



## **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

***April 2017***

### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

“I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” - John 11: 25 - 26



We often quote these words while standing over the grave of a loved one. It's meant to comfort and bring some hope to the living. When Jesus said these words it was to a grieving sister who had just lost her brother. But, it was not a platitude - something one says to try to bring comfort when at a loss for meaning or words. No, when Jesus said this, it was prelude to a miracle.

You remember the story of Lazarus. He and his sisters, Mary & Martha were Jesus' dearest friends. It was at their home that Jesus found respite. They never asked anything of him. So, when the day came that Lazarus was gravely ill and desperately needed his help, the sisters sent for Jesus. After Jesus received the message, instead of doing what any good friend would do - drop everything and race to his side—Jesus waited 2 full days before traveling. By that time, Lazarus wasn't just dead, his corpse had decayed. He was REALLY DEAD. Martha confronted Jesus when he arrived, stating the obvious, that Lazarus would still be alive if he had made haste. Jesus told her what she already knew, that Lazarus would rise...some day. But as she affirmed the resurrection, Jesus made a stunning announcement- You are looking at the Resurrection right here, right now.

This is the promise of Jesus. Life here and now. To prove his statement, he visited the decaying corpse of his friend and spoke life into him. Sometimes, although we have breath inside of us, we are like Lazarus, lifeless and decaying. We have given up on all the possibilities life has to offer. We may be dealing with problems beyond our ability to solve. Jesus stands at the graves of our broken lives and declares that he will breathe life into us. May we, the heirs of God's resurrection power, believe and receive the life of Jesus now. Everyday, we are promised Life, in all it's beauty, variety and power. May that life abound in you, dear friends. - 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.



Hi Dawn -- I received the donation check on behalf of Bridges [\$1200], and want to express our appreciation to you and your congregation. It's very helpful to us to have some funds on hand as we begin preparation for the 2017 season. Please express our thanks as appropriate to those in the congregation who organized and orchestrated the Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast.

We do appreciate your speaking at the Thanksgiving / Golf event last fall, and I think your message resonated with many of the students. We're looking forward to another great season in 2017, and appreciate the contributions of all those in the congregation. Hopefully they will participate again this year, and bring along their friends :). It certainly is a fun way to minister to the students, and introduce them to faith ideas they might not otherwise hear.

Best -- Jim Kinney, Treasurer for Bridges



### **YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

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#### **ELDERS**

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Elder for the month of:  
 April....Hugh Mulliken

### **Services in April 2017**

**April 2—9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Communion**

**April 5—Lenten Service, 6:45 p.m. at The Meadows Gathering Room—led by Pastor Kerry Krauss**

**April 9 —9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Joyful Noise offering for Secret Santa**

**April 10-14—Holy Week Services 7 p.m., at Sister Bay Moravian Church**

**April 15—Good Friday Service, 2 p.m. at Sister Bay Moravian Church**

**April 16—EASTER SUNRISE service, 7 a.m. Joint Service at Sister Bay Moravian, with breakfast following**

**APRIL 16—EASTER SERVICE, 10 a.m., Ephraim Moravian Church**

**April 23 -9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship**

**April 30—9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship**

....Down Memory Lane...



ELDERS 1978: Wayne Paschke, Elizabeth Schroeder, Reginald Adams



< Can you identify all these ladies from 1995?

### Community Vacation Bible School First Baptist, Sister Bay June 11-16 "Moses and the 10 Commandments"

There are several areas in need of volunteers (in addition to the ones working directly during the week). Can you help out??

#### Sunday, June 11 – 2 PM

6 people to assist with the Marketplace  
3 people to erect the tents (new ones have been purchased)

#### Friday, June 16 – Noon

6 people to assist in taking down the Marketplace  
3-4 people to take down the tents

#### Friday, June 16—1 PM

6 people to vacuum First Baptist (several will need to bring vacuums) This takes about 1 hour.

#### Friday, June 16 – 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

3-4 people to assist Britt Maltby (SBM) for the picnic

It would be great if our church would at least have 1-2 people for each of the tasks above.

### *LAST Open Door Lunch:*



**April 19**  
**Bring friends!!**

*We need a coordinator, cooks, servers and clean up for our last lunch of the season. Please sign up on Sunday or call the church office if you can help!*





## Western District Spring Conference

April 21-23, 2017

Our Changing World...Same God

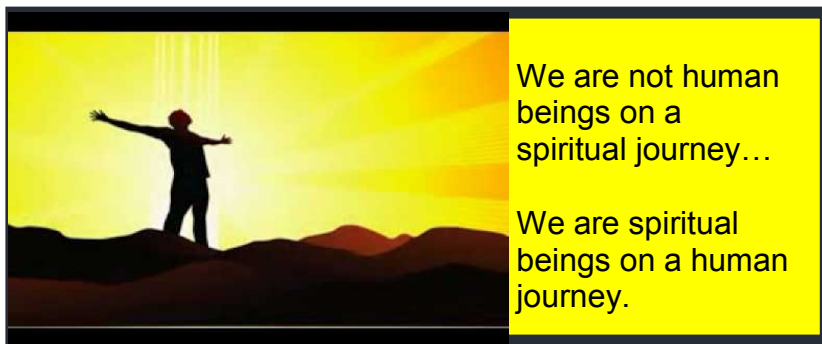
Speaker: Tripp Fuller - Pastor,  
Theologian and Author

Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc WI

\$175.00 per person double occupancy

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

*We have scholarships to pay toward  
attendees from our church! Tell Pastor Dawn if  
you are interested in attending!*



We are not human  
beings on a  
spiritual journey...

We are spiritual  
beings on a human  
journey.

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.*

*April 6.... May 4*

## Prayers

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

*...for Vicki Schult's family as  
they grieve Vicki's passing*

*...for Vicki & Wes Maynard and  
their family now that Vicki's  
mom has died*

*...for Maggie Schackenberg  
on-going health issues.  
She's being cared for by her  
daughter, Sue.*

*...For Harry Maher,  
recovering at home*

## For April's Feed My People

**Suggested Donations for  
this month:**

**Cake mixes,  
Pancake mixes,  
Pizza crust mixes,  
Pie crust mixes**



**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

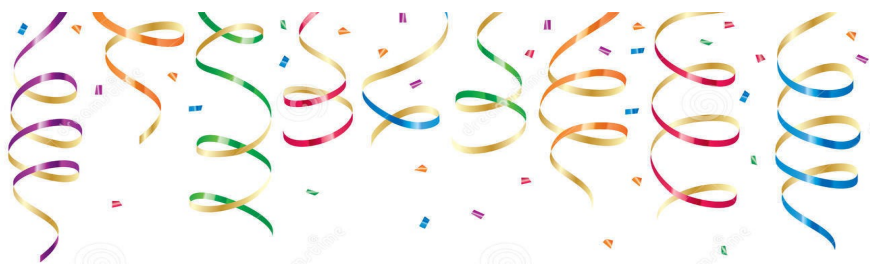
**Andrea Nelson**  
900 Washington Ave SE, #205  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

**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, WI 54481



## **April Birthdays**

Katharine Koehler...7  
Amanda Carlson...12  
Ryan Sherman – 13  
Glenn Gerdman...19  
Kay Wilson...27  
George Carey...30

## **April Anniversaries**

Betty and Bob Anderson - Apr 12, 1969  
Kay and Keith Tschannen...Apr 22, 1967  
Diane and Larry Jacobson – Apr 28, 1979

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



***St Paul Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wisconsin*** is conducting a shoe drive now through May 21, 2017 to raise funds for the 2017 Alaska Mission Trip. We will earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected as Funds2Orgs will purchase all of the donated footwear. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new footwear (slippers, sandals, athletic shoes, high heels, roller blades, ice skates, etc). Please ask your friends, neighbors, fellow employees, etc.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe enough to send to her son to law school.



We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets. Donating them keeps them out of the landfills, helps those less fortunate become self-sufficient, and supports the mission trip to Bethel, Alaska, where we will work with the Moravian and Lutheran Churches to lead a Vacation Bible School for the children of the community. It's a win-win for everyone! For more information, please contact Pastor Sandra Crase at [920-851-6609](tel:920-851-6609), or [pastorsandra1@icloud.com](mailto:pastorsandra1@icloud.com).

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

February was a good third 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 February: \$24,817**  
**2016 through February: \$15,500**  
**2015 through February: \$23,432**

**Visitor giving through February: \$11,547**  
**2016 through February: \$4,302**  
**2015 through February: \$4,762**

### Income

**Budget for 2017 is \$163,700**  
**Actual through Feb. 2017: \$37,667**

### Expenses

**Budget for 2017 is \$188,103**  
**Actual through Feb. 2017: \$36,271**



.....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.



## SPRING TEA

For you ladies who have attended the spring teas organized by the Ephraim and Sister Bay Moravian churches the last few years, there is one afoot for

**May 10** at Sister Bay Moravian. The theme is Asian, and there are surprises in store! Profits will go to Northern

Door Health & Wellness' Matthew 25 program.

**Call Cheryl Lubahn, 854-0007 to reserve a spot!**

## BULLETIN BACKS!!



Since we are using our own personalized bulletin covers now, we have space on the back for our own personalized missives. If you've been enjoying the writings the last few weeks, you may want to try your hand at writing one for us! We'll need them for June bulletins onward.

Check with Pastor Dawn for the scriptures of the week you're thinking about so you can

## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

**The CLIMATE CHANGE COALITION of Door County** will host a screening of *Time to Choose*, a penetrating new documentary on climate change and the efforts under way to prevent its worst effects, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at Crossroads at Big Creek, 2041 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay (catty-corner from the YMCA).

**SPIRIT OF PEACE** is close to completing the improvements to fully host groups this spring and summer. "We have a little painting, hardware installation and final plumbing. Christie is preaching at Sister Bay and is bringing up brochures for the Urban Retreat Center. We are actively seeking groups to fill out the summer schedule and are open for weekend groups, probably starting in May. We hope there will be a group from the Door County area this year. Two special weeks: The week June 26 – 30 we are planning a culinary week. Food preparation and chef instruction. Learning to cook with locally sourced food. Interact with neighborhood students. Work with Tricklebee. This would be open to interested individuals as well as groups. The week of July 10 will be a music camp, aimed at those interested in praise band experience, composition and performance. We will also invite Ephraim Moravian and other Moravian partners to a dedication service May 21 at 4 PM – followed by a light supper. You have been a dedicated partner as we have developed this partnership for worship, service, and justice."

**UU's RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE** will be sponsoring the award-winning PBS documentary *Race: The Power of an Illusion*. The dates are April 3, 10 and 24, not quite consecutive Tuesdays. Members of your congregation are cordially invited to join them from 3:30 - 5 pm to view this excellent series.

**MORAVIAN CHOIR CONCERT**—Mark your calendars for a **Moravian Choir Concert** with guests from the Moravian Music Foundation on Sunday, **June 25, at 4 p.m.**



## New BIBLE STUDY, coming up on May 12!

Fascinating study on the **Apocryphal Scriptures!** All are welcome to attend, 10 a.m. on Fridays, May 12-June 16. Refreshments and great discussion.





## ***"Prayer, Prose, Poetry, Piano, Photography"***

*-A prelude event for Celebrate Earth Week*

*Wednesday, April 19*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Scandia Village*

*The Meadows Gathering Room*

*Join us for an evening reflecting on the beauty of our planet through readings, music and art. Pastor Dawn will be speaking at this event*



**Congratulations to  
Karen Ekberg,  
as we welcomed her  
great grandson,  
Hunter Fen Penchoff  
into the**

**Fellowship of the Congregation  
through Baptism**

Photo below:

**4 Generations**

**Great Grandma– Karen Ekberg**

**Grandma– Heidi Penchoff**

**Dad– Tim Penchoff**

**Children– Lillie & Hunter**



### **Lenten Services Continue**

**Wednesdays**

**March 29 and 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**

**\*CHOIR MEMBERS: April 5 and 12 at Sister Bay Moravian,  
1 p.m. Choir Rehearsals for Holy Thursday Service!**





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# April 2017

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Monday                                                                                        | Tuesday                                                                                           | Wednesday                                                                                                          | Thursday                                                                                | Friday                                                                                       | Saturday                                                                              |
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| <b>2</b><br>9 a.m. Sunday School<br>10 a.m. Worship/Communion                                                                                                                                                       | <b>3</b><br> | <b>4</b><br>5:30 p.m. Elders                                                                      | <b>5</b><br>12 p.m. - Sister Bay Lunch<br><br>6:45 p.m. Service, The Meadows                                       | <b>6</b><br>7 p.m. UU Fellowship - Katie Dahl "Sit Around Singing"                      | <b>7</b><br>8:30 a.m. OA Meeting                                                             | 8                                                                                     |
| <b>9</b><br><i>Palm Sunday</i><br>9 a.m. Sunday School,<br>10 a.m. Worship/Joyful Noise                                                                                                                             | <b>10</b><br>7 p.m. Holy Week Readings, <u>Sister Bay</u> Moravian                            | <b>11</b><br>4 p.m. Outreach/Fundraising<br>7 p.m. Holy Week Readings, <u>Sister Bay</u> Moravian | <b>12</b><br>7 p.m. Holy Week Readings, <u>Sister Bay</u> Moravian                                                 | <b>13</b><br>10 a.m. Trustees<br><br>7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, <u>Sister Bay</u> Moravian | <b>14</b><br>8:30 a.m. OA Meeting<br>2 p.m. Good Friday Services, <u>Sister Bay</u> Moravian | 15                                                                                    |
| <b>16</b><br>7 a.m. Sunrise Service & Break-fast/ <u>Sister Bay</u> Moravian<br>10 a.m. Easter Service, <u>Ephraim</u> Moravian  | 17                                                                                            | 18                                                                                                | <b>19</b><br><u>LAST for the Season:</u><br>Open Door Lunch, noon<br><br>7 p.m. Prelude to Earth Week, The Meadows | 20                                                                                      | <b>21</b><br>8:30 a.m. OA Meeting                                                            | 22                                                                                    |
| <b>23</b><br>9 a.m. Sunday School<br>10 a.m. Worship                                                                                                                                                                | 24                                                                                            | <b>25</b><br>5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes, St. Rosalia's                                                | 26                                                                                                                 | 27                                                                                      | <b>28</b><br>8:30 a.m. OA Meeting                                                            | 29                                                                                    |
| <b>30</b><br>9 a.m. Sunday School<br>10 a.m. Worship                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                               |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                         |                                                                                              |  |