



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2019

“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands- O prosper the work of our hands! - Psalm 90:17

May 2019

FROM A PASTOR'S DESK



The Door County YMCA recently hosted a "Senior Health and Wellness Day." Not that I qualify for any such program, mind you, but I decided to sneak in anyway because they had a session on "Laughter Therapy." I didn't know quite what to expect, but in no time the presenter had us waving our arms and stomping our feet and doing all kinds of silliness that normally I would avoid at all costs. But soon, everybody in the room was laughing like crazy. It gave credence to the fact that "laughter is contagious".

We were told that 10 minutes of laughter is equivalent to two hours of jogging. By that standard I can get a whole week's exercise in by laughing for 20 minutes. Of course, I wouldn't have jogged in the first place. Back in the 60's and 70's, noted author Norman Cousins lived an astonishing 25 years after being diagnosed with a very painful and deadly disease. He lived that long because he laughed at the disease and pain and demolished their affect on his life.

There is no question that the world in which we live is fractured by fear, suspicion, hatred and a whole host of debilitating situations. But I assert that laughter is palliative and cleansing. If we can see the light side of life we discover that we are more alike than we are different. Laughter and humor could be called the "connective tissue" between people. And I can tell you one thing, when I join the Church Triumphant, I would rather laugh uproariously for one day than sit for all eternity with dour and pious people.

So, where am I going with all this? If we look for it, we find that the Bible contains more laughter and mirth than we might have thought. When Abraham and Sarah were told that they would have a son when they were well into their nineties, it caused them to have some knee-slapping belly laughs at such a proposal. When their son was born, they named him Isaac, which means "laughter."

Biblical humor is also subtle. Take, for instance, the day the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus into condemning an adulterous woman to her death by stoning. Jesus deftly threw it back on the Pharisees by saying, "Alright, whoever among you is without sin, cast the first stone." Can't you imagine Jesus walking away, chuckling under his breath and whispering "Gotcha?"

The most astounding joy and laughter occurred when Jesus got the last laugh. By the power of his death and resurrection, Jesus destroyed death and opened the way to forgiveness and Grace and eternal life. That life is now! Both in our laughter and our tears.

Pastor Dan G. Olson

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.



Memory Cafe is now on the second THURSDAY of each month at 2 pm. We meet at Woodview Assisted Living in their activity room off the dining room (using the entrance by Rehab). Anyone is welcome to join us for social time and some good deserts and coffee. Spouse and caregivers are welcome. Those folks with mild to moderate memory loss will find this fun and engaging. We meet from 2-3:30 pm. No reservation required...just show up!

I have been the nurse for Sister Bay Moravian Church for 8 years now, and am expanding this role to include anyone from any faith who may have a need for healthcare education consultation or in home visits. Phone numbers/contacts available from Pastor Dawn.

—Kathy Wagner



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Elder for the month of:
 May....Lonnie Vitse

Sacristan for the month of
 May....Lonnie Vitse

Sunday Services in May 2019

May 5—	9 a.m.	Sunday School /Choir
	10 a.m.	Worship and Communion
May 12 -	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Worship & Joyful Noise Offering (Door Cancer)
May 19 -	9 a.m.	Sunday School/Choir
	10 a.m.	Worship
May 26 -	9 a.m.	Sunday School/Choir
	10 a.m.	Worship

.....to those who offered

Fellowship after church in April:
Caring Hands for Enzo's baby
shower, Betty Chomeau and Susie
Samson, Penny Schultz, Lonnie
Vitse and helpers for Easter



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

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

...to those who helped at our last Open Door Lunch!



**6th Annual
Climate Change Forum
Ethics, Culture and
Education
A Powerful Response
to Climate Change**

**Saturday, May 18
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Stone Harbor Resort
107 North 1st Avenue
Sturgeon Bay**

We live in a time when news stories about the environmental issues facing us seem unrelentingly dire. Climate change with all its accompanying challenges and disruptions can certainly over-whelm even the most hopeful among us. Yet history has taught us, time and time again, that it is a mistake to underestimate the strength and creativity of the human spirit. Today the challenge for all of us is to learn from, support and build upon the fine work that is already being done by our presenters and others. We hope you'll join us for this exciting, informative program.

Tickets are \$25. Email to find out how to register:
climatechange.doorcounty@gmail.com

Speakers:

Buddy Huffaker

President & Executive Director, Aldo Leopold Foundation, Baraboo, Wisconsin

Eric Chapman

Member of the Tribal Council of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Director of the Tribe's Climate Resilience Initiative

Rosalyn Pertzborn

Director Office of Space Science Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**For May's
Feed My People**

**Suggested Donations for this
month:**

**Canned Fruits &
Vegetables**



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



Fyr Bal Sign-Ups

**Our booth will be open from 10 a.m.
to 8 p.m., and we have an open house
at church as well!**

Two-hour slots available!

**Sign up for duty and get a
Special Moravian t-shirt!!**

May birthdays

Jody Paschke...2
Gunilla Wilson...3
Elli Opitz Lapolla...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 Bill...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!

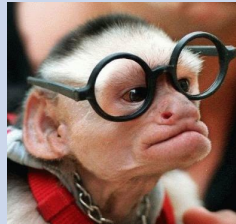
A few of us are involved in **Bookfriends.org**, which was started by Jendean's college roommate 15 years ago based in Wauconda, IL.

We make sanitary pads and pouches to hold them, and they are shipped with books to areas in Africa to allow the girls to stay in school.

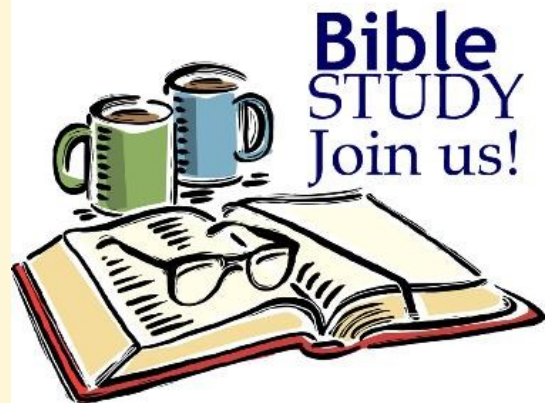
While you're spring cleaning, we can use:
100% cotton fabric, and fabric that doesn't ravel (knit, felt, etc), thread, and 1/2 -5/8" buttons. There is a box at church to place them in.

They can also use cotton, sturdy briefs (girls 12, 14, 16, and women's 6, 7).

Any questions, see Barbara Classen or Vicki Maynard.



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



Join us every Friday
May 3 - June 7
10:00 a.m.

The Gospel According to Luke

Luke's gospel is unique in its focus on prayer, highlighting women and giving us winsome stories of Jesus birth.

Luke was an early convert to Christianity. He was a Greek physician who, upon hearing the good news, joined the church, embarked on missionary journeys and researched the life of Jesus, which we now have as the gospel of Luke. He also wrote the Book of Acts.

Our Sundays in May will be filled with Joy and Poignancy

May 5th we will be celebrating with the Carey/Ellis/Raymond families on the baptism of the 3rd Malinda in the family, dating back to Malinda Mahew!

May 12 we give thanks for all Mothers, past and present

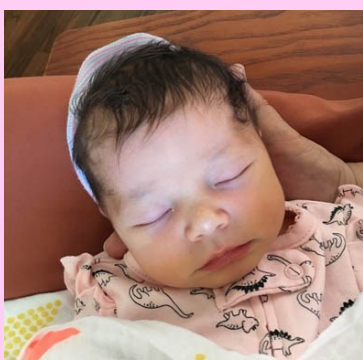
May 19 is our church Anniversary and we will be remembering a dearly departed daughter of the church who was baptized, confirmed and married here- Grace Knudson Vernon (sister of Joyce Gerdman)

May 26 is Memorial Day, commemorating all those who laid down their lives for the cause of freedom.

Welcome, Fynn!

Fynn Genevieve Bill, born April 6 at 7 lbs. 6 oz., 19-1/2 inches.

Parents are Elaine Jacobson Bill and husband Jacob Bill.



Grandparents Diane & Larry Jacobson, great-grandparents Joyce and Glenn Gerdman!

<Grandma with Fynn

Voices from the Past

From the Pastor's Diary- May 6, 1980

The present pastor, Wolfram Fliegel, had not intended to continue the practice of keeping the congregational diary, as the diary had not been kept here for 9 years and most pastors had no desire to do this. I had thought it worthless to go through the effort when my successor most likely would let it drop. I thought a sporadic diary of little value. A chance conversation with Bishop Kortz in Bethlehem makes me take up the practice again. Maybe my successor will look upon the diary again with favor, not as an account of 'having worked today in the office' or a record of Sunday's sermon title and choir piece, but as a record of historically valuable events, a reflection of the life of the congregation and the recording of what goes on in the community we serve, omitting for posterity, the names of sinners and possible adversaries. But highlighting, by name, those who have done something of lasting and outstanding benefit to all. The Moravian church is blessed with rich historical records of the past, largely due to the importance our forefathers placed on the diary. Sunday bulletins and newsletters do not, and cannot, reflect the life, the victories and the defeats, the joys and sorrows, of the local congregation. So here goes...



****A note from your current Pastor Dawn...** Wolfram faithfully kept a diary and some of his successors followed suit. The pastor's diary is updated monthly. It is my hope that the diary will provide a valuable resource for future historians.

Totally Bueno Burritos!

Janet Luévanos and her Totally Bueno Burritos were featured at our last Open Door Lunch of the season. She and her partner are starting up a catering business and provided our lunch at all their own cost, just to get known in the area. The food was GREAT. They have a Facebook page with more information about their services. Or you can call Janet at 920-559-6908 for more information on their catering.



Remembering in our Prayers

- Barbara Axelson
- Valerie Billington
- Jay Bowen
- Charlie Burton
- Judy Jackson (friend of 'Volpes' from Maryland)
- Jim Rock
- The family of Toby Wilson
- The family of Rev. Keith Harke
- The family of Don Diekman



Treasurer's Report

Member giving through March 2019: \$21,323
2018: \$29,570
2017: \$34,534

Visitor giving through March 2019: \$14,386
2018: \$8,758
2017: \$12,748

Income
Budget for 2019 is \$166,700
Actual thru Mar 2019: \$36,161
(not including memorials)



Expenses
Budget for 2019 is \$198,534
Actual thru Mar 2019: \$67,214
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Bridges

How would Door County run our many businesses without the help of the foreign students?

Please pray for more American friends this year. Many Bridges students never get to have an American friend because we don't have enough volunteers. Friends are just asked to contact the student once or twice a month. They have their own housing and many work two jobs. It can be as simple as a cup of coffee... or asking if they would like to go grocery shopping when you go. It is not a time consuming thing. It is so interesting to get to know these students. They do speak English and as you can imagine are very thankful to have a friend. You can call me or send an email if you have questions. Thanks!

Kathy Zehner
708-567-1940
kzehner@ameritech.net

Mark Your Calendars!

September 25
10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

Meetings to "Chart the Course"
into our Future

More information to follow!

All members/friends are
invited and encouraged
to attend

**Want to understand Jesus better? Want to pray better?
Want to be a better disciple? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?**

Join **Reverend Doctor Gordon T. Smith** for answers
at "Teach Us to Pray: A Retreat on Discernment and
Conversion in a Secular Age"



STELLA MARIS, SISTER BAY



Friday, May 31st—7:00 p.m.

Session 1. The Call to Prayer: from Thanksgiving to
Confession to Discernment
Social time after Session 1.

Saturday, June 1st—9:00 a.m.—12 noon

Session 2. The Call to Conversion: from a Good Beginning to Maturity in Christ
Session 3. The Call to Mission: from Perplexity to Clarity; from Fear to Faith
Beverages available before and after Session 2.

Rev. Dr. Smith is President of Ambrose University in Calgary, Canada. He is a professor of Systematic & Spiritual Theology and the author of numerous books, among them: *Called to be Saints* and *Beginning Well: Christian Conversion & Authentic Transformation*.

Call Fr. Dave Ruby for more details: 920-421-0025

Thank you all so very much for Enzo's baby shower. We are grateful for the wonderful gifts, but most of all we are so grateful for the love and support you give to us and our children. The old saying "it takes a village" is true, and we couldn't be happier to have you all as part of our village!

With love, the Sherman Family



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May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study	4 
5 9 a.m.— Sunday School/ Choir 10 a.m. Service/ Communion	6	7 3:30 p.m. Elders Meeting	8 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands	9	10 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study	11 Toby Wilson memorial service noon— visitation 1 pm service
12 9 am Sunday School/Choir 10 a.m. Worship and Joyful Noise	13	14	15	16 4:15 p.m. Trustees	17 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study	18
19 9 a.m. Sunday School/ Choir 10 a.m. Worship	20	21	22	23	24 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study	25
26 9 a.m. Sun- day School/ Choir 10 a.m. Worship	27	28 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes At St. Rosalia's	29	30	31 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg 10 a.m. Bible Study	