

Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2020: “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”

April 2020

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I find, when my daily routines are upended, I tend to freak out. I'm doing a lot of that lately. A friend of mine gave me some excellent advice that I am going to pass on to you. May we view this time with a similar optimism & purpose:

“Today, so many of us are used to rushing around and it is against our nature to just ‘sit around.’ Perhaps one way we can view this quarantine is to see it as a gift of ‘more time to do postponed things.’



For myself, I like sudoku, puzzles of all sorts and reading. None of that is ground-breaking, and if it has any impact on gaining a sharper mind, I haven't noticed, but I do enjoy it and it relieves stress by taking one's mind off the news.

What can we do to keep busy? Find some interesting blogs to follow online. Pick up the phone and call someone. Today I called an old friend I hadn't spoken to in 5 - 6 years. We had a truly wonderful conversation. There are often people we think about but never contact, so that's a lovely thing to do... and now, we have the time!

Maybe some of us have become less biblically oriented than we used to be. Now is a great time to begin a structured reading plan in our bibles. Perhaps there are wonderful devotionals sitting dormant in our bookshelves that we can access. My bookcase has many classics that I had intended to read or re-read... Now is my time!

Ever want to keep a journal - go ahead. How about the recipe files containing wonderful stuff we never make - give that a shot. Make meals to freeze. Try sketching, mending, ironing, cleaning out the junk drawers, walking.

For we grandparents - Write a bio for our grandchildren.

I like to think we should try to learn something from every crisis. That's the message we hear in the old hymns. Those hymn writers were tough survivors (look up the story: It is Well With My Soul"). Love and Blessings to everyone of my Church Family.

Thank you Barb Axelson, for these great suggestions. May we all stay safe, brave and hopeful. - Pastor Dawn

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.



Door County COVID-19

Information

See page 3 of this newsletter



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

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



*"A Time Out" and "Date Night"
have both been suspended in ac-
cordance with guidelines on the
COVID-19 virus.*

*The parents have found this pro-
gram extremely successful, and the kids and their adult
playmates have been having a lot of fun, so we hope we
will be able to bring back the programs soon!*

Sunday Services in April 2020 on Facebook LIVE STREAMING

If you are on Facebook, search for "Ephraim Moravian Church"
If you are not on Facebook, you can listen to the whole service
on our webpage: www.ephraimmoravian.org. Click on "Learn
More" and then "Worship Services"

Apr 5 —	10 a.m.	Worship — Palm Sunday with Katie Dahl
April 12 -	10 a.m.	Easter Worship with Cynthia Stiehl
April 19 -	10 a.m.	Worship
April 26 -	10 a.m.	Worship

You may be aware of the Countywide effort on behalf of the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Go to www.doorcountypulse.com— the main page of the Peninsula Pulse is loaded with information and links to updates for Door County, Governor Evers' Emergency Order, general COVID-19 Information. Pastor Dawn is leading the team for pastoral care in the County. In our church, Natalie Neddersen is our coordinator if you need help, know of others who need help or if you want to volunteer to drop off food, call people who are staying in (which should be ALL of us!). Contact Natalie at 608-960-0845 or by email at natalie@eagleharbor.com.



If you believe you may have the COVID-19 virus or may have come into contact with someone who does, call the Door County Medical Center hotline at 920-746-3700.

CORONAVIRUS	FLU	ALLERGIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever • Cough • Shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing • Symptoms appear 2-14 days after exposure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever • Cough • Muscle aches • Fatigue & weakness • Chills & sweats • Congestion • Sore throat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sneezing • Itchy nose, eyes or roof of the mouth • Runny, stuffy nose • Watery, red or swollen eyes

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 now more than ever!

CHURCHES WITH FOOD PANTRIES

- ♦ First Baptist Church of Sister Bay 954 S. Bay Shore Drive: 920-854-2544
- ♦ 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. If you'd like to donate toward pet food, the Pantry's address is:
- ♦ PO Box 577, Fish Creek, WI 54212.



If you don't have a computer, can't watch the Facebook service or find our web page with the audio of the service, we will be more than happy to send you a CD of the services at no charge. Just call 920-854-2804 and leave word that you'd like a CD of each week's service!

April Birthdays

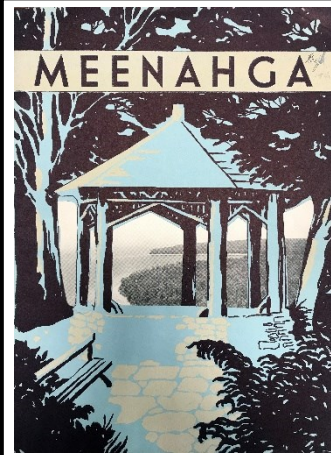


Katharine Koehler...7
Amanda Carlson...12
Ryan Sherman – 13
Glenn Gerdman...19
Kay Wilson...27
George Carey...30

April Anniversaries

Betty and Bob Anderson - 12, 1969
Kay and Keith Tschannen...22, 1967
Diane and Larry Jacobson – 28, 1979

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



Available in May! **FROM THE LOOKOUT**

A book about Peninsula State Park's Camp Meenahga 1916-1948

Door County History

Events (if possible!) May 15 Peninsula Bookman, July 7 Ephraim Historical Foundation
Facebook Page From the Lookout
Email kharris9259@outlook.com

Sadly, church will still be closed for services for Palm Sunday and Easter!



If you are someone who always takes a palm frond on Palm Sunday, never fear—the church will have them and will place them outside the front door in a vase. If you are out for a drive or on an essential errand, drive by and pick one up!



“Thank you for taking the time to come to my retirement Open House.

I enjoyed getting to know you over the five years at the post office, and it was my great pleasure to

serve you.

John Protopilac and Wrigley”



THANKS

for those who offered Fellowship after church in February: Cici Mulliken, Natalie Neddersen, Kathleen Harris, Kay Wilson

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

....for those who served as lay readers or provided flowers in the sanctuary in February: Linda Carey, Betty Chomeau, Karen Ekberg, Ram Rojas

..for those who sponsored our Open Door Lunch in February!

Voices from the Past

A note from Pastor Dawn- I can no longer label this time in our church's life as 'unprecedented.' Our ancestors went through a similar 'lock down' 102 years ago. Rev. Mark Andrews arrived in Ephraim in September of 1918. The church was closed from October - December. Here are some excerpts from his diary:

Nov. 17- No services- Influenza coming nearer. Upwards to 30 or more cases at Baileys Harbor. Some at Sister Bay and Appleport. Sam Hogenson is sick and in bed with a cold. May be a slight attack of influenza.

Nov. 26- Our little boy Mark Jr. took sick today

Nov. 27- My wife and 2 boys are sick. May the Lord keep me strong to care for them.

Dec. 1- Today many in the village took their first vaccination against Influenza given by Dr. Egeland at Helgesons. I took it also. Family doing nicely, although still in bed.

Dec. 4- Boys out of bed, but very weak

Dec. 5- Sis. Andrews also up and about. This is a cause for thankfulness.

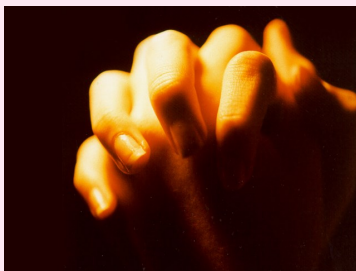
Dec. 8- No services- took my second vaccination today.

Dec. 15 - Took third vaccination

Dec. 24- No Xmas Eve service. It was not thought wise to hold this service as people would gather from too wide a territory and thus danger from Flu would be so much the greater.

PRAYERS FOR...

- Valerie Billington
- Nancy Bontempo
- Jay Bowen
- Marge Hassler
- The Family of Ettore Piraino- Pastor Dawn's Uncle
- Our nurses, doctors, grocery workers, pharmacists, postal and delivery people, and all essential workers



Note: Because we have suspended in-church services until further notice, our offerings have dropped by quite a bit.

You can still donate (PO Box 73, Ephraim) and through the Moravian Ministries Foundation for donations to EMC:

<https://mmfa.info/ephrain-moravian-church-donation-form/>

And if you'd like to begin electronic giving through your bank, give them the bank information that Diane can provide you from the church office!

Treasurer's Report

Member giving

through Feb 2020: \$18,233

2019: \$13,705

2018: \$21,051

Income

Budget for 2020 is: \$ 171,700

Actual thru Feb: \$29,791

(not including memorials)

Visitor giving

through Feb 2020: \$7,321.50

2019: \$12,951

2018: \$ 7,822

Expenses

Budget for 2020 is \$ 224,949

Actual thru Feb: \$44,370

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An uplifting
photo
from
Tad Dukehart

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