

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

October 2013

“Running on Empty” and “Blowing a Gasket” A Modern Parable

In my younger days, I had very bad luck with cars. Before the advent of the helpful ‘low fuel’ indicator, I ran out of gas on a busy Brooklyn street. I walked to a gas station to borrow a gas can. The can did not have a spout attached, so my friend and I improvised with paper cups, trying to get enough gas in the tank before the cup disintegrated. It was quite a feat! We did not realize that there was, indeed, a spout, which merely had to be pulled out of the rim, until we had spilled fuel all over ourselves. On another fateful day, my car blew it’s gasket on a highway, many miles from home. I learned the hard way that in order to avoid that particular catastrophe, one must regularly have the oil levels checked. Those are only 2 examples. There’s not enough space to talk about the shredded tires, alternator mishap, smoke billowing from the dashboard, getting stuck on the Verrazano Bridge during rush hour, etc.

My run of ‘bad luck’ continued until I met Bob. Since marrying Bob our cars run like magic! And, at first, I thought it was some good ‘car karma’ that Bob possessed. After close observation over a period of time, I realized that a functioning car was not a matter of chance or luck. Bob is a zealot when it comes to car maintenance— oil changes are done at the prescribed time, he fills the car whenever the gas gauge goes below the 1/2 tank mark, he checks the pressure on the tires and has them changed before they go bald! It’s not magic, it’s a disciplined approach which pays dividends in reliable transportation.

Some times I approach my interior life with the same casual neglect that I once used on my cars. I have so many obligations and, in order to fit everything in, I skimp on the one thing that is vital to my well-being. You know what I mean, don’t you? The constant work, needs of the family, obligations to the community – we rush to fulfill these demands disregarding our own need for the Spirit of God to speak, restore and heal us. I was reflecting on this today after a long summer seemingly spent in an endless sprint. As I tried to come up with something inspirational to say for this newsletter, I realized, “I’m out of gas.” I felt dull, blank, life-less. And that’s when I understood. I have neglected the important work of the soul... in prayer, in quiet meditation, in reading inspirational books, in soaking in the beauty of my surroundings.

I am not suggesting that we throw off responsibilities. I am saying that in order to meet all the clamoring needs that present themselves, we need to schedule some regular ‘soul maintenance’ - spending time in worship, in quiet reflection, in study, in the beauty of nature... in the things that will renew our spirits. I am reminded of the story in the gospel of Mark. Jesus had been healing and preaching all day. In the wee hours of the morning he went to an isolated place, so that he could be alone with God. If Jesus needed to spend time in restorative prayer, how much more do we!

--Pastor Dawn

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.

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Rob Volpe, c/o UW Parkside, Ranger Hall #114, Box R011,
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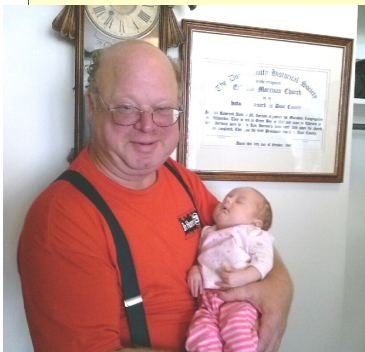
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Elder for the month of:
October.....Paul Flottman



BABY SHOWER FOR CANA MARGARET MITTERMANN

***Coming on Sunday,
October 27 after church! Cana
Margaret Mittermann's
baby shower !***

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

Services this month

October 6 - 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship with
Communion

October 13 - 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship with
Joyful Noise for Community Health Clinic

October 20 - 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship

October 27 - 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship --
after church, Cana Margaret Mittermann's baby
shower!



Welcome to the world, James Thomas Burkemper

Born August 2, 2013 to
Mark & Erika Wilson Burkemper
and sister Bryn

Sister Bay Moravian Church
NORTHERN DOOR COMMUNITY LUNCH
First Wednesdays:

**FREE TO
ALL**

October 2 November 6
December 4 February 5
March 5 April 2

May 7

Our Parish Nurse, Kathy Wagner, is available
during most lunches to give free blood pressure screenings.



Ephraim Moravian Church
OPEN DOOR LUNCHEONS
Third Wednesdays:

November 20 December 18
January 15 February 19
March 19 April 16

**FREE TO
ALL**

Prayer Shawl Ministry



United Brethren's church on Staten Island is conducting a prayer shawl ministry, with a goal of 250 prayer shawls--one for each delegate of the 2014 Provincial Synod. The concept is to pray while they are being knitted or crocheted, and when the shawl is presented to the recipient, they are told this shawl will wrap them in prayer while wearing it.

The pattern is available through www.shawlministry.org, a basic pattern of 15 to 18 inches by 60 inches. Email contact person Kate Reynolds at kscreate@embarqmail.com if you are planning to crochet or knit some of these shawls. She can tell you where they are to be sent, etc.

Note: There is plenty of yarn in the cabinets in the parlor you can use!

DIASPORA/Spiritual Renewal Weekend



The Western District Christian Education Commission will be holding two Diaspora weekends in October, both at the Wisconsin Rapids Moravian Church. The Men's weekend will be October 10-13; the Women's weekend will be October 17-20 (both Thursday evenings through Sunday afternoons).

Lay leaders will give talks on topics from piety to study to action within the Christian community, and talks on how to impact our environments. Clergy will talk about grace, faith, the sacraments, and obstacles that keep us from living the life God intends. Lots of good food, worship and singing.

If you are interested in attending this spiritual renewal weekend, contact Barbara Berg, 510 Cole Street, Watertown, WI 53094 or email her at bberg24@sbcglobal.net.



Come to our Budget Potluck October 23!

What, you say? You want me to come for a meeting about money? And right after eating, no less! **BOR-ING**.

Well, it is a special meeting about money: your money! Your money that gets spent within our church and outside our church.

The Joint Board will soon be discussing and approving the 2014 budget, and we thought you might want some questions answered about the budget procedure, how money is spent, where your money goes that we send to the Western District and Province, etc. Our 2013 budget is in the "S" word packets you've received (or soon will --they'll be passed out the next 2 weeks in church or mailed to you if you haven't been to church).

DON'T FORGET IT'S A POTLUCK. So bring your favorite dish at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, and we'll have some food and fellowship before the meeting at 7 p.m.

Bring your questions about the EMC budget and where your money goes after you put it in the plate.

Condolences ✝

to Paul & Cheryl Lubahn on the death of sister-in-law Deb Lubahn, who passed away on September 13 after a long battle with cancer.

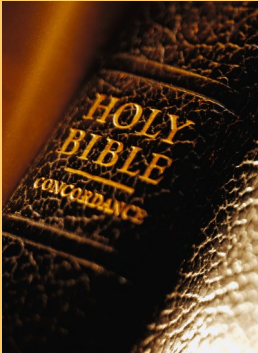
Trea\$urer'\$ Report

Through August of 2013:

Income - Budget of \$151,425 - actual through August: \$118,236

Expenses - Budget of \$159,914 - actual through August: \$102,873

Capital Projects: Tile has been picked for the front and rear entrances, carpeting has been ordered and will soon be installed.



***Bible Studies** continue on Friday 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

Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry continues its Community Health Information Program with an upcoming program entitled “Depression” to be held on Sunday, October 27, at 4:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Sister Bay. Dennis White, Ph.D. and Licensed Psychologist will present on this very serious topic. Depression is a devastating condition that can take over your entire life. It is easily one of the most misunderstood conditions that affect our mental and physical health.

PIE FEST - The first annual Pie Fest, including a pie eating contest, pie fight, home-made pie baking/making contest, pie races, other games. The Lodge at Leathem Smith. Entry free with a donation of one non-perishable food item. October 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More info: www.thelodgeatls.com and on the upper bulletin board.

CHICKEN DINNER - the famous one at Sister Bay Moravian! It will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 24. For adults, \$13; children 6-12, \$5. Age 5 and under, free! Homestyle fried chicken and all the trimmings. Corner of Old Stage and Hill.

NAOMI ROWLEY, Organist - Pipe Organ “Pops” Concert at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church - Saturday, October 12, 7 p.m. Free-will offering to benefit future musical events at Shepherd of the Bay.

Community Happenings (continued)

BREAD & WATER - a weekend retreat on Washington Island for men and women living with cancer, and those who love them. October 18, 19 and 20. Cost of the retreat is \$155, including all meals and programs. Lodging is separate; contact the island's Chamber of Commerce at 920-847-2179. To sign up for the program, contact Valerie Fons and 920-535-0077 or breaduponthewaters@gmail.com. Extension ministry of the United Methodist Church..

2nd ANNUAL FINANCIAL WELLNESS CONFERENCE - Saturday, November 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sturgeon Bay High School. Funded by United Way of Door and Kewaunee Counties, the program will include informative sessions for adults, teens, and seniors about achieving "financial wellness." For more information, call 920-743-1862.



**Fall Sale and Luncheon at the
Ephraim Village Hall
Saturday, November 2, 2013
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



*Sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for fall workers, food-makers,
and those who can participate in the "grunts and gifts"
silent auction.*

Worker list is from the fall sale of 2012--change the item you'd like to do or food you will make, or if you'll do the same thing you did then, put a ✓ by your name.

For "Grunts and Gifts," we are looking for people who are willing to put a service in the silent auction--raking leaves or cutting brush, offering maintenance work or running errands, washing windows, etc.) Gifts are handmade things, basket of baked goods or spa items, something special! Vicki Maynard is in charge of the "Grunts and Gifts," so if you can't sign up in the Fellowship Hall, give her a call at 847-361-3684.

There will also be a fall & Christmas gift table--Christmas decorations or beautiful ornaments, fall decorations. Vicki will place a bin in the upper hallway of the church for these donations in advance.



Thank You ...

...to those who provided Fellowship in September: Lonnie & Gary Vitse, Liz Schroeder & Diane Kirkland, Susie Samson & Betty Chomeau, Carol & Jim Sokolowski, and Barbara Classen.

...to those who ushered and served as Sacristan in September.



CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

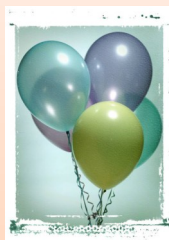


Kathy Kirkland has been hired by the church Trustees to be the new Cemetery Superintendent.

She is responsible for contact with those who wish to purchase plots, disseminating information on rules and regulations, looking up cemetery information for those with families interred there, coordinating burials and maintenance of the plots, monthly reports to the Trustees on needs at the cemetery and activities in the previous month.

If you have any cemetery needs, Kathy is your contact! Her phone is 920-854-6174.

Many, many thanks to Gary Carlson, who spend so many years and diligent hours as Cemetery Superintendent.



October Birthdays

Robert Schroeder...7
Erika Wilson Burkemper...8
John Turner...13
Kyle Nelson...15
Diane Kirkland...18
Kathy Kirkland...18
Maggie Schnackenberg... 18
Andrea Nelson...20
Lisa Carlson...22
Paul Flottman...24
Betty Overbeck...27
James Sokolowski...28

October Anniversaries

Priscilla and Keith Krist – 1, 1966
Alicia and Hugh Mulliken – 12, 1982

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) to make changes or additions.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), located at 421 Nebraska St. in Sturgeon Bay, is a welcoming and accessible place where people 60 years and older, as well as people with disabilities, can obtain information, advice, and help in locating services in the community. ADRC's connect people with the resources they need to help with a wide variety of issues such as: benefits, housing, employment, home modifications, meals, personal care, transportation, abuse issues, financial assistance, assisted living and nursing homes, and much, much more.

We believe in the importance of empowering and supporting seniors and people with disabilities so that they can live with dignity, independence and quality of life. Stop in or call us at 920/ 746-2372.

Thank you from the friendly staff of your local ADRC, Jamie, Robin, Patti, Jake, Jessica, and Melissa

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!



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Depression can take over your entire life. It is easily one of the most misunderstood conditions that affect our mental and physical conditions. It's more than just feeling sad. Depression is a result of a complex interaction between chemicals and the brain and can affect sleeping, eating, working, relationships - all aspects of your life.

Join the Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry in this enlightening conversation on Depression.



Suggested Donations to Feed My People

In an effort to overflow our baskets, we are suggesting "themed" giving for the rest of the year:

October - stews and soups
November - stuffing mixes, pumpkin, rice, potatoes
December - cold and hot cereals

...but all non-perishable items are Welcomed, of course!



October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5 p.m. Elders	2 12 p.m. Lunch - Sister Bay	3	4 10 a.m. Bible Study	5
6 9 a.m. S.S. Choir Reh. 10 a.m. Com- munion	7	8	9 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands	10 1 p.m. Trus- tees	11 10 a.m. Bible Study	12
13 9:00 a.m. S.S. and Choir Reh. 10 a.m. Wor- ship Joyful Noise	14	15	16	17	18 10 a.m. Bible Study	19
20 9 am S.S. & Choir Reh. 10 a.m. Wor- ship	21	22 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes	23 6 pm potluck 7 pm Budget Review	24	25 10 a.m. Bible Study	26
27 9 a.m. S.S. & Choir Reh. 10 a.m. Wor- ship Baby Shower- Cana Mittermann!	28	29	30 9	31		

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POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:

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**Our beautiful Village
heading toward
fall once again**

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