



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

January 2014

A Tribute

My friend, Ted Hoepfner died last month. He was a colorful, familiar presence in Ephraim for many years. He served as Village Clerk, our Choir Director, a school teacher, hotel owner, actor in local productions, and had a mischievous streak.

By the time I met Ted in the Fall of 2010, he was confined to a wheelchair. He was profoundly disabled by a major stroke. He could do very little on his own, with the exception of reading and feeding himself. Although his mind was sharp, he had to formulate words in his head before he could express them. This led to periods of long silence.



Being a ‘rapid fire’ type of person, my first few attempts at conversation were rather one sided. After asking him how his day was, if I didn’t get a response, I’d feel the need to fill the empty space with the sounds of my incessant chatter.

I soon realized that this was beneficial to no one, and I began to change my approach, quieting myself to sit in silence with Ted. My efforts were richly rewarded. Sometimes, after about 15 minutes of silence, Ted would launch into a story. These stories, all true, were hilarious. We’d spend that time reeling with laughter. After a wonderful hour of conversation, we’d close in prayer and he’d gallantly kiss my hand. After the first year of our friendship, he added the words, ‘I love you, dear.’ That meant the world to me, because I knew he meant it.

Ted left me a gift. It is the gift of silence. We are so uncomfortable with silence. We fill our space with background music, chatter, television, anything to drown out the silence. Yet silence is our friend. In silence we can listen to the voice of God. In our silence we can give someone the opportunity to be truly heard. This year, let’s develop the habit of being silent, so that God and those around us, can be heard. - 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.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24, 2013 ~ 5 p.m.

**Watchnight Service
December 31, 2013 ~ 11:15 p.m. to midnight
followed by a pancake breakfast!
Come pick your "watchword"
for 2014**



Christian Sympathies to the family and friends of Ted Hoepfner, who passed away at the age of 94 on Nov. 30. A service to celebrate his life will be held in late spring.

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Sympathies to Janet Halverson on the passing of husband Dick, who was buried in our cemetery on Dec. 18. They owned the gift shop The Turtle for many years in Ephraim.

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Doris Price's memorial service will be on Saturday, January 18 at 2 p.m. here in our sanctuary.

EMC Services this month

**January 5 - 9:15 Sunday School,
10 a.m. Worship - Communion**

**January 12 - 9:15 Sunday School,
10 a.m. Worship - Joyful Noise offering**

**January 19 - 9:15 Sunday School,
10 a.m. Worship**

**January 26 - 9:15 Sunday School,
10 a.m. Worship**

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

Natalie Neddersen President:
854-2121

Funds: Investment Committee

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Kay Wilson 854-4612

Cemetery

Natalie Neddersen 854-2121

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421-2553

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839-2902

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854-9253

Paul Flottman 854-4780

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



FREE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES from both
Sister Bay Moravian Church and
Ephraim Moravian:

Sister Bay - January 8 (second Wed.)

**Third Wednesday, Ephraim
January 15, noon**

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**Congratulations to  
G.G. Paschke,**  
who has served as the Women's Fellowship  
Treasurer  
for 34 years and is retiring from that position.

At the annual Christmas luncheon,  
the women gave her a gift card to  
The Orchards so that she can pursue her  
passion for golf.



## **HELP WANTED**

Bob Volpe will be spearheading the Watchnight Pancake Breakfast at midnight  
on January 1, 2014 and is looking for

- (1) A few people to help set up, serve, clean up at the breakfast, and
- (2) Someone to bake a Moravian sugar cake.

*See Bob if you can help!*

**CHURCH COUNCIL will be Wednesday, January 22, 2014  
Potluck at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.**

If you are head of anything in the church (you know who you are - Trustees,  
Elders, Choir, Sunday School, EM Women, Caring Hands, etc.), you need to get  
your annual report to the church office no later than Thursday, January 10,  
so we have time to prepare the packets.

*Thank you!!*





*Moravian Epiphany Lovefeast  
Divine Word Pentecost Lutheran Church!  
55<sup>th</sup> & Lloyd Streets, Milwaukee  
(5505 W. Lloyd Street)*

Join us for an afternoon of Inspirational Music,  
Message and Fellowship!

**Sunday, January 5, 2014 at 4 p.m.  
Supper following the Service**

Your help is needed!

If you can help in any of these ways please contact us at  
[worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org) or  
call Pastor Dawn Volpe at 920-421-4042

Lovefeast Servers... Lovefeast bun makers! ...Brass Musicians

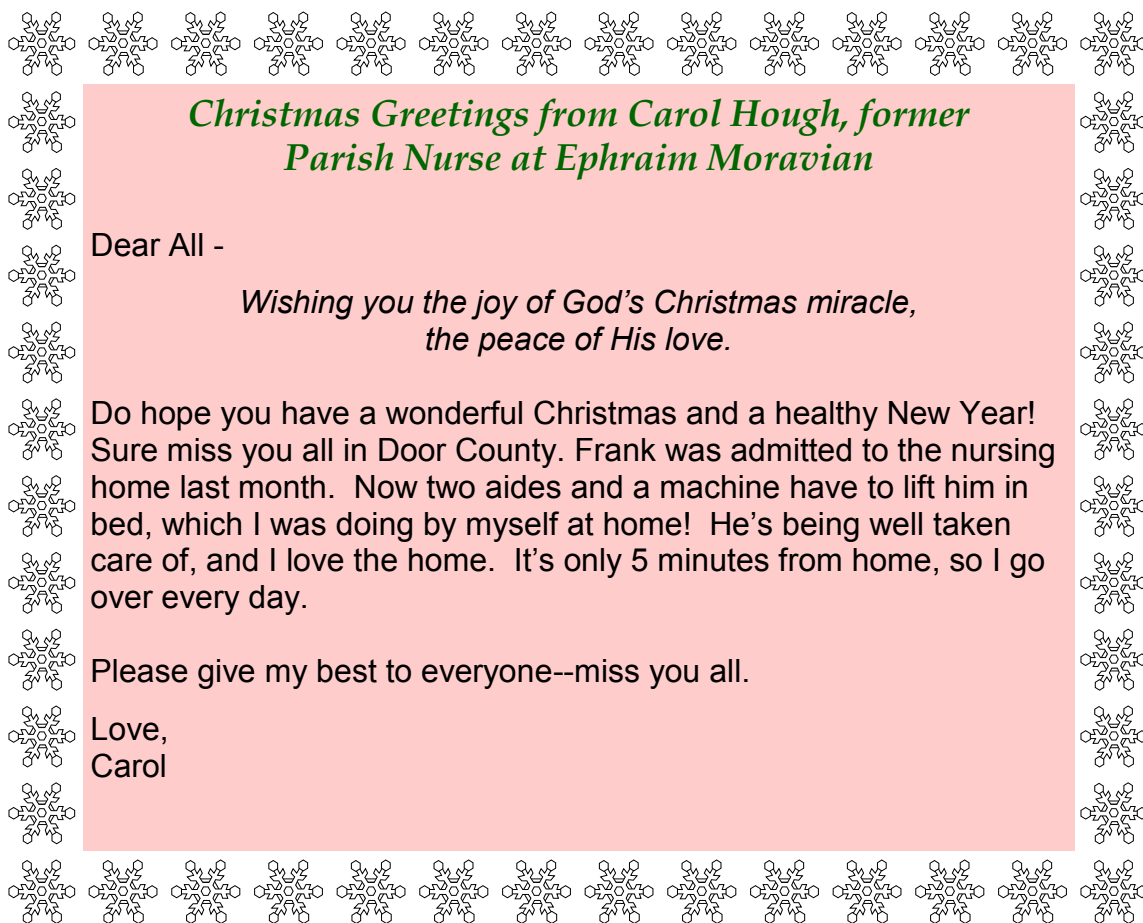
**Those going for the Milwaukee service: we will have a brief  
lunch after church and carpool from here to Milwaukee.**



Christian Unity Service  
Sunday  
January 19, 2014  
2:00 p.m.  
Stella Maris- Sister Bay  
(St. Rosalia's)

Join us for wonderful service of music from the faith traditions of Door County, scripture, an inspirational message and a rousing rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In." An offering will be taken for Philippine relief efforts. After the service, we will enjoy refreshments and discover which church has earned the coveted "Uni-Award". This award is given to the church which has the highest percentage of their members in attendance. Mark your calendars to join your voices as we celebrate our Unity in Christ!

**Need TWO Volunteers to bring refreshments for the service - see Pastor Dawn!**



### **Our members, far and wide this Christmas season**

Merry Christmas from **Jim and Cathy Gelhaar**! Cathy is well, they are both doing great. They will be spending Christmas in Vero Beach with their daughter's family.

**Toby Wilson** says "I hear it's very cold in Door County, but I'll bet it's very beautiful. Here in Asheville, N.C., it's gotten down in the mid-20s at night. This weekend we'll have lots of rain. At least you don't have to scrape rain off your car windows! Blessings and good health to everyone. Love & prayers."

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**The new Hernnhut Choir from St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands  
is coming to Ephraim!**

**They'll be in concert at our church on July 20 at 7 p.m. and  
at the Anderson Docks-ology Wednesday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m.**

## Trea\$urer'\$ Report

### Through November of 2013:

Income - Budget of \$151,425 - actual through November: \$167,993

Expenses - Budget of \$159,914 - actual through November: \$141,858

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The Moravian Open Door in New York City has 41 single- and double-bed rooms and provides housing and supportive services to New York's homeless, depressed, and underserved older population. They receive no city or Federal funding and rely on church and private donations. The program works to restore dignity, rebuild lives towards independence, and graduate to permanent housing. The Open Door works with 10 other organizations in New York to give life skills and offer job search assistance.

If you would like to donate to this wonderful program, go to

<http://www.moravianhouse.org/donate.html>

or send to Moravian Open Door, Inc.
347 East 18 Street
New York, NY 10003

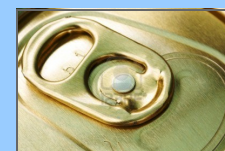


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94 cents of each dollar donated goes to the clients of Open Door.

"Pull Together" Campaign!

We have a basket by the lower bulletin board for you to bring in your **pull-tops** from cans of soda, water, etc. The Ronald McDonald House can turn them into cash to support their care-giving homes for families of cancer patients.



Piggly Wiggly Receipts

We have had a box in our Fellowship Hall where receipts from The Pig can be dropped, and Kaye Maher has been sending them in for some very nice financial returns. It appears certain that The Pig is going to drop the program at year's end. Manager Jay says they are meeting tomorrow to determine other ways to donate to those non-profits who have been participating, but not through the receipt program. So you can officially recycle your receipts, and we'll keep you up-to-date on what their plans may be.

...COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS..... COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS... COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS...

Sister Bay Moravian Church's Community Lunch will be held at noon on **Wednesday, January 8** (the second Wednesday this month, since the first Wednesday is New Year's Day).



Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry continues its Community Health Information Programs with an upcoming series of two presentations on the **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act** (Health Care Reform) to be held on **Sunday, January 26th, and Sunday, February 9th**, both at 4:00 pm at First Baptist Church, Sister Bay.

The status quo of health insurance and health care in America is changing. The driving force behind much of this change is health care reform. While much has been written and spoken about it, the truth remains that many of us are still unclear about what health care reform changes will mean for us. Now is the time to come and hear about the Affordable Care Act from a panel of local experts and have the opportunity to ask the questions that for you remain unanswered.

- * Health Care reform
- * the Affordable Care Act
- * its cost and how it is funded
- *Goals of reform.

Also, don't forget that Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry also offers **free blood pressure screenings twice a month** at:

- >> The Northern YMCA in Fish Creek on the second Tuesday of the month from 8:15 am to 10:15 am
- >> The monthly Loaves & Fishes Meal held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at St. Rosalia Church - Stella Maris Parish in Sister Bay beginning at 5:00 pm

Men's Retreat at Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center - February 28 through March 2, 2014, sponsored by the Men's Fellowship of the Lake Mills Moravian Church. The theme is "Faith Shapers" and discussions will be facilitated by the Rev. Wayne Adcock, Presbyterian Pastor from North Lake, WI. Registration form on the upper bulletin board.

Mid-Winter Retreat for 9th grade through post high, age 21 - at Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church from Friday, January 31 through Sunday, February 2, 2014. Information and registration form on upper bulletin board.



Thank you...

...to those who offered Fellowship after church in December: Mary Wilson, Hedy Heise, Judy Flottman, Kay Wilson

...to Sue and Steve Sherman for spearheading our December Open Door Lunch and to their secret helpers

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

...to Paul Burton for installing our new driveway mirror to make us all safer!

January Birthdays



Hugh Mulliken...1
Kristin Wilson...2
Bob Volpe...7
Karen Ekberg...14
John Cox...17
James Nelson...19
Hedy Heise...22
Robert Yeomans...30

January Anniversaries

Liz and Bob Schroeder – January 12, 1951
Anne and Larry Crowe - January 16, 1988

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.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

BOB YEOMAN's 95th Birthday Party

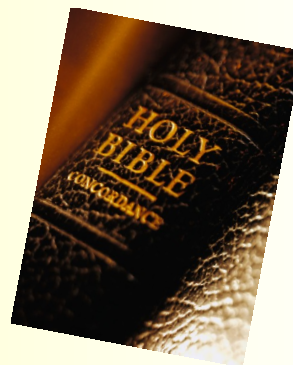


Thursday, January 30 - 2 p.m.
Chapel at Scand

Come Celebrate Bob!



Bible Study begins Friday, January 10 at 10 a.m. and will run every Friday through February 21



Pastor Dawn welcomes subjects/ questions for our new study. See her if you have some ideas!

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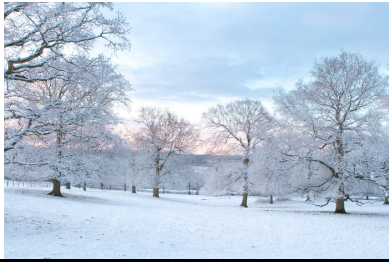
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January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2 AA meeting 7 p.m.	3 OA meeting 9 a.m. parlor	4
5 9 am S.S. 10 am service Communion 4 p.m. Divine Word service	6	7 5 p.m. Elders	8 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 12 noon - Lunch/Sister Bay Moravian	9 1 p.m. Trustees AA meeting 7 p.m.	10 OA meeting 9 a.m. parlor 10 a.m. Bible Study	11
12 9 a.m. S.S. 10 a.m. Service - Joyful Noise	13	14	15 12 noon - Open Door Luncheon	16 AA meeting 7 p.m. Mothers' nursing mtg 7:30 p.m.	17 OA meeting 9 a.m. parlor 10 a.m. Bible Study	18 2 p.m. Doris Price Memorial Service
19 9 a.m. S.S. 10 a.m. Service 2 p.m. Unity Service, St. Rosalia's	20	21	22 6 p.m. Potluck 7 p.m. Church Council	23 AA meeting 7 p.m.	24 OA meeting 9 a.m. parlor 10 a.m. Bible Study	25
26	27	28 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes - St. Rosalia's	29	30 2 p.m. Bob Yeoman's 95th Birthday party/Scand AA meeting 7 p.m.	31 OA meeting 9 a.m. parlor 10 a.m. Bible Study	

