

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

August 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



How is it with your Soul?

I had a delightful surprise this week. I met the descendants of Bishop James (Jimmy) Weingarth: daughter, Judy, grandson James and great-grandson, River. Although Jimmy's pastorate at Ephraim occurred over a decade before I was born, I knew him quite well. He lived in Bethlehem in his later years. He was a frequent guest speaker at various churches, he conducted seminars and had a folksy charm. I loved speaking to him. He exuded grace.

Jimmy was a frequent visitor to the Seminary I attended. I delighted to see him, but found his greeting a little off-putting. Each time we met, he would ask, 'How is it with your soul, Dawn? It seemed silly to say, 'Fine, thank you' - but that's all I could stammer when asked. I didn't really know how it was with my soul. I knew I was entering a demanding profession which dealt primarily with the state of one's soul. I knew that I should have a deep, abiding relationship with Jesus. But I was in the throes of doubt and angst, wrestling with the weighty matters of faith, wisdom and the BIG QUESTION: What the heck am I doing??

I attended Jimmy's funeral in 1989. Even from the grave he unsettled me. Someone read Jimmy's own words to those sitting in the pews at his funeral. At the end of his message, Jimmy wrote 'some of you I will see shortly, and the rest, in due time.' Those words have stayed with me ever since!

When grandson James brought his baby, River, into the church, he lifted him up to see his great grandfather's picture on our wall. As he pointed to grand-dad, the baby let out a joyful whoop, cooing and laughing. I thought of the wonderful ministry Jimmy had here so long ago. I thought of the incredible blessing given to me to build upon the shoulders of such a great man. I thought of the joy Jimmy is experiencing in Eternity's morning. As I said my goodbyes to his family, and climbed the stairs to my office, surrounded by the 'fellowship of the saints in glory,' I said out loud, 'Brother Jimmy, it is well with my soul.' How is it with Your soul?

—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.



The 2017 "Dearly Departed" Cemetery Walk is scheduled for September 11, 2017 (see page 5 of this newsletter)

If you never saw the wonderful 2016 performances or want to whet your appetite for 2017, come to the

**Ephraim Village Hall
 Wednesday, August 30
 7:30 p.m.**

The video of entire 2016 "Dearly Departed" program will be shown with all the characters you see in this photo:

Frederika Bertha Ida Seiler Sohns, portrayed by Karen Sohns Ekberg
 Elsie Løding Groenfeldt, portrayed by Sally Jacobson
 Hans (J.J.) Groenfeldt, portrayed by Rob Moore
 Charlotte Marie Amundson, portrayed by Carolyn Glabe O'Donnell
 George Larson, portrayed by George Larson
 Clara Alpha Oneson Scudder, portrayed by Ruth Oneson Minke
 Halvor Anderson, portrayed by Dick Volkmann



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#### **ELDERS**

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Elder for the month of:  
 August....Tiggy Shields

### **Services in August 2017**

**Aug 2— 7:30 p.m., Anderson Docks-ology—Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons, Milwaukee's Spirit of Peace; David Melby-Gibbons**

**Aug 6— 9 a.m. Choir, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship and Communion**

**Aug 9— 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology—Rev. Barbara Sajna, St. Luke's Episcopal; New Day Singers**

**Aug 13 — 9 a.m. Choir, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship and Joyful Noise offering, Loaves & Fishes**

**Aug 16— 7:30 p.m. Anderson Docks-ology—Father David Ruby, Stella Maris Parish**

**Aug 20—9 a.m. Choir, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship**

**Aug 27—9 a.m. Choir, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship**

## UPDATED WISH LIST from Tricklebee Café

Wanting to help out but don't have time to come in to volunteer? Right now they're gratefully accepting donations of the following items:



- Postage Stamps (preferably food/nature related)
- Band-Aids (for our kitchen first-aid kit)
- Parchment Paper
- Seventh Generation All Purpose Cleaning Spray
- Method Squirt & Mop Hard Floor Cleaner
- Vinyl Gloves (100% Latex Free)
- Pre-Cut Tin Foil Sheets

(*hint:* Order through Amazon or other bulk outlet & ship directly to Tricklebee, 4424 W North Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53208)

## Prayers

*...For Harry Maher, at Cardinal Ridge in Sturgeon Bay  
Visits and Cards are welcome to:  
817 Circle Ridge Place #113  
Sturgeon Bay 54235*

*...For Charlie Burton as he  
pursues treatment for his cancer*

*..for Doug Schultz, Eunice and  
Ray Rutherford for  
quick recoveries. Ray is at  
Atrium Nursing Home in  
Kewaunee, awaiting a closer lo-  
cation—cards can be sent to  
1308 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee,  
WI 54216*

*... For Jock Whitacre as he  
continues his recovery*



**We rejoice with  
the Lorenz family  
as Porter and  
Campbell affirmed  
their faith by  
baptism on  
July 16!**

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

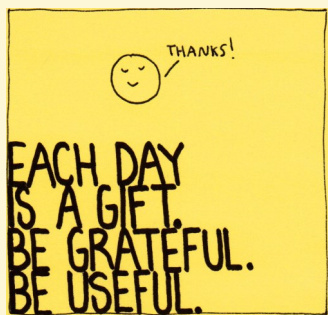
**Suggested Donations for  
this month:**



**Rice!**



**Place in any of the  
"Feed My People"**



**.....to those who offered  
Fellowship after church in  
July: Kathy Zehner, Tiggy Shields,  
Joan Lewis & Chuck Mead, the Larsen  
family and Kay & Keith Tschannen**

**.....to those who ushered or acted as  
Sacristan in July.**

**...to those who lent their quilts, baked the Moravian Sugar  
Cake, helped at the Quilt Walk to raise \$1,110 for the Angel  
Fund at Gibraltar School. Big thanks to Vicki & Wes Maynard  
for use of their beautiful house and grounds for the event!**

## August Birthdays



Ava Neddersen ...9  
 Jackie Larson ...11  
 Lucille Sohns...12  
 Mary Koehler...13  
 Angela Sherman ...13  
 Scott Anderson...15  
 Kaye Maher...15  
 Mary Ann Schuder...15  
 Britta Jacobson...16  
 Gary Carlson...17  
 Arps Horvath...20  
 Marcia Dorfman - 22  
 Amanda Larson...24  
 Linda Lorenz...27  
 Joshua Opitz...28  
 Jody Thiell...28  
 Robert Volpe...31



## August Anniversaries

Nancy & Tim Christofferson – August 5, 1972  
 Don and Donna Nelson – August 9, 1958  
 Marilyn and Jim Cushing – August 15, 1979  
 Eunice and Ray Rutherford – August 28, 1955



July 19 2017

## The Monthly Memory Café

continues

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each Month

2:00-3:30, Meadows Solarium

RSVPs encouraged

854-7221 Kathy Wagner

Anyone who is experiencing mild to moderate level of memory loss is encouraged to attend with family, friend, or care partner. Much like your neighborhood café, it's not a place for supervision or respite. It's a place to laugh, learn, and love that old feeling of normalcy.

Mingling among café clientele are dementia-trained professionals and volunteers, to support conversations and attend to any specific questions. Coffee and refreshments provided.



**MANY THANKS** to  
 Paul Flottmann, our  
 sound-and-sign man for our  
 Anderson Docks-ologies  
 again this year!

He is "retiring" from the duties after 2017, so if you think you can help at some of the future Docks-ologies, let us know and Paul can tutor you this year on all the particulars! You can pick just one or two weeks of the 2018 schedule:

Wednesday, July 11, 18 and 25

Wednesday, August 1, 8 and 15

### Here is what is required:

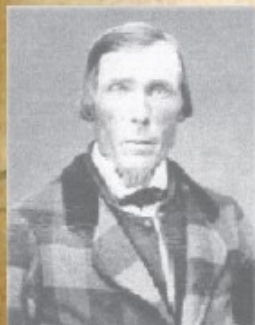
- \*Place sign at Anderson Dock (changing out the message for current week);
- \*Bring chairs from church for the participants;
- \*If there's a rain day, directing people from the Dock to the Hall before 7:30 pm;
- \*Set up the church sound system (unless the pastor that week has their own) and do a sound check with the participants. Return the sound system and chairs to the church after the service;
- \*Be available in case of trouble-shooting the system, holding music for the pianist, etc.

*Remember, it's a ministry of our church!!*

The Ephraim Moravian Church and Ephraim Historical Foundation present

# Dearly Departed

Monday, September 11 ~ Tours at 1 and 2:30 p.m.  
At the corner of S. Norway & Willow St.  
Rain or shine ~ (920) 854-9688



Peder Weborg



Hulda Seiler Knudson



Helen Sohns



Warren Davis



Petie Wilson



Hollis Wilson



## From our Friends...

"Thank you so very much for the gracious hospitality you and the whole congregation offered me last weekend! It was a wonderful experience to be with you, in rehearsal, concert, and worship...to renew old acquaintances and make new friends and to enjoy the good fellowship of a lively, gifted congregation."



"Please convey my thanks to the congregation, and know that I'll certainly not wait 15 years before I return!

Your sister, in Christ, Nola Knouse"  
[Moravian Music Foundation]



"It was so nice to worship with the congregation, heard a good sermon and listened to the great music, seeing so many people we knew and loved when we were in Ephraim for 11 years. Just could not remember all their names and had to ask for them!

Shalom from both of us,  
Wolfram and Faith Fliegel"

## TREA\$URER's REPORT

Member giving through June: \$64,600  
2016 through June: \$37,920  
2015 through June: \$53,906

Visitor giving through June: \$33,273  
2016 through June: \$19,698  
2015 through June: \$27,902

### Income

Budget for 2017 is \$163,700  
Actual through June 2017: \$142,997

### Expenses

Budget for 2017 is \$188,103  
Actual through June 2017: \$92,461



**A LOOK  
at the  
BUDGET**



# Quilt Walk at Vicki & Wes Maynards' home in Fish Creek

-quilts, old & new    -rosemaling by Naomi Carlson  
-carving by Ken Carlson

Raised \$1,110 for Gibraltar School's Angel Fund



< Vicki with Dolores Sessler



< Wes

Naomi Carlson with her rosemaling >



< Kay Wilson's jacket





**Anderson Docks-ology  
2017 Sunset Services  
7:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays  
July 12 - Aug 16  
Anderson Dock, Ephraim**

**Bring a chair or blanket for your comfort  
Rain location: Village Hall, 9996 Hwy 42**



**August 2  
Pastor Christie Melby-Gibbons  
David Melby-Gibbons**

**August 9  
Rev. Barbara Sajna  
St. Luke's Episcopal  
New Day Singers**



**August 16  
Fr. Dave Ruby  
Stella Maris Parish**



**Summer  
Bible  
Studies  
continue here at  
Ephraim Moravian**

**Pastor Dawn Volpe  
August 1 through August 29  
10 a.m.**

**Who in Heaven's Name are  
The Moravians?**

This course traces our roots back to the beginnings of the Moravian Church. We will look at the formative years, how our history shapes us today, the major doctrines of the church. We will also include a history of the Ephraim and Sister Bay churches.



***Bridges***



On Tuesday, September 19 our church will host the end-of-season Thanksgiving dinner for the Bridges students with the First Baptist Church of Sister Bay.

Many of you have helped with this before. We need people to set up and help serve the dinner as well as people to make pumpkin or apple pies. Please see the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or feel free to call me, Kathy Zehner, 708-567-1940. This event is so appreciated by the Bridges students! Thanks for your help!



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## **August 2017 Newsletter**



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# August 2017

| Sunday                                                                                          | Monday    | Tuesday                                                                                 | Wednesday                                                                                  | Thursday                      | Friday                           | Saturday  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                                                 |           | <b>1</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Bible Study<br>"The Moravians"                                   | <b>2</b><br>7:30 p.m.<br>Anderson<br>Docks-ology<br>Christie Melby-Gibbons                 | <b>3</b>                      | <b>4</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg  | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b><br>8 am & 10 am Service,<br>9 am Choir<br>Communion                                    | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Bible Study<br>"The Moravians"                                   | <b>9</b><br>7:30 p.m.<br>Anderson<br>Docks-ology<br>Barbara Sajna & the<br>New Day Singers | <b>10</b><br>Trustees<br>Noon | <b>11</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg | <b>12</b> |
| <b>13</b><br>8 am & 10 am Service,<br>9 am Choir<br>Joyful Noise—<br>Secret Santa<br>LOVE-FEAST | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Bible Study<br>"The Moravians"                                  | <b>16</b><br>7:30 p.m.<br>Anderson<br>Docks-ology<br>Stella Maris<br>Parish                | <b>17</b>                     | <b>18</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg | <b>19</b> |
| <b>20</b><br>8 am & 10 am Service,<br>9 am Sunday School/Choir                                  | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Bible Study<br>"The Moravians"<br><br>5 p.m.<br>Loaves & Fishes | <b>23</b>                                                                                  | <b>24</b>                     | <b>25</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg | <b>26</b> |
| <b>27</b><br>8 am & 10 am Service,<br>9 am Choir                                                | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Bible Study<br>"The Moravians"                                  | <b>30</b>                                                                                  | <b>31</b>                     |                                  |           |