



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

August 2015

Ecstasy, Energy & Endurance - Adapted from the July 12 Sermon

(Can be heard on line- www.ephraimmoravian.org, click on "Learn More", click on 'Worship Services' and click on July 12.

"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." - Isaiah 40: 31

Does God really care when we are beaten down? The people of Israel didn't think so. They were convinced that God was detached from the struggles and heartaches of life. They said, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God" (40:27). Isaiah tells them (and us) that God not only cares, but gives us three wonderful gifts to those who take God seriously.

They who wait for the Lord...

Shall mount up with wings like eagles - This is the gift of Ecstasy. The times in our lives filled with sheer joy. It's what we feel when we hold a newborn baby, when we dance with abandon at weddings, when the Packers win the Super Bowl, when we view a spectacular sunset. What a gift! But when we're sitting at the bedside of a loved one, ecstasy is impossible. It's a generous gift, but not the greatest.

Shall run and not be weary - This is the gift of Energy. It's the ability to meet the pressing needs around us. We see the gift in our first responders and firefighters who respond to every emergency. We see the gift in our congregation as we visit the sick, send meals, raise funds for inner city ministries, write to prisoners, provide a haven for people frazzled by life. What a gift! But when we're sitting at the bedside of a loved one and there's nothing left to do but grieve, we have no energy. It's a generous gift, but not the greatest.

Shall walk and not faint - This is the gift of Endurance. It is the greatest gift. It is the ability to put one foot in front of the other. It's the ability to get up in the morning, after spending the night in despair, alone. Endurance gives us the power we need to continue despite weakness and sorrow. It's the gift I have witnessed in our friend, Sue. For 2-1/2 years Sue has been given the gift of endurance - through treatments, setbacks and adversity. God has given her family endurance as they shoulder the burden of grief. God has given us endurance as we provide whatever consolation we can to her and her family.

Those who wait for the Lord, who take God seriously, are given three gifts, Ecstasy, Energy and Endurance. We give thanks for the times of sheer joy, for the gift of boundless energy and for the gift which helps us through the roughest times, endurance!

--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.

JAMES IS HERE!

Our summer intern, James Heroux, is with us until right after August 16 (he's preaching on August 9!). Then he will be off to the Moravian Seminary to begin his pastoral training and new life.



James will be helping with the Dock services, attending meetings, visiting at Scand and assisting in worship. We want to give him a first hand experience of the many facets of Pastoral ministry!

Early Birds! Worker Bees!
 Continuing through 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!



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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854-4780

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Theresa Weborg, Sect'y
 421-0032

Elder for the month of:

August - Doug Schultz

September - Theresa Weborg

Services in August

Aug 2 - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Choir, 10 a.m. Worship

Aug 5 - 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology with Pastor Lloyd
 Michalsen and the group One Voice

Aug 9 - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Choir, 10 a.m. Worship
 Joyful Noise Offering

Aug 12 - 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology with Pastor Dawn,
 Rev. Cynthia Johnson and mezzo-soprano Cynthia Stiehl!

Aug 16 - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Choir, 10 a.m. Worship,
 Communion celebrating Aug. 13

Aug 23 - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Choir, 10 a.m. Worship

Aug 30 - 8 a.m. early service, 9 a.m. Choir, 10 a.m. Worship

CHURCH PICNIC!

Saturday, August 1

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (or later!)

At the Home of:

Doug & Penny Schultz

Corner of Townline &

Sumac

**(Directions will be printed out and a
'caravan' will be leaving from the
church parking lot at 12:50 p.m.)**



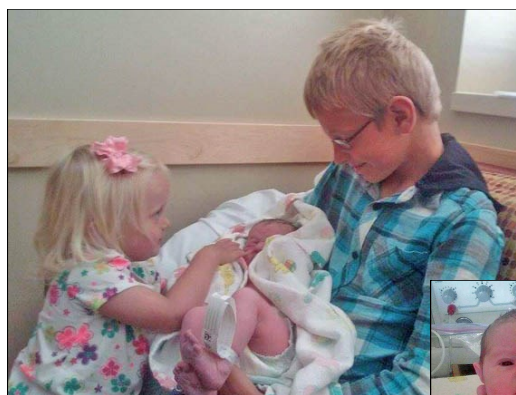
Come out and meet our friends from Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church, Pastor Christie Melby-Gibbons and her family! There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or you may email us if you plan to attend. Great food, fellowship and



**Rev. Christie
Melby-Gibbons**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 10 A.M. SERVICE

Our friends at Spirit of Peace Lutheran will be sharing with us in our worship service and Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons will be bringing the message. We are so excited about the ways God's work is being accomplished in Milwaukee! Come out to be inspired. After worship we will provide lunch. If you can help with side dishes, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office.



**CONGRATULATIONS to
Amanda ,Mike, Logan,
and Cana**

**Glory Lou Mittermann
Born on July 19, 2015
8 lbs., 21-1/2 inches**



**Glory attends >>
her first official
church function**



The Ephraim Historical Foundation and Moravian Church
PRESENT

DEARLY DEPARTED

A Living Portrayal of People Who Were Part of Ephraim



Inger Knudson
1843 - 1886



Fordel Hogenson
1849 - 1927



Anders Petterson
1858 - 1938



Anna Valentine
1861 - 1930



Matilda Valentine Anderson
1865 - 1936



Edgar Goodlett
1884 - 1970

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Cemetery Corner of S. Norway & Willow
Rain or Shine, 1:30 to 3:30

Matilda Valentine Anderson portrayed by **Angela Sherman**

Inger Knudson

portrayed by **Linda Carey**

Edgar Goodlett

portrayed by **Leif Erickson**

Anna Valentine

portrayed by **Ellie McCullin**

Anders Petterson

portrayed by **Walt Fisher**

Fordel Hogenson

portrayed by **Paul Flottman**

60 Years of Life, 30 Years of Ordination—July 26, 2015

I am so grateful for the incredible tributes I received this past Sunday- the beautiful artwork, the lovely reception, the kind words and the ability of our church boards and secretary to keep a secret! I was completely surprised by the arrival of the choir from Trinity. You certainly made my 60th birthday and 30th anniversary of Ordination a day to remember! - Pastor Dawn



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in July: The Verheyden family to honor George's memory, Eunice Rutherford & G.G. Paschke, Diane Kirkland, and all the worker bees behind Pastor Dawn's celebration.

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

...to those who donated items for the Silent Auction and those who worked that day.

...to the 39 people to date who have brought food to the Sherman family while they attend to Sue.

...to those who are helping with our August 1 picnic at Doug & Penny's, and with the potluck on August 2 here at church.



Adopt-A-Grave

The newer sections of our cemetery are bright with flowers much of the year, with greenery over winter. However, the older sections (nearest Willow) are bare. Next time you stroll through the cemetery, choose someone who doesn't have anyone to leave them flowers and do some planting: daffodils, tulips or other perennials. Adopt a departed church family member and pay tribute to their time here in Ephraim.

(The cemetery rules state that all planted flowers will not extend more than eight inches from the headstone. From May 1 to November 1, only live plantings will be allowed; from November 2 to April 30 (during winter months), evergreen or natural material wreaths may be placed on gravesites.)

—Kathy Kirkland, Cemetery Superintendent

P.S. Remember that only live plantings are allowed on gravesites - no plastic or silk flowers.

Prayers for...

..Sue Sherman and her family as Sue continues her final journey.

...Those who are fighting against cancer and other debilitating diseases: Karen Black, Sherry Koehler, Rich Bierman, Mike Skippon, Nancy Goss.



Congratulations to Niles Weborg, now retired Chief of the Ephraim Fire Department! Niles served the Village for four decades as Chief. He'll enjoy TWO retirement parties--one with the Department and then on **August 29** a Village-wide party at the Village Hall from **3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Go to the party and congratulate Niles!

TREA\$URER's REPORT

Member giving through June: \$53,906

Visitor giving through June: \$27,902

Income

Budget is \$144,900

Actual through June \$84,279
(58% of budget)

Expenses

Budget is \$182,826

Actual through June \$98,799
(52% of budget)



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

Joyful Noise in July for Loaves & Fishes - \$181.71 !

Our Ice-Cream Social total came to \$1,338. which will be distributed soon.



A welcome to the Bell Ringers at our Christmas Concert



Doug Rights and the Youth Bell Choir
from Olivet Moravian Church in Winston
Salem, N.C.

A Door County
Moravian Christ-
mas Concert
June 28, 2015



August birthdays

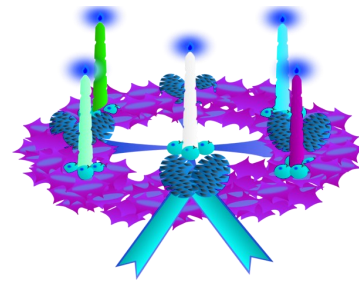
(Happy birthday to Theo Sherman--we missed his first birthday on July 1 !)

Betty Ann Knudson...5
Ava Neddersen ...9
Jackie Larson ...11
Lucille Sohns...12
Mary Koehler...13
Angela Sherman ...13
Scott Anderson...15
Kaye Maher...15
Mary Ann Schuder...15
Britta Jacobson...16
Gary Carlson...17
Arps Horvath...20
Marcia Dorfman - 22
Amanda Larson...24
Linda Lorenz...27
Joshua Opitz...28
Jody Thiell...28
Robert Volpe...31

August anniversaries

Nancy & Tim Christofferson – Aug 5, 1972
Don and Donna Nelson – Aug 9, 1958
Marilyn and Jim Cushing – Aug 15, 1979
Eunice and Ray Rutherford – Aug 28, 1955

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!



Hope, Love, Joy, Peace

The Spiritual Writers Guild (sponsored by Sister Bay Moravian Church) is compiling a booklet especially for the Advent season, and everyone from Northern Door is invited to participate!

The booklet will be divided into four sections (hope, love, joy, peace) with writings for each day that week. You could write a poem, an anecdote, a prayer, an experience you've had, or a short essay. We are also soliciting photos (or photos of artwork) that can be given appropriate accompanying scripture or titles. Once finished, the booklets will be available to those who'd like to use them in church services, their own Advent reflections, or can be posted online to a church website, etc.

You can be listed as anonymous or be named as the author. Finished booklets will be sent out in October (first Sunday of Advent is November 29).

The *ADVENTures in Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace* booklet is not specific to Moravians, and our hope is that everyone can use this booklet to celebrate the coming Christmas season – searching, anticipating, and then the joy of Christ's birth!

Deadline for submissions is September 30!

Questions? Contact Naomi Thomas
(854-1841, lsnone8@gmail.com)

Bridges' "Thanksgiving Meal" for the international students coming September 15

Bars and apple or pumpkin pies and helpers will be needed for this special season-ending meal. Jane Olson will again coordinate; the meal will be at Sister Bay Baptist Church.

FINAL CALL for discount prices on the Daily Texts for 2016! We need all orders to be in Ellie McCullin's hands no later than Sunday, August 9. Order forms are in the narthex.



Anderson Docks-

ology 2015 Sunset Services

7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

**Continuing through August 12 at
Anderson Dock, Ephraim**

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



August 5
Lloyd Michalsen
One Voice



August 12

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



Cynthia Stiehl



FEED MY PEOPLE for August

This month is cold cereal month here at church. Bring a box or two for the Feed My People bins, which are located at the front entrance, the accessible entrance, and also in the downstairs hallway.

Come....Walk in the light of the Lord Isaiah 2:5

More than 350 women attended the 12th Moravian Women's Conference from fifteen different countries. It was held June 25-28, 2015 at Sandy Cove Conference Center in Northeast, Maryland on the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay. Diane and I drove out a few days early so we could spend time with her grandchildren in Pennsylvania.

Sandy Cove is a meeting center with meeting rooms, auditorium, and dining room. On our way to the dining room, we met four women from Sturgeon Bay, so we sat with them for meals every day.

The first night we served Lovefeast. Rev. Mary Kategile from Tanzania was keynote speaker. She shared her deep interest in women in ministry and the spiritual growth of women.

Each morning, worship leaders from different countries would start with "Come walk in the light of the Lord." Jennifer Sands, keynote speaker shared her testimony of coming to salvation through Christ after she lost her husband in the World Trade Center on 9-11-2001. She discussed the importance of obedience, patience, and confidence as we walk in the light. She has written three books and is a wonderful, positive speaker.

Rev. Craig Attwood was our keynote speaker Friday night. It was an interesting talk about five centuries of Moravian women's leadership in the ministry of the church. Women held a greater role in the ministry than any other church.

A young woman from Nepal talked about her Moravian Church. Everyone in town was a member. While she spoke, there was a slide presentation. She showed us slides of the earthquake. There was so much destruction. It brought tears to my eyes. The people began rebuilding the church right away.

There were 120 workshops to choose from. We could go to four. Two special workshops were offered about mission focus. Two young women shared their experiences. One talked about Cuba, the other one Albania. The editor of "The Moravian" magazine, Mike Riess, came and shared stories about what Moravians are doing around the globe as well as the work being done here at home.

We enjoyed visiting the Moravian Women's Market where you could buy a variety of things offered for sale. We said our goodbyes and left Saturday afternoon for our long drive back to Wisconsin. This was an exciting international worship experience.

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August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1 p.m. Picnic— Schultz Home
2 8 am service, 9 am Choir 10 am Worship	3	4	5 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology	6 7 p.m. AA meeting	7 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	8
9 8 am service, 9 am Choir 10 am Worship Joyful Noise for Secret Santa	10	11	12 9:30 Caring Hands 4pm — Trustees 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology LAST ONE!	13 7 p.m. AA meeting	14 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	15
16 8 am service, 9 am Choir 10 am Worship/ Communion	17	18	19	20 7 p.m. AA meeting	21 8:30 a.m. OA meeting	22
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