

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

April 2012

From the Pastor's Desk...A Legacy

My friend, Sylvia Howard, died. I met her and her family when they emigrated to the United States from England in the 1970's. Her name is not familiar to many of those who know me. Our friendship since the 1990's has consisted of yearly cards and phone conversations. I mention her now because her example made a profound impact on my life.

Sylvia was a pastor's wife in England. She loved the church and life with her husband, Jim, and their three children. Jim was a gifted teacher and had a thriving ministry. Sylvia kept a beautiful house, doted on her family, and was a marvelous hostess. In the 1970's, a pastor of a large U.S. church traveled to England. He was so impressed with Jim's abilities that he asked him to emigrate and assist him in building a Bible School for laity. This pastor was quite persistent in his appeal. After prayerful consideration, Jim, Sylvia, their teenage daughter and college-aged son decided to embark on this adventure with the promise from the U.S. pastor of a home and his unwavering support.

After selling their charming house, packing all their belongings and moving, they found life in the U.S. a bitter disappointment. The host pastor reneged on his promises. The first 'home' was an old apartment filled with cast-off furniture. Undaunted, Jim worked long hours and had substantial support from the laity because he was such a genuine Christian and marvelous teacher. Can you guess what happened next? He was fired. Still believing that God had a job for him to do, he took on a challenging church which had a reputation for "running pastors out." His ministry there was making strides, bringing in new members, paving the way for new leadership. Feeling threatened by the changes that were being made, the leadership found a way to push Jim out. Jim and Sylvia were not able to make the dream of a Bible School a reality. They wound up living their retirement years in Florida. Jim died of a massive heart attack in 1996. Sometimes I wonder if all the disappointments shortened his life.

As a young person, watching the terrible events unfold in their lives at the hand of alleged Christians, I felt Sylvia would have been justified to wash her hands of the church. But she didn't. She never gave up on God's people. She not only looked for a church home, but she worked to make that church home safe and welcoming for all people. Because of her experiences, I have made it one of the hallmarks of my ministry to create a safe, accepting, welcoming environment, reflecting Christ's love. We Christians are by no means perfect, but we have the perfect example and we need to follow His example with care. Sylvia never blamed God for the bad behavior of people. She relied on Jesus for comfort and strength. Whenever Sylvia and I talked, the conversation revolved around our families and Jesus. She spoke about Jesus the way you and I would speak about a good friend. His work, His name, His grace was always on her mind. In our last conversation she said, "Old age is for the birds, I've asked the Lord to take me home." She did not sound depressed or defeated. Her work was done and she wanted rest. She was looking forward to her eternal home.

I hope we can be the place of healing and restoration for those who have been wounded. I thank God for Sylvia's faithfulness to Christ and His Church. Her legacy lives on in my ministry.

--Pastor Dawn

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REPORT

As many of you know, in the summer of 2011, the Trustees presented a plan for a major capital improvement project. I am pleased to bring you the following updates:

FULL WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY

This project began in December and is now completely done! Many hours of planning and coordination went into this work. The outside concrete ramp work had to factor in proper drainage, railings and a canopy. The inside ramp is made of wood and also has safety railings. Anyone with limited mobility can now easily get into our church, sanctuary and fellowship hall.

A bathroom has been built to accommodate wheelchairs. A “fringe benefit” to these upgrades is new cabinets to house choir and sacristan supplies and restoration of the flooring. We also had to bring the electricity up to “code,” which now means safe exit lighting.

FELLOWSHIP HALL FLOORING

The carpet has been removed, many staples pulled out of the floor and the wood flooring has been repaired, sanded and refinished. A “fringe benefit” to this project was the restoration of doors and moldings, new lighting and a new cabinet (because the cabinet was not in the original terms of the project, someone, who fulfilled his pledge to the capital funds, is donating to offset the cost of the cabinet).

NEW FURNACES & NEW SIGN

All are installed and a new, user-friendly thermostat is in place.

PARSONAGE BATHROOM REMODELING

One bathroom is completely redone, the second bathroom is in progress!

Projects to be Completed:

Steeple Repair
Asphalt for Upper Lot
Shingled roof replaced
with metal
Parsonage Kitchen
Front Doors to Church

Additional Opportunities!

The sign which was removed from the front of the church will be undergoing restoration through the generosity of one of our members. It will then be placed in a location yet to be determined.

The antique safe will be getting a new home at the Ephraim Historical Foundation museum.

REPORT ON THE FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT

We have received **\$165,562** in pledges and donations. That means we need **\$34,438** to complete this important work.

Some people have given one-time donations, others are pledging over a 5-year period. However you are moved to donate, your contribution will enable this church to continue the repairs and upgrades as we seek to minister in this community for many years to come!



A Word from the Pastor concerning the Capital Improvements Project

One of the phrases that strikes fear in every pastor's heart is: "Building project!" Whenever a church undergoes a major project, it can be fraught with hand wringing, indecision and paralysis. It's a daunting task to assure that all is done smoothly and to everyone's satisfaction. As many of you who have worked on these projects in the past know, it's impossible to please everyone. Whenever people are given the task of leadership, those of us who do not have to assume that burden can only have one appropriate response: "Thank you!" So, as one who did not have to take on the day to day responsibilities of this project, I want to say a hearty 'thank you'!

Thank you to the people of this church, who, some years ago, envisioned an accessible church building and planted the seeds. It was a 'long time coming' but, by God's grace, we've arrived!

Thank you to the Board of Trustees, who planned, discussed and moved forward with conviction. Thank you to John Turner & Jim Sokolowski, who dug through rock to install our new sign. Thank you to our treasurer, Diane Kirkland, who has kept a careful accounting of the funds. Thank you to the men of the church that got on their hands and knees, painstakingly pulling up all the staples in the Fellowship Hall floor. Thank you to Eunice Rutherford & her crew for cleaning out the choir room in preparation for the remodeling project. Thank you to our plumber, Tim Nelson, who had to use some creativity and a lot of man hours to make our accessible bathroom become a reality– including figuring out where to run the sewer lines. Thank you to Forestville Builders and all the subcontractors who worked speedily, efficiently and cleaned up after themselves! Thank you to the Hockers company, whose men came in the pouring rain and cold to build the outside ramp. And, thank you especially to Hugh Mulliken. Hugh reminds me of a choreographer. He was in constant communication with our contractors, making sure things were done in a timely, smooth fashion. He took trips to Green Bay to purchase supplies. He answered all my inane questions. I always could count on him to be here if there were any concerns. We not only have a serviceable space, it is also lovely to look at. Thank You!

- Pastor Dawn



**JOINT HOLY WEEK SERVICES
WITH SISTER BAY MORAVIAN**

**HOLY WEEK READING & MAUNDY THURSDAY
SERVICES**
SUNDAY APRIL 1- THURSDAY, APRIL 5 - 6:30 p.m.
at
SISTER BAY MORAVIAN CHURCH
10924 Old Stage Road, Sister Bay

GOOD FRIDAY READINGS
FRIDAY, APRIL 6 - 2 p.m.
at
SISTER BAY MORAVIAN

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**GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 6 - 7:00 p.m.**  
at  
**Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church**  
11836 Highway 42, Ellison Bay



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**April 2012 Services**

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**April 1 - Palm Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Sunday School 9 a.m.**

**April 8 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6 p.m., followed by breakfast;  
Choir Rehearsal, 9 a.m.; Easter Worship at 10 a.m.**

**April 15 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship**

**April 22 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship**

**April 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  
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.

**NOTE: Pastor Dawn will be on vacation April 9 through 15. If you have an immediate need, please contact one of the Elders named below.**

### **Trustee Report**

The Trustees discussed advertising for the year, tree-trimming, basement door repairs, parking lot completion, the formation of a Cemetery Committee to complete the work there, and the work in progress for the capital improvements. A hymnal supplement was discussed and approved (see more information on page 6).

### **Elders Report**

The Elders continued planned for the June Open House. They discussed plans for the summer sunset services. They received the Pastor's Report and reviewed the Lenten Services. They made plans for Easter worship and breakfast. The Elders wish to remind everyone to be especially mindful of visitors during the summer months. We need to be intentional during our Fellowship Hour, to be sure that visitors feel welcome. The Elders hope to lead this effort by their own example.



### **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 421-2553

Pete Classen, Co-Secretary  
839-2902

George Carey, Co-Secretary  
854-9253

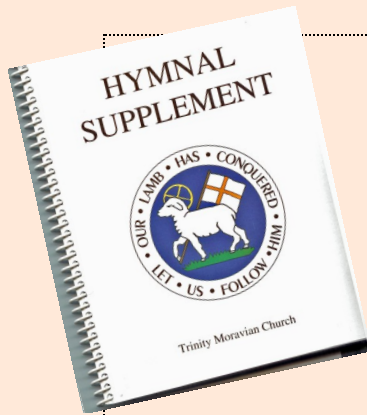
Elder for the month of:

April.....Diane Jacobson



***Celebrating Ted!***

**...with Pastor Dawn and daughters Sherry and Ann on Ted Hoepfner's 93rd birthday**



## HYMNAL SUPPLEMENT

Wouldn't it be nice if all our inserts for new liturgies and extra hymns were in a handy book? Many churches, including Pastor Dawn's former church, have hymnal supplements where all those extra things reside--so much easier to handle, and it saves on paper, printing, and labor each week.

We are going to be doing this kind of a supplement for Ephraim Moravian! We now have copyright privileges for reprinting music, so what we'd like to know is this:

*Do you have any favorite hymns that are NOT a part of our current hymnal? If you know if one of your favorites is in the old red hymnal, let us know that, as well.*

Once there's a final go-ahead for printing, we'll be asking if anyone who wants to sponsor a supplement for \$15 each. We did this with the blue hymnals, with "in honor of" or "in memory of" bookplates in the front of each sponsored book.

So be thinking about the hymns and whether you would like to sponsor a supplement or two, and stay tuned for a form to turn in your requests and to sponsor a book.

## SUNRISE SERVICE BREAKFAST, APRIL 8

Bob Volpe will be coordinating the Easter Breakfast, which takes place right after the 6 a.m. sunrise service.

### **Breakfast preparations, Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m.**

For set-up, egg-cracking, pre-cooking

### **Easter Sunday preparations, April 8**

Start at 5 a.m. (come when you are ready)

Cooking starts at 6:15 a.m.



**Needed:** Sugar cake (if you don't have a recipe, ask Bob)... people for prep, cooking and clean-up... call Bob Volpe at 421-4041 to volunteer!

## *Community News*

**LOAVES & FISHES** - Tuesday, March 27, serving a hot meal beginning at 5 p.m. at Stella Maris Parish (St. Rosalia's). All are welcome!

**LAST MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE** - at the Gathering Room at The Meadows, 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28. Chaplain Joy will be preaching on "Deliver Us from Evil" in the Lord's Prayer.



## GAME NIGHT!

**March 3**

**Plenty of food,  
game strategy,**

**...and laughs**



**JUST ONE MORE OPEN DOOR LUNCH THIS SEASON!**

***April 18 is the date, 12 noon***

**We need a Chairperson for the meal and two helpers  
who can provide soup or chili, salad or sandwiches  
and a simple dessert, set-up and clean-up**

**Please talk to Pastor Dawn or call the church office at  
854-2804 if you can help with this ministry!**

## Board of World Mission News



**Costa Rica** - A two-story structure for a School of Music and Worship has been completed, with parsonage housing and room for teachers. Funding is being sought to complete electricity, plumbing, windows and floors.

**Honduras** - Dr. Ovelio Lopez is the new director of medical work of the Moravian Church in Honduras.

**Nicaragua** - Over 300 worshipping there each week, with a goal of building a two-story building for a church kitchen and parsonage. They opened a new neighborhood coffee shop on March 14.

**Belize** - There is a strong voodoo influence, although there is now a Protestant church in Barranco and a Catholic school. Belize is an outreach of the Honduras Province and many of the Moravian children go to the Catholic school.

**Aid in Haiti** - The Moravian Church gave a generous donation in 2011 for disaster relief and ongoing programs for therapeutic care and nutrition programs. The Moravian church collaborates with the Haitian Ministry of Health, UNICEF, and other non-governmental organizations to monitor community needs.

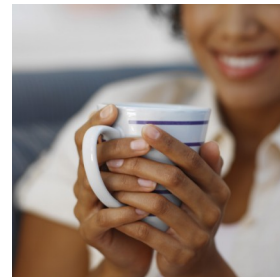
**Ray of Hope Orphanage** - Organized in Kenya and run by Michael and Ceci Tesh, the orphanage now has a solar panels for power and 13 goats to supplement food and income. All the kids have learned to milk and tend to them. A monthly Bible camp has been held for the last two years, with an average attendance of 120, preschool through teens. Lunch is provided and a number of Muslim children attend. Local leaders feel the work of the orphanage has helped to lower crime rates in the area.

## Fellowship Hour

During the next few weeks we plan to establish what we hope will be a more suitable system of providing the Fellowship Hour refreshments.

The plan is to establish a calendar for the remaining months of the year that persons can commit to specific dates to provide and serve the refreshments. The objective is to keep the commitment simple and such that it has the flexibility for a change in plans so an alternate can fill the need. Times for indoctrination will be established soon so that those people providing the refreshments will be prepared to use the kitchen and its related supplies and equipment.

Please consider making this commitment to serve some week in these coming months and contact Doug Schultz in person at the Church, by phone at 920-421-1223 or by e-mail at <uragift3@gmail.com>. Your commitment will be appreciated by many!





## Thank You...

...to those who served at Fellowship Hour during March: Mary Wilson, Carol & Jim Sokolowski, Diane Kirkland and Pastor Dawn Volpe, and our Women's March Serving Group for coordinating our last March Fellowship

...to those who ushered during March

...to those who provided special music: Ainsley Nelson, Amanda Flottman, and Barbara Classen.



## Thanksgiving Service & Dedication of the Capital Projects

Please Join Us!

**Sunday, June 17, 2012**

10:00 a.m. Worship & Lovefeast

11:00 a.m.—1 p.m. Open House

*During this service we will celebrate with a Lovefeast and take up a final offering/pledge for this endeavor.*

*For the Lovefeast, we will need a coordinator and servers. For the Open House, we need people to bring refreshments and to serve.*

*We also need people willing to give tours. A sign up sheet will be on both bulletin boards. Please share your talents with us!*

*It would also be lovely, if anyone has Moravian figurines, small stars, etc., to bring them in to display in our new cabinet. **Please plan to come and bring a guest!***

### April Birthdays

Katie Koehler.....7  
Darrell Jacobson.....10  
Amanda Carlson.....12  
Glenn Gerdman.....19  
Kay Wilson.....27  
George Carey.....30



### April Anniversaries

Jodi and Pete Thiel – Apr 5, 1971  
Betty and Bob Anderson - Apr 12, 1969  
Diane and Larry Jacobson – Apr 28, 1979

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 )

***BIBLE STUDIES begin again  
on May 14 at 11 a.m.***



**There will be mini-seminars  
on a wide range of  
interesting topics  
each Monday at 11 a.m.,  
followed by  
“Lunch on the Lawn”  
(bring a bag lunch, beverage and  
snack provided)**

## EASTER FLOWERS

***Last chance 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 next Sunday, 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 Sunday, March 25.***



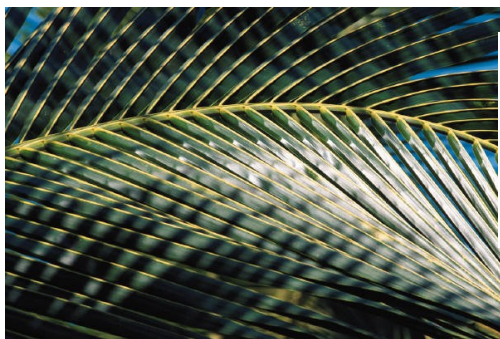
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*\*All Holy Week readings are at Sister Bay Moravian*

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| <b>1</b><br><i>Palm Sunday</i><br><br><b>9 am</b> Sunday School<br><b>10 am</b> Worship               | <b>2</b><br><b>HOLY WEEK</b><br><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Holy Week Readings* | <b>3</b><br><b>4 p.m.</b> Elders<br><br><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Holy Week Readings* | <b>4</b><br><b>12 noon</b> Community Luncheon at Sister Bay<br><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Holy Week Readings* | <b>5</b><br><b>Maundy Thursday</b><br><br><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Holy Week Readings* | <b>6</b><br><b>Good Friday</b> Services -<br><b>2 p.m.</b> Sister Bay Moravian;<br><b>7 p.m.</b> Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran | <b>7</b>                                                                |
| <b>8</b><br><b>Easter Sunday</b><br><b>6 a.m.</b> Sunrise-Service & breakfast<br><b>10 am</b> Worship | <b>9</b><br><b>-----Pastor on</b>                                    | <b>10</b><br><b>Vacation this</b>                                            | <b>11</b><br><b>9:30 a.m.</b> Caring Hands<br><b>12 noon -</b> Women's salad lunch & program        | <b>12</b><br><b>--Week-----</b><br><br><b>5 p.m.</b> Trustees                  | <b>13</b><br><b>-----</b>                                                                                                     | <b>14</b><br><b>-----</b>                                               |
| <b>15</b><br><b>9 am</b> Sunday School<br><b>10 am</b> Worship<br><br><i>Rev. Dan Olson Preaching</i> | <b>16</b>                                                            | <b>17</b>                                                                    | <b>18</b><br><b>Open Door Luncheon</b><br><b>12 noon</b>                                            | <b>19</b>                                                                      | <b>20</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>21</b><br><b>9-11 a.m.</b> Joint Board Workshop on Percentage Living |
| <b>22</b><br><b>9 am</b> Sunday School<br><b>10 am</b> Worship                                        | <b>23</b>                                                            | <b>24</b><br><b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 5 p.m.                               | <b>25</b>                                                                                           | <b>26</b><br><b>Taize service</b><br><b>Egg Harbor</b><br><b>-----</b>         | <b>27</b><br><b>Synod in -----</b>                                                                                            | <b>28</b><br><b>--Appleton--</b>                                        |
| <b>29</b><br><b>9 am</b> Sunday School<br><b>10 am</b> Worship                                        | <b>30</b>                                                            |                                                                              |                                                                                                     |                                                                                |                                          |                                                                         |



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**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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