

Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

"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

October 2011

From the Pastor's Desk

A YEAR LATER...

"You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever." - Psalm 30: 11-12



There were many tears when I accepted the call to serve as your pastor. It was in July of last year. The Volpe family, after Pastor Dawn said Yes to God's call, returned to the hotel room, sat down on the bed and wept. The reality that we were about to leave the only home Robert knew, the place where Bob and I had spent our entire married life, the place where we laid my parents to rest, a place that was comfortable and familiar - all came down on us that day. We were embarking on a life that was completely different in culture, lifestyle and outlook.

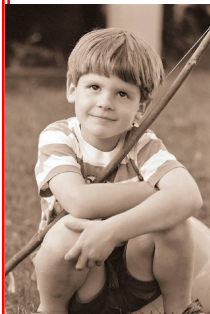
And now, a year has past. Within a very short time, God turned our mourning into dancing. That's what happens when we obey the voice of God. We may have to travel far from the familiar, but, what we have waiting for us, is so wonderful and life affirming. Here's what God has given us this year.

A new family— I love this new family. You are compassionate, funny, inspiring, hard working, occasionally grumpy and, most importantly, tolerant. You've embraced me and my family. You've taken a chance on us and opened your heart to us. I can't thank you enough for that. It reminds me of the love that Christ has for us.

A beautiful place— Every time I look out on the harbor, my soul is restored. I have never spent so much time in silence. I feel renewed every day. What a joy to share this place with you. My prayer is that those who come to this beautiful place, winter or summer, will be restored in body and soul.

A new ministry— It's always exciting to be a part of God's work. I have had the privilege of being called to churches that needed a "lift"- ones that seemed to have their best days in the past. To be able to help people see that the 'best is yet to come' is both daunting and rewarding. You have made my work very satisfying by seizing the vision with me and working together to make it reality. For this church, the best is yet to come!

Thank you for your hospitality. Thank you for joining with me in ministry. Thank you for welcoming my family with open arms. And I thank God for turning my mourning into dancing!



Sunday School

We will be starting Sunday School on October 9! We are looking for two teachers who could “trade off” each week in the Nursery Room from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Your class will probably be very small at first, but we’re hoping to “grow into” our room. Since we’re very small, we will accommodate all children through elementary school in that one class. Please contact Pastor Dawn if you are interested in this ministry.

CROP WALK

Jim Gelhaar is our CROP Walk chair, and you’ve heard from him on Sunday how you can help by participating in the walk and donating to CROP. Saturday, October 1, is this year’s CROP Walk for hunger. Meet at 9 a.m. at parking lot 3 at Newport State Park for the 5-mile walk.

CROP is sponsored by Church World Service, which works to combat hunger, help in disasters, resettle refugees, promote fair national and international policies, and provide educational resources. A portion of the proceeds is always donated to a Door County charity, and Ephraim has always been very generous in past years



Did you notice the new name for our monthly newsletter? It was the overwhelming favorite in our poll. Thanks to all who voted.

October 2011 Services

October 2 - 10 a.m. Worship - Holy Communion with International Potluck
right after church

October 9 - 10 a.m. Worship - Joyful Noise (for our Sunday School) and Feed My People Offerings

October 16 - 10 a.m. Worship

October 23- 10 a.m. Worship

October 30 - 10 a.m. Worship - All Saints Day

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.

NOTE: Pastor Dawn will be on vacation the week of September 19-25! If you have pastoral concerns during that time, please call one of the Elders listed below.



Elders Highlights

Noted that Ushers & Sacristans are trained and are serving with distinction.

Noted that the Nursery is staffed and has had children every Sunday.

Fall Sunday School plans are underway. We're looking for 2 people to take on this ministry.

Two new calendar items were added: Dec. 10, our church will host the "Holy Conversations" Workshop at 9 a.m., dealing with the question of ordination of Homosexual persons. July 6, 2012— Festival of John Hus Concert. We will be inviting the area Moravian Church choirs to join us for a wonderful concert and time of fellowship.

Trustees Highlights

Plans for the ramp and door are proceeding and bids will be solicited for work to be done this winter. The new outdoor sign is being ordered and will be installed by church members.

Cemetery records will be entered into the church computer so we have an electronic record of all gravesites.

Wulf Bros. will be installing our new furnaces soon.

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:

October... George Carey

November ... Diane Jacobson

DAILY TEXTS ORDERS

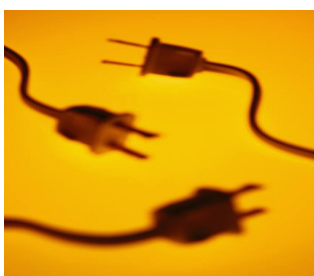
If you haven't ordered your 2012 Daily Text, you can still order it by going directly to the source in Bethlehem. There are order forms in a basket on the book shelf in the narthex.

Dear prayerful, caring and loving friends in Christ,



A beautiful week in Door County right before my surgery, singing in the choir on Sunday, attending the last Docks-ology of the season, and hearing all your wonderful promises of prayer for my surgery and for my recovery -- all were just what I needed as "spiritual medicine" for pre-surgery. I was uplifted and rocked in the arms of my dear Savior and in the cares and prayers of faithful Christian friends.

With love and much appreciation for your prayers, cards and calls,
Barbara Rich



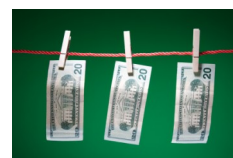
Prayer...

*The most powerful
wireless connection*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Year to Date Giving (Includes Members and Visitors)

From Jan.—August 2010	\$63,290
From Jan.—August 2011	\$78,850



We have seen an approximate 25% increase in giving! This is a reason to rejoice. Next year we will work to fully fund our operational budget. This can be a reality as we come together to be effective witnesses to God's grace and power in this community!

CAPITAL FUNDS PROJECT

Total Funds in pledges and gifts:	\$ 138,374.00
Funds in the Bank:	\$ 123,593.89

As you can see, we are only \$61,626 from our goal of \$200,000.

If you haven't made a pledge or gift to this work, please consider doing so. Contact Hugh Mulliken or the Church office for a pledge form!

The Trustees are working toward securing the necessary permits and bids for the handicapped accessible ramp. They have also found a company that will erect a church sign and the new furnaces will be installed soon. Please encourage and pray for our Trustees as they seek to get these projects done in a timely fashion. If you can assist in any way, please speak to John Turner, chair of the Trustees.



To the congregation members and friends of Ephraim who have family buried in the Ephraim Moravian Cemetery:

As per my letter in an earlier newsletter, and NO negative feedback, we will be complying with the approved revised cemetery rules from the January 2010 Church Council meeting.

As of November 2, to April 30 (during the winter months), evergreen or natural material wreaths may be placed on gravesites. From May 1 through November 1, only live plantings will be allowed. These were the rules and regulations regarding the flowers, shrubs and trees.

Our cemetery committee needs some willing people to help with grooming the headstones of those who have no family in the area. This help can come in the form of time or donations. We also need people who are willing to help with the process of reseeding and watering areas that are barren of grass. If you are willing to help, please call one of us on the committee, or leave a note in the office. We will be having a cemetery clean-up day in the near future.

For those of you who would like a copy of the revisions of the Ephraim Moravian Cemetery, please contact the church office.

October Birthdays

Robert Schroeder... 7
Erika Wilson Burkemper...8
John Turner...13
Kyle Nelson...15
Diane Kirkland...18
Kathy Kirkland...18
Maggie Schnackenberg.. 18
Andrea Nelson...20
Lisa Carlson...22
Paul Flottman...24
Betty Overbeck...27
James Sokolowski...28



October Anniversaries

Priscilla and Keith Krist – Oct 1, 1966
Alicia and Hugh Mulliken – Oct 12, 1982
Eileen and Darrell Jacobson – Oct 28, 1967

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)

Cemetery Committee

Karen Ekberg.....920-823-2526
Bob Ekberg..... 920-823-2526
Jane Olson..... 920-854-7952
Toby Wilson..... 920-854-7166
John Turner..... 920-854-5080

SERMONS ON THE WEB

If you'd like to listen to past sermons from our Pastor, they are now posted as audio files on our Web page:
www.ephraimmoravian.org .

Once you access the web-site. Click on the drop down menu "Learn More", then click on "Worship Services"- the sermons are listed by date. Once you click on a date, you will be able to hear the sermon.





See Me! Hear Me! – October 1, 7 p.m.

Actress and activist Kathleen Thompson was driven by a human trafficking experience in Poland more than a decade ago and will bring to light this tragic topic October 1 at 7 pm during a performance at St Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church, Hwy. 57, Baileys Harbor.

"It left me scarred with a sense of deep responsibility to try to do something for the voiceless victims of this crime...some, as young as five years old" said Thompson.

There are more slaves in the world today than at any time in history" according to Thompson, "but we will never care enough to act in their defense until we hear their stories and see their human faces." The production, *See Me! Hear Me!* concerns the whole subject of global slavery. Human trafficking is the second largest crime industry in the world. It is a crime that few want to really look at closely because the horror of it is overwhelming.

See Me! Hear Me! shines a light on the victims of this international heinous crime. Her performance is designed to inform and entertain. *A free-will offering will be collected and a discussion will follow the performance.*

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

It's been requested that Bible Studies for the Fall/Winter be during the daytime hours.

Please email: worship@ephraimmoravian.org to let us know what

day/times work best for you (with the exception of Wednesdays and Fridays).

We'd also like to know your preference in studies: lectionary, a book of the Bible, or a topic. The pastor will choose the preference that most of the respondents give.

Please let her know soon! The new studies will begin in October.

The Open Door Lunch is almost here!

Sister Bay is joining the fun this fall - they will be serving a lunch at Sister Bay Moravian on the 1st Wednesday, and we will continue on each 3rd Wednesday here - November of 2011 through April of 2012.



Would you like to sponsor one of the Ephraim lunches this year?

A lunch of soup or chili plus a sandwich or hearty salad, a beverage and simple dessert have been the fare, and the response grew each week of our first year (average was 40 people).

(P.S. No nuts or seafood, please!)

You can employ helpers/bakers/servers for your week, and from the free-will offerings you will be reimbursed for your food purchases. Sign-up sheet is on the upper bulletin board for you and your lunch helpers. It's a wonderful ministry and a fun time of fellowship.



Thank You...

... to those who served at Fellowship Hour during September: Doris and Bill Price, Linda and George Carey, Cici Mulliken and Anne Spooner Crowe, Hedy Heise, Diane Jacobson,

...to those who ushered during September: Paul Flottman, B.D. Thorp, Theresa and Mike Weborg, Scott Weborg, Niles Weborg, and John Turner.

To providers of special music in September: Linda Carey & Marcia Ellis, Harald Halvorsen... and to Ken Carlson for filling in while Pastor Dawn was away.

*It's a **Holiday Boutique & Silent Auction***

The fall Lunch & Sale is a mere month away. There's not much time to be thinking about and making what you can donate to the Holiday Boutique or Silent Auction!

Coming on October 29!

Women's Fall Lunch & Sale



Needed: Plant containers 4" and larger! Bring clean containers to church and place them in the box in the upper hallway - Vicki Maynard will make sure they are filled with plants for the sale!

Ideas for the Silent Auction:

An Item - handcrafted for the holidays...a gift... gift certificate to a store, restaurant or lodging

Themed gift basket - items such as holiday (see the example in the upper hall of the church!), food items (coffees, jellies), stationery, etc. If you bring the items - or if you just have a few- we'll make up the baskets!

Baking - are you known for your bars, fudge, or pickled herring? Auction off an IOU for a dozen cookies a month for a year, or dinner for six top bidders at your house

Service - could you provide a block of time for handyman services? Leaf-raking? Computer work?

Be creative! There's a lot of talent in this church. Let's have 100% participation. Bring items to church and place in the container for Silent Auction.

If you have questions, please contact Vicki Maynard
at 847-361-3684 or email tmbers6@aol.com.

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

Community Doings...



Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, October 2, at 1 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Luke's Episcopal Church (2336 Canterbury Lane, Sister Bay). This brief service is free and associated with St. Francis of Assisi, a monk who had a profound love for nature, especially animals. Dogs should be on leashes, cats in carriers, birds in cages, etc., so that all animals and their guardians will feel safe. For more information, contact the Rev. Barbara Sanja at 854-9600 or Steve Elliott at 854-9158.

Fall Sale and Lunch, Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church -

Saturday, October 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (lunch from 11:30 to 1:30). The sale will have a Grandma's Attic, a harvest table and a Third World Market.



AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL LADIES

THEME: Everyone has a Story

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

1:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Refreshments Served

Door Prizes!

***Please come out to hear each others' stories
(no one will have to make a speech, we promise!)***

***Please RSVP to the church office: 854-2804
or worship@ephraimmoravian.org***

BABY SHOWER!

We are so thankful for Baby Mylo and the signs of New Life here at Ephraim!

On November 13, during our Fellowship Hour, the Moravian Women are sponsoring a 'consumable shower' for Mylo. If there are other babies born in 2011 and associated with our church whom you would like to honor, please let us know by email: worship@ephraimmoravian.org or by phone at 854-2804.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Please begin bringing in consumable items, by November 6, to the Fellowship Hall: diapers (6 months or larger), wipes, lotions, shampoos, soap, etc. The women will gather all supplies and make up our gifts. If there's an overabundance, we'll be able to stock our nursery as well!



Congratulations

....to Erika & Mark Berkemper on the birth of their daughter, Bryn Katherine. Grandparents, Gunilla and Tom Wilson, are very excited!

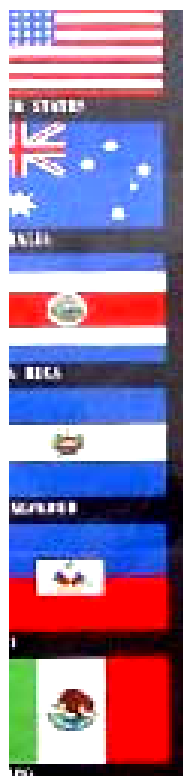
...and to Tad & Andy Dukehart on the marriage of their daughter Coburn to Brad Horn!

Special Fellowship Hour International Potluck

**Sunday, October 1 after church
Worldwide Communion Sunday**

Please sign up on the bulletin board (upper or lower)! Since we're commemorating Worldwide Communion Sunday, we'd like to sample dishes from different countries.

If you can make something from your country of origin - or a country that is not represented at our church - please sign up. When you put your dish "on display," write a description of it. And if you have flags from other countries, we might enjoy seeing them on display.





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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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<i>2</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>World Wide</i> <i>Communion -</i> <i>International</i> <i>Potluck</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <i>5 p.m. Elders</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>Joyful Noise</i> <i>(Sunday School) /</i> <i>Feed My People</i> <i>Offerings</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> <i>9:30 a.m. Car-</i> <i>ing Hands</i>	<i>13</i> <i>5p.m. Trustees</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Worship</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Deadline for</i> <i>newsletter</i> <i>submissions</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Worship</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <i>5 pm</i> <i>Loaves & Fishes</i> 	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> <i>11 - 2 p.m. Mo-</i> <i>ravian Women's</i> <i>Lunch & Bake</i> <i>Sale</i>
<i>30</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>ALL SAINTS</i>	<i>31</i>					