

### **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

June 2013

### From the Pastor's Desk

Thank you to Pastor Kerry Krauss, whose talk to our graduating seniors at the Baccalaureate service is the inspiration for my reflection. Pastor Kerry spoke about the journey our young people are about to take. His message can help us all, at whatever stage of the journey we find ourselves. He said, "It's not the destination that so important, it's knowing how to get there". Using Jesus as our quide, he described 4 things that Jesus did on his journey in the world:

- 1. Jesus went Joyfully into the world– he loved to encounter strangers on his journey. He viewed the interruptions of his schedule as an opportunity to bless and encourage. How do we travel in our world? When we're running behind in our errands, when our work piles up... and we're interrupted. Let's view those interruptions, as opportunities to embrace joy- the joy of human companionship, the joy of a chance meeting and the joy of unpredictability.
- 2. Jesus went Obediently into the world. He knew what his mission was and he obeyed his calling. We are also called by God. Many of us know the call he's given us by the talents we possess. There are those reading this that are working in the hospitality industry this summer. It's our calling to welcome visitors who can only spend a fraction of their time in the place that we are privileged to live in year round. Let us live in obedience to God's mandate to welcome the stranger and provide rest for the weary.
- 3. Jesus went Sacrificially into the world- We were not placed here to use up the gifts of God for ourselves. We were placed here to comfort those who mourn, to feed the hungry, to bring hope to the hopeless, to use our lives in the service of others. In the pages of this newsletter, there are opportunities presented to live our lives sacrificially.
- 4. Jesus never went into the world alone. He always took people with him, whether it was 2 or 3 or thousands, he was surrounded by people. We should always take people on our journey. We were never meant to travel alone. This is a tremendous gift that God has given us, the gift of community. We were made to be in relationship with each other- to have strength in numbers!

May these words guide us into our future!

-Pastor Dawn



### Lifetouch Photography will be here again soon!

July 18 (Thursday! We added a day), 19 and 20 will be the last scheduled dates for getting your formal portrait taken for our church directory -

and don't forget, you get a free 8x10 just for posing for the camera!

## We want all our members and friends of our church to be In the directory!

Currently here are the open times for photography--call the church, or email us at worship@ephraimmoravian.org, and sign up for one of them! Appointments are in 10-minute increments (if you have 4 or more in your group, sign up for two slots!)

Thursday, July 18 - 2:10 - 8:40 p.m.

Friday, July 19-7-7:40 p.m., 8:10-8:40 p.m.

**Saturday**, July 20 - 12:10 - 1:10 p.m., 1:40 - 3:40 p.m.

Remember, you can include your pets, as well!

### SENIOR FAREWELL CONCERT

Wednesday, June 12, 2013 7:00 p.m.

### Ephraim Moravian Church

This concert is free and open to the public. A Free-Will Offering will be taken to benefit Scandia Village Capital Funds

Featuring Kimberly Craig, Anya Kopischke, Matt Knutson, Samantha Phillips, Katie Glabe, and Rob Volpe!

Dave Beck, Accompanist













### Door County Auditorium Presents 3 Exceptional Plays Written & Produced By...

Evan Board, Anya Kopischke & Brandon Bogenschutz

May 31 – June 2

### "Elevator"

Friday, May 31, 7:00 p.m. Starring Evan Board & Ella Norris

### "Heads in the Sand"

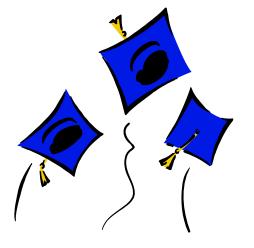
Saturday, June 1, 7:00 p.m. Starring Shelby Kahr, Calla Norris, Landon Edwards & Evan Board

### "Good Cop Bad Cat"

Sunday, June 2, 2:00 p.m. Starring Rob Volpe, Emma Nickles, Anna Snell, Chris Mydra, Marcy Deshotel, Makayla Swain, Evan Board & Casey Michelic

<u>Choir</u>- Mikayla Kifer (Director) ,Samantha Phillips, Genevieve Pelrine, Brianna Jackson, Marcy Deshotel, Makayla Swain, Shelby Kahr, Anna Snell

<u>Crew</u>- Anya Kopishke, Producer; Alicia Mickelson, Stage Manager; Samantha Phillips, Marketing Director; Connor Macdonald, Set Design Brianna Jackson, Graphic Design; Lexie Jansen, Lighting; Ainsley Nelson, Music; Ariana Fearing, Costume Design; Genevieve Pelrine, Make-up



### **CONGRATUATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!**

Middle School
Sadie Nelson
High School
Ainsley Nelson, Andrea Nelson,
Samantha Phillips and Rob Volpe
College
Nicolai Carlson, Jackie Nelson and
Kelsey Neddersen
Graduate School

**Britta Jacobson Hansen** 

### Ephraim Moravian Church Office Hours

PASTOR: TUES - FRI 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

MONDAY Pastor's Day Off WED. - THURS. 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

CELL NUMBER: 920-421-4042 The Church Phone does NOT ring in the parsonage. <u>Please</u>

keep the Pastor's Cell Phone handy for after hours.

SECRETARY:

An Invitation from the Volpe Family

Please join us as we celebrate Rob Volpe's High School Graduation

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June 9, 2013

5 - 8 p.m.

'Drop In' Picnic on the Parsonage Grounds

We hope to see you there!

### Services this month

June 2 - 10 a.m. Worship, Communion

June 9 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m., Joyful Noise

(for Community Health Clinic) We will be honoring

Graduates during Fellowship Hour

June 16 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

June 23 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

June 30 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship



### YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

### **TRUSTEES**

Natalie Neddersen President:

854-2121

Funds: Investment Committee

**Building Interiors** 

Hugh Mulliken 854-2336

**Building Exterior** 

Jim Sokolowski 839-9265

Paul Burton 854-9506

Grounds

Kay Wilson 854-4612

Cemetery

Natalie Neddersen 854-2121

#### **ELDERS**

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair

Karen Ekberg, Vice-Chair

421-2553

Pete Classen, Co-Secretary

839-2902

George Carey, Co-Secretary

854-9253

Paul Flottman 854-4780

Elder for the month of:

June... Pete Classen.



# MORAVIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 7:00 P.M.

The Joint Choirs of
Ephraim, Sister Bay and Sturgeon Bay
Moravian Churches
Invite you to an evening of
Moravian Music through the Seasons!

We will feature Anthems and hymns from Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter & Pentecost, including the beloved, "Morning Star"!

A Reception will Follow the Concert
A Freewill Offering will be taken to assist the
Ministry of Vanderbilt Avenue Moravian Church on Staten Island, NY



JUNE 1 11 A.M. - 2 p.m. Village Hall

Don't Miss the Spring Lunch
Bake Sale & Plant Sale
Sponsored by the Moravian Women!

### Trea\$urer'\$ Report

### **Through April of 2013:**

Income - \$78,059 (includes \$17,000 in bequests--52% of budgeted income, 40% without counting the bequests)

Expenses - \$52,919 (33%) of budgeted expenses)

### Spring Salad Surprise - April 24



### Thank You ...

...to those who helped with the Women's Spring Salad Surprise--it was a rousing success!



...to those who provided Fellowship in May: Hedy Heise, the men of the congregation as a Mother's Day treat, Claire Bierman and Carol Sokolowski, and Cici Mulliken

...to those who ushered in May





Sister Bay Moravian's Famous Fish-Boil!

Thursday, June 9

Seatings: 5:00, 5:45, and 6:30

\$12 for Adults \$6 for kids 5-10 yrs

Thank you to my church family for all of your prayers, love and support and donations of food and rides to my treatments. I am so blessed to be part of such a wonderful congregation. I ask for you to keep me in your prayers. The report from the doctor was positive, but did not say that the cancer is gone. They said that I must wait three months to have a PET scan which will give a much more accurate and detailed reporting of what is going on in there. The tumors have shrunk and the blood clots are gone, so that is all good. I do not need to take any medications for these three months. So my goal is now to regain my strength and stamina. Thank you all and God Bless!

--Sue Sherman

### Remember...



If you have been used to dropping your Piggly Wiggly grocery receipts in the Ephraim Moravian slot by their door, they no longer provide that convenience.

We have a box in our Fellowship Hall where receipts can be dropped...or if you won't be in church for any reason, you can send them to us!



### In the Footsteps of our Forefathers

If you've always wanted to visit Czechoslovakia and learn about Moravian history firsthand (Jon Amos Comenius, Count Zinzendorf, Jan Hus), plan your flights and let the Unitas Fratrum meet you at the airport and take you on tours.

There are several tours - 2 days to Hus' Prague, a day-trip to Herrnhut, visits to Chalice (where the Moravians hid during the time of the persecution), Leszno (where Jan Amos Comenius lived and taught), and several other offerings. They want groups of 3 to 15 but will work with other size groups. All prices for the tours include airport transfers, hotels, meals, a guide and transportation during the tours. There is an information packet on the upper bulletin board.

For more information: journeytohistory@jbcr.info

### New Ministry Opportunity! "Bridges"

We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with the "Bridges" ministry!

This ministry reaches out in friendship to the guest workers who come to Door County from foreign lands. David & Joyce Detert, will be providing us with information on June 23. In the meantime, if you wish to help with ESL classes or provide rides, meals or friendship, please contact Pastor Dawn

### **Flexing Your Blessings**

Feeling a little spiritually flabby these days? Is your prayer life panting for every breath? Are your devotions down in the dumps? Is running the race with perseverance a real drag?

Come, and enjoy the fellowship of sisters as we gather at Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center September 27th through 29th, for a weekend of retreat & fellowship facilitated by the Rev. Mary Lou Plummer. Save the Date and watch for future announcements

# The Chapel at Heritage Village (at Crossroads) Wish List

The Chapel is a miniature of our original church! It houses our old pump organ and has a replica of Andreas Iverson's pulpit (handmade by Ted Atrill). Here are a few things they're missing in the chapel... can you help?

A large Moravian star
A large picture of
Jan Hus, Moravian
founder
A church offering
bag on a stick ---->

A baptismal bowl (perhaps a small silver colored candy dish?)



Kerosene lamps or lanterns Lantern holders for wall mounting A wall hanging cross, about 18" tall A communion table, about 44" x 12"

To inquire about a donation for the Chapel, please phone Jerry or Nan Krause, 910-746-0628.



Spring finally came to Door County!



### **June Birthdays**

Carol Sokolowski	13
Denny Phillips	13
Bob Ekberg	19
Steve Cox	. 20
Jackie Nelson	20
Hollace Mulliken	. 22
Betty Chomeau	. 27
Alicia Mulliken	
Brian Wilson	



### **June Anniversaries**

Shelley & John Cox- June 8 1979 Gunilla & Tom Wilson- June 15, 1974 Cindy & Denny Phillips- June 16, 1990 Betty & Dave Chomeau- June 29, 1963

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)

### Do you have a will??

More than half of Americans <u>don't</u> have a will, says the Moravian Ministries Foundation. If you don't have a will, the State may end up distributing your assets.

The Ministries Foundation can help with wills and trusts. Information and videos about planning for the future are on their website:

http://mmfagiftlegacy.org/?pageID=18

Pastor's Note: Please read this inspiring letter from Barbara Axelson. For those who enjoy writing letters, she is offering an opportunity to turn what you love into a wonderful ministry!

### WILL YOU REACH OUT TO THE HOPELESS?

The United States incarcerates a large share of its population. Among those in prison are a number of people who have committed minor crimes and some who are innocent. Even those who are guilty of major offenses are God's children and, although sinners, are subject to Christ's mercy and forgiveness.

Many, in fact most, who are incarcerated for a length of time lose contact with friends first and then family members. This leads to a feeling of abandonment and the hope of the Savior is especially welcomed by many of these individuals.

To write to an inmate with words of encouragement and messages of hope that stem from the good news of Christ is a ministry that not only blesses the recipients but the writer.

What does one say in a letter to a prisoner? You can speak of many things, but among the messages that others who have written to prisoners prefer are encouragement of creativity (many strive to be writers or poets when they are faced with so much idle time) because, as we can tell them, God is the Creator and imbues his children with creativity.

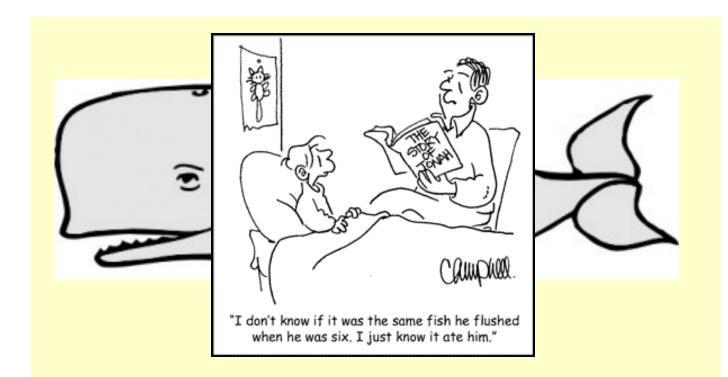


We like to tell them that they can be/are ambassadors for Christ – a job that is available to every Christian believer – an often difficult, sometimes dangerous job, just as an international ambassador faces every day. We are commanded to tell the world the Good News and just because one is incarcerated, it does not preclude him doing that. We like to tell prisoners that although we agree that life is often unfair, extremely challenging, and very sad, there is always hope and that "nothing is impossible with God."

Some of the favorite Scripture verses that we have used are "Keep on keeping on," and "Stand in the evil day," and standard evangelical verses that are succinct and easy to remember. We often recommend Ephesians 6, the entire book of Genesis for background, the Gospel of John and passages in Isaiah and Hebrews. Your own favorite Bible verses are important as well because they have special meaning to you and you can translate that to your correspondent.

The joy that a prisoner experiences when he receives a letter has been testified to again and again. The prisoners you write to will pray for you and often ask their friends to write to you to gain encouragement. You will probably experience some spiritual discussions and/or questions, and you can refer to concordances and spiritual resources to help you if need be. If you think of someone you know who would like to do this, just ask them. Please feel free to call me; there is absolutely NO obligation to write if you make that phone call, and we can discuss the details of doing this. 920-746-2011.

Thank you and God bless you! Barb Axelson baxelson@aol.com



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	1 11 am Moravian Women's Lunch & Sale Village Hall 7 pm Student Play– Door Community Aud.
9 am S.S. Choir Reh 10 am Com- munion 2 pm Student Play Door Com- munity Audito- rium		5 p.m. Elders	7 pm Choir Rehearsal	Fish Boil		
9 am S.S. Choir Reh. 10 am Worship 2 pm Gibraltar HS Graduation 5 pm Volpe Party	10	11	9:30 am Caring Hands 7 pm Senior Farewell Concert	13 5 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	14	Fyr Bal - come to our booth from 10-6
16 9 am S.S. Choir Reh. 10 am Worship	17 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	18	19 7 pm Moravian Music Festival	20	21	22
<b>23</b> 9 am S.S. Choir Reh. 10 am Worship	Pastor on Washington Island, June 24 – 28 for Seminar	25 5 p.m. Loaves and Fishes– Stella Maris, Sister Bay		27	28	29
<b>30</b> 9 am S.S. Choir Reh. 10 am Worship	Notes:					