

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”

July 2020

FROM A PASTOR'S DESK

We are on the cusp of celebrating another Fourth of July. It's a time for flags, family gatherings, picnics, maybe parades here and there. We celebrate the freedom that our nation enjoys.

The problem is, we have a tendency to take the gift of liberty and turn it into a new captivity. Freedom isn't free. It requires our diligence to make sure we don't warp the true meaning of freedom. We live with the illusion that we can do whatever we want because it is our right so to do. But we are not free to do that which is harmful or hurtful to others.

We are free to pray for others, but we are not free to ask God to change others into what we think they should be.

We are free to give help or assistance to others, but we are not free to take advantage of others by putting perverse conditions on them.

We are free to ask our Lord for forgiveness and strength to remove obstacles and roadblocks that demolish healthy relationships with others. But we are not free to confess some one else's sin.

God has given us the earth with all its majesty. It is our assignment to care tenderly and enjoy freely this astounding creation. We are not free to destroy this planet with pollution and wanton abuse creating the curse of climate change.

We may think we are free to resist medical and scientific data. But we are not free to risk the contagion of Covid-19 by refusing to wear masks or keep appropriate distances. No one craves wearing a mask, but we have the freedom to protect others.

In 1831 Samuel Francis Smith wrote the lyrics of the beloved anthem *America*, commonly known as *My Country 'Tis of Thee*. It is a clarion call and shout out to "Let Freedom Ring". This is applicable to the freedom we enjoy as citizens of the United States.

When all is said and done, we live in the ultimate freedom given to us by the author of liberty, Jesus. There is nothing we have done or could ever do to earn this freedom. The Cross of Jesus is the eternal Declaration of Independence.

-Rev. Dan 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.



Door County COVID-19

Latest Information

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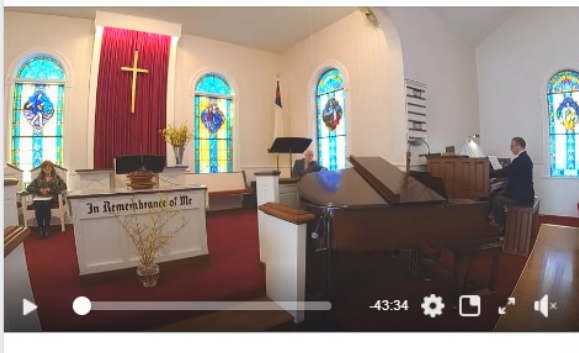
If you don't have a computer, can't watch the Facebook service or find our web page with the audio of the service, we will be more than happy to send you a CD of the services at no charge. Just call 920-854-2804 and leave word that you'd like a CD of each week's service!



Sunday Services in July 2020 on Facebook LIVE STREAMING

If you are on Facebook, search for "Ephraim Moravian Church"

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



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"

Join us for Vespers Services!

Beginning Wednesday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. on the church lawn between the church and parsonage. Bring a mask, and we will physically distance TOGETHER!



Goodbye to Jendean....have a wonderful retirement!

Jendean Olson started out as an elementary music teacher in Algoma and Sturgeon Bay, then as organist at husband Dan's church, Bay View Lutheran in Sturgeon Bay. She continued her teaching career until retirement.

She has been the Organist here at Ephraim Moravian since October of 2005, faithfully playing each week in snow, rain, or heat, on Easter and Christmas Eve. She took on the added responsibilities of Choir Director when Corey Colburn left to be a choir director for a high school. That was in August of 2008, so for the last 12 years, Jendean has shouldered the duties of *both* organist and director for our choir's season.

She has also organized and produced several fundraising concerts at our church through the years. Her dedication to our church and the community has made such a difference.

With the advent of COVID-19 and our online-only services, Jendean's family sheltered in place and we few gathered in the church Sundays to go *LIVE* on Facebook, a different experience for all of us. Organist Colin Welford became our fill-in organist during this whole time; Jendean said with Colin in place and his expertise on the organ, she felt comfortable taking the step to retirement. We will miss her! Thank you, Jendean, for your service to us.

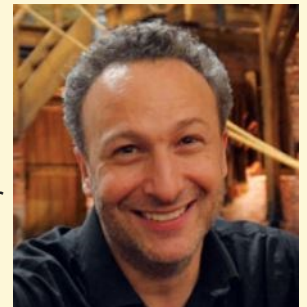


Hal Halvorsen and **Barbara Classen** continue in their supportive roles on the piano and organ as they have done for many years now, and we are grateful for their past and future contributions to our worship services. Barbara has been instrumental in serving with Dawn for Scand services and our 8 a.m. summer services; when he is in town, Hal is always available to play as needs arise. Thank you!



Colin Welford - Coming out of Retirement!

Before May of this year it had been (with the exception of one afternoon in a Belgian cathedral) twenty-eight years since I sat at an organ bench to play. As an 18-yr old I bounded off to Oxford University, England as an "Organ Scholar" with my young heart set on eventually holding the organist post at Westminster Abbey or St. Paul's Cathedral in London. And it might really have happened had I not discovered my ability and passion for conducting. Within a year at Oxford I became the president of the Oxford University Opera, and cooked up all sorts of over-budget megalomaniac musical extravaganzas in front of which I stood and waved a baton, likely with more raw passion than actual technique! Such dramatics have been frequent features of my musical (and personal!) life ever since.



I quickly found myself drawn primarily to story-driven music rather than symphony-orchestra conducting, and consequently Ballet, Opera and Musical Theatre became my natural musical "homes", and together these have taken me to more than 30 countries, some of which I've visited repeatedly. Speaking of home, the "older and wiser me" finds that I am now rueful for having physically abandoned my entire family in Manchester, England when I first came to Miami in 1990. I was too busy

(Colin, continued..)

chasing my dreams to appreciate all they had done for me; but happily, largely thanks to the internet, we are now a family again. So by this point in time I feel I have at least three families and lives: My family in England, (including a growing posse of nieces and nephews), friends in the U.S. (some of whom I've now known for close to 30 years), and musical/theatrical colleagues and friends the world over, with whom I share connections that defy physical borders and the passage of time.

My life in Door County rapidly turned into a chapter of significance for me, also. I first came up here from Chicago in 2008 in response to an 11th-hour appeal for musical help transmitted by an odd-sounding theatre group called American Folklore Theatre. As Door County is really not hard to love I've been connected to (what is now) Northern Sky Theatre ever since, either in person or as I arranged the music for over 20 of their summer shows. This somehow led to my rash impulse purchase of the "Green Gables" property in Ephraim North, in December 2018. This decision changed my life in all sorts of unforeseen ways, and this big-city musician learned (or re-learned) more while living here in the past year than in perhaps the ten years prior. Now you can just call me up, 24/7, and I'll bake profiteroles, hem the drapes, drive a skid-steer, design a restaurant, milk a goat, or divide the Irises. (I didn't say at what level of *proficiency*, please note).... Furthermore I believe I now play the organ again, too!

It seems ridiculous that it took 12 whole seasons of visiting Door County before discovering Ephraim Moravian and its colorful Rodgers organ. A chance(?) meeting with Dawn at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship this spring sealed the deal, and it has been truly rewarding to reconstitute the excitement about the instrument that I first felt as an 11 yr-old during my first organ lessons. It's also been rewarding to be able to make some small but meaningful contribution to the world during this quarantine time, when it's been so challenging to feel focused and to stay connected with others. I'm so glad I was able to hear Jendean play when I first visited the church on March 1st, and I'm certainly blessed to have been handed this musical torch by her. It truly feels gift-wrapped in her enthusiastic support, love of music and deeply rooted faith.



Thank you for welcoming me into your church family. I look forward to meeting everyone at Ephraim Moravian in due season. Meanwhile, SING OUT, LOUISE!!





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 for the latest information on COVID-19 illness.

 **Door County Medical Center**

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.

As far as our own church: We are following the guidelines and 'gating criteria' published by the Public Health Department. Currently, we are at Phase 0 for opening. Phase 0 encourages people to shelter at home, using masks when interacting with the public, practicing physical distancing (6 feet apart) and good hand hygiene. Group meetings are confined to under 10 people. In our virtual services, we adhere to these guidelines. Our 'attendance' consists of the pastor, lay reader, musician(s) and 2 people working MEVO and audio. Usually 6 people total. We are careful to use separate microphones and stay physically apart. The other phases are listed below:

-Phase 1: In phase 1, we could allow groups up to 10 people. When we get to that phase, we can allow some guests to be present while we live-stream the service. First priority would be given to people who do not have access to a computer.

-Phase 2: In phase 2, we could allow groups up to 50 people. HOWEVER, there would be very strict guidelines to follow- no singing, no eating/fellowship after worship, extra sanitation, etc. It may not be feasible, given our small sanctuary, to be able to open safely and efficiently during this phase.



July Church Services LIVE on Facebook

July 5 — 10 a.m.—Worship—Pastor Dawn with Cynthia Stiehl, organist Colin Welford, lay reader Tiggy Shields. It's Jan Hus Sunday, and also a special "July 4" tribute.

July 12 - 10 a.m. Worship with Pastor Dawn, Betty Chomeau as lay reader, Colin Welford, Organist

July 19 — 10 a.m. Worship— Worship and Communion with Pastor Dawn, Sherry Moore as lay reader, Colin Welford, Organist.



July 26 —10 a.m. Worship—Worship with Pastor Dawn, Paul Flottman as Lay Reader, Colin Welford, Organist, guest musicians. Join us online for a quarantined mini-celebration of Dawn's 35th year as an ordained pastor (and a few days after that, her 65th birthday)! Once we are all together again, we will celebrate with Dawn more thoroughly.

Jendean's Day

June 28, 2020



Dear Friends,

Well, I tried to "sneak out the back door", but that was not to be with Pastor Dawn in the picture! It was a grand retirement event on June 28th! Thank you immensely for the multitude of cards and surprises you gave me.

I do want it known that I do appreciate the support of all of you over the years! We have been blessed with friendships in the joy of making music together. Music provides harmony and peace that overpowers conflict and misunderstandings. It was so good to see so many of you in person outdoors, masks in place and smiling!

My musical plans include prodding my 6 grandchildren on their piano/keyboard skills. No excuses from me, who had my piano lesson time as 7:30 AM on Saturday mornings!

Special thanks to Barb, Hal and now, Colin for the fun we've had! I treasure it! All singers--whatever age--your outlets for sharing are being questioned right now, but we have Hope and Faith that the Good Times will return!! So keep practicing wherever is best for you!

Thanks everyone! We will be checking in with you soon.

Jendean and Dan Olson
Andrew, Angela and Aaron
and families



July Birthdays

Theo Sherman... 1
Penny Schultz...3
Jolynn Nelson...4
Judy Turner...6
Keith Krist...9
Kathy Zehner... 10
Eric Christofferson...11
Craig Anderson...12
Anne Glabe... 12
Carol Sandstrom... 13
Liz Schroeder...13
Joyce Gerdman...15
Christian Koehler...16
Jill Schroeder...17
Mark Anderson...18
Glory Mittermann... 19
Daryl Larson...20
Ray Axelson...20
Matthew Christofferson...21
Cana Mittermann... 21
Karin Wilson Hedeem...22
Vicky Anderson...25
Pastor Dawn Volpe...28
Kelsey Neddersen Hermann ...31

July Anniversaries

Lisa and Gary Carlson – July 4, 1981

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

Dawn's 65th Birthday and 35th year of ordination will be celebrated on July 26 in church—it will be a “virtual” celebration with a more hands-on event whenever we can get together again. Join us on Facebook that Sunday!



A “thank you” from Claire and Andre Fortune, one of our Prayer Concerns in past weeks:

“Pastor Dawn and the Ephraim Moravian Church Family”:

Just a short note to thank you for your prayers. Andre has finally tested negative for COVID-19 just this week. We are grateful for every whispered prayer and thought for our family.

Thank you, Claire and Andre



Stay Tuned....

Pastor Dawn is still exploring options regarding Bible Studies. She will work on effective electronic means of teaching

Please be patient. It's a learning curve for someone who started out her teaching career with mimeo machines and tape recorders being 'high tech'!

THANKS



....to those who continue to help 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/>

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 the 1929 Diaries: Dedications of Memorial Stained Glass Windows

"The Memorial Window on the west wall of the chancel, depicting the Savior in the Garden of Gethsemane is placed there as the gift of Mr. and Mrs. T Bradley of De Kalb, Illinois. This window is in memory of Mrs. Bradley's beloved mother, Anna Populorum.

"The Memorial Window on the west wall of the Church, with the emblem of Christ, the Good Shepherd is placed there as the gift of Mrs. Edward Evenson in loving memory of one, who for very many years was closely identified with the Ephraim Moravian Church, Fordel Hogenson. Mr. Fordel Hogenson was born in Norway on April 12, 1849. He came to the United States in August 1873 settling on a farm near Sister Bay and a few years later coming to Ephraim. He was always active in the work of the Church, being interested in the Sunday school, holding office on the Board of Trustees and Elders, and for many years being the Senior Elder of this Congregation. Afflicted with a stroke in March 1921, he never fully recovered and departed to be with His Lord on Feb. 1, 1927. The carnations on the platform are placed in memory of what would have been his 80th birthday by his widow, Mrs. Edward Evenson." "HE BEING DEAD YET SPEAKETH"

PRAYERS FOR...

- Valerie Billington
- Nancy Bontempo
- Jay Bowen
- Jayden Michael
- Marge Hassler
- Kaye Maher
- Mike Davis
- Pat Boldt and family on Oscar's passing
- Our nurses, doctors, grocery workers, pharmacists, postal and delivery people, and all essential workers.



Treasurer's Report

Member giving

through May 2020: \$47,943

2019: \$49,196

2018: \$44,846

Visitor giving

through May 2020: \$13,479

2019: \$25,074

2018: \$12,169



Income

Budget for 2020 is: \$ 171,700

Actual thru May: \$65,645 (39%)
(not including memorials)

Expenses

Budget for 2020 is \$ 224,949

Actual thru May: \$90,699 (40%)

Churches with Facebook/Live streaming/Online Bible Studies/Blogs/Websites

Northern Door

Bethel Baptist— <https://www.facebook.com/BethelEllisonBay/>

Bethany Lutheran Church— Summer Church- website contains an archive of services—
<http://bethanyephrain.org/>

Calvary/Zion UMC Churches— <https://www.facebook.com/zionunitedmethodistfishcreek/>
<http://calvaryandzionumc.org/>

Door of Life—<https://www.facebook.com/Dooroflife/> <http://www.dooroflife.org/>

Ephraim Moravian Church—<https://www.facebook.com/ephraimmoravian/> <http://ephraimmoravian.org/>

Fish Creek Community Church— <https://www.facebook.com/Community-Church-of-Fish-Creek-141838675886892/>
<https://www.ccfishcreek.org/>

First Baptist of Sister Bay—<https://www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-185052191530058/>
<http://www.firstbaptistsisterbay.com/>

Immanuel Lutheran—<https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranBaileysHarbor/>

Saint Luke's Episcopal—<http://stlukes-sisterbay.org/>

Saint Paul Lutheran— <https://www.facebook.com/stpaul Lutheranjuddvillewi/>
<http://stpaul Lutheranjuddville.360unite.com/home>

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran—<https://www.facebook.com/Shepherd-of-The-Bay-Lutheran-Church-ELCA-157540280953544/>
<https://www.shepherdofthebay.org/>

Sister Bay Moravian - <https://www.sisterbaymoravianchurch.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkT-BHsJ1k74BTWYIWRZrpg>

Stella Maris Catholic Church <https://www.stellamarisparish.com/>



The elders asked Hedy Heise to attend a worship service and reflect on her experience...

Pastor Dawn invited me to the Pentecost Holy Communion Service, May 31st at Ephraim Moravian Church. I did not happen to wear anything red because of not always remembering the connection with this day. Most church buildings are closed to people and members at this point for the USA and other countries because of the health epidemic. It did feel different being only me in the pew. Pastor had wafer and juice by my place. Organist Colin Welford played excellent music and two hymns were sung in the service. The whole worship was meaningful to the soul. Prayers for all parishioners to gather in their own congregations in the near future. - Hedy Heise

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POSTAL WORKER: Thank you for delivering this to:

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Hope for Troubled Times

*(drone photo by Tad &
Coburn Dukehart)*



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