

## **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)

August 2016



#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"The Good Samaritan 2.0" - Adapted from a sermon by James Heroux Ref. Luke 10: 25 - 27 (Used by permission)

The Good Samaritan is probably the best known parable that Jesus taught. Even those who are not familiar with the bible, seem to know this story. The title, 'Good Samaritan' is commonly used – for hospitals and charities,

and to describe people who lend assistance when someone is in trouble. There are two things we can learn from this story:

- 1. As Christians we assume that, when trouble arises, we will be 'good Samaritans.' But when those opportunities arise, sometimes we are caught off guard and don't know how to react. We find ourselves behaving like the Priest and the Levite. Compassion is not something we dredge up when we happen upon a crisis. Compassion is a daily discipline– practiced in small and big ways. We show compassion to our children, we show compassion to our spouses, we petition God for other people, we engage in acts of random kindness. When we train ourselves in compassion, we have the resources to respond when someone is in need. The Good Samaritan in the story must have been a person for whom generosity and kindness was second-nature. If we wish to be a Good Samaritan, begin training today!
- 2. In the story, the Samaritan happened onto the scene after the victim was already in the ditch, badly injured. He had no way of preventing this catastrophe. But how often do we as a society wait for things to get really awful before we act? We wait until someone is in the ditch before lending assistance. We trick ourselves into thinking we are stumbling onto horrible situations, when, in reality, we've allowed them to grow and get worse, until the voices of the oppressed are finally loud enough for us to act. We, the followers of Jesus, cannot hold compassion in reserve, waiting for things to get 'bad enough.' We are challenged to practice compassion each day, interfering for good in the lives of those near and far.

Thank you, James, for a challenging message! - Pastor Dawn

#### Ephraim Moravian Church Office Hours

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. PASTOR: TUES - FRI

MONDAY Pastor's Day Off

9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. SECRETARY: WED. - THURS.

920-421-4042 The Church Phone does NOT ring in the parsonage. Please CELL NUMBER:

keep the Pastor's Cell Phone handy for after hours.

James Heroux's Last Sunday August 21 10:00 a.m.

Join us in saying farewell to our Student Intern. We wish him Godspeed as he enters his second year of Seminary!



#### **TRUSTEES**

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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

Linda Carey 854-9253 (Trustee President/Cemetery)

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

#### Services in August

August 3—Anderson Docks-ology, 7:30 p.m., with James Heroux & Sturgeon Bay Moravian Youth Band

August 7— 8:00 a.m. Early Service

Worship Service/Communion 10 a.m.

August 10—Anderson Docks-ology, 7:30 p.m., with Rev. Joel Rose, Bethel Baptist

August 14— 8:00 a.m. Early Service

Worship Service, Joyful Noise for 10 a.m.

Secret Santa

August 17—Anderson Docks-ology, 7:30 pm, with Pastor Kerry Krauss, Sister Bay Moravian, and Singer Katie Dahl

August 21—8:00 a.m. Early Service

> 10 a.m. Worship Service

August 28—8:00 a.m. Early Service

Worship Service 10 a.m.

#### **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: August....Karen Ekberg

### For August's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:
Outdoor items like sun screen,
bug spray, lotions





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



Special Thanks to Beth Chafey-Hon who performed in a benefit concert here last month. She raised \$728. for Unity Hospice.

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

Our Fruit of the Spirit Choir Concert On
June 26 raised \$1,000 for Abe Caceres and World
Music, to send a grand piano to the Tumaini
University in Tanzania...the first grand piano in the
country!



Thank you to John Turner for the new signage! John took this on as a project after a visitor pointed out that entering the church can be confusing. So John crafted signs pointing to the main entrance, the accessible ramp and the parking lot. We are so pleased that our guests will be able to find their way into our parking lot and church.



In July, we welcomed Judy Cloninger, Kay & Keith Tschannen and Kathy Zehner into membership.

We also welcomed Kiel James Larsen by the Sacrament of Infant Baptism.

#### **Prayers**

Jock Whitacre, the Gelhaar family, Jane Olson's family, Ceci Anshutz and her family, Franne Dickinson and family

#### From Ainsley Nelson, returning from a semester in Peru

"I can't put into words everything to the last four months have been for me. I feel very fortunate to have had this experience and I hope that I can come back soon!"



Swimming in the Amazon

### Dearly Departed



### Monday, September 12

Tours at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Ida Seiler Sohns(Karen Ekberg)

Charlotte Amundsen (Carolyn Glabe O'Donnell)

Elsie Groenfeldt (Sally Jacobson)

Clara Alpha Oneson Scudder (Ruth Oneson Minke)

Halvor Anderson (Dick Volkmann) J.J. Groenfeldt (Rob Moore) George Larson (George Larson)

#### TREA\$URER's REPORT

Member giving through June: \$37,920

2015 through June: \$53,906 2014 through June: \$41,710

Visitor giving through June: \$19,698

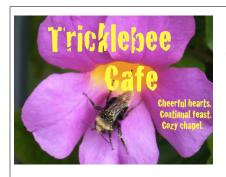
2015 through June: \$27,902 2014 through June: \$24,691

Income
Budget for 2016 is \$157,800
Actual through June: \$64,897



#### **Expenses**

Budget for 2016 is \$193,696 Actual through June: \$85,146



There will be a **Moravian Work Week at Tricklebee Café** in Milwaukee on August 1st -7 th . The cost is \$15 per night per person. Lodging will be at the Urban Retreat Center at the Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Kinds of work we'll likely be doing: painting, gluing FRP on the kitchen walls, moving in kitchen appliances, getting bathrooms finished (tiles, mirrors, toilet paper dispensers, etc.), hanging artwork, nailing trim board, washing windows, moving in kitchen supplies, weeding the side lot, picking up litter around the perimeter, etc.

What to bring: bedding, towel and toiletries, food for the week to store in the Spirit of Peace kitchen. If interested, email James Heroux at <a href="mailto:jhero274@gmail.com">jhero274@gmail.com</a> by July 25.

# Blessed to be a Blessing" Plus 50 Camp—August 18-21,2016 Mt. Morris Moravian Camp & Conference Center

"The Lord, bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace; In the name of Jesus. Amen."

This familiar blessing didn't always belong solely to pastors and the church. In fact, the idea of blessing began (of course) with God and was intended to be passed down from elder to younger in family groups. At this "Plus 50" we will explore the idea of biblical blessing, learning tried and true ways we can intentionally bless others (especially those we claim as family.) We are blessed to be a blessing, and encouraged to "pass it on!" Come and join us as we relax in the beauty of Mt. Morris, with time to worship, praise, pray, eat, and recreate, at a pace that blesses and renews us well-seasoned folks.

Myrna Peil is in charge of registration and Jason Pues will provide music. Program by Vicki Jens Page. Contact her with questions at 920-475-4379.



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in July:

Larsen family for Kiel's baptism, Tiggy Shields and Lonnie Vitse,
Rhea Vytlacil, John and Judy Turner

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

...for those who helped at memorial services for Cathie Gelhaar and Jane Olson



# Anderson Docks-ology 2016 Sunset Services 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays Through August 17

Anderson Dock, Ephraim

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



July 27
Pastor Dawn Volpe
Ephraim Moravian
Rev. Cynthia Johnson
UU Fellowship
New Day Singers



August 3
James Heroux
Sturgeon Bay Moravian
Youth Band



August 10
Rev. Joel Rose
Bethel Baptist



August 17
Pastor Kerry Krauss
Sister Bay Moravian
Singer Katie Dahl



#### August Birthdays





#### 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!



# Spirit of Peace Church joins us here in Ephraim July 31!

Sunday, July 31 10:00 a.m.

Spirit of Peace will be in worship with us, along with Pastor Christie Melby-Gibbons. We will share lunch with our friends after the service and will be presenting the gifts we've purchased for both Spirit of Peace Urban Center and Tricklebee Café. We encourage you to bring in the following items between now and this service: Toilet paper, waxed paper rolls, hand soap (bulk), and Kleenex in 'earthy-looking boxes'. Baskets to receive your donations are located on the bench in the Upper Hallway (beneath the long coat rack)



#### ORDERS FOR 2017 DAILY TEXTS

Please let the church office know if you wish to order daily texts for 2017. The orders need to be placed by August 10. Order forms are in the Narthex.

Dear Sister Pastor Dawn Volpe, S. Jendean Olson, and all the musicians of Ephraim, Sturgeon Bay, and Sister Bay Moravian Churches who participated in the wonderful concert of Moravian music last month,

Thanks so much for your sharing your time and talent and for raising a \$1,000 donation to World House Music! Your generous gift will help send a concert grand piano to Tanzania - the first ever to East Africa! 100% of your donation will go towards this purpose and scholarship funds for students.

Please visit our website often to see the progress in the fund raising. And yes, please share the info on this project to other interested parties.

Thanks and Peblejah!



worldhousemusic



# August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks- ology	7 p.m. AA Mtg	5 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg	6
7 8 a.m. Service & 10 a.m. Service, Communion	8	9	7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks- ology	11 10 a.m. Trustees 7 p.m. AA Mtg	12 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg	13 Church reserved- Wedding
8 a.m. Service & 10 a.m. Service Joyful Noise for Secret Santa	15	16	7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks- ology	7 p.m. AA Mtg	19 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg	20 Church Reserved- Wedding
8 a.m. Service & 10 a.m. Service	22	Loaves & Fishes, 5 p.m., St. Rosalia's	24	25 7 p.m. AA Mtg	<b>26</b> 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg	27
28 8 a.m. Service & 10 a.m. Service	29	30	31			

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#### **August 2016 Newsletter**



"Moravian Moon"
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