



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

September 2019

FROM A PASTOR'S DESK

Recently Jendean and I were looking for a particular store in Green Bay. It seemed like we ran into roadblocks and road construction at every single turn on every single street, preventing us from getting to where we wanted to go. After some fancy U-turns, searching side streets, and weaving in and out of traffic, I came to the conclusion that "you can't get there from here." Well, after not a little frustration and some choice words, we finally arrived at our destination. Members of our church, indeed everyone in Ephraim, knows what this is like when the road through town was closed for weeks on end.



Do you ever feel like you live day to day, week to week, year to year battling roadblocks and detours that seem inevitable?

One of the most fearsome things about summer are the volatile and dangerous storms with destructive wind, torrential rains and the devious destructive power of a tornado. Not long ago we in Door County were mostly spared from storm damage. Our neighbors to the south were not so lucky. News reports show people standing outside what was once their home, now only a pile of sticks. How in the world does one get to the other side of tragedy like that? Is there is no way to get there from here?

During the Prayers of the Church at worship on Sunday mornings, it is striking how long the list of those battling cancer. How do these people find any kind of solace or hope or healing, as they struggle to defeat this vicious enemy? These people wonder of how they can get from here to there. "There" being health and wholeness.

All of us have construction zones in our lives where we are confronted by a plethora of detours and roadblocks. There is brokenness all about.

In our darkest moments a light, however slight, silently appears, inviting us to go beyond ourselves, to open ourselves to the loving presence and healing power of our Lord. A verse from the Old Testament book of Joshua says it all:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go".

There is a way to get there from here.

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.

"The Face is Familiar.." Alfresco Breakfast

Between our 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services
 Sunday, September 15

Reconnect with those who've been attending the "other service" each Sunday this summer! We've missed each other. Hopefully the weather will cooperate with a breakfast outside to eat and share fellowship. Two more months of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services remain.

You can pick up your *free tree* at this breakfast, too!

Tree, you say? What is THAT?
See page 6 of this newsletter!



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Elder for the month of:
 September...Hugh Mulliken

Sacristan for the month of
 September...Hugh Mulliken

Sunday Services in September 2019

Sept 1 —	8 a.m.	Worship
	9 a.m.	Choir
	10 a.m.	Worship and Communion
Sept 8 -	8 a.m.	Worship
	9 a.m.	Choir
	10 a.m.	Worship & Joyful Noise Offering (DOOR CANcer)
Sept 15 -	8 a.m.	Worship
	8:40a.m.	Reconnection Breakfast!
	10 a.m.	Worship
Sept 22 -	8 a.m.	Worship
	9 a.m.	Choir
	10 a.m.	Worship
Sept 29 -	8 a.m.	Worship
	9 a.m.	Choir
	10 a.m.	Worship

.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in August: Rhea Jones Vytlačil, Hedy Heise, Dawn Volpe, Richard & Sybil Carlson, Seth & Jackie Campbell, John & Judy Turner

....to those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in August: Chuck Mead, Niles Weborg, Walt Shields, John Turner, Paul Wilson, Tiggy Shields

....to those who served as lay readers or provided flowers in the sanctuary: Marilyn Cushing, Linda Carey, Tiggy Shields, Betty Chomeau, Kaye Maher, the Shermans



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For September's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:

Batteries!! Everyone needs 'em!

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



A video of the **2018** Ephraim Moravian Cemetery Walk will be shown at the Ephraim Village Hall at **7:30 p.m. TONIGHT, Wednesday August 28.**

Even if you attended live, it's fun to see it all again and cheer on your favorite Ephraim personality!

See this year's Dearly Departed on page 7



Women's Retreat

GREEK WORDS to LIVE BY

Guest Speaker:
The Reverend Dr. Amy Gohdes-Luhman

Location: Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center

Dates: September 20-22, 2019

Please contact the Church Office or Moravian Women's group for more details.

A weekend of fellowship, laughter and reflection to shape who we are with God and with one another.

Amy's topic will focus on 3 Greek words: Eleos (mercy), Charea (compassion) and Spaghechnizomai (joy). She will explore these in the Bible, how they play out in her life, and ask you to share experiences in your life. See bulletin board for more information, or

Contact Cindy Fahney at cfahney@yahoo.com or

September birthdays

Glenore Paschke...2
Randall Nelson...3
Samantha Phillips...5
Brian Larson...10
Eunice Rutherford...11
Nicholas Weborg...13
Sherry Moore... 15
Eileen Jacobson...18
Claire Bierman... 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

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. There is no cost to attend; call Angie at 920-241-2641 if you'd like to find out more about it.



Welcome

*Nyla Rygl Lapolla !
Born August 14, 11:05 a.m.
7 lbs. 8 oz., 19-3/4"*

*Elli and Ryan are parents,
Liz and Jack Opitz are
grandparents*



New hygiene kits for girls arriving in Tanzania via Bookfriends shipment

We are still involved in making 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. 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.



**Wednesday, October 2
7:00 - 9:00 pm, Bjorklunden, Baileys Harbor**

**Hosted by the Climate Change Coalition
of Door County**

National Geographic Documentary Films presents "Paris to Pittsburgh," which brings to life the impassioned efforts of individuals who are battling the most severe threats of climate change in their own backyards. Set against the national debate over the United States' energy future — the film captures what's at stake for communities around the country and the inspiring ways Americans are responding.

Free and open to the public!



Meetings to “Chart the Course” of our Church’s Future

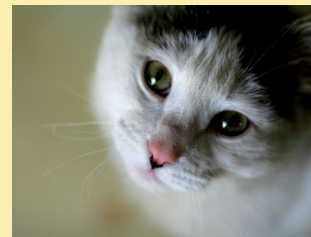
***Wed. September 25, 2019
Attend at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.***

*All members/friends are invited and encouraged
to attend to discuss the following questions:*

1. What puts our congregation on the map? What are we known for?
2. What do we, as a congregation, do well?
3. What could we, as a congregation, do *better*?
4. What is the biggest challenge to doing ministry at our church?
5. How would you like to see our church in 10 years?
 - What should remain the same?
 - What should change?
 - What “new ventures” can we envision?
 - What steps can we take to accomplish these?
 - What resources will be needed?

**YOU may have other questions you’d like
discussed! Please send them to the church and
we’ll add them to this list.**

In an ongoing effort to support our Humane Society, we have a donation container in our Fellowship Hall.



**If you have ever
gotten a best friend
from a shelter,
consider giving to our
Humane Society.**



***Online giving can be a way for people to
support our church from afar, make memori-
al gifts in lieu of flowers, honor a loved one,
schedule tithing, and more.***

**We now have online giving enabled through
the Moravian Ministries Foundation because
we are an investor in the Common Fund.**

Here's the link:

**[https://mmfa.info/ephraim-moravian-church-
donation-form/](https://mmfa.info/ephraim-moravian-church-donation-form/)**

**Payments will be made to our congregation
from the Moravian Ministries
Foundation monthly.**



Saturday, October 12—8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Free Continental Breakfast for our Uganda Moravian Church “Piggery Project”

**Yummy fall goodies at a FREE breakfast! There will be a free-
will offering for the Uganda church. We have held fundraisers
for them in 2014 and again in 2016; this has enabled our sisters and brothers in the
purchase of many piglets and goats to raise and sell to benefit their communities.**

EARTH CARE (free trees!)



Did you know that planting trees is one of the most effective acts of earth care we can do? Trees love inhaling CO2 and exhaling oxygen. They clean the air, reduce ozone layers and keep us healthy by helping to prevent asthma and other lung diseases. A mature tree can change 48 lbs. of carbon into oxygen and keep two people alive.

Trees keep soil from eroding while also ensuring that roots can store needed water. A canopy keeps the roads cool and disperses heavy rainfall. In your yard, they will reduce both your heating and air conditioning costs. And they provide a balanced eco system for animals and insects to find homes and necessary food.

Because of the value of trees, the **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ephraim and Climate Change Coalition of Door County** are reaching out to our inter-faith community to add to Door County's inventory of trees. It is encouraging that 10 Northern Door churches have said "yes" to receiving and distributing 20 trees each. They have been procured through a grant to CCC DC and will be yours to take home and lovingly care for.

You will be able to choose from tree species Balsam Fir, White or Red Pine, and White Spruce. You will receive a sheet of instructions for their care. They will be distributed on Sunday, Sept. 15, between the morning services. Vicki and Wes Maynard from our congregation along with a team member from the Environmental Justice Action Team of UUFDC will hand out the trees.

The earth thanks you for your participation!



Thank you so much for your get well cards, birthday cards, phone calls and food sent to me while I was not feeling well these past six months. Your prayers are much appreciated. Love, Lucille Sohns

Voices from the Past

*From the Joint Board meeting of
September 21, 1928, at the Parsonage:*

Meeting was opened by reading minutes of the previous meeting, followed by prayer by Rev. Geo. Westphal.

Pastor submits letter from E.C. Hagen, Pres. Of Provincial Elders Conference, offering Rev. Westphal pastorate of a church in Lancaster, PA. Discussion Followed, the whole board being opposed to Bro. Westphal being called away so soon. A season of prayer was held, after which the Pastor suggested the drawing of a lot to determine if he should go or stay.

Bro. Larson was chosen to draw the lot, which was drawn after the Pastor had prayed that God's will be revealed in this manner. The lot drawn was stay, and we all thanked the Lord for his goodness in allowing us to keep our Pastor.

No other business was taken up. The meeting adjourned.

H.D. Hogenson, Secretary



Welcome New Members!

On August 25th we welcomed 3 new members, Sybil & Richard Carlson and Seth Campbell. You can see the Carlsons every week at our Bible studies and hosting some fellowship hours. Seth is the husband of Jackie Nelson Campbell and dad to Quinnley (who enjoys her time with Mr. Bob & Scott in the Nursery!).



- Valerie Billington
- Judy Jackson (Volpes' friend, Maryland)
- Nancy Bontempo
- Charlie Burton
- Marge Hassler
- Dick and Claire Bierman
- Jay Bowen
- Steve Gibson (Pastor Dawn's brother)
- The family of Ann Flood
- Kathy Zehner



Treasurer's Report



Member giving through July 2019: \$66,972
 2018: \$78,015
 2017: \$80,210

Visitor giving through July 2019: \$34,107
 2018: \$26,253
 2017: \$38,419

Income

Budget for 2019 is \$166,700
 Actual thru July: \$102,343
 (not including memorials)

Expenses

Budget for 2019 is \$198,534
 Actual thru July: \$135,975



Welcome Argo Jonathan Rae Larsen, born to Brittney Rae and Mike Larsen on August 1!
 21" and almost 9 lbs.
 Grandparents are Terry and Robin Rathsack of Ephraim

Dearly Departed

Monday, September 9 ~ Tours at 1 and 2:30 p.m.
 Ephraim Moravian Cemetery
 At the corner of S. Norway & Willow St.
 Rain or shine ~ (920) 854-9688



David Stevens
 1884-1980



Kittie Nebel Valentine
 1889-1978



Everett Valentine
 1891-1952



Malinda Knudson Mayhew
 1907-2001

There will be artifacts and refreshments at the church following your *Dearly Departed* tour! Shuttle bus will run between the church, cemetery, Village office parking lot, and the Bethany Lutheran Church until the end of the event (4 p.m.)

Tricklebee Café Update



The church's Milwaukee pay-if-you-can restaurant ministry is doing very well! As always, they have a long **wish list** of items for donations to help them curb costs. In the Fellowship Hall, you'll see the current list of items we can order from Amazon to ship directly to Tricklebee. Just put your name next to the item you'd like to sponsor, put your check (made out to EMC) in the envelope behind the list, and we will order them.

Anderson Docks-ology 2019



Frank Kauzlarich

Mark Richards
and Cynthia
Stiehl



Barbara Sajna



Gary Scharrig



Joel Rose




Pastor Dawn & Hal Halvorsen, Cynthia Stiehl





September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am Choir Communion	2	3 3:30 p.m. Elders	4	5	6 OA Mtg 8:30 am	7
8 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am Choir/ Joyful Noise (DOOR CAN- cer)	9 Dearly Departed Cemetery Walk 1 and 2:30 pm tours	10	11 9:30 am Caring Hands	12	13 OA Mtg 8:30 am	14
15 8 am & 10 am Worship 8:40 a.m. Alfresco Reconnect Breakfast	16	17	18	19 4:15 pm Trustees	20 OA Mtg 8:30 am	21
22 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am Choir	23	24 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes, St. Rosalia's	25 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Charting our Future Discussions	26	27 OA Mtg 8:30 am	28
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POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:

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**Our August and
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nonagenarians,
Lucille Sohns &
Ranny Nelson**

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