



## **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***



### ***A Thirty Year Retrospective***

“Are you resolved to devote yourself to the work of the ministry, and to the service of the Lord in the Moravian Church?” When the bishop came to that part of the Ordination ceremony 30 years ago, I remember responding in a strong, confident voice, “I am!” I had no idea what I was getting myself into! I had studied and prepared for this moment, but really... ignorance is bliss. I was clueless.

Six months after making a promise before God and the congregation, I was ready to back up a moving van and flee in the middle of the night. Life as a pastor was nothing like portrayals in the media: robed pastors with full congregations hanging on their every word. No one sought my wisdom, no one told me that pastors had to be “Jills of all trade,” keeping tabs on the church building, negotiating with contractors and mopping up after floods. No one told me that, when attendance was down and morale was low, I would be blamed.

Fortunately, people did tell me that I made a promise, a promise that I could not possibly keep, without taking the hand of the One who called me in the first place. Fortunately, I found grace to continue, with tears, making plenty of bone-headed mistakes in those early years. And, I found out that with the disappointments, there were also delightful surprises.

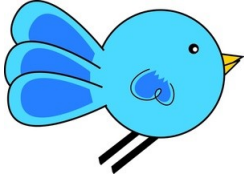
No one told me what inexpressible joy I would have holding a baby in my arms for baptism. No one told me about the privilege I would have to be present when someone transitioned from this life to the next. No one told me that of the times in worship, when the veil between heaven and earth would be lifted, and we’d all experience the wonder and beauty of being in God’s presence. No one told me that after 30 years, I would be deliriously happy.

God never promised us that a life of service would be easy, or stress free. God does promise, that if we rely on the grace of our Lord Jesus, the Love of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit, we will be given all the resources we need to serve Him. I am so grateful that I didn’t pack up the moving van after 6 months. I thank God for the strength, the peace, and sometimes... the hilarity of life with my wonderful church family!

--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.



**Early Birds! Worker Bees!**  
 In **July, August and September**,  
 Pastor Dawn will hold **8 a.m. services**  
 (somewhat less formal and shorter) in  
 addition to the 10 a.m. services. If your  
 schedule makes it hard to attend at 10 a.m.,  
 this is your time to worship!



*...the intern is coming...the intern is coming...*



**James Heroux** is a member of the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church and will be attending Moravian Theological Seminary in the fall. He earned his Bachelors degree in Business Administration. He has been working for the Sevastopol School district as a Special Education Aid.

As an intern at all three Moravian churches in Door County, **he is ours from mid-July to mid-August** and will be participating in worship, the Anderson Docks-ologies, board meetings and the ministry at Scandia Village. Welcome him!



### **YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **TRUSTEES**

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Kay Wilson 854-4612

Cemetery:

Linda Carey 854-9253

Marilyn Cushing 854-5230

#### **ELDERS**

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair

Paul Flottman, Vice Chair

854-4780

Diane Jacobson 854-2871

Cici Mulliken 854-2018

Doug Schultz 854-2153

Theresa Weborg, Sect'y  
 421-0032

Elder for the month of:

July.....Diane Jacobson

August - Doug Schultz

### **Services in July**

**June 28** - 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. **CHRISTMAS LOVE-  
 FEAST!**

**July 5** - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Worship/Communion

**July 12** - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Worship, Joyful Noise for Secret Santa

**July 19** - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Worship

**July 26** - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Worship

*A Door County  
Moravian  
Christmas  
Concert*

*Sunday, June 28  
4 p.m.*



*Combined choirs of  
Ephraim, Sister Bay  
and  
Sturgeon Bay Moravian  
Churches  
at  
Ephraim Moravian  
9970 Moravia, Ephraim*

*Special Guests:*

*Olivet Moravian Church Youth Bell Choir, Winston-Salem,  
N.C., Pastor Doug Rights, Director*

*Free-will offering to Youth Bell Choir ministry  
920-854-2804 for more information*

From Tom Schaefer of Mt. Meru Coffee Project, who provided coffee for our Spring into Summer sale as well as the Sunday Fellowship following:

"I want to thank you for the wonderful reception I received this weekend from your most welcoming church. It was a very successful weekend – we had sales of \$136 and additional donations of \$60. If you could pass my thanks on to your congregation, I would appreciate it."

The Mt. Meru coffee project's OBJECTIVES are to encourage Economic and Social Justice - empowering the small coffee farmer and the people of the Meru region in Tanzania with the capacity to improve their standard of living. There are order forms for Mt. Meru coffee--plain, decaf, flavored and coffee pods in the Fellowship Hall. **Drop your order form off in the church office. Tom will be here the last Sunday of every month if you want to order coffee delivered to you.**



Too early for Advent, you say? Not if you have to plan ahead! The Spiritual Writers Guild will meet Saturday, July 11, 10 am at Sister Bay Moravian (10924 Old Stage Road at Hill). Everyone is welcome to sit in, bring ideas, enjoy the fellowship, and have some refreshments.

Sister Bay's church is compiling a booklet for use during the Advent season. The four candles lit during Advent represent four themes—Hope, Love, Joy, and

Peace—so the booklet will be divided into four sections with writings on each theme. You do not have to be a member of the group or attend the meetings...they're opening this opportunity to all churches in Northern Door. You could write a poem, an anecdote, a prayer, an experience you've had, or a short essay. As with all these types of books, brief is better! Once finished, the booklets will be available to those who'd like to use them in their own Advent reflections or church services. You can be listed as anonymous or be listed as the author. To avoid copyright issues, it should be your original writing or, if you do quote someone else's words, please give a full citation of your source.

Photos you feel would be appropriate for the four themes can also be submitted.

**The deadline for submissions to Sister Bay Moravian is the end of September** so they have the booklet ready send out in October (the first Sunday of Advent is November 29). Questions? Ask Naomi Thomas (854-1841, [lsnone8@gmail.com](mailto:lsnone8@gmail.com)) or come to the July meeting!

### **Art Classes are continuing this fall at Ephraim Moravian Church!**

Marcia Carey Ellis had arranged for Marcia Nickols, an Ephraim artist, to instruct classes in our Fellowship Hall. Some are doing watercolor, some oils, some pastels. They will be continuing through fall and invite others to join them! Don't feel you have to commit to every class... it's just \$10 per class, Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m.:

**September 9 and 23, October 14 and 28,**

**November 4 and 18 (last class is 2-4 p.m. because of the Open Door Lunch)**

If interested, call Marcia Ellis at 920-857-7852 for the particulars.







**Shepherd of the Bay's World Marketplace** opens its summer season on Saturday evening, **June 27**, as part of the annual Olde Ellison Bay Days celebration. Sale hours run from **4-7 p.m.** that evening and will be open throughout the church's community spaghetti dinner. The marketplace featuring fairly traded items from around the world works to support artisans and farmers in parts of the world where poverty and natural disaster continue to take their toll. Color is the theme for this year's sale....jackets, baskets, scarves, jewelry that will brighten your

home and your heart as you read the stories of the empowered artisans and farmers whose lives have been changed through their connections with the fair trade cooperatives which they support.

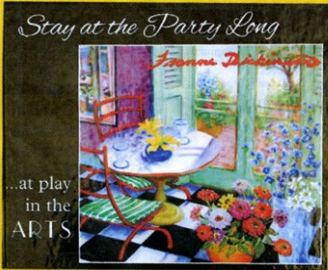
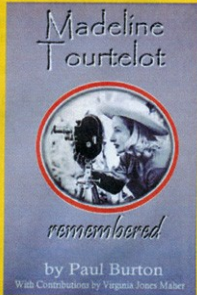
This year the marketplace helps to support the work of Wendy Carpenter, Door County weaver, in Guatemala. Working with women in local communities in that country, Carpenter has created colorful jackets, yoga bags and eyeglass holders.

*Celebrate Door County fine art icons*

## Book Signing

**Sat., June 27, 1-3 PM**

with local authors  
**Paul Burton & Franne Dickinson**

- Refreshments
- Umbrellas painted\* by DC artists for purchase

*Peninsula Art School - Cty. F*



### **Funeral Planning: A Discussion Every Family Needs to Have**

**Sunday, July 19, 4 pm**  
**First Baptist Church, Sister Bay**

**Greg Casperson** discusses the difference between a memorial service and a funeral, what kind of funeral should it be? Planning in advance to alleviate the family's burden of making difficult decisions under emotional distress. Bring your questions!

**Sponsored by the Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry**



We ran out of sugar cake and Lovefeast Buns at our Fyr Bal booth on June 20! Well over 100 people visited the booth and donated \$35 even though we didn't have an offering basket.



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in June: Don & Donna Nelson, Marilyn Cushing & Hedy Heise, The Fleckensteins and Nelsons for the baptism, the Carlsons and the Burtons

.....to those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in June.

...to those who helped with our Fyr Bal booth: Chuck Mead, Brent Bristol, Dick Bierman, Hugh Mulliken, Diane Kirkland, Kathy Kirkland, John & Judy Turner, Claire Bierman, Jody Thiell, Katharine Oneson, Lonnie Vitse, Hedy Heise, Kay Wilson, and Ellie McCullin.



You are cordially invited  
to attend a  
**Special Celebration**  
for  
**Pastor Dawn E. Volpe**



**Sunday, July 26, 2015**  
**10 a.m. Service**  
**11 a.m. Fellowship and Party\***

for the  
30th anniversary of  
Pastor Dawn's  
ordination  
as a Moravian  
pastor  
and for  
her 60th birthday!



\*rain location for fellowship/  
party: Ephraim Village Hall



### Christian Sympathies to...

- † The Gerdman family on the loss of Joyce's brother-in-law, Dean
- † Jill Kulczyk and family on the loss of Jill's husband, Chris

### ...and Prayers for...

- ...Vicki Schult on the reappearance of her cancer and further chemotherapy treatments
- .....others with ongoing cancer treatments: Sue Sherman, Rich Bierman, Karen Brown, Sherry Koehler, Nancy Goss

### Congratulations to

...Jackie Nelson & Seth Campbell on their engagement!

...Matt Christofferson & Kayla Franklin on their engagement!



## TREA\$URER's REPORT

Member giving through May: \$45,479

Visitor giving through May: \$20,100

### Income

Budget is \$144,900

Actual through May: \$67,731  
(47% of budget)

### Expenses

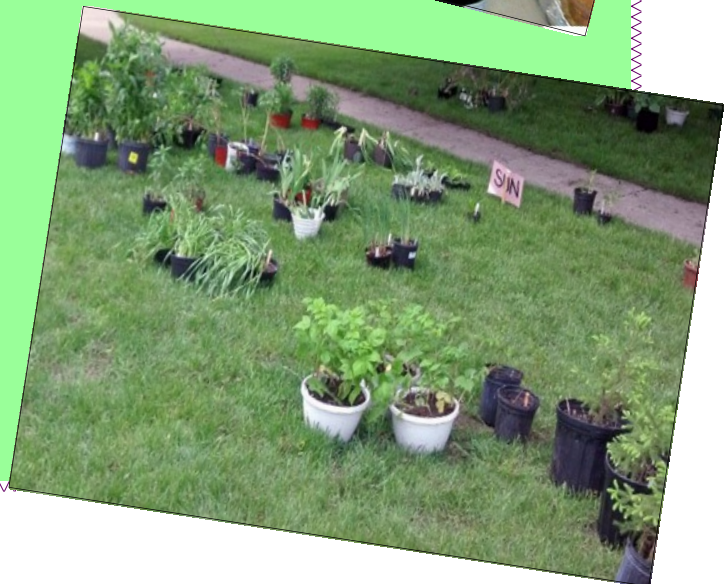
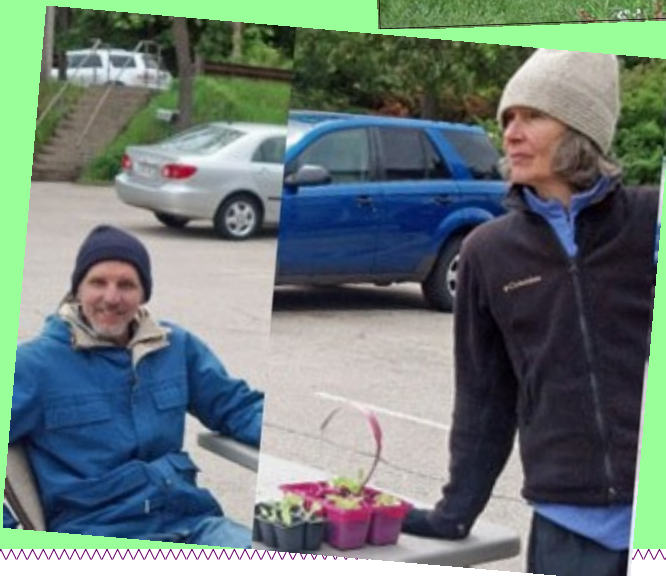
Budget is \$182,826

Actual through May: \$88,167  
(48% of budget)



Our Joyful Noise offering in June was for Secret Santa: \$162.70 !

Spring into Summer Breakfast, Plant and Bake Sale! We raised \$2,009 for Tricklebee Café, Milwaukee





## 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  
 Matthew 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

*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!*

**Christmas at  
 Ephraim  
 Moravian  
 this Sunday!**

**10 a.m. & 4 p.m.**



**During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will be celebrating Christmas! We know there are so many of our summer friends that cannot attend the Christmas festivities in December, so we're providing an opportunity to experience a Christmas Lovefeast. Then at 4 p.m., we will join the choir for a concert and singing of the traditional Morning Star.**



**Congratulations to  
 our 2015 Fyr Bal  
 Chieftain, Sue Sherman!**







# **Anderson Docks-ology 2015 Sunset Services**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesdays**

**July 8 - August 12**

**Anderson Dock,  
Ephraim**

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



**July 8**  
Rev. Frank Kauzlarich,  
St. Paul's, Juddville  
Katie Dahl

**July 15**  
Father David Ruby  
Stella Maris Parish



**July 22**  
Rev. Joel Rose  
Bethel Baptist Praise Band



**July 29**  
Rev. Kerry Krauss  
Sister Bay Moravian  
New Day Singers



**August 5**  
Pastor Lloyd Michalsen  
One Voice



**August 12**  
Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Ephraim Moravian  
Rev. Cynthia Johnson,  
Unitarian Universalist  
Cynthia Stiehl



**FREE**

**Ice Cream  
Social**

Make your own sundae for **FREE**,  
with all the toppings!

**Saturday, July 18, 2015  
1 - 3 p.m.**

**Ephraim Moravian Church  
9970 Moravia Street - 854-2804**

**Plus a HUGE SILENT AUCTION**

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS:** bring in  
antique, vintage, art, Ephraim and Northern Door  
County memorabilia for the sale! Think re-gifting  
for the benefit of your neighbors. Need to have  
items in the parlor no later than July 15 but the  
sooner, the better!

***Ephraim Cares!***

All proceeds from the day will go to  
Door County residents who have  
severe health problems and resulting expenses

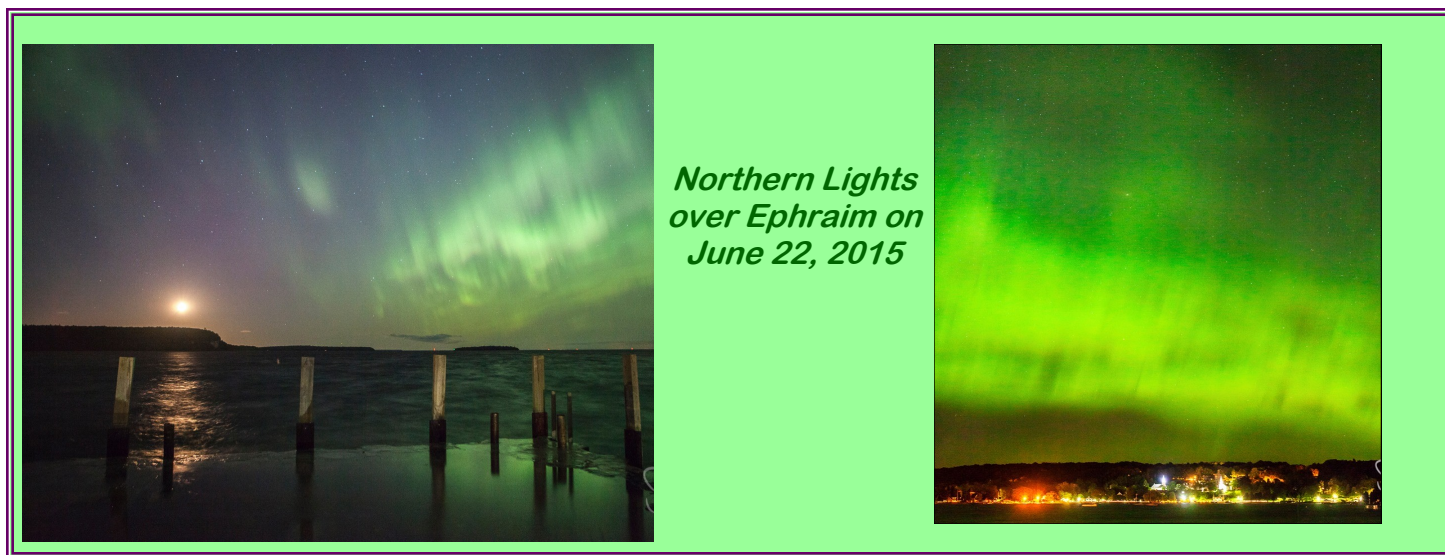
**SPECIAL Auction Item:**  
Donated by the  
Green Bay Packers:  
2014 Collector  
Series



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# July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2  7 p.m. AA meeting	3 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	4  <b>Independence Day</b>
5 8 am service, 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Communion	6	7	8 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands  <b>7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology</b>	9  7 p.m. AA meeting	10 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	11
12 8 am service, 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes	13	14  5:30 p.m. Elders	15  4 p.m. Trustees  <b>7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology</b>	16  7 p.m. AA meeting	17 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	18 <b>Ice Cream Social/Silent Auction 1-3 p.m.</b> 
19 8 am service, 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	20	21	22  <b>7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology</b>	23  7 p.m. AA meeting	24 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	25
26 8 am service, 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	27	28 10 a.m. Quilters  5 p.m. - Loaves & Fishes	29  <b>7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology</b>  11	30  7 p.m. AA meeting	31  8:30 a.m. OA meeting	