

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

November 2013

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” - Matthew 11:28

For years my family worked and lived in urban settings. We dealt with ‘code red’ air quality days (meaning that the air contained more pollutants than usual), heavy traffic, the roar of airplanes, subways, buses, sirens and horn blasts at stop lights when one did not respond quickly enough to the green light. We endured lines everywhere— post office, grocery stores, banks, etc. And every year, we worked and saved so that for one week we could take a vacation to an idyllic spot where we could enjoy peace and quiet.

I remember traveling each year to a town in the Adirondack Mountains of New York, breathing in the clean air and nature’s rare beauty. That week was vitally important to me. It restored balance and gave me a much needed rest from all my responsibilities. I was quite envious of the people who lived there year round. I wished that I could live in paradise more than 1 week out of every year.

Then, I arrived in paradise, and I saw ‘the other side’ that I could not imagine as a tourist. The other side is that, although we live in a beautiful setting, the challenges are profound. For those in their working years, many must labor 24/7 for 6 months out of the year in order to earn enough to live here in the ‘off-season.’ In the ‘off-season’ we must work and plan for the next tourist season. The Village Boards in Door County and countless committees work to preserve the natural beauty of this place while seeking growth in economic opportunities. Our fire departments and first responders train all year and are ready to serve, especially in the summer time.

“Come to me, Jesus says, and I will give you rest.” As our ‘busy season’ winds down, I’ve been reflecting on these words. This past Sunday, as I came into worship, I must confess I was thinking, “2 more Sundays before vacation!” But when we started singing our first hymn, “In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus,” it was as if the veil separating heaven and earth was lifted and I was indeed, in the presence of Jesus. The joy of being with Jesus renewed my energy and revived my soul! I was reminded that I can enjoy the rest and the peace of Jesus, even when I’m in the midst of chaos. Anytime we come to Jesus, whether in prayer, song, meditation or scripture we are filled with peace and rest. His invitation stands today. Will you and I take hold of this gift in the days and months ahead? - *In His Peace, 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.



Unity Prayer Watch Unity Prayer Watch for Ephraim Moravian will be on **Sunday, December 1.**

We are sharing the day with Sister Bay and
Sturgeon Bay Moravian Churches.

Stay tuned for our time slots and prayer topics.



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

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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:
November...George Carey

Services this month

November 3 - 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship with
Communion.



Bishop Paul Graf will lead us while Pastor Dawn is on vacation. Paul is a familiar figure to Door County, having served the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church for 12 years. He was consecrated as a bishop in 1991.

November 10 - 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship
with Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes.

The Rev. Barbara Sajna will fill the pulpit this week for Pastor Dawn. She is the rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Sister Bay. She entered seminary in 1993 after several years as a general-practice attorney. She is known for her thoughtful, inspirational sermons!



November 17 - 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship
with Calendar Meeting after worship for Joint Board

November 24 - 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship

November 24 - 6:45 p.m. - communal Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

10:00 a.m.—We will be highlighting the ministry of Moravian Women; Pastor Dawn will be preaching 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. After lunch you are invited to stay for a **CALENDAR MEETING** to set the calendar for 2014. If you have new ideas for activities or ministries, bring them to this meeting!



Sister Bay Moravian Church **NORTHERN DOOR COMMUNITY LUNCH** **First Wednesdays:**

**FREE TO
ALL**

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.

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### **Ephraim Moravian Church** **OPEN DOOR LUNCHEONS** **Third Wednesdays:**

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

**FREE TO  
ALL**

## MISSION NEWS



Dr. Benno and Teresa Marx are back in the States on hiatus from Ahuas, Honduras, and shared the vital ministry at the Ahuas Clinic for the people in La Mosquitia. The clinic continues to struggle financially. The BWM is considering doing a needs assessment to help the clinic focus its ministry. There has been concern about intermittent presence of drug cartels in the Ahuas area. They are monitoring the situation closely and advising teams or individuals prior to going down to serve.

Prayers for the Marxes as they return to Ahuas, for The Moravian Church in Malawi as they continue to deal with frequent flooding, and for Antioch servant Jiřina Čančíkova from the Czech Republic who will be helping the Bethlehem, PA, Esperanza congregation in November.



**Thanksgiving Service**  
**Sunday, November 24**  
**6:45 p.m.**

*Scandia Village Nursing Home  
 Meadows "Great Room."  
 Join with residents at Scandia Village,  
 Ephraim and Sister Bay Moravian Choirs  
 for a wonderful service of Thanksgiving!*

### SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED

*If you have never been to synod before, we would like to invite you to consider representing our church at 2014 Provincial Synod to be held in Bethlehem, Pa. from June 19 – 23. Please be aware that those dates coincide with the Village of Ephraim's Fyr Bal celebration.*

*If you would be interested, please let Pastor Dawn know. We will be electing a representative at our Annual Church Council meeting in January. If more than one person is interested, the election will be done by Lot. Any active member of the church is eligible to attend synod. Our preference is to give someone an opportunity who has not attended in the past.*



Survey Update: Thank you for participating in the survey regarding summer worship times. If you haven't returned yours yet, there is still time! Please return them by November 20. We will publish the results in our December newsletter.

A CELEBRATION OF CAROLS" by Joseph Martin will be offered as a worship experience on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4:00 p.m. Singers are welcome to join our choir---even just for this event! Speak to a choir member or Jendean--anytime! Rehearsals will start soon. We will be joined by Sister Bay Moravian Church. Following the concert, we will enjoy a pot-luck dinner!





## Trea\$urer'\$ Report

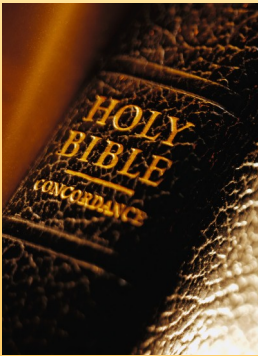
### Through September of 2013:

Income - Budget of \$151,425 - actual through September: \$133,032

Expenses - Budget of \$159,914 - actual through September: \$116,901

Capital Projects: Our new carpeting is in, our hallway lighting is in place, our new doors on the upper level are in the building and ready to be put in on Monday!

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*We had a great time studying "Buzzwords of the Bible"
Stay tuned for our next study, which
Will take place after the holidays
January 10—February 21
Fridays 10:00 a.m.
Subject TBA*

BRIDGES Highlights of 2013

BRIDGES had a very good season this year. One hundred eighty students came to Door County from 30 countries. What an opportunity to reach out and touch them with American goodwill, friendship, and the love of Christ by welcoming them into our homes and into our lives for a few months. Cross-cultural friendship is a priceless experience, both for the international student and for the American.

Ephraim Moravian Church was the sixth church to participate in **BRIDGES** as a sponsor this year, with four members becoming American Connection host families. We look forward to the 2014 season when hopefully even more families will participate, and your church will have a liaison on the **BRIDGES** leadership team and become involved in some of the **BRIDGES** events as well.

Here are some of the highlights this year:

- *95 students were placed with 36 families in the American Connection
- *A benefactor provided seven tickets to the Peninsula Music Festival for all nine concerts.
- *Articles appeared both in the Peninsula Pulse and the Door County Advocate, primarily about the J-1 Visa regulations proposed in the Immigration Bill, but also mentioning **BRIDGES**.
- *Three students decided to follow Jesus.
- *The opportunity to be involved in cultural bridges, language bridges, social bridges, inter-faith bridges, and ultimately a bridge to God is incredibly rewarding, as well as a genuine stretching and learning experience. Let's give a royal welcome to the international students that God sends here next year.

Dave and Joyce Detert



Budget Meeting Update!

On October 23, we held a meeting with the congregation regarding next year's budget. 23 people were in attendance. Those who could not come received information via email. If you did not receive a packet and would like to, please contact the church office and we'll be happy to give you a packet and answer any questions.

As a result of this meeting, the following considerations will be brought to the trustees and the budget committee:

1. Salary consideration– our Organist/Choir director's fine work, dedication and skill were highlighted and the hope is that our appreciation can be reflected in her salary.
2. The historic preservation committee, which began as a result of last year's church council meeting, will receive a line item in the 2014 budget.
3. A line item will be added for decorations (specifically to replace Advent/Christmas items.
4. The budget committee will review and possibly add hours to the custodian's weekly time.
5. We will seek more advertising outlets, namely the Advocate newspapers and local telephone directories.
6. We will research more cost effective means to secure propane.
7. The trustees and investment committee will meet to decide where to invest the bequest given to us by the Ruth Barker estate.
8. The Moravian Women have designated over \$5,000 per year in kitchen supplies, mission outreach, caring hands, church projects, etc. Discussions are continuing concerning the level of monetary support and may impact our budget for the coming years.
9. People are encouraged if they cannot attend every Sunday, to set up electronic giving as a means to consistently fund the church ministries, which go on year round. Information is available from Diane Kirkland, treasurer. You can also ask your banker; it's a very easy process. Please call the church office for more information.



After our inspirational "S-Word Revisited" series, we gave you a packet of information on all the opportunities to be stewards of God's manifold grace. Within that packet was a pledge form to fill out and return to us. This form should be placed in a sealed envelope with your address (we will mail these back to you, unopened in a few months so that you can see if you're 'on target' with your promise).

Please mail your form back to us or place it in the basket by the sanctuary door.



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



Famous Spanish Hamburger Lunch
with salads and homemade pies

Grandma's Holiday Attic
fall and Christmas decor

"Grunts and Gifts" silent auction
services and wonderful gift items



Note from Vicki Maynard



If you have craft items you would be giving to Bargains Unlimited, let Vicki have "first crack" at the items - she can use them for the spring and fall sales and other special church projects. So if you have yarn... string... colored craft paper... glitter... bows or ribbons... poster board... beads... colored pencils or markers...



...bring them to church for Vicki! If there are items she cannot use, she will take them to Bargains.



Thank you!

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!



Thank you...

...to those who offered Fellowship after church in October: Diane and Kathy Kirkland and Pastor Dawn Volpe, Eunice Rutherford and G.G. Paschke, Kathy Zehner and Karen Ekberg, and Judy Flottman and Erin Bristol for Cana Mittermann's shower!

...to those who ushered or served as Sacristan for October.



*Christian Sympathy to
Kris Husby-Nelson and her
husband Ranny, on the
death of her son,
Mark Husby, October 12.
May God's loving arms
surround you.*

November Birthdays

Laurel Cox Ciohon.....1
Doris Price.....2
Bob Forsberg.....6
Betty Staver.....6
Erin Bristol.....8
Jeff Jacobson.....9
John Koehler.....9
Cap Paschke.....9
Judy Flottman.....10
Norma Larson.....10
David Nelson.....10
Merikay Heim.....11
Harald Halvorsen.....23
Bruce Olson.....27
Sue Sherman.....29
Jim Gelhaar.....30



November Anniversaries

Hugh and Alicia Mulliken....Nov 12, 1982
Marv and Betty Staver...Nov 29, 1947

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.



Suggested Donations to Feed My People

In an effort to overflow our baskets, we are suggesting "themed" giving:

November - stuffing mixes, pumpkin, rice, potatoes - Thanksgiving items!
December - cold and hot cereals

...but all non-perishable items are welcomed, of course! Donation baskets are at each entrance of the church



November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Moravian Women's Sale Village Hall 11 a.m.—2 p.m.
3 9 a.m. Choir 10 am Communion <i>Paul Graf preaching</i>	4	5	6 12 pm Sister Bay Community Lunch	7	8	9
10 9 am Choir 10 am Communion <i>Barbara Sajna Preaching Joyful Noise off.</i>	11	12	13	14 1 p.m. Trustees	15	16
17 9 am S.S. Choir 10 am Worship <i>Calendar Meet- ing after Worship</i>	18	19	20 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 12 pm Open Door Lunch here!	21	22	23
24 9 am S.S. Choir 10 am Worship 6:45 p.m. <i>Thanksgiving Worship- Scand</i>	25	26 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes	27	28 Thanksgiving Day 	29	30

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POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:

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Lord, we thank Thee for the pleasure
That our happy lifetime gives
For the boundless worth and treasure
Of a soul that ever lives;
Mind that looks before and after,
Lifting eyes to things above;
Human tears and human laughter,
And the depths of human love.



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