

## 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”

June 2020

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*“Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock”-  
-Isaiah 26:4*



Close to midnight, on December 31, 2019, I drew this verse for myself out of a basket during our Watchnight Service. It's a cherished custom in the Moravian Church to receive a personal 'watchword,' which we hope will guide us in the new year. In that same service, I gave the participants a card to fill out entitled, 'my hopes and dreams for 2020'. If you filled one out, we will be mailing it back to you this month. The premise was to see how far along we are in our goals/desires for this year. It sounded like a great idea back then... seems like a life-time ago. Whoever thought that we'd be in the midst of a global pandemic. Whoever thought that 100,000 people in the United States alone would lose their lives in 4 short months? Whoever thought that the things we take for granted - gathering as family, parties, going to school, singing in worship, would be fraught with peril?

As many of you know, I like to plan ahead. By mid-February, I had every bulletin planned out for the entire year. I had to scrap them all and come up with a new way of 'gathering' our people for worship. When I received the scripture verse... Trust in the Lord forever... I taped it to my office computer, as I usually do, so that I can glance at it every now and then. To be honest, I didn't give the verse much thought. But now, I am coming to terms with its implications for my life in the midst of maddening uncertainty.

Who do you trust, really? By that I mean, who has proven eminently trustworthy in your interactions? I trust my husband Bob. Over the years, he has been a stalwart companion, steady in crises big and small. Whatever the calamity I find myself in... Bob comes to the rescue (slicing my hand open in one of my forays in the kitchen, falling on the ice, skidding into a ditch; computer freezing up). And if the crisis is beyond his ability to fix, he mourns with me.

Now I am in a crisis that is well beyond my control. It's well beyond Bob's control. I can't plan for it. I can't anticipate the outcome. I now understand the mantra from the Alcoholics Anonymous program 'One day at a Time.' Trusting in God as my Rock means that I don't have to fret over my loss of control, I don't have to spin my wheels trying to plan for every contingency. I can lean on the Grace, the Strength, the Mercy, the Creativity, of the One Who Was, Who Is and Who is to Come... the God who Loves each one of us. May we all lean into the Rock as we walk into a future unknown. - 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**

### **Latest Information**

See page 4 of this newsletter



## **YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

### **TRUSTEES**

B.D. Thorp	854-7212
Carol Sandstrom	854-9580
Dave Chomeau	854-2203
Brent Bristol	421-3626
Gunilla Wilson	854-5105

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### **ELDERS**

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair |              |
| Lonnie Vitse, Vice-Chair | 608-628-7545 |
| Kathleen Harris, Secty   | 421-2941     |
| Liz Opitz                | 854-5949     |
| Sherry Moore             | 854-3046     |

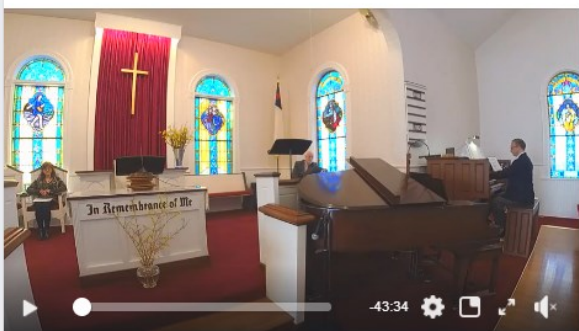
Elder for the month of:  
June...

Sacristan for the month of  
June.....

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



Live from Mevo at Ephraim Moravian Church in Door County, Wisconsin!



## **Sunday Services in June 2020 on Facebook *LIVE* *STREAMING***

If you are on Face-  
book, search for  
"Ephraim Moravian  
Church"

If you are not on Facebook, you can listen to the whole service on our webpage: [www.ephraimmoravian.org](http://www.ephraimmoravian.org). Click on "Learn More" and then "Worship Services"

## June Church Services LIVE on Facebook



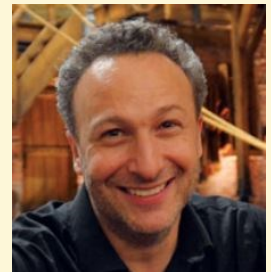
**June 7 — 10 a.m.—Worship**

Pastor Dawn and Frank Kauzlarich from St. Paul's Lutheran in Juddville, Rob Davis, Lay Reader and Colin Welford, Organist.

**June 14 - 10 a.m. Worship with Pastor Dawn, Cyndy Stiehl, Betty Chomeau as lay reader, Colin Welford, Organist**



**June 21 — 10 a.m. Worship— Worship with Pastor Dawn, Katie Dahl, Kathleen Harris as lay reader, Colin Welford, Organist**

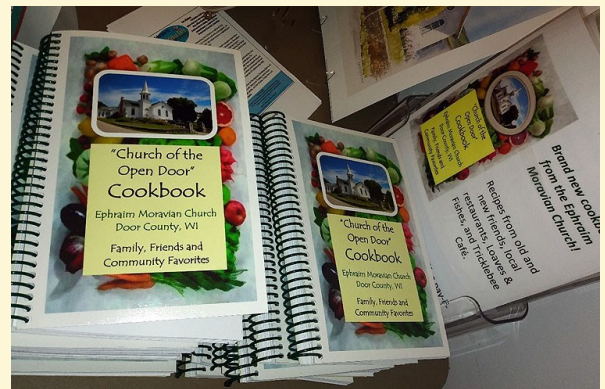


**June 28 —10 a.m. Worship—Worship with Pastor Dawn, Communion; Tiggy Shields as Lay Reader, Colin Welford, Organist**



We have candles, tote bags and cookbooks for sale, all to benefit Tricklebee Café in Milwaukee!  
**Call to make an appointment to see/purchase:  
854-2804**

Candles are from \$8-\$12, Orange Blossom & Spice, Lavender Rose, Chamomile Rose, Cherry Blossom, Jasmine Geranium, Sandlewood  
Totes \$20/each  
Cookbooks \$10/each





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](mailto:natalie@eagleharbor.com).



COUGH? FEVER?

**THINK YOU'VE  
BEEN EXPOSED  
TO COVID-19?**

**CALL OUR HOTLINE**  
Available 7 days a week  
between 8AM - 4:30PM  
at 920.746.3700

For other times, please call Prevea After Hours at  
1-877-746-0003 or visit our website at [dcmedical.org](http://dcmedical.org)  
for the latest information on COVID-19 illness.

 **Door County  
Medical Center**  
A Division of Prevea Health

### **HELP of Door County**

**HELP of Door County says that the most dangerous place is home for the people they serve, and "safer at home" isn't always safe for those who experience domestic abuse.**

**Last year they had already had a 25% increase in crisis situations and a 79% increase in HELpline calls.**

**If you can donate to HELP for the even harder times ahead, here is their information:**

**HELP of Door County, Inc.  
219 Green Bay Road  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235**

### ***As far as our own church:***

*"In-Person" church services are on hold indefinitely. At our last Elders meeting, we decided to focus on 'data rather than dates'. In other words, we will follow guidance from Public Health. We are taking this course of action out of Love for every person in this church. We do not want anyone of our beloved community to be exposed to this insidious illness.*

*Doors Locked* - With the exception of the Office Door Entrance, all other doors will be locked to the general public. This will protect those in the office and our cleaning crew. If you need to enter the building, please wear a mask. In mid-June, we will be getting a shipment of disposable masks and hand-sanitizing stations.

*Access to Worship*- Live at 10 a.m. on our Facebook page. If you do not subscribe to Facebook, we can send a weekly link to the service. It will not be 'live,' but you can participate in the worship anytime. You do not have to be a member of Facebook to view the service. If you have not already done so, email us to be put on the list for the link at [worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org) If you do not have internet access, we are also making audio CD's available free of charge. Please call the church office to request this service.

*Looking Ahead:* If you are interested in 'Virtual Bible Study,' please let Pastor Dawn know by email. We have the technology available to see each other via computer link. If there is enough interest, we will put something together.

*Pastor Dawn can 'face-time' anyone who desires to speak to her beyond a phone conversation. Call her at 920-421-4042 to set up a meeting. As the weather improves, we can also do 'parking lot' meetings... at least 6 feet apart*



## June Birthdays

Tiggy Shields.... 12  
Carol Sokolowski 13  
Denny Phillips...13  
Richard Carlson...18  
Steven Cox...20  
Jacklene Campbell...20  
Hollace Mulliken Alspach...22  
Kay Tschannen...23  
Betty Chomeau....27  
Susie Samson....27  
Alicia Mulliken...28  
Brian Wilson...30

## June Anniversaries

Shelley and John Cox – 8, 1979  
Gunilla and Tom Wilson – 15, 1974  
John & Judy Turner – 16, 1956  
Denny & Cindy Phillips – 16, 1990  
Rob & Sherry Moore – 19, 1971  
Betty and David Chomeau – 29, 1963

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

### ***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.

....to those who have helped with our on-line services on Sunday mornings.

...to those who have continued their offerings through the mail or their bank! You can donate (PO Box 73, Ephraim) and through the Moravian Ministries Foundation for donations to EMC:

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

*Thank You*

And if you'd like to begin electronic giving through your bank, give them information for our bank account, which you can get through the church office.

## Voices from the Past

From Rev. Andrews Diary, June 1919 (101 years ago!)

Thursday, June 19th

Wedding of Samuel Hogenson and Pearl Helgeson at home of bride at 7 p.m.  
Both single and active workers in Ephraim church. Large crowd was present and, at least, 150 people were fed in the spacious dining room of Edgewater Lodge.

Tuesday, June 24

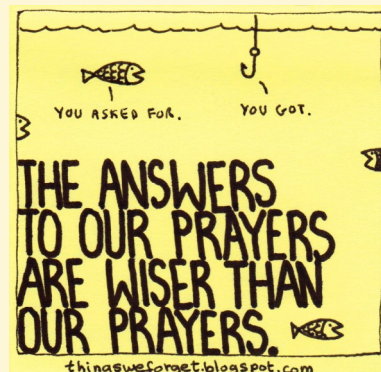
Abundant rain brought an end to protracted drought

Saturday, June 28

Today news came that Peace Terms signed by Germany- thus ending a 5 year conflict.  
Church Bell was rung at 11:30, soon after news came.  
This soon was taken up by school bell, Lutheran Church Bell, Hotel Bells, etc., making a merry din. Flags appeared all through the village.

### PRAYERS FOR...

- Valerie Billington
- Nancy Bontempo
- Jay Bowen
- Marge Hassler
- Andre Fortune
- Kaye Maher
- Our nurses, doctors, grocery workers, pharmacists, postal and delivery people, and all essential workers who are risking themselves



## Treasurer's Report

### Member giving

through Apr 2020: \$36,351

2019: \$35,798

2018: \$35,503

### Income

Budget for 2020 is: \$ 171,700

Actual thru Apr: \$51,978

(not including memorials)

### Visitor giving

through Apr 2020: \$11,154

2019: \$21,372

2018: \$10,286

### Expenses

Budget for 2020 is \$ 224,949

Actual thru Apr: \$72,727

## Return to Normalcy – Rev. Kerry Krauss

After the close of World War I, Warren G. Harding ran his 1920 presidential campaign on the slogan “Return to Normalcy”. He argued in a campaign speech, “America's present need is not heroics, but healing; not nostrums, but normalcy; not revolution, but restoration; not agitation, but adjustment; not surgery, but serenity; not the dramatic, but the dispassionate; not experiment, but equipoise; not submergence in internationality, but sustainment in triumphant nationality.” Harding won the election with 60% of the vote. Historically speaking, he was also dead wrong on every point. His return to normalcy allowed the causes of World War I to fester and create the conditions for the Great Depression, World War II, and the Jewish Holocaust. [Occasionally, I like to flaunt my history degree.] [To further flaunt my degree] Harding’s popularity quickly waned after his death in 1923. The decline of his popularity was largely due to the high level of corruption in his administration and his extra-marital affair.

Matt, Dawn and I sat on the parking lot at the Ephraim Moravian Church yesterday. It felt normal. We laughed. We commiserated. I got sunburned. We drank coffee. It was a perfectly normal scene except that there was nothing normal about it. We sat seven feet away from each other and discussed under what circumstances our currently closed churches would open. It felt good to be with my sister and brother, but there was nothing normal about our time together. I understand the urge to rush back, to return to the pre-COVID-19 days. I want to walk unmasked through Target. I want to see the people I love and hug them and laugh. I want to gather the congregation and sing every song in the hymnbook and celebrate community with a meal. I want to go on vacation...not just retreat to the big, back deck, but GO somewhere. Right now, I’d be happy to go to Warren G. Harding’s birthplace, Blooming Grove, OH. Just as Harding’s platform to ‘return to normalcy’ led to more grief and sorrow and heartache, I believe our ‘return to normalcy’ will likewise lead to more grief and sorrow and heartache.

A part of my Saturday morning TV watching in the 70’s included “Land of the Lost”. The show featured a father, son, daughter trio lost during a rafting trip. Basically, they fell through a crack in the space/time continuum. In this alternative world, they meet friendly hominoids, fight semi-reptilian alien antagonists, repeatedly miss opportunities to find their way home, and somehow manage to live for three years in the Land of the Lost without a change of clothing. The show was cancelled in 1977 without Rick and Will and Holly ever finding their way home. Unlike Dorothy or Alice, they never find their way back. We will never find our way back to 2019. We will never find the magic teleporter that allows us to return to what we considered normal. Mourn the loss of what was. The transition from then to now has been heartbreaking.

In his book (meant for church geeks) Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory, Tod Bolsinger uses the Lewis and Clark Expedition as a metaphor for today’s church. Even more appropriately, I believe his metaphor fits not just for churches and pastors, but all of us. Bolsinger tells of the challenges that Meriwether Lewis and the Corps of Discovery faced as they searched for a water route to the Pacific Ocean (spoiler: there is no water route from the Missouri River west to the Pacific Ocean). Convinced that the route they sought was just over the next mountain, the Corps of Discovery took along with them their boats. They kept what they knew. They knew boats. The Corps would eventually jettison their boats and with them everything they knew about what was on the eastern part of the Rocky Mountains. They chose to explore and learn from their experience this new land that rose in rocky, snow covered cliffs before them. I believe we have what we need to thrive in this new world. Our old maps won’t work. Neither will the canoes (metaphorical) that we have carried for miles. We need a spirit to learn (which we have). We need to trust each other (which we don’t have). We need the wisdom of community (which we have). We need the discernment to sift conventional wisdom from exceptional wisdom (which we have not displayed YET).

From my perch, we have more than we lack. I love you. I need you. I hope for you. Please be safe.

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### Join other Door County pastors for their blogs and messages on the internet!

Kerry Krauss, Sister Bay Moravian (a recent blog post of his above): <https://www.sisterbaymoravianchurch.org/blog>

Frank Kauzlarich, who does Monday/Wednesday video devotions on Facebook (search “St. Paul Lutheran Juddville”)

Mark Billington, who does Sunday service and Thursday prayers on Facebook (search “First Baptist Church”)



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

## June 2020 Newsletter



**Sunsets are *not*  
cancelled**



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