

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)

May 2016



From the Pastor's Desk:

The Lord is my Shepherd... Psalm 23 My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me... John 10

The 23rd Psalm is usually associated with a funeral. But it was not intended to reflect death. It was intended to give us hope as we trust God, our divine Shepherd. It's a song about life.

‘The Lord is my Shepherd’, the Psalmist proclaims. The Shepherd guides him through pleasant pastures, in the right paths and through the darkest valley. Do you trust the Shepherd to guide you to the right path? I know of one person who trusts the Shepherd with absolute certainty. Here is her story:

My sister, Linda, was looking to change jobs. Being a nurse, with ICU experience, she knew she would have no trouble finding work. Just down the street, a 2 minute drive, was a hospital in need of her skills. She was hired on the spot. In 2 weeks time, she would take on her new responsibilities. She was excited to be able to work in our neighborhood. However, she saw an ad for a hospital about a ½ hour away from home and she felt an internal nudging to send an application there. She resisted this urge but, when the feeling became more insistent, she contacted the hospital to say she was available. The personnel office was dismissive, saying that her offer might be taken up in some weeks, but certainly not by the time she took the job in the neighborhood hospital. Linda hung up the phone, feeling rather foolish and wondering if she needed her head examined. Yet, the next day, the head of the ICU called, interviewed her and hired her.

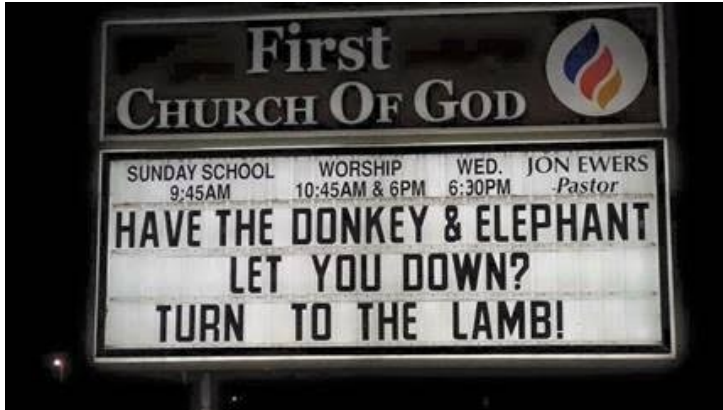
Linda trusted and obeyed the Shepherd's guidance. Upon entering that hospital, Linda was immediately sent to the darkest valley. The ICU unit was dysfunctional, bordering on the psychotic. Nurses refused to ask for help or assist each other, resulting in back and shoulder injuries. In order to advance their own interests and careers, they slandered their co-workers. She came home after her shifts sharing horror stories of misconduct and distrust. She never questioned that the Shepherd led her there and that she was in this valley by the Shepherd's intention. She put a personal strategy in place to walk through the valley. After her own duties were accomplished, she offered help to the other nurses. When they refused, she would say: ‘I know you can do it by yourself, you're a wonderful nurse; but, since I'm here anyway, let me help.’ Her gentle persuasion completely disarmed them. In 6 months time, that ICU became a place of genuine healing, for the patients as well as the nurses. Sometimes the guidance of the Shepherd leads us into the darkest valley. Do you trust the Shepherd?

My sister's walk ‘through the valley of the shadow’ not only healed an ICU unit, but paved the way for the career she has today. Do you trust the Shepherd, not only to lead you to green pastures and the right path, but also through the valley of the shadow? My prayer is that Psalm 23 will be a reminder to put absolute trust in the divine shepherd to lead us our whole life long!

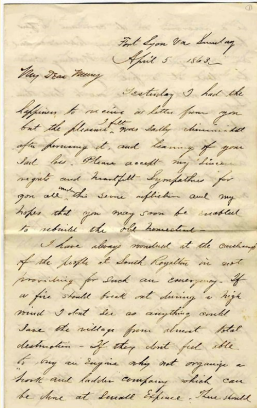
—Pastor Dawn

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.



New Bible Study begins May 6!



“Letters from the Front”

Join us each Friday at 10 a.m.
 from May 6 - June 11
 For a study of Paul's letters and
 the impact they had on those
 receiving them and on those
 who've read them thousands of
 years later. We'll also look at
 the value of letter writing for our
 families and future generations.

Services in May

May 8— 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m.
 Worship/Communion

May 15 — 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m.
 Worship— Joyful Noise for Loaves & Fishes

May 22— 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship
 12 p.m. Road Trip to Milwaukee!

May 29—9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Service

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

Funds: Investment Committee
 of John Turner, Chuck Mead,
 Pete Classen

Linda Carey 854-9253
 (Trustee President/Cemetery)

Marilyn Cushing 854-5230
 (Church Building and Parson-
 age Interiors/ Cemetery)

Chuck Mead 854-3357
 (Funds and Building Exterior/
 Secretary)

Rob Moore 847-295-6388
 (Building Exterior, Grounds)

Ryan Sherman 920-734-1313
 (Church Building and Parson-
 age Interiors/Grounds)

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#### ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair  
 Cici Mulliken, Vice Ch 854-2018  
 Karen Ekberg 421-2553  
 Diane Jacobson 854-2871  
 Theresa Weborg, Sect'y  
 421-0032  
 Betty Chomeau 854-2203  
Elder for the month of:  
 May....Karen Ekberg

Joint Board Meeting with  
Provincial Elders President,  
Dr. Elizabeth (Betsy) Miller

Wednesday, April 27  
7:00 p.m.

Betsy will be discussing our decision  
to tithe our assessments. All  
interested members are welcome  
to attend this meeting

### MILWAUKEE ROAD TRIP



Join us on Sunday, May  
22, as we head down to  
Spirit of Peace Church  
after the service to share  
an afternoon Lovefeast  
and a potluck dinner  
with them.

We will return the same evening. Tell  
Pastor Dawn if you are interested in going so  
we can plan the “car caravan.”



### REMEMBER OUR COLLEGE KIDS—on the final stretch!

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

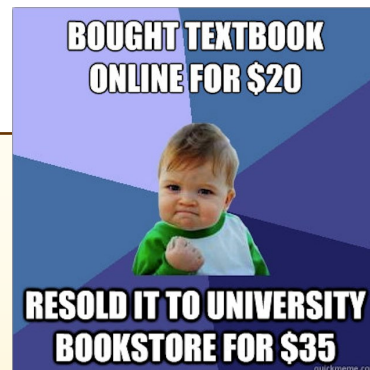
Mike Weborg  
347 Smith Hall  
409 Reserve Street  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Save the date!

Spiritual Lasik:  
Seeing God through the Fog

A Women's Retreat at  
Bjørklunden, Baileys Harbor  
Wednesday, November 9  
8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Presented by Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Ephraim Moravian Church  
\$10 per person – RSVP 920/854-2804







## TREASURER's REPORT

Member giving through March: \$20,895

Visitor giving through March: \$5,601

### Income

Budget for 2016 is \$157,800

Actual through March: \$27,351

### Expenses

Budget for 2016 is \$193,696

Actual through March: \$43,060

## For May's Feed My People



*Suggested Donations for  
this month:*

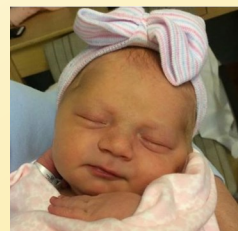
***Beans, Potatoes & Rice***

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



*Congratulations to  
Grant & Rachel (Sayer) Vytlačil  
who were married here on April 23!*

It's a girl! Congratulations to George & Linda Carey on the birth of their Great Grand Daughter, Josephine Rose!



### Prayers

...Vicky Schult, as her cancer has returned  
...Jane Olson as she deals with serious health issues  
...Tim Christofferson for the healing of his back  
...Joan Heelan, who was hospitalized in Florida

The Pastor and Joyce Gerdman will be traveling to Mt. Morris as delegates to the Western District Synod from April 28 - May 1. Please be in prayer for them and all of the participants. Upon returning from Synod, Pastor Dawn will be traveling to Iowa to pick up her son, Rob. She will return on May 3.

We Welcome Pastor Sandra Crase to the pulpit on May 1. Pastor Sandra has blessed us before with her inspirational preaching and delightful personality.

She's hoping to bring some friends along! Please give our sister in Christ a warm, Ephraim welcome!

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church  
in April: Karen Ekberg, Carol & Jim Sokolowski, Kay Wilson,  
Mary Wilson  
...to those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in  
April.  
...for those who helped usher, provide food and serve at  
Andrew Billerbeck's memorial service.



## Tea Party May 11 !

We know you won't  
want to miss the

1930s Tea Party at the Hall on  
May 11 ! See all the info on  
page 6 of this newsletter.

*Deadline to sign up is May 1 !*

*Spring into Summer !*  
**Saturday, May 28, 2016**  
**8 a.m.—11 a.m.**

**FREE Continental  
Breakfast**



(Moravian sugar  
cake, Lovefeast  
buns, coffee, juice)

**Huge Bake Sale!**

**Huge Plant Sale**

*shared from our own gardens!*



## May Birthdays


Jody Paschke...2  
Gunilla Wilson...3  
Elli Opitz LaPolla...6  
Cindy Phillips...11  
Dave Chomeau - 11  
Arnold Sohns...13  
Doug Schultz...14  
Mylo Sherman... 17  
Pieta Horvath...18  
Anne Spooner Crowe.. 19  
David Sohns...21  
Nicolai Carlson...23  
Earl Lorenz....23  
Elaine Jacobson...26  
Patti Bennett...30  
Elizabeth Opitz...30  
Rachel Sayer Vytlačil...30



## May Anniversaries

Tim and Kristi Nelson – May 6, 1989  
Judy and Paul Flottman – May 25, 1974  
Erin and Brent Bristol – May 28, 2011

*If your name, or the name of a loved one  
is not listed in our birthday and anniver-  
sary listings, please let us know  
by email or phone!*



*You are cordially invited to an  
Afternoon Tea in Ephraim, 1930's style.*

*DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 2016*

*TIME: 1:00 P. M. to 3.00 P.M.*

*PLACE: Ephraim Village Hall, Water Street*

*COST: \$15.00*

*By Reservation Only: contact Cheryl at 854-0007 or  
palubahn@yahoo.com*

*All proceeds will benefit DOOR CANcer Inc.*

*Given in memory of Sue Sherman and our many friends who have  
succumbed to cancer,  
and in honor of others who have survived it! We rejoice in them all.  
In Sue's honor, we will serve some of her delectable sweets to tempt you,  
and her remaining cookbooks will be for sale.*

*We have invited some collectors to display their objects. In that spirit,  
if you have an apron in your collection --  
fancy or utilitarian -- old or new -- please consider bringing or  
wearing it to add to the atmosphere of the event.*

*We will have a Tree of Memory and of Triumph.  
Please bring a small photo to hang on the tree during the tea  
(5" X 7" or less) of a loved one who has passed from this life,  
or has won his or her life back (you get to keep the fancy photo clip)*



# May 2016

| Sunday                                                                                 | Monday                               | Tuesday                                       | Wed.                                                                        | Thursday                                                    | Friday                                                         | Saturday                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>9 am Sunday School/<br>10 am Worship/<br>Communion                         | <b>2</b>                             | <b>3</b>                                      | <b>4</b>                                                                    | <b>5</b><br><br>7 p.m.<br>AA Mtg                            | <b>6</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg<br>10 a.m.<br>Bible Study      | <b>7</b>                                                                       |
| <b>8</b><br>9 am Sunday School/<br>10 am Worship                                       | <b>9</b>                             | <b>10</b>                                     | <b>11</b><br>Afternoon<br>Tea, 1930's<br>Style,<br>Village Hall<br>1-3 p.m. | <b>12</b><br><br>1 p.m.<br>Trustees<br><br>7 p.m.<br>AA Mtg | <b>13</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg<br><br>10 a.m.<br>Bible Study | <b>14</b>                                                                      |
| <b>15</b><br>9 am Sunday School/<br>10 am Worship                                      | <b>16</b><br><br>5:30 p.m.<br>Elders | <b>17</b>                                     | <b>18</b>                                                                   | <b>19</b><br><br>7 p.m.<br>AA Mtg                           | <b>20</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg<br><br>10 a.m.<br>Bible Study | <b>21</b>                                                                      |
| <b>22</b><br>9 am Sunday School/<br>10 am Worship<br><i>ROAD TRIP<br/>to Milwaukee</i> | <b>23</b>                            | <b>24</b><br><br>5 p.m.<br>Loaves &<br>Fishes | <b>25</b>                                                                   | <b>26</b><br><br>7 p.m.<br>AA Mtg                           | <b>27</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg<br><br>10 a.m.<br>Bible Study | <b>28</b><br>Swing into<br>Spring<br>Breakfast<br>& Plant<br>Sale 8—11<br>a.m. |
| <b>29</b><br>9 am Sunday School/<br>10 am Worship                                      | <b>30</b><br><br>Memorial Day        | <b>31</b>                                     |                                                                             |                                                             |                                                                |                                                                                |



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