

## **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*

**January 2012**

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

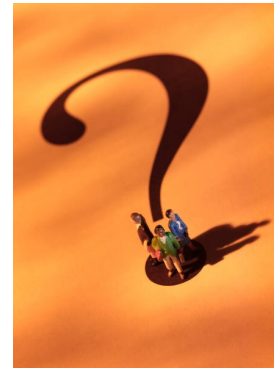
#### **"WWYD"**

We are used to the expression WWJD - What Would Jesus Do? It's printed on bracelets, it appears on posters and is a reminder to think about our activities in the light of how Jesus might respond to the situation. Someone dropped by my office a few weeks back and said the slogan should read: WWYD. Intrigued, I asked for an explanation. WWYD - is what will You do? We can figure out what Jesus would do by reading the Bible, The challenge of WWYD is, "What will You do for Jesus?"

As the new year begins, I think this is a wonderful challenge to all of us. What will we do for Jesus this year? Is there a relationship which needs healing? We know what Jesus would do—what will You do? Perhaps this is the year that old resentments will be put to rest—a gift for Jesus. Is there a habit which does not honor God? We know what Jesus would do - what will You do? Perhaps this is the year that we will honor God with healthy habits. Is there a person who you know needs more of your time and care? We know what Jesus would do - what will You do? Perhaps this is the year for self-less service. Is there a way, each day, to let someone know you care? We know what Jesus would do - what will You do? Perhaps this is the year to pick up the phone, send the cards, reach out!

After the Christmas Eve service, you will receive cards with envelopes. The cards are to write out some gift you will give to Jesus this year. The envelopes are for recording your address and sealing the cards inside. A Christmas stocking is at the entrance to the sanctuary. Until Epiphany, you will be able to put your sealed promise in the stocking - your gift to Jesus. In 6 months' time, the church will mail off your sealed promise so that you can see if you've made any progress on your promise. If you can't get to church, you can mail your promise in a self addressed envelope to the church office.

WWYD for Jesus in the year 2012?



## **CHRISTMAS EVE REMINDERS**

Please come early and fill the front seats first. Before entering the sanctuary, please hang up your coats in the 'Coat Room' (upstairs parlor) to eliminate "bulk" in the sanctuary - we are expecting a crowd!



Saturday,  
December 31, 2011  
11:15 p.m.

Come to ring in the  
New Year, pick a  
Watchword for 2012, and  
have a Pancake Breakfast  
with us at midnight!

## **January 2012 Services**

**January 1** - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. worship

**January 8** - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. worship/Communion  
Epiphany Sunday  
Joyful Noise & Feed My People offerings

**January 15** - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. worship

**January 22** - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. worship  
Unity Service at St. Rosalia's - time to be announced - come sing  
the Hallelujah chorus!

**January 29** - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 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.

***NOTE: The church offices will be closed between Christmas and New Year's. If you have a need, please call Pastor Dawn on her cell phone: 920-421-4042.***



### **Trustees Highlights**

Your Trustees met on December 8. The main focus was the renovation project in the church. Budgets for 2012 were reviewed, and the distribution of our endowments through the Moravian Fund were agreed upon.

### **Elders Highlights**

The Elders met on December 6. Calendars for the new year were updated; it was discussed that a Fellowship Hour team will be organized with training. The Elders hosted the "Holy Conversations" held in our church December 10, with 24 Ephraim Moravians participating.

Joyce Gerdman donated this beautiful lace urn covering in memory of Floyd and Laurel Knudson, her parents. It's been used in several memorial services in our church already.



### **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:

January... Doug Schultz

February ... to be announced



## Unity Prayer Watch is Monday, December 26

The church will be open if you would like to come and pray during your appointed time.

There are extra prayer suggestions on the book shelf in the narthex. Didn't have an opportunity to sign up? Come and pray anyway!

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, beginning at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner.

Attention all chairs of committees and boards:  
You should have your reports into the church office by Wednesday, January 11! Thank you!



**Save the date: July 6, 2012, 7 p.m.**

John Hus Festival Joint Choir Concert here at Ephraim Moravian

## *Community News*

✚ ***Congratulations to the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church. The church is celebrating its 150th Anniversary with a year-long celebration! During the year, we will be sharing news of events in which we hope you will participate. On Sunday, January 29, at 10:30 a.m. they will begin with an Anniversary Lovefeast.***

✚ ***Community Lunch at Sister Bay Moravian Church, January 4 at 12 noon. Join our fellow Moravians for a free lunch and good fellowship.***



### January Birthdays



Hugh Mulliken - 1  
Kristin Wilson - 2  
Bob Volpe - 7  
Karen Ekberg - 14  
John Cox - 17  
Jim Nelson - 19  
Hedy Heise - 22  
Bob Yeomans - 30

### January Anniversaries

Liz and Bob Schroeder - Jan 12, 1951

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](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org))

### ***BIRTHDAY PARTY***

**January 30, 2012, 2 p.m.**

**for Bob Yeomans at Scandia  
Village Nursing Home  
Community Room/Chapel**



**Come to Scand to help Bob  
celebrate 93 years!**

**Cake and Fellowship  
Bring a card for Bob**



### ***Want a free sign??***

As you know, we've replaced the church's signage in the front yard. *What to do with the old sign?*

Would you like it? It's 49" wide, 62" high and 8" deep and comes complete with letters if you'd like to keep it as a sign. It could become a curio cabinet in your home, a cabinet in your garage or basement... so many possibilities!

The possibilities run out, however, when the dumpster arrives for the construction inside the church in January. If no one has

claimed the sign by then, unfortunately this HISTORIC sign will be added to the pile. Speak to Pastor Dawn or Trustee President John Turner if you would like to save this relic. It may be viewed outside the church's back door to see if it fits into your plans (delivery not included).



### **WINTER BIBLE STUDIES...**

**Bible Study 11:00 Mondays beginning Jan. 9, Book of Exodus.**

**Rabbi Shaina Bacharach will be with us on Jan. 16 to share with us the history and meaning of the Passover!**

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***Congratulations to...***

- ∞ Joyce and Glenn Gerdman, who celebrated their 60th Anniversary by renewing their vows in church on December 18 !***
  - ∞ Hollace Mulliken, who has been accepted to Harvard !***
  - ∞ Ainsley Nelson, Samantha Phillips, Robert Volpe and Mike Weborg - great job at the Gibraltar High School concert !***
  - ∞ Eric Christofferson, recently engaged !***
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**"Many thanks to Pastor Dawn and all who celebrated my birthday in November, for all the cards and gifts - especially for Pastor Dawn, for all she did in making it a memorable occasion. Many thanks, Fran Eckland"**

***Still opportunities to sign up to help at our Open Door Luncheons at Ephraim Moravian, 12 noon on the following dates:***

**January 17 - Bob & Karen Ekberg need two helpers**

**February 15 - Cici Mulliken needs two helpers**

**March 21 and April 18 - Need people to make the main meal, organize and help serve, as well as two helpers for both dates**

Reimbursement for food purchases (or an advance, if you like) is available to anyone providing food.



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



## Thank You...

... to those who served at Fellowship Hour during December: Cici & Hugh Mulliken, Gunilla Wilson, the Volpes, Kathleen Harris and Sue Sherman

...to those who ushered during December

...to Bob Volpe, Diane Kirkland and Sue Sherman for sponsoring the December Open Door Luncheon

...to our indoor clean-up crew who spiffed up the church

...to Amanda Flottman for singing "Morning Star" and to Scott Weborg for reading at the Christmas Eve service

### *The Ephraim Moravian Church Safe*

*This beautiful safe has been hidden away in a back closet for many years, unused. We are not sure when the church obtained it (patent date on the front is 1877), but we no longer have a need for it.*

*The Trustees are accepting bids, best offer over \$500. Ask Pastor Dawn, Trustee President John Turner or secretary Diane Kirkland to view the safe.*



### **Week of Christian Unity**

Join us for an Inspirational  
Service & Time for Fellowship  
on

Sunday, January 22, 2012

Time: To be Announced

Stella Maris Parish, Sister Bay Site  
2410 Bay Shore Road  
Sister Bay



*This service celebrates our unity in Jesus Christ with all Christians! Come, fellowship with your neighbors in an ecumenical Worship Service.*

***At the conclusion of the service, all will be invited to sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus !***

***\*\*\*A Trophy will be awarded to the church which has the greatest number of members in attendance!!!***





## CAPITAL FUNDS PROJECT

< *Our new sign is installed!* Thanks to John Turner & Jim Sokolowski, who dug through rock. We are now awaiting the electrical wiring so that the sign may be seen at night.

Handicapped Accessibility - the concrete ramp and a new door are installed. The next part of the project is railings and the indoor construction, beginning Jan. 3.

As of December 22, we have \$153,664 in pledges and donations. Of that amount, \$139,888 is in the bank.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**as of Dec 22, 2011 (not including Dec 24 or Dec 25 offerings but including Dec. assessments and salaries, except custodian)**

We have received \$141,947 in income (2011 budget of \$118,260 )

We have spent \$142,689 (2011 budget of \$139,885)

*(note the intentional shortfall shown of \$21,625 between expected income and expected expense, **but by year's end we will undoubtedly be in the black for 2011!**)*

## Photos from the Women's gathering at Vicki & Wes Maynards' beautiful home on December 8



Pastor Dawn



Karen Ekberg, Liz Schroeder, Eunice Rutherford

***We have our new sign.*** It's so much easier to change the letters inside than the old sign in front of the church. Ministry comes in many forms - would you like to volunteer to change the letters in our new sign, as needed? If this is something you'd like to commit to do, see Pastor Dawn.





# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 a.m. Worship	2	3 5 pm Elders	4 12 noon Community Lunch– Sister Bay	5	6	7
8 9 a.m. Sun. School 10 a.m. Epiphany Holy Communion	9 11 am Bible Study	10	11	12 5 pm Trustees	13	14
15 9 am Sun. School  10 am Worship	16 11 am Bible Study	17	18 12 noon Open Door Lunch– Ephraim	19	20	21
22 9 am Sun. School 10 am Worship Unity Service– time TBA - St. Rosalia's	23 11 am Bible Study	24	25 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner & Church Council	26	27	28
29 9 am Sun. School  10 am Worship	30 11 am Bible Study  2 pm Bob Yeomans Party-Scand	31				



## “Holy Conversations” workshop December 10, 2011

< Pastor Dawn

Bishop Kay  
Ward >



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

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

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