



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

September 2012

From the Pastor's Desk

Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand. Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

-Isaiah 6:9—10



This verse came to mind recently as I was taking a walk with Bob and Max (the dog). It was one of those spectacular Door County summer days. A cool breeze was blowing, the water sparkled, the moon was still visible against a clear blue sky. As we made our way around the benches at the shore, already beginning to fill with people, we saw something that startled us out of our reverie. A young couple was seated on a bench. They were obviously on vacation, judging by the clothes they were wearing. But instead of being captivated by the beauty around them or each other, both heads were buried in their respective Cell phones. I had to wonder what could be so important that all this beauty and their own relationship could be set aside for such banality.

But then I had to wonder about my own lack of focus on the things that are important to my health and well-being, physically, mentally and spiritually. How many times have I not seen or heard or comprehended because my attention was elsewhere? There are so many things in modern life that cause us to focus our attention on banality. How many hours are spent in front of the computer? How many hours are spent on trivial things, while the beauty of nature, the solace of friendships, the soul-restoration of prayer and meditation, the joy of learning are set aside? Even on vacation, which is supposed to help us mend our fractured lives, we can fill the time with things that do not heal.

Many in this community have not taken vacation yet. This is our 'busy time'. Yet, we have an opportunity that is rare in the working environment. We can look up from the computer screens and see nature's grand display every day! We can get in the car and ride behind a tourist who's meandering through the peninsula and, instead of getting upset, slow down and experience what they are seeing for the first time. There is nothing so urgent that we can't slow down and revel in the goodness, beauty and grace that is all around us. May we 'turn and be healed'!

--Pastor Dawn



*A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of Fran Eckland*

Saturday, September 8, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Luncheon following the Service

*Please join us as we gather to Celebrate the
life of our sister in Christ!*



Condolences

...to Glenn Gerdman and his family on the loss of Glenn's brother,
Don

...to the Family of Fran Eckland, who passed away July 31

*Welcome to our new members:
Don & Donna Nelson!
Welcome to our youngest member,
Jace Thomas Hansen,
who was baptized on August 12!*



Prayers.....

- For Lisa Carlson, Cathie Gelhaar, and Charlie Burton as they all go through cancer treatments
- For continued health, comfort and encouragement for Ted Hoeppe and Bob Yeomans at the Care Center
- For Addie Crum, who was in Bellin Hospital's rehab and is now in rehab at Scandia Village in Sister Bay
- For Ephraim resident Audrey Hatch, recovering at Scand from a broken hip.
- For Bo Johnson, his mother Annika, and the rest of the Johnson family, for strength and peace.
-For Gary Carlson, who broke both his wrists and his leg in a fall and is in rehab in Green Bay.

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.

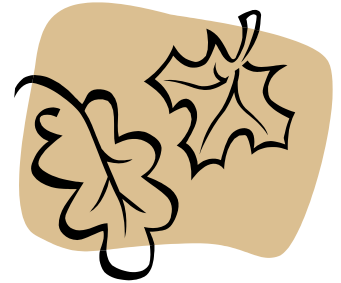
CELL NUMBER: 920-421-4042 The Church Phone does NOT ring in the parsonage. Please keep the Pastor's Cell Phone handy for after hours.

Trustee Report

The Trustees met on August 9 and updated information on the work at the cemetery, steeple schedule, and the capital campaign. Bids will be researched for replacement of the shingled portion of the church roof. Discussed doing another photo directory, which has not been done since Marge Hassler was pastor here in 1998. Kirkland will follow up with the firm regarding possible timing, prices. The lower garage will be vacated by end of the season for the Volpes' use...now it is being used for storage of many things.

Elders Report

The Elders met on August 7. Plans were finalized for the Percentage Living Series. The Pastor gave a brief update on a new mission opportunity in Milwaukee- details will follow in a Joint Board meeting. A benefit concert for the Scandia Village Capital Funds drive was Approved. We welcomed 2 new members, Don & Donna Nelson.



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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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

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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:

September.. Eunice Rutherford

October.... Karen Ekberg

Mission News

“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19a)

Cuba - The Cuba Unity Mission Area began in 1997. There are four districts: Havana, Matanzas, Camaguey, and Holguin, with a total of 8 pastors and 9 lay pastors providing leadership. It is estimated that one million of the eleven million residents of Cuba are evangelical Christians. Their challenge is training of pastors and leaders, furnishing resources translated into Spanish, providing and improving worship spaces. Prayers are invited!

Ahuas, Honduras - Dr. Gerard Rudy and family moved back to the U.S. after almost 20 years of service in Ahuas. Dr. Olevio Lopez began as director of medical work last November, with a background in family, gynecologic and obstetric medicine.

Labrador - A new thing! Beatrice Hope is the first native woman ordained in Labrador. She took her ordination vows and accepted a call to serve in Hopedale.

Dear Friends...

Thank you so much for the generous contribution of \$587 toward missions in New York! We are not always able to support the community efforts with funds, but you have enabled us to do just that. Your generosity is being donated to Vanderbilt Moravian in support of a once-a-month meal that is served from their facility. This meal is a collaborative ministry of the Staten Island congregations of the Moravian Church. They are preparing for an upcoming meal and outdoor event this month and will be using the funds to enable that service. Again, THANK YOU!

In the service of Christ, Jill Kolodziej, Mission Coordinator, Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church

Dear Sisters and Brothers: A big thank you to our "flower ladies." Each Sunday we have a lovely seasonal arrangement for worship service. A fine addition to our worship.

--Barbara Classen



Raise the Roof campaign at Mt. Morris

Enough money has been raised to begin work on restoring the barn at Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center. This fall, a steel roof will be installed in keeping with the original corrugated roof. With a goal of \$25,000, the siding will be repaired and the barn painted. Go on-line to www.mt-morris.org or send your donation to Mt. Morris Camp, PO Box 676, Wautoma, WI 54982-0676.

Missed a Sermon? Visit our website: www.ephraimmoravian.org, click on "Learn More", then click on Worship Services. Click on the date and an audio recording of the sermon will play! If you wish to hear the entire service, please send an email request to worship@ephraimmoravian.org and we will send you a CD of the service.



Benefit Concert
Ephraim Moravian Church
Friday, September 28, 2012
7 p.m.

David Beck, pianist



**Proceeds to benefit the capital
projects at Scandia Village**
Bring a friend!



**OPEN MIC
NIGHT**

**Friday,
September 7
7 - 8:30 p.m.**

In the "wider community," if you or friends happen to be in the Milwaukee area, drop by: Divine Word Pentecost Church at 55th and Lloyd. They are holding an "open mic" night, a friendly, fun atmosphere where most of your friends won't see you strut your stuff. Be bold! When you attend, tell the organizers that Ephraim Moravian sent you!



Thank You

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

... to those who helped during August: Bob and Karen Ekberg, the Jacobson and Gerdman families, John and Judy Turner, Ryan and Angela Sherman and Doris and Bill Price (to celebrate Bill's 90th!)



It's a Pull Campaign!

We will have a basket in the church for you to bring in your pull-tops from cans of soda, water, etc. The Ronald McDonald House can turn them into cash to support their caregiving homes for families of cancer patients. Start saving them now!

**In just a few weeks,
celebrating YWCBX
8 YdUfhYXI 7
Walk will take place!**

**On Wednesday,
September 19 (rain date is
September 20) from 1-3 p.m.,
in cooperation with the Eph-
raim Historical Foundation.**

**At the cemetery, see your
Ephraim Moravian friends
portraying seven historical
characters from our past
(and in three cases, their
own ancestors); stop at the
church for refreshments and
to see historical artifacts.**

**Parking and continual
shuttle service to the ceme-
tery from our church, at
Bethany Lutheran church,
and the parking lot behind
the fire station on
Norway Road.**

*Ephraim Moravian Church
&
Ephraim Historical Foundation
Present:*

“Dearly Departed”

a Living History of our Loved Ones
in the Ephraim Moravian Cemetery



Lorenz Heise
—played by
Walt Fisher



Hilda Paschke
—played by
Sarah Paschke Cromell



Greta Anderson
—played by
Angela Sherman



Maury Larson
—played by
Wayne Paschke



Helen Sohm
—played by
Karen Sohm Ekberg



Kay Wilson
—played by
Jennifer Erickson



Hans Jorgan Amundson
—played by
Max Skopanski
photo not available

**Wednesday, September 19, 2012
1:00-3:00pm Raindate: 9/20/12**

**Come listen and watch the portrayal
of seven of our Ephraim Legends as
they tell their stories one more time!**

**Bring your own chair and a donation if you wish.
Proceeds will help offset the cost of producing the
program and are greatly appreciated.**

The Ephraim Moravian Cemetery was established in 1853 and is located at the corner of Willow and Norway streets, east of the church grounds.
Parking and Shuttles are available at the Moravian Church, Bethany Lutheran Church, & behind the Ephraim fire station on Norway Street.



www.ephraim.org



For More Information call the
Ephraim Historical Foundation at: 920-854-9688



www.ephraimmoravian.org

PERCENTAGE LIVING!

*Join us for 3 Inspirational
Worship Services on the
Theme:
Percentage Living
September 9 - 23*

September 9

Giving God a Percentage of my
Day - *Devotional Prayer*
Witness Talk - Doug Schultz
Sermon - Pastor Dawn
“Holy Hearing Aids”

September 16

Giving God a Percentage
of my Time - *Service*
Witness Talk - Rick Nelson, Habi-
tat for Humanity
Sermon - Pastor Dawn
“What’s in it for me?”

September 23

Giving God a Percentage
of my income - *Generosity*
Witness Talk - Bob Volpe
Sermon - Pastor Dawn
“God’s Economy”



September Birthdays

G.G. Paschke.....	2
Ranny Nelson.....	3
Samantha Phillips.....	5
Marv Staver.....	6
Walt Fisher.....	8
Eunice Rutherford.....	11
Nick Weborg.....	13
Eileen Jacobson.....	18
Larry Jacobson.....	30

September Anniversaries

Ryan and Angela Sherman... Sept 6, 2008
Dawn and Bob Volpe..... Sept 22, 1991
Kay and Paul Wilson..... Sept 25, 1971

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)

*There will be packets given out with information to help you get started
on the path to Percentage Living. These packets will be available each
Sunday of the series! If you miss a Sunday, a CD recording will be avail-
able. **Don’t miss this opportunity to grow in your faith!***

Reminder

September 9 is our opportunity to bring canned goods for the Food Pantry

AND

A Joyful Noise Offering for “Loaves & Fishes”

Treasury Report

General Finances - through Aug 28 income: \$ 90,188 (60.1% of budget)
through Aug 28 2012 expenses: \$ 95,478 (61% of budget)

Update on Capital Campaign and Projects

We are just \$9,500 short of our goal of \$200,000! Remaining projects are to replace the roof on the back half of the church, stabilize the basement wall in the parsonage, and update the kitchen in the parsonage.



The steeple is almost finished!

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Pastor Dawn and Trustee President John Turner >



Community Events

--Church Night at the Theater - Thursday, August 30 at 7:30 p.m. "Shirley Valentine" at the Third Avenue Playhouse in Sturgeon Bay. Option dinner at 5:45 p.m. at Dal Santo, Third Avenue. RSVP Kate at 746-9949. Tickets \$15 seniors, 743-1760.

--Judy & Carl Jackson will be presenting a benefit concert on 2 grand pianos, September 16, 4:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church. The hour-long program will include music of Beethoven, Bach, Poulenc, Rachmaninoff, Handel and other composers. Movies for the young children will be provided while the concert is on. A free-will offering will be accepted to support the family of Sherry Wilson, and there will be a silent auction at the reception following the program. For more information, call 854-2988.

Out beyond ideas of wrong-doing and right-doing,
there is a field. I'll meet you there.
When the soul lies down in that grass,
the world is too full to talk about.
Ideas, language, even the phrase "each other" doesn't make any sense.

Mevlana Jelaluddin Rumi - 13th century

Our Bible Study/Discussion Group is scheduled to begin again in October, and we need your input!

**S o f a r w e ' v e h
James, Exodus, Revelation,
angels, the Devil, Heaven, the
problem of suffering, and
capital punishment.**



Name _____

Is there a topic or book of the Bible--or a published book--you would like to see discussed?

What day of the week is best for you to attend?

What part of the day is best--morning, noon (with bagged lunches) or evenings?

Turn this sheet into the church office so we can begin our planning.



September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	EMC <i>Women's</i> Western Region work- shop this month					1
2 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship - Communion	3	4 2 p.m. Cemetery <i>Walk C'tee</i> 5 p.m. Elders	5	6	7	8 Fran Eckland Memorial Service, 11 a.m.
9 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship - Joyful Noise/ Feed-Peeps	10 ------Pastor	11 Dawn in	12 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands Minnesota ----	13 5 p.m. Trustees -----	14	15
16 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Burkemper baptism 7 p.m. Con- cert/Shep of the Bay	17	18	19 Dearly Departed Cemetery Walk 1-3 p.m.	20 (rain date for cemetery walk)	21	22
23 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	24	25 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes	26	27	28 David Beck Concert, 7 p.m. - to benefit Scand capital projects	29
30 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship						

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

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

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