

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

August 2014

From the Pastor’s Desk....

“Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.” - Romans 12: 10 - 12

I’ve often said that the gospel is not for wimps. These few verses in Romans are part of a long list of Christian duties. It is an example of the high, demanding burden placed on the Christian. A few weeks ago I spoke about a man who exemplified the Christian life that the book of Romans calls us to. His name was Clarence. By the time we met, Clarence and his wife had raised 6 children. I marveled at the influence Clarence had on his grown children. Whatever Clarence requested, the children did, even if they were not happy doing it. In their exasperation they coined a new word: ‘volunteer’ became ‘volun-told’! I must confess that I used this to my advantage. Anytime I had a need for workers in our church, I called Clarence. He would tell me not to worry, he would take care of it. The next day a very cranky member of his family would report for duty.

After Clarence’s death I learned the secret of his family’s loyalty and deference to his ‘requests’. Clarence loved his wife and children and made sure they knew it. If the kids were not living at home, he would call them EVERY day just to check in. He got on his knees daily to pray for his entire family. The family knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that they were the apple of Clarence’s eye. It’s no wonder, when Clarence ‘voluntold’ them for something, that they went willingly, even when they didn’t care for the assignment.

This is the same dynamic we have with God. When our eyes open with the morning light, it’s because God has called our names, to see another day. God’s love for us is evident in the beauty of creation, in the sacrifice of Jesus and in God’s daily presence. We don’t do all the things God wants us to do out of a sense of duty. We do it because Love constrains us. We are so loved, that when God calls, even to do things we’d rather not do... Love constrains us to give our all and our best.

In the month of July, a choir from the Virgin Islands arrived at their own expense at our request, so that we could bless Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church. Spirit of Peace works tirelessly to lift up those who are beaten down by life and circumstance. We all work together because we are constrained by Love; to do the bidding of the One who first loved us.

--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.

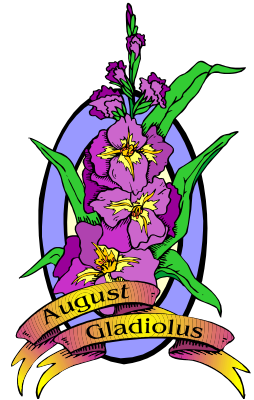
CELL NUMBER: 920-421-4042 The Church Phone does NOT ring in the parsonage. Please keep the Pastor's Cell Phone handy for after hours.



**Presenting
Theo Richard Sherman
Born July 1, 2014
6 lbs. 4 oz., 18 inches**

**Congratulations to
Angela and Ryan Sherman, Parents
Mylo Sherman, Big Brother
Sue and Steve Sherman, grandparents**

Theo's baptism will be September 21 !



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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Elder for the month of:

August - Paul Flottman

Sacristan for July and August -
Jim Gelhaar

Services in August

Aug 3 - 8 a.m. early-bird service, 9 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, 10 a.m. Worship

Aug 6 - Anderson Docks-ology, 7:30 p.m.

Aug 10- 8 a.m. early-bird service, (No Choir this week) 10 a.m. Worship, Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes

Aug 13 - Anderson Docks-ology, 7:30 p.m.

Aug 17 - 8 a.m. early-bird service, 9 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, 10 a.m. Worship- "Aug. 13 Communion"

Aug 20 - Anderson Docks-ology, 7:30 p.m.

Aug 24- 8 a.m. early-bird service, 9 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship

Aug 31- 8 a.m. early-bird service, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in July:
**Hedy Heise, Don & Donna Nelson, the Wilson family, all
Those who brought things for the picnic!**

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

.....to those who attended and helped at the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social & Silent auction! Special thanks to Wilson's Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlor for donating the ice cream, and to Piggly Wiggly for donating the toppings. Please thank them in person when you go into their establishments.

...to all those who donated their time while the New Herrnhut choir and Spirit of Peace members were in town--singing with them, driving them around, having them over for libations, and to Mitch Ciohon and Second Story Restaurants for setting regular business aside to make food for and host the group.



Debbie and I are in the final throes of thanking everyone who attended my mother's Memorial Service at Scandia Village on June 6, 2014. I would be remiss if I did not add a heartfelt "Thank You" to the Ephraim Moravian Church Family for all their prayers, love, and support during this difficult time in our family.

Thank you,
Ron and Debbie

Dear Church Family -

Thank you so much for your cards and your prayers over the past many weeks. Heart problems weren't on my agenda for this summer, which only goes to emphasize that the Lord is in control of all. Certainly not me!

I am continuing with tests and I hope to know something soon. For right now, it remains a salt-free diet, only mild exercise, no glass of wine with dinner, and "no stress, just rest"! You all are excused from sharing this "excitement" with me.

Again, thank you for your love and concern. I miss you all and hope to see you soon.

Peace, Love, Joy - Toby



SCAND needs some volunteers!

....garden care...

...lawn care...

...feeding residents...

If you can help, call 854-2317

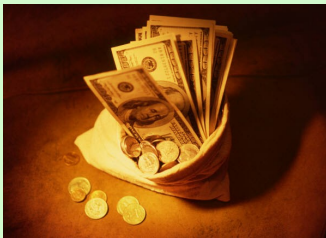
To my dear friends of the Moravian Church

Your kindness and generosity fills me and my family's hearts with joy. Your gifts of the beautiful quilt and \$450 will allow us to buy necessary things for our new house.

We are truly grateful to all of you who are helping to make our dreams come true.

With love and thanks,
Panfila Jauregui, Max Macias, Manny Macias, Tommy Macias

God bless you



Trea\$urer'\$ Report

Income: - - Budget is \$148,250; through June, \$70,367
Expenses: - Budget is \$173,444; through June, \$93,060

There may be a note in your newsletter if you get it via mail.
We are trying to get everyone on email for the newsletter, to cut costs for the church.



Theo Sherman's Baby Shower is October 2 after church!

Angela and Ryan say that they are using cloth diapers with Theo, but they could use some things that help augment that as well as their homemade baby wipes:

Bounty Paper Towels, select-a-size

California Baby Shampoo & Body Wash - Tea Tree & Lavender or Calendula

California Baby Massage Oil - Calming

Oxi-Clean FREE

Door County Creamery Goat Soap - Natural Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day Dish Soap,
Basil

Huggies Wipes- Natural Care

Huggies Diapers - Pure and natural, size 2 and up

They primarily shop at Target, so Target would have these items.



Did you ever notice that the oldest part of our cemetery is, well, less adorned than the newer portions?

People who died in the 1800s may not have relatives who are still here to put flowers or Christmas wreaths on their graves. Would you consider adopting a grave in the oldest section of the cemetery (nearest Willow Street and the stone entrance pillars)?

Real flowers or plants (either planted in the ground or in pots within 8" of the headstone) or in pots suspended from metal spikes that hold plants above ground (also must be within 8" of a headstone) are permitted. After November 1, evergreen or other natural material wreaths are permitted.

Celebrate our church family history-- a Groenfeldt, a Hansen, a Langhor or a Torgeson--by planting beautiful flowers by an older grave.

Please let Kathy Kirkland, our Cemetery Superintendent, know if you choose a spot to plant--ephkathy@charter.net.



Anderson Docks-ology Schedule Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Bring a chair or blanket for your comfort
Rain location: Village Hall, 9996 Hwy 42

August 6

**Dee Brestin, Christian speaker & writer
New Day Singers
(rain location: our church!)**

August 13

**Pastor Lloyd Michelson
Dave Olson, David Hatch, Lynn Gudmundsen**

August 20

**Reverend Kerry Krauss, Sister Bay Moravian
Katie Dahl, music**

Memorial Open House for Doris Price



at

**9889 Water Street (the Price Cottage)
this Friday, August 1,
from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**YES! For all you early birds,
the 8 a.m. Sunday services
will continue through August!**

**Real coffee and treats after
the service.**



August Birthdays

Betty Ann Knudson...5
Ava Neddersen ...9
Jackie Larson ...11
Lucille Sohns...12
Mary Koehler...13
Angela Sherman ...13
Scott Anderson...15
Kaye Maher...15
Mary Ann Schuder...15
Britta Jacobson...16
Gary Carlson...17
Arps Horvath...20
Marcia Dorfman - 22
Amanda Larson...24
Linda Lorenz...27
Joshua Opitz...28
Jody Thiell...28
Robert Volpe...31

August Anniversaries

Nancy & Tim Christofferson – August 5, 1972
Don and Donna Nelson – August 9, 1958
Marilyn and Jim Cushing – August 15, 1979
Karen and Bob Ekberg – August 19, 1987
Eunice and Ray Rutherford – August 28, 1955

FEED MY PEOPLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Our theme for August is

**Staples for the kitchen
(flour, sugar, baking
items, dry or canned
milk, spices).**





Report from Ainsley and Sadie Nelson on their trip to the Apostle Islands, as members of the Shepherd of the Bay Youth Group

“This year, we went on a canoe trip with no indoor plumbing, no mattresses, and, most importantly, no wi-fi. While we all went through Camp Amnicon, for the actual paddling, we split into two sections, one led by Jane Burress and the other by Casey St. Henry. We all endured the 7 hour bus ride to northern Wisconsin and all arrived at Amnicon in one piece. There we were split. Our group went with the guides Audrey and Katrina, two short and energetic young counselors. We went through orientation, shared our fears, shared our excitement, and made the talking stick that would guide us through the week of insightful discussion. After spending our last night on mattresses, we set off.

The plan was to launch our 34-foot Voyageur canoe at a harbor a few hours away and canoe to Sand Island, a mere 3 miles from shore where we would spend the night. Unlike much of the rest of the trip, this plan was actually executed. We set up camp on Sand Island and huddled in our sleeping bags for a cold and cloudy night. When we woke up, continuing our itinerary was made impossible by the dense blanket of fog that cloaked the island. So we spent another day on the idyllic island, going on two entertaining expeditions. One was to the picturesque lighthouse two miles away where we experienced the power of the waves crashing over the rocks fiercely jutting into Lake Superior and learned about the history of the lighthouse and the tragic, stormy wreck of the Sevona.

Our other expedition was an attempt to find the source of a quietly trickling stream cutting through the island in the 45 minutes allotted to us by Katrina and Audrey. While we didn't find the source, the hike afforded us ample time to view the scenery of the interior of the island, particularly the seasonal foliage shedding glancing shadows to form a mosaic array of light on the forest floor below. An untimely puncture wound on this second expedition ensured that we would have to return to the mainland the next day. In the meantime, we huddled around the fire to try and stave off the damp cold of the gloomy afternoon, told awful puns, and spent our time solving Minute Mysteries. The next morning we broke camp and paddled back to the mainland in the midst of small to middling waves that could only hint at the might of the volatile Lake Superior below the surface. On the mainland we gained a campsite to spend the night. We had all heard stories of Lake Superior stars, but none of us fully expected the dome of luminescent pinpoints spanning the sky that instilled us all with a sense of wonder. When dawn came, we set off for tranquil Frog Bay. We paddled most of the

Ainsley's trip, continued

day, singing to keep in rhythm, and stopping to take a lunch break on Raspberry Island. At Frog Bay we did skits, played campfire games, and enjoyed yet another delicious dinner in the light of the setting sun which shed its glancing, red rays over the water, making the water dance with a thousand dimming reflections. Suddenly, our final day had arrived. We paddled the scenic route to Buffalo Bay where we were picked up and, after waiting for the van to be fixed for for an hour or two on a grassy knoll shaded under some majestic conifers, drove back to camp. Despite the cold, the wet, and the mosquitoes, we all gained a new experience. Each person took away something different from the time that we worked and played together, whether it was a new friend, a sense of wonder at the stars and seacaves, a getaway from the bustle of everyday life, or a new camping experience.

Though we all came from different backgrounds, we meshed together to become closer to one another and, by doing so, closer to God. None of this would be possible without your support, so we thank you for it and encourage you to continue to support us each year as we grow in faith and friendship. Thank you.

--Ainsley & Sadie Nelson



STELLA MARIS FISH CREEK - special presentation

Fr. Michael Joncas, author of "On Eagles' Wings," will make a presentation on hymns at the Stella Maris Parish in Fish Creek on Tuesday, August 12, at 7 p.m. All are welcome to come; it is a free presentation. Reception follows.

MISSION NEWS.....MISSION NEWS....MISSION NEWS....MISSION NEWS...

BEST WISHES to Rick Nelson of Habitat, who is returning to Honduras for two years beginning September 1. He served as Administrator at the Ahuas Clinic many years ago; he will be working to train personnel and redevelop a system of financial management.

Phil and Eunice Ralford are looking to raise \$4,500 to go to a church-planning conference in Malta this fall, as they continue to dedicate their lives to the Mixe people in Mexico. Contact Board of World Mission for more information.

Unexpected Behavior

A discussion of autism from a member of Spirit of Peace Church

We are a society of norms. As you walk into a room others look at you and make quick judgments. If you dress, look, walk and sit like the group you fit 'the norm'. You fit in. But what happens when someone does something different, something not normal?

There are many things that affect outward behavior that isn't visible to others. Many people have special needs that aren't physically evident. My son has a type of autism called aspergers syndrome. Those in the special needs community fondly refer to kids and adults with aspergers as 'aspies'. He has a very high IQ. He is verbal, very verbal. But he lacks the verbal filters that edit what he says and when he speaks. If you want an honest opinion ask an aspie, you'll get it. Often people really wanted the polite soft answer.

Another common difference is sensory processing. There is a range of sensitivity to stimuli (sights, sounds, smells, tastes, touch sensations) that fits within normal awareness. But many with autism and many others in our world have either heightened sensitivity or reduced sensitivity. My son hears things others don't notice and has a hard time filtering out background noises to focus. It can get overwhelming. He can see the fast flicker of florescent lights, it gives him headaches. When he feels overwhelmed he needs to move, sitting still is agonizing for him. He fidgets, stretches and paces. His proprioception is skewed, meaning he isn't fully aware of the space his body mass takes up. Sometimes when he moves he bumps into people and things. Personal space violations happen regularly, but not intentionally.

Auditory processing is another difference creating misunderstood behaviors. My son has an auditory processing delay. When you say something to him it takes about 10 seconds for him to decode your words to understand the meaning. Imagine how this affects him in a conversation. It appears he's not responding, he's not listening or he's distracted. But he's trying, concentrating and working to understand the meaning of your words. Give him a moment and you'll likely get a great response.

My son is not constrained by social norms in his sensitivity or kindness. He says 'hi' to everyone. He has extreme empathy for those around him. He has a unique perspective on the world, often finding new solutions. He is a gentle giant with a big heart, strong opinions and lots of smarts. My son often has unexpected behaviors. Look beyond the surface. You'll see he is a wonderful, loving child of God as are all our special needs kids and adults.

We are all sentient human beings who deserve respect and the opportunity to thrive. Golden Hat Foundation

Sandy Krause, Positive Proclamations

Synod News

Watch for the next issue of The Moravian for news on all the happenings at the recent Synod!

There is also more detailed information on Synod at
www.moravian.org.



SYNOD
JESUS STILL LEAD ON
2014

An article in Spirit of Peace's newest newsletter:

President's Report - Collaboration and Change

by Brandon Koltz

In the early days of Christianity, as the church developed and took hold, each community felt a need to support one another, to spread the message of love of one another that Jesus preached. Today, with a multiplicity of denominations, we sometimes seem to be in a competition rather than collaboration. And those we are trying to reach have difficulty discerning the underlying message with all the noise. It is therefore encouraging to see the

common mission and commitment we experienced during the past week with our Moravian partners as Pastor Tim, Dr. Abe and Jesse providing Word and Music for the Wednesday dockside service in Ephraim.



A Moravian choir that travels over a thousand miles, presents an inspirational concert with our own Dr. Abe accompanying them. In turn, the free will offering is donated to Spirit of Peace to be used to advance our Urban Retreat Center. Our (partially) renovated downstairs space has been used by a group doing service with Bethel Bethany UCC that needed a place to stay for one night. In turn, these students provided assistance at the food pantry later that week. There are significant challenges throughout Milwaukee; there are people in need. We are in the City for Good. Working together

we can make a difference.

Speaking of making a difference, we celebrate with Dr. Abe and Mila as they prepare to begin retirement at the end of September. Dr. Abe has been “instrumental” in our outreach, in bringing a spirited approach to worship and being the “welcoming committee” as we reach out to our neighborhood. His gifts are not replaceable. However, music has been the means for outreach for a long time for our predecessor congregations. Music will continue to be a vital part of our worship and outreach. Dr. Abe has provided a template. The council and worship and music committee are actively developing plans to continue music outreach and those that might help to advance this aspect of our ministry. If you have ideas or know someone with musical talent to share, please talk to the committee.

And we will welcome Dr. Abe and Mila back when they return to Wisconsin next summer. Stay tuned - we will have a celebration of Dr. Abe's music ministry in early fall.





August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	2
3 8 a.m. Early Worship 9 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship	4	5 5 p.m. Elders	6 Noon – Sister Bay Luncheon 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology	7 1:30 pm – EHF Historic Tour 7 p.m. AA meeting	8 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	9
10 8 a.m. Early Worship 10 a.m. Worship Joyful Noise Loaves & Fish	11	12	13 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 1 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology	14 1:30 pm – EHF Historic Tour 7 p.m. AA meeting	15 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	16
17 9 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Wor- ship "Aug. 13th Communion"	18	19 7 p.m. Mother's Meeting	20 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology - <i>Last one!</i>	21 1:30 pm – EHF Historic Tour 7 p.m. AA	22 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	23
24 9 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Wor- ship	25	26 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes at St. Rosalia's	27	28 1:30 pm – EHF Historic Tour 7 p.m. AA meeting	29 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	30
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