

## Ephraim Moravian Messenger

### News from the Open Door

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

**Congregational Watchword for 2020:** “Paul wrote: Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Ephesians 3:20-21”

February 2020

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A Year-Round Epiphany: I've been talking about Epiphany or 'aha' moments in this season. After receiving our Watchword for the year 2020, I believe that the challenge and promise to Ephraim Moravian Church is that we live the Epiphany, receiving and reflecting an outpouring of light and life within our church throughout the year. The Apostle Paul, imprisoned for the gospel wrote: *Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine...* This power within, graciously given by God, enlightens us, empowers us and gives us success beyond our wildest dreams. Now, 'success' is a loaded word. I do not mean success in our own aspirations. I mean success in living out the grace-filled purposes of God.



*‘To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever.* -This part of our Watchword tells us how we will know that our work is ‘successful’... We will see beyond the challenges, beyond the obstacles, beyond human limitation...to the death-shattering, darkness-piercing Glory of God. Author and Pastor Scott Hoezee, from the Center for Excellence in Preaching puts it this way: *“Perhaps no more than a single shaft of sunlight pierced a crack in a brick wall and penetrated the gloom of Paul’s cell. And through that beam Paul was able to follow its source clear back to the sun. It still shined even while he was in the dark. It always shines as does the source of that star’s power: the love of Christ and of God. It was just the one shaft of light. Not much to it. Not much to go on. You could barely even read a book in so small a light beam. But it pointed to so much more. Paul did not despair over how small his light was but took joy in how large was the ultimate source of that light. Follow along the path of that light beam long enough and you arrive at nothing short of glory.* ([https://cep.calvinseminary.edu/sermon-starters/proper-12b/?type=lectionary\\_epistle](https://cep.calvinseminary.edu/sermon-starters/proper-12b/?type=lectionary_epistle))

May we, in the year 2020, follow the beam of light God has given to us. May we reflect the grace and power of God in all our tasks, great and small. And when our own smallness limits our vision, may we continue in our work, following the path of that light beam...to an unshakeable Epiphany.

## *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.



### *“A Time Out”*

*We held our first ‘time out’ errand day and had a great time!  
 Please let Liz Opitz know if you will be dropping your  
 children off for ‘date night’ on Jan. 31st.*

*Our February dates are on the calendar.  
 If you wish to assist with child-care, please  
 contact the church office. For insurance purposes,  
 all care-givers will need to agree to a background  
 check which is done by an outside company-  
 no private information will be kept on-site.*

### **YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **TRUSTEES**

President of  
 the Trustees  
 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  
 Kathleen Harris, Secty 421-2941  
 Lonnie Vitse 608-628-7545

Elder for the month of:  
 February...Kathleen Harris

Sacristan for the month of  
 February....Kathleen Harris

### **Sunday Services in February 2020**

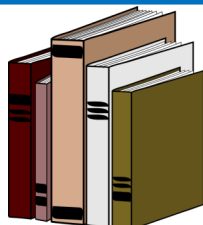
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| Feb 2 —  | 9 a.m.    | Sunday School                                     |
|          | 10 a.m.   | Worship and Communion                             |
| Feb 9 -  | 9 a.m.    | Sunday School                                     |
|          | 10 a.m.   | Worship & Joyful Noise Offering<br>(Secret Santa) |
| Feb 16 - | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School                                     |
|          | 10 a.m.   | Worship                                           |
| Feb 23 - | 9 a.m.    | Sunday School                                     |
|          | 10 a.m.   | Worship                                           |

.....for those who offered Fellowship after church in January: Caring Hands Committee (2 baby showers), Mary and B.D. Thorp, Elders for Church Council

...for those who ushered or acted as Sacristan in January.

....for those who served as lay readers or provided flowers in the sanctuary in January: Liz Opitz, Pete Classen, Tim Penchoff

..for those who helped at our Christmas Eve and Watchnight Services.



Looking to downsize your book collection this spring? Donate those you no longer want to the Ephraim Library for the Fyr Bal Book Sale on June 20. Mary Sawyer says they're LOW on books for sale—take them in any time the Library is open.

**For February's Feed My People  
Suggested Donations for this month:**

**Winter Helpers!**  
Lip balm, lotions, etc.



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



**Our kids singing their Christmas  
program, aided by Vicki Maynard.  
Photo: Betty Chomeau**

### ***Having problems with medications? Medical equipment? Insurance?***

**Holly Runquist** in our congregation is a perfect contact for help with getting your medicine or needed medical equipment. She has helped many, many in our community when they can't afford medication or find temporary—or permanent—medical equipment! Call her at 421-1703 or email her at [hollyrunquist@yahoo.com](mailto:hollyrunquist@yahoo.com). She will find the answers for you!

Problems with insurance? Sometimes it takes a little help to get the best supplemental plan or prescription plan that works for you. Mary Bink at the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) is the person to call. Her office is in the Sturgeon Bay courthouse (916 North 14th) and her phone is 920-746-2372.



## February birthdays

Paul Wilson...2  
Chuck Zehner...2  
Dale Jacobson...3  
Betty Wolf...5  
Rob Moore... 5  
Diane Jacobson...6  
Brie Lapolla... 8  
Tim Christofferson... 10  
Betty Anderson...15  
Keith Tschannen...17  
Shelley Cox...18  
B. D. Thorp...18  
Pat Horvath...20  
Natalie Neddersen ...20  
Theresa Weborg...26  
Marilyn Cushing - 26  
Karin Jacobson Tourmo...28  
Niles Weborg...29

## February Anniversaries

Norma and Roger Larson – 13, 1971



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



## Open Door Lunches will continue through April!

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 pick up the food, 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 three remaining months!



**February 19**  
**March 18**  
**April 15**  
(photos by Kathleen Harris)



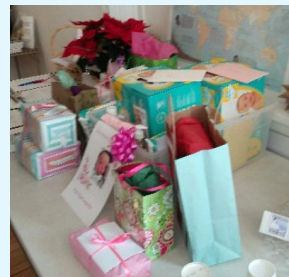


Welcome Morgan  
Bea Alspach!

Parents are  
Hollace (Mulliken) and Jay, grand-  
parents are Cici and Hugh Mulliken!  
Big sister is Emily Kate



Nyla Ryel Lapolla was baptized and a baby shower  
held for her on Sunday,  
January 19!



Ryan,  
Elli,  
Nyla



### ***SWEAT EQUITY***

Not everyone is financially able to give cash donations to the church. We understand that everyone has bills, emergencies, and perhaps your money is already tight. But we have a new way of giving that won't cost you anything: *sweat equity* — a term defined as “value earned from labor.” We've started a list of tasks around the church that often slip between the cracks, and the church staff and our custodian can't always be here when the need shows itself! Here are some ideas of how you can easily and quickly help around the church. You can choose the date(s) or even state that you'll follow through for the month or longer. When you can't give a cash donation, you can be satisfied that you've helped your church in other ways!

#### “The Changing of the Board”

A few times a month, the announcement board in front of the church needs updating — changing the wording to announce a church event or special musical occasion. Pastor Dawn's back is giving out! Will you be the one to help her mend?

#### Kitchen Duties

Many helpers for our events take care of their own set-up and clean-up, but specific tasks aren't as obvious and may get missed: For instance, after each event or Fellowship, the garbage needs to be taken out so it doesn't sit longer than necessary. Do dish towels and tablecloths need laundering or ironing? Does the refrigerator need cleaning, or the microwave?

#### Supplies

What about kitchen supplies (coffee, different sizes of drinking cups, communion supplies, toothpicks, juice, half-and-half)? And is some food past its prime? Do the bathrooms need a new box of tissues or more hand towels? The supply closets in the Fellowship Hall even need neatening once in a while. Other spots could use checking...are we running out of cleaning items in the supply closet (between the bathrooms)? Is there still that pile of broken rubber bands on the ushers' stand in the back? Junk in the book shelf drawers?

There'll be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to sign up — or even add your own ideas!

## Voices from the Past

*From the Diary of Wolfram Fliegel, February 1987*

Installation of the new boards. Everybody was there, a first in our pastorate here, I believe. Northern Door has had a rash of hepatitis cases, coming from a local cook who picked it up while in Mexico just before Christmas. He was at a New Year's Eve party where he handed it on. Now the restaurant is closed, owner closed it on his own accord. Some did not agree with that, including a doctor in Sister Bay who thought it 'creates panic'. I agreed with the decision, why have a dozen or more extra people exposed to it when they eat in public places?

The village has begun the installation of sewers. A work that needed to be done 20 years ago and is finally beginning to be tackled. Dynamiting is done on Moravia Street. They also dynamited on Highway 42 and on the North end of the village. In May they are to be done... hopefully.

### 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.



Mike, Carrie and Emily Burton would like to thank Pastor Dawn and the entire congregation for their prayers, cards, kind words of sympathy and donations made in **Charlie Burton's** memory. The Church's support over the past eight years has been a source of great comfort.



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 cleaning this winter, 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.

We all love to see and hear the children sing in our church. So the "Joyful Noise Singers" will take their place on the second Sunday of the month (usually). Thank you, teachers and Vicki Maynard!

So, it's time to have the adults take a turn also! The first Sunday of February the ladies are invited to join in singing "Seek Ye First" in harmony from our hymnal. It could be called our theme song, as we sang it before. Ladies, please come to church by 9:00.

The 3rd Sunday of this month, will the men of our church, please come to join for their theme song "Rise Up, O Men of God"? Same time, on melody or parts.

The 4th Sunday—any volunteers? Solos? Duets? Instrumentals? We're the Open Door. Thank you!  
—Jendean





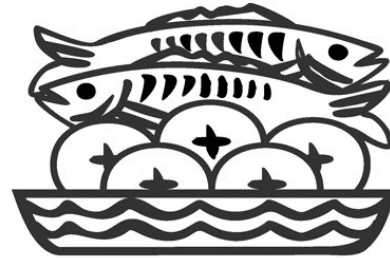
## Prayers for...

- Valerie Billington
- Nancy Bontempo
- Jay Bowen
- Marge Hassler
- Rosie Klein



**Do you shop at EconoFoods?**  
You'll see a new donation box in our church, and it's for sales receipts from EconoFoods. When you bring them and we turn them in, Habitat for Humanity gets 1% of the total of all the bills!

Habitat began in Door County 26 years ago and is starting their 42nd house!



## Loaves & Fishes

Laura McDowell has stepped forward to keep our Northern Door Loaves & Fishes running!

The dinners will continue on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 5

-6 p.m., but only April through December.  
Mid-winter it's very hard to find enough volunteers.

Thanks to Kay Wilson for her years of heading up Loaves & Fishes!



## Treasurer's Report

### Member giving

through Dec 2020: \$120,653  
2018: \$127,440  
2017: \$124,616

### Income

Budget for 2019 was \$166,700  
Actual thru Dec.: \$214,814  
(not including memorials)

### Visitor giving

through Dec 2020: \$90,565  
2018: \$47,101  
2017: \$59,564

### Expenses

Budget for 2019 was \$215,084  
Actual thru Dec.: \$208,220

If you are a member or friend of our church, you will have received your annual giving statement...please check it over for accuracy and let the office know if there are discrepancies! Thank you!

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*POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:*

## February 2020 Newsletter



**Only Two Months  
Until Spring!**

(photo by Tad Dukehart)

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# February 2020

| Sunday                                                                                  | Monday | Tuesday              | Wednesday                           | Thursday                                                   | Friday                                                                          | Saturday |
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| 2<br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship/<br>Communion                     | 3      | 4                    | 5                                   | 6                                                          | 7<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.                                                       | 8        |
| 9<br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship<br>Joyful Noise<br>(Secret Santa) | 10     | 11<br>10 a.m. Elders | 12<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Caring<br>Hands  | 13<br>9 a.m. - 12<br>noon<br>"A Time<br>Out" Errand<br>day | 14<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.                                                      | 15       |
| 16<br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship                                  | 17     | 18                   | 19<br>12 noon<br>Open Door<br>Lunch | 20<br>4:15 p.m.<br>Trustees                                | 21<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.                                                      | 22       |
| 23<br>9 a.m.<br>Sunday<br>School<br>10 a.m.<br>Worship                                  | 24     | 25                   | 26                                  | 27                                                         | 28<br>8:30 a.m.<br>OA Mtg.<br>4:30 - 7:30<br>p.m. "A Time<br>Out" Date<br>Night | 29       |