

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

May 2014

“Don’t Die before You’re Dead”

(Adapted from a recent sermon based on Ezekiel 37- The Valley of Dry Bones)

The people to whom the prophet Ezekiel spoke had died before they were dead. Their homeland was destroyed. The temple, which was the center of their lives, lay in ruins. This temple was not only a beautiful edifice, it was the place where the very presence of God resided. They were forced to live in exile, in a foreign land, away from all that was familiar to them. It’s no wonder they were dead before they died!

Living in this hopeless time was a young prophet, Ezekiel. He did not aspire to be God’s mouthpiece. God’s spirit would take hold of Ezekiel, show him a fantastic vision and tell him to preach it! One day, God’s spirit picked Ezekiel up and placed him in the middle of a field full of dry bones. In the vision he was told to speak to the bones. After Ezekiel obeyed God, he saw the bones reconstitute into living, breathing people! Here’s the message God spoke to the people: “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost, we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves O my people.” (Ezekiel 37:11-12)

God’s message to them was “I’m not finished with you yet.” It was in the exile that much of the Old Testament was written. It was in the exile that the people understood that the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob was the God of the Universe. It was in the exile that the hope of resurrection was born.

People of God, don’t die before you’re dead! As I write this, it seems as if winter will last forever in Door County. It’s still snowing and gray in mid-April. Some of us act as if winter will never end and we wrap ourselves up in its gloom. But God is not finished with us. God’s animating spirit is at work today. Don’t die before you’re dead! If we’ve given up on a relationship, pronouncing it dead, God says, don’t give up. If we’ve given up on ourselves, our bodies, our circumstances, God says, ‘don’t die before you’re dead’, I am not through, I will give you life.’ God promises the same power of resurrection which brought Jesus back to life: “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies.” Romans 8:11

People of God, Spring will come, life is here, now. Don’t die before you’re dead!

--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.

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.

COMING UP AT EPHRAIM MORAVIAN:

Bible Study begins again on Fridays at 10 a.m.
May 2 through June 6 (no class on May 23)

“What in Heaven’s Name is a Moravian??”

When people ask, “What’s a Moravian?”
what do you say?

This course will help us figure out who we are
so we can tell others!



In July: The addition of 8 a.m. shortened
services each Sunday so those who cannot
attend 10 a.m. due to work or other
commitments can still come to church.

Sunday, July 20 - New Herrnhut Moravian
Church, St. Thomas, Choir Concert!

Services in May

May 4 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship;
3:30 p.m. service in Milwaukee

May 11 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, Joyful Noise for Loaves &
Fishes

May 18 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship

May 25 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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Elder for the month of:

May...Cici Mulliken

Thank you...

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in April:

Barbara Classen, Ellie McCullin, Diane Jacobson, Cici Mulliken

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

.....to our April Open-Door Luncheon Crew: Cici Mulliken, Gunilla Wilson, Mary Wilson



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



Spring into Summer! *FREE* Continental Breakfast, Moravian Style (Moravian sugar cake, Lovefeast buns, coffee, juice)



Sat., May 24, 2014

8 a.m. to noon

At Ephraim Moravian Church

Plant Sale!

Bake Sale!

Vicki Maynard will be leaving empty pots & plant markers in back of the church for you to fill with any overflow plants you may have for the sale. Can you bake some Moravian treats for the Continental Breakfast, or some breads/rolls/cakes/especially Moravian goodies for the bake sale?

Willing to help with the sale itself?

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



The Cemetery Theater Games are coming! For all those who participate as a portrayer of one of our “Dearly Departed,” or for those who may someday want to portray an Ephraim legend, learn in a fun and entertaining way.

**Here in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 15,
at 1:30 p.m.**



Trea\$urer's Report

Through March 2014

Income: - \$32,888 - Budget is \$148,250 (22.2%)
Expenses: - \$48,433 - Budget is \$173,444 (27.9%)

Winter is always a little lower on income vs. expenses, but we'll catch up pretty soon.

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Take a look at the information below to see where your yearly giving to the church falls. This is a study of member family giving for 2013:

Zero \$ for the year: 25 (includes ten adult children beyond college age and four still in college)

Less than \$100/year	3
\$100-\$200	5
\$200-\$300	8
\$300-\$500	4
\$500-\$700	8
\$700 - \$1,000	3
\$1,000 - \$2,000	19
\$2,000 - \$3,000	9
\$3,000 - \$5,000	4
\$5,000 - \$8,000	2
More than \$8,000	1

Total of 91 family units are represented above; of the ten adult children noted who are now working, six live in Door County at least half the year.

Of those who give minimally, 31 families (30%) gives less than \$20/week.

Another 21% give between \$20-\$58 per week.

Our top 3 givers give between \$116 and \$282 per week.

NEWS FROM DOOR COUNTY'S BRIDGES PROGRAM

Thank God for –

Jane Olson accepting the position of **ESL Coordinator** for the ESL classes, and for the very real possibility that Jennifer Jacobs will be working alongside her.

The **phenomenal IT team** God provided in Carol Mooney, Dave Eash, and Dave Shepherd, to computerize the **BRIDGES** registration for events, bikes, ESL, and the American Connection. Check it out at www.dcbbridges.org.

A **fun day at the Y** with Jodi Littler and winter **BRIDGES students from Thailand** who had lots of fun and were thrilled to see their flag.

Pray for –

The **students in Ukraine, Russia, Moldova and Estonia** whose summer plans may be adversely affected by current events in Ukraine. Pray for God's protection, for the aggression to stop, for viable diplomatic resolution to the takeover, and the cessation of violence.

Students who want to come to Door County this summer to **be able to get their J-1 Visas**.

The **fine-tuning of the ESL curriculum**, with modest changes and adaptations and a bit of new material.

Call Dave or Joyce Detert at (920) 743-4930 if you are interested in learning more about the Bridges program in Door County.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 17

8:00 a.m. to noon (or earlier if we finish!)

Great Lunch Provided!



The snow will probably be gone by May 17, so bring your cleaning supplies (rags, buckets, hand

vacuums, rakes, clippers, etc.) and join your church family in sprucing up our grounds and interior for the season. The sign-up sheet is on the upper bulletin board--you can sign up for May 17 or another day if you can't make it on May 17.



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 your name tag.



Our Habitat for Humanity challenge campaign was a big success!

So far we have been able to donate \$4,168 to the building of the new house in Egg Harbor for Panfila Jauregui and her three kids, including our \$2,000 matching amount. There are still envelopes on both bulletin boards if you would like to donate to Habitat toward this home.

Mt. Morris Celebrates 50 Years

A word of celebration from Mt. Morris:

“The purchase of 163 acres of farmland in central Wisconsin just south of Mount Morris became the first part of a dream fulfilled. With the drawing of a Master Plan in the late 1960’s and three district-wide financial campaigns later, the Moravian Church Western District now operates a full service camp and conference center with an impacting ministry for children, youth and adults that is embodied in the camp’s mission statement and beyond.



Mt. Morris hosts not only camps sponsored by the Western District Camping Ministry Committee but also camps from other churches and organizations, retreats, conferences, and special events. To celebrate these 50 years of service, the Mt. Morris Board of Directors and staff are planning an event Saturday, August 9 to commemorate this milestone. Specifics are developing but there is consensus that we will have a luncheon/picnic as well as activities, sharing of stories and pictures, and a time of worship to thank God for directing the ministry of Mt. Morris.”

Stay tuned!

May Birthdays

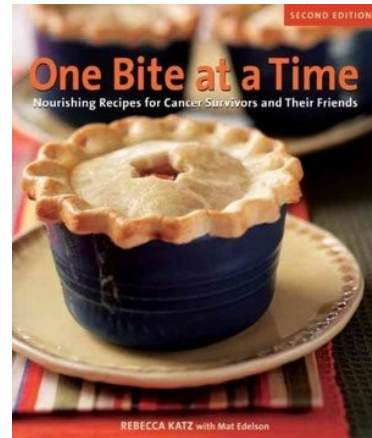
Jody Paschke...2	Pieta Horvath...18
Gunilla Wilson...3	Tiffany Ann Opitz 18
Monica Curiel (custodian)... 4	Anne Spooner Crowe.. 19
Elli Opitz...6	David Sohns...21
Cindy Phillips...11	Nicolai Carlson...23
Dave Chomeau - 11	Earl Lorenz....23
Arnold Sohns...13	Elaine Jacobson...26
Doug Schultz...14	Patti Bennett...30

May Anniversaries

Tim and Kristi Nelson – May 6, 1989
Judy and Paul Flottman – May 25, 1974

Erin and Brent Bristol – May 28, 2011

If you or loved ones have ever been on chemotherapy, you know that food can taste different--tomato sauces may taste metallic, other foods just lose their flavor. Natalie Neddersen is donating a book to our church library that gives some great recipe for just this problem:



The author says, "Try tricking your taste buds. Use new flavors and spices, so there's no expectation of how foods should taste. "Give your taste buds a "passport for world-wide travel," to countries like Thailand, Latin America, Spain and Morocco. Introduce new spices like cumin, cinnamon, coriander, and all of a sudden your taste buds are tickled instead of drab....If water or food tastes like metal. add a little acid, like the type found in lemons, limes and oranges. If you feel like you are eating cardboard, add salt." She suggests the healthiest fats, like olive oil, coconut oil, nuts and seeds. Fat is a natural flavor carrier. "Fat is like a magic carpet traversing back and forth across your palate, delivering tastes," she says.

An article about the book can be found here:

<http://www.npr.org/2014/04/07/295800503/chemo-can-make-food-taste-like-metal-heres-help>

If you need some suggestions on making food for someone who's going through treatment, just check our library! Thanks, Natalie!

Coming on Friday, June 27 at 7 p.m. - Moravian Music Concert

Favorite Moravian Anthems, Old and New

With the united choirs of
Ephraim Moravian, Sister Bay Moravian, and
Sturgeon Bay Moravian churches

Free will donation for the GAPS Community Projects of Downey Moravian Church, Downey, CA:

Twice weekly they redistribute rescued food (fresh, healthy food which would have otherwise been discarded) to local families. They also use it to prepare our free, healthy Open Table meal every Thursday. They host a weekly Art Night, a time when older teens and adults are welcome to join us at the GAPS house in any number of projects. The little ones in our community are invited to explore their own creativity with us during our weekly MorArt 'n Music Class. They help lead Downey Counts, an initiative to identify homeless neighbors, assess their needs and get them housed.

Please keep the following members/friends of our congregation in your prayers:

- Jim Cushing, who is experiencing serious heart problems
- Bob and Karen Ekberg, as Bob continues chemo treatments
- Bernice Koehler, recovering and rehabbing from knee surgery at Scand
- Betty Overbeck, recovering from knee surgery in Sturgeon Bay
- Bob Yeomans and Marjorie Harmer, residing in the Scand Care Center

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!" based on passages from Nehemiah:

- 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

We can learn how to discover principles that will guide us in our own lives. If we want to succeed, let's bring God into what we want to accomplish and experience His reward.

There will be a sign-up sheet in our Fellowship Hall if you would like to attend this Retreat; please sign up by May 21. The cost is \$15, which includes a boxed lunch from Mink River Basin. You can call Sue Raye Hughes (839-9247) or Beth Farris (before May 10, 239-543-6295, or after May 19 at 839-9648) for more information. Want to hear more from Yelone? Email her at yclague@gmail.com.



**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)**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 p.m. AA meeting	2 8:30 a.m. OA meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study	3
4 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	5 6-10 pm – Pro Arte concert	6 5 p.m. Elders	7 Noon – Sister Bay Luncheon 1 p.m. Trustees	8 7 p.m. AA meeting	9 8:30 a.m. OA meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study	10
11 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Joyful Noise Mother's Day	12	13	14 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 12 noon - 1-3 p.m. High Tea in Tribute to our Mothers	15 Moravian ministers mtg 1:30 pm- Cemetery Theater Games 7 p.m. AA meeting 7:30 p.m. Mothers' mtg Nursery	16 8:30 a.m. OA meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study	17 Spring Clean-Up Day 8 a.m. to noon plus LUNCH
18 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Anniversary Lovefeast	19	20	21	22 7 p.m. AA meeting	23 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	24 Continental Breakfast, Plant & Bake Sale HERE 8 a.m. to noon
25 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	26 Memorial Day	27 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes at St. Rosalia's	28	29 7 p.m. AA meeting	30 8:30 a.m. OA meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study	31

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