



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2017

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.” - Colossians 3:16

March 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



When Lurching from One Crisis to the Next...

Have you noticed that crises usually come in rapid succession? I have seen this phenomenon many times. We barely have time to ‘catch our breath’ before the next crisis arises. It is an occupational hazard in my profession. We may have months of relative calm and then ‘all heck breaks loose’- illnesses, death, family crises compressed in a short period of time. It is then that I find myself lurching from one crisis to another. Here is what I have learned - I hope these lessons will help you when you’re experiencing a tsunami of trouble.

1. Before chaos ensues, impose order- I am keenly aware that there are many things beyond my control. However, I can order my life so that I am not in a perpetual state of anxiety. This is why I work ahead in quiet times- having bulletins ready, planning things well into the future. I never know when I will be yanked out of my routine. When disruptions occur, I am not scrambling to do the ordinary tasks - they are done and I can focus on the current disaster. Perhaps, in your own circumstances, you can structure order so that crises do not overwhelm you.

2. Find a place daily to meet with God - Jesus always found time, even during the most hectic days, to find a quiet place to commune with God. When anxieties overwhelmed his disciples, he was the essence of calm. I am reminded of a story in Mark’s gospel. Jesus and his disciples were in a boat when a fierce storm arose. The little boat was taking on water. *But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased and there was a dead calm.* – Mark 4: 38 – 39 Lately, I have allowed myself the luxury, in the midst of clamoring need, to plop myself in my recliner and take a restful snooze. I do so knowing that my anxieties are not an accurate predictor of outcomes. I know that I am in the presence of the one who stilled the winds and the waves, whose absolute trust caused him to fall fast asleep while others wrung their hands.

My prayer for you, dear friends, is that God will give you the strength, grace and peace to face every crisis life hurls at you. After doing whatever it is you can do to impose order, when things spin out of control, may you rest, without anxiety, in God’s perfect calm.

—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.



~~Shrove Tuesday~~
MONDAY Pancake Supper
Next Monday
February 27
5-7 p.m., here at
Ephraim Moravian

All free-will donations in memory of Jane Olson will be donated to Bridges of Friendship in Door County, serving our international students in the season. *Bring friends!!*



Services in March 2017

March 1—Ash Wednesday Service, 6:45 p.m. at The Meadows Gathering Room—led by Pastor Dawn, Pastor Kerry or Pastor Joy

March 5—9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Communion

March 8—Lenten Service, 6:45 p.m. at The Meadows Gathering Room—led by Pastor Dawn, Pastor Kerry or Pastor Joy

March 12—9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Joyful Noise offering for Loaves & Fishes

March 15—Lenten Service, 6:45 p.m. at The Meadows Gathering Room—led by Pastor Dawn, Pastor Kerry or Pastor Joy

March 19—9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

March 22—Lenten Service, 6:45 p.m. at The Meadows Gathering Room—led by Pastor Dawn, Pastor Kerry or Pastor Joy

March 26—9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

March 29—Lenten Service, 6:45 p.m. at The Meadows Gathering Room—led by Pastor Dawn, Pastor Kerry or Pastor Joy

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Elder for the month of:  
 March.....Karen Ekberg



## From Board of World Mission

"We would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$1,984 for the Moravian Church in Uganda and the Piggery Project.

"Your donation will be very helpful in enabling our partners to fulfill their project to help generate income from their church and community. Please join us in keeping these communities in your prayers for the hope of positive lasting changes for the men, women and children we are working so hard to support. Your generous donation will go a long way in these areas and will definitely help with our goal to empower these families to live healthier and more comfortable lives."



*Jesus said: I was sick and in prison and you visited me*

In my recent travels, someone reflected that having an illness was like being incarcerated - movement is limited and sometimes you may not be capable of living in your own home.

As pleasant as one's surroundings may be, it's still prison. The person went on to say that the visits from friends and family are life-giving. Sometimes, in our busy-ness, we forget that there are people who are confined by illness or age. They long for a meaningful connection.

Plan a visit this week to someone who is "incarcerated."

— Pastor Dawn

**Great article on our own Scott Weborg in the spring issue of Door County Magazine!**

**Way to go, Scott! > > >**



## Musical Treats Coming Up !

This Sunday, February 26

Katie Dahl

Sunday, April 9

Cynthia Stiehl and Pastor Dawn Volpe  
sing "Panis Angelicus"







## Western District Spring Conference

April 21-23, 2017

Our Changing World...Same God

Speaker: Tripp Fuller - Pastor,  
Theologian and Author

Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc WI

\$175.00 per person double occupancy

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

*We have \$75 scholarships to pay toward  
attendees from our church!*

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

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

*...fabulous food...relaxing spa...*

## Prayers

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

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

*...for Vienna, granddaughter of  
Diane Taillon, as she fights  
cancer*

*...for Eunice and Ray Ruther-  
ford, and the family of Harold  
and Mark Sunstrom (Eunice's  
brother-in-law and nephew), as  
they passed away within a day  
of each other at the end of  
January.*

*...for Vicki & Wes Maynard as  
they care for Vicki's mom*

Katie Dahl continues to  
host a community sing-a-  
long on the first  
Thursday of every  
month until May. This  
is a great chance to inter-  
act 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.*  
March 2....April 6.... May 4

## For March's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for  
this month:

Canned soups and stews



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

***Our College Students—  
remember to drop them an  
encouraging card!***

**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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700 College Drive, SPO 2384  
Decorah, IA 52101

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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

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

### **March Birthdays**

Kevin Horvath...1  
Katharine Oneson... 2  
Scott Weborg...5  
Brent Bristol... 6  
Logan Mittermann... 10  
Priscilla Krist...12  
Bernice Koehler...18  
Sydney Heim...20  
Peter Classen...21  
Mitchell Weborg...24  
Ellie McCullin... 24  
Roger Larson...25  
Michael Weborg...26  
Donna Nelson.....27  
Nancy Christofferson...27  
Kelly Schuder...30

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

Liz and Jack Opitz – March 26, 1983

If we have missed you or someone you know  
in the lists above, please let us know in the  
church office!

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



**March 15**  
**April 19**

**The sign-up sheet is in the  
Fellowship Hall if you can help.**

### ***News from Walt Shields...***

Dear friends,  
I am happy to report that Tiggy's surgery went very well (Feb. 20), and she is the proud owner of a brand new knee. She should be able to return home tomorrow, and then the real "fun" begins as those of you who have been there know. Rehab to guide the healing process and restore range of motion is a painful and lengthy process, but well worth it on the other side.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers, and please continue to think of us during this period of recovery.

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Gratefully,  
Walt

## NEWS FROM TRICKLEBEE CAFÉ IN MILWAUKEE....

January was a good second month at Tricklebee Café. The news reporters stopped coming around, the holidays ended (kids went back to school and adults went back to work), and we settled into good rhythms at the café. We serve lunch to between 20-60 people each day that we are open. (There is no rhyme or reason as to which day is our busiest!) It's delightful to watch neighborhood kids come in as our first customers every Saturday morning for hot cocoa and muffins. We even had local adolescent and teen neighbors come in on their days off from school last month (during exams) and volunteer for several hours (!) in exchange for a meal! We've also found that our Agape Meals (on Thursdays at 6pm) are expanding to include more neighbors. There really are many cheerful hearts at Tricklebee. And the food is amazing, thanks to our stellar cooks: Tanya Ingvaldstad Otero and Retona (Toni) Wilson! We couldn't do what we do without (com)passionate staff and dedicated volunteers.



—Pastor Christie Melby-Gibbons

**Wanting to Donate Items to Tricklebee Café? Here's their wish list:** ☐ Healthy Packaged Foods for Weekend Snack Bags for Neighborhood Kids (Preferably Organic Granola Bars, Applesauce Cups, 100% Juice Boxes, Turkey Jerky, Crackers, etc.) ☐ Vinyl Gloves (100% Latex Free) ☐ Method Squirt & Mop Hard Floor Cleaner (Lemon Ginger) ☐ Organic Cornmeal ☐ Sugar in the Raw Packets ☐ Tall Kitchen Trash Bags (preferably the eco-friendly kind) ☐ Pre-Cut Tin Foil Sheets ☐ Natural Liquid Hand soap (preferably unscented or lavender) ☐ Paper Coin Rolls

Donations may be sent to The Tricklebee Café (4424 W. North Ave. , Milwaukee, WI 53208).



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Member giving through January: \$17,004  
2016 through January: \$12,771  
2015 through January: \$15,661

Visitor giving through January: \$1,651  
2016 through January: \$957  
2015 through January: \$2,970

### Income

Budget for 2017 is \$163,700  
Actual through 2017: \$19,291

### Expenses

Budget for 2017 is \$188,103  
Actual through 2017: \$14,619



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in February:  
The Biermans and the Moores, Betty Chomeau and Susie Samson, Fran Burton and Naomi Carlson, Barbara Classen

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

.....to our Open Door Lunch volunteers! To Bob Volpe and the Pancake Volunteers! Such yummy food, you folks are amazing.



## SING WITH THE PENINSULA SINGERS

Join The Peninsula Singers on Monday, February 27 as they begin rehearsing for their annual Spring concerts the second weekend of May. Artistic Director Merle Colburn has chosen music both sacred and secular for the enjoyment of the Singers and the community.

The Peninsula Singers will meet at the Sturgeon Bay United Methodist Church on Monday, February 27, at 6:15 PM, to allow time for signup and socializing before rehearsal begins at 7:00 PM.

Rehearsals will be held each Monday night at the Sturgeon Bay United Methodist Church from February 27 – May 8. Dues are \$25 per season. Dues may be waived for anyone who may have a financial hardship. The music program to be presented and more information may be found at [www.thepeninsulasingers.org](http://www.thepeninsulasingers.org). Contact Jane Stevenson at [jane.stevenson920@gmail.com](mailto:jane.stevenson920@gmail.com) for further information.

*"The only thing better than singing is more singing"*

--Ella Fitzgerald

*I believe in Christianity as I believe  
that the sun has risen: not only  
because I see it, but because by it I see  
everything else.*

*No one ever told me that grief felt so  
like fear.*

*If I find in myself a desire which no  
experience in this world can satisfy,  
the most probable explanation is that I  
was made for another world.*

C. S. Lewis

## 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!



Shrove Tuesday (Eve) Pancake Supper  
Monday, February 27 – 5 p.m.—7 p.m.

Donations made in memory of Jane Olson will be given to the Bridges of Friendship program in Door County

Ash Wednesday Service  
Wednesday, March 1 – 6:45 p.m.  
Gathering Room at The Meadows

Lenten Services  
Wednesdays  
March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 – 6:45 p.m.  
Gathering Room at The Meadows

Holy Week Services  
Monday-Thursday, April 10, 11, 12,  
and 13 – 7 p.m.  
Good Friday, April 14 – 2 p.m.  
Sister Bay Moravian Church

**NEW THIS YEAR:**  
Easter Morning Joint Sunrise Service, April 16 –  
7 a.m., followed by breakfast at Sister Bay Moravian Church  
with Pastor Kerry Krauss and Pastor Dawn Volpe

Easter Worship Service, April 16 – 10 a.m.  
Ephraim Moravian Church



Ephraim Moravian Church  
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Ephraim, Wisconsin 54211

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## March 2017 Newsletter



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# March 2017

| Sunday                                                                            | Monday    | Tuesday                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                          | Friday                               | Saturday                                                                              |
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|  |           |                                                             | <b>1</b><br>12 noon -<br>Sister Bay<br>Free Lunch<br>6:45 pm<br>Ash<br>Wednesday,<br>The Meadows<br>Gathering<br>Room | <b>2</b><br>7 p.m.<br>UU Fellow-<br>ship<br>Katie Dahl<br>"Sit Around<br>Singing" | <b>3</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA meeting  | 4                                                                                     |
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| <b>5</b><br>9 am Sunday<br>School,<br>10 am<br>Worship,<br>Communion              | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>5:30 p.m.<br>Elders                             | <b>8</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Caring Hands<br>6:45 pm<br>Lenten<br>Service, The<br>Meadows                                 | <b>9</b>                                                                          | <b>10</b><br>8:30 a.m. OA<br>meeting | 11                                                                                    |
| <b>12</b><br>9 am Sunday<br>School,<br>10 am<br>Worship<br>Joyful Noise           | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                                   | <b>15</b><br>12 noon -<br>Open Door<br>Lunch<br>6:45 pm<br>Lenten<br>Service, The<br>Meadows                          | <b>16</b><br>10 am<br>Trustees                                                    | <b>17</b><br>8:30 a.m. OA<br>meeting | 18                                                                                    |
| <b>19</b><br>9 am Sun-<br>day School,<br>10 am<br>Worship                         | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                                                   | <b>22</b><br>6:45 pm<br>Lenten<br>Service, The<br>Meadows<br>Gathering<br>Room                                        | <b>23</b>                                                                         | <b>24</b><br>8:30 a.m. OA<br>meeting | 25                                                                                    |
| <b>26</b><br>9 am Sunday<br>School,<br>10 am<br>Worship                           | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>5 p.m.<br>Loaves &<br>Fishes,<br>St. Rosalia's | <b>29</b><br>6:45 pm<br>Lenten<br>Service, The<br>Meadows<br>Gathering<br>Room                                        | <b>30</b>                                                                         | <b>31</b><br>8:30 a.m. OA<br>meeting |  |