

## **Ephraim Moravian Messenger**

### **News from the Open Door**

**"In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love"**

#### **Congregational Watchword for 2012**

***"Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation." 1 Thessalonians 5:8***

**March 2012**

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

*"The Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts." Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? Hebrews 12: 6—7*



I never liked these verses of scripture. They seemed punitive. As if God was an angry parent. Anytime someone quoted that verse to me, I would bristle. I didn't like the idea that bad things that happen to us are God's way of punishing us. I still don't buy that premise, but I realize now that my interpretation might have been incorrect. I figured this out only recently and I hope my new understanding of these verses will illuminate your path, as it did mine.

My back has been 'going out' with more frequency in the past few months. By that, I mean, I can be perfectly fine one minute and unable to move the next. You've all seen me hobble around when an episode takes place. Alarmed, I had an MRI taken and discovered I have 2 bulging and one herniated disc in my back. At the doctor's office, I was told that the back spasms that render me incapacitated are actually a GOOD thing! The spasms are the body's way of preventing me from doing further damage to my back. I must be immobile and these spasms ensure my compliance! The bad news is that these spasms will reoccur. The good news is that, with a disciplined approach to physical therapy and body mechanics, the spasms will not be as frequent or as severe.

I had an Epiphany in the doctor's office. I suddenly saw that the reason for the scriptural reference on discipline had nothing to do with punishment and everything to do with spiritual health. Just as my exercise program will strengthen the core muscles and mitigate the spasms, so the spiritual disciplines of prayer, meditation, scripture reading, worship, confession, will strengthen me for the difficulties of life. Those spiritual exercises, which at times feel tedious, are the tools which keep me strong when the inevitable illnesses, disappointments and grief overshadow my life. If I have been attending to those disciplines in the good times, then, when the pain comes, I have what I like to call a 'holy spine of steel' to support me.

I thank all those who are concerned about me when you see me hobbling around. But I hope it can also be an object lesson... enduring trials for the sake of discipline— and that we will all attend to those wonderful exercises God gives us to help us to endure!

--Pastor Dawn

# *Valentine Memories*

with the Women's Fellowship on February 8



Eunice Rutherford presented an overview of Valentines through the centuries and displayed many old Valentines in the centerpieces



## **March 2012 Services**

**March 4 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship**

**March 11 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship**

**March 18 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship**

**March 25 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship**

**For Mid-Week Lenten and Holy Week Services, see page 5**

## *Ephraim Moravian Church Office Hours*

PASTOR: MON - THURS 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
FRIDAY Pastor's Day Off  
SECRETARY: WED. - THURS. 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

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.

*You are invited to a  
special service of celebration  
to dedicate our capital projects at  
Ephraim Moravian*



*Sunday, June 17, 3 p.m.*

*Mark it on your calendar!*



*... starts on  
March 20 !*

### **YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **TRUSTEES**

##### Funds

John Turner 854-5060

##### Building Interior/Parsonage

Hugh Mulliken 854-2336

##### Grounds

Gunilla Wilson 854-5105

##### Cemetery

Natalie Neddersen 854-2121

##### Building Exterior

Jim Sokolowski 839-9265

#### **ELDERS**

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair

Diane Jacobson, Vice-Chair  
854-2871

Eunice Rutherford 868-3373

Karen Ekberg  
Pete Classen, Co-Secretary  
839-2902

George Carey, Co-Secretary  
854-9253

##### Elder for the month of:

March ... Pete Classen

### **Celebrating Bob!**

**Pastor Dawn  
with  
Bob Yeomans and  
son  
Geoff Yeomans**

**at Bob's 93rd  
birthday party  
at Scand**





## REPORT FROM THE STEWARDSHIP SUMMIT

### Sister Bay Moravian, February 18, 2012

Eight people represented Ephraim at the Stewardship Summit. We dealt with our perceptions of Biblical Stewardship and the areas in which we need to grow. All agreed that the two major challenges of our churches are financial stewardship and how to help people use their talents for ministry.

We were inspired to hear that God has given us everything we need and we were able to share the many ways we have experienced God's provisions.



In the fall, we will be engaging in worship and study on the topic of "Percentage Living" as a joyful response to God's graciousness to us.



### Missed Sunday's sermon???

Log onto [www.ephraimmoravian.org](http://www.ephraimmoravian.org), click on "Learn More," then click on "Worship Services."

The sermons are listed by date and are audio files.

### *Community News*

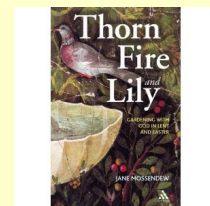


#### Shepherd of the Bay Concerts:

*Sunday, February 26 at 4 p.m.*, musicales presented by Judy and Carl Jackson

*Sunday, March 11 at 4 p.m.*, musicales in Lent with the Sanctuary Choir and Bells

A Lenten Study for gardeners and non-gardeners alike, based on the book *Thorn, Fire and Lily--Gardening with God in Lent and Easter* by Jane Mossendew. Studies continue from Ash Wednesday through Easter week at 1 p.m. Sundays at St. Luke's Church in Sister Bay. Open to everyone!





### March Birthdays

KEVIN HORVATH.....	1
PETE THIELL.....	3
<b>TED HOEPPNER.....</b>	<b>4</b>
SCOTT WEBORG.....	5
PRISCILLA KRIST.....	12
BERNICE KOEHLER.....	13
SYDNEY HEIM.....	20
PETE CLASSEN.....	21
CATHIE GELHAAR.....	23
JANE OLSON.....	23
MITCH WEBORG.....	24
ROGER LARSON.....	25
MICHAEL WEBORG.....	26
NANCY CHRISTOFFERSON..	27
KELLY SCHUDER.....	30

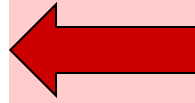


### March Anniversaries

LIZ AND JACK OPITZ -  
MARCH 26 (1983)

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 )

## Birthday Boy!



**Help us  
Celebrate  
Ted Hoeppner's  
93rd Birthday**

**Sunday, March 4  
2 p.m.  
Scand Chapel/  
Activities Room**



Wednesday Lenten Services, 6:30 p.m.  
at Scand (Gathering Room/Meadows)  
*Reflections on the Lord's Prayer*

<b>Feb 29</b>	<b>Rev. Kerry Kraus, "Our Father"</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Chaplain Joy Zakrzewski, "Thy Kingdom Come"</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>Rev. Dawn Volpe, "Give Us"</b>
<b>March 21</b>	<b>Rev. Kerry Krause, "Forgive Us"</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>Chaplain Joy Zakrzewski, "Deliver Us"</b>

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Holy Week Joint Services will be held  
Sunday-Thursday, April 1-5, 6:30 pm  
Good Friday, April 6, 2 p.m.  
Sister Bay Moravian Church is hosting this year!

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

March 5, 11 a.m. - Exodus, Chapters 32-34

March 12, 11 am. - Exodus, Chapters 35-38

March 19, 11 a.m. - Exodus, Chapters 39-40

**We will begin Bible Studies thereafter in May**



### **CHOIR NEWS**

**Ladies Ensemble Choir  
All ladies invited to sing for  
worship !**

**Sunday, March 4  
9 a.m. Rehearsal**

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**Mixed Choir rehearsals  
Saturday, March 17, 3 p.m.  
Sunday, March 25, 9 a.m.  
preparing for Holy Week**

### **Summer Camp at Mt. Morris 2012**

**June 26-29**

**Junior Camp (grades 3-5)**

**July 15-21**

**Chetek (grades 9 through age 21)**

**July 22-28**

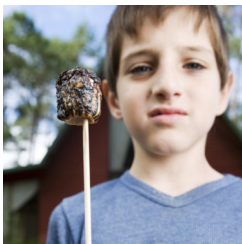
**Winmor (grades 6-8)**

**August 13-15**

**4M Camp (Mini-Moravians,  
completed grades 1 and 2)**

**August 16-19**

**Plus-50 (for 50+ years young)**



**Brochures and applications are in the church office - just ask!**



**Thank You...** to those who served at Fellowship Hour during February: Sue Sherman, Fran Eckland, Barbara Classen

...to those who ushered during February

...to those who provided special music: Barbara Classen, Amanda Flottman, Donna Russell

...to the women who put together a wonderful Valentines Memories program on February 8

Delmar Dahl will be preaching on March 25.  
Come out to hear "The Pastor of Door County"!

### *RENOVATION REPORT:*

The accessible ramp is finished and railings/canopy are on  
The accessible restroom has the sink and toilet installed  
Cabinets in the storage area next to the bathroom have been installed  
Ramp into the sanctuary just needs the carpeting re-affixed and it will be finished  
The original trim has been restored to the doors in the Fellowship Hall and the doors on the closets have been painted and put back on



the accessible ramp's  
railing with canopy



new cabinets for storage



## CAPITAL FUNDS PROJECT

**Accessibility Project** - see the photos on page 7 for our progress!

As of February 22, we have **\$165,562** in pledges and donations for renovations. Of that amount, \$102,085 is still in the bank (we have already taken out over \$40,000 from the account to pay for the ongoing construction).

***Let's Work to Close the Gap!***

***We NEED \$34,438 in pledges and donations to reach our goal! Let's work together! We can do it! Send your donation or pledge to***

***Ephraim Moravian Church  
Renovations Fund  
PO Box 73  
Ephraim, WI 54211***

## EASTER FLOWERS

It's time to order your flowers for the sanctuary at Easter! Spring plants of daffodils, hyacinths, tulips and other spring flowers will be potted in groupings and will cost \$18 per pot.

Order must be placed by March 25 and may be picked up after the service on Easter Sunday.

Please give your order and payment (made out to Ephraim Moravian Church) to Cici Mulliken (854-2018) or to the church office, no later than March 25.



YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PLANTS ARE IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_ or IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_





# March 2012

| Sun                                                                                     | Mon                                                                                                         | Tue                                  | Wed                                                                                          | Thu                     | Fri | Sat                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------|
| Choir off<br>this month                                                                 |                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                              | 1                       | 2   | 3                                        |
| 4<br>9 am Sunday<br>School<br>9 am<br>Ladies En-<br>semble<br>10 am<br>Worship          | 5<br>Bible Study<br>11 a.m.<br><div>ON SUNDAY!<br/>Ted Hoeppner's<br/>93rd Birthday<br/>2 pm at Scand</div> | 6                                    | 7<br>Community<br>Lunch at<br>Sister Bay<br><u>12 noon</u><br>6:30 p.m.<br>Lenten<br>Service | 8<br>5 p.m.<br>Trustees | 9   | 10                                       |
| 11<br>9 am Sunday<br>School<br>10 am<br>Worship                                         | 12<br>Bible Study<br>11 a.m.                                                                                | 13                                   | 14<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Caring<br><u>Hands</u><br>6:30 p.m.<br>Lenten<br>Service at<br>Scand      | 15<br>5 p.m.<br>Elders  | 16  | 17<br>Mixed Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>3 p.m. |
| 18<br>9 am Sunday<br>School<br>10 am<br>Worship                                         | 19<br>Bible Study<br>11 a.m.                                                                                | 20                                   | 21<br>Open Door<br>Luncheon<br><u>12 noon</u><br>6:30 p.m.<br>Lenten<br>Service at<br>Scand  | 22                      | 23  | 24                                       |
| 25<br>9 am - Mixed<br>Choir Re-<br>hearsal<br>9 am Sunday<br>School<br>10 am<br>Worship | 26<br>Kids off<br>from school<br>this week                                                                  | 27<br>5 p.m. -<br>Loaves &<br>Fishes | 28<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Lenten<br>Service at<br>Scand                                             | 29                      | 30  | 31                                       |



we must be  
willing to let go  
of the life we  
have planned,  
so as to have  
the life that is  
waiting for us

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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)

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

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