

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”

November 2020

FROM A PASTOR'S DESK

Just lately I have come to realize I am surrounded by “essential workers”. That’s a description which has entered our parlance of late, thanks to the coronavirus epidemic (more about that later). But for now, I would like to center our thoughts on “essential workers” and “essential work”. How am I surrounded by these things? For starters, Jendean and I are such workers. That’s what marriage is all about. For 53 years now we have labored in the vital work of forgiving and forbearing. Our younger Son Aaron and his wife, Sarah, and their three little ones were with us for about ten days at the end of October. Then add to the mix Andrew and his daughter, plus Daughter Angela and husband Chad along with their two daughters. So, all told, that adds up to 13 essential workers, most often gathered, delightfully, at our dining room table. What was significant to observe was the labor of love shared by everyone. It is notable to watch the essential work of good parenting, of cousins doing their important work of playing well together (mostly) and of Grandparents being duly proud. Another essential work was the whole family cheering Aaron on as he ran from Gills Rock to Sturgeon Bay, without stopping. Obviously, he takes after his father!



The gist of all this is to point out that we all are essential workers to and for one another in our families and in our work and daily lives in some form or fashion.

Which brings me back to this Covid thing. To say we are sick and tired of all this is a spectacular understatement. Who would ever have thought that we would all walk about looking like masked gunmen? Before now who had ever heard of social distancing? This disease is terrifying and devilishly sinister. There is risk in simply going about our daily business. It is precisely this risk that has endangered the lives of those who are truly our essential workers. It’s the clerks at the store, the police and fire-fighters, teachers and preachers, the doctors and nurses, the ambulance crews, and yes, the morticians. These, one and all, and those seen and unseen, who are the frontline essential workers of our time.

Preeminent among all essential workers is Jesus our Lord. He risked and gave His life so that ultimately disease and death will have no sway with us. It is through and by His power and presence that we are given the grace and power to maneuver through the risks and dangers of our lives. And ultimately, it is His essential gift that ushers us to eternity. The celebration of Thanksgiving is soon upon us. It reminds us to be grateful. Through it all, it is essential that we do so.

Pastor Dan G. 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.

Linda & George Carey say...

"We were very surprised by the enormous shower of cards we received for our 60th Anniversary!

We are surprised and thrilled that we've lived this long, and thank you all for being our friends!



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!



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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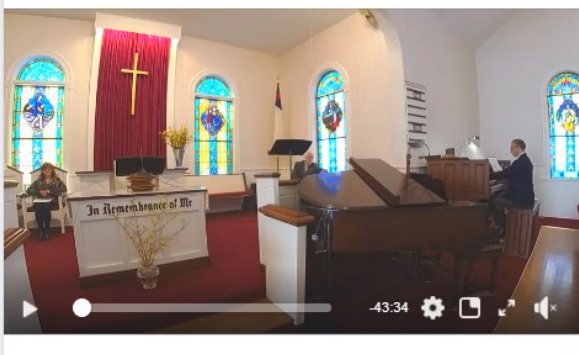
~~~~~ ELDERS

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Sunday Services in November 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, let Pastor Dawn know and she can add you to the list of those who receive a link to the service and don't need to belong to Facebook.



Concerts with Colin



Our first series of mini-concerts with Colin Welford was a great success! We had three concerts on Wednesday, October 21 with encore events for overflow requests the following Thursday.

Information about the next concerts will be sent via email. If you don't have email, and haven't received calls from us for past concerts, please call the church office and we'll be sure you're notified: 920-854-2804.

We are maintaining small groups, masks and distancing, and will follow up with instructions on arrival and seating!



Our ADVENTure on December 5! 1 - 4 p.m.

The Ephraim Business Council is planning events for Christmas in the Village, but they won't be quite the same as usual. Neither will ours!

We are planning a drive-through event on that Saturday, from 1-4 p.m. Drive by** in the back parking lot to pick up wreath-making materials, your Christmas Eve candle, Watchword for Next Year and Moravian Sugar Cake! Our elders and volunteers will come to your car with your order and with a basket for donations to 'Secret Santa, the organization that helps with heating and repair in the winter. Normally you'd be buying bakery and donating toward the wreath supplies, etc., but we still need donations that can help our community through Secret Santa, so we hope you'll be generous!

*****Please contact the church office with...the number of wreath kits, candles, sugar cake and watchwords you will be picking up by Monday, November 30th (920-854-2804 or email: worship@ephraimmoravian.org)***

November Church Services LIVE on Facebook



November 1 — 10 a.m.—Worship and Communion—Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford, Lay Reader Ram Rojas, Guest Musician Allie Babich & Molly Rhode



November 8 - 10 a.m. Worship with Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford, Lay Reader, Karen Ekberg and Guest

Musicians Betty Lewis and Paul Zafer



November 15 — 10 a.m. Worship— Worship with Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford, Lay Reader, Elfi Johnson

November 22 —10 a.m. Worship with Pastor Ken Carlson, Music Director Colin Welford



November 29—10 a.m. First Sunday of Advent, Worship with Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford, and the Sherman Family!

October Reports from the Board of Elders & Trustees

Elders: The Elders met on Wednesday, October 14. Agenda items included new, in-person organ concerts beginning this fall and plans for Christmas programs. ADVENT-ure will be a drive-by event on Saturday, December 5. Moravian sugar cake, boxwood heart kits, and early pick-up of wrapped candles for 12.24 are all options for members. More information can be found in this newsletter. Pastor also reported on her ministry including recent baptisms, burials, and ongoing visits with people in Scandia Village. A new virtual Bible study is planned for winter, 2021. If you have any questions, feel free to contact an Elder. Thank you!

Trustees: Discussed that although we won't have poinsettia sales this year, we will do a memorial/tribute page for those who'd like to make a donation—all donations will go to Door CANcer. Noted that we've had six new members since we've been shut down due to the virus!

We are slipping behind in offerings both from members and, more obvious, from visitors. There will be a letter sent to the congregation mid-November regarding our total income and expenditures to date.

The church and parsonage now has monitored wired-in fire alarms in all parts of the buildings, as well as ionization units in place for the main part of the church. Air purifier units will be purchased for the upstairs rooms and nursery.

Budgeting for 2021 was discussed (including working with the 2020 Budget until life returns to 'normal') as well as possible ways to hold Church Council in January. We are in the process of getting our \$27,000 "PPP loan" forgiven so that money can go against salaries and utilities as we kept our staff in place. There is also a Provincial COVID relief amount coming.

November Birthdays

Laurel Cox...1
Gary Vitse.... 5
Robert Forsberg...6 (*he'll be 90!*)
Erin Bristol...8
Jeffrey Jacobson...9
John Koehler...9
Charles Paschke...9
Judy Flottman...10
Norma Larson...10
David Nelson...10
Merikay Heim...11
Hayley Heim... 16

Mathilda Bristol... 18
Harald T. Halvorsen...23
Bruce Olson...27
Jim Gelhaar...30

November Anniversaries

Alicia and Hugh Mulliken – Nov 12, 1982
Kathy and Chuck Zehner – Nov 24, 1973

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/>

many thanks

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.

Dearly Departed Cemetery Walk



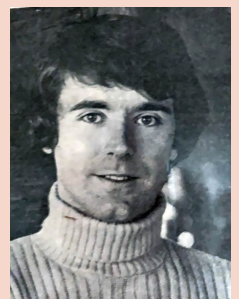
Everett Valentine, portrayed by Bob Ziegler



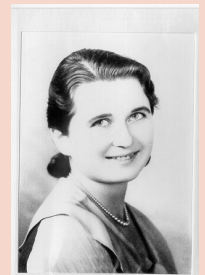
Augusta Olson, portrayed by Linda Carey

Video of the Cemetery Walk will be available SOON, including more photos and other artifacts!

William Wedepohl, portrayed by Tom Birmingham



Marion Olson, portrayed by Kathleen Harris



...MEMBERS OF THE MONTH...



Barb and Rob Meyer began coming to Ephraim in 1995 and decided to make it home in 2018. The Meyers found Ephraim by accident during a home remodeling project in the scorching summer of 1995 that left them without a kitchen. They journeyed north to escape the heat with their 5- and 2-year-old sons and saw Fond du Lac, Appleton, Green Bay and finally Door County. After a cramped and uncomfortable night elsewhere, they drove through Ephraim and found a room at Ephraim Shores. A year later they were looking for a place to go with two sons and their infant daughter. Why not Ephraim? Thus, began summer vacations in Ephraim. The rest is history.

Rob and Barb were married at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, IN and celebrated 31 years of marriage at the start of the Covid-19 lockdown. In the years since they have been blessed with three children: David (Maren) of Boise ID; Tim (Maggie) of Austin TX; and Katherine of Washington DC. They

lived for 31 years in Wheaton, IL and were heavily involved in First Presbyterian Church of Glen Ellyn where both have served as elders. Barb was active in children's and youth ministry while their children were growing and choir in more recent years. Rob served as a deacon and more recently in worship support via sound and media. After buying their place at Anderson Condominiums next door to the church in 2018, they began attending Ephraim Moravian and contemplating retirement plans. Those involved selling their family home in Wheaton early this year and buying a place in Webster Groves, MO close to where Barb's parents are retired. Their current plan is to spend roughly equal parts of the year in St Louis and Ephraim.

About Barb – Barb is a special education/reading specialist. After teaching at the elementary level, she was able to teach part time at the local community college while raising their 3 children. Most recently, she worked as a part time church administrative assistant. She enjoys reading, volunteering, and walking in beautiful Door County. This summer she volunteered at Door County Hospital.

About Rob – Rob was born near Galveston, TX and divided his years growing up between a small town and a rural family farm. He became a Midwesterner during his university years at Washington University. In his career, he has worked in the marine transportation, manufacturing, natural gas and computer software industries in various management positions. In late 2019 he stepped down from his leadership position of a UK-based software company and now works in a part-time project management role. In his spare time, he enjoys doing repair/improvement projects around the house, reading, cooking, biking/running, and volunteering.

When the pandemic ends someday, they both look forward to helping at church, in Ephraim and in the broader Door County community. Fun fact: While working for a UK-based company since 1999 Rob has traveled hundreds of times to the UK. As the children went off to college Barb joined him on many of these trips. They have

many happy memories of exploring the nooks and crannies of southern England, Wales and Scotland and developed a knack for finding quirky places to meet the locals and avoid the tourists.



BD Thorp's family roots in Ephraim go back to the late 1800's, something that brings great pride to his family. He grew up in Ephraim and spent the first 18 years of his life here - many of those years working at his family's Eagle Inn Hotel - before college and the Navy took him away. He experienced an exciting Navy career flying a single seat A-7 aircraft while accumulating over 500 arrested landings on aircraft carriers; for a time being under the command of the late Sen John McCain.

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...MEMBERS OF THE MONTH.. (CONTINUED)

After becoming a Northwest/Delta Airline pilot and settling in Minneapolis for many years, visits to Ephraim were too infrequent and he happily settled here once again in 2003, buying a condo in the former Anderson Hotel. **Mary**, a Milwaukee native, is the new kid on the block having met BD in 2009 thru dear friends, one of whom was BD's childhood friend. She retired in 2017 after 32 years with a financial technology company, and BD chalked up 34 years with Northwest Airlines/Delta before his retirement in early 2018. BD and Mary married in 2017 in Ephraim and are enjoying their two young grandsons now settled in Milwaukee. BD's great-great grandfather, Jacob Smith, has a stained glass window dedicated to him in the Ephraim Moravian Church sanctuary.



Betty Mae Thorp was born in Ephraim on October 27, 1925 to Glenn and Marion Thorp. She and her younger brother Bert had an idyllic childhood growing up in the Village where Betty established life-long friendships. Betty and Bert spent their childhood summers living at the family's Eagle Inn Hotel where many of the staff and guests became extended members of their family. Betty graduated from the Pioneer School and Gibraltar High School. She played the organ at the Ephraim Moravian Church as an 8th grader through high school before Bernice Koehler took over for her. After her high school graduation in 1943, she enlisted in an Army three-year accelerated nursing degree program at Milwaukee's Deaconess Hospital. Graduating in 1946, with the war over, she was released from her active duty obligation.

Betty began her nursing career working at the VA's Wood Hospital in Milwaukee for two years before returning to Ephraim to help run Eagle Inn during the summer months. She accepted nursing positions in Sturgeon Bay and other areas during her long nursing career. In 1962 Betty and Bert with their spouses (Bill Overbeck and Gloria) bought the Eagle Inn from the family and ran it until 1978 when it was sold. After her retirement, Betty enjoyed volunteering throughout Door County. Betty is now living at Cardinal Ridge in Sturgeon Bay and has enjoyed the outdoor visits from family during this challenging time. Her son Glenn lives in Sturgeon Bay. Betty celebrated her 95th birthday on October 27th.



Vicky Anderson notified us that Craig, her husband who had been ill for several years, passed away on October 27. You may remember him in the choir for many years, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Vicky can be contacted at 907 Claremont Court, Holland, MI 49423-7618.

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.

Keelan Michael Campbell's Baptism—October 25, 2020

"Thank you to everyone who welcomed our son Keelan into the world with a gift for his baby shower! His baptism was a lovely service. While we wish you all could have been there in person, we are grateful to Pastor Dawn, Colin, Diane and Bob for producing the next best thing. Thank you all again, and hope to see you soon!"
Jackie & Seth Campbell



< The baptism

Big sister Quinnley dancing >



Grandma Kristy Nelson

Grandpa Tim Nelson
was our lay reader
for the day >



PRAYERS FOR...

- Valerie Billington
- Jayden Michael
- Nancy Bontempo
- Kaye Maher
- Rhea Vytlačil
- Our nurses, doctors, grocery workers, pharmacists, postal and delivery people, and all essential workers during this COVID-19 pandemic.
- Jay Bowen
- Marge Hassler
- Betty Chomeau
- Carter Crowe



Treasurer's Report

Member giving

through Sept 2020: \$67,121

2019: \$73,744

2018: \$87,337

Income

Budget for 2020 is: \$ 171,700

Actual thru Sept: \$112,510 (66%)
(not including memorials)

Visitor giving

through Sept 2020: \$26,163

2019: \$38,535

2018: \$34,987

Expenses

Budget for 2020 is \$ 224,949

Actual thru Sept: \$156,171 (69%)

LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS EVE

The Christmas Bulletin/Poinsettia list—for years, we bought poinsettias in honor of or memory of a loved one, and the names were printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. This year, we'd still like to honor your loved ones. Please contact the church office by phone or email and let us know who you would like honored. Then, instead of purchasing a poinsettia, send a check to us, which we will donate to Door CANcer. We would like to help a local charity during this difficult time. All donations to the memorial page will benefit Door CANcer.

THREE VERY SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE



*A pre-recorded Christmas Eve Service will be posted to Facebook and can be accessed any time. It will feature “Morning Star” and our traditional Christmas Eve Service.

*A live, Parking Lot Carol Sing at 5:00 p.m. Come with your candles, flashlights or other illuminations. We'll be physically distanced in the parking lot. Colin Welford will accompany us on the keyboard. We plan for a brief 15-minute event to get us into the Christmas Spirit!



*A livestream (Facebook) service at 11:40 p.m., which will end a few minutes after midnight...a candlelit service welcoming Jesus into our world. Pastor Dawn will be speaking and Cyndy Stiehl singing. If you can stay up and join us live, we'd be delighted. If it's way past your bedtime...you can access the service on Facebook on Christmas morning!



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