

## **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***

**November 2011**

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

*During the summer months, I shared some stories of my years on Staten Island. Some of you may remember this story. I'm repeating it here because the question is often asked- Why is it that God refuses to answer some very reasonable requests— Especially in light of the promise in scripture: “Ask, and it will be given to you”. ?*

Our family lived in an area of Staten Island that was crime ridden and over crowded. We had to be diligent about locking our cars. Even with that, sometimes our cars were vandalized right in front of our home! Our house had only 1 bathroom, no shower (unless you count the rubber shower hose we attached to the nozzle) and a very uneven heating system. My sister's room never got above 55 degrees in the winter. In the summertime, it seemed to absorb heat. For years my mother prayed that we would be able to move into a better home in a safe community. For many years the prices of those homes were completely out of reach. However, when my sister and I were in our teens, it looked as if our prayers had been answered. A house was for sale in a beautiful part of Staten Island on a tree lined street. It needed a lot of cosmetic work, but otherwise was ideal and the price was within our means. My parents put a deposit down immediately. Linda and I were overjoyed at the prospect of having the entire upstairs to ourselves with our own bathroom. We had chosen the paint colors for our rooms when we were hit with the bad news. An inspection of the house turned up serious foundational flaws and my parents withdrew their bid. We were very disappointed. My mother, undaunted, prayed even more fervently.

One day mom told us that she was not going to pray for a new house. She had not gotten discouraged or run out of hope. Rather, she announced that God had given her a one word answer: “Wait”. She said it was painful, but we had to trust. I was not as sanguine. I figured God just didn't like us as well as people in those nice houses. What would be so wrong for us to have a home that was safe and comfortable? We never did get a new home on Staten Island. My parents sold the home and moved out of state after retirement.

Many, many years later, I understood God's answer.

In the ensuing years, after our hope for a new house was dashed, I walked into Vanderbilt Ave. Moravian Church and my life was transformed. The church was around the corner from my house. Had I moved miles away, that encounter would never have happened. I would not be a Moravian. Perhaps I would have even missed my life's calling. My parents were blessed by the love and care given them in the Moravian church. My sister, Linda, had dropped out of a Nursing program in college and switched

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her major to Business. She needed to earn some money so she walked down the street from our house to the local Nursing Home, which happened to need Licensed Practical Nurses. As a result of Linda's experience there, she realized that her life's calling was indeed nursing and re-enrolled in the program.

Now, whenever I visit Staten Island, I stand outside my old home and pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the antiquated plumbing, the cramped quarters, the rough neighborhood and all the blessings that house brought to me and my family!

- Pastor Dawn



**Write it in your Date Book!**

**Our Fall Clean Up Dates:**

**Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. - Outdoor Clean-Up**  
(cemetery and grounds)

**Wednesday, November 30, 9 a.m. - Indoor Clean-Up**

There are already chore charts on the bulletin boards - pick from the many tasks that need to be done to clean up our church buildings & grounds - do them in advance if you like and cross them off the charts... but lunch is provided on those two days!



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## **November 2011 Services**

**November 6 - 10 a.m. Worship - Moravian Women's Sunday, Joyful Noise (for Sunshine House)**

**November 13 - 10 a.m. Worship - Holy Communion, Feed My People**

**November 20 - 10 a.m. Worship - Christ the King Sunday**

**6:45 p.m. Scandia - Thanksgiving Service - this annual service is a wonderful time to get together with our brothers & sisters from Sister Bay Moravian and the residents at Scand.**

**November 27 - 10 a.m. Worship - first Sunday of Advent**



## *Ephraim Moravian Church Office Hours*

PASTOR:

MON - THURS  
FRIDAY

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
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**

-Sunday School has begun with one student so far. For the moment, Pastor Dawn is the teacher. We are still looking for someone to team teach.

- Advent Season was discussed— we will be hosting one service on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m., Christmas Day— Lessons & Carols service.

- Fellowship Hour was affirmed as part of our worship experience. The goal is to emphasize friendship and conversation rather than food. The elders encourage simplicity and low cost when volunteering to provide for this vital ministry.

### **Trustees Highlights**

-The stones bordering the driveway have been repaired.

-The trustees will hire someone to clean the face of the building.

-A carpenter has been contracted to build a step for the Chancel area and a new mailbox for the church office.

-Please see Capital Campaign reports and Work Day articles!



## **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:

November... Diane Jacobson

December... Pete Classen

**DEAR GOD,  
I WANNA TAKE A  
MINUTE, NOT TO ASK  
FOR ANYTHING FROM  
YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO  
SAY THANK YOU,  
FOR ALL I HAVE.**



***Time to order Poinsettias for the holidays!***

***We are getting our poinsettias through Northern Door Child Care Center. They are \$10 each. Please fill out the order form below and submit to the church office with your check payable to Ephraim Moravian Church. FINAL DEADLINE: November 20***

***Purchaser \_\_\_\_\_ Total by Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_***

***In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_***

***Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving***

Ephraim Moravian offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes each week, this is for you! It's convenient and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church.

If you are interested in starting electronic giving - whether it be weekly, monthly, quarterly - fill in the form below and take/send it to the church office. We will provide the routing number and account number, and you can take it to your bank to begin the convenience of giving. If you have any questions about how electronic banking works, please call Treasurer, Hugh Mulliken, 854-2804.



***I am interested in electronic giving!*** Please provide me with the routing number and account number for Ephraim Moravian's account, and I will arrange it with my bank.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

***For Ephraim Moravian Church to fill in and return to you***

Here's our routing and bank account numbers! Give them to your bank to begin deductions.

***Routing # \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Account # \_\_\_\_\_***

### November Birthdays

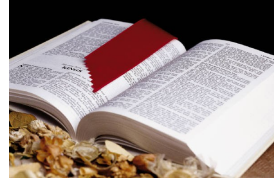


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Doris Price...2  
Jeanne Farmer...6  
Robert Forsberg...6  
Betty Staver...6  
Erin Bristol...8  
Jeffrey Jacobson...9  
John Koehler...9  
Charles Paschke...9  
Judy Flottman...10  
Norma Larson...10  
David Nelson...10  
Merikay Heim...11  
Frances Eckland...18  
Harald T. Halvorsen...23  
Bruce Olson...27  
Susan Sherman...29  
Jim Gelhaar...30

### November Anniversaries

Betty and Marv Staver – 29, 1947

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 )



### Women's Sunday

Sunday, November 6

10 a.m. worship

With Joy Zakrzewski, Chaplain at  
Scand as guest pastor



### "Everyone Has a Story"

Wednesday, November 9, 1 p.m.

Come to hear & share stories

Dessert, door prizes



### Mylo's Baby Shower

Sunday, November 13

11 a.m. after worship

Bring baby consumables to the  
Fellowship Hall by November 6  
(think diapers.. wipes..soap)

*Condolences to John Cox and the whole Cox family on the passing of John's sister Carol after a long battle with cancer.*

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*Christian Sympathy is extended to Karen & Kerry Krauss and family on the death of her sister, Ginnie Rohn.*







### **FALL BIBLE STUDIES...**

**...will begin Monday, October 24, at 12 noon and  
continuing every Monday at noon**

***We're studying the Book of Revelation!***

**Bring a bag lunch with you - dessert and coffee provided!**

### **Looking ahead to December...**

**Saturday, December 10 - "Holy Conversations" Workshop- Concerning the  
ordination of homosexual persons in the Moravian Church  
9 a.m.—11 a.m. - Ephraim's Fellowship Hall**

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### **Never been to a Moravian Synod?**

**The next Western District Synod is Thursday, April 26 through Sunday, April 29,  
at the Radisson in Appleton.**

**Pastor Dawn and one member of our congregation will be attending. If you  
would be interested in going, tell Pastor Dawn by November 27!**



### **The Open Door Lunch November through April**

***Sister Bay Moravian Church will be hosting the  
1st Wednesday***

***Ephraim Moravian Church will be hosting the  
3rd Wednesday***

***Still plenty of opportunity to sign up to host one of our luncheons or  
to sign up as a helper. They're at 12 noon on...***

**November 16  
January 17  
March 21**

**December 21  
February 15  
April 18**

***See the sign-up sheet on the upper bulletin board!***

# Thank You...



... to all those who gave for the CROP Walk. Jim Gelhaar announced that our church members gave over \$2,000.

... to those who served at Fellowship Hour during October: John & Judy Turner, Doug & Joan Peterson, Carol & Jim Sokolowski, Hedy Heise & Marilyn Cushing, Diane & Kathy Kirkland

...to those who ushered during October, and to Pamela Johnson, who provided special music.



*Congratulations to Laurel Cox and Mitchell Ciohon, married on September 10, 2011 in front of the Evergreen Beach Hotel by Pastor Dawn*



## NEEDED



**NATIVITY SETS** - for display  
**MORAVIAN IEMS** - for display  
**VOLUNTEERS** - to help

**ADVENTure - Saturday, December 3**  
**Annual Open House**  
**Call Eunice at 868-3373 or**  
**Jody at 868-3874**

## A HIGHER POWER

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?'

One child raised his hand and blurted out, 'Aces!'

**LOL!**



Sister Bay Moravian's  
***Famous Chicken Dinner***  
Thursday, Oct. 27, 4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
Adults \$12.50, kids \$5.00

### ***Birthday Celebration***

We'll be celebrating Jeanne Farmer's 94th birthday on  
November 6 at 2 p.m. in the dining room at Scand

It's after church (but before the Packer game!), so we hope  
you'll all show up with good wishes and a card for Jeanne.



### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**January 1 - September 30, 2011**

We have received \$100,851 in income (2011 budget of \$118,260 )

We have spent \$103,258 (2011 budget of \$139,885)

*(note the shortfall of \$21,625 between expected income and expected expense)*

### **CAPITAL FUNDS PROJECT**

As of October 18, we have \$155,267 in pledges and donations. Of that  
amount, \$136,974 has been received in the bank.

#### **Projects:**

New Furnaces

Installed

New Front Doors

Ordered

New Sign

Ordered, hole dug and awaiting delivery!

Handicapped Ramp:

The plans have been approved by the State. The  
trustees have found a contractor for the ramp and work will begin soon (unless, of  
course, the freeze sets in, then we will have to wait until warmer weather!)

Handicapped bathroom: Contractor has been contacted, and we are awaiting  
a visit so that we can start this process.





# November 2011



| Sun                                                                                                 | Mon                                                                       | Tue                                                                  | Wed                                                               | Thu                                                                                                            | Fri | Sat |
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|                                                                                                     |                                                                           | 1                                                                    | 2<br>12 noon -<br>Community<br>Lunch at Sister<br>Bay Moravian    | 3                                                                                                              | 4   | 5   |
| 6<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Worship- Mora-<br>vian Women's<br>Sun.<br><br>Joyful Noise                       | 7<br>12 noon -<br>Bible Study<br>on Revelation -<br>bring a bag<br>lunch  | 8                                                                    | 9<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Caring Hands<br><br>1 p.m. Women's<br>Gathering | 10<br>3:30 p.m. -<br>Cemetery Walk<br>C'tee<br><br>5 p.m. Trustees                                             | 11  | 12  |
| 13<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Worship- Holy<br>Communion--<br>Christ our Chief<br>Elder<br><br>Feed My People | 14<br>12 noon -<br>Bible Study<br>on Revelation -<br>bring a bag<br>lunch | 15<br>Deadline for<br>newsletter<br>submissions<br><br>5 p.m. Elders | 16<br>12 p.m. Commu-<br>nity Lunch at<br>Ephraim<br>Moravian      | 17                                                                                                             | 18  | 19  |
| 20<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Worship- Christ<br>the King<br><br>6:45 pm Scandia<br>- Thanksgiving<br>Service | 21<br>12 noon -<br>Bible Study<br>on Revelation -<br>bring a bag<br>lunch | 22 5 pm<br>Loaves & Fishes                                           | 23                                                                | 24<br>Thanksgiving<br><br> | 25  | 26  |
| 27<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Worship- 1st<br>Sun. of Advent                                                  | 28<br>12 noon -<br>Bible Study<br>on Revelation -<br>bring a bag<br>lunch | 29                                                                   | 30                                                                |                                                                                                                |     |     |



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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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