



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

“In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love”

Congregational Watchword for 2015

“Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some.” - Hebrews 10:: 24, 25

April 2015

Pastor's Page: A Tribute

Last week a good friend of mine died. His name was Don Winters. He was a classmate of mine in seminary and served in the Southern Province of the Moravian Church. When I met him in 1982, I was single, living with my sister and beginning my seminary studies in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. I was fascinated with Don, because, unlike me and most of my peers at seminary, Don was an actual grown-up! He had served in the military, had a successful career with a prominent newspaper in North Carolina, and was married with 2 children. We had nothing in common. From our disparate accents, our backgrounds and experiences, we formed an unlikely friendship.

I guess we bonded because we both felt like aliens on a strange planet. We did not speak the language (I remember being perpetually confused by the lectures from the professors and the speech emanating from my peers. I thought my brain had atrophied from the few years I spent away from the college classroom); we never felt like we ‘fit in’ to the profile of those preparing themselves for ministry.

Don was a wonderful friend. My sister and I had terrible luck with cars and needed to be rescued frequently- off exit ramps, in isolated areas with no gas station in sight, etc. We always called Don and he always came, cheerfully. His wife, Mary, was a travel agent and he was very excited to accompany her on a business cruise. Afterwards, he described his adventure in great detail. On eating frogs legs for the first time, he declared that they ‘tasted like chicken.’ We studied together, commiserated together and sought each others advice. One time I asked him to listen to a tape recording of a sermon I had preached. I had followed one of my professors’ advice and wrote the entire sermon out, put it in a binder and preached from the manuscript. After listening to the sermon, Don handed me the tape and said, “Dawn, that was JUST AWFUL -- what were you thinking???” Now, lest you think him unduly harsh, I was never gentle with him when it came to critiques! Isn’t that a wonderful gift of friendship? True friends will provide uncensored feedback, and, since we understand it comes from a place of unconditional love, we can receive it. It’s because of Don that I realized I had to find my own voice and style of preaching.

It was not easy for Don to leave a good job and uproot his family to obey the voice of God. He left a good life, in order to secure a better one. A life that had an impact on so many people. I am grateful that I had such a friend. I am grateful that I will see him someday in the Resurrection Morning. Until then, I have wonderful memories and a fine example to follow.

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.

LEARN TO QUILT!



If you've always wanted to learn how to quilt or you already know how and would like to quilt with a group of friends, this may be for you! I would like to start such a group, meeting at the church beginning this May. **Our First Meeting will be Tuesday, May 26 at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.** Please let me know if you are interested or want more information about what we might be doing. Please email me at jatnjct@gmail.com. Thanks, Judy Turner

GAME NIGHT

Game night will be Saturday,
April 18, at 6 p.m.!

Come for pizza and a lot of fun. Bring your favorite board games. Potluck portion will be just salads and desserts--the church will supply the pizza!
Let us know if you are coming so we can order the correct number of pizzas!



Services in April

March 30 through April 1 - 7 p.m. Holy Week Readings here
April 2 - 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service/Communion here
April 3 - 2 p.m. Good Friday Service here
April 5 - 7 a.m. Sunrise Service, followed by Easter Breakfast
10 a.m. - Easter Worship Service

April 12 - 10 a.m. Worship / Joyful Noise offering
April 19 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship
April 26 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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Theresa Weborg, Sect'y
421-0032

Elder for the month of:
April....Theresa Weborg

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in March: Paul & Fran Burton, Niles Weborg, Rob & Sherry Moore, Doug & Penny Schultz, Caring Hands, and Theresa Weborg

...for our Open Door Lunch crew in March: Doug & Penny Schultz, Chuck Mead and Jody Thiel

.....to those who ushered in March and served as sacristan.



High Tea



Sister Bay Moravian Church is holding an elegant High Tea this spring. Invitations to ladies of the community will be in the mail by the end of March. Space is limited, so an RSVP is obliged. Proceeds from the tea (\$12 per person) will benefit Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry.

DATE: Wednesday, May 13

TIME: 1–3 pm

EVENT: Ladies' Spring High Tea

PLACE: Sister Bay Moravian Church
10924 Old Stage Rd (at Hill)

Ladies, search your attics and closets for a lovely, vintage, or unusual hat. Wear it...it could be a winner! There will be savories and sweets to delight you, good conversation, and

some surprises in store..For more information, contact Cheryl Lubahn at 854-0007



Stella Maris Parish, Fish Creek Invites You!

Monday, May 4, 2015

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Hospice Nurses & Heaven Featured speaker Tina Poppe, RN

Registration is free. Just email or call:

sschaut@gbdioc.org, 920-272-8276, ext. 8276

Samantha Phillips

Luther College
700 College Dr.
SP0 2384,
Decorah, IA 52101

Ainsley Nelson

110 Gilman St., Apt. 4
Madison, WI 53703

Robert Volpe

Coe College GMU # 1278
1220 1st Ave NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

***Our College Kids!
Coming home
soon for summer!***

Mitch Weborg

(graduates May 9!)
222 LaValle Strada
Pocatello, ID 83201

Andrea Nelson

2508 Delaware St SE
Apartment 162A
Minneapolis, MN 5414-3469

Kyle Nelson

(graduates May 17!)
Student Suite #1504
St. Norbert College
100 Grant Street
DePere, WI 54115

Guest Preacher April 12

**Pastor Dawn will be welcoming
Rev. Sandra Crase to our pulpit. Sandra is
currently serving as a visitation pastor at a
Lutheran Church. She'll be visiting with
husband, Patrick and daughter Carla.
Come out to hear an inspirational message!**



Thank you so much for your gifts and
my baby shower! I am so blessed to
have such a wonderful church family!

Love,
Theo Sherman

**TREASURER's
REPORT**

**Member giving
through February -
\$23,432**

**Visitor giving
through February - \$4,762**

**Income through February:
Budget is \$144,900,
Actual \$29,175**

**Expenses through February:
Budget is \$182,826,
Actual \$30,665**

April birthdays

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

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!



Parish Nurse Kathy Wagner reports: "As of March 2, total donations received for Thrivent's 50% matching grant for the Ministry was \$10,433.88, and

Shepherd of the Bay reports there is more being received by mail. This is wonderful news! It means the Health and Wellness Ministry will have more than \$20,000 available. The Northern Door Health and Wellness Ministry will be sending thank you notes to all givers known in appreciation for their gifts. On behalf of the ministry, thank you for your support and allowing me to speak to the Ephraim congregation.

Gratefully, Kathy"

"Dear Ephraim Moravian Family,

Thank you all so much for all the help you gave me at the fundraiser on Shrove Tuesday. I am truly humbled at your generosity; it means so much to me to know that you all are just as excited about this trip as I am. You all raised over \$2,000, which means you covered one third of my trip, and I cannot even tell you how incredibly grateful I am to you.

This church family has supported me in so many ways and always matched my enthusiasm for whatever dream I wish to pursue, and I thank you for that. I would not be the young woman I am today without all your guidance and love. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Love, Sadie"



If you can assist with our Easter Breakfast, please call Bob Volpe at 920-421-4041 or email him at gsecbob@gmail.com. Bob will be hanging up his apron after this year's breakfast... so we're looking for someone to take it on for the next couple of years... the leader gets to choose the menu!

FREE OPEN DOOR LUNCHEON!!

Our last Open Door Lunch of the season will be **Wednesday, April 15, at 12 noon!** Be sure to invite A friend or neighbor. We need a leader & helpers for the April 15 lunch, too.



FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH at SISTER BAY MORAVIAN!

Sister Bay will continue their Community Lunches each month (first Wednesday) at 12 noon.



Barely Time left to order Spring Flowers

Each pot of flowers will be \$15, check payable to Ephraim Moravian Church.

Your name _____

of flower pots _____ Total ____\$_____

In memory of (or) in honor of (please circle)

Deadline to order: **This Sunday, March 29**

Greetings from the Moravian Church in Uganda

It has been nice hearing from you at a time when the Church is engrossed in seeking avenues to address some of the most pressing needs in our congregations.

On behalf of the members of the Moravian Church in Uganda, allow me to express my heart felt gratitude and thanks through you to the Board of World Mission North America and the Congregation that provided this donation of USD 800. It is a blessing.

Upon notification about this donation, the Board of the Moravian Church in Uganda convened a meeting to decide how this money can best serve the communities where the church is active.

A number of ideas were advanced ranging from an increment in the number of needy children supported to attain education; securing a piece of land for congregations affected by land evictions; addressing Violence against women through training of community resource persons, as well as supporting evangelism activities through enabling our local pastors to reach the most needy populations.

At the end of this meeting, it was resolved that since most of the challenges that the Church is facing are related to lack of resources, the fund be utilized for the establishment of an income generating activity through which some of the most pressing needs could be addressed sustainably.

To this end, the Board has come up with an idea of a piggery project which can be managed by members of the Church. It was proposed that the fund be used to build a pigsty, purchase piglets, feeds and treatment. Pigs are marketable in Uganda.

It is anticipated that with this foundation, the Church will be able to address some of the pressing needs through proceeds from this venture.

About the ministry, I have attached a copy of our annual report for 2014 for your consumption. We shared this report with Rev. Dr. Jorgen Boytler during his historic visit to Ugandan Ministry. *(posted on our upstairs bulletin board)*

May the good Lord continue to bless you and your ministry.

In Harmony,

Bro. Julius Mubiru

Chairperson Board Moravian Church in Uganda

In all Things: Love!



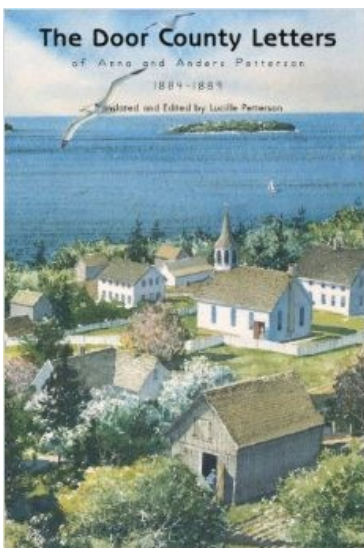
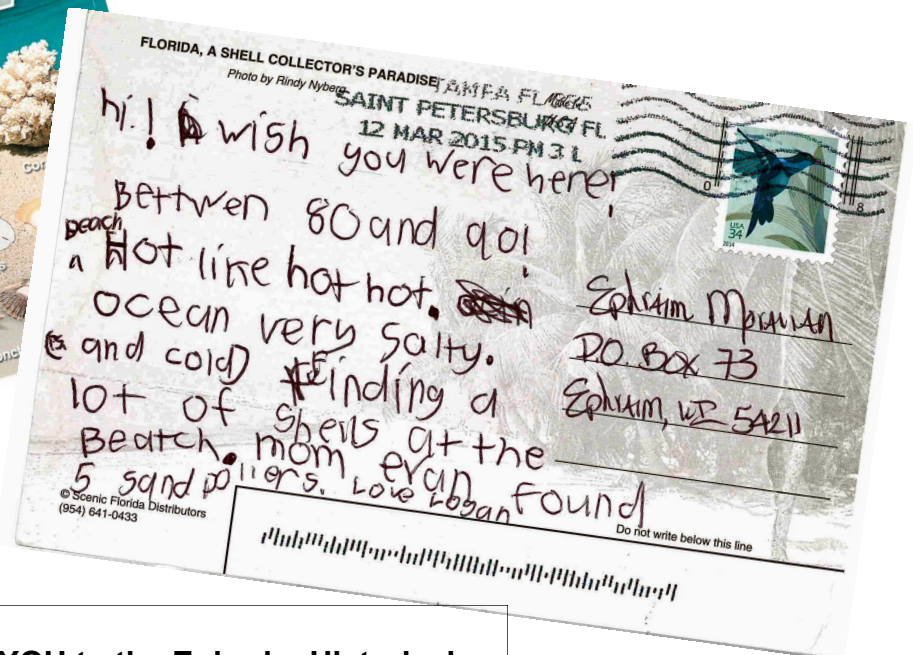
Meet James Heroux.



James is a member of the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church. For some time, James has felt a call to ministry. He will be attending Moravian Theological Seminary in the fall. James earned his Bachelors degree in Business Administration. He is working for the Sevastopol School district as a Special Education Aid.

In the summer, he will be working with Sturgeon Bay, Sister Bay and Ephraim Moravian churches obtaining practical experience within our churches. We will be seeing him from July 14 - August 12. During that time he will be participating in worship, the Anderson Docks-ologies, board meetings and the ministry at Scandia Village.

We're excited to be able to partner with James in his desire to serve the Lord through ordained ministry!



THANK YOU to the Ephraim Historical Foundation!

They have donated two copies of *The Door County Letters of Anna and Anders Petterson from 1884 to 1889* to our church library!

If you haven't read these letters of life in very early Ephraim, it is a wonderful read. Check it out in our library (inside Pastor Dawn's office)



April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Mar 30</i> 7 p.m. Holy Week Readings	<i>Mar 31</i> 7 p.m. Holy Week Readings	1 7 p.m. Holy Week Readings 12 noon Lunch at Sister Bay Moravian	2 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service / Communion	3 2 p.m. Good Friday Service	4
5 7 a.m. Sunrise Service/ Breakfast 10 am Easter ✝️	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	13	14 5:30 p.m. Elders	15 Last Open Door Lunch until fall, 12 noon!	16	17	18 Game Night! Pizza and games start at 6 p.m. Potluck for salads/
19 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Mathilda Bristol baptism!	27	28	29 9	30		

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