



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

"In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love"

Congregational Watchword for 2013
"To Be Determined" at our Watch Night service!

January 2013

Pastor's Corner

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him." - Psalm 28: 7

I am writing this article on December 19, in a hotel room in Little Rock, Arkansas. This was not a planned vacation. My brother is in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit following a car wreck. At this time of the year, you usually find me at my desk tending to all the details of Christmas in Ephraim or at a holiday gathering. My time now is being taken up with hospital visits and interactions with the nursing staff. After visiting hours I answer messages and update anxious family members. He is facing more surgery tomorrow to repair broken bones. We have no idea what the outcome will be. I feel very sad when I see my poor brother in such a broken state, yet I do not feel helpless or hopeless. I am at peace, whatever the outcome.

As I took the 2 day trip to Arkansas (which felt like an eternity on the road!), I found myself singing. The songs that came to me were songs of praise and thanksgiving. Now, there was nothing about this situation that lent itself to praise songs. I received word Sunday afternoon that my brother had been in an accident. I had to throw things in a suitcase and get on the road. I didn't have that nap I was promising myself so I was anxious and grumpy. The first day was driven mostly at night. When I arrived at the hotel that evening, I could not get any information about my brother's condition. Needless to say, I was on the phone getting 'New York' on the nurses. The next day, the weather was foggy and drizzling. The weather perfectly matched my mood. And yet, I sang—loudly and joyfully.

I cannot manufacture peace. I never understood the concept of 'mind over matter'. I was never able to fake happiness. When I'm unhappy, everyone knows it- just ask my husband! So I know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the songs were given to me as a gift from God. I don't know what the future holds for my brother. I hope for the best, but that's not assured. What I do know is that the God of all creation holds my brother, my family and me in God's gracious hand. All my fears, all my sadness, all my brokenness, are in God's hands. So I can sing... loudly, joyfully and without fear, because God is indeed my 'strength and shield'. May these words give you hope when your world is turned 'upside down'.

-Pastor Dawn



PUT YOURSELF IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Door-Tran is actively seeking volunteer drivers for their new **County-wide Volunteer Driver Program** to transport Door County residents who cannot afford the half-price voucher program, or do not have access to the **Door-2-Door** taxi service or public transit connector services. Drivers will operate their personal vehicles and will be reimbursed mileage; meal and cell phone reimbursements are also available.

Benefits of being a Volunteer Driver include:

- Mileage Reimbursement
- Free excess auto, accident and personal liability insurance while on assignment
- Personal satisfaction of helping others and your community
- Flexibility with scheduling
- Ongoing staff support and training

For more information, please contact Carissa Mann, Volunteer Coordinator at Door Tran at VOLUNTEER@DOOR-TRAN.ORG or 920-559-9915.



The Kids Helping Kids group at Gibraltar school (a fourth grade Destination Imagination group) is collecting socks, shoes, hats and blankets for an orphanage in India. They are asking for donations because shipping will cost approximately \$4,000.

Please send any monetary donation to Gibraltar Schools, 3924 Highway 42, Fish Creek 54212, and reference Destination Imagination. Any questions? You can email kidshelpingkids@gibraltar.k12.wi.us for more information.

Services

December 31 - Watch Night Service at 11:15 - pick a new Watchword for 2013 and help eat all the pancakes at midnight.

January 6 - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship/Communion - Epiphany Sunday
4 p.m. Lovefeast service at Divine Word Lutheran in Milwaukee

January 13 - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

January 20 - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

January 27 - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

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.

Treasurer's Report

Income through Dec 20, 2012: \$139,410

Expenses through Dec 20, 2012: \$144,724

(shortfall of \$5314 year-to-date)



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

Funds

John Turner 854-5060

Building Interior/Parsonage

Hugh Mulliken 854-2336

Grounds

Gunilla Wilson 854-5105

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Elder for the month of:

January...

Pete Classen

Potluck and Church Council

Coming sooner than you think - January 23. All reports are due in the church office no later than January 10 ! (you know who you are)

Bible Study

...will resume on Friday, January 11, at 10 a.m. Topic to be announced!

Birthday Celebration!

Bob Yeomans celebrates #94 on January 30. We will again have a birthday celebration for him at Scand, so please come at 2 p.m. and help Bob celebrate!

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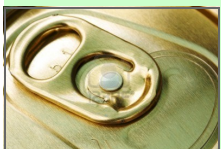




December 1 ADVENTure at Ephraim Moravian



"Pull Together" Campaign!



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 December.

... to those who hosted Fellowship during December: G.G. Paschke and Lucille Sohns, the Sokolowskis, Sue Sherman, John & Judy Turner.

...to our Open Door lunch-makers and helpers for the wonderful Amish corn soup, Bean soup, sandwiches, breads and dessert at our December 19 lunch.

...to Delmar Dahl, for stepping into the pulpit during Pastor Dawn's trip to Little Rock to be with her brother, Buddy, who sustained injuries in a car accident.

...to Kerry Krauss for handling our Christmas Eve service in Dawn's absence!



<Henry

Congratulations!

...to Erin & Brent Bristol on the birth of their son Henry Everett Bristol, born on December 13. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.

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< Elsa and Jendean

...to Andy and Tad Dukehart on the birth of their new grandson, Taj, on December 4

...and to Dan and Jendean Olson on the birth of their new granddaughter, Elsa Adeline, also on Dec. 4.

Thank you to all who brought “goodies” and sent cards and memorials in Ed’s name. It was really appreciated.

To my faithful supporters G.G. and Jody, who helped me before and after this very difficult time. Also to Niles for his uplifting phone calls.

I will forever be grateful for Pastor Dawn, who was so caring and efficient in all she did.

Sincerely,
Betty Ann Knudson

Upcoming for your calendar:

Open Door Lunches

Jan 2 - 12 noon
Sister Bay Moravian

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Jan 16 - 12 noon
Ephraim Moravian

Unity Service

January 20 - 4 p.m.
Stella Maris St. Rosalia’s

Last year it was a wonderful service with all pastors participating--Pastor Dawn will participate again this year. We will win the Coveted Plaque if we have the biggest percent of our members in attendance!

Ash Wednesday
February 13 - 7 p.m.
Gathering Room at
The Meadows, Sister Bay



January Birthdays

Hugh Mulliken.... 1
Kristin Wilson....2
Bob Volpe.... 7
Karen Ekberg... 14
John Cox....17
Jim Nelson....19
Hedy Heise.... 22
Bob Yeomans... 30

January Anniversaries

Liz and Bob Schroeder, Jan. 12, 1951
Anne and Larry Crowe, Jan. 16, 1988

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)





You are invited!

**Sunday, January 6, 2013
4 p.m.
Epiphany Lovefeast**

**We will be sharing our Moravian heritage with
Divine Word Pentecost Lutheran Church
5505 W. Lloyd Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Calling all Moravians! We have a wonderful opportunity to share in an Epiphany Lovefeast with our Lutheran brothers and sisters. We will provide a light lunch after worship and carpool from Ephraim Moravian church at 11:30 a.m. We will return the same day. Please mark this on your calendar. If you know someone living in the Milwaukee area, don't hesitate to invite them to this wonderful service.



***Come to our New Year's
Eve Watch Night Service -
December 31 at 11:15 p.m.***

Pick your watchword for 2013!

Great music, an inspiring sermon, and at midnight, Jendeau will signal the end of the service ... and Bob will be flipping pancakes for our wonderful breakfast!





Anderson Dock

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12 noon Community Lunch– Sister Bay	3	4	5
6 9 a.m. Sun. School 10 a.m. Epiphany Communion 4 p.m. Divine Word	7	8 5 pm Elders	9 5 pm Trustees	10	11 Bible Study begins again, 10 a.m.	12
13 9 am Sun. School 10 am Worship	14	15	16 12 noon Open Door Lunch– Ephraim	17	18 10 am Bible Study	19
20 9 am Sun. School 10 am Worship Unity Ser- vice– 4 p.m. - St. Rosalia's	21	22	23 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner & Church Council	24	25 10 am Bible Study	26
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