



## **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***

***September 2013***

From the Pastor's Desk

#### **IT MATTERS**

Every week we hand out visitor packets. They are designed to make people feel welcome. In addition, there is an evaluation form that they are invited to fill out and return to the church. We ask questions about the music, sermon and general impression of our church. Most responses are very positive, which makes me swell with pride (yes, I know, that's not exactly a humble reaction). So, I was happy with a recent evaluation. This person found our worship and music enthusiastic and uplifting, and the sermon helpful and interesting. The person also said he/she would be happy to return and would encourage friends to visit. We did everything right... except... When asked whether we were warm and friendly, this visitor wrote “so-so” and on the comments said, “People were friendly during the hand shake. After the service only the pastor and greeter acknowledged me.”

There's good news and bad news in this evaluation. The bad news was evident—the person only felt accepted within the confines of the worship experience. Once worship was over he/she was invisible except to the ones expected to render an ‘official greeting’. But there's also good news in this statement. Sometimes we think that a service is meaningful as long as the music is of high quality, the sermon thoughtful and the people polite. But this writer needed more. This person needed genuine community. That's the good news—our friendship in Christ is as important as the worship service!

It matters. There are so many people longing for genuine community. Even if that community can only be experienced in a brief encounter while on vacation. It matters. It matters when you see a visitor and invite that person to fellowship. It matters when you engage someone in conversation after church. It says that our understanding of Christian family goes beyond the right hand of fellowship.

I know some may argue that we don't want to scare people away by being too pushy. But I'd rather be accused of being overly friendly than ‘so-so’! Sometimes we may be embarrassed by inviting people to the time of fellowship, only to find out they've been regular attendees, but it's okay, really. I'm sure we'll be forgiven and gain new friends. This past Sunday, a couple who lives in Illinois, beamed at me during Fellowship and told me about a conversation with one of our members. I knew they had just met, but the warmth and affection went deeper than a chance meeting over coffee.

Let's remember every week, that our open arms of hospitality matter. In a church where people ‘drop in’ while on vacation, we may only have one chance to embody the light, joy and peace of Christ. Let's not allow an opportunity to pass us by. It matters...

## *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.—4:30 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.



*Congratulations to Britta Jacobson Hansen for passing her boards! She is now an official Nurse Practitioner!*

*Christian Sympathy is extended to Pastor Bill Hosking on the death of his mother. May God's peace surround Pastor Bill & his family.*



*Christian Sympathy is extended to Tiggy Shields and her family on the death of her sister, Julia Foote. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 31 at 1 p.m. here.*

### College Addresses:

Samantha Phillips, c/o Luther College 700 College Dr.,  
SPO 2384, Decorah, IA 52101

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## **YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

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Elder for the month of:  
September....Pete Classen

## *Services this month*

September 1 - 9 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, 10 a.m. service,

September 8 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. service  
Communion & Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes

September 15 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. service

September 22 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. service

September 29 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. service

**Dr. Stephen Alltop**  
**Organ Concert**  
**with Josefien Stoppelenburg**  
**Sunday, August 4**



**....Our Moravian Missions...**

**Steve and Anne Marx** continue to serve Mission Aviation Fellowship out of Nampa, Idaho, providing the needed supplies to maintain a fleet of 60 aircraft flying in over 20 countries, some in the most remote regions of the world.

**Phil and Eunice Raiford**, from the Friedberg Moravian congregation, continue to serve the Mixe people in the small village of Juquila in Mexico. Eunice provides health care as the only doctor. Phil teaches members of the community about gardening and other needs.

Five people from the Southern Province and one from the Northern Province have returned from a **mission trip to Alaska**, July 13-20. The team covered the Alaskan Moravian Seminary with vinyl siding because it was rapidly deteriorating. Smoked and frozen salmon and moose were provided by the members of Bethel Moravian Church. The Church also provided a variety of desserts, including akutaq (pronounced ah-goo-duck), made with Crisco, sugar, water, and salmon berries. We promise not to make that dessert at Ephraim Moravian.

**LOST AND NOT FOUND?** No, not you... we mean the many items still hanging around in our upper hallway--three coats, a few umbrellas, a nice pair of men's leather gloves, brown pair of winter gloves, one pink earring, a set of keys. Are any of these yours? If so, please claim them! Any Lost and Found items not claimed by October 1 will be donated to Scand (check in the kitchen for left-behind casserole dishes, etc., too).





### ***My Faith Foundation by Samantha Phillips***

In my fourteen years attending Ephraim Moravian Church, there is not one solitary experience that has had the biggest impact on my life; it is rather a collection of the seemingly insignificant moments with the Ephraim congregation that have made a difference and molded my faith into what it is today. At just four years old, my mother drove my brother and me to church every Sunday. We attended Sunday school at 9:00 each week, under the supervision of my mom and Liz Opitz for many years.

We then ventured down to the sanctuary for the 10:00 service. I'll be honest, in my first years at the EMC, sitting through the service was difficult. To me, it was a solid hour where I was told to sit still and quietly while an adult stood somewhere beyond the back of the tall people's heads, talking about foreign concepts that were far "above my head." My time in the pews was spent finding church-related words in the word search and coloring the children's bulletin. Though I may not have appreciated it at the time, this early exposure to faith made all the difference in the long run.

Growing up in the Ephraim Moravian congregation, certain moments have stuck with me. One of my very first memories in Sunday school was Karen Ekberg teaching the other children and me the song "Deep and Wide." At the time, it seemed like a fun tune with simple hand gestures; looking back, I now realize that we were actually singing joyously about the capacity and greatness of God's love. Karen was always patient with the kids, and she seemed to enjoy working with us every Sunday. Later in elementary, Jane Olson organized our Christmas pageants. Year after year, I told Jane that I would accept any role in the play, except for a speaking part. However, Jane's constant encouragement helped me begin breaking out of my shell and start to overcome my shy disposition. Over the years at the EMC, I have committed to memory Barbara Classen's sweet smiles, Niles' welcoming handshakes, and Scotty's weekly inquisitions as to the well-being of each member of my family.

From a very early age, this special Ephraim congregation has exposed me to what it means to be a true Christian and a child of God. Through their kindness, encouragement, and never-ending support, they have served as excellent role models. Though I do not take the time to verbally thank the congregation nearly enough, I resort to showing my gratitude musically through flute performances and accompaniments. This foundation of faith led me to take the opportunity to grow spiritually by joining the Shepherd of the Bay youth group. I have had some of the most amazing experiences with the group, connecting to God doing mission work on Pine Ridge Reservation with Native American children, climbing a jagged Rocky Mountain, and being surrounded by thousands of other teenage Christians at a national youth gathering in New Orleans. Because of the strong foundation that the Ephraim Moravian congregation has built for me, my faith will continue to be a leading aspect of my life. I am forever grateful for the support that this congregation has given me, and I am excited to discover the spiritual journey that lies ahead.

### **FALL WORKSHOP, MORAVIAN WOMEN**

Join other Western District women in a time of fellowship, worship and lunch - September 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Green Bay Moravian Church, 1707 S. Oneida Street, Green Bay. Call Teresa Holzhuetter at Lake Mills Church or more information: 920-648-5412.

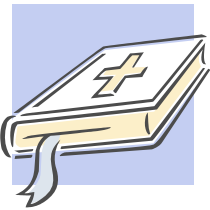
## Trea\$urer'\$ Report

### Through July of 2013:

Income - Budget of \$151,425 - actual through July: \$99,244

Expenses - Budget of \$159,914 - actual through July: \$93,956

Capital Projects: The Roof has been completed! New trim and doors in the bathroom and upper hallways are being installed; new carpeting and tile in the entryways and hallways in late August.



***Bible Studies begin Friday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m.***  
*Join Pastor Dawn in the Fellowship Hall for lively study conversation on “Buzzwords” - making ancient language come alive. Where did these words come from, and how do we use them in the 21st century?*  
*.... and, of course... refreshments!*

## Community Happenings

**Old Fashioned Hymn Sing!** Sunday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. Zion United Methodist Church 8781 County Road F, Fish Creek. Free Will Offering to Benefit Door Cancer.

**Fall Mini-TEN at Ebenezer** - the Fall 2013 Mini-TEN conference held this year on September 7 at Ebenezer Moravian Church in Watertown. This is a chance to meet other Sunday School teachers and discuss this years training topic: Safe Sanctuary. Is your church doing background checks on teachers? Does your Sunday School have procedures in place for training teachers? How about a first aid kit? If so, please bring information to share. Start the school year off on the right foot with this FREE, Fun filled and food a plenty training from 9:45-2pm.



**Two-Piano Benefit Concert**  
**Featuring**  
**Judy & Carl Jackson**  
**Sunday, September 15**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Shepherd of the Bay**  
**Lutheran Church**



Judy & Carl Jackson will be presenting a concert on two nine-foot concert grand pianos to benefit the Capital Campaign for Scandia Village. A free-will offering will be taken during the performance. Also featured– a Silent Auction!



## Thank You ...

...to those who provided Fellowship in August: Ellie McCullin and Ingrid Halvorsen, Cici Mulliken and Anne Crowe, the Volpes and Betty Ann Knudson, and all those who prepared potluck items for the Divine Word August 18 potluck.

Picnic August 17  
at the Schultzes



Pastor Tim and his  
Wife Michelle



### September Birthdays

Glenore Paschke...2  
Randall Nelson...3  
Samantha Phillips...5  
Marvin Staver...6  
Don Fundingsland... 7  
Walter Fisher...8  
Eunice Rutherford...11  
Nicholas Weborg...13  
Eileen Jacobson...18  
Larry Jacobson...30

### September Anniversaries

Ryan and Angela Sherman – 6, 2008  
Dawn & Bob Volpe – 22, 1991  
Kay and Paul Wilson – 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](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org))



Worship with Divine  
Word on August 18



If you'd like to hear more of Dr. Abe Caceres, music director of Divine Word Pentecost Lutheran Church, pick up a recording of his original works, "All Are Welcome! Feel the Spirit!" and a song book. They are \$15. each and available in Fellowship Hall (\$25. if you purchase the book and CD!)



## Remember...



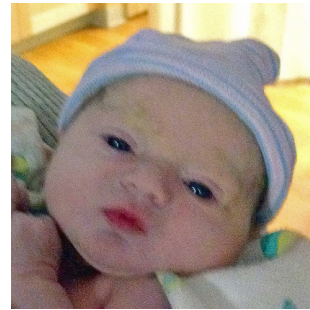
We have a box in our Fellowship Hall where receipts can be dropped...or if you won't be in church for any reason, you can send them to us!



## HEADS UP FOR A BABY SHOWER FOR CANA MARGARET MITTERMANN!

**Mark it on your calendars--  
Cana's baby shower will be  
after church on  
Sunday, October 27!**

**Suggestions for the shower gifts: Pamper Swaddlers  
(Cana will be 3 months old by Oct. 27)...no particular baby  
wipes, just no alcohol content...natural product  
lotions and shampoos (avoiding chemicals!)**



## "Dearly Departed" Cemetery Walk - August 26



<Norma Hager  
as Lizzie Anderson

Dave Olson in rehearsal  
as Jacob Smith--for the  
event, he donned a very  
authentic white beard >



Getting ready for the dress  
rehearsal--Shelley and John  
Cox, Marilyn Cushing, Norma  
Hager, with Rob Moore and  
Jody Thiel >



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*POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:*

## **September 2013 Newsletter**



**Picnic with Divine Word  
Pentecost & Lutheran Church  
August 17, 2013**



**Hostess with the mostest,  
Penny Schultz**



**The Grillmasters**

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# September 2013

◀ August	~ September 2013 ~						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b> 9 am Choir 10 a.m. Worship  6:30 p.m. Hymn -Sing Zion Lu- theran	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5 p.m. Elders	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> 9 am Choir & S.S. 10 am Com- munion & Joyful Noise Offering	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands	<b>12</b> 1 p.m. Trustees	<b>13</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> 9 am Choir & S.S. 10 am Worship  4 p.m. Concert Shepherd of The Bay	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b> 9 am Choir & S.S. 10 am Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>28</b>	
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