

## Ephraim Moravian Messenger

### News from the Open Door

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

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

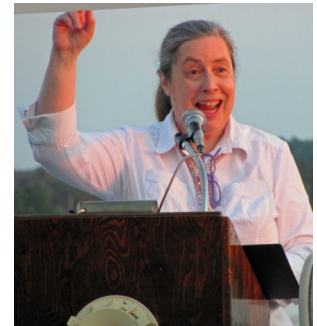
***“Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.” 1 Thessalonians 5:8***

**June 2012**

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*“I will instruct and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.” Psalm 32:8*

In the past month, my thoughts turned to my mother, Celia, who died on May 20, 2003. She was a dynamic woman with a passion for her Savior. She was absolutely certain that each one of her children had a mission to fulfill within the plan of God. She



the streets and do it for the Glory of God, your work is as important as the preacher in the

thing special in mind when I was put on this earth. I was hoping to find a career in my adult life that made me reasonably happy and not a burden to anyone. My expectations were as low as you could get!

When I graduated college with a degree in Elementary Education, I was happy to find something that I was competent in. When I took my first classroom assignment, however, I felt strangely restless. Unlike many of my peers who loved their work, I did not derive the

even before I did. So, being certain that God had a direction for me, she began to pray that

finished praying, she turned on the radio (always tuned to a Christian station) and someone was reading the scripture, Psalm 32:8. She was so excited, feeling this was a confirmation of her prayers, that she immediately told me about it. I, however, thought mom was touched in the head and laughed off her suggestion that there was any message directed toward me. Undaunted, she continued to pray. On Sunday while in the worship service, a man

32:8. God finally got my attention! That was in March of 1978. In May of that year, I came into the Moravian Church. Within 7 years of that message, I was ordained as a Moravian pastor.

heavenly map that predicts our future. We cannot sit back and wait for the angels to descend to tell us what to do. Our task is to set out on a path we believe is right for us, and

Education and other work experiences has certainly been a help in ministry.

It is my prayer that we all find that path that God wants us to walk. Whatever work God has prepared for us, may we follow faithfully until our journey has ended.

--Pastor Dawn

# **SPRING LUNCHEON AND SALE**



**June 2, 2012  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Ephraim Village Hall**

- \*Famous Spanish Hamburger lunch**
- \*Huge and Fabulous Bake Sale**
- \*Moravian Items**
- \*Garden Market - perennials & house-plants, garden items and gifts**

**Sponsored by the Women  
of the Ephraim Moravian Church  
Proceeds from the Bake Sale to  
benefit continuing historic restoration  
of the church**



## **INNOCENCE IS PRICELESS**

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some



The Ephraim Moravian steeple has a stiff clerical collar for maintenance purposes.

## Steeple Repair...

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to

repainting in  
the 1990s >



to major reconstruction this year...

*Thanks to all who have contributed to the capital campaign!*

### **Congratulations**

...to Matt Christofferson for graduating from Bentley University with high honors

...to Sophie Nelson and Cole Regnier for graduating from Gibraltar High



### **June 2012 Services**

June 3 - 9 a.m. Sunday School/Choir; 10 a.m. Worship service & communion

June 10 - 9 a.m. Sunday School/Choir; 10 a.m. Worship service - Feed My People  
And Joyful Noise offerings (Nor-Door Adult Day Care)

June 17 - 9 a.m. Sunday School/Choir; 10 a.m. Worship service with special  
Capital projects dedication & Lovefeast - Fellowship/Open House  
following from 11-1

June 24 - 9 a.m. Sunday School/Choir; 10 a.m. Worship service

## *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.

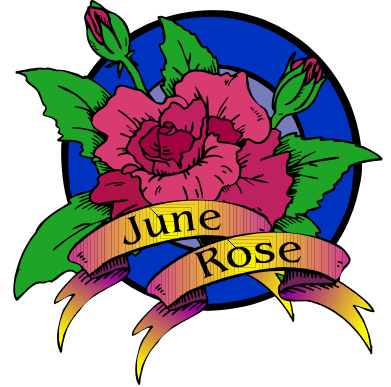
CELL NUMBER: 920-421-4042 The Church Phone does NOT ring in the parsonage. Please keep the Pastor's Cell Phone handy for after hours.

### **Trustee Report**

The Trustees met on May 10 and discussed letters to all the contributors to the capital campaign, the gravel work at the cemetery, progress on the capital projects, approval to move forward on a hymnal supplement, Fyr Bal booth and volunteers, general maintenance of the church, and co-mingled recycling.

### **Elders Report**

Plans were set for the June 17 dedication and open house, upcoming Elder duties, and discussed a summer new-member dinner.



### **Fyr Bal needs you!!**

Actually, our booth at Fyr Bal needs you - we need volunteers for 2-hour shifts in the booth on Saturday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., as well as people to help set up and take down the booth. Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall or email/call the church: [worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org), 854-2804.



### **News from our Board of World Mission**

**ALASKA** - The first of two teams from the lower 48 will be heading to Alaska in June to help build a parsonage for the Moravian Church in Bethel. Team two will follow in July. Please pray for these teams as they prepare to go.

**ADOPT A VILLAGE** - *Peg and Bill Hoffman* will head to Tanzania next month. This will be their 21<sup>st</sup> trip. We look forward to hearing updates when they return.

**AHUAS, HONDURAS** - *Dr Benno Marx* has accepted the call to serve as Interim Physician at the Clínica Evangélica Moravia in Ahuas, Honduras. Dr Marx will begin his time of service in

about the increasing problems with drug trafficking through Ahuas, so prayers are needed.

### **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:

***EMC WOMEN, SAVE THE DATE - July 25 - special summer program!***

## Come to the Dedication!

On Sunday, June 17, come to our special Lovefeast during the service to dedicate the renovations to our church and celebrate our long-awaited accessibility!

There will be tours of the church after the service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., so if you are available to give a tour to anyone interested in seeing what we've accomplished, let the Pastor know.

Park in the upper parking lot so that those who are coming to view our new accessible facilities --and need them --can park closer to the new ramp.



### Treasurer's Report

General Finances - through May 23, 2012 income: \$54,008  
through May 23, 2012 expenses: \$58,035

Member Income through May 20	This year: \$30,863	Last year: \$38,109
Visitor Income through May 20	This year: \$ 4,983	Last year: \$ 8,452



Remember Ava Neddersen as she heads out this weekend for two weeks in Guatemala as part of a student medical team, working with doctors in several villages there.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the medical supplies she was able to take with her!

### 2012 Western District Synod

[www.WDSynod2012.org](http://www.WDSynod2012.org). This site will give you all the results, and you are especially invited to read the epistles (letters) of the various committees to the congregations. In addition to the creation of these epistles and the approval of the budget, the following individuals were elected:

District Executive Board President  
Rev. James Hicks

District Executive Board Laity  
Jeff Brandt, Nancy Chandler,  
Cindy Fahney, and Bruce Loppnow

District Executive Board Clergy  
Rev. Jason Andersen and Rev.  
Bruce Nelson

Christian Education Commission  
John Hiscox, Rev. Trina Holmberg,  
Dennis Medd, and Rev. Beth Rohn-Habegger





# Thank YouÅ

...to Ranny Nelson and the Ruth Nelson family for the many years  
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their spring and fall sales!

...to those who sponsored Fellowship during the month of May: John & Judy  
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...for those who ushered during the month of May

Ephraim is an Official “Bird City” in Wisconsin! The Village was awarded the designation because of our bird habitats and stewardship of the land.

At the presentation of the Bird City plaque, there was a special award from Peninsula State Park by Kathleen Harris and Smokey the Bear to our own Scott Weborg, who has often volunteered at the Park.

Congratulations, Scott!





### June Birthdays

Carol Sokolowski 13  
Denny Phillips...13  
Robert Ekberg...19  
Steven Cox...20  
Jacklene Nelson...20  
Hollace Mulliken...22  
Alicia Mulliken...28  
Brian Wilson...30

### June Anniversaries

Shelley and John Cox 8, 1979  
Gunilla and Tom Wilson 15, 1974  
Denny & Cindy Phillips 16, 1990

We are sorry if we omitted or listed incorrectly  
Please call the  
church office (854-2804) or email us at  
(worship@ephraimmoravian.org )



### **BIBLE STUDIES** Weekly Discussion Groups

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

#### 11 a.m. Mondays

#### June 4

**What is Heaven Like?**

#### June 11

**The Problem of Suffering**

#### June 18

**Capital Punishment**

## .....Community News.....

Friday, June 1, at 7 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church in Baileys Harbor is presenting **Wings of a Hero in concert.** This is a Christian band of young adults (2 of which are grandsons of Immanuel members). Concert is geared for young adults but open to all --\$2 at the door.

Saturday, June 2, 5 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran, **Prayer and Praise Worship** featuring

**5`n\Y]a Yf0g'dfc [fU a**, 1:30-3 p.m. on Monday, June 4, at Scandia Village. To register, call Bev at 469-2100. Symptoms and effects, causes and risk factors, benefits of early detection, stages and treatment of the disease.

Sister Bay Moravian is having a **fish boil Thursday, June 7**, with three seatings: 5 p.m., 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Adults are \$12, kids 5-10 years old are \$6 each.

**'Steelbridge Songfest'**- June 7 - 10 Over 120 songwriters and performers from all over the country in this 4-day festival in Sturgeon Bay. See website for details:  
[http://www.sbsf5.com/fr\\_home.cfm](http://www.sbsf5.com/fr_home.cfm)

Sister Bay Moravian is continuing their **free community lunches** each month through the summer! The first Wednesday at 12 noon, with a special July 4 picnic.

Coming up on Friday, July 6 at 7 p.m., the joint-choir **concert celebrating John Hus and Moravian Music.** Choirs from Sturgeon Bay, Sister Bay and our congregation will be here (rehearsals are July 5 at 5:30-- potluck followed by rehearsal--and before the concert at 6:15 p.m.).



## Pastor Dawn blessing Ephraim's newest 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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P.O. Box 73  
Ephraim, Wisconsin 54211**

*POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:*

**June 2012 Newsletter**





# June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Drop off plants <u>at</u> <u>Village Hall</u> for sale tomorrow, 10-noon	2 11 am -2 pm <b>Spring Lunch &amp; Bake Sale,</b> Village Hall
3  9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship - Communion	4 11 a.m. Bible Study Noon - Lunch on the Lawn	5 5 p.m. Elders	6	7	8	9 Midsummer Music Concert 7 pm
10 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship - Joyful Noise/ Feed My Peeps	11 11 a.m. Bible Study Noon - Lunch on the Lawn	12	13 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands	14 5 p.m. Trustees	15	16  <b>FYR BAL FESTIVAL--</b> come to our booth at Fyr Bal 10-6
17 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Lovefeast 11-1 Open House	18 11 a.m. Bible Study Noon - Lunch on the Lawn	19 Midsummer Music re- hearsal 10-2	20 Midsummer Music re- hearsal 10-2	21 EMC/Library "1st Ladies" program at Village Hall 1:30-3 pm	22	23 Midsummer Music Concert 7 pm
24 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	25 (no Bible Study today-- Pastor out of town)	26 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes	27	28 Scand birth- day party-- EMC Women 2 pm	29	30