted worship we were challenged to lean on the Rock of our Salvation. On a terribly hot day, when we were concerned about heat-related illness, the dock was the only place (with the wind howling) that we had a respite.

Lift up your hearts! When these services are a fond memory of the summer, lift up your hearts. When you find yourselves overwhelmed with too many responsibilities, lift up your hearts. When you become disillusioned by life, lift up your hearts. Every grace and help is found in God's presence. This moment, we can lift up our hearts to God.





**Coming on
October 29!**

Women's Fall Lunch & Sale

Holiday boutique

We need donations of handmade items (some items might include aprons, rag rugs, ornaments, wreaths, centerpieces, woodworked items, nativity scenes, jewelry, handmade kids' clothing or accessories)

Silent Auction

We are also having a *new* silent auction area! Please consider items you'd like to donate for this project. ***The theme is "gift baskets."***

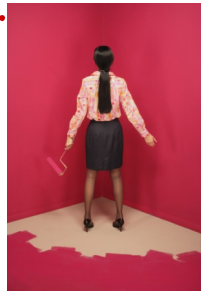
Think of coffee/breakfast items, spa items, If you have questions, or to donate, please contact Vicki Maynard at 847-361-3684 or email tmbers6@aol.com.

***We need your help to make this
a successful sale!***

***Bible Studies
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m.***

*Join us each Wednesday
as we begin a new study based
on the book "Growing Through
Life's Challenges"!*

*Refreshments are served weekly.
Hope to see you this Wednesday!*



"Ephraim Moravian Church Comments" is almost renamed!

Since we have centered our church on being the Open Door for our community and visitors, the contest to rename our Comments has a new challenge - if you have a title for our monthly newsletter that includes the **Open Door** concept, please submit to the church office or to our email:

worship@ephraimmoravian.org.

There is a prize for the winning name!

August 2011 Services

August 3 - Anderson Docks-ology, 8 p.m. sunset service at Anderson Dock

August 7 - 10 a.m. Worship and Communion

August 10 - Anderson Docks-ology, 8 p.m. sunset service at Anderson Dock

August 13 - 1 p.m. Bill Jones' Memorial Service

August 14 - 10 a.m. Worship/Lovefeast - Joyful Noise and Feed My People

**August 17 - Anderson Docks-ology - *LAST* sunset service of the summer,
8 p.m. at Anderson Dock, Ephraim & Sister Bay Moravian
presiding, plus the bell choir. There may be a surprise guest!**

August 20 - 2 p.m. Karen Larson's Memorial Service

August 21 - 10 a.m. Worship

August 28 - 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

In July, we reviewed the goals for 2011. We are pleased to report that the following goals have been reached:

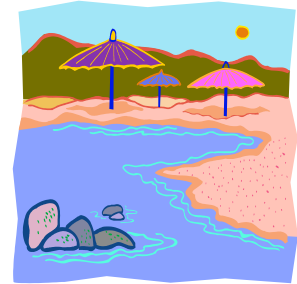
- A) Open Door Lunch
- B) Anderson Docks-ology
- C) Participation in Fyr Bal
- D) Establishing an usher corps
- E) Establishing a sacristan corps
- F) Establishing a nursery

Goals for the remainder of the year include creating Under-Shepherds, maintaining good records, and attracting people to the church.

Trustees Highlights

The Trustees worked on...

- Follow-up strategies for the Capital Campaign
- A contract was signed for new furnaces from Wulf Brothers
- Quotes are being solicited for the outdoor sign
- A Cemetery Committee is being formed, chaired by Karen Ekberg (see below)



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:

August.... George Carey

September..Doug Schultz

Dear Church family and friends,

This last May, several interested members helped with cleaning and grooming our cemetery. It was such fun. I, as the chair of the Cemetery Committee, am striving to keep our little "God's Half Acre" beautiful all year long. That means I'll need some lay people to join my committee. First of all I'd love to have your input on going "green," fresh plants vs. fake flowers. Please email or call me with your thoughts. We need to work together on maintaining this wonderful resting place.

Karen Ekberg karene6@dcwis.com 920-823-2526

Plus-50 Camp is Back at Mt. Morris Sept 19-22



The program is called: "Rock Solid." They will discuss and examine Matthew 7:24-29 and other passages that teach about the strength we can find in Christ. Jason Pues from Green Bay will once again be with us as the musician. The theme song will be "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less."

If there is someone out there who has taken the Red Cross first aid course or is an E.M.T., C.N.A., R.N., or M.D. and interested in serving as the medical person, please let director Wanda Veldman know at rev.wveldman@gmail.com

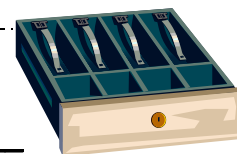
Camp begins with dinner on Monday at 5:30 p.m. and ends with lunch on Thursday. The fee schedule is determined by your choice of lodging. The Black Oak Lodge as well as some cabin space.

Please invite your friends to join us! To reserve your spot, a \$40 deposit is due as soon as possible [no later than August 19]. Please indicate your choice of lodging and make checks payable to: Rev. Wanda Veldman, at 3621 Aspen Lane, Pittsville, WI 54466. Feel free to contact me her for more information at her email: rev.wveldman@gmail.com.



Treasurer's Report through June 2011

	Budget	Actual	% of Budget
INCOME	\$119,918	59,762	49.8%
EXPENSE	\$139,885	75,991	54.3%



(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)

Capital Campaign through July 2011

Many thanks to all who have pledged or given outright gifts to our Capital Campaign! We have received \$44,400 in total pledges and gifts, with \$15,274.80 of that amount received in the bank as of July 27, 2011.





August Celebrations

August Birthdays

Betty Ann Knudson...5
 Ava Neddersen ...9
 Jackie Larson ...11
 Lucille Sohns...12
 Mary Koehler...13
 Scott Anderson...15
 Kaye Maher...15
 Mary Ann Schuder...15
 Britta Jacobson...16
 Gary Carlson...17
 Arps Horvath...20
 Marcia Dorfman - 22
 Amanda Larson...24
 Linda Lorenz...27
 Joshua Opitz...28
 Bill Price...28
 Jody Thiell...28
 Robert Volpe...31

August Anniversaries

Nancy & Tim Christofferson – Aug 5, 1972
 Karen and Bob Ekberg – Aug 19, 1987
 Eunice and Ray Rutherford – Aug 28, 1955

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)

*Christian Sympathy is extended to
 Eunice Rutherford and Addie
 Crum on the death of their brother,
 Earlen "Butch" Seiler*

*August Memorial Services
 Ephraim Moravian Sanctuary:*

Bill Jones

Saturday, August 13, 1 p.m.

Karen Larson

Saturday, August 20, 2 p.m.

Discipleship



Discipleship is not an activity...

it is an attitude

Discipleship is not a program...

it is a philosophy

Discipleship is not a series of lessons...

it is a way of life

Discipleship is not education only...

it is edification/exhortation

Discipleship is not teaching only...

it is your life, an example

Discipleship is not a handbook...

it is heart-to-heart ministry

Discipleship is not a rapid formula...

it is a long-lasting relationship

Upcoming Community Events

Scholarship Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, August 6, sponsored by the Ephraim Men's Club for Gibraltar senior scholarships. Ephraim Village Hall, 7:30-11 a.m. \$8 adults, \$8 kids, door prizes every 15 minutes!

"Perky Pancake Breakfast" on Saturday, August 20, from 8-10:30 a.m. \$8 adults, \$4 children 6-12. At Sister Bay Moravian Church, with proceeds to missions.

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## **LUNCH ON THE LAWN**

**Thursdays, August 11 & 25  
 Parsonage Lawn, 12 noon**



**Bring your bag lunch -  
 we'll provide the beverage and dessert!**

**Take a respite from your busy day to enjoy  
 the spectacular view and have fellowship.  
 If it rains, we'll bring the party indoors to  
 the Fellowship Hall.**

Dear Ephraim Moravian Church Family,

Thank you for your continued support on this deployment. It has been exciting, frustrating, and just full of learning experiences – I wouldn't exchange it for anything! I have had the opportunity to visit Japan, Thailand, Bahrain, Djibouti, and there are a few more very neat places that we are hoping to stop at...to include Hawaii, where we are going to pick up the "Tigers." If anyone needs more explanation on what "Tigers" are, please ask my dad – I am sure that he will be all too excited to explain!



*Roommate & Hollace Mulliken in Bahrain*

My time in Djibouti was very full. Not only did we conduct EOD training, the purpose of the trip, but I also got the opportunity to leave the base and partake in some local culture and cuisine. I must say, it was a little nerve racking. When we got to the restaurant, the owner took our order, and then ran to the store to grab the ingredients! Keeping the restaurant fully stocked would have been a waste! We had flank steak with an amazing cream sauce – it has cilantro as a main ingredient. Within the past 5 years, I have fallen in love with cilantro – maybe it has been because of living in San Diego, and it being a main ingredient in the salsas that I eat frequently. He also served us great, piping hot French fried potatoes and warm bread. And for dessert, we had crepes...with honey and Nutella. Yum!

The people in Djibouti are very poor and therefore, are very aggressive in asking for anything. One morning, we all went shooting at a range about an hour from the base. It was completely desolate...but within a few minutes of shooting, there were 15-20 kids milling about. I didn't quite know what to make of it until we completed our shooting and the range safety called "the range is cold." Those kids took off and collected every last piece of our brass! It helped us out, and it helped them out...they can turn the brass in for money.



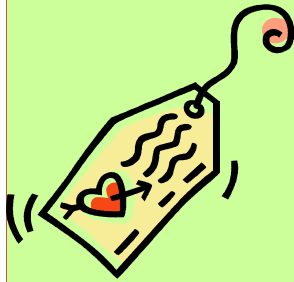
The diving in Djibouti is very exceptional. Although the coral reefs are mostly dead and have very little color remaining, the fish are stunning! We would spend hours after our "work" diving, to just "play" dive. It was like a dream come true for me and I know how lucky I am to be in a job that caters to having a little fun at times!

Bahrain is a completely different animal. Although it is very liberal, there are still women walking around covered from head to toe. One day, a friend and I went to visit the "Great Mosque." It was definitely a great sight to behold. The one thing that we had to do in order to enter the Mosque as women was to cover ourselves from head to toe. It was definitely an uncomfortable feeling, but we obvi-

ously respected their wishes. Our tour guide was very persuasive in her teachings and definitely was trying to persuade us to Islam. All of the Americans on the tour were completely respectful and mostly smiled and nodded.

This deployment so far has afforded me opportunities that I wouldn't or couldn't have experienced in any other way. I feel that I am a more well rounded person and I have an improved grasp on the "bigger picture" of the world. I appreciate all the support that I have received from back home and I can't wait to see you all on my return within 2 months!

Love,  
Hollace



## THANK YOU

... to those who served at Fellowship Hour during July: Jane Olson, Karen & Bob Ekberg, Carol & Jim Sokolowski, Bob Volpe, John & Judy Turner

...to those who have graciously agreed to be part of our ushering corps and sacristan corps: *Ushers* Jim Gelhaar, Paul Flottman, Bob Ekberg, Jim Sokolowski, Niles Weborg, Mike & Theresa Weborg, Diane & Kathy Kirkland, Liz Opitz, Doug Schultz (with alternates Wes & Vicki Maynard, Lucille Sohns, Bob Volpe, George & Linda Carey, John Turner and B.D. Thorp); *Sacristans* Kathy Kirkland, Bob Volpe, Jody Thiell, Jane Olson, Joyce Gerdman and Jim Gelhaar.

### **"Cross Training" with Bishop Sam Gray A Discipleship Conference Sept 23-25, 2011 at Mt. Morris**

The five stations of the Cross Training represent five areas of our spiritual walk and growth in Christ. Two reflect the vertical aspect of the cross (what we offer to God and what God does in us) and the horizontal is how we relate to others, how we share the good news with others, and how we serve others.

"Cross training" means learning methods and ways of living out the message and sharing these with others!

Station 1 - Sam Gray, Prayer, praise and worship

Station 2 - Mark Ebert & Sheila Beaman, Bible study, personal devotion/spiritual growth

Station 3 - Judy Ganz, communion & fellowship with other Christians

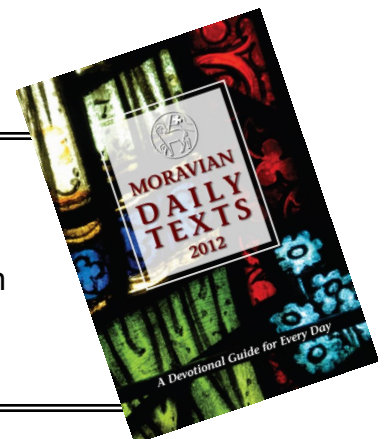
Station 4 - Lisa Mixon, witness to the world/mission/sharing the good news

Station 5 - Jill Kolodziej & Justin Rabbach, service and servanthood.

Registration Deadline is September 1, \$25 for registration plus costs for housing and meals. Contact for more information is Jane Harberg, 920-648-5019. More information on the upper bulletin Board at church.

### **DAILY TEXTS ORDERS**

If you missed the deadline to order through the church, you can still order your Daily Text for 2012 by going directly to the source in Bethlehem. There are order forms in a basket on the book shelf in the narthex.





***Anderson Docks-ology  
Sunset Services  
At Anderson Dock***

***continue through  
Wednesday, Aug 17  
8 p.m.***

***Bring a blanket or chair!***

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

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

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

General Correspondence: [worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org)

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

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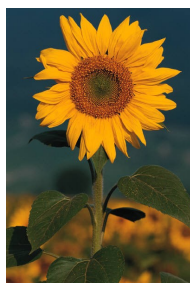
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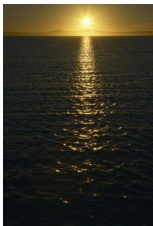
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|                                                                                           | <i>1</i><br>4:30 p.m.<br><i>Elders</i>                  | <i>2</i>                                     | <i>3</i><br>6:30 p.m.<br><i>Bible Study</i><br>8 p.m. <i>Sunset Service-Anderson Dock</i>                                 | <i>4</i>                                                                                          | <i>5</i>  | <i>6</i>                                                      |
| <i>7</i><br>10:00 a.m.<br><i>Worship Communion</i>                                        | <i>8</i>                                                | <i>9</i>                                     | <i>10</i><br>9:30 a.m.<br><i>Caring Hands</i><br>6:30 p.m.<br><i>Bible Study</i><br>8 p.m. <i>Sunset Service-Anderson</i> | <i>11</i><br>12 Noon -<br><i>Lunch on the Lawn</i><br>5 p.m.<br><i>Trustees</i>                   | <i>12</i> | <i>13</i><br>1 p.m.<br><i>Bill Jones Memorial service</i>     |
| <i>14</i><br>10:00 a.m.<br><i>Worship/ Lovefeast Feed My People Joyful Noise Offering</i> | <i>15</i><br><i>Deadline for newsletter submissions</i> | <i>16</i>                                    | <i>17</i><br><i>LAST 8 p.m. Sunset Service - Anderson Dock</i>                                                            | <i>18</i><br> | <i>19</i> | <i>20</i><br>2 p.m.<br><i>Karen Larson's memorial service</i> |
| <i>21</i><br>10:00 a.m.<br><i>Worship</i>                                                 | <i>22</i>                                               | <i>23</i> 5 pm<br><i>Loaves &amp; Fishes</i> | <i>24</i><br>6:30 p.m.<br><i>Bible Study</i>                                                                              | <i>25</i><br>12 p.m.<br><i>Lunch on the Lawn</i>                                                  | <i>26</i> | <i>27</i>                                                     |
| <i>28</i><br>10:00 a.m.<br><i>Worship</i>                                                 | <i>29</i>                                               | <i>30</i>                                    | <i>31</i><br>6:30 p.m.<br><i>Bible Study</i>                                                                              |                                                                                                   |           |                                                               |