

Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2016

The Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands. - Deuteronomy 30:9 (NIV)

February 2016

From the Pastor's Desk:

It is a custom in the Moravian Church to draw individual and congregational 'watchwords' for the year. Watchwords are scripture verses that we hope will guide us for the year ahead. Over the years, I think some view them as 'holy fortune cookies.' We're happy when we get one that has a positive message. Sometimes people have asked for new ones, especially if the one they drew says something about suffering! I must admit that I prefer Watchwords that tell me I'm going to have a good year.

I was really thrilled with the Watchword for 2016- The Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands- Deuteronomy 30:9. I researched the background of this wonderful promise and found it came with a giant string attached.

This verse is one sentence in a long farewell sermon given by Moses. Moses was at the end his work with the people of Israel. He had led them for 40 years and now, as his life was ending, they were ready to go into battle for the land they hoped to settle in- to establish their homes and build their nation. Instead of laying out a plan for the next phase of their lives, he delivered a sermon with one great theme- Love God, passionately, and do God's will. Then God will make them prosperous. It is the giant string attached to the promise.

So what does this mean for us? If we are passionate about God, then God will make us passionate about the things that matter to God. What are those things? God passionately loves creation. God passionately loves the people in this world (John 3:16), God passionately loves the poor. God passionately loves the broken-hearted. God passionately loves the church.

If we want God to make all the 'work of our hands' prosperous this year, then we need to do two things- Love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and embrace the people in our church, in our community and in our world with a holy love. May God prosper us as we, here in Ephraim, Wisconsin, become the hands and feet of the One who loved us and gave himself for us. May We Bless God, in our work, in our worship and in our passionate love for our Neighbors!

- 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.

PASTOR'S SABBATICAL

The Pastor will be on Sabbatical from Feb 19 - March 19. A Sabbatical is a time for the pastor to re-energize through study and reflection. In the Moravian church, pastors are encouraged to take sabbaticals every 5 years.

During her sabbatical, Pastor Dawn will be reading and working on honing her writing skills. The elders will be on call for emergencies. We are so pleased that the following pastors will offer pulpit supply:

Feb. 21- Ken Carlson Ken is a retired Lutheran pastor who attends our church and has shared in the pulpit ministry. We know he will bring an inspirational message!

Feb. 28- Reeder Herrick Reeder has served several years as Associate Pastor of Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church and is an excellent preacher and teacher.

Mar. 6- Paul Graf Paul is no stranger to Ephraim. A bishop of the church, he always has something thoughtful to share.

Mar. 13- Gary Straughan Gary was president of the Eastern District during Pastor Dawn's ministry in Maryland. Pastor Dawn will be back to listen to his message along with you. She is so pleased to welcome him to Ephraim.



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Elder for the month of:
February... Diane Jacobson

Services in February

**February 7 - 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m.
Worship/Communion**

**February 14 —9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m.
Worship— Joyful Noise for Secret Santa
3 p.m.—Unity Service, St. Rosalia's**

**February 21 -9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m.
Worship**

**February 28—9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m.
Worship**



From the Board of World Mission: “We can’t thank you enough for your continued support of the Board of World Mission. Thank you for your gift of \$1,460 in support of the Ahuas Clinic for the work crew, and \$489 for the women’s group...and the many projects they are making... 2015 has certainly presented many challenges, but as always, we are thankful for donors like you.”

From Door of Life: “We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving into the ministry of Door of Life Christian Church in 2015. We pray that you will continue to be blessed in every way so that you can fulfill every good work that God has ordained for you.”

Scandia Village Birthday Party

Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:00 p.m.

For years our Moravian Women provided the cake, beverages, gifts & entertainment for one of the monthly birthday parties at Scandia Village. Our late sister, Betty Ann Knudson, played a pivotal role in this endeavor. For the last two years, our church has been asked to provide the party, this year on January 28. It is a wonderful ministry, which brings much cheer to the residents. Thank you to all those who volunteered to bring cake, help serve, and celebrate the lives of the five women whose birthdays fall in January this year. Everyone is welcome to attend!



Update on the Ahuas Medical Clinic:

In 2015 some changes made for the 70-year old facility include:

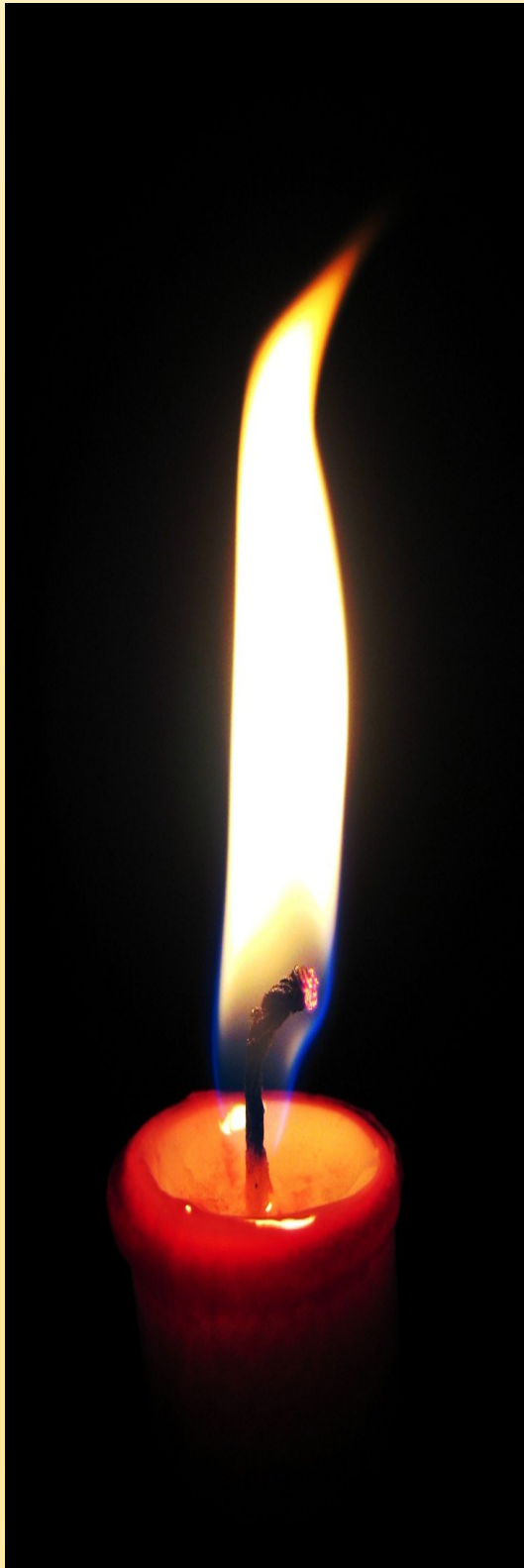
- training for the accountant and secretary in a computerized accounting program;
- completion of a separate cashier’s office with more efficient money management;
- repair of the old Massey Ferguson tractor due to a generous donation from the US and the tireless efforts of pilot, George Goff;
- completion of new latrines, showers and clothes washing facilities thanks to financial help from Lititz Moravian Church;
- Donations of much-needed medications through the efforts of Dr. Benno and Teresa Marx.



In 2016, eight work crews are already lined up, with projects including a potable water system, improved plumbing system, new fence and ceilings, and a new lab. An infant feeding program, funded by generous donations of many, started a 6- month trial in January, providing for 40-45 malnourished children under the age of five.

Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord

-1st Peter 2:9



Service of Christian Unity Sunday, February 14, 2016

3:00 p.m.

Stella Maris – Sister Bay

*You are invited to an
Inspirational Ecumenical
Service!*

Congregational Singing
Bethel Baptist Praise Team
Pastor Joel Rose, Preaching
Sister Bay Moravian Bells of Praise

All participants will be joining in
the Hallelujah Chorus!

Reception following, featuring
Valentine's Day refreshments
and the bestowing of the Uni award for
the church that has the highest
average attendance!

Non-Perishable Food and Free-Will
Offerings will go to
Stella Maris, Door of Life and
Sister Bay Baptist Food Pantries

TREASURER's REPORT

Member giving through December: \$104,308

Visitor giving through December: \$ 78,696



Income

Budget for 2015 was \$144,900

Actual was: \$204,771

Expenses

Budget for 2015 was \$182,826

Actual was: \$209,001

For February's Feed My People

*Suggested Donations for
this month:*



Pet Supplies

And

Paper Products



Place in any of the "Feed My People" baskets we have in the church. Thanks!!

DON'T FORGET! CHURCH COUNCIL



Sunday, January 31, 2016

11:00 a.m.

Followed by Lunch—bring cold side dishes or a dessert

Condolences

...to our volunteer Piano Tuner, Peter Nehlsen, on the death of his mother

Prayers

...for Dan Olson as he recovers from pneumonia

...for Anne Crowe following her final chemo treatment

AHHH WHAT DO I DO?! I DON'T WANT TO FREEZE TO DEATH!!



Come in Out of the Cold Opportunities for Free Lunch & Conversation

**1st Wednesdays at noon—Sister Bay Moravian
3rd Wednesdays at noon—Ephraim Moravian**

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to help at one of our lunches:

March 16

April 20

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church

in January: Pastor Dawn Volpe, Bob & Liz Schroeder, Betty Chomeau and Susie Samson, Gunilla Wilson, and all the potluck people at our Church Council.

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



February birthdays

Frances Burton...1
Paul Wilson...2
Dale Jacobson...3
Betty Wolf...5
Dick Bierman... 5
Rob Moore... 5
Diane Jacobson...6
Tim Christofferson... 10
Betty Anderson...15
Shelley Cox...18
B. D. Thorp...18
Pat Horvath...20
Natalie Neddersen ...20
Chris Farmer...21
Lorraine Morton...21
Theresa Weborg...26
Marilyn Cushing - 26
Karin Jacobson...28
Niles Weborg...29



February anniversaries

Norma and Roger Larson – February 13, 1971

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!

**Bible Study Continues on Fridays at 10 a.m.
through February 12
"Jesus through
Middle Eastern Eyes"**



A fascinating study of Jesus' life and teachings by a Christian scholar who spent many years in the Middle East. Come out to hear the familiar stories from the part of the world where the Story first began!

Anne Glabe's daughter Caroline surprised her at Christmas with this beautiful piece of hand-made art. Here is Caroline's narrative:

For most of the year, we were Lutherans; but as "summer people" in Ephraim, we went to the Moravian Church. As little kids, we probably didn't notice much difference, as we spent that time every week in Sunday School, all decked out in our "church clothes." We must have looked pretty cute because there are quite a few pictures of us in the family photo albums posing in our Sunday best.

As we got older, we went from Sunday School to attending the church service. And while most of the sermons were not terribly memorable, the stained glass windows are etched in my memory of summer Sundays.

Then we'd occasionally make winter visits to Ephraim. Imagine our surprise to see the chancel transformed with lighted greenery and a huge tree decorated with sparkling crystal and white ornaments. That was maybe my first memory of seeing the Moravian Star all lit up. The highlight of the service was—and still is—the lighting of the candles to the sound of everyone singing "Silent Night."



REMEMBER OUR COLLEGE KIDS

Mr. James Heroux (summer intern)
53 West Church Street, Apt. 7
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Samantha Phillips
Luther College
700 College Drive, SPO 2384
Decorah, IA 52101

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

Ainsley Nelson
344 W. Dayton St., #211
Madison, WI 53703

Andrea Nelson
900 Washington Ave SE
Apt. 205
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Mike Weborg
347 Smith Hall
409 Reserve Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

5 - 7 p.m.

In Loving Memory of Sue Sherman

In honor of the memory of Sue Sherman, the proceeds of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper will be sent to Door CANcer, Inc., a community based, volunteer organization that assists patients and their families with the practical necessities of life during cancer treatment. The supper is free and ALL free-will donations will be given to Door CANcer.

LENTEN SERVICES

We are pleased to partner with Sister Bay Moravian Church for this year's Lenten Services. All Wednesday services will be held at Scandia Village's Meadows Gathering Room

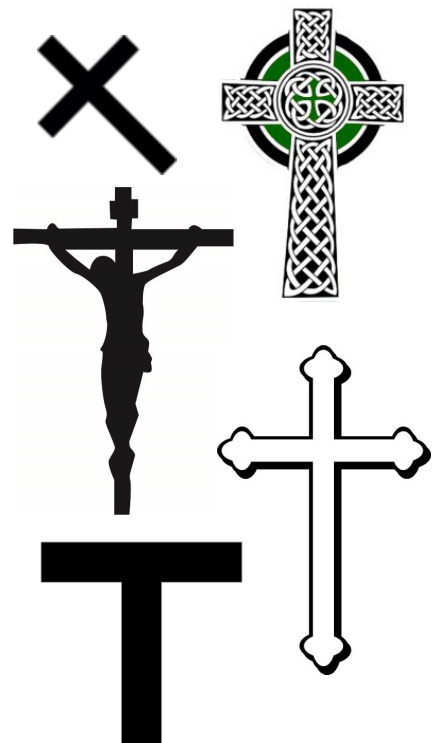
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10

6:45 p.m.- Hymn Sing

7:00 p.m.- Service

Every Wednesday following through March 16, hymn singing from 6:45—7 p.m., with services at 7 p.m. The theme will be the many symbols of the cross. Pastors Dawn Volpe, Kerry Krauss and Chaplain Joy Zakrewski will be leading the services.

HOLY WEEK readings will take place at Sister Bay Moravian Church this year,
Mon. - Friday, March 21-25
Times TBA





February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Noon— Community Lunch at Sister Bay Moravian	4 7 p.m. AA mtg.	5 8:30 a.m. OA mtg. 10 a.m. Bible Study	6
7 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship/ Communion	8	9 4 p.m. Elders 5—7 p.m. - Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper	10 6:45 p.m. Hymn Sing & 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service— Meadows Gathering Room	11 7 p.m. AA mtg.	12 8:30 a.m. OA mtg. 10 a.m. Bible Study	13 11 a.m. Trustee Meeting
14 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship & Joyful Noise 3 p.m. Unity Service/St. Rosalia's	15 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	16	17 Noon—Open Door Lunch here 6:45 Hymn Sing 7 pm Worship Meadows Gathering Room	18 7 p.m. AA mtg.	19 8:30 a.m. OA mtg. <i>Pastor's Sabbatical Begins</i>	20
21 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	22	23 5 p.m.—Loaves & Fishes at St. Rosalia's	24 6:45 Hymn Sing 7 p.m. Worship Meadows Gathering Room	25 7 p.m. AA mtg.	26 8:30 a.m. OA mtg.	27
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