



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

March 2015

Pastor's Page:

"And the Spirit immediately drove him into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him." Mark 1: 12—13

No one goes willingly into the Wilderness. Even Jesus had to be compelled to go. When the Israelites wandered for 40 years in the wilderness, many complained... loudly and often. I don't blame them. I would have been leading the whiners. The wilderness is a place of chaos, discomfort and danger. I have never heard anyone say, "I'm having a great time, but I need a wilderness experience in my life to make me complete!" If you've ever been in the wilderness- that dark night of the soul, illness, grief, tragedy, confusion, whatever form it takes- you know you wanted a quick exit. The wilderness also brings doubt. What if all I know about God isn't true? What if God really doesn't care? We're always tempted at our lowest point.

This is why I am so glad that the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness, because his experience gives me hope. We are told that the wild beasts were with Jesus, tamed by his presence. I can picture Isaiah's peaceable kingdom, with the lion and the lamb laying side by side. We are told that the angels, God's messengers, ministered to Jesus. This reminds me that, in our wilderness, God always sends his messengers to help us. Now, I have 20/20 hindsight. Sometimes I did not perceive God's messengers until years after my wilderness wanderings. As I looked back, I realized all the wonderful angels who were there to speak peace and comfort while I whined and complained to God! Be assured, dear friends, that God does not leave us in the wilderness alone. God's messengers still guide and comfort. We have only to look with the eyes of the spirit to see them. May we all be strengthened by the grace and power of God, who accompanies us, even in the wilderness. —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.

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. 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. Or call my number in Florida 239-437-6778. Thanks, Judy Turner



"Dear Friends,

I just want to thank all of you for the get well wishes, phone calls and visits while I was at Scand Nursing Home and now at my daughter's. It's nice to have a church family. Thanks again, Bernice."

Here is Bernice's address and phone:
 c/o Kathy and Rich Buelow
 5163 Forest Road
 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
 920-743-1229



Services in March

March 1 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship/Communion
 March 4 - 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service, The Meadows
 March 8 - 9 a.m. 10 a.m. Worship/Joyful Noise
 March 11 - 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service, The Meadows
 March 15 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship
 March 18 - 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service, The Meadows
 March 22 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship
 March 25 - 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service, The Meadows
 March 29 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship
 March 30 and 31 - 7 p.m. Holy Week Readings

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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Elder for the month of:

March....Diane Jacobson

Sacristan for March

Kathy Kirkland

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in February: The Careys, Kay Wilson, Karen Ekberg & Barb Classen, Jim and Carol Sokolowski.



...for our Open Door Lunch crew in February: Kay Wilson, Kris Husby-Nelson, Nancy Christofferson, Mary Wilson, and Sue Sherman.

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

Mathilda Bristol Shower

"Tillie" will be celebrated after church on Sunday, March 22, with a Baby Shower!

As is our custom, we look for consumables for the new parents... wipes, diapers, shampoos and lotions. Other items are also much appreciated.

Erin said they have no brand preference, but "the only thing is she's big already, so is out of size 1 diapers and on her way to 6 month size 1 clothes."

So keep that in mind... the containers for any items you bring will be in the Parlor until March 22.



From the Board of World Mission - Prayers for Sierra Leone



We ask for prayers for all those affected by the Ebola outbreak, and specifically for those in Sierra Leone, a new work mission area of the Board of World Mission. Currently two Moravian missionaries, Mohamed and Safie Braima are preparing to return to Sierra Leone, having been delayed since last summer due to the Ebola Outbreak.

Samantha Phillips

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Our College Kids!**Ainsley Nelson**

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

Robert Volpe

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

Andrea Nelson

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

Kyle Nelson

Student Suite #1504
St. Norbert College
100 Grant Street
DePere, WI 54115

TREASURER's REPORT

Member giving through January - \$7,100

Visitor giving through January - \$2,970

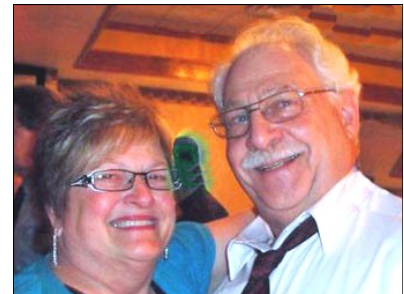
Income through January of 2015: Budget of \$144,900, Actual \$18,779

Expenses through January of 2015: Budget of \$182,826, Actual \$12,232

**The new well is in place with good water tests,
and the kitchen in the parsonage is ALMOST done!**

To the Ephraim Moravian Family.

Pastor Dawn has informed us that some of you thought Debbie and I had fallen off the face of the earth. As you can see we have not taken the plunge. However, Debbie and I have experienced a life-changing event in that I believe our Lord Jesus Christ has called us to assist in the "planting" of a new church here in Northern Door County. "The Orchard" is an Evangelical Free-based church that meets as a group in different homes on Tuesday evenings.



This "Calling" is a new experience for us and we attempted to reject it by continuing to have one foot in both congregations. But the more we fought the "Calling" the more it took its toll on us both physically and mentally. It was only after we turned our thoughts and concerns over to God in prayer and accepting his unwavering answer did we realize some degree of peace. It is our hope that the friendships established in the Moravian family remain in place as Debbie and I attempt to help build "The Orchard."

Ron and Debbie Harmer

March birthdays

Kevin Horvath...1
 Scott Weborg...5
 Brent Bristol... 6
 Priscilla Krist...12
 Bernice Koehler...18
 Sydney Heim...20
 Peter Classen...21
 Cathie Gelhaar...23
 Jane Olson...23
 Mitchell Weborg...24
 Ellie McCullin... 24
 Roger Larson...25
 Michael Weborg...26
 Donna Nelson.....27
 Nancy Christofferson...27
 Kelly Schuder...30

March anniversaries

Liz and Jack Opitz – March 26, 1983



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!

Sunday, March 1, 3 pm Talk Turkey with Bill Surbaugh Sister Bay Moravian Church

Join Bill Surbaugh at Sister Bay Moravian Church for an inspiring presentation on his mission trip to Turkey. Son Stephen and grandson Will accompanied him to archaeological sites north of the Syrian border and back to his Peace Corps village, where Bill spent three weeks teaching practical English to grade- and middle-school kids.

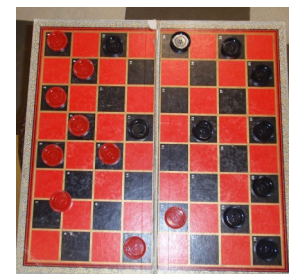


After visiting old friends and practicing his Turkish, he met up with wife Cheryl and friends in Istanbul for a road trip through Central and Southwestern Turkey. His photo journal will include the Peace Corp village and places visited: Istanbul, Ankara, Urfu, Ephesus, Goreme, Konya, Antalya, Pamukkale, and Bursa. There will be time for Q&A!

GAME NIGHT???

If you are interested in a night of board games, pot-luck & fun, let us know. Possible dates are April 17, 18, 24 or 25.

Please send an email to worship@ephraimmoravian.org indicating your interest and preferences!



FREE OPEN DOOR LUNCHEONS!! 12 Noon

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!



March 18

April 15

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH at SISTER BAY MORAVIAN!

DATE: Wednesday, March 4
Wednesday, April 1

TIME: 12 Noon



**Time to order
Spring Flowers
For Easter!**

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: Sunday, March 29



Guest Speakers in March

March 8, 10:00 a.m.

Bishop Paul Graf will be preaching.
Paul is a good friend of Ephraim Moravian. He has spoken several times and joins our choir in June for the choir festival!

March 15, 10:00 a.m.

The Pastor of Door County, Delmar Dahl will be presenting "I Was at Calvary"

We are so fortunate to have these inspirational preachers with us!



**Thank
You**

Thank you to the Shrove Pancake work crew and to the congregation and friends for their wonderful support for Sadie Nelson. We raised over \$2,000. toward her foreign exchange trip to India!



The new exhibit "Jan Hus: Life - Teachings - Memory" will open at the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem in April of 2015.

It is 600 years ago this year that Hus died at the stake in Constance, Germany. For this occasion the Moravian Archives has prepared an exhibit on the life and work of this man.

Joining Ephraim Moravian Church

**We will be receiving
New members
On Palm Sunday
March 29**

If you wish to become
A member of
Ephraim Moravian Church
Please speak to Pastor
Dawn 920-421-4042 or
email her at:
worship@ephraimmoravian.org

**Ephraim Moravian Church
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Ephraim, Wisconsin 54211**

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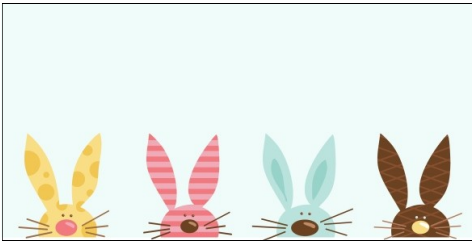
SPRING IS COMING SOON!!

Really!

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March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Communion	2	3	4 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service The Meadows	5 7 p.m. AA mtg	6 8:30 a.m. OA mtg	7
8 10 a.m. Worship Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes	9	10	11 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service The Meadows	12 7 p.m. AA mtg	13 8:30 a.m. OA mtg	14
15 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	16	17 5:30 p.m. Elders Meeting	18 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service The Meadows	19 10 a.m. Trustee Meeting 7 p.m. AA mtg	20 8:30 a.m. OA mtg	21
22 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	23	24 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes St. Rosalia's Sister Bay	25 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service The Meadows	26 7 p.m. AA mtg	27 8:30 a.m. OA mtg	28
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