



# 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**

**October 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Lana & friend, Marjorie at Trinity Moravian

In July of 1991, within the first 5 minutes of meeting my mother-in-law Lana, she described her ex-husband, Bob's father, in very unflattering terms and declared that she had absolutely no interest in the Christian faith. It was not an auspicious beginning to our relationship. I was, however, very grateful to her for raising the fine man I married. She told me that she made sure all of her kids could make it on their own- competent in the basics. Before leaving home, Bob could cook, do laundry, change diapers and balance a checkbook. My parents made a valiant attempt to teach me those skills with limited success. They prayed that someone like Bob would come into my life.

Although Lana was thrilled when our son Robert was born, she boycotted his birthday parties because we held them during our church fellowship hours. Being a stubborn person myself, our clashes of wills often ended in an icy stand-off, with Bob enforcing his wife's position over his mother's - not a role to be envied.

We were glad when Lana found love again and married. She seemed blissfully happy. Her new husband had pursued her for years, proposing marriage several times before she agreed. She sold her house and was on to a new adventure, living with her beloved.

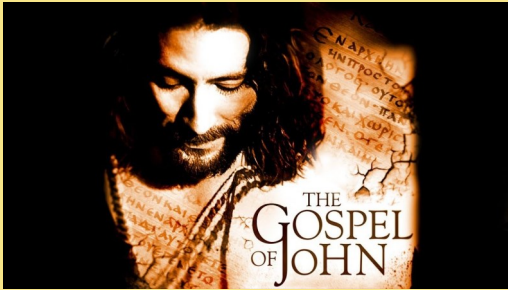
In 2003, Lana showed up in church one Sunday. I marched over to her pew and asked, 'Lana, what are you doing here?' With a look of sheer agony, she said, 'Bill *emailed* me to ask for a divorce.' After church, she came to my home for lunch and conversation. It became our ritual every Sunday. She asked me to pray for restoration of their marriage, which I did, but to no avail. He left her emotionally and economically shattered. My relationship changed with her and we became confidants, enjoying each other's company. A year after her first church visit, she said to me, 'I want to be baptized. It's been a hard year, but I am so glad that within all the sorrow, I've come to know Jesus.' What a joy it was for me to baptize her. In the ensuing years she became a sister and dear friend. She was part of all the family celebrations. When she turned 65, we had a grand party at the church.

Soon after we left for Wisconsin, Lana was unable to manage her affairs on her own. Her daughter, Lisa, came to her rescue and spent the last 9 years tending to her mom's needs. She has been a God-send. On our 28th Wedding anniversary, Lana entered into the more immediate presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Bob and I shall raise a glass every year to her memory, in gratitude for her life and God's amazing grace!

## *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!**



*The Gospel of John*  
Fridays beginning October 4  
11 a.m. (note, one hour later than previously)  
All are welcome!  
Good refreshments, as always



### **YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

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Lonnie Vitse 608-628-7545

Elder for the month of:  
October,,Lonnie Vitse

Sacristan for the month of  
October...Lonnie Vitse

### **Sunday Services in October 2019**

<b>Oct 6 —</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Choir/Sunday School</b>
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship and Communion</b>
<b>Oct 13 -</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Choir/Sunday School</b>
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Joyful Noise Offering (Secret Santa)</b>
<b>Oct 20 -</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Choir/Sunday School</b>
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Oct 27 -</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Choir/Sunday School</b>
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>



.....to those who offered Fellowship after church in September: John & Judy Turner, Dawn Volpe, Kay And Keith Tschannen, Natalie Neddersen, Richard & Sybil Carlson, Elise Binnie

....to those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in September: Betty & Dave Chomeau, John Turner & Chuck Mead, Kay & Keith Tschannen, Walt Shields, Hugh Mulliken

....to those who served as lay readers or provided flowers in the sanctuary: Betty Chomeau, Hugh Mulliken, Kay Tschannen, Karen Ekberg, Linda Carey, Sherry Moore

...to all those who helped or provided pies for the Bridges Thanksgiving dinner for international workers.

### For October's Feed My People

Suggested Donations for this month:



Canned Meats—  
tuna, chicken,  
salmon, etc.

### Congratulations to Mary & BD Thorp, welcoming grandson, Wesley (Wes), born September 4



ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK  
by PAUL BRILL

# PARIS TO PITTSBURGH

NATIONAL  
GEOGRAPHIC  
DOCUMENTARY FILMS

**Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 7:00pm**  
**Bjorklunden, 7590 Boynton Lane, Baileys Harbor**

Join the Climate Change Coalition of Door County for a screening of the acclaimed documentary **Paris to Pittsburgh** from Bloomberg Philanthropies and National Geographic.

Pittsburgh's Mayor Bill Peduto stood up to denounce the US withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement. Peduto's city, now committed to energy efficiency, is one of the film's many examples of bold economic and climate leadership. The program is free and open to the public. Freewill donations to support the Climate Change Coalition's work are gratefully received.



## October birthdays

Robert Schroeder...7  
Jendean Olson...7  
Erika Wilson Burkemper...8  
Lonnie Vitse.... 11  
John Turner...13  
Kyle Nelson...15  
Rosie Klein ....16  
Hunter Penchoff... 18  
Diane Kirkland...18  
Kathy Kirkland...18  
Maggie Schnackenberg... 18  
Andrea Nelson...20  
Lisa Carlson...22  
Paul Flottman...24  
Shayla Opitz - 24  
Betty Overbeck...27

## October Anniversaries

Priscilla and Keith Krist – October 1, 1966  
Ranny and Kris Husby-Nelson October 11, 2006

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.

## Prayer Day for World Mission, October 13

The second Sunday in October has been designated as a special Day of Prayer for World Mission. Pray for the ministries in our Partner Provinces, our mission areas, and for wisdom and guidance for our Worldwide Unity. May God hold us together in celebration of our wonderful diversity, and may God persist in revealing to us where the church in North America and throughout the world is called to mission, both locally and globally, that

God's love may be known by all.

For specific information for your prayers about these and other new and continuing ministries, please see the BWM website:

[www.moravianmission.org](http://www.moravianmission.org).



Recognized at Miller Park by the Brewers for receiving August's Community Achiever Award, our executive director Christie Melby-Gibbons got to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Brewer's game on August 9th! (Though the ball was a couple feet shy of home plate, her throw was straight to the catcher, Jake Faria.) The Tricklebee Cafe story was shared with 25,000+ people that night who were gathering for the game. [Below: Our cook's son Eli got to keep the autographed baseball.]



One of the things agreed upon at our "Charting the Future" meetings was that we need more presence (i.e. marketing) in our area and on social media.

Jackie Nelson Campbell volunteered to be our social media contact, so when you see increased activity on Facebook (and perhaps other social media), this is due to Jackie's efforts on our behalf! Thanks, Jackie, for stepping up to help!

If you can think of other ideas to publicize Ephraim Moravian and invite people to our church and events, let Pastor Dawn know!

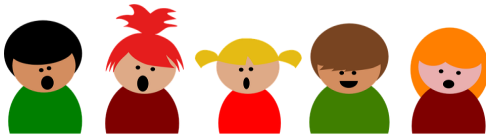


## Meetings to “Chart the Course” of our Church’s Future

We had 45 come to the 2 sessions yesterday, plus 4 nursery attendees and 4 children! We will be publishing the results of the meeting within a month. For those who could not attend, we'll need their responses returned by October 3rd. Thanks to all for participating!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS OCTOBER 6!

Miss Erin will teach the Pre-K through 1st Grade class in the Nursery, and Pastor Dawn will teach 3rd grade + in the Parlor! *Welcome the kids back to Sunday School when you see them!*



## Our Open Door Luncheons start in November!

They will be held here at noon on the third Wednesday of each month through April.

We will continue to provide the main lunch items through local vendors, but we still need desserts and helpers to set up, help through the luncheons and clean up. Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall if you can help during one of these six months!



**November 20**  
**December 18**  
**January 15**  
**February 19**  
**March 18**  
**April 15**

**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.**

**Please come to support this project, eat some fabulous bakery, and bring your friends!**

## In the Community...

**Unity Hospice** will host a grief support group at the Sister Bay Library on the third Wednesday of each month beginning October 16, 2019 at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

**Looking Ahead:** We will be involved in the Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Scand on Wednesday, November 28, 7 p.m. at The Meadows Gathering Room at Scandia Village

*For an offering that evening, please bring canned goods and cash, which will be split among our local food pantries.*



## Dearly Departed Cemetery Walk, September 9

Linda Carey as  
Mally Knudson Mayhew

Laird Hart as David  
Harrison Stevens

*Thanks to all who attended,  
volunteered in the kitchen or as  
guides during the Walk, and as  
actors to portray our  
Dearly Departed*

Niles Weborg as Ole  
Larsen

Karen Ekberg as Kittie  
Nebel Valentine



### Voices from the Past

Meeting of the Board of Elders, October 12, 1945

Meeting was held in the church study.  
Anderson, Wilson, Weingarth and Hogenson present.

The matter of a suitable reception to be given in honor of our returning Service Men was taken up at this time. Also the matter of suitable gifts to be given to them at the time of their return. It was tentatively decided that we give to those who are our members a year's subscription to the National Geographic Magazine and also a devotional booklet inscribed in commemoration of the event and our joy of having them with us again. Time of said reception to be decided later because of the uncertainty of the arrival of the ones still overseas.

-HD Hogenson, Secretary

### Prayers for...

- 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
- Bob Volpe on the death of his mom, Lana



## Treasurer's Report

### Member giving

through Aug 2019: \$73,744

2018: \$87,337

2017: \$86,790

### Visitor giving

through Aug 2019: \$38,535

2018: \$34,987

2017: \$41,078

### Income

Budget for 2019 is \$166,700

Actual thru Aug: \$114,943

(not including memorials)

### Expenses

Budget for 2019 is \$198,534

Actual thru Aug: \$154,076

In the "Charting our Future" discussions on September 25, it was noted by one group that we are behind in our member giving vs. the last two years. While we have a good amount in our Moravian Ministries Funds to shoulder capital expenses, the cemetery and some outreach events, our general operations (the monthly expense of utilities, salaries and benefits, printing and office supplies, insurance, custodial and kitchen supplies, lawn care, etc.) depend on member and visitor giving during the year.

Members who will probably no longer be with us by the year 2035 contributed 66% of our member giving last year. How will this affect our future as a church?





## 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.



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## Moravian Mission News

**Christian David School in Latvia to Plant Trees** -The "World Rainforest Movement" sounded the alarm at the time because industrial oil palm plantations had tripled worldwide since 1990. Not least because of the burning Amazon rainforests, the school near Barkava in Latvia will participate planting trees in Latvia and around the world". Egils Levits, the Latvian President, called for the action: "Latvia should contribute to restoring the balance of the world ecosystem".

**Position Paper of the Indigenous Mayangnas in Nicaragua** - The Mayangnas in eastern Nicaragua, have written a highly impressive position paper, to which the Moravian Church in Nicaragua lend its support and assistance. The title is "The indigenous people's right to their land". In the paper they stress that the current treatment of them and their ancestral communal land violates not only their political rights but also their 4 human rights. Demands are made: 1.) The culture and spirituality of indigenous peoples are respected. 2.) Traditional land ownership is respected and guaranteed. 3.) The actions of the government protect the indigenous peoples. 4.) The indigenous peoples are granted self-administration.

**Book on Pastoral Counseling**—Br. Tuntufye Anangisye Mwenisongole, Lecturer at the Theological Faculty of Moravian "Teofilo Kisanji University" in Mbeya, Tanzania, is co-author of a recent book in English entitled "Pastoral Counseling for Orphans and Vulnerable Children." The study precisely examines the current situation of orphaned and otherwise disadvantaged children in Tanzania and then presents the challenges to the churches in the face of the situation and conditions of life of such children.

**LWF Planning Committee** - At the recent Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Council meeting in Geneva, Sis. Colleen Elizabeth Cunningham, a member of the Moravian Church in South Africa, was elected to the eight-member planning committee for the next LWF Assembly, held in Krakow, Poland, in June of 2023. The members of the Planning Committee are ordained and non-ordained men, women and youth from the seven LWF regions. Sis. Cunningham is the only African on the committee.

**Courageous Women in Malawi**—In her second circular letter Sis. Claudia Zeising recounts the first three weeks of her new task for the Malawian Moravian Church. Above all, she is to take care of the development of a women's and HIV/AIDS ministry. After she had initially worked on the the spur-of-the-moment relocation of the headquarters office from Karonga on the Tanzanian border, at a moving meeting of the women's group of the Moravians in Mzuzu, several women outed themselves positive for HIV, a quantum leap in the fight against the virus.





# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg.	5
6 8 & 10 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9 a.m. Choir/ Sunday School	7	8 3:30 p.m. Elders	9 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands	10	11 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg.	12 8 am-11 am <b>FREE</b> Continental Breakfast for Ungandan Moravian
13 8 & 10 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Choir/ Sunday School Joyful Noise (Secret Santa)	14	15	16	17 4:15 p.m. Trustees	18 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg.	19
20 8 & 10 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Choir/ Sunday School	21	22 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes, St. Rosalie's	23	24	25 8:30 a.m. OA Mtg.	26
27 8 & 10 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Choir/ Sunday School	28	29	30  9	31		

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## October 2019 Newsletter



**Our October  
nonagenarians,  
Bob Schroeder  
and  
Betty Overbeck**

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