



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2013

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Ephesians 3:20-21

April 2013

How do We Reach the 'Nones'?

This question was the topic of a recent bible study our Friday group wrestled with. The 'Nones' are people who respond that they have no religious affiliation nor see the need for it. We explored the reasons behind these numbers, including the uncomfortable truth that the Christian Church has contributed to the ranks by and emphasis on dogma and by un-Christ-like behaviors. It's one thing to discuss the reasons, but we wanted to go further. What can we do to reach people with the love and grace of Jesus?

As we discussed this question 2 basic truths presented themselves:

1. Be the Gospel outside the church walls- by living a life of kindness and service. Our witness is not only in what we say, but also by our actions. The following quote is from an August 2008 article in Christianity Today by Dibin Samuel: To a Christian missionary Mahatma Gandhi once said, "To live the gospel is the most effective way, most effective in the beginning, in the middle and in the end. ...Not just preach but live the life according to the light.... If, therefore, you go on serving people and ask them also to serve, they would understand. But you quote instead John 3:16 and ask them to believe it and that has no appeal to me, and I am sure people will not understand it...the Gospel will be more powerful when practiced and preached. A rose does not need to preach. It simply spreads its fragrance. The fragrance is its own sermon...the fragrance of religious and spiritual life is much finer and subtler than that of the rose."

2. Be the Gospel inside the church walls- One person in our group said, and I summarize, "I need to be 'witnessed to' so that I can live a Christian life outside of the church." He was emphasizing the importance of the work we do on within the church's fellowship. Our purpose is to encourage each other, give testimony to the gracious acts of God in our own lives, demonstrate love, kindness, good manners and all the behaviors we want those outside the faith to see.

May we all demonstrate the grace, loveliness and hope that we have experienced in Christ Jesus!

-Pastor Dawn



Ladies of Ephraim and Sister Bay Moravian churches, you are invited to a retreat!
Wed., May 29th 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Yelone Clague, who attends Sister Bay church during the summer and has many years of experience leading retreats and Bible studies, will be our speaker.

The theme is "Keeping the Main Thing The Main Thing". We'll be featuring six women in the Bible who are somehow related, and their stories and examples will help us to get into a closer relationship with God.

We will meet at the Ellison Bay Women's Building/fieldhouse in the park. There will be a lunch break from 12:00 to 1:00, and Mink River Basin will provide a box lunch, so you don't even have to go out, and we can enjoy each other and the beautiful surroundings.

- **Ruth and Naomi - Waiting on the Lord and the Choices we Need to Make (Ruth 1-4)**
- ***Mary and Elizabeth - contentment in the Calling and the gift of Support (Luke 1:26-45)**
- **Martha and Mary - Radiant Intimacy with the Lord. (Luke 10:38-41)**

The cost of the retreat is, \$15.00. Please sign up by calling or emailing Beth Ferris or Sue Raye Hughes, by May 20th. When you sign up, please give your choice for your sandwich, ham or turkey, cheddar or Swiss, white or wheat bread. We will have the beverages. Hope to see you there. Beth Ferris, 920-839-9648, email is kbferis50@embarqmail.com or Sue Raye Hughes, [920-839-9247](tel:920-839-9247), email is meowldy@gmail.com.

Services

April 7 - 10 a.m. Worship, Delmar Dahl Preaching

April 14 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Communion, Joyful Noise (for Community Health Clinic) and Feed My People

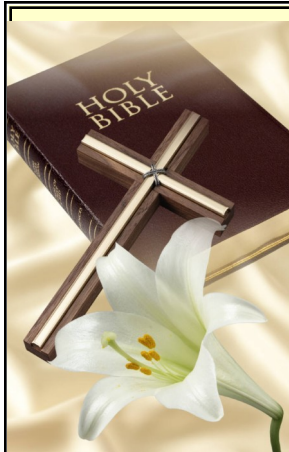
April 21 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, Infant Baptism— Henry Bristol

April 28 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, Confirmation & Baptism— Sadie Nelson

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.



Easter Services

7 a.m. Sunrise Service
(NOTE: not 6 a.m.!)
followed by a pancake breakfast

10 a.m. Easter Worship Service



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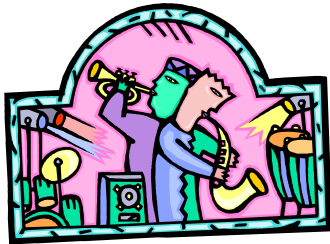
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Elder for the month of:

April..... Karen Ekberg



SAVE A DATE FOR JAZZ!

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 P.M.

\$10. Admission

Unitarian Universalist

Fellowship 10341 Water St.

(Hwy 42) Ephraim

"The Meisel Music Collective Trio will perform on the UU stage. The trio features Ryan Meisel on saxophones, James Galasinski on bass and Celia Faye, vocalist and saxophonist. The trio has been playing together for over 5 years. They will perform selections from the entire history of jazz while drawing from rock, blues, folk and pop influences. Admission is just \$10. with a complimentary reception following the performance."

Trea\$urer'\$ Report

The few remaining items on our capital list are soon to be accomplished:

- *The shingled portion of the church will be redone this spring.
- *The basement in the parsonage will be straightened and insulated
- *The kitchen parsonage will be redone (cosmetics) in 2014.

Because of your generosity (and some welcomed better prices on things like the steeple!) we are able to do a few more cosmetic fixes in the church in the next several months:

*Painting the upper hall, with new lighting in keeping with the historic look of the church, and new carpeting in the pastor's office and hallways (down to the door of sanctuary).

*Refreshing the two bathrooms by the sanctuary--repainting, cosmetics.

*Insulating the basement of the church to eliminate those COLD spaces in the back of the church

Looking ahead: New flooring in the bathrooms, new curtains in the Fellowship Hall, painting the pastor's office and portions of the parsonage.



I had a horrible nightmare!

***I dreamed God looked at my church giving,
multiplied it by 10, and made that my
monthly wage!***

World Mission News.....

Central Moravian Church members Bill and Peggy Hoffman returned at the end of January from their 22nd trip to Sikonge, Tanzania. They visited 5 parishes in the city of Tabora and 19 villages in the Sikonge district. Earlier in the month they attended the consecration of the Moravian church in Ukondamoyo, the 6th church Central has completed in the Sikonge area in the past 12 years. Five additional churches are currently under construction, including one in Kavale, a village which Mama Kimwaga brought into the orphan program in December. This addition brings the total number of orphans receiving care to 3048.

The rainy season made travel difficult but bicycles, Bibles, hymn books, and liturgies, all purchased with funds from The Society for Promoting the Gospel, were delivered to the two assistant pastors evangelizing the Sukuma. Four hundred members of this tribe have now been baptized into the Moravian community.





Thank You ...

...to those who helped with our March Open Door Lunch: Doug and Penny Schultz, Jane Olson, Mary Wilson, Jody Thiel
...to those who served Fellowship in March: Mary Wilson, Doug Schultz, Angela Sherman, Barbara Classen, Linda Lorenz
...to those who ushered in March.

Martha and Phil Cherry Scholarship

Attention Seniors! Now is the time to apply for the Cherry Scholarship grant for your further education. The requirements:

- * Applicant must be graduating/have graduated from a state-accredited high school and submit transcripts of their grades;
- * Two letters of recommendation must be submitted, one from a teacher and one from an EMC member (not a relative);
- * A one-page essay must be submitted that sets forth the applicant's career goals and reasons for seeking further education;
- * A paragraph on financial need must be provided, as well as information on extra-curricular activities;
- * Provide 1-3 paragraphs on how EMC has made a difference in your life.

Priorities given to applicants of Ephraim Moravian; if none, second priority is Sister Bay Moravian, then Sturgeon Bay Moravian; support is on a one-year basis but a recipient completing one year of study may apply for further support up to three years. Church members pursuing graduate studies or other specialized post-baccalaureate degree may also apply.

Pick up an application packet in the church office! Deadline for submissions is April 30, 2013, sent to Cherry Scholarship, PO Box 73, Ephraim, WI 54211 (or sealed applications may be dropped off in the church office with "Scholarship" on the envelope).



Church Mice.

more awesome pictures at THEMETAPICTURE.COM

To The Congregation,

Thank you for all the wonderful baby gifts for Henry's shower. We were overwhelmed by every one's kindness and generosity. We feel so blessed to be members of this church, and that Henry has such a warm and loving church family to grow up in. Thank you.

Love, Brent, Erin and Henry Bristol



New Day Singers Concert

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2013, 3 P.M.

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH



The New Day Singers are the Good Will Ambassadors for the Peninsula Singers. The group of 15 will sing both sacred and secular songs at this fund-raising concert, with a reception following. Our own Jendean Olson, is their Accompanist

Free Will Offering
**ALL PROCEEDS TO SCANDIA
VILLAGE FOR THEIR
CAPITAL BUILDING
CAMPAIGN**



**Rummage &
Bake Sale!**
St. Paul's
Lutheran Church
4167 Juddville
Road

**April 19 & 20
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

Proceeds will be
used for the
Malaria Relief fund



TASHA SCHUH
**“Little Things Make
a Big Difference”**

Shepherd of the Bay
Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 28
3:00 p.m.

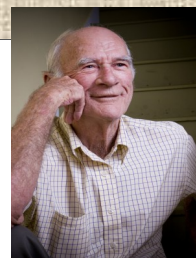
Tasha is an inspirational speaker and author who, at age sixteen, became a quadriplegic after a fall. Survivor, believer, fighter, Tasha is an inspiration and hope for all who face life's greatest challenges. All are welcome to attend!



Bible Study begins again on
Friday, April 12, at 10 a.m.
We'll be talking about the more
colorful women
of the Bible.
Everyone's invited!

***Didn't get your picture taken during our
Church Directory dates in December?***

We have July 19 and 20 scheduled for our last photography
dates. See our sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall! We want
all members and friends in our directory.



Swingin' Angels Christian Big Band



April 20, 2013
7:00 pm
Door Community
Auditorium
www.dcauditorium.org
(920)868-2728
3926 Hw 42,
Fish Creek, WI.
54212

FREE event, but
Freewill offering
to support the
Bo Johnson
Foundation



**Ted Hoepner at 94 ! Pastor
Dawn, Lucille Sohns, Ann Koy
and Ted at his Scand
Birthday party**

“WHAT’S IN A LABEL?”



Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry continues its Community Health Information Programs with an upcoming program entitled “WHAT’S IN A LABEL,” covering the importance of reading food labels.

Nicole DeMeuse, Registered Dietician, will present valuable information for those with restricted diets (such as diabetics), those with sodium restrictions and gluten-free needs, or anyone interested in knowing more about what they are eating.

- > Nutrition in light of what is recommended
- > How to spot hidden things on the labels
- > How to interpret the ingredient list
- > Some discussion about supplements

This C.H.I.P. program will be held at Scandia Village, Sister Bay, in the Education Room on **Sunday, April 21 at 1:30 pm.**

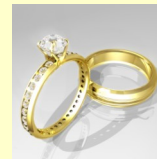
Follow Sue Sherman’s journey through her cancer treatments on caringbridge.com.

When asked to put in the name of the person you want to follow, it’s “Sue Sherman1”



April Birthdays

Katharine Koehler...7
Darrell Jacobson...10
Amanda Carlson...12
Ryan Sherman – 13
Glenn Gerdman...19
Kay Wilson...27
George Carey...30



April Anniversaries

Betty and Bob Anderson - April 12, 1969
Diane and Larry Jacobson – April 28, 1979

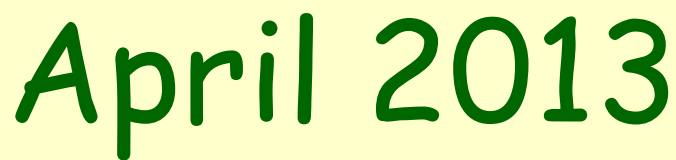
We are sorry if we omitted or listed incorrectly someone’s name from the list. Please call the church office (854-2804) or email us at worship@ephraimmoravian.org)

Not sure whether to visit someone in a nursing home?

“Would they want to see me? Would I be bothering them?”

Here’s what a family recounted in their mother’s obituary of their mother in the Advocate:

“She taught us that visiting those in assisted living and nursing homes is not depressing and is not difficult. There is no need to be concerned about what to talk about. We learned that all we needed was to show up, and it made her happy. That feeling lasted much longer than the memory of a specific visit. She enjoyed when we read to her and when people listened to music with her. It was just the demonstration of care that was important. This was the final gift and lesson she taught us before her Work in this world was finished.”

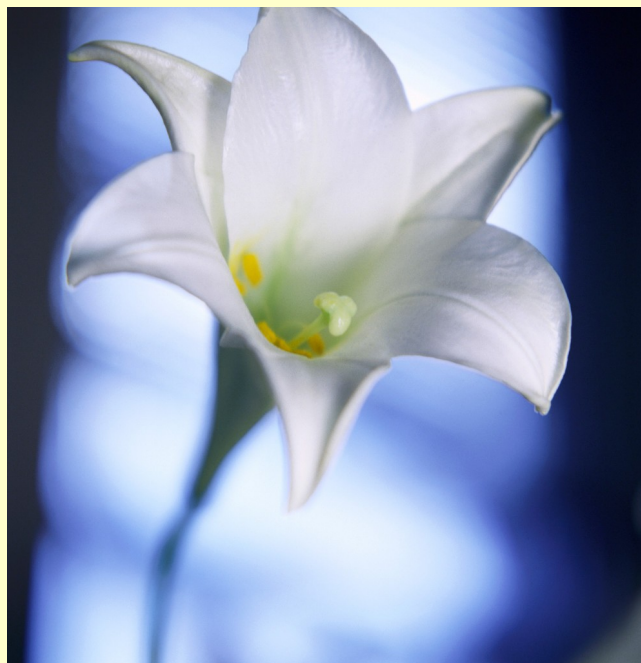


Your choice... our snow,
or...April Showers??

A large, dark, and ominous storm cloud formation dominates the sky, with a bright, yellowish light emanating from its base, suggesting a powerful storm or lightning. The clouds are layered and textured, with some lighter patches where light breaks through. Below the clouds, a calm body of water stretches to the horizon. A small, dark boat is visible on the right side of the water, providing a sense of scale to the massive cloud formation. The overall mood is dramatic and intense.

Holy Week Readings 7 p.m.
Sunday through Thursday
(March 24 - March 28)
Good Friday readings 2 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services
7 a.m. Sunrise Service
Breakfast following
10 a.m. Easter Service



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