



## 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

*May 2017*

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



It's the day after Easter and my house is in a mess. Wallpaper has been stripped off the hallways, my stuff is in the middle of each room and I'm seeing all the tumbleweeds of dog hair that the vacuum cleaner missed... for months! It's not company ready.



I know it's a temporary condition. The walls will soon be freshly painted. Bob and I will sweep and clean, impose order, tame the dog hair, hang pictures and show off a beautiful home once again. Sometimes things have to get ugly before beauty is revealed.

In the days after Easter, Jesus' followers were still in a mess. They were confused, frightened and had no idea how to proceed. Before becoming the towering figures of faith we read about in the New Testament, they needed some interior work. Peter had to overcome his guilt; Thomas, his doubt; James & John, their egos. Sometimes things have to get ugly before beauty is revealed.

Anytime we take a good, hard look at ourselves, it can be ugly. We try to hide our ugliness, even from ourselves. But, if we are to grow in God's grace, if we are to be people through whom God can bless others, then we need to confront our ugliness. We do that by opening ourselves to the wisdom of the people around us, the healing spirit of God within us and by letting go of the crippling guilt which sometimes accompanies self-revelation. Easter holds the promise of new life. Easter holds the promise of new energy and possibility. Easter holds the promise of a life filled with purpose. My prayer is that you will embrace all that Easter promises. Don't be afraid of what may be exposed in the process of restoration. Sometimes, things have to get ugly before beauty is revealed.

—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.

### HYMNAL SUPPLEMENT



We will be printing a hymnal supplement this year so we can become better stewards and avoid printing reams of paper for special liturgies and hymns each week! There are many hymn favorites that didn't make it into our blue hymn books (or even the old red ones!).

If you'd like to make a request that YOUR favorite be included in the Hymnal Supplement, let Pastor Dawn or the church office know. We will be ready to print by late summer, so don't delay.



### YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

#### TRUSTEES

Funds: Investment Committee

of John Turner, Chuck Mead

Chuck Mead 854-3357  
(Cemetery/ Building Exterior/  
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(Church Building and Parsonage  
Interiors)

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(Building Exterior, Grounds)

Shelley Cox 421-0101  
(Church Building and Parsonage  
Interiors)

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#### ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair

Hugh Mulliken, 854-2336

Karen Ekberg, Vice Ch 421-2553

Kathy Kirkland, Sect'y 854-6174

Theresa Weborg 421-0032

Betty Chomeau 854-2203

Elder for the month of:

May.....Karen Ekberg

### Looking Ahead:

Sunday, June 4—Graduation Fellowship! Come wish our high school & college grads well!

June 25, 4:00 p.m.—Moravian Music Concert, "Psalm of Joy"! Special guests!

### Services in May 2017

May 7—9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Communion

May 14 —9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship and Joyful Noise offering for Loaves & Fishes

May 21—9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

May 28—9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship

### A Note of Thanks

Our Son, Robert, is graduating with an Art Major from Coe College on May 7. We are so grateful to the congregation for your love and support for Rob. We came in 2010, when Rob was 15 years old. You gave him the gift of your time. You gave him the gift of unconditional acceptance. You encouraged his artistic expression. You helped him to grow into a self-assured, compassionate man. Thank you for sitting with him in fellowship hour, drawing him into conversation as he studiously avoid eye-contact. Thank you for embracing him as your own.

- Dawn & Bob Volpe

*Rob standing next to one of his pieces in his Senior Art Exhibition >>*



### 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

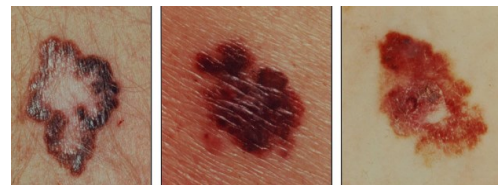
6 people to vacuum First Baptist (several will need to bring vacuums) This takes about 1 hour.

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

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

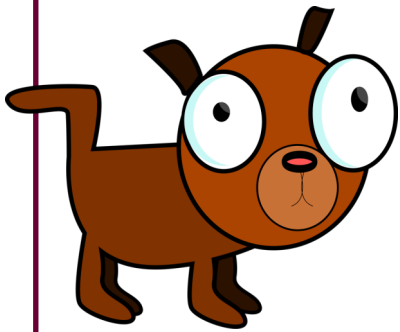
It would be great if our church would at least have 1-2 people for each of the tasks above.

### Skin Cancer Screenings



**There are free skin cancer screenings scheduled for Thursday, May 4, at the Door County Cancer Center 323 South 18 Street Sturgeon Bay, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**Space is limited, so Please call ASAP to register, 920-433-8488 Or register by email at [maryhendricksonjohnson.org](mailto:maryhendricksonjohnson.org)**

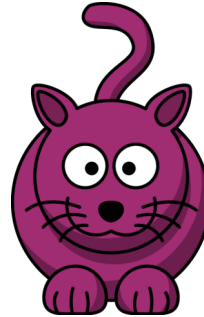


## Peninsula Pet Pantry, Inc.

Providing pet food assistance to financially struggling pet owners, keeping pets will fed and in their forever homes, because we know pets positively affect our health and happiness.

A non profit 501(c)(3) organization in Northern Door County, supplying quality dog and cat food, with no cost to owners, through Door of Life Food Pantry in Sister Bay.

Please consider joining us, in whatever amount you wish, by making a tax deductible donation to Peninsula Pet Pantry, Inc., PO Box 577, Fish Creek, Wisconsin 54212.



## Prayers

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

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

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

*...For our friends in the Meadows, Assisted Living & Care Centers: Bernice Koehler, Toby Wilson, Betty Overbeck, Patti Bennett, Franne Dickinson, Janet Halverson*

Katie Dahl finishes the season as host of a community sing-a-long on Thursday, May 4! This is a great chance 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: 7 p.m. May 4

THANK YOU....THANK YOU....THANK YOU....

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in March:  
The Sokolowskis, Theresa Weborg, the Penchoff family, the Holsts

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

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

**Suggested Donations for  
this month:**

### **Food and Treats for Pets**



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



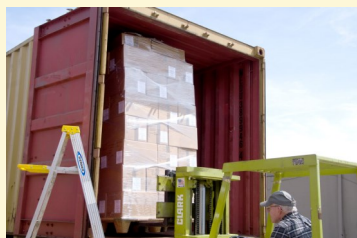
**Report from the Western District Conference: "Our Changing World... Same God"**

(image: [davebunnel.org](http://davebunnel.org))

Four members of our church family were privileged to attend the Western District Conference April 21-23 at Olympia Village in Oconomowoc. Pastor Dawn, Joyce Gerdman, Angela Sherman and Liz Opitz arrived Friday evening in time for worship and the first presentation by Tripp Fuller. Tripp is an inspirational speaker, director of theology and humanities at Hatchery, CA, founder and host of "Home Brewed Christians" podcasts.



In typical Moravian fashion, we embraced old acquaintances and newfound friends, sang in four-part harmony, and ate heartily. Hermann Weinlick conducted a workshop on gratitude and "looking like Jesus." It included many helpful ideas for children in worship. A major theme throughout was finding authentic ways to live the Gospel, to "be the church." To bridge the gap and help energize young leaders within the congregation, we need to change the current narrative of...."we really need your help, but you have to do it our way"!



The load of 18,000 books and 3,000 sets of girls' sanitary supplies are now loaded and are on their way to Kenya! This is a time of great celebration and none of this would have come to fruition if it had not been for your part in this project!! We say thank you, though knowing that those two words do not begin to express our gratitude for your assistance!!

— Bookfriends International

**BABY SHOWERS!**

We are so fortunate to welcome babies into the fellowship of this congregation. We will be hosting **TWO** baby showers this season! We collect consumable items for each baby and present it them to the parents during a fellowship hour in their honor. Diapers, lotions, wipes, etc. are all appreciated.

**May 21 Fellowship Hour**

**Winfield Howard Bristol** - no particular brands, the family is using natural baby bath products

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**June 25 Fellowship Hour**

**Hunter Fen Penchoff** - no particular brands, but anything organic or natural without extra sugars, Luvs size 4 diapers, any brands for wipes



## **GRADUATIONS this month!**

**Ainsley Nelson Dávila**  
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

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

### **...and out of college for the summer:**

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

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

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



## **May Birthdays**

Jody Paschke...2  
Gunilla Wilson...3  
Elli Opitz...6  
Cindy Phillips...11  
Dave Chomeau - 11  
Arnold Sohns...13  
Doug Schultz...14  
Mylo Sherman... 17  
Pieta Horvath...18  
Tiffany Ann Opitz 18  
Anne Spooner Crowe.. 19  
David Sohns...21  
Nicolai Carlson...23  
Elaine Jacobson...26  
Elizabeth Opitz...30

## **May Anniversaries**

Tim and Kristy Nelson – May 6, 1989  
Judy and Paul Flottman – May 25, 1974  
Walt and Tiggy Shields – May 28, 1971  
Erin and Brent Bristol – May 28, 2011

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).

## BRIDGES FRIENDS

**Did you not have a chance to be Secretary of State?** What a great international opportunity there is this summer coming to you! Hundreds of students from so many different foreign lands will be working in Door County. And we've been told by the state department that Door County has been the "gold standard" for welcoming these students. You can be a friend to these students without a great deal of time or effort! People have said to me that they just don't have the housing! This is NOT A PROGRAM TO HOUSE STUDENTS. They all have their own housing! This is just to agree to try to get together with them every week or so. (Some students work 2 jobs and can't meet weekly.) You all know how to be a friend! This might be as simple as just getting together for coffee each week. I have listed many possibilities but none are "required"...it is just to give you ideas.

**Please prayerfully consider being a Bridges friend. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall!**

1. Take them out for a cup of coffee or tea....2. If you are going shopping invite them along....3. Ask what name they want to be called by and how to pronounce it...4. Buy a postcard and put the overseas stamp on it so they can send a postcard home... 5. Go to a Bridges event night with them. Each month different churches provide a meal and an event, kite flying, boating, volleyball, Segway etc... 6. If you're going out for a pontoon boat ride, invite them along... 7. Some students work 60 hour weeks, occasionally a homemade or bought meal is something that is very appreciated at the end of a long day... 8. Make a cherry pie together... 9. If you are going to Green Bay invite them along... 10. Ask them how to say the basics in their language... hello, goodbye and thank you; try to use the words! ... 11. If it's a public setting, patronize where they work.. if they sell ice cream go buy an ice cream cone! Do not distract of course, but always a friendly hello... 12. Is your family visiting? Let them meet your family! Invite to a meal or event. We had a birthday party and mini golf and our Bridges friend so enjoyed it... 13. If they are here during their birthday try to recognize it with perhaps a card and a cupcake... 14. Exchange winter addresses and send them a Christmas card when they are home.... 15. Share... what do they love? Share your favorite hobbies gardening, fishing etc.... 16. Become an email or text friend, in many cases this is the best way to get in touch with them.... 17. Pray for them and a good experience for them in Door County....18. Invite them for a meal at your home. When you think that many students only know about Americans from our movies and tv shows, this is where they see how Americans truly live! ... 19. Take them to see a beautiful sunset.... 20. Enjoy 4th of July fireworks together.... 21. Ask what their favorite sandwich is and make a picnic to enjoy in one of our parks.... 22. Take them to the door county historical museum in Sturgeon Bay its on 4th street and it's free! ... 23. Go with them on a woodland hike.... 24. Invite them to roast marshmallow and make s'mores! ... 25. Learn about their life at home and what are their favorite foods.... 26. At the end of the summer our Chinese friends asked if they could use our kitchen to make their home-land dishes for us! It was such a treat.... 27. Send an email note of encouragement... 28. Take out a book at the library on their home country, when they come over look up where they live.... 29. Or you can just bring up a map on your phone or laptop and look up their city.... 30. Have a frozen custard together.

*Accept that you possibly may have given a true look at American life and changed the perspective of people in that country because the student WILL talk about the experience when they return! If you have any questions feel free to call me. Kathy Zehner 708-567-1940.*

### TREA\$URER's REPORT

**Member giving through March: \$34,534**  
**2016 through March: \$20,895**  
**2015 through March: \$31,993**

**Visitor giving through March: \$12,748**  
**2016 through March: \$5,601**  
**2015 through March: \$5901**

#### Income

**Budget for 2017 is \$163,700**  
**Actual through March 2017: \$61,989**

#### Expenses

**Budget for 2017 is \$188,103**  
**Actual through March 2017: \$51,382**





## 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 coordinate your writings. Thank you!!

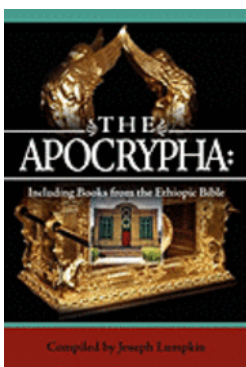
### IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

**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.



Sister Bay's Fellowship Hall will be transformed into an Asian tearoom! There will be touches of India, Japan, China, Sri Lanka and more. There are plans for door prizes and Asian entertainment, with delectable food from Wickman House and Amanda Shepit. Your \$20 ticket includes a door prize drawing (more can be purchased). You will need a reservation—call Cheryl Lubahn by May 1 at 854-0007 or email her at [palubahn@yahoo.com](mailto:palubahn@yahoo.com)

All proceeds will go to Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry's "Matthew 25" program, which benefits those in Northern Door in need of assistance with heating or cooling, food, shelter, transportation, Lifeline emergency response systems, gas and food cards, assisted with paying for child care, purchased furniture, assisted with clean up, and purchased medication, to name a few. If you know of someone in need, speak to Kathy Wagner (854-7221).



### 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.



The month of  
*May*

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 5:30 p.m. Elders	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Noon - Sister Bay Luncheon	<b>4</b> 7 p.m. UU Fellowship Katie Dahl "Sit Around Singing"	<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg.	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9 a.m. S.S./ Choir 10 a.m. Worship/ Communion	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg.  10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9 a.m. S.S./ Choir 10 a.m. Worship/ Joyful Noise	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12 p.m. Trustees	<b>19</b> 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg.  10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9 a.m. S.S./ Choir 10 a.m. Worship Baby Show- er	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes, St. Rosalia's	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg.  10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9 a.m. S.S./ Choir 10 a.m. Worship	<b>29</b>  <i>Memorial Day</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			



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## May 2017 Newsletter



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