



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)

October 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



"I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me." - 2 Corinthians 12:9b

One of my values is competence. I push myself to be competent in my work and I expect competence from others. I want my work to shine. When it doesn't, I certainly don't 'boast of my weakness'. Perhaps you share my aversion to concept of weakness. Do you revel in your weakness? Do you embrace your incompetence? I bristle at the idea. But I have to admit, there was a time when, because I was so incredibly inept, I saw a clear demonstration of the grace and power of Christ.

I had completed my second year of seminary and was thrust upon unsuspecting souls in a local nursing home as a student chaplain. The nursing home had several floors, so I was assigned to one floor for the summer. One of my tasks was to initiate personal conversations with each resident and write a verbatim. As you can imagine, the conversations were awkward, stilted and usually one-sided. One day I entered another person's room to inflict my brand of hospitality. Her name was Theresa. I felt I was interrogating the poor woman, asking questions which led to monosyllabic responses. I found out that she had never married and rarely ventured out of her room. In a feeble attempt to connect, I mentioned the street I lived on. Her eyes lit up and she asked for my full name. In a moment of joy, she said, 'tell Celia (my mom), that Terry Berger says hello'. I had never met Terry before, but had heard her name mentioned many times. Mom met Terry at her very first job, and they had been friends ever since. Even when they could not see each other, they exchanged cards and letters. The latest Christmas card my mother sent was returned with no forwarding address. Mom wondered what had become of her dear friend. And here I was, in a nursing home where my floor had been 'randomly selected', reconnecting in spite of my ineptitude. What followed was a summer filled with grace, laughter and shared memories. My mother regularly saw Terry and even managed some trips with her outside the confines of her nursing home. During the summer I took her out of her room everyday to survey the gardens. I marveled at the grace of God that brought us together. Terry died later that year in peace and the assurance that she was beloved.

Sometimes, in our quest to be competent, we are afraid of reaching out. We'd rather be absent than inept. But, I hope my story assures you that God can use even the most awkward encounters to minister grace and peace. When we are weak, Christ indeed, is strong! - 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.



MT. MORRIS CAMP ANNUAL WOOD- CUTTER'S DAY SATURDAY OCTOBER 29

The work starts at 8 a.m. with breakfast and concludes in late afternoon. Mt. Morris will provide breakfast and lunch. For those wanting to arrive Friday, there is complimentary lodging available. Bring gloves, saws, misc. hand tools.

Hugh Mulliken is organizing from Ephraim Moravian. See Hugh or call Mt. Morris at 920-787-2861.



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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of John Turner, Chuck Mead,
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(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:  
October...Theresa Weborg

### **Services in October**

**October 2 — 8:00 a.m. Early Service  
10 a.m. Worship Service/Communion**

**October 9 — 8:00 a.m. Early Service  
10 a.m. Worship Service, Joyful Noise for  
Secret Santa**

**October 16—8:00 a.m. Early Service  
10 a.m. Worship Service**

**October 23 —8:00 a.m. Early Service  
10 a.m. Worship Service**

**October 30— 8:00 a.m. Early Service  
10 a.m. Worship Service**



**Spiritual Lasik:  
Seeing God through the Fog**

**A Women's Retreat at  
Björklunden, 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**



**Sister Bay Moravian's Famous Chicken Dinner on  
Wednesday, October 19—4:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
\$14 adults, \$5 kids (under age 5, free!)**

# Harvest Supper

**Wednesday, October 12, 2016**

**Ephraim Moravian Church**

**9970 Moravia Street, Ephraim**

**Two seatings: 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

**RSVP your seating choice by Oct. 7 to**

**920-854-2804 or**

**[worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org)**

**Generous baked potato with toppings of your choice... roasted squash... salad... homemade desserts... beverages \$10 adults, \$5 kids 12/under**



**Fundraiser for Ugandan Moravian Church for a new piggery!**

**Plus Silent Auction for**  
three Charles Peterson prints  
- framed, signed & numbered -  
donated by Jane Olson's estate

"Thursday at Eagle Light" 48/600  
"November at Anderson Dock"  
91/1000  
"Ephraim Winter" 143/850



## LITERACY DOOR COUNTY

is looking for volunteer tutors for their program. The group provides tutoring services to adults in Door County who want to improve English skills, obtain a GED, improve their employment situation, obtain a driver's license, or seek citizenship.

Tutoring sessions are generally 1 or 1-1/2 hours per week. If you are interested in becoming a tutor, contact LDC at 910-743-8185 or [literacydoorcounty@gmail.com](mailto:literacydoorcounty@gmail.com)

## Prayers

*...for the Dahl family on the death of 16-year-old Olivia*

*..for those with health concerns: Harry Maher, Jim Sokolowski, and Jock Whitacre*

*...for Dave Olson, recovering from heart surgery*

*...for Vicki Schult and Ceci Anschutz as they continue cancer treatments*

## For October's Feed My People

**Suggested Donations for this month:**

**Canned Protein foods: Beef Stew, tuna, chicken, salmon, pinto beans and kidney beans**



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



**Remember our College Students  
with notes and... cookies?**



**James Heroux**  
53 West Church St #7  
Bethlehem, PA 18018

**Ainsley Nelson**  
535 W Johnson St, #1206  
Madison, WI 53703



**Andrea Nelson**  
900 Washington Ave SE, #205  
Minneapolis, MN 55414



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



**Amy Strauch**  
1106 S Lincoln  
Urbana, IL 61801



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



**Mike Weborg**  
425 Isadore Street  
Baldwin Hall Room, #227  
Stevens Point 54481



**“Dearly Departed”s from the  
2016 Walk**

**Thanks to all who volunteered and  
participated!**

***Our yearly Open Door Lunches  
are about to begin!***

They will run the third Wednesday of each month November through April, at noon.



*We need people to sign up to take  
the reins, make the food, set-up  
and clean up! The sign-up sheet is  
in the Fellowship Hall.*

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

Eunice Rutherford, Kay and Keith Tschannen, the Volpes for their 25th wedding anniversary, and Cici Mulliken and Gunilla Wilson.

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

.....to those who helped at the Young at Heart concert on Sept. 22.

.....to those who helped bake, set up and serve at the Bridges' Thanksgiving dinner for international students.



### Attention Quilters and Would-Be-Quilters!

Our quilt group is still meeting in the Fellowship Hall once a month. If you want to show a quilt, learn to quilt, bring a project you are working on, let Judy Turner know. See our special project, below!



The quilt group will be working on handmade, washable, reusable feminine pads for the goal of helping secondary school girls stay in school during their monthly cycle. We hope you will get involved!

Come on Tuesday, September 27, beginning at a.m. If you can cut, assemble, sew, iron, etc., your help is invaluable.



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## October Birthdays

Robert Schroeder...7  
Erika Wilson Burkemper...8  
Lonnie Vitse.... 11  
John Turner...13  
Kyle Nelson...15  
Rosie Klein ....16  
Diane Kirkland...18  
Kathy Kirkland...18  
Maggie Schnackenberg ... 18  
Andrea Nelson...20  
Lisa Carlson...22  
Paul Flottman...24  
Shayla Opitz - 24  
Betty Overbeck...27  
James Sokolowski...28



## October Anniversaries

Priscilla and Keith Krist – October 1, 1966

*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!*





**FRIDAYS 10:00 a.m.**

**September 23 - October 28**

**Fellowship Hall - Refreshments Served**

**FORGIVENESS**

The subject of forgiveness generates a lot of interest and angst. Some believe that forgiveness means being 'holy doormats', which we hope to debunk in our study. We'll look at examples in the Old Testament and New Testament, along with the Psychology of forgiveness, modern day examples and forgiveness practiced in unusual settings, including political, secular and corporate. We'll also look at the teachings on Forgiveness from the world religions. You may come to one, two or all of the studies. Notes will be supplied via email after each session.

### **TREA\$URER's REPORT**

**Member giving through August: \$62,917**  
**2015 through August: \$70,677**  
**2014 through August: \$63,498**

**Visitor giving through August: \$40,072**  
**2015 through August: \$36,861**  
**2014 through August: \$33,033**

#### **Income**

**Budget for 2016 is \$157,800**  
**Actual through August: \$113,551**



#### **Expenses**

**Budget for 2016 is \$193,696**  
**Actual through August: \$126,188**

### **IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD....**

The **Spiritual Writers Guild** will emerge from its summer cocoon with a new name and a new time: Beginning in October, "**Your Write**" will now be held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 1 pm** (Sister Bay Moravian Church, The Oasis/Fellowship Hall). The group is open to anyone who likes to write, and any and all ideas are welcome. Contact Naomi Thomas at 854-1841 with questions. Hope to see you on **Monday, October 10!**



# October 2016

| Sunday                                                                                    | Monday                                                                                    | Tuesday                                                                           | Wednesday                                                        | Thursday | Friday                                              | Saturday |
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|                                                                                           |                                                                                           |  |                                                                  |          |                                                     | 1        |
| 2<br>8 am Service<br>9 am S.S. & Choir<br>10 am Worship Service & Communion               | 3                                                                                         | 4                                                                                 | 5<br>12 noon—free lunch, Sister Bay Moravian                     | 6        | 7<br>8:30 am OA meeting<br><br>10 a.m. Bible Study  | 8        |
| 9<br>8 am Service<br>9 am S.S. & Choir<br>10 am Worship Service—Joyful Noise Secret Santa | 10<br>1 p.m. Sister Bay Moravian "Your Write" Spiritual Writing Guild                     | 11                                                                                | 12<br>9:30 am Caring Hands<br><br><b>Harvest Supper</b>          | 13       | 14<br>8:30 am OA meeting<br><br>10 a.m. Bible Study | 15       |
| 16<br>8 am Service<br>9 am S.S. & Choir<br>10 am Worship Service                          | 17                                                                                        | 18                                                                                | 19<br>Sister Bay Moravian Famous Chicken Dinner 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. | 20       | 21<br>8:30 am OA meeting<br><br>10 a.m. Bible Study | 22       |
| 23<br>8 am Service<br>9 am S.S. & Choir<br>10 am Worship Service                          | 24                                                                                        | 25<br>5 pm Loaves & Fishes St. Rosalia's                                          | 26                                                               | 27       | 28<br>8:30 am OA meeting<br><br>10 a.m. Bible Study | 29       |
| 30<br>8 am Service<br>9 am S.S. & Choir<br>10 am Worship Service                          | 31<br> |                                                                                   | 8                                                                |          |                                                     |          |



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## **October 2016 Newsletter**

Niles Weborg was talking with a man at our cemetery who had a GPS on his phone. Apparently, a “green” company has hidden these small capsules around the country in a variety of spots.

The man and Niles discovered this one hanging on an inner branch of the pine tree in the south-west section of the cemetery. When the cap is unscrewed, there’s a piece of paper inside for the finder writes his/her name. Take a look the next time you’re in the cemetery but don’t remove it! Just add your own name.



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