

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

September 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Mr. Ray and the Widow's Mite

We've all heard the story of the 'Widow's Mite'. It's a favorite of preachers during stewardship sermons - a poor widow brings a donation to the temple which represents her entire income. Although it's a meager offering, Jesus says it's greater than all the other gifts, since she gave out of her poverty.

Let's think about the Widow. She was dependent on the kindness of others for her survival. Her late husband's family was obligated to care for her. You can imagine how awkward that could be. She was the object of pity and judgment. Yet, when she threw her offering in the box, she became a shining example of generosity.

Mr. Ray was like the widow. He had served in the Vietnam War and returned home broken - physically and mentally. He was exposed to the herbicide, Agent Orange, which was used to strip the jungles of vegetation. His marriage did not survive his re-entry into civilian life. His mother, knowing his limitations, put her home in the care of a family friend, a lawyer, trusting him to watch over her only son. After her death, the lawyer did everything he could to wrest the property from Mr. Ray. From 1991 until my departure in 2010, I was involved in Mr. Ray's affairs. I did not ask for the assignment. When things got out of hand, Mr. Ray would show up saying, "Pastor, I need your assistance." In those years, the church helped him apply for disability, navigate the VA system, remove the lawyer from the estate, pay back taxes - it seemed endless. He was the object of much philanthropy.

But, like the widow, Mr. Ray was a shining example of generosity. Mr. Ray was fluent in Spanish, the language spoken by many of our residents. He helped me tear down barriers, acting as a translator. When a family was unceremoniously evicted from the home next to mine, I called Mr. Ray, who came to their rescue, helping them load up their belongings. When my parents moved to Maryland, Mr. Ray spent a day with them, putting things in place. I have a little telephone table which he built - back when we had land lines. It sits in a corner of my den.

Sometimes, in our haste to "help the less fortunate," we forget that the objects of our care are capable of magnificent acts of generosity and kindness. Mr. Ray provided me with a lesson in gift-giving that I will always remember. I am grateful for his life, for his generosity, for giving out of his poverty. Rest In Peace, Mr. Ray, until "faith turns into sight."

—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.

"Dearly Departed" Ephraim Cemetery Walk

Come to the Ephraim Village Hall on Wednesday, August 30, 7:30 p.m.
to watch the film of the 2016 "Dearly Departed" Cemetery Walk

Portrayals of Ida Seiler Sohns, Halvor Anderson, Charlotte Amundson,
George Larson, Clara Oneson Scudder, Elsie & J.J. Groenfeldt

Sponsored by the Ephraim Moravian Church and the Ephraim Historical Foundation
Free-will offering to help with expenses of "Dearly Departed" 2017—Monday, September 11!



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#### **ELDERS**

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Kathy Kirkland, Sect'y 854-6174  
Theresa Weborg 421-0032  
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Elder for the month of:  
September.... Theresa Weborg

**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, and some had such a good time, they signed up again this year! So instead of a plea for help and pies, we have all the volunteers we need on our sign-up sheet.

***Thank you!!*** This event is so appreciated by the Bridges students. If you have any questions about the dinner or Bridges itself, call Kathy Zehner, 708-567-1940.

### **Bridges Thanksgiving**



*Mange Tusen Takk* (many thousand thanks) for the many fun and lovely greetings Dan and I received for our 50th anniversary! You have been so kind!

—Jendean & Dan Olson

### **Services in September 2017**

**Sept 3— 9 a.m. Choir, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship and Communion**

**Sept 10— 9 a.m. Choir, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship and Joyful Noise offering, Secret Santa**

**Sept 17— 9 a.m. Choir, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship**

**Sept 24 —9 a.m. Choir, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship**



**Congratulations to Matt & Kayla (Franklin) Christofferson, who were married on August 12! Did you know they were sweethearts when they were in high school?**



**The next Bible Study will run from September 22 through October 27, Fridays at 10 a.m.**

**Do you have a suggestion for the topic? Tell Pastor Dawn!**

## **Prayers**

*...For Kaye Maher and family, as Harry passed away on August 8.*

*...For Charlie Burton as he received great news on his cancer treatments*

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

*We welcomed Eunice back at church, and Doug is recovering at home!*

*... For Jock Whitacre's family as they grieve Jock's passing.*

*...for Lucille "Sweeney" Sohns for a quick recovery!*



**.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in August: Jendean & Dan Olson for their 50th!, Barbara Ziegler, Cushing/Heise, and Kris & Ranny Nelson**

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

**...to all those who participated in or attended the Anderson Docks-ologies at the Dock!**

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

**Suggested Donations for this month:**



**Canned Fruits & Vegetables**

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



## September Birthdays



Glenore Paschke...2  
 Randall Nelson...3  
 Samantha Phillips...5  
 Walter Fisher...8  
 Brian Larson...10  
 Eunice Rutherford...11  
 Nicholas Weborg...13  
 Sherry Moore... 15  
 Eileen Jacobson...18  
 Larry Jacobson...30

## September Anniversaries



Ryan and Angela Sherman – Sept. 6, 2008  
 Mary Ann and Tom Schuder – Sept. 15, 1973  
 Dawn & Bob Volpe – Sept. 22, 1991  
 Kay and Paul Wilson – Sept. 25, 1971

## The Monthly Memory Café

continues

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

2:00-3:30, Meadows Solarium

RSVPs encouraged

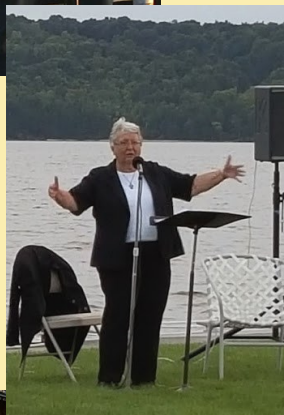
854-7221 Kathy Wagner

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.



## Docks-ologies !



Frank Kauzlarich, Katie Dahl, Barbara Sajna, Christie (with Brittany Larson) & David Melby-Gibbons



**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 25

Wednesday, August 1, 8 and 15

July 11, 18—thank you, Walt Shields!

### 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!!*

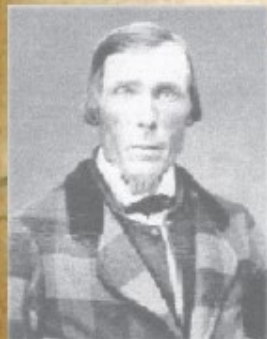
The Ephraim Moravian Church and Ephraim Historical Foundation present

# 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*



Northern Door  
Health & Wellness Ministry

## COMMUNITY TRAINING CPR / AED

**WHEN:** AUG 30, 1PM – 4PM

SEPT 21, 6PM – 10PM

**WHERE:** Sister Bay Fire Station, Mill Rd.

**REGISTER:** CALL 920-854-4021, LV MSG

> or EMAIL [SisterBayFireCPR@gmail.com](mailto:SisterBayFireCPR@gmail.com)

The Sister Bay & Liberty Grove Fire Department is partnering with the American Safety & Health Institute to offer classes to educate the community in the proper method of using an AED and performing CPR. The CPR/AED class will teach infant, child and adult CPR and offers a 2-year certification; \$20.00 per person will be charged. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

**YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE ONE DAY!**

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



**The service for Harry  
Maher is on  
Saturday,  
September 16 at  
11 a.m., with a light  
lunch following.**

## TREA\$URER's REPORT



### Income

Budget for 2017 is \$163,700

Actual through July 2017: \$164,307

### Expenses

Budget for 2017 is \$188,103

Actual through July 2017: \$110,489

Member giving through July: \$80,210  
2016 through July: \$48,965  
2015 through July: \$63,742

Visitor giving through July: \$38,219  
2016 through July: \$24,650  
2015 through July: \$33,178



**Ephraim Moravian Church  
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*POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:*

## **September 2017 Newsletter**



**Father Dave Ruby at  
the last 2017  
Docks-ology  
August 16**










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# September 2017

| Sunday                                                                                                    | Monday                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                           | Thursday                                                                              | Friday                                                                                | Saturday                                                       |
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| <b>3</b><br>8 am/10 am<br>Services<br>9 am Sunday<br>School/Choir<br>Communion                            | <b>4</b><br><u>Labor Day</u>                                                        | <b>5</b><br>5:30 p.m.<br>Elders                                                     | <b>6</b>                                                                            | <b>7</b>                                                                              | <b>8</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg                                                       | <b>9</b>                                                       |
| <b>10</b><br>8 am/10 am<br>Services<br>9 am Sunday<br>School/Choir<br>Joyful Noise<br>For Secret<br>Santa | <b>11</b><br>1 & 2:30 p.m.<br>Dearly<br>Departed<br>Cemetery<br>Walk                | <b>12</b>                                                                           | <b>13</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Caring Hands                                              | <b>14</b><br>12 noon<br>Trustees                                                      | <b>15</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg                                                      | <b>16</b><br><br>Harry Maher<br>Memorial<br>Service<br>11 a.m. |
| <b>17</b><br>8 am/10 am<br>Services<br>9 am Sunday<br>School/Choir                                        | <b>18</b>                                                                           | <b>19</b><br>6 p.m. Bridges<br>Dinner– Sister<br>Bay Baptist                        | <b>20</b>                                                                           | <b>21</b>                                                                             | <b>22</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg<br><br>10 a.m. Bible<br>Study                        | <b>23</b>                                                      |
| <b>24</b><br>8 am/10 am<br>Services<br>9 am Sunday<br>School/Choir                                        | <b>25</b>                                                                           | <b>26</b><br>5 p.m.<br>Loaves &<br>Fishes,<br>St. Rosalia's                         | <b>27</b>                                                                           | <b>28</b>                                                                             | <b>29</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg<br><br>10 a.m. Bible<br>Study                        | <b>30</b>                                                      |
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