



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

November 2012

From the Pastor's Desk

The Open Door

"I know your works. Look, I have set before you an Open Door which no one is able to shut." - Revelation 3:8

As you know, I'm having the time of my life here in Ephraim. I get a kick out of people being able to come into the church without setting up an appointment or asking someone for a key. This is the first church I have served where the doors can be left unlocked during the day without fear. What a blessing that is. It's not that all the people in Door County are exceptionally honest, it's that we are few in number and our friends the deer and wild turkey are not interested in church wares! We also have the unique distinction of living on a Peninsula. If any person 'runs amok,' the bridges in Sturgeon Bay can be raised, leaving escape routes cut off.

When a group of us traveled down to the Divine Word Pentecost Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, I thought of the challenges of an "Open Door" ministry in an urban setting. How can a church possibly minister in the midst of so many daunting challenges?

The church that John wrote to in Revelation was a struggling church facing many closed doors. Anyone professing Christ risked economic, political and religious persecution. But John's message to the early church was that God had an Open Door for their ministry. I'm sure the people of that time protested as we do today - there's not enough money, time, interest, strength, political influence to sustain the ministry. And yet, the church not only survived a time of great upheaval, but also grew exponentially. God's purposes are not thwarted by our circumstances. There was a challenge, however, in the promise of the Open Door. The challenge was that the church of Jesus Christ had to be faithful in order for the promise to become a reality.

Our brothers and sisters at Divine Word Pentecost are being faithful to the ministry that God has given them. They share the gospel with the children of the neighborhood. They share food and clothing with the dispossessed, they tutor in schools whose funding has been cut. They provide opportunities to grow through music and art. They refused to leave the city for 'greener pastures'. And we, the Church of the Open Door here in Ephraim have a unique opportunity to help those laboring in the city. We can help by praying for and participating in projects to keep their building in good repair, so all may find a haven.

We've asked our friends in Milwaukee to send a list of priorities for our mutual work. Once we receive this, we'll be asking you to be a part of the work, either through prayer, donations, physical labor, driving, food gifts, etc. There's a part each of us can play. Please pray for our brothers and sisters at Divine Word Pentecost, that each day, God would reveal to them the "Open Door". And let us be an Open Door in our labors together, for God's kingdom!

--Pastor Dawn



Fall Sale & Luncheon

Sponsored by the
Ephraim Moravian Women

Saturday, October 27, 2012

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ephraim Village Hall
9996 Highway 42, Ephraim

**Famous Spanish Hamburger Lunch
Enormous and Yummy Bake Sale
Gift Boutique & Silent Auction
for gifts & services**

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and Outreach Opportunities

Christian Sympathies

...to Joyce Jahn, whose daughter Marcia lost her fight with cancer this month. She will be interred at Ephraim Moravian.
...to Lucille Sohns on the loss of her sister, Beatrice, at age 90.



Services

Nov 4 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Women's Sunday Service

Nov 11 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service/ Communion -
Joyful Noise for Feed My People, and bring food for Feed-My-People

Nov 18 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service

Nov 25 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service



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November 6!

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ephraim Moravian Church Office Hours

PASTOR:	TUES - FRI	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
	MONDAY	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 October 11 and October 18. Roof materials were discussed and agreed upon for the remaining sections of the church roof. It was previously agreed to have Lifetouch do a new photo church directory for us, and two days for photography were agreed upon between Christmas and New Year's for when whole families are in town (Dec. 29 and 30). Two more days will be set for summer. You will be notified with all details!

Elders Report

The Elders did not meet during the month of October.



Congratulations to Sadie Nelson for grabbing the lead role as Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz," the middle school play this year. She'll be on stage November 9, 10 and 11 at the Door Community Auditorium.



Unity Prayer Watch for Ephraim Moravian is set for Monday, December 17.
We share the day with Moravian churches in Sister Bay, West Side Green Bay and Rudolph.

Mission News

Prayer Requests from the Board of World Mission:

- Amy & Andrew Fields as they raise support for their work in Honduras;
- Dr. Benno and Teresa Marx, now serving in Ahuas;
- Cross-cultural servants: Michael and Ceci Tesh in Kenya; Steve Marx with MAF; Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico; George Goff with Alas de Socorro; the Morees with Wycliffe Bible Translation; and
- Newly elected Bishop Rev. Tshimanga Mose, the first Bishop in the Republic of the Congo. The celebration was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, with three choirs singing and dancing and gifts offered by the provincial heads of the 4 provinces in Tanzania (Western, Southern, Rukwa, and Southwest).

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

<u>Funds</u>	
John Turner	854-5060
<u>Building Interior/Parsonage</u>	
Hugh Mulliken	854-2336
<u>Grounds</u>	
Gunilla Wilson	854-5105
<u>Cemetery</u>	
Natalie Neddersen	854-2121
<u>Building Exterior</u>	
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:
November... Diane Jacobson



FALL CLEAN-UP OUTDOORS & INDOORS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
8 A.M. TO 12 NOON**

There are "chore sheets" on the upper bulletin board so you can see what needs to be accomplished. If you can't make it that Saturday and decide to do a chore prior to November 3, cross it off when you are done **Here's just a sampling of what needs to be done:**

OUTDOORS: Weed-whacking, raking leaves around the church and cemetery, washing outside windows, prune bushes as needed, mulching, clean upper parking lot

INDOORS: Edge-vac floors in all areas, Windex and Murphy all window sills and chair rails, Windex stained glass windows, clean all "white furniture," Murphy all other wood surfaces, Windex all framed pictures, clean bathroom floors, vacuum church, check bathrooms and clean fixtures, mirrors, empty the garbage.

**Bring rakes, rags, buckets and a willing spirit!
There will be lunch served at noon!**



MISSION POTLUCK and PROGRAM ON HONDURAS

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
immediately following church service**

Rick Nelson of Sturgeon Bay will be here with slides of his recent Honduras mission trip. Rick lived in the region of Honduras for over 10 years; he is currently with their 4th Global Visit trip.



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We have a basket by the lower bulletin board 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 care-giving homes for families of cancer patients.



Thank You

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

... to those who hosted Fellowship during October: Bob and Liz Schroeder (for Bob's 85th birthday), all those who signed up to bring food for the Stewardship potluck, Barbara Classen, Jody Thiell, and Doug Schultz

...to Doug Schultz for providing sustenance for those who traveled to Milwaukee for the joint service with Divine Word on October 14.

Treasure Report

General Finances - through Oct 24 income: \$117,119
through Oct 24 expenses: \$116,610 we're in the black

Update on Capital Campaign and Projects

Our steeple is completed and looks amazing...

We have a half-pew in the front of the church to allow space for wheelchairs...

We have a new coat rack in the upper hallway--no more stacking of coats!...

The roof on the back part of the church will be replaced yet this fall...

Community Events

Sister Bay Moravian's Famous Chicken Dinner - October 25, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adults \$13... Kids 6-12 \$5...Kids 5 and under FREE. Proceeds will go to the Children's Aids Ministries in Tanzania.

From Hus to Herrnhut - As part of its 150th Anniversary celebrations, the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church will welcome historian, Eunice Wollin Crockett, to share the development of the early Moravian Church on Sunday, November 4, at 4:00 pm. Titled "From Hus to Herrnhut," Wollin Crockett will lay out the development of Christianity in Eastern Europe leading up to the rise and martyrdom of John Hus. She will explore the "Hidden Seed," the refuge with Zinzendorf, and the eventual flourishing of the Moravian tradition as Moravians began to reach out to other parts of the world. Call if you plan to attend: 920/743-6218.

Habitat for Humanity is gearing up for their Great Fruitcake Bake (followed by the Great Fruitcake Sale, which will benefit Door County's Habitat). The Bake will take place November 8, 9 and 10 at NWTC in Sturgeon Bay--if you'd be able to donate a few hours to help out, call Marci at 920/743-2869. They'd appreciate the help!



Our September "Dearly Departed" video is now on YouTube, for those who couldn't come to the Cemetery Walk. Get a taste of what a great program it was by going to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ziwOPDQImMo>.



Bob Schroeder's 85th Birthday



Rob Volpe with David Beck at their September 30 concert



November Birthdays

Laurel Cox Coihon...1
 Doris Price...2
 Robert Forsberg...6
 Betty Staver...6
 Erin Bristol...8
 Jeffrey Jacobson...9
 John Koehler...9
 Charles Paschke...9
 Judy Flottman...10
 Norma Larson...10
 David Nelson...10
 Merikay Heim...11
 Harald T. Halvorsen...23
 Bruce Olson...27
 Susan Sherman...29
 Jim Gelhaar...30

November Anniversaries

Betty and Marv Staver – 29, 1947

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@ephraimmaravian.org)



**BIBLE STUDY -
 Fridays at 10 a.m.**

**“Dividing the Deity” -
 Demystifying the Trinity
 Oct 26- God the Father
 Nov 9 & 16 - The Role of Jesus
 Nov 30 & Dec 7- The Role of the
 Holy Spirit**



PERCENTAGE LIVING UPDATE

From September 9 - 23, the congregation was challenged to...

- ...give a percentage of our time to daily Devotional Prayer**
- ...give a percentage of our time to Service**
- ...give a percentage of our income to God's work**

On October 21, Gary Marsh, Director of the Stewardship Division, was here to cheer us on with our Percentage Living challenge. His sermon, "The Why Behind it All" was inspirational. He said the church was put in place to overcome darkness; our mission is to make sure darkness does not win. The service was followed by a great potluck and more time to talk to Gary.

The pledge below for devotion, service, and tithing was included in the packets given to the congregation. You were to write your pledge - to yourself and to God - then send it back to the church inside a sealed envelope with YOUR address on the front. In six months, it will be mailed back to you, unopened, so you can evaluate your own pledge. We were trying for an October 21 deadline; but if you hadn't filled out your pledge card yet, please use the form below and send it to us inside a self-addressed envelope to yourself.

If you missed any of the Percentage Living sermons, they are on line under "Worship" at our website, www.ephraimmoravian.org. Take time to listen before you write your pledge.

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I, _____, commit to Percentage Living in each area of my life, trusting God and relying on my church family to model, teach and offer regular opportunities to help me grow in each of these faith disciplines.

I will give God a Percentage of My day through Devotional Prayer by:

I will give God a percentage of my time and abilities by:

I will give God a Percentage of my Income. I pledge to step up to ____% of my income.

I tithe (give 10%) or I will take a step toward tithing _____



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State
Park**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>CLEAN-UP at CHURCH 8 am - noon with lunch!</i>
4 <i>9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship - Women's Sunday</i>	5	6 <i>5 p.m. Elders</i>	7 <i>12 noon Community lunch at Sister Bay Moravian</i>	8 <i>5 p.m. Trustees</i>	9 <i>10 a.m. Bible Study - The Role of Jesus in the Trinity</i>	10
11 <i>9 am Sunday School 10 am - Worship / Communion Joyful Noise/ Feed my People</i>	12 ← <i>Mission pot-luck/program after church</i>	13	14 <i>9:30 a.m. Caring Hands</i>	15	16 <i>10 a.m. Bible Study - The Role of Jesus in the Trinity</i>	17
18 <i>9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship</i>	19	20	21 <i>12 noon FREE Community Lunch here</i>	22 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	23	
25 <i>9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship</i>	26	27 <i>5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes</i>	28	29	30 <i>10 a.m. Bible Study The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Trinity</i>	