



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2021: “The Lord said, ‘I
will instruct you and teach you the way you should go.’”
Psalm 32:8

March 2021

From a Pastor's Desk

Lent has always been my favorite and most meaningful season of the year. That probably is in contrast to popular opinion. Who, after all, is enthused about introspection that exposes our brokenness, our sins and the dark places of our lives, not to mention contemplating death itself? It is much too convenient to skip over this time to embrace the Easter celebration instead. But that's just the point. One cannot rejoice in resurrection without first confronting the dying that precedes it. Lent is not cluttered with all the hoopla associated with other times. Christmas comes to mind. Yet, Lent must be done well. It has forever been the thought that we should “give something up for Lent” so we can practice our perfect piety thereby. Rather, Lent is a time for “taking up”. Lent is the church's way of “recalculating route”. It is a time for reflection and prayer. It is a time for picking up the causes of our Faith: Touching others with the Good News of our new life in Christ.



By centering down in this season of Lent, we can see with a more sanctified imagination the baggage weighing us down, preventing us from being fully human. We can see with new eyes all that is separating us from God's gravitational grace and unconditional love. We can better gain the resilience that will be needed to get through what we pray will be the final months of this pandemic. In these 40 days we can hold onto the promise that Christ can and will make “all things new” as we approach resurrection Sunday and celebrate Christ's victory over sin, injustice, sickness, and even death itself.

I pray for Christ's peace and power for you. - Pastor Dan Olson

Ephraim Moravian Church Hours

PASTOR: Monday Pastor's Day Off
Tues-Fri 9 a.m. to Noon

SECRETARY: Wed-Thurs 9:30-4:30

Cell Number: 920-421-4042

(Church phone does NOT ring in the parsonage—please keep the Pastor's cell phone number 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 can 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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B.D. Thorp, President	854-7212
Brent Bristol, Sect'y	421-3626
Natalie Neddersen	854-2121
Dave Chomeau	854-2203
Gunilla Wilson	854-5105

ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair	
Lonnie Vitse, Vice-Chair	608-628-7545
Kathleen Harris, Sect'y.	421-2941
Cici Mulliken	854-2018
Linda Carey	854-9253
Sherry Moore	854-3046

Services in March - on Facebook, LIVE STREAMING



If you are on Facebook, look for "Ephraim Moravian Church." 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 (you don't need to belong to Facebook).

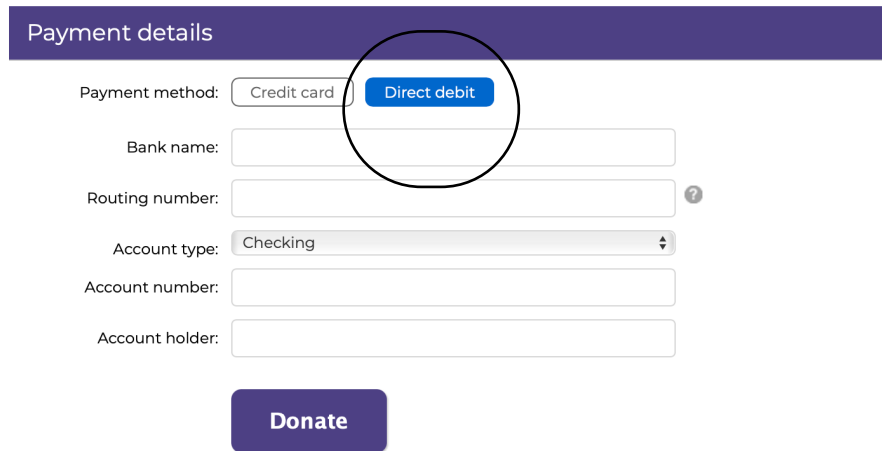
Easter!

Alas, we will not be in person for Easter services, but we are again publishing a tribute page *in memory of/in tribute to* your family and friends. Donations would be the same as if you were purchasing spring flowers to take home - \$15. Send your memory or tribute to the church office (worship@ephraimmoravian.org, or PO Box 73) to arrive no later than Monday, March 28, so we can include them in the bulletin insert!

Donations this year will go to Door CANcer for their essential work in Door County with cancer patients, assist families with rent or mortgage payments, insurance premiums, transportation and lodging costs related to treatment, utility bills, food for the family and other non-medical expenses as determined appropriate. DOOR CANcer does not employ any staff—all time is donated.

If you give to Ephraim Moravian Church through the Moravian Ministries Foundation (there is a link on our webpage as well as on our Facebook page), be aware of the following: In order for there to be no fees removed from your donation before we receive it (a third-party company handling all MMF donations takes almost 3%), don't use a credit card to pay. If you click on "Direct Debit," there is only a 75 cent charge no matter how big the donation is.

The giving portal on the Moravian Ministries page is <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>



The image shows a screenshot of the 'Payment details' section of a web form. The title 'Payment details' is in a purple header bar. Below it, the 'Payment method:' section has two buttons: 'Credit card' and 'Direct debit'. The 'Direct debit' button is highlighted with a black circle. Below the payment method are several input fields: 'Bank name:', 'Routing number:', 'Account type:' (with a dropdown menu showing 'Checking'), 'Account number:', and 'Account holder:'. At the bottom of the form is a purple 'Donate' button.



Back to School Fair sponsored by Altrusa of Door

County. The event will be held on August 4th at the Sturgeon Bay High School. Volunteers are needed to help a child collect their school supplies. If you would be interested in volunteering or would like more information please contact Altrusa at: BTsvolunteers@aol.com. Thank you for considering this request.

Peg Wepner, Volunteer Coordinator

Our Music Director, **Colin Welford**, is known for playing long, complex pieces on the organ. His Facebook organ videos that are posted after the service usually add a lot more in the way of explanation, footwork, a look at the music itself, and a lot of humor.

When he tries to avoid having a page-turner during the service, he'll pile all the music in a taped-together slab, and all the notes end up teensy-weensy. So far this has worked, as with this 10-page Mulet he played on February 14. Does tend to make him go cross-eyed, however.





March 2021 Church Services

March 7 - 10 a.m. Worship and Communion - Pastor Dawn,
Music Director Colin Welford

March 14 - 10 a.m. Worship with Pastor Dawn, Music Director
Colin Welford, Guest Allie Babich

March 21 - 10 a.m. Worship with Pastor Dawn, Music Director
Colin Welford, guests Pete & Barb Classen

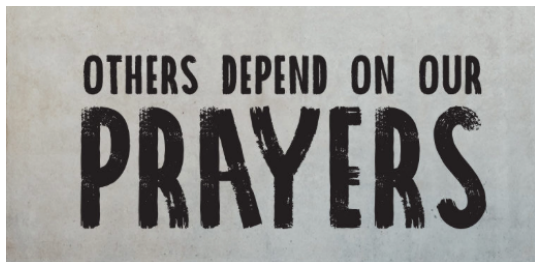
March 28 - 10 a.m. Worship with Pastor Dawn, Music Director
Colin Welford



**Easter is
Sunday
April 4, 2021**



PRAYERS FOR...



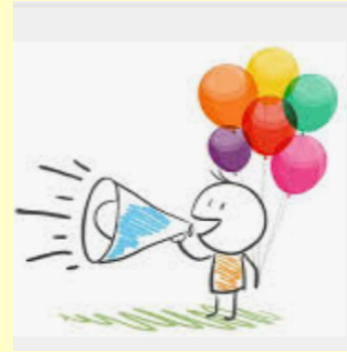
- ...Kaye Maher
- ...Carter Crowe
- ...Rhea Vytlačil
- ...Family of Donette Hatch
- ...Ray & Kevin Axelson
- ...Our essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially medical staff, grocery and delivery people
- ...Valerie Billington
- ...Jayden Michael
- ...Nancy Bontempo
- ...Jay Bowen
- ...Marge Hassler
- ...Jack Opitz

March Birthdays

Kevin Horvath...1
Katharine Oneson... 2
Scott Weborg...5
Brent Bristol... 6
Logan Mittermann... 6
Priscilla Krist...12
Winfield Bristol... 17
Sydney Heim...20
Peter Classen...21
Mitchell Weborg...24
Ellie McCullin... 24
Roger Larson...25
Michael Weborg...26
Donna Nelson.....27
Nancy Christofferson...27
Kelly Schuder...30

March Anniversaries

Liz and Jack Opitz – March 26, 1983



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



THANK YOU

...to those who continue to help with our on-line services on Sunday mornings and our guest musicians!

...to those who have continued their offerings through the mail or their bank. See information on giving through Moravian Ministries Foundation on page 3 of this newsletter. If you'd like to give through electronic donation between your bank and ours, get our bank information from the church office and give it to your bank and set up a giving schedule!

Treasurer's Report

Member Giving

Through Jan 2021: \$9,432

2020: \$15,557

2021: \$14,115

Visitor Giving

Through Jan 2021: \$2,406

2020: \$2,330

2021: \$12,072

Expected income for 2021 is \$171,700

Through January: \$11,938

(doesn't include memorials)

Budgeted expense for 2021 is \$224,949

Through January: \$14,367



Reports from the Elders & Trustees

Elders - The Elders welcomed Linda Carey and Cici Mulliken to the board. Engaging church members in 2021 was an agenda item. Postcards and Puzzles were discussed. YOU are invited to participate. See the article in this newsletter titled "Postcard Project, Puzzles Available to Members".

Trustees - We welcomed Natalie Neddersen to the Board. Our financial review is still in process and should be completed within the next month. We were fortunate to get approval for another Paycheck Protection Loan. As long as we use it for salaries, we will not be required to pay it back. We will keep a separate tally of the money until the loan is fully forgiven. A new timer was purchased for the Steeple lights- we are awaiting installation by Action Electric. New church computers were purchased for the office and the pastor. They replace decade-old computers.

POSTCARD PROJECT, PUZZLES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor? (Luke 10:29)

It won't take much time, but will be so appreciated. Can you help? It's easy! Simply **decorate a postcard** (or several!) with stickers, markers, or even a favorite Bible verse. You can take a postcard to mail yourself, or leave it in the fellowship hall for someone else to address and mail.

WHAT: Blank postcards as well as picture postcards donated by the Ephraim Historical Foundation provided. Stamps, stickers, and markers provided. Or bring your own stickers and craft supplies. Donations of seasonal stickers are welcome, too (St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Spring preferred).

WHERE: Church fellowship hall. A separate children's table will be set up for families in the nursery.

WHEN: 9 AM - 4 PM, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday. 12 - 4 PM Tuesday and Friday. By appointment, call ahead.

WHO: Any church member, all ages, no special art skills required.

WHY: To extend a bit of cheer to every church member and other friends. To practice neighborliness. To experience a little creative fun and pass on the fun to others.

HOW: Please phone ahead 920-854-2804. If you are unable to come to the church, Elders can deliver postcards and art supplies to your home.

Please phone ahead (If no answer, leave a message... if you don't get a response, it means that the church is free and you can come on over. We'll return your call if a reschedule is needed). When you arrive, please read all directional signs to both keep the postcard and puzzle tables orderly, as well as to follow Covid safety guidelines.

Puzzles are also available for free loan. When puzzles are returned to the church, they will be quarantined for two days (similar to libraries). Need more information? Feel free to call the church or an



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 potentially now more than ever!

Drop your items off here at church! The doors are open 9-5 and the basket is in the upper hallway. Mary Ann Schuder is faithfully taking items to Sturgeon Bay's Feed My People! Thank you Mary Ann!

Feed My People 204 N 14th Ave, Sturgeon Bay: 920-743-9053

CHURCHES WITH FOOD PANTRIES

- First Baptist Church of Sister Bay 954 S. Bay Shore Drive: 920-854-2544
- Holy Name of Mary Parish 7491 County Road H: 920-856-6440
- 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. **Over 545 bags of pet food to dogs & cats in 2020!** If you'd like to donate toward pet food, the Pantry's address is: Peninsula Pet Pantry, Inc., PO Box 577, Fish Creek, WI 54212.

Tricklebee Update from Milwaukee

We continue to prepare delicious, plant-based meals Wednesday-Saturday. Even customers who say they have never (consciously) eaten a vegan dish in their lives are enjoying these meals which are prepared with much love. A big "thank you" to our amazing kitchen staff and all who donate beautiful, fresh produce. We have recently partnered with Greater Good(s) MKE--a new pay-what-you-can grocery store up the street from us--receiving their excess produce each week.) At Tricklebee Cafe, there is a continual feast.

[We continue to serve curbside carryout meals only]



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SPRING WILL RETURN!

Photo by Tad Dukehart

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