



## Ephraim Moravian Messenger News from the Open Door

**“In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love”**

### **Congregational Watchword for 2018**

**“You were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.” 1 Peter 2:25**

**December 2018**



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

*"A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more." - Jeremiah 31:15*

In all the wondrous stories of Christmas- miraculous conception, prophecies becoming reality, angelic pronouncements, we rarely hear the 'other side' of the story. (Matthew 2: 16-18) It's no wonder - the other side is pure darkness and evil. The other side is the murderous rage of a despot, the callousness of soldiers following his orders, and innocent children destroyed. The verse in Jeremiah is quoted in Matthew's gospel. 'Rachel' is a symbol of the nation of Israel (the historic Rachel died in childbirth, she was the mother of the beloved Joseph and Benjamin). This particular story recounts the flight of Joseph and Mary, spiriting their little boy out of harm's way as Herod's soldiers carry out his wicked designs.

This verse came to my mind after a man, filled with hatred, destroyed the lives of 11 people who were gathered in worship at their synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They were people of faith. They were in a sacred place which preached peace and reverence for God. Each Sabbath they faithfully gathered and then lived out the proclamations they received. The evil we experienced that fateful day is not an isolated act. We see evil in all its forms every time we turn on a newscast.

Although I don't like reading the 'other side' of the story when I'm proclaiming 'peace and good will', I'm thankful it's there, because it reflects humanity's condition in every age. If this is our past and present reality, how do we resist descending into hopelessness? The Prophet Jeremiah responded to his own lament, 'Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord... there is hope for your future.' (31:16-17). In every age, in every circumstance God's answer to despair is hope, God's answer to paralysis is action - the actions we take to promote peace, justice, kindness, compassion, grace, love are never in vain. Sometimes we may have to wait to see the positive result of our efforts, so keep on hoping, praying and working for the day when all people will embrace 'peace on earth, good will to all people.'

## *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.

**Remember! We are streaming live on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Central time.**

When you can't be in church, check us out on Facebook (it stays on Facebook if you want to watch later, and we're working on archiving our services on YouTube, so stay tuned). Many thanks to Ryan Sherman for setting up the system for us. We are looking for people to learn to operate the taping on Sundays in case Ryan's unable to be there—thanks to Tim Penchoff and Logan Mittermann for their assistance. See Ryan if you're willing to help.



### **YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

Funds: Investment Committee  
 of John Turner, George Carey,  
 Pete Classen

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

Sacristan for the month of  
 December...Jody Thiel

### **Sunday Services in December 2018**

<b>December 2 -</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Choir/Sunday School</b>
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship and Communion</b>
<b>December 9 -</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Choir/Sunday School</b>
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship and Joyful Noise Coin offering for Secret Santa</b>
<b>December 16 -</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Choir/Sunday School</b>
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>December 23 -</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Choir/Sunday School</b>
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>December 24 -</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>	<b>Family Candlelight Service with Katie Dahl</b>
	<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>Traditional Candlelight Service with our Choir, Cynthia Stiehl, Pamela Johnson and Kent Moraga</b>
<b>December 30 -</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Choir/Sunday School</b>
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>December 31 -</b>	<b>11:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Watchnight Service &amp; Pancakes!</b>

# THIRTY DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

## WITH TRICKLEBEE CAFÉ

**NOVEMBER**  
**1st-30th**



We're holding our second annual *Thirty Days of ThanksGIVING* campaign. This will help us finish raising our operating costs for 2019. 100% of our board members have donated! Please join us in giving back in gratefulness during our 30-day campaign.

**[Donor Challenge:** One large bunch of organic kale costs about \$4.79. If every one of the 3,019 people who "like" Tricklebee Café on Facebook were to give \$4.79, we'd bring in almost \$15,000!

**Think of all the kale we could buy with that!]**

If you'd like to donate, send a check made out to *Tricklebee Café* to the address below, or go to our donation page:

<http://www.gofundme.com/tricklebeecafe>.

Tricklebee Café

4424 W. North Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53208 • [www.tricklebeecafe.org](http://www.tricklebeecafe.org)

We are a pay-what-you-can community café that offers healthy meals, food-service training, and spiritual nourishment.  
A ministry of The Moravian Church in America & member of One World Everybody Eats

## For December's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:

**Gift wrapping and tags**  
**Ribbon**



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

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in November: Caring Hands, Gunilla Wilson, Mary Wilson, and Lonnie Vitse.

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

.....to those who served as lay readers or provided flowers in the sanctuary.



## Children's Christmas Party & Rehearsal

### Saturday, December 8

### 1:00 p.m.

We'll be rehearsing a very short program & song for the Dec. 16th Worship Service. Join us on Saturday for a craft, refreshments and a goodie bag to take home!





**Best wishes to  
David, Stacy, Ezra  
and Eleanor Holst as  
they move to  
Janesville! They'll  
be back to visit.**



Dawn -

On behalf of the **BRIDGES** Leadership Team we are VERY grateful for the incredible contribution that the Ephraim Moravian Church has made through its Brunch and Bake Sale. A lot of your people must have spent many hours making and baking all those goodies!

This donation brings our financial year to the black, so that our total income covered all the expenses we experienced during the summer.

It was a great gift, and we deeply appreciate your personal commitment and that of your church to the BRIDGES program. Together we are serving God's kingdom in the situation in which he has placed us.

Hallelujah! Dave and Joyce Detert



**Thanks to all who  
contributed  
bakery, time and  
treasure to our  
"Bake and Brunch for  
Bridges" event  
on October 27!**

## December Birth- days

Carly Mulliken...1  
Timothy Nelson...2  
Paul Burton...7  
Jack Opitz...7  
Barbara Classen...9  
Charlie Weborg... 9  
Robert Anderson...10  
Amanda Mittermann...12  
Toby Wilson...12  
Henry Bristol...13  
Don Nelson.....15  
Andrew Phillips...18  
Walt Shields...18  
Mary Wilson...23  
Joan Fitzpatrick... 27  
Linda Carey...27

## December Anniversaries

Joyce and Glenn Gerdman – Dec 23, 1951  
Arts & Pat Horvath – Dec 30, 1972

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



**The Northern Door Visually Impaired Support Group** is meeting monthly (second Tuesday from 1-3 p.m.) at First Baptist Church in Sister Bay. No cost to attend; call Angie at 920-241-2641 if you'd like to go.

**Many Thanks** to the choir, Pamela Johnson and Jendean for their exceptional musical contributions to the service for Carter and Stella's baptisms last Sunday. The support from the church was very much appreciated. The service and music was so very special. Also a thank you to Ryan Sherman for doing the recording of the service. Carter's grandparents in Scottsdale, Arizona watched the service as well as my brother Andy in Madison and Judy in Denver. —Lonnie & Gary Vitse



## Adelaide Penchoff's Baptism and Baby Shower





## A Celebration of Thanksgiving and Promise

Sister Bay Moravian Church will hold a  
Choir and Bells concert  
Sunday, December 2, at 4 p.m.

Soloist, Cheryl Lubhan, Organist, Bill Hoehn,  
Pianist, Sarah Bong, flutist, Patrice Champeau,  
Piano Soloist, Elizabeth Shepit  
It's a fundraiser for a Northern Door grand-  
mother in need, raising her four grandkids.  
Come to Sister Bay Moravian in support!



Cheryl Lubhan



Bill Hoehn

## Voices from the Past

*From the Christian Endeavor  
Society minutes of 1928*

*The meeting of December 20th was led by Mr. H.D. Hogenson. The topic was, 'What does Christmas mean to the World?' The first bible reference, John 3:16, was recited from memory by everybody. The meeting was conducted as a special song service. Practically all of the old Christmas carols were sung, and the choir sang an anthem, "And There were Shepherds". Mr. Valentine brought over his Victrola and played several Christmas selections, which were very much appreciated. All seemed to be interested in this kind of service, and would like to have one like it each month. -*

*-Harriet L. Hogenson, Secretary*

We just wanted to say  
Thank You for all the  
kind words and cards!

We will miss everyone  
and continue to keep  
you all in our prayers.  
We will be back to visit.



Take Care and Many Blessings,  
The Holst Family  
(Dave, Stacy, Ezra and Eleanor)



### DATE CHANGE

Our monthly **Loaves & Fishes** Dinner (Stella Maris - Sister Bay)

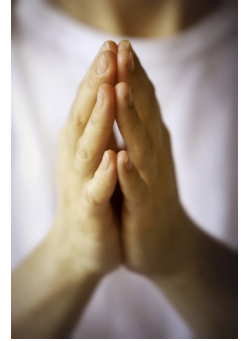
Will take place on the **THIRD**  
Tuesday of December- 12/18

## Remembering in our Prayers

-Charlie Burton during his cancer treatments

-Those recuperating: Ann Crowe, Naomi Carlson, Rosie Klein, Daryl Larson, Linda Lorenz, Donna Nelson, Sara Pellerin, Chuck Zehner

-Toby Wilson as we approach the holiday season. Her address is c/o Harbor Chase, 1111 E Capitol Drive, #7 Memory Unit, Sherwood, WI 53211.



### Open Door Lunches

The Elders are looking for helpers for our Open Door Lunches—we will order the main food for each (unless you have something special in mind, in which case, *go for it* and let us know), but we'd still like homemade desserts for each month.



So for each month through April, we would need someone to pick up the ordered food (and deliver back empty containers, if needed), someone to set up and clean up afterwards, two helpers during the lunch for serving and refreshing the food, and someone to make desserts for about 40 people...five helpers per lunch.

**Sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall!  
Thank you! This is an important ministry  
of the church!**

**Unleash Your Power!**  
2019 Moravian Women's Conference

**JUNE 20-23, 2019**  
Embassy Suites by Hilton | Winston-Salem, North Carolina

More info at  
**Moravian.Online/Women**

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1, 2018.

*Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all we can ask or imagine, by his power at work within us. Ephesians 3:20*

Member giving through October: \$102,912  
2017 through October: \$106,141  
2016 through October: \$76,171

Visitor giving through October: \$41,982  
2017 through October: \$47,854  
2016 through October: \$44,178

#### Income

Budget for 2018 is \$177,500  
Actual through October: \$147,117  
(not including memorials)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Expenses

Budget for 2018 is \$186,641  
Actual through October: \$191,394  
(of which about \$17,000 will be reimbursed from Moravian Ministries Foundation at year's end)



## Report from the Moravian Lay Leadership Conference November 2-4, 2018—Mt. Morris, WI

Jody Thiell attended from our church and reported over 100 lay and clergy participants from the Midwest (North Dakota to Ohio). She thought Mt. Morris was a fine site, all self-contained with all the amenities (and good food).

The theme was Ephesians 4:11: "Prepare all for Christian service to build up the body of Christ." There were workshops offering tools and new ways to support ministry of all. She said they were reminded that Moravians, in addition to missions, are known for community. Jody says she enjoyed the leadership of Western District President Bruce Nelson, "often with his touch of levity as well as his music."

The 2019 conference is scheduled for the second weekend in November. Jody says "It's an opportunity for all members who are curious, as well as those who feel overworked, underappreciated, tired of repetitious concerns, to be energized with new ideas, new faces, and to become a part of the community of Moravians."

Thank you, Jody, for attending this important conference and for your insights!

# Brrrrrrrrr !!

Another cold winter ahead?

Come to the Ephraim Moravian Church for a  
**FREE hot meal** once a month through  
April of 2019! Food and fellowship at noon.  
Bring a friend!

It's the third Wednesday  
each month:

November 21  
December 19  
January 16  
February 20  
March 20  
April 17

P.S. Sister Bay Moravian  
serves at noon on the first  
Wednesday each month!



## Christmas in the Village

# Saturday, December 1, 2018

## Join the ADVENTure

### at Ephraim Moravian Church

9970 Moravia Street, Ephraim

11 am to 2 pm



- Make a wreath to take

- Wrap Christmas Eve candles

- Tour the church—**Open House to 4 p.m.**

- Huge Sweets for the Holidays

Bake Sale!

- Angel Collections on Display







# Dec 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>ADVENTure</b> <b>11 am-2 pm</b> <b>Christmas in the Village</b>
<b>2</b> 9:15 Sunday School/Choir 10 am Worship/Communion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>10 a.m. Elders</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Noon—Sister Bay Moravian Free Lunch</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>8:30 a.m. OA Mtg</b>	<b>8</b> 1 p.m. Children's Christmas Party/Rehearsal
<b>9</b> 9:15 Sunday School/Choir 10 am Worship/Joyful Noise	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands Noon - Trustees	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:30 a.m. OA Mtg</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:15 Sunday School/Choir 10 am Worship <b>Joint Board after Church</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>5 p.m. Loaves &amp; Fishes - St. Rosalia's</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Noon—Open Door Lunch</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>8:30 a.m. OA Mtg</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:15 Sunday School/Choir 10 am Worship	<b>24</b> <b>3 pm Family Service, 5 pm Traditional Service</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>8:30 a.m. OA Mtg</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:15 Sunday School/Choir 10 am Worship	<b>31</b> <b>11:15 Watchnight Service &amp; Pancakes</b>					

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## December 2018 Newsletter



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