

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

October 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Answers to Prayers Unspoken

A few weeks ago, my husband and I took a trip to Illinois for a reunion, of sorts. My father-in-law, Bob Sr. and his wife Patty, gathered 2 of his children, all his brothers, sisters plus extended family to meet his eldest son, 'Mikey.' When Bob Sr. was 19 years old, unbeknownst to him, he fathered a son. Mikey learned his birth father's name in 2011. With no other information, he began his quest to search for his other family. Through his wife, Loo's, unwavering support and encouragement, and the miracle of DNA testing, Mikey located his father. Now, my father-in-law has a large family by modern day standards- Bob, Jr, Michael, Lisa, Stephen, Louie + grandchildren. But, when he heard there was one more... he threw open his heart and arms to embrace his first born. He called his children, his brothers and sisters to broadcast the news of a long lost son. He threw a party and invited those far and near to attend. To his delight, he discovered he had another grandson and great grandchildren. As the family introduced themselves, there was much chatter and stares - to determine who Mikey resembled - the consensus was Paw-paw (great grandpa) and Uncle Joe. His height, however, was a gift from his mother's side of the family. As I witnessed this miracle of family joy, I was reminded of the promise: "Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear." - Isaiah 65:24. In my father-in-law's prayers, he had no way of knowing that his family was incomplete. He had no way of knowing that he needed to find that which was lost for so many years. Often we think our prayers are complete - we know what we need and we offer that up to God. What we fail to understand, is that our knowledge may be incomplete. God knows. God answers even those prayers that we do not utter. The Volpe family is so grateful to God for answering before we ever knew to ask.



**Bob Volpe Sr. with Bob Jr.,
Lisa, Mikey**

—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.



New Bible Study



Fridays 10 a.m. September 22 through October 27

Topic: From Praise to Imprecations- The Book of Psalms

We are looking at a selection of Psalms - from the view-points of the authors. Some are soothing, some are shocking, but what impresses me the most, is that they are searingly honest. Join me on Fridays for one hour, lively sessions. -Pastor Dawn



THANKS from Kaye Maher and family...

“Please express the gratitude I and my family have to everyone who has sent us so much comfort, love, and friendship. It truly helps in a hard time.

Thanks, Kaye”

Services in October 2017

Oct 1— 9 a.m. Choir/Sunday School, 8 & 10 a.m. Worship and Communion (10 a.m.)

Oct 8— 9 a.m. Sunday School, 8 & 10 a.m. Worship and Joyful Noise offering, Loaves & Fishes (10 a.m.)

Oct 15 — 9 a.m. Choir/Sunday School, 8 & 10 a.m. Worship

Oct 22 —9 a.m. Choir/Sunday School, 8 & 10 a.m. Worship

Oct 29—9 a.m. Choir/Sunday School, 8 & 10 a.m. Worship

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Elder for the month of:
October....Kathy Kirkland



Prayers

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

*For the Community Church of
Fish Creek as they mourn the
death of their pastor,
Chris Leonard*

*...of thanks for Hal Halvorsen's
ongoing recovery from back
surgery*

In the Neighborhood.....

**Wednesday, September 27, 11:30 a.m.—In conjunction
with the senior lunch program, a program on macular
degeneration.**

*Many
Thanks*

**.....to those who offered
Fellowship after church in
September: Diane & Kathy Kirk-
land, Jim & Marilyn Cushing, Kay &
Keith Tschannen, Elfi Johnson.**

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

...to those who helped at Harry Maher's memorial service.

**..to our pie-makers and volunteers for the Bridges
Thanksgiving dinner.**

For October's Feed My People

**Suggested Donations for
this month:**



**Comfort
foods**



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

October Birthdays

Robert Schroeder...7
Erika Wilson Burkemper...8
Lonnie Vitse.... 11
John Turner...13
Kyle Nelson...15
Rosie Klein16
Diane Kirkland...18
Kathy Kirkland...18
Maggie Schnackenberg... 18
Andrea Nelson...20
Lisa Carlson...22
Paul Flottman...24
Shayla Opitz - 24
Betty Overbeck...27
James Sokolowski...28

October Anniversaries

Priscilla and Keith Krist – Oct 1, 1966
Ranny & Kris Nelson Oct 9, 2006

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

The Monthly Memory Café

continues

4th 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.



Pad Project!

We would like to have a sewing bee at church on Oct 11, 9 am-11 am, for a project that sews washable, reusable sanitary pads for school girls in Africa.

This project is part of a larger project that provides books for libraries and schools in poor regions of certain countries. This past year a shipment went to Kenya, next year probably to Tanzania. Join Judy Turner, Jendean Olson and the regulars in the quilt group for this important project! Anyone interested and wanting more information please talk to Barbara Classen!



Not too soon...

...to sign up for our Open Door Lunches! We begin again on Wednesday, November 15.

See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, November 22

An interfaith Thanksgiving service is in the works—mark it on your calendar!



Saturday, December 2 Christmas in the Village

Here at church we will be making wreaths, wrapping candles, giving tours and selling lots of goodies in the Sweets for the Holiday sale!

Free

Continental Breakfast

**Moravian Sugar Cake & other bakery*

**Apple and Cranberry Juice*

**Fresh Fruit*

**Coffee*

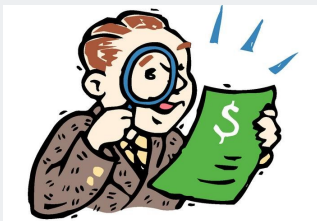
Saturday, October 7, 2017

8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Ephraim Moravian Church

9970 Moravia Street, Ephraim

*Free-Will Offering for Hurricane Irma relief for
the New Herrnhut Moravian Church, St. Thomas, and
Emmanuel Moravian Church, St. John*



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Income

Budget for 2017 is \$163,700

Actual through Aug 2017: \$182,910
(\$52,894 of our income is memorials)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Member giving through August: \$86,790

2016 through August: \$62,917

2015 through August: \$70,677

Visitor giving through August: \$41,078

2016 through August: \$40,072

2015 through August: \$37,861

Expenses

Budget for 2017 is \$188,103

Actual through August 2017: \$119,634

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October 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 & 10 am worship 9 am Sunday School/Choir Communion	2	3 5:30 pm Elders	4 9:30 am Caring Hands	5 12 noon Trustees	6 8:30 am OA Meeting - 10 a.m. Bible Study	7 Continental Bkfst 8-10:30 am for Hurricane Irma
8 8 & 10 am worship 9 am Sunday School	9	10	11 Sewing Bee for Sanitary Pads 9-11 am	12	13 8:30 am OA Meeting - 10 a.m. Bible Study	14
15 8 & 10 am worship 9 am Sunday School/Choir	16	17	18	19	20 8:30 am OA Meeting - 10 a.m. Bible Study	21
22 8 & 10 am worship 9 am Sunday School/Choir	23	24 10 a.m. Quilting - 5 pm Loaves & Fishes St. Rosalia's	25	26	27 8:30 am OA Meeting - 10 a.m. Bible Study	28
29 8 & 10 am worship 9 am Sunday School/Choir	30	31				