



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)

January 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In high school I had a very close friendship with Selma. She was funny, sarcastic, brilliant and artistic. She and I were inseparable. We shopped, talked on the phone for hours, did homework together and went on outings. We shared everything... except our faith. She had been raised in a church, went through confirmation and then completely repudiated all she was taught. I couldn't blame her- God had disappointed her in so many ways. She had a terrible home life. She was the oldest child. Her parents were divorced. Her mother made unreasonable demands on her and her younger siblings reflected the chaos of the home. She admired her father, but sometimes, for no particular reason, he would greet her with stony silence. By 15 years old, she found a job that would keep her away from her house. Between her interactions with me, school and work, she spent most of her day far from home. I tried to talk to her about Jesus. I invited her to come to church, all to no avail. Her mind was made up- God was dead.

During our college years, I made another attempt to invite Selma to church. We were hosting a special guest speaker- Corrie Ten Boom, who had endured a Nazi concentration camp for hiding Jews in her home. Corrie Ten Boom had lost everything, including most of her family. Selma agreed to attend because she was interested in history. At the end of Corrie Ten Boom's talk, in which she spoke about light shining in darkness, she invited people to come to the Light. To my amazement, Selma responded. She was filled with peace. Within a year of this incredible event, Selma and I lost touch with each other. She went to graduate school and I left the area. With the advent of Social Media, I tried to find my long-lost friend, but to no avail. She didn't have an on-line presence- none of the groups I connected with knew where she ended up. I found out a few weeks ago that Selma died last year. It made me very sad, until I discovered that the joy and peace she received many years ago stayed with her until her journey ended. For the last 23 years of her life, she was a principal at an orphanage school in Mexico. I found a picture of her from that orphanage. She looked exactly the same as she did in high school, down to the jeans and sweatshirt. She was reading a story book to the children and her face radiated joy. The simple invitation that I gave to her changed the trajectory of her life. God didn't rescue her from her circumstances. Through Jesus, she received Immanuel - God with Us. The God of all peace, comfort and Joy guided her to discover her purpose in life. She was given a new family that honored and respected her. I am so thankful that we are given an incredible gift- not a gift that rescues us from difficult circumstances- but a gift that promises us Immanuel, "God With Us" today, tomorrow and beyond. May each of us walk in that hope this day!

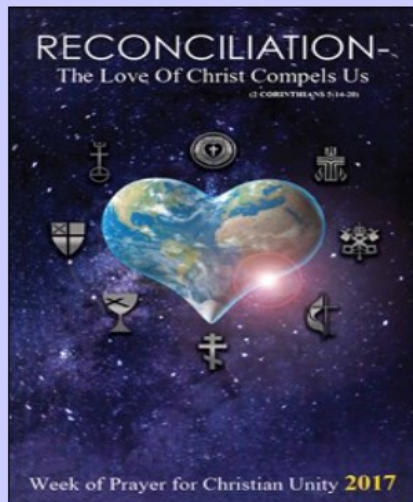
- Pastor Dawn



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.

You're Invited to the Annual



**ECUMENICAL SERVICE for
CHRISTIAN UNITY SUNDAY,
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017**

**STELLA MARIS SISTER BAY
3:00 P.M. SERVICE**

RECEPTION FOLLOWING SERVICE



Services in January 2017

January 1, 2017 — 10 a.m. Worship Service, Communion

January 8 — 10 a.m. Worship Service, Joyful Noise for
Loaves & Fishes

January 15 — 10 a.m. Worship Service

January 22 — 10 a.m. Worship Service -Church Council fol-
lowing the service

January 29— 10 a.m. Worship 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)

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(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:  
January.....Theresa Weborg





## Western District Spring Conference

April 21-23, 2017

Our Changing World...Same God

Speaker: Tripp Fuller- Pastor, Theologian and Author.

Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc WI

[www.olympiaresort.com](http://www.olympiaresort.com)

Cost: \$175.00 per person double occupancy

(Single: \$275.00; Couple \$350.00; commuter: \$125.00)

Early Bird Discount: \$25.00 if you register and pay by

January 31, 2017.

Register: [www.moravian.org/westerndistrict](http://www.moravian.org/westerndistrict)

*Tell Pastor Dawn if you are interested in attending!*

Fabulous Food

Relaxing Spa

Inspirational Worship



EMC  
ADVENTure  
Dec. 3 -  
124  
Visitors!





### A NOTE FROM BETHANY LUTHERAN:

This photo is truly a Christmas Card from our friend Tad! Tad caught both of the bright steeples during the recent super moon and before the winter snow. I have been saving this photo for the Advent season and today's email. I like the perspective and the way the

steeples line up to provide the focal point. All is certainly calm around Bethany this time of year. There are bright candles in the windows, Christmas wreaths on the doors and only some wandering deer leaving tracks in the snow.

With both steeples shining so brightly I am reminded that we are in community with the congregation at the Moravian Church. That was brought to life this summer when our partners in Christ, the Moravians, made a donation to our Water Project which really gave the project the momentum that was needed. This generous donation was one of the true bright moments of Bethany's season and it warmed all our hearts. As we pause to reflect on this picture during Advent we can be grateful that both of these steeples are brightly shining and that we are in community with one another.

Hope all is calm and bright in your life.

Patty Fess, council secretary—Bethany Lutheran

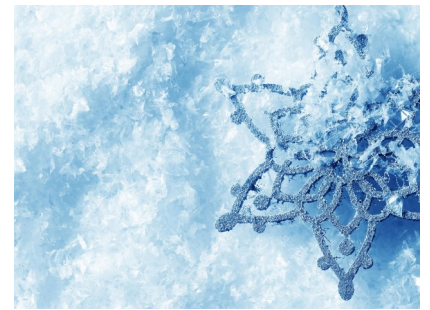
### Prayers

*...for Jock Whitacre as he continues to recover*

*...for Vicki Schult as she continues to fight cancer*

*...for Rich Fisher, Walt's son, as he fights cancer*

*...for Walt Fisher and family, as they mourn the death of Walt's brother*



Katie Dahl is hosting a community sing-a-long on the first Thursday of every month until May. This is a great opportunity to interact with our neighbors in a joyful, positive way. It is free and open to the public.



### **"Sit Around Singing"**



Where:

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 10341 Hwy 42

When:

*First Thursdays, 7 p.m.*

January 5

February 2

March 2

April 6

May 4

### **For January's Feed My People**

**Suggested Donations for this month:**



**Chapstick, Lotions,  
Hand-Warmers**

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



**Remember our College Students!  
Home for Christmas and then off  
to study again!**



**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



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Luther College  
700 College Drive, SPO 2384  
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**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



## **Unity Prayer Watch**

We are again sharing Unity Prayer Watch with Sister Bay and Sturgeon Bay Moravian churches. Our day is

**Monday, December 26**

Specific half-hour time slots, as well as suggested prayer topics, are in the Fellowship Hall for sign-ups.

*Every day of the year, every hour of the day, a Moravian is in prayer.*

## **Our Open Door Lunch schedule:**

**January 18**

**February 15**

**March 15**

**April 19**

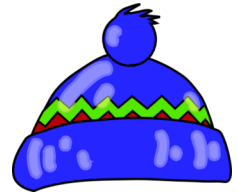


**The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.**

## Sadie Nelson's Senior Project



Hello! I am knitting hats to ensure that our neighbors stay warm this winter. I am asking for sponsors, so that my work can benefit two charities: Koinonia Kupboard at Sister Bay Baptist will receive the hats to distribute and Peninsula Preschool will receive the cash donations for their scholarship program. If you can help, I am asking for \$25. per hat or whatever you can afford to donate. You can find me assisting in the nursery or talk to me at Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Thanks for supporting your community!



### ***Birthday Party at Scandia Village Nursing Center Thursday, January 26 2:00 p.m.***

*Join us to celebrate the January birthdays at the Care Center. We provide gifts, cake and entertainment for the residents. Please call the church office if you can help with this joyful ministry. The residents really appreciate the interactions from the community. We'd love to see a group from our church join in the festivities!*



## CALL TO CHURCH COUNCIL

Our Annual Church Council will be held on Sunday, January 22, after the 10 a.m. service. Lunch will be provided. If you are heading a committee or a board, reports need to be in the office by Wednesday, January 11th.

*A **regional meeting** will be taking place on Saturday, January 21 at the Green Bay West Moravian Church, from 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. The Identity, Purpose and Organization (IPO) committee will be reporting on their progress and asking for feedback from the congregations. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Pastor Dawn Volpe so that she can give a 'head count' to our hosts.*



## January Birthdays

Hugh Mulliken...1  
Kristin Wilson...2  
Bob Volpe...7  
Karen Ekberg...14  
John Cox...17  
James Nelson...19  
Hedy Heise...22

## January Anniversaries

Liz and Bob Schroeder – 12, 1951  
Anne and Larry Crowe -16, 1988

*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!*

## TREA\$URER's REPORT

Member giving through Nov: \$89,653  
2015 through Nov: \$94,601  
2014 through Nov: \$94,015

Visitor giving through Nov: \$59,143  
2015 through Nov: \$64,090  
2014 through Nov: \$45,072

Income  
Budget for 2016 is \$157,800  
Actual through Nov: \$159,939

Expenses  
Budget for 2016 is \$193,696  
Actual through Nov: \$181,970



KEEP  
CALM

AND

SAVE MONEY  
FOR JANUARY



Words of Wisdom: "Holding onto resentment is like drinking rat poison  
and waiting for the rat to die." – Source unknown



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in Decem-  
ber: Kris Husby-Nelson, John & Judy Turner, Diane Kirkland  
and Dawn Volpe, and all those with Christmas treats to share!

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

...to Wes & Vicki Maynard for their hard work on the outside  
gardens—our stealthy helpers!

...to the decorating elves

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## January 2017 Newsletter



**The quiet of Door County  
in winter**

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***Visit us on Facebook!***





# January 2017

| Sunday                                                                                                  | Monday                            | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday                                                                       | Thursday                                                                          | Friday                         | Saturday                                                                            |
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| <b>1</b><br>10 a.m.<br>service<br><i>New Year's day</i>                                                 | <b>2</b>                          | <b>3</b>                                     | <b>4</b><br>Noon—<br>Sister Bay<br>Lunch                                        | <b>5</b><br>7 p.m.<br>UU Fellow-<br>ship<br>Katie Dahl<br>“Sit Around<br>Singing” | <b>6</b><br>O.A.<br>8:30 a.m.  | <b>7</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Joint Board<br>Budget mtg                                    |
| <b>8</b><br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m.<br>service                                            | <b>9</b>                          | <b>10</b>                                    | <b>11</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Caring<br>Hands<br>Church<br>Council Re-<br>ports due | <b>12</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Trustees mtg                                              | <b>13</b><br>O.A.<br>8:30 a.m. | <b>14</b>                                                                           |
| <b>15</b><br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m.<br>Service                                           | <b>16</b><br><i>M.L. King Day</i> | <b>17</b>                                    | <b>18</b><br>Noon—<br>Open Door<br>Luncheon                                     | <b>19</b>                                                                         | <b>20</b><br>O.A.<br>8:30 a.m. | <b>21</b><br>9 a.m. -<br>Meeting at<br>Green Bay<br>West with<br>IPO com-<br>mittee |
| <b>22</b><br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m.<br>Service<br>Church<br>Council                      | <b>23</b>                         | <b>24</b><br>5:30 p.m.<br>Loaves &<br>Fishes | <b>25</b>                                                                       | <b>26</b><br>2 p.m.—<br>Scandia<br>Village<br>Birthday<br>party                   | <b>27</b><br>O.A.<br>8:30 a.m. | <b>28</b>                                                                           |
| <b>29</b><br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m.<br>Service<br>3 pm Unity<br>Service-<br>Stella Maris | <b>30</b>                         | <b>31</b>                                    |                                                                                 |                                                                                   |                                |                                                                                     |