

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

July 2012

From the Pastor's Desk

"Nothing is going to ruin my beautiful life!"

- A pronouncement by Celia Gibson

"We have troubles all around us, but we are not defeated."

- A pronouncement by the Apostle Paul

There are many things that can drive us to despair. When I was a teenager, I felt the weight of the world on me. Bullies at school made me miserable. I didn't have a social life. No one invited me to parties. Although I attended church regularly (I had no choice), the young people in the church had their own tight circle of friends and I was not included. Being by nature rather shy, I had no idea how to make things better. Although quiet outside the home, my poor family took the brunt of my unhappiness.

On occasions when I came stomping into the house because of merciless teasing or being left out, my mother would proclaim with the voice of authority. "You can't change anything. But you can make a determination." And with a stamp of her foot, she'd declare. NOTHING IS GOING TO RUIN MY BEAUTIFUL LIFE! I'd snort in derision, but she said it so often and with such confidence, that it seeped into my consciousness. I can't tell you how many times I have repeated that phrase, to myself and others. Nothing is going to ruin my beautiful life!

What an affirmation of the Christian Life! When life hands us tragedy, when people disappoint us, when aggravations seem to be the order of the day, we can say with assurance that, indeed, nothing can ruin our beautiful lives. As Paul says, we have troubles all around us, but we are not defeated. How can this be? It's because of the life of Jesus within us. Christ, who brings light out of darkness. Christ, who enters into our suffering. Christ, our burden-bearer. Christ, who gives us strength even in our weakness. Christ, who promises eternal life even in the face of death. How can anyone or any circumstance ruin our lives?

We have very little control over the things that happen to us. We can only control our own responses to what life throws our way. We can allow ourselves to become bitter over the inherent unfairness in our world or, we can stand with absolute assurance. We are given all the love, grace and power to say with conviction: "Nothing is going to ruin my beautiful life!"

--Pastor Dawn

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.

Trustee Report

The Trustees met on June 14. They approved a benefit concert with pianist David Beck to raise funds for the Scand capital fund program, to be held later in the fall.

The remodeling dedication was discussed as well as the tours of the church and parsonage, manning of the Fyr Bal booth, and ongoing work at the cemetery. The steeple work will begin on August 20 and take approximately one week.

Elders Report

The Elders worked on the dedication service and the first annual New Members dinner.



Dear EMC - Thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient of the Cherry Scholarship! I will be sure to put the money to good use in graduate school. Thanks again.
--Kelly Schuder



Thank you to everyone who has sent cards, said prayers and continued to support me during my illness. It is appreciated so much.

--Lisa Carlson

Dear EMC Members:

Thank you so much for all of your generous donations to my Guatemala trip! I had an incredible experience which was truly one-of-a-kind and life changing. All of the donations were needed and greatly appreciated by the VIDA organization and patients we saw. Thanks again,

😊 Ava Neddersen

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

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854-2871

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839-2902

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854-9253

Elder for the month of:

July.....Karen Ekberg

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Door-Tran is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport individuals who have unmet transportation needs. Primary driving will be in Door County with some trips to Green Bay & Algoma as needed. Mileage & meal reimbursements, flexible scheduling - choose your own time/days - make a positive impact. If interested, please contact: Door-Tran at 920/743-9999 or toll free at 877/330-6333. Volunteer Coordinator, paid position, also available.

For Sale: Starck "Studio Grand" piano, manufactured in Chicago in 1962. According to the Blue Book of Pianos, the Stark Piano company was founded in 1891, and was known for producing "an instrument of the highest type...Unique and distinctive features of construction will be found in the Starck piano; the most important ... is the sounding board construction which includes the Starck bent acoustic rim. This gives the Starck upright the tone of a grand piano." To see and hear this instrument, call Karen Cruz, 920-323-3527 (don't leave a message on this phone) or 920-746-2159 (leave message at this number). Asking \$400.00.

Congratulations



....to Britta and Jens Hansen on the birth of their second son. Jace Thomas Hansen was born on May 24th, 2012, in Bethlehem, PA. He was 7 lb. 6 oz, 20-1/2 inches long and has lots of hair. He joins big brother Jens, 4 years old, and big sister Jovi, 17 months. Jens loves to help mom with Jace, and Jovi is working on helping. Grandparents are Diane and Larry Jacobson, and Great Grandparents are Joyce and Glenn Gerdman

< *Here's a photo of Jens with his new baby brother.*

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July 2012 Services

July 1 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Communion

July 6 - 7 p.m. John Hus Festival, joint choirs at Ephraim Moravian

July 8 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship - Feed My People and Joyful Noise Sunday (for Feed My People this month)

July 11 - 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology service

July 15 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

July 18 - 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology service

July 22 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

July 25 - 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology service

July 29 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

Treasurer's Report

General Finances - through June 27, 2012 income: \$66,628
through June 27, 2012 expenses: \$67,469

Update on Capital Campaign

The dedication service on June 17 was wonderful, with over 130 members and friends in attendance. See greetings from the larger Moravian Church and the updated list of contributors to the capital campaign on pages 8-10. After Sunday's dedication service, we are just \$18,200 short of our goal of \$200,000! The next project is the church steeple renovation, which begins in late August.



Newly remodeled parsonage bathroom >

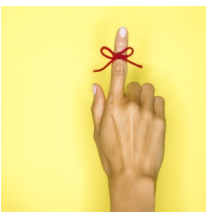
PIANISTS NEEDED!

We received this note from Joy Zakrzewski at Scand:

"The pool of volunteer pianists we use for daily devotions, as well as for special services, is dwindling. Will you please talk to folks in your parishes that play piano that might like to join us at Scandia for daily devotions? Please give them my name and # or email and have them contact me."



If you can help, please contact Joy Zakrzewski, Chaplain, Scandia Village
920-854-2317. Her email is: jzakrzew@good-sam.com



REMINDER

for those who haven't yet sent their donations to the Moravian Women for the Spring Sale and Lunch, please make checks payable to "Ephraim Moravian Women" and send to
G.G. Paschke, Treasurer
P.O. Box 155
Ephraim, WI 54211



Beauty... is the
shadow of God
on the universe.
(Gabriela Mistral)

Prayers...

...for Ahuas, Honduras, and all our Moravian brothers and sisters there. Ahuas is a town of 1,400 people. The area has become a major drug trafficking corridor and a major danger for residents. The Mosquito Coast is jungle and savanna near Nicaragua with only 50 thousand inhabitants, many in villages accessible only by boat or plane, mostly speaking in their indigenous language, Miskito. Young people have started developing a taste for the narcotics being peddled, as well as the weapons that are becoming prevalent due to the trafficking. Nicaragua has the highest homicide rate in the world.



HELP RAISE THE ROOF AT MT. MORRIS!

A small group of leaders in 1964 began the process of purchasing what would today be called the Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center. "The Barn" is not only a Mt. Morris icon and welcoming symbol to the thousands of campers and guests who come to Mt. Morris each year, but it serves as a historic symbol of an earlier time in Wisconsin. So many barns are deteriorating and being demolished. The Mt. Morris Board said, "that will not be the fate of the Barn at Mt. Morris!" The Barn is used for storage for equipment and service vehicles.

The Board has approved a goal of \$25,000 to re-roof the Barn, replaced damaged and/or deteriorating siding, and repaint the structure. Please consider supporting this project by making a donation to the "Raise the Roof" project. Brochures are available on the bulletin board in the upper hall of Ephraim Moravian to direct your donations.

NEVER TOO EARLY....

...to order a Daily Text for 2013! In fact, if you include your order with the church no later than August 1, you'll get a discount! Order forms are in the narthex; put your order and check in the church office no later than Sunday, July 29. You can also order direct to Bethlehem, PA, with the form.



If you shop at the Piggly Wiggly, remember to put your cash register receipt in the donations slot for Ephraim Moravian Church as you leave. The church receives 1% of the total receipts. Doesn't sound like much? So far this year, our slot has had over 650 receipts for a total of \$17,200 recorded!

Thank You...

...to those who ushered during the month of June.

... to those who hosted Fellowship during June: Lucille Sohns and G. G. Paschke, Jim & Carol Sokolowski, the Ephraim Moravian Women, and Sue Sherman.

...to those who manned the Fyr Bal booth and to Tom Schuder for lending us the tent for the third year in a row.

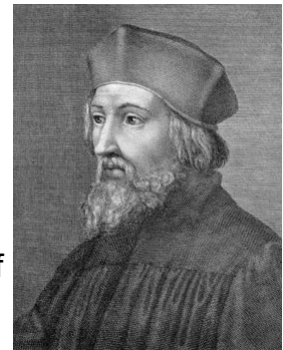
...to all those who made our special June 17 service go so smoothly!



FRIDAY, JULY 6 - JOHN HUS FESTIVAL

At 7 p.m., come to the **John Hus Festival**, a celebration of his life and witness, joining the choirs of Ephraim, Sister Bay and Sturgeon Bay Moravian churches.

The program will consist of music, scripture, meditation on the life of John Hus, and end with the Moravian National Anthem, "Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord."



John Hus was born in the year 1369 in Bohemia and opposed the tyranny of the Roman church. Hus was burned at the stake in 1415 for his beliefs. Followers of Hus gathered to organize the Unity of the Brethren (Moravian Church) in 1457.

JULY 11 - AUGUST 22 - ANDERSON DOCKS-OLYMPICS SERVICES



Our sunset services begin again on Wednesday, July 11, and continue through Wednesday, August 22.

Time will be 7:30 p.m. this year to make sure we catch all the sunsets. Ecumenical service, lots of music (including the Emmanuel Lutheran Praise Band, Door of Life Praise Band, and other surprises!). Come with

chair or blanket for your comfort, and perhaps bug spray.

July 11: Delmar Dahl with music by Stella Maris parish

July 18: Ed House with music by the Immanuel Lutheran Praise Band

July 25: Joy Zakrzewski with music by the Shepherd of the Bay Bells

July Birthdays



Penny Schultz...3
Jolynn Nelson...4
Judy Turner...6
Keith Krist...9
Eric Christofferson...11
Craig Anderson...12
Liz Schroeder...13
Joyce Gerdman...15
Christian Koehler...16
Jill Schroeder...17
Mark Anderson...18
Daryl Larson...20
Matt Christofferson...21
Karin Wilson...22
Pastor Dawn Volpe...28
Kelsey Neddersen ...31

July Anniversaries

Lisa and Gary Carlson – July 4, 1981
Doris and Bill Price – July 19, 1952 (60 years!)
Cathie and Jim Gelhaar – July 20, 1963

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)

Weekly Discussion Groups..

..followed by Lunch on the Lawn.

Bring a bag lunch and we will provide beverage and snacks.

11 a.m. Mondays

As a follow-up to our discussion on Capital Punishment on June 18, on July 2, Dee Brestin will join us in discussion.



Dee is a summer Ephraim resident, Christian author and speaker, and has done prison ministry the past few years.



Wednesday, July 25, 1 p.m.
Join the Ephraim Moravian Women
at the
Summer Afternoon Social
Bring a neighbor!

If God is your co-pilot....



...swap seats!

.....Community News.....

At The Crossroads, Sturgeon Bay, all programs at 2 p.m.

July 1 - "The Civil War," Joe Knappen

July 8 - "The Vikings and their Westward Wanderings," Paul Burton

July 15 - "Herbs in Wisconsin," Jane Cole

July 22 - "A Gardener's Walk through the Village," Lee Sommerville

July 29 - "Belgian Architecture in Door County," Bill Laatsch

Habitat for Humanity - Volunteers needed for the following Habitat jobs: lawn mowing, general maintenance, ReStore pick-ups and deliveries (Wednesdays), ReStore Customer Service (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays). Call 743-2869 if you have a few hours you can donate.

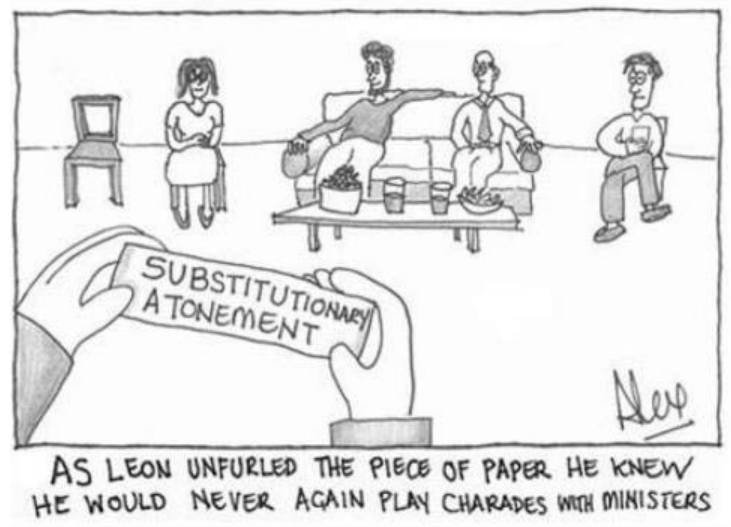
Hymn Sing at Zion United Methodist - Sunday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m. Don Heeringa song leader. Freewill offering. 8782 County F

Lifeline Screening - at Sister Bay Moravian Church on Saturday, July 14. Call 1-800-324-9458 to get an appointment for screenings that could well save your life!

Cherry Festival - at Sister Bay Moravian on Thursday, July 19, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brats and hot dogs, good as new, handmade rag rugs, craft items, bakery and, of course, cherry desserts!

Heritage Potluck Picnic - Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church is celebrating their 150th year and invites us all to gather for a picnic and presentation. It will be held from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Hans Hansen House at Crossroads at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay.

Coincidence is when
God chooses to remain
anonymous



FROM TRAILS TO RAILS

Land Travel in Early Door County



By
Paul Burton

A new book by Paul Burton is an introduction as to how travel evolved on the Door County Peninsula. Roads were still primitive in the early years, but much improved from the original logging trails. In the late 1800s, the railroad was built between Sturgeon Bay, Algoma and Kewaunee, with connections to Milwaukee and Chicago.

The book covers the years 1850 to 1950 with over a hundred photos, written by Paul on behalf of the Ephraim Historical Foundation. Copies are \$12 at all the Foundation's museums and also at Peninsula Bookman in Fish Creek. Proceeds go to the Foundation.

June 17, 2012 Capital Projects Dedication

Notables present: former Ephraim pastor Wolfram & Faith Fliegel, Jeff Bradley, former Western District Board member, Jeff Brandt, Western District Board, Rev. Delmar Dahl, our own Bob Yeomans and Ted Hoepfner, Thea Thompson from the Ephraim Historical Foundation. Stella Maris parishes and Forestville Builders were represented.

Greetings sent...

The Church of the Open Door – I have the painting by Karsten Topelmann in my house – a gift to me from a former pastor. Every time I see that picture, I thank God for your open doors – and your open hearts as you welcome the community from near and far into a holy space and holy place. The recent renovations you've made to your facility truly open your doors to those who previously had a difficult time coming in. Thank you for the vision to embark on this project. Thank you for your strong commitment to funding this work. Thank you for your faithful witness to God's loving embrace – through your own wide embrace to all of God's children. Thank you for being the church of Jesus Christ – with open arms – in Ephraim, in Door County, in the world. May the steeple serve as a beacon of hope and may your doors swing wide to receive all who seek the Lord. May your ministry be a blessing to all.

*Betsy Miller, President
Provincial Elders' Conference
May 11, 2012*

Dear friends at Ephraim Moravian Church,

It is with joy that I write these words of greeting on this special day of dedication, the celebration of an accomplishment you have been able to realize together. Having visited with you on several occasions, and especially seeing the project now completed, I understand well what this addition will mean. The expansion and renovations will indeed allow for easier access to your facility, but even more so, they will provide a clear understanding by all people across the County of what has driven this effort.

The motto of the Moravian Church, "In Essentials Unity, in Non-Essentials Liberty, in All Things Love" that you have embraced as a sense of mission for your church, will be better realized. Also, and at the heart of those words, "Jesus is Lord" will be proclaimed more clearly. All who come to Ephraim Moravian Church will certainly see your most open door.

I look forward to being with you again in October.

Peace and blessings,

Gary T. Marsh, Director of Stewardship

Many thanks to those who donated to our Capital Fund for these projects

The bold/italic names were those inadvertently left out of the program or those who have given since the program was printed

The Estate of Karen Larson

Several donors who wish to remain Anonymous

Mr. & Mrs. Hartley Barker

Prilla & Tony Beadell, in memory of Marcia and Charles Larsen

Claire & Dick Bierman

Sue & Phil Blom

Pat & O.C. Boldt, in memory of Ruth and David Stevens

Frances & Paul Burton

In memory of George and Dorothy Carey, Tom and Mally Mayhew

In memory of Martha Cherry

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Karen & Bob Ekberg

Ephraim Moravian Women for the Fellowship Hall flooring

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Bernice

Mary & John Koehler

Norma & Roger Larson

(continued...)



Bob Yeomans



Faith Fliegel, Pastor Dawn, Wolfram Fliegel

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Doris & Bill Price

In memory of Butch Seiler for the steeple:

Anonymous

Addie Crum

Margaret Franke

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Eunice Rutherford

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Art Witalison

Susie Samson

Liz & Bob Schroeder, in memory of Marcy Jason

Maggie Schnackenberg, in memory of Jack Schnackenberg

Delores Sessler

Sue & Steve Sherman

Sally & Curt Skinner, in memory of Alida (Moss) Skinner and Bertram Skinner

Lucille Sohns, in memory of Glen Sohns

Carol & Jim Sokolowski

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Judy & John Turner

Lonnie & Gary Vitse

Dawn & Bob Volpe, in memory of her parents, Lewis & Celia Gibson

Niles Weborg and Scott Weborg in memory of Joan Weborg

Jock & Judy Whitacre, in honor of Elaine Bonville, Fish Creek, who welcomed them on their first Door County vacation in 1967

Mary Wilson

Kay & Paul Wilson

Gunilla & Tom Wilson, in memory of Carl and Kay Wilson

Toby Wilson, in memory of my loving and giving parents, Hollis and "Petie" Wilson, and in memory of my special cousins Wendy Borg Sampers and Alan Borg

Betty Wolf

Susan Woltman, in memory of Karen and Mardell Larson

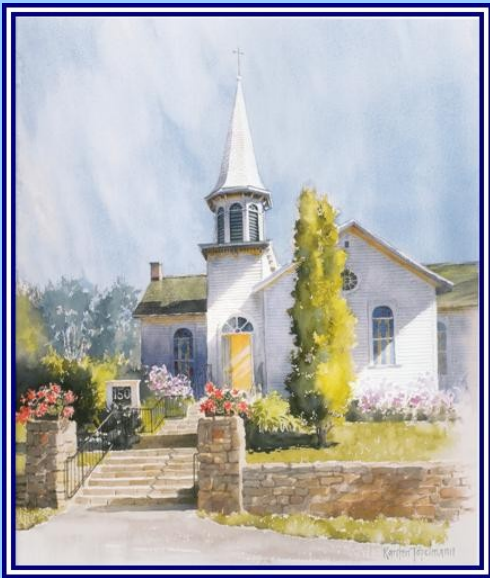
Robert P. Yeomans in memory of Charlotte A. Yeomans



Ted Hoeppner



John LeBotte from Forestville
Builders, our main
contractor



**Our fully accessible
Church of the Open Door**

"The Open Door" by Karsten Topelmann

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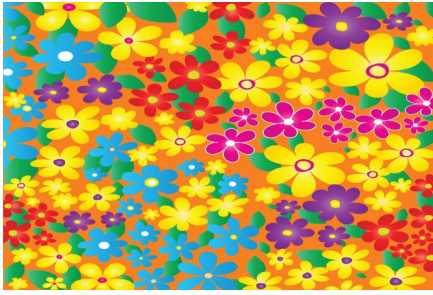
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July 2012 Newsletter



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship - communion	2 11 a.m. Discussion group/ Lunch on the lawn	3 5 p.m. Elders		5 5:30 pm supper & Rehearsal for Hus Festival	6 Jon Hus Festival - Joint Choirs 7 pm	7
8 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship - Feed-People/ Joyful Noise	9 11 a.m. Discussion group/ Lunch on the lawn	10	11 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology	12 5 p.m. Trustees	13	14
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