

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”

August 2020



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This photo was taken many years ago, when I was serving my first church. My hair was much longer (and darker) then. I wore clerical collars to identify myself, because female pastors were a rarity in the 1980's. After the grand celebrations of graduation, ordination and installation (all within 3 months of each other), real life, in its ennui, anxiety and frustration crashed in on me. The 1980's were not kind to people in the pastorate. We were battling on several fronts- headlines of televangelists living lavish, immoral lifestyles; other activities drawing people away from the Sunday Morning rituals; congregations, such as mine, whose best days were behind them, to name a few. And then there was the issue of a woman doing a “man's job”- knowing if I did poorly, it would reflect on other women.

I didn't consider myself a trailblazer, or particularly suited for the role of pastor. It took me a long time, with many tears, to live into the call of God. I certainly didn't find the strength within myself. God sent many people to counsel, support and guide me throughout the years. I stand on the shoulders of my ancestors, of the faithful companions who have entered the nearer presence of the Savior. I stand on the shoulders of you, my family and ‘friend travelers’.

It is one of the most magnificent aspects of our faith: that we gain a family beyond the one that raised us; that God designed our lives so that we can only move forward with kindred souls to bless and support us; that we are tasked with building the beloved community.

I thank God for the people who brought me through those early years... for their steadfast devotion, common-sense advice and prayers. I thank God for You, who continue to demonstrate all the mercy, love, grace and power of our Lord Jesus. May we continue to serve faithfully and with Joy!



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.

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!



If you don't do Facebook but still want to see the service, let us know and we can send you a link to the service without going through Facebook!



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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#### ELDERS

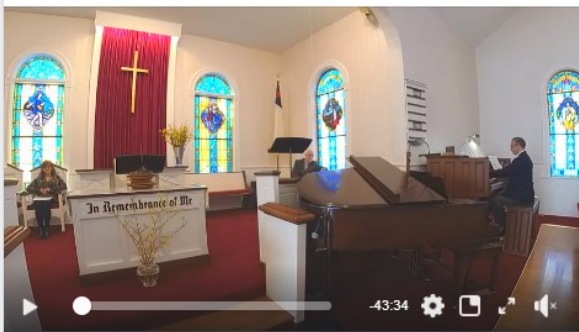
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Elder for the month of:  
August...

Sacristan for the month of  
August...



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



### Sunday Services in August 2020 on Facebook LIVE STREAM- ING

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"

**"Daily Text" pre-orders are due August 10! If you want to order one, contact the church office via email ([worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org)) or phone (920-854-2804). Paperback \$10.35, Large Print \$12.60, Hard Cover \$14.40, 2021 Stats \$7.65**





## Congratulations!

**Keelan Michael Campbell** was born on Sunday, July 12. He came in at 6 pounds even! Congratulations to parents, Jackie (Nelson) and Seth Campbell; Big sister, Quinnley, grandparents, Tim & Kristy Nelson and great-grandparents, Ranny & Kris Nelson.



*I cannot adequately express my thanks for the MANY expressions of Love and Support!*

*The over-the-top creativity of Music Director, Colin Welford; the work of Diane Kirkland, to keep everyone (except the pastor) in the loop; the Joint Boards, supporting all the various endeavors, the musicians, the photographers, videographers. I was delighted by the parade of cars, motorcycles and emergency vehicles.*

*Thank you for the many cards... over 100! Thank you for all who contributed to the incredibly generous gift. You made my 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 65<sup>th</sup> birthday one for the record books. Thank you All! - Pastor Dawn*



# July 26, 2020—Dawn's 35th Ordination Anniversary and 65th Birthday Celebration!



**Preparations Afoot**



**< Final Rehearsal with Linda, Katie, Cyndy, Colin and Molly**



**"Oh What a Beautiful Morning!"**



**< Bishop Graf brings greetings from the Province**

**Paul Flottman presents a plaque from the congregation in appreciation >**



**< J.J. Groenfeldt shows up to roast Dawn & present a gift from all of us**



**Darth Vader and Palpatine show up to do the "Death March" Postlude >**





### ***In Thanksgiving for the Life of Paula Presutti***

*I met Paula in 1978. It was at a church social event. I was new to the church, so my circle of acquaintances was limited. One of the older women grabbed Paula, brought her over to me, and in typical New York fashion said, "Paula, this is Dawn, you're both teachers, talk to her!" I remember it being quite awkward, as Paula gamely attempted to strike up a conversation.*

*Soon afterward, Paula and I were sharing rides to our Brooklyn schools. We worked together in Sunday School and VBS, we went to the theater in New York City, ran out of gas on a city street, traveled together whenever we had the chance. After I moved away from Staten Island, Paula was a frequent house-guest. She was an integral part of every milestone event... my graduation from seminary, my ordination, my wedding, anniversaries, etc. The photo of Paula was taken at my parents 50th Wedding Anniversary party.*

*She was more than a friend. Although we were only 2 years apart in age, she possessed the wisdom of an 'old soul.' One day, when I was venting about my circumstances, looking for her to bolster my point of view, she looked me in the eye and presented me with the unvarnished, awful reality of my situation. I was pretty dense in those days, but I trusted Paula's wisdom and acted upon it. In a few short months of her conversation with me, I enrolled in Seminary. I am here because of my friend, Paula. Her life here on earth ended a few weeks ago as she stepped into life eternal. I am so grateful for a friend who 'spoke the truth in love.'*

## **August Church Services LIVE on Facebook**

**August 2 — 10 a.m.—Worship—Pastor Dawn with Katie Dahl; Rob Davis, Lay Reader; Music Director Colin Welford**

**August 9 - 10 a.m. Worship & Communion with Pastor Dawn, Linda Carey, Lay Reader, Linda Van Dyke, Marcia Ellis; Colin Welford, Music Director**

**August 16 — 10 a.m. Worship— Worship with Pastor Dawn, Sherry Moore, Lay reader; Cyndy Stiehl, Betty Lewis & Paul Zafer, Colin Welford, Music Director**

**August 23 —10 a.m. Worship with Pastor Dawn, Angela Sherman, Soloist; Betty Chomeau, Lay Reader; Colin Welford, Music Director**

**August 30- 10 a.m. Worship with Pastor Dawn; Hugh Mulliken, Lay Reader; Molly Rhode & Chase Stoeger, Colin Welford, Music Director**





**The line-up to receive posters,  
balloons, and “100” eyeglasses  
(35 + 65 = 100)**

**Birthday Drive-By  
for Dawn  
On July 28, 2020**



**Lucille Sohns joined the caravan,  
much to Dawn’s delight**



**Hal Halvorsen and the Mora-  
vian Motorcyle Missionaries,  
who sang “Happy Birthday”  
to Dawn**





## August Birthdays

Ava Neddersen Engberg ...9  
Jackie Larson ...11  
Lucille Sohns...12  
Mary Koehler...13  
Angela Sherman ...13  
Scott Anderson...15  
Kaye Maher...15  
Mary Ann Schuder...15  
Britta Jacobson Hansen...16  
Gary Carlson...17  
Arps Horvath...20  
Marcia Dorfman - 22  
Amanda Larson Fischer...24  
Linda Lorenz...27  
Joshua Opitz...28  
Jody Thiell...28  
Sadie Nelson... 30  
Robert Volpe...31

## August Anniversaries

Nancy & Tim Christofferson – Aug 5, 1972  
Don and Donna Nelson – Aug 9, 1958



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

...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.

...to the Elders, Trustees, and staff who planned Dawn's Day on July 26 and July 28! And the musicians who made it a special time.



## Voices from the Past

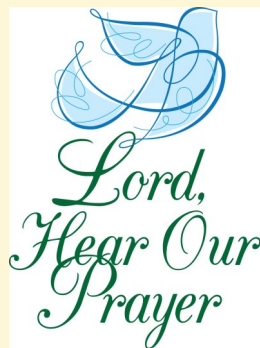
From the 1945 Diary of Jim Weingarth, August 14

*Victory over Japan was officially announced by President Truman today at 6 p.m. The war is over! Thanks be to God! The frightful holocausts of death and destruction have ended. It is a blessed relief just to think of it.*

*We had a Thanksgiving Service in our church tonight, beginning at 8:30 p.m. What a service it was! The Lutheran minister, Everett Nelson, and I, had a service ready and we caught the psychologically correct time to hold it. The church was packed full to the doors- people were standing in the entrances and down the steps. Mark J. Andrews, Herman Hogenson and Dr. A.A. Hayes of McCormick Theological Seminary spoke. We closed the service with prayer.*

### PRAYERS FOR...

- Valerie Billington
- Nancy Bontempo
- Jay Bowen
- Jayden Michael
- Marge Hassler
- Kaye Maher
- Gary Stanton on the loss of his beloved dog Minnie



-Our nurses, doctors, grocery workers, pharmacists, postal and delivery people, and all essential workers.



All photos of  
Dawn's events  
by  
Tad Dukehart



## Treasurer's Report

### Member giving

through June 2020: \$59,607

2019: \$53,541

2018: \$44,846

### Visitor giving

through June 2020: \$17,073

2019: \$30,706

2018: \$12,169

### Income

Budget for 2020 is: \$ 171,700

Actual thru June: \$80,903 (47%)  
(not including memorials)

### Expenses

Budget for 2020 is \$ 224,949

Actual thru June: \$106,842 (47%)



## 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/stpaululutheranjudvillewi/>  
<http://stpaululutheranjudville.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/>



Rob Moore (as J.J. Groenfeldt), Colin Welford (as Darth Vader) and Hal Halvorsen (as Palpatine) confab in the church kitchen before their part of the service



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## August 2020 Newsletter



At the end of our rainbow...

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