

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

May 2012

From the Pastor's Desk

"I was a Stranger..."

Every time I have a Sunday off, I attend a local church. I do this for three reasons.

1. It gives me the opportunity to get acquainted with more members of my spiritual family;
2. It gives me an opportunity to support my fellow/sister clergy;
3. I believe one should always attend worship because you never know when God might show up! (and since I preach this, I must also practice it).

Thus far, I've been able to attend 8 worship services. All of the churches told me, in one form or another, that they were 'warm and friendly.' In fact, a welcome was extended in all 8 churches from the pulpit. Yet, if I were looking for a church home, there were only 3 out of the 8 that I would be willing to consider.


In two of the churches, fellowship was offered after the worship service. In both cases, I was personally invited, by parishioners, to accompany them to the fellowship. They stayed with me as we waited on line and engaged me in conversation. I felt at home and 'warmly' welcomed. At the church that did not offer a fellowship hour, I was not only greeted warmly, but also had in-depth discussions (beyond "hi, nice to see you here today") after worship. In all three churches, the congregation sang with joy and conviction. In all three churches the laity took significant roles in the worship service. I sensed joy and life in these congregations. In one of the churches, I was having a very difficult time following the service. It was conducted without announcement and I just couldn't figure out where we were! A nice lady came and sat next to me and helped me negotiate the service. Afterwards, we had a wonderful conversation. I would have happily gone back to any one of these churches.

Now to the churches which I would not attend: In one church, the sermon and music were excellent. The right hand of fellowship was extended. However, before and after worship, I was completely invisible. The best preaching and music cannot overcome a cold reception. I noticed that families were engaging in conversation with each other. They must have felt that the church was a friendly place. But, as an outsider, I was not extended any of that warmth. In fact, in all of these churches the sermons & music were good. The missing ingredient was the offer of hospitality. In another church, I came in early and noticed a bunch of people in a room sharing laughter and fellowship. I found in the brochure that fellowship hour was taking place. No one, not even the assigned greeter, invited me in to the gathering. In that same church, 2 people did extend a friendly greeting and conversation... I found out they were also visiting.

Do you see how important that personal invitation is? We have a golden opportunity this summer season. We'll be hosting many people who will walk through our doors because our church is part of the story of Ephraim. What will they find? A group that really likes each other? - I hope so! A worship service that is meaningful? - I hope so! Good Preaching? Great Singing? But, more than that, may they find hospitality and genuine conversation. Let's make it a point, this summer, to engage people on a deeper level, as we get to know more members of God's extended family!

--Pastor Dawn

Vicki and Wes Maynard are spearheading the "Garden Market" portion of the Women's Spring Sale & Lunch on June 2. If you have perennials or houseplants to donate, see below! They and any garden-related items noted can be dropped off at the church anytime after May 20.

GARDEN MARKET 
AT THE SPRING LUNCHEON

JUNE 2 11-2 PM

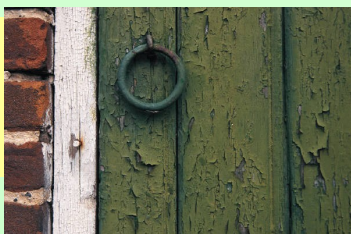
WE NEED: PERENNIALS * DIG UP MONTH BEFORE - THEY LOOK Nicer!
HOUSEPLANTS

FLEA MARKET AREA
ANYTHING FOR THE GARDEN OR GARDEN ROOM - NEW OR USED

- FLOWER HOLDERS, POTS
- ANYTHING WITH FLOWERS - PLATES, PICTURES
- BIRDHOUSES
- GARDEN TOOLS - ETC.

 **DROP OFF AT CHURCH STARTING MAY 20**

* **VICKI MAYNARD HAS PLANT MARKERS + POTS. SHE WILL ALSO DIG UP PLANTS AT YOUR HOME STARTING IN MAY.**
847-361-3684



Opportunity may knock only once...

But temptation bangs on the front door forever.



The church mourns the loss of Bishop Warren Sautebin, who died on April 16. Bishop Sautebin was a pastor here in Ephraim from 1947-1949.

There will be a graveside committal service and burial at Sister Bay Moravian Cemetery on Friday, May 4, at 11 a.m. All are welcome to come, especially those who may not be able to make it to Sturgeon Bay for the funeral service later that day - the

service will be at 4 p.m. at Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church (323 South 5th Ave.).

A supper will follow in the Sturgeon Bay fellowship hall. Those who are preparing the meal have asked that you RSVP if you intend to be there for the meal so that they may be sure to have enough food for everyone. 920.743.6218 or at sbmc@sbmoravian.org. Let us remember his widow, Alice, and the family in our prayers.

Women's Tea & Garden Party ~ April 25



Liz Schroeder with Pastor Dawn



Joy Lang and Kathy Blankenburg led a program on container and garden plants--5 lucky people won the planters and garden items



If anyone is interested in serving the church by watering the church gardens once weekly, please talk to Gunilla Wilson or send us an email at worship@ephraimmoravian.org.

Congratulations

....to **Ainsley Nelson & Samantha Phillips** for their wonderful performances in “Anything Goes”.

...to **Robert Volpe** for his induction into the National Honor Society. He joins **Ainsley Nelson, Andrea Nelson** and **Samantha Phillips**, who were inducted last spring.

...to **Andrew Phillips**, a sophomore at Marquette, for being named Editor in Chief of the Marquette Tribune for the next school year. Andrew will be in Italy May 24 through June studying Journalism, uomo fortunato that he is.



The Door County Half-Marathon is coming up on May 5!

Volunteer help is needed from May 1-4 (stuffing packets for the runners, greeting them and registering them) and during the half-marathon itself on May 5 in the Park.

High Schoolers earn community service by helping out.

Those beyond high school just earn goodwill and a nice feeling for volunteering. If you can help, call Joni Witalison at 421-1420 or email her at witalisonjoni@gmail.com.

May 2012 Services

May 6 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Communion

May 13 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship - Feed My People and Joyful Noise Sunday (Joyful Noise to Loaves & Fishes)

May 20 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

May 27 - Pentecost Sunday - 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.

The Pastor will be on vacation the week of April 30 - please call an Elder if you have a need

Trustee Report

The Trustees met on April 12 and discussed work proposed at the Cemetery... the steeple repairs... roofing on the back part of the church building... work in the upper hallway... the front doors... and the rest of the progress in construction.

It was noted that unless we reach our goal for capital funds of \$200,000, all projects with the exception of the parsonage bathrooms (in progress) and the steeple will need to be put on hold.

A wedding for the fall was discussed, the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner and TV for the nursery, the basement door repair, reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Elders Report

...the Elders did not meet in April



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:

May.....George Carey

JuneEunice Rutherford

*Condolences to Pete & Barbara Classen
on the loss of Pete's sister, Jenny Smith*



John Hus Festival - July 6

On Friday, July 6, come to Ephraim Moravian for a wonderful joint-choir concert celebrating John Hus and Moravian Music!

Choirs from Sturgeon Bay, Sister Bay and Ephraim will combine for the concert at 7 p.m., followed by Fellowship.

If you'd like to sing in the choir, rehearsals are July 5 at 5:30 (potluck) rehearsal at 6:30, and again at 6:15 on Friday, July 6, before the service itself.

Treasurer's Report

Renovations Report - One project to be completed is the downstairs bath in the parsonage (in progress), then the steeple renovation. We currently have **\$60,576** remaining in the Remodeling Fund account, with the following projects to complete:

Finishing of bathroom - \$6,500
Renovation of steeple - \$35,000-\$50,000
New shingles on back roof - \$15,000
Paving upper parking lot - \$11,500
Parsonage foundation repair - \$4,500 **\$72,500 - \$87,500**

While we have some people who pledge support on a monthly or quarterly basis, you can see we will have to put off some of the projects until we fulfill our \$200,000 goal.

General Finances - Through April 12 income: \$40,379
Through April 12 expenses: \$45,725

Member Income YTD 2012: \$20,566 YTD 2011: \$21,248
Visitor Income YTD 2012: \$ 3,664 YTD 2011: \$ 4,588

Community News



Sister Bay Moravian Church
NORTHERN DOOR COMMUNITY LUNCH
Free of Charge
FIRST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH!
12 NOON
Mark your calendars, you don't want to miss this time of good food and fellowship!
MAY 2
JUNE 6
JULY 4 COOKOUT !
AUGUST 1
SEPTEMBER 5
Our Parish Nurse, Kathy Wagner, is available during all lunches to give free blood pressure screenings.

☺ Sister Bay is continuing their monthly free lunch program through the season! Be sure to support them (and get a great meal ...and a blood-pressure test).

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Father Ruby tells us there will be an ecumenical bacculaureate service for all of the students who attend Gibraltar and Sevastopol High Schools. All are invited to attend this service on May 20 at 7 p.m., at the Stella Maris Parish in Fish Creek. Washington Island has long held bacculaureate services, and this is a new tradition for the rest of northern Door.

We will be showing Veggie Tales and other Christian videos and having great craft projects. If you would like to help with this project, please email Pastor Dawn at [dawnandbobv@gmail.com](mailto:dawnandbobv@gmail.com).



If you are in high school, any work you do with the Sunday School will earn Community Service credit. Sunday School takes place every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.



On Sunday, June 17, we will be having a special Lovefeast during the service to dedicate the renovations to our church and celebrate our long-awaited accessibility!

**FELLOWSHIP:** **Men of the Congregation:** Mother's Day is coming (May 13), and Bob Volpe is asking for volunteers to do Fellowship on that day to honor the women of the congregation (no fair getting your wives to bake, this is YOUR thing). Talk to Bob if you can help.

**Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers of the congregation for Gary during his cancer treatments and his continuing recovery. We appreciate the emails and cards as well. Looking forward to our return to Ephraim in May and seeing you then.**

## Lonnie and Gary Vitse



**Don't forget to drop your cash register receipts in the Ephraim Moravian Church slot after you "shop the Pig"! We received more than \$600 from the Pig for 2011, so it does make a difference!**



## Thank You...

...to Joyce and Glenn Gerdman, who donated 2,000 placemats with the Moravian table grace printed on them

...those who served at Fellowship Hour during April: Diane Jacobson and Joyce Gerdman, Linda & George Carey, Ingrid Halvorsen and Jendean Olson

...to all of our wonderful spring clean-up workers... Dawn & Bob Volpe, Wes & Vicki Maynard, Gunilla & Tom Wilson, Paul & Kay Wilson, Mary Wilson, Natalie Neddersen, Judy & John Turner, Cici Mulliken, Nancy Christofferson, Pete Classen, Diane Kirkland, Doug & Penny Schultz, George & Linda Carey, Arps Horvath.

...to those who ushered in April

..to those adding to worship with special music: Barbara Classen, Ainsley Nelson, Rob Volpe, Samantha Phillips, Amanda Flottman

...to those who hosted and helped at the last Open Door Luncheon of the season: Doug and Penny Schultz, Jody Thiell, Pat and Arps Horvath, Cici Mulliken

...and a "thank you" from Delmar Dahl:

You wonderful people  
Dawn, the Pastor  
Peter, the presenter  
The plaque-maker  
The card-senders  
The compliment-givers  
The lunch-providers  
What a church!  
What a Savior!



People travel to wonder at the height of mountains, at the huge waves in the sea, at the long courses of rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motion of the stars; and they pass themselves by without wondering. --Saint Augustine



## May Birthdays

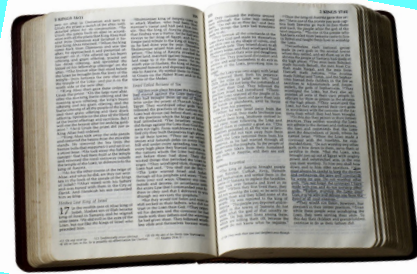
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| Gunilla Wilson.....         | 3  |
| Elli Opitz.....             | 6  |
| Cindy Phillips.....         | 11 |
| Arnie Sohns.....            | 13 |
| Doug Schultz.....           | 14 |
| Joyce Jahn.....             | 17 |
| Pieta Horvath Thompson..... | 18 |
| Tiffany Ann Opitz.....      | 18 |
| David Sohns.....            | 21 |
| Nicolai Carlson.....        | 23 |
| Earl Lorenz.....            | 23 |
| Elaine Jacobson.....        | 26 |
| Patti Bennett.....          | 30 |

## May Anniversaries

Nancy & Tim Christofferson... May 5, 1972  
 Karen and Bob Ekberg... May 19, 1987  
 Eunice and Ray Rutherford... May 28, 1955

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.***



**Weekly Seminars followed by  
Lunch on the Lawn. Bring a bag  
lunch and we will provide  
beverage and snacks.**

**First Seminar:  
"The Devil Made Me Do It?"**



**Clean-Up Day,  
April 14**



Mike McCutcheon, Chris Hecht,  
Jane Olson >

< John Cox, Niles Weborg

**Ephraim's New Fire Truck**



Ephraim Moravian Church - PO Box 73 - Ephraim, WI 54211 - 920-854-2804

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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**May 2012 Newsletter**



# May 2012

| Sun                                                                                         | Mon                                                                        | Tue                            | Wed                                                                                                 | Thu                  | Fri                                                                                   | Sat |
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|                                                                                             |                                                                            | 1                              | 2<br>9:30 a.m.<br>EMC Women<br>Executive<br>Board<br>12 noon -<br>Community<br>Lunch, Sister<br>Bay | 3                    | 4                                                                                     | 5   |
| 6<br>9 am Sunday<br>School/Choir<br>10 am<br>Worship -<br>Communion                         | 7<br>Cemetery Walk<br>Committee<br>3:30 p.m. at<br>Ephraim Foun-<br>dation | 8<br>5 p.m. Elders             | 9<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Caring Hands<br><br>1 p.m.<br>Sarah Circle                                        | 10<br>5 p.m.Trustees | 11                                                                                    | 12  |
| 13<br>9 am Sunday<br>School/Choir<br>10 am<br>Worship -<br>Feed My<br>Peeps/Joyful<br>Noise | 14                                                                         | 15                             | 16                                                                                                  | 17                   | 18                                                                                    | 19  |
| 20<br>9 am Sunday<br>School/<br>Choir<br>10 am<br>Worship<br><b>Church<br/>Anniversary</b>  | 21                                                                         | 22<br>5 p.m.Loaves &<br>Fishes | 23                                                                                                  | 24                   | 25                                                                                    | 26  |
| 27<br>Pentecost<br>9 am Sunday<br>School/Choir<br>10 am<br>Worship                          | 28                                                                         | 29                             | 30                                                                                                  | 31                   |  |     |
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