

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

July 2014

From the Pastor’s Desk....

“The Holy Spirit & Business Meetings”

I am writing this on the eve of attending the Northern Provincial Synod, which I would describe as a business meeting on steroids. I’ve been known to lose patience in meetings and bemoan their necessity. I realized, when I wanted to bring along energy drinks to maintain consciousness, that my attitude might need some adjustment. So, I turned to the ultimate attitude-adjuster, the Bible. In the book of Acts, we read that Jesus had instructed the disciples to wait until the Holy Spirit came. So, logically, while waiting, they conducted a business meeting. Their agenda consisted of recounting Judas’ gruesome end and selecting a replacement, Matthias, whom we never hear from again. The only thing missing was an account of the refreshments served.

Fortunately for them and future generations, the Holy Spirit intervened. You know the story, flames appeared and their voices were given power beyond the limitations of language and culture. What was most impressive was not the flames above their heads, but the fire within them. That fire remained in them and in anyone who has a passion to follow Jesus.

I am so thankful that God’s spirit still ignites a flame of passion in believers. I am so thankful that God’s spirit intervenes in the mundane business affairs of the church. I am so thankful that neither budgets, nor quorums, nor Robert’s Rules, nor motions can douse the flame of the Holy Spirit of God.

Within the past few years, I have witnessed God’s spirit intervening after common sense business practices failed. I am referring to our friends at Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church (formerly Divine Word Pentecost) in Milwaukee. After years of 2 churches struggling to make their budgets, take care of buildings and pay their pastors, they decided that the sensible thing to do was merge. They drew up a plan to sell some properties, which would finance the ministry. Unfortunately, after the merger, a trusted member of the church absconded with the funds. They were crippled financially, with a building that needed maintenance and upkeep, no money to pay for pastoral leadership and a fractured group angered by this betrayal. The logical conclusion to this sad state of affairs was closure. But, there were people in the neighborhood who asked that the church remain open, at least to help those who were struggling. After much prayer and deliberation, the members decided that they were ‘In the City for Good!’ On a shoe-string budget, they transformed themselves into a center for people who are marginalized by society. They feed the hungry, they provide safe haven for the special needs community, they tutor children, they provide free music lessons, they encourage teachers, the list goes on. They are in the process of transforming space in the church building for an urban immersion type of ministry- where groups can come to learn about the challenges of urban ministry and be sent out to minister in Milwaukee.

God’s spirit has ignited a flame of passion for the city of Milwaukee, and I am so grateful to be a small part of that mission. On July 20, our friends from Milwaukee will be present at our worship and at a concert later on that evening. Our sisters and brothers from New Herrnhut Moravian Church are coming to raise funds for a group they have never met, from a different denomination! This is the Holy Spirit at work, breaking down divisions, defying logic and energizing God’s people.

--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.

Prayers for...

Sue Sherman and family as she faces further chemotherapy
Bernice Koehler as her knee heals at Scand Care Center
Bob Ekberg and Karen as he finishes radiation therapy



New Worship Opportunity!!

In July: The addition of 8 a.m. shortened service each Sunday so those who cannot attend at 10 a.m. due to work or other commitments - If it works out well, the 8 a.m. services will continue through August.

Services in July

July 6 - 8 a.m. early-bird service, 9 a.m.

Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship; Communion

July 9 - Anderson Docks-ology, 7:30 p.m.

July 13- 8 a.m. early-bird service, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, Joyful Noise for Secret Santa

July 16 - Anderson Docks-ology, 7:30 p.m.

July 20 - 8 a.m. early-bird service, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

July 23 - Anderson Docks-ology, 7:30 p.m.

July 27- 8 a.m. early-bird service, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

July 30 - Anderson Docks-ology, 7:30 p.m.

See full listing of Anderson Docks-ology services, page 5

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

Funds: Investment Committee
Building Interior and Trustee

President:

Hugh Mulliken .. 854-2336

Building Exterior:

Paul Burton . 854-9506

Grounds:

Kay Wilson .854-4612

Cemetery:

Linda Carey.....854-9253

Marilyn Cushing.....854-5230

ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair

Paul Flottman, Vice Chair
854-4780

Shelley Cox.....854-2548

Ellie McCullin.....854-3398

Cici Mulliken.....854-2018

Doug Schultz.....854-2153

Elder for the month of:

July - Ellie McCullin

August - Paul Flottman

Sacristan for July and August -
Jim Gelhaar

Thank you...

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in June: the Sokolowskis, the Gelhaars, Jodi Thiell, Cici Mulliken and Joyce Gerdman

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

.....to those who attended to the Fyr Bal booth on June 21



Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction

Date: Saturday, July 5, 2014

Time: 1 - 4 p.m.

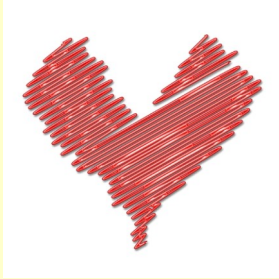
FIX YOUR OWN SUNDAE FOR A FREE-WILL OFFERING! ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND AUCTION WILL GO TOWARD SCANDIA VILLAGE FORSTAFF ENHANCEMENTS, in memory of Ted Hoepfner, who loved the Scand Staff

Some of the auction items are:

- Terra Cotta sculpture of a woman reclining
- Jewelry from Finders Keepers
- Purse/tote from recycled blanket
- 4 hours of handyman work (2 auction items)
- Gift baskets, including home-baked artisan bread, canned goods and jams, garden basket
- Mocha torte, serves 10-15
- Red Velvet cake, serves 10-15
- Hand-thrown teapot and matching cups
- Watercolor of Ephraim Moravian Church
- Sets of vintage wood chairs from the Ephraim Village Hall
- Crystal bowl
- Embroidered Morning Glory pillows
- "Ride a Hog" with Jack Opitz on his Harley through the back roads of Door County

Many, many more! Look in the church parlor for a preview!

SPECIAL Auction Item:
The Green Bay Packers have donated a special item for our auction!



Thank You

Thank you to the many friends who sent cards, brought food, called and offered prayers for my recovery. Ephraim Moravian is truly a wonderful, caring church family. It is good to be up and about again.

Thank you again for all thoughtfulness.

Eunice Rutherford

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Income: - - Budget is \$148,250; through June 11: \$62,713 (42.4%)

Expenses: - Budget is \$173,444; through June 11: \$77,201 (44.5%)

Our Spring fundraiser raised \$1,300 for Habitat for Humanity! Because part of our fundraiser was a PLANT sale, we sent the money with the hope they would use it for the Egg Harbor home's landscaping. They've just broken ground on the home.



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

Favorite Moravian Anthems, Old and New
Including "Hallelujah, Praise the Lord," "This is the Day,"
"And Yet Believe," "Come Then, Come O Flock of Jesus,"
"You are Precious to Him," and "Let us Walk."

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.



Yelone Clague led a very interesting and informative program about the book of Nehemiah, at the recent **Sister Bay women's retreat**, with twelve women from the churches attending. The theme was "don't let difficulties derail you, trust God."

Nehemiah went to God for help about the trouble Jerusalem was facing. He prayed, planned, prepared, responded quickly, with confidence, and pursued the plans successfully, with God's help. Yelone applied the broken things that were fixed in Nehemiah's time, to our lives in her talk, and we were inspired.

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Mt. Morris Celebrates!

On Saturday, August 9, Mt. Morris will celebrate 50 years of service and ministry. Events will start at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. They will have

games... hayrides... rock-climbing and zipline... nature walks...a scavenger hunt...swimming... tours.. A cookout with burgers and hot dogs - all the things Mt. Morris can offer!

See the flyer on the church bulletin board if you are interested in attending, or go to www.mt-morris.org under "Programs: 50 Years of Ministry" for more information.

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

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

July 9

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Ephraim Moravian
Cynthia Stiehl, mezzo-soprano
(rain location tonight only: Eph Moravian Church)

July 16

Rev. Tim Tahtinen, Spirit of Peace/Milwaukee
Dr. Abe Caceres

July 23

Pastor Bruce Foster, Shepherd of the Bay
Lutheran, Ellison Bay
New Herrnhut Choir, St. Thomas, V.I.

July 30

Stella Maris Parishes, Door County

August 6

Dee Brestin, Christian speaker & writer
Threshold Singers

August 13

Pastor Lloyd Michelson
Dave Olson and friends, music

August 20

Reverend Kerry Krauss, Sister Bay Moravian
Katie Dahl, music



†The Memorial Service for Ted Hoepfner will be at Ephraim Moravian on Saturday, June 28, at 10:30 a.m. with a lunch following the service.

Christian Sympathies to...

- † Ron & Debbie Harmer, on the death of Ron's mom, Marjorie
- † Joyce & Glenn Gerdman, on the death of brother-in-law Bob Vernon
- † Geoff Yeomans & Bruce McKeefry, on the death of Geoff's dad, Bob Yeomans. A memorial service will be held on July 24 at 10 a.m. here at Ephraim Moravian.



"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.

July Birthdays

Penny Schultz...3
Jolynn Nelson...4
Judy Turner...6
Keith Krist...9
Eric Christofferson...11
Craig Anderson...12
Liz Schroeder...13
Joyce Gerdman...15
Christian Koehler...16
Jill Schroeder...17
Mark Anderson...18
Daryl Larson...20
Matt Christofferson...21
Karin Wilson...22
Vicky Anderson...25
Pastor Dawn Volpe...28
Kelsey Neddersen ...31



July Anniversaries

Lisa and Gary Carlson – July 4, 1981
Cathie and Jim Gelhaar – July 20, 1963

FEED MY PEOPLE CONTRIBUTIONS

For the remainder of
June, *personal products*
or *pet products*



Our theme for July is
canned goods





**New Herrnhut
Moravian Church Choir
and Spirit of Peace's Dr. Abe Caceres
in concert at
Ephraim Moravian Church
Sunday, July 20, 7 p.m.**

**The choir will also participate in the
July 23 Anderson Docks-ology!**

The concert on July 20 is a fundraiser for the Spirit of Peace Church in Milwaukee. In addition to free-will offerings, we will have ads available in the concert program to maximize our donation to Spirit of Peace! The costs are reasonable, and we hope our congregation members and friends will take ads for their businesses or as a family. Here are the sizes and prices:

4.5" x 1.5" banner ad - \$45

1.5" x 3" -

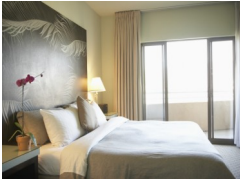
\$25

2.5" x 2.5" - \$35

Business card size 3.5' x 2' - \$45

Contact Diane in the church office if you'd like to take an ad--send camera-ready copy, or a suggested layout with logo or photo and Diane will do the ad for your approval.
854-2804 or worship@ephraimmoravian.org

ROOM TO SPARE?



Guests from the Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church (formerly Divine Word) will be coming the weekend of July 18-20 to participate in the concert with St. Thomas' choir and in worship that day. If you could provide housing, please let Doug Schultz or Pastor Dawn know. We are uncertain of numbers at this point.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Ephraim Library Committee Fund., Inc., presents

**First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln,
visiting the Ephraim Village Hall
on Saturday, June 28, 2014**

A tea will be hosted in honor of her visit.

Tea and raffle from 1:15 to 1:50 p.m.,
with the program starting promptly at 2 p.m.*

There is space available, so call
Jane Olson (854-7952) to reserve your ticket. You
may also call the Ephraim Library and leave your name and number;
Jane will contact you.

Saturday June 28 - 6 p.m. following the Praise Service at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Baileys Harbor **Spuds and Splits!** Enjoy a baked potato with your choice of toppings and then have a make-your-own banana split or ice cream sundae for dessert. Live music provided by the Praise Band. \$7/adult and \$3/children. Proceeds benefit Immanuel's Outreach projects.

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

The Board of World Mission says "The year 2014 has resulted in a great turnout in the number of teams that have, or will be, serving in mission: Lititz and the Eastern District in Jamaica...Waconia and Millwoods in Costa Rica...Kernersville in Peru...the Southern Province in Ireland and Alaska...youth mission in Nicaragua, and a youth mission event in Cuba. The BWM staff has been providing training for the teams as requested, on logistics of travel, developing missional leadership and intergenerational mission."



July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:30 pm – EHF Tram Tour 5 p.m. Elders	2 Noon – Sister Bay Luncheon	3 1:30 pm – EHF Historic Tour 7 p.m. AA meeting	4 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	5
6 8 am Worship 9 a.m. Choir & Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Communion	7	8 1:30 pm – EHF Tram Tour	9 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 1 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology Cynthia Stiehl	10 1:30 pm – EHF Historic Tour 7 p.m. AA meeting	11 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	12
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20 8 am Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Wor- ship/Abe Ca- ceres New Herrnhut Choir Concert 7 p.m.	21	22 1:30 pm – EHF Tram Tour 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes at St. Rosalia's	23 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology New Herrnhut Choir	24 10 a.m. Bob Yeoman's memorial 1:30 pm – EHF Historic Tour 7 p.m. AA meeting	25 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	26
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**Come to the Anderson
Docks-ologies**

**Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
July 9 through August 20**

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