



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

January 2020

FROM A PASTOR'S DESK

OPEN DOORS

Door County got its name through rather ominous circumstances. The name comes from what is known as “Death’s Door”, the stretch of water between Washington Island and the Door Peninsula. These are dangerous waters by any standard. The bottom of these waters is littered with the hulks of many ships that sank during the 1800s. But a remedy was at hand. Through an enormous effort of human hands and mighty machines, the canal as we know it, was dug from the Sturgeon Bay to Lake Michigan. It was a doorway to safe passage.



Just now we stand at the threshold of a new year. Every year at this time we take stock of what has happened in the preceding 12 months and we set our sights on the days before us. Some will be glad to be rid of the old year since it perhaps brought misfortune or illness or loss. Truly, we like to close the door on such things. But a new year opens the door to new opportunities, fresh starts, and the many blessings we hope will come our way.

No matter what comes our way, however, we know that our faith in Christ Jesus, and through His power and might, we can forge ahead with confidence. Indeed, Jesus has said that he is “the door” and has told us that “if anyone enters by him they will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” Can there be any better hope than this? It is our hope that all will hear the voice of Jesus say, “I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with that person and they with me.”

This leads me to say, what a delightful thing it is that Ephraim Moravian is the Church of the Open Door. That open door means that the church is a place of respite and a place of comfort and hope. It is within these doors that we meet to worship our Lord, to hear the words of the gospel, and enjoy one another's company. It is a safe harbor against the storms of life.

That door swings both ways, of course. Having been shaped and informed by the gospel of Jesus, we therefore extend that mercy to those on the outside. Ephraim Moravian Church has a remarkable ministry that reaches the needs of the community in many forms. The congregation deserves thanks from the community and should take unselfish pride in what it does.

One last thought: Jesus is often referred to as the “hinge upon which the door history swings.” It is through his presence among us that all humankind for all eternity will find respite and salvation. That is truly the door to salvation. That door swings open for you.

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.

Bible Studies/Discussion Groups for the New Year
 Check your email/snail mail in the next few weeks for a questionnaire. We hope to accommodate more of you in studies, which may mean offering 2 separate groups.



Exciting New Ministry beginning this year for our parents with young children: Date Night and errand day-child care for your children 1 day and 1 evening each month. If you would like to sign up as a care-giver, please contact the church office. Dates/times will be sent to our parents soon. Watch your emails!

Clip Art from <https://clipartstation.com/>

Sunday Services in January 2020

Dec 31 -	11:15 p.m. Watchnight Service Midnight Pancakes!
Jan 5 —	9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship and Communion
Jan 12 -	9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship & Joyful Noise Offering (Door CANcer)
Jan 19 -	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship
Jan 26 -	9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

George Carey, President of the Trustees	854-9253
Carol Sandstrom	854-9580
B.D. Thorp, Sect'y	854-7212
Dave Chomeau	854-2203
Brent Bristol	421-3626

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#### ELDERS

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair |              |
| Hugh Mulliken, V. Chair  | 854-2336     |
| Kathy Kirkland, Sect'y   | 854-6174     |
| Liz Opitz                | 854-5949     |
| Kathleen Harris          | 421-2941     |
| Lonnie Vitse             | 608-628-7545 |

Elder for the month of:  
January.....Liz Opitz

Sacristan for the month of  
January.....Liz Opitz

.....for those who offered Fellowship after church in  
December: Sherry Moore and Claire Bierman, Joan Lewis &  
Chuck Mead, Kris Husby-Nelson

...for those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in  
December: Kathy Kirkland, Chuck Mead & Joan Lewis, Elfi Johnson & Rob Davis

....for those who served as lay readers or provided flowers in the  
sanctuary in December: Karen Ekberg, Diane Jacobson, Linda Carey, Betty Chomeau and  
our Lessons & Carols readers

..for those who helped at our ADVENTure: All those who baked and provided items for our  
Sweets for the Holiday sale, Vicki & Wes Maynard for the Vintage/Gifts/Decorations items,  
Sherry Moore and elves at the Sweets for the Holiday table, Lonnie Vitse, Jody Thiell, Cici  
Mulliken, Gunilla Wilson, Kathy Kirkland, Naomi Carlson, Hedy Heise, Kathleen Harris and  
Bob Volpe for creating wreaths and wrapping more than 350 candles for Christmas Eve!

*Thank You!*

### For January's Feed My People Suggested Donations for this month:

#### Canned Good Staples



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



Our 2019 Church Council will take  
place right after church and fellowship  
on Sunday, January 26.

If you have reports for the Council  
packet, the deadline is  
Wednesday, January 15!

### Tricklebee Café News

Christie Melby-Gibbons says "We were deeply honored to receive the 2019 Faith & Food Generosity Award from the Inter-faith Conference of Greater Milwaukee last month. Along with the award, they granted us \$1,000 from the CROP Hunger Walk funds that came in this year. This award is a boost to our morale as we continue to feed all regardless of their ability to pay.

"Thank you to the 70+ friends who came to our 3rd anniversary celebration last month! Congratulations to the 4 prize drawing winners. Looking forward to our next 3 years of growing and thriving. We couldn't do this without all of you."



*Pastor James Heroux and congregation  
members visited Tricklebee to help out!*



## January birthdays

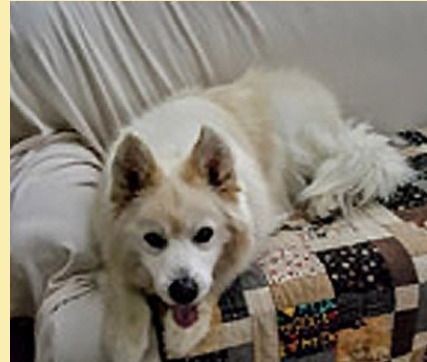
Hugh Mulliken...1  
Kristin Wilson Nemecek...2  
Bob Volpe...7  
Karen Ekberg...14  
John Cox...17  
James Nelson...19  
Hedy Heise...22  
Quinnley Sophia Campbell...24

## January Anniversaries

Liz and Bob Schroeder – 12, 1951—69 years!  
Anne and Larry Crowe -16, 1988

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

**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.**



## ADVENTure on December 7

\$544.50 for Secret Santa (with an amazing anonymous matching gift, so \$1089!). We sold every bit of our bakery table this year!



Plus \$238 for Tricklebee from sales of cookbooks & candles

(photos of wreath/candles and Eunice by Tad Dukehart)

## Our Open Door Luncheons need Your support!

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



We can 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 five remaining months!

January 15  
February 19  
March 18  
April 15



## LOAVES



## & FISHES

Northern Door Loaves & Fishes had their  
'last supper' in December.

The ministry is put on hold until a new coordinator can be found. Our monthly meal has been served on the 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Rosalia's in Sister Bay from 5-6 p.m. Please contact Kay Wilson at 920-328-4428 or [kwilson54211@gmail.com](mailto:kwilson54211@gmail.com) with any questions or interest.

## *Please Support Our Local Food Pantries*

Please help our neighbors in need by donating to your community food pantries today. They need your support year-round, but potentially now more than ever!

Lakeshore CAP 131 South 3rd Ave, PO Box 791, Sturgeon Bay: 920-743-0192  
(Note: Cash donations are preferred as they can buy food at a greatly reduced rate!)

Feed My People 204 N 14th Ave, Sturgeon Bay: 920-743-9053

### CHURCHES WITH FOOD PANTRIES

- ◇ First Baptist Church of Sister Bay 954 S. Bay Shore Drive: 920-854-2544
- ◇ Holy Name of Mary Parish 7491 County Road H: 920-856-6440
- ◇ Stella Maris Parish 4019 Hwy 42, Fish Creek: Open 24/7
- ◇ Door of Life, Sister Bay (Open 24/7)
- ◇ **NOTE:** Door of Life provides **pet food** through donations from Peninsula Pet Pantry, now in their second year. **420 bags of pet food to dogs & cats in 2018!** If you'd like to donate toward pet food, the Pantry's address is: PO Box 577, Fish Creek, WI 54212.

## Voices from the Past

*Excerpts from Pastor John Greenfield's Report to Church Council, January 4, 1898*

*Our congregation, which two years ago consisted of 130 members, has become two organized churches, composed one of 116 members, the other of 70 members; total 186 members, making a gain of 56 members. The finances of the church have also greatly prospered. Two years ago we met in our old church building with a debt of some twenty dollars. One year ago we met in a new church, free of debt and with a slight balance in our favor.*

*But the greatest blessings of the year have been the evidences of the Holy Spirit's presence in our midst, convicting and convincing the sinner and keeping the believers in the faith of the Son of God. We cannot thank God sufficiently for the blessings received in our Bible readings, prayer meetings and other services. Our heart's desire is for continued outpourings of the Spirit of Grace and Supplications.*

*By the help of God your pastor has been enabled to conduct almost all the regular and also many special services during the past year. He has conducted 14 funerals, 2 weddings, baptized 20 infants and children as well as 2 adults.*

*He wishes to thank the Board of Elders, Trustees... for their faithful and efficient service. He desires all the societies of the church, such as Christian Endeavor, Ladies Society, Willing Workers and Little Gleaners to know that he highly appreciates their abundant labors.*

## Next Week's Christmas Services

**3 p.m. Family-Friendly Dec 24**

### **Candlelight Service**

With Katie Dahl and Rich Higdon

"Morning Star" featuring Mylo and Theo Sherman

**We are encouraging your participation at this 3 p.m. service due to the more crowded conditions at the 5 p.m. service**

**5 p.m. Traditional Dec 24 Candlelight Service**

With Cynthia Stiehl, Pamela Johnson and Kent Moraga

"Morning Star" featuring Henry and Mathilda Bristol and Cana and Glory Lou Mittermann

**(an offering box for DOOR CANcer will be in the narthex for donations)**

**December 31, 11:15 p.m.**

**Get your Watchword for 2020 at this Watchnight Service  
Pancakes at Midnight!**



### Prayers for...

- Valerie Billington
- Nancy Bontempo
- Jay Bowen
- Charlie Burton's family
- Jim Cushing and family
- Marge Hassler
- Rosie Klein
- Liz Opitz

Things always have a way of working out. Never underestimate the power of prayer, faith, and love.

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We will be celebrating January birthdays for the Scandia Village Care Center on **Thursday, January 23 at 2 p.m.** We need someone to pick up the cake and we need people to interact with the residents. If you can assist, please contact the church office.



Welcome **Nyla Lapolla** on Sunday, January 19, with a consumables baby shower during Fellowship!

Mom Elli says her favorites are Burt Bees shampoo and body wash, water wipes, Burt's Bees lotion, size 2 Pampers diapers.



## Treasurer's Report

### Member giving

through Nov 2019: \$102,935  
2018: \$105,669  
2017: \$112,251

### Income

Budget for 2019 is \$166,700  
Actual thru Nov.: \$180,984  
(not including memorials)

### Visitor giving

through Nov 2019: \$74,600  
2018: \$39,614  
2017: \$49,390

### Expenses

Budget for 2019 is \$198,534  
Actual thru Nov.: \$206,099

If you are a member or friend of our church,  
your annual giving statements will be sent after the first of the year.

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## January 2020 Newsletter



## High Water Winter

(photo by Tad Dukehart)

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# January 2020

| Sunday                                                                               | Monday     | Tuesday                                                                                         | Wednesday                                                                                   | Thursday                                    | Friday                        | Saturday   |
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|                                                                                      |            | <a href="#">December 31</a><br>11:15 pm<br><b>Watchnight</b><br><br><b>Midnight - Pancakes!</b> | 1<br><br> | 2<br><br>                                   | 3<br><br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg. | 4<br><br>  |
| 5<br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship/<br>Communion                     | 6<br><br>  | 7<br>10 a.m.<br><b>Elders</b>                                                                   | 8<br>9:30 a.m.<br><b>Caring Hands</b>                                                       | 9<br>4:15 p.m.<br><b>Trustees</b>           | 10<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.    | 11<br><br> |
| 12<br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship<br>Joyful Noise<br>(Door CANcer) | 13<br><br> | 14<br><br>                                                                                      | 15<br>12 noon<br><b>Open Door Lunch</b><br><br><b>Deadline for Church Council Reports!!</b> | 16<br><br>                                  | 17<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.    | 18<br><br> |
| 19<br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship                                  | 20<br><br> | 21<br><br>                                                                                      | 22<br><br>                                                                                  | 23<br>2 p.m.<br><b>Scand Birthday Party</b> | 24<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.    | 25<br><br> |
| 26<br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship<br><b>CHURCH COUNCIL</b>         | 27<br><br> | 28<br><br>                                                                                      | 29<br><br>                                                                                  | 30<br><br>                                  | 31<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.    |            |