

## 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*

December 2014

### Pastor's Page:

#### "Sibling Rivalry"

I don't mind sibling rivalry, as long as I'm winning. For many years, I had the advantage over my sister when it came to Christmas shopping. I would call her on Thanksgiving weekend to gloat that the shopping was done, the decorations up and all the gifts wrapped and under the tree. She would respond quite rudely, to which I smirked with sadistic glee. This was preceded by obnoxious updates, letting her know how organized I was and how effortlessly I prepared. This year, however, I was completely out-done by my sister. She arrived for a visit in early November and invited me to view the contents of her luggage. She triumphantly displayed wrapped gifts for everyone in my family! For the rest of the week, as I shopped for Christmas gifts that she could bring home, she felt the need to make smug comments. Hmmph, I think I'll start Christmas shopping in January.

The Bible encourages rivalry of a different sort. We are encouraged in Romans 12:10 to "love one another with mutual affection; *outdo* one another in showing honor". This means that we are to be more interested in giving respect and affirmation to others than receiving it for ourselves. Let's face it, most of us enjoy the occasional 'pat on the back.' We want to be appreciated. There's nothing wrong with that. But this verse challenges us to go beyond our own ego needs and take our place in the cheerleading section for our brothers and sisters. According to William Barclay: "More than half the trouble that arises in churches concerns rights and privileges and prestige. Someone has not been given his or her place; someone has been neglected or un-thanked. The mark of the true Christian has always been humility." This Christmas, let us give the gift of honor and respect, especially to those who work behind the scenes or those who rarely hear a kind word. Let us *out-do* each other, not in grasping for recognition or our own sense of achievement, but in shining a spotlight on others!

--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.

### **WELCOME**

**Mathilda Violet Warren Bristol - "Tilly"**



**Born 5:59 p.m. on November 18  
9 lbs. 3 oz. , 21-3/4" long**

**The family is doing just  
fine!**



### **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:  
December...Ellie McCullin

Sacristan for December  
Bob Volpe

### **Women's Christmas Luncheon**



**There has been no response to date  
by anyone willing to spearhead a women's  
Christmas lunch this year. In the past it  
has been the second Wednesday in Dec.**

**If you would be willing to head up the event, call the church  
office and we will help with invitations, etc..... 854-2804.**

***We need to hear by December 1.***

### **Services in December**

**Dec 7 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship/  
Communion**

**Dec 14 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship -  
Joyful Noise for Secret Santa**

**Dec 21 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship -**

**Dec 24 - 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

**Dec 28 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship**

**Dec 31 - 11:15 p.m. Watchnight Service followed by  
Pancake Breakfast - get your Watchword for 2015!**





.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in  
**November: Claire & Dick Bierman, Mary Wilson & Ellie  
McCullin, Chuck Mead & Joanie Lewis, John & Judy Turner**

.....to those who ushered in November

**...to Bob Volpe and crew for our first Open Door Lunch**

## **NEWS FROM SPIRIT OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Below are excerpts from Brandon Koltz' report. We are so blessed to be a part of this ministry, bringing God's peace and hope to people in the Milwaukee area! Please visit to their new website: [www.spiritofpeacemilw.org](http://www.spiritofpeacemilw.org)

### **Our Evolving Mission - God has Been Busy at 55th and Lloyd**

As 2014 draws to a close, we can reflect on our progress – the consolidation, the initiation of the Urban Retreat Center, successful pursuit of grant opportunities, advancement of our relationship with the Moravians and EPIC (local ecumenical partners), initiating outreach to the special needs community. As we develop our ministry plan for 2015, I, Pastor Tim and the Council invite your ideas to the plan. The challenges:

- ☐ Completion of the improvements for the Urban Retreat Center
- ☐ Expansion of our neighborhood outreach
- ☐ Increased collaboration with our local and Moravian partners
- ☐ Utilization of our grants for sustainable ministry
- ☐ Continuation of our music ministry
- ☐ Increased service to the special needs community
- ☐ Continued care and ministry to all members

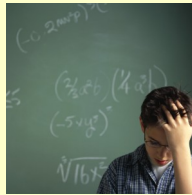
### **CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 P.M. CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE**

Join us for a beautiful service of music, candles  
and reflection on  
God's Wondrous gift to us.  
If you cannot join us at 5 p.m.,  
Sister Bay Moravian offers a service at 7 p.m.



**Samantha Phillips**

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***Our College Kids!*****Ainsley Nelson**

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**TREA\$URER's REPORT**

Member giving through November 16 - \$87,094.88  
Visitor giving through November 16 - \$42,908.59

Income through Oct: 2014 Budget of \$148, 250, Actual \$135,1110  
Expenses through Oct: 2014 Budget of \$173,444, Actual \$148,926



**Updates on capital expenditures** (furnaces, well, kitchen, basement, basement doors)

- All measurements taken in the parsonage kitchen; cabinets being constructed
- Outside door to the basement will be replaced soon
- New well will be drilled soon (tests even after chlorination are coming back with coli-form bacteria, so DNR wants a new well--we will probably put in a UV system, as well)

**NEW WAY of doing offering envelopes for 2015**

**For those who have been consistently giving each week**, you will still receive a box of envelopes (not numbered, however, so be sure - if you give cash - to write your name on the outside so you get credited for the offering)

**For those who give bi-weekly**, you'll pick up a packet of 26, already sorted out

**For those who give monthly**, there are packets of 12

**For those who give sporadically**, you can take a bundle of what you feel you may use, or use the pew envelopes when you give.

**They are all on the pew outside of the sanctuary for you to pick up.**

We were finding a lot of waste with all numbered envelopes in packs of 52, so we are trying to be good stewards!



*Christmas in the Village*  
The ADVENT-ure at  
Ephraim Moravian

**Saturday, December 6**  
**11 am to 2 pm**

December 6 is the  
“Christmas in the Village”  
celebration throughout Ephraim  
and throughout the day.

We'll be hosting tours  
of the church, candle-making,  
making of Moravian stars.  
Learn about Moravian traditions  
from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**SWEETS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**  
**BAKE SALE**

Everything from candies, jams and  
fudge to cookies, cakes and pies, all  
gaily wrapped for the season!  
Proceeds to Secret Santa & needy  
families in Door County

**We need YOUR help!**  
Please bring your home-made  
Baked goodies, gaily wrapped  
To the church parlor Friday  
Afternoon (Dec. 5) or Saturday,  
before 10:00 a.m.

**December Birthdays**



Carly Mulliken...1  
Timothy Nelson...2  
Paul Burton...7  
Jack Opitz...7  
Barbara Classen...9  
Robert Anderson...10  
Amanda Flottman...12  
Toby Wilson...12  
Henry Everett Bristol...13  
Don Nelson.....15  
Andrew Phillips...18  
Harry Maher...20  
Mary Wilson...23  
Joan Fitzpatrick... 27  
Linda Carey...27

**December Anniversaries**

Kaye and Harry Maher – Dec 10, 1955  
Joyce and Glenn Gerdman – Dec 23, 1951  
Joan Fitzpatrick & Walt Fisher – Dec 24  
Arts & Pat Horvath – Dec 30, 1972



**WATCHNIGHT**  
**SERVICE**

**DECEMBER 31**  
**11:15 p.m.**

Join us on **Wednesday**  
**Dec. 31** for our **Watch-**  
**Night Service**, featuring  
**Hymns, Watchwords and**  
**The Pastor being interrupted**  
**at Mid-night! Followed by:**

**12 a.m. (Midnight)**  
**Pancake Breakfast!**

*If your name, or the name of a  
loved one is not listed in our  
birthday and anniversary  
listings, please let us know by  
email or phone!*



## Check out the future meditation area in our cemetery!

Pergola by Dannhausen, plantings by McKeefry/Yeomans. There will be finishing touches, a bench and plaque placed in the spring.

Much of the funding for this project came from memorials in the past two years, spearheaded by the Price family in memory of Bill and Doris.



**Our Open Door Lunches have begun!** The third Wednesday of each month through April, we will again provide a hot lunch to anyone in the community who wants to come... for free!

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you can head up one month, help provide food for one month, or help with set-up and clean-up. We usually get about 40 people for each lunch, and it's a wonderful outreach ministry. Get involved!

	December 17		
January 21	February 18	March 18	April 15







When Earth Received her King

A Christmas Cantata  
By Marty Parks

Sunday  
December 7, 2014  
3:00 p.m.

Sister Bay Moravian Church  
10924 Old Stage Road

Combined Choirs of  
Sister Bay and Ephraim Moravian  
Churches

*Free will offering, with proceeds to  
Secret Santa, providing heating assistance  
for needy families in Door County*

**CALENDAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, December 9, 2014**  
**5:00 p.m.**

The elders will be working on the 2015 calendar for the first 1/2 hour of their meeting. All are invited to attend and give input. If you cannot attend, but would like something put on the calendar, please email the church office at [worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org).



**FUTURE HOPES & DREAMS**

As part of our Stewardship emphasis, we offered a box to place your future dreams for the ministry here at Ephraim Moravian. We received several responses ! The Boards are in the process of prioritizing these suggestions. They will be prioritized according to our mission as the "Church of the Open Door". If there was something you suggested, that you feel deeply committed to, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about spear-heading the project. Thank you to all who participated. We will publish our list after it's finalized!



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## **Ephraim Moravian Christmas Eve 2013**

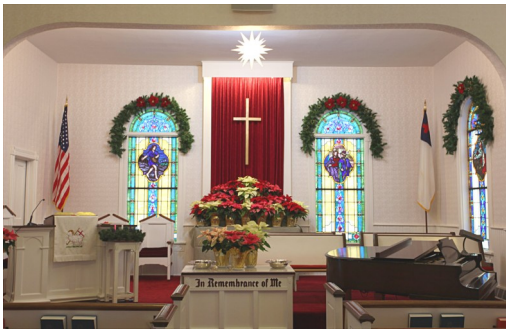
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# December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Noon – Sister Bay Luncheon	4  7 p.m. AA meeting	5  8:30 a.m. OA meeting ADVENTure Set- up	6 <b>ADVENTure &amp; Sweets for the Holidays sale</b> 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
7 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Communion 3 p.m. <b>Christ- mas Cantata</b> Sis Bay Morav.	8	9 5:00 p.m. Elders - Calendar meeting	10 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands Noon –  1 p.m. Trustees	11  7 p.m. AA meeting	12  8:30 a.m. OA meeting	13
14 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Wor- ship Joyful Noise LOVEFEAST	15 Peninsula Singers tonight	16  7:00 p.m. Mothers' mtg Nursery	17  Noon– Open Door Lunch at Ephraim	18  7 p.m. AA meeting	19  8:30 a.m. OA meeting	20
21 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Wor- ship	22	23 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes at St. Rosalia's	24  5 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Service	25  <b>Christmas</b>  7 p.m. AA meeting	26  8:30 a.m. OA meeting	27
28 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Wor- ship Lessons & Carols	29	30	31 11:15 p.m. <b>Watchnight Service</b> 			

