

Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

"In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love"

Congregational Watchword for 2014

"May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15: 5-6

April 2014

(Kerry Krauss delivered an inspirational message to our congregation concerning the work of Habitat for Humanity. The highlights are below. Inside this newsletter, you will find practical ways to assist in this ministry!)

The Theology of the Hammer & The Economics of Jesus - (Ephesians 2.17-22)

When I was growing up, my family didn't believe in home ownership. As a result we rented—first apartments, then homes. My family and I moved 5 times in 14 years moving around to find something bigger, something cheaper, something better. The ironic part is that in all but one move, the places were within walking distance of each other. I didn't know it then, but the reason we rented was because we simply couldn't afford a 'real' house.

Habitat for Humanity has dedicated itself to helping families like mine...to help families acquire and own decent and affordable housing. In Door County Habitat for Humanity has partnered with 36 families to build decent, affordable housing. Those 36 families include 84 children who no longer have to move from house to house looking for something bigger, something cheaper, something better.

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian ministry. It centers on the theology of the hammer...where doctrine divides, the hammer unites. Where theological arguments often arise whenever two or three are gathered together, picking up a hammer and building a home unites us. Habitat does not give out free homes. This is not a hand out, this is a 'hand up'. Partners apply for a home and are accepted based on 3 criteria: Need, Ability to Pay, Willingness to Partner. Partners borrow money from Habitat and pay the loan back over the course of 15-30 years...as with a traditional mortgage. Adult partners are also required to put in 200 hours of sweat equity into their home.

We call this the economics of Jesus...the loans are 0% interest. We are also a far more lenient mortgage holder than a traditional bank. Our goal is to allow families to work hard and succeed in home ownership. In 20 years, the Door County Habitat for Humanity has foreclosed on one home. We consider that success.

For 2014 one Habitat for Humanity home will be built in Egg Harbor, partnering with Panfila Jauregui, with her three children, currently live in a trailer. Our by-laws stipulate that we have 75% of the total cost of the house before we can build. We are encouraged and hopeful that we will have the money necessary to break ground next month.

In Ephesians, Paul is rallying the community. He recognized their differences, yet implored them to unity. Paul uses the metaphor of a building to demonstrate the urgency of their unity. He tells them that they have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone. More importantly, Paul tells the Ephesians that they are a structure that has been joined together and built to be a dwelling place for God.

It is not magic. It is not mysterious. It is quite simple, in reality. They are the bricks and mortar, they are the wood and the nails, they are the siding and the shingles for what God is building.

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.

NOTE that the Pastor will be on vacation the week after Easter. If you have concerns during that time, please call one of the Elders listed below.

A note from Bernice Koehler...

"I wish to thank all the Ephraim Moravian Women for the beautiful bouquet of flowers you sent in honor of my son, David, when he passed away in February.

Also, thank you for all the prayers and thoughts, cards, Phone calls and food. Everyone has been so kind to my family. I will never forget it.

Love,
Bernice"



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Elder for the month of:

April.....Shelley Cox

Services in April

April 2 - 6:45 p.m. hymn sing, 7 p.m. Lenten service, The Meadows at Scand

April 6 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Communion

April 9 - 6:45 p.m. hymn sing, 7 p.m. Lenten service, The Meadows at Scand

April 13 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship & Joyful Noise Offering - Secret Santa

April 14-18 - Holy Week Readings (Wed.-Thurs. 7 p.m., Good Friday 2 p.m.) - Sister Bay Moravian

April 20 - 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, breakfast following, 10 a.m. Worship

April 27 - 10 a.m. Worship

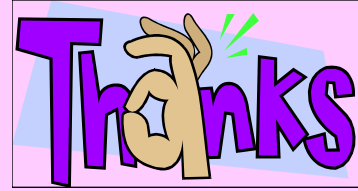
Thank you...

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in March: Betty Ann Knudson and the Sokolowskis, Sue Sherman, the Moores and Biermans, Angela & Ryan Sherman, and Mary Wilson

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

.....to those who are still plowing, sanding, shoveling and salting!

.....to our March Open-Door Luncheon Crew: Sue & Steve Sherman and family, Debbie & Ron Harmer



Hi EMC Friends,

Paul and I are wondering if anyone over there is interested in doing a joint "SUMMER" community lunch with us over here at SBMC, on a first Wednesday in June, July, August or September?! We would need 3 or 4 of you to help and YOU pick the month!!

We sure would like to work with you guys on this together. So let us know if this works for any of you. Our phone is 854-0007 or e-mail palubahn@yahoo.com.

**Your friends for Christ,
Cheryl and Paul Lubahn**



Now that the remodeling of the church is completed, it's time to put the Parlor back together. The Historical Committee has been at work in this catch-all and storage area. There are several items that we no longer need, and it is our hope that the people who kindly loaned--or gave--these things might like to reclaim them.

Unfortunately, we have no record of the donors, so if you recognize any of these items, please call or email the church to tell us of your wishes: how to return the items to the rightful owner, or give them away. Whether you want these items back or not, please call or email the church so that we know exactly how to take care of each item:

1. A large round table, very sturdy and heavy. It has a Formica top and chrome legs. (It can be taken apart for removal).
2. A short stained wooden bench, approximately 4 feet long.
3. A sewing machine in a maple cabinet. It dates from approximately 1947.
4. A wall clock, made by George de Fore.
5. Two glass-topped stained wooden end tables. The legs are fashioned to resemble bamboo.
6. Two brass table lamps.
7. A framed painting of Sir Wilfred Grenfel, who ministered in Labrador. It is signed by the artist.
8. A framed watercolor print of the Winston Salem home church.
9. A stained glass piece, approximately 8-10 inches square:
10. A plant stand, approximately 4 feet tall, wood and in need of re-staining.



SAVE THE DATE

The Cemetery Theater Games are coming! For all those who participate as a portrayer of one of our "Dearly Departed," for those who may someday want to portray an Ephraim legend, or anyone who wants to learn more about acting in a fun and entertaining way. Here in the Fellowship Hall on May 14, at 1:30 p.m.



***September 8 is the Cemetery Walk!
Dearly Departed Portrayals this year:***

Laura Iverson (1824-1893) - Fran Burton
Andreas Iverson (1823-1907) - Paul Burton
Ann Pettersen (1859-1924) - Karen Ekberg
Katrina Oneson (1813-1903) - Ruth Oneson Mienke
Harold Wilson (1800-1987) - Max Szczepanski
Dena Knudson (1881-1963) - Linda Carey
Ole Larson (1806-1871) - Niles Weborg



It's Easter Flower time--Deadline SOON!

Once again the spring flowers will be \$18 per pot, checks payable to Ephraim Moravian Church, and you can pick up your flowers after display through Easter. Deadline for ordering is April 8.

Name _____

\$_____ enclosed

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____



The Door County program **BRIDGES** needs volunteers for the following:



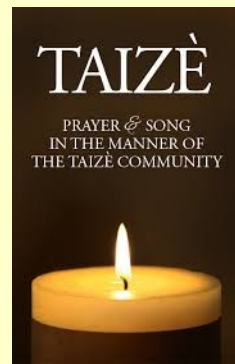
Conversational English class coordinator to oversee the ESL program for international students. Students arrive with reasonably good English. Grammar and pronunciation are not always correct. Conversational classes give students practice in using their new language. About a dozen facilitators help in the actual classes. Lessons are available, if necessary. Classes meet every Thursday from 9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. June and July.

Transportation coordinator to receive phone requests from students for transportation to **BRIDGES** events, then call volunteer drivers to pick the students up. Must be available on alternate Tuesday afternoons for requests for rides to events. Fewer calls are received on Thursdays for English class. **BRIDGES** cell phone provided. Ideal for home-bound person without hearing impairment. May 27 through Sept. 23.

Call Dave or Joyce Detert at (920) 743-4930 if prompted by God and interested in enabling international students to hear about Jesus and what a difference He can make in their life.

TAIZE SERVICE

PRAYER



On Tuesday, April 1, after you VOTE in the Spring Election, come to the Stella Maris parish in Sister Bay and attend the Taizé-Prayer Service at 3 p.m.

The Taizé community was born out of a vision by Brother Roger in 1940 to create a space for people to find God in the midst of brokenness. Hence, the name of the church in Taizé is the “Church of Reconciliation.” Besides the 100 permanent members of the Taizé community, there are currently over 100,000 visitors to Taizé, France, annually. The Taizé community is also ecumenical in nature – meaning that it includes people from a variety of Christian denominations. They have had a major impact in the area of prayer and worship.



Ladies, you are invited to a High Tea in honor of our Mothers

Wednesday, May 14 , 1-3 p.m.



Wear or bring an item of your mother's, along with a few stories of her to share at your table. Tickets are \$12 each, with all proceeds to the single mother of three children whose Habitat house is being built in Egg Harbor. Pay at the door, but please RSVP by Friday, May 9 to 854-2804 to reserve your spot. (or email us at worship@ephraimmoravian.org). Seating is limited, so get your reservation in early! When you reserve, please provide your mother's full name.



For all who have been asking “when is Door County going to have another recycling day for paint/prescription drugs, appliances...?”

There is an...

...Earth Day Recycling Extravaganza

FREE to all Door County Residents

on April 22 from noon to 5 p.m.

Sunset Park, Sturgeon Bay

They will be accepting electronics, water-based paint, select appliances, expired fire extinguishers and flares, DVDs, CDs, prescription drugs, glasses and sunglasses, cell phones, printer cartridges, shoes and denim.

Contact Habitat's ReStore for restrictions and details on recyclable items:
920-743-2869.



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Spirit of Peace Church
Milwaukee
Anderson Docks-ology
July 16, 7:30 p.m.

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**New Herrnhut**  
**Moravian Church Choir**  
**from**  
**St. Thomas, V.I.**  
**Concert here July 20,**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Anderson Docks-ology**  
**on July 23, 7:30 p.m.**



**Trea\$urer'\$ Report**

Through February 2014

Income: \$21,768 - Budget is \$148,250 (14.7%)  
Expenses: \$28,876 - Budget is \$173,444 (16.6%)  
(annual request for earnings from Moravian Fund not yet made)

Member & Visitor giving through February is \$19,179 this year  
In 2013, giving through February was \$15,940

## April Birthdays

Oops - March 24 was Ellie McCullin's!

Katharine Koehler...7  
Amanda Carlson...12  
Ryan Sherman ....13  
Glenn Gerdman....19  
Kay Wilson.....27  
George Carey.....30

## April Anniversaries

Betty and Bob Anderson - April 12, 1969  
Diane and Larry Jacobson – April 28, 1979

**WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT** There will be a retreat for Sister Bay and Ephraim Moravian Churches' women, May 28th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with lunch, at the Ellison Bay Community Park Clubhouse. The speaker will be Yelone Clague from Sister Bay, and her theme will be, "Never Too Late For Restoration!":

- Broken things can be fixed, including your heart. Nehemiah 1:1-11.2.
- We can do this! A lesson courage and confidence. Nehemiah 2:1-20
- Remembering the past and renewal for the present. Nehemiah 9 and 10

Stay tuned for more information from Beth Ferris at Sister Bay Moravian.



## Join us for a Moravian-Lutheran Lovefeast!

The Moravian churches of Wisconsin will join with Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church\* in Milwaukee for a May 4 celebration

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Lovefeast/Worship

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Open Mic

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner hosted by Spirit of Peace

Inspirational message, wonderful music

Spirit of Peace invites all musicians to participate (brass instruments specifically for the Lovefeast service, any instrument for the open mic).

Spirit of Peace - 5505 W. Lloyd Street at 55th, Milwaukee

We will carpool and leave the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. after church, returning the same evening. Speak to Pastor Dawn if you are interested in joining us!

\* (Divine Word Pentecost has adopted a new name for their blended church)





# April 2014

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| Sunday                                                                      | Monday                                                                     | Tuesday                                                                                  | Wednesday                                                                                              | Thursday                                                                                  | Friday                                                                  | Saturday |
|                                                                             |                                                                            | 1<br>3 p.m.<br>Taize Prayer<br>Service at<br>St. Rosalia's                               | 2<br>Noon – Sister<br>Bay Luncheon<br>6:45 hymn<br>sing, 7 pm<br>Service/<br>Scand                     | 3<br>7 p.m.<br>AA meeting                                                                 | 4<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA meeting                                            | 5        |
| 6<br>9 a.m. Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m. Wor-<br>ship<br>Communion           | 7                                                                          | 8                                                                                        | 9<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Caring Hands<br>1 p.m. Trus-<br>tees<br>6:45 hymn<br>sing, 7 pm<br>Service/<br>Scand | 10<br>7 p.m.<br>AA meeting                                                                | 11<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA meeting                                           | 12       |
| 13<br>9 a.m. Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m. Wor-<br>ship<br>Joyful Noise       | 14<br>7 p.m.<br>Holy Week<br>Readings<br><br>(All Holy<br>Week<br>Services | 15<br>1 p.m. Elders<br>7 p.m.<br>Holy Week<br>Readings<br><br>at Sister Bay<br>Moravian) | 16<br><a href="#">Noon – Open<br/>Door Lunch</a><br><br>7 p.m.<br>Holy Week<br>Readings                | 17<br>7 p.m.<br>AA meeting<br>Mothers' mtg<br>Nursery 7:30<br><br>7 pm Maundy<br>Thursday | 18<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA meeting<br><br>2 p.m. Good<br>Friday read-<br>ing | 19       |
| 20<br>7 a.m. Sunrise<br>Service<br>Breakfast !<br>10 a.m. Easter<br>Service | 21<br><br>-----                                                            | 22<br>5 p.m.<br>Loaves &<br>Fishes at<br>St. Rosalia's<br><br><i>Pastor Dawn</i>         | 23<br><br><i>on vacation --</i>                                                                        | 24<br>7 p.m.<br>AA meeting<br><br>-----                                                   | 25<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA meeting<br><br>-----                              | 26       |
| 27<br>9 a.m. Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m. Wor-<br>ship                       | 28                                                                         | 29                                                                                       | 30                                                                                                     |                                                                                           |                                                                         |          |
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## April 2014 Newsletter



So where are  
our flowers???

Spring is here!  
Isn't it?

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