



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

April 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

On March 13th, Bob and I ventured to the Door County Humane Society to visit 3 dogs up for adoption. They were all endearing and friendly dogs, but this one decided to adopt us. His given name from the shelter was ‘Possum’.

As we drove home with him, we decided that the name did not suit his regal bearing. We reached out to our son and his roommate for some creative names. Within minutes they sent us about 20 – 30 suggestions. One stood out...



‘Preston’. We liked the sound of it, so we introduced him to the world as ‘Preston’. When I looked up the meaning, I was pleased to find it was an apt description. Preston means ‘Priest’s town’. A fitting name for a parsonage dog!

In the bible, there are many name changes: Abram to Abraham, Sarai to Sarah, Simon to Peter, Saul to Paul. Each name change reflects a new understanding and position in life. Pastor Dan Olson explained that the change in Abram and Sarai’s names was the addition of the divine breath of God. Peter’s

name reflected his new status as the Rock and Paul received a completely new identity with his name change- from murderer to Saint of God.

We are promised that, ‘If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!’ (2 Corinthians 5:17). We may not need a name change to reflect this new reality. Most of us have perfectly fine names... we just need to live up to their promise. We are enabled to reflect a new creation when we are filled with the Holy Spirit of God, which gives us the power to become the people God created us to be. May we continue, In Christ, to reflect the Winsomeness of that Name which is ‘above all names’. Amen



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.)



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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 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.

Services in April - 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).

A note from Rhea Vytlačil...

Dear Pastor Dawn and Congregation...

Thank you for all your prayers - they worked! Just completed my four-month check-up (after radical mastectomy) and my oncologist assures me that the surgery was a success and I have many wonderful years ahead.

God is Great!

Again - thank you!

Most sincerely,
Rhea



Member of the Month

Our Member of the Month for April is Chuck Mead. Here is how he describes his Door County story:



Before moving to Door County in 2012, my wife and I had taken many trips there with golfing friends and cross-country skiing friends from Waukesha, where we lived for almost 60 years.

We had good friends who had moved there.. Our daughter had married Mike Burton, son of Paul & Fran Burton, and had a vacation home. Plus, one of my sons was an MD at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay.

When my wife passed away in 2011, I made the decision to move. I sold the condo that we owned in Waukesha and moved to Sister Bay in 2012. Now that I am approaching 92 in age, I am here to stay!



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

MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 1)

Two Opportunities to Reflect on this Holy Day:

10 a.m. Facebook service with communion. Join Pastor Dawn and soloist Cyndy Stiehl. Individual Communion sets are available inside the Office entrance of the church.

6 p.m. St. Paul Lutheran, Juddville will be gathering in the Parking Lot for a communion service. Once there, tune into FM m 92.1 on your radio.

GOOD FRIDAY (April 2)

2 p.m. Facebook Tenebrae (Service of Shadows). A service of reflection with Lay readers and soloists.

April 2021 Church Services



EASTER - SUNDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 a.m. Weather Permitting: Come to the Cemetery for a brief outdoor service (Masks required). We will be reading the gospel story, singing hymns, and waving 'bubble wands'. After the service, each participant will be able to take home your bubbles AND a Bagel with cream cheese from 'Big Easy Bagels'.

If it rains, come to the church parking lot at 8 a.m. to pick up your bagels while supplies last!

10 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship, Live-Streaming, with Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford, Hal Halvorsen, Cyndy Stiehl and Allie Babich



April 11- 10 a.m. Worship with Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford

April 18 - 10 a.m. Worship with Ken Carlson, Music Director Colin Welford, Guest Marcia Ellis

April 25 - 10 a.m. Worship with Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford, Guest Angela Sherman



A Birthday we missed!

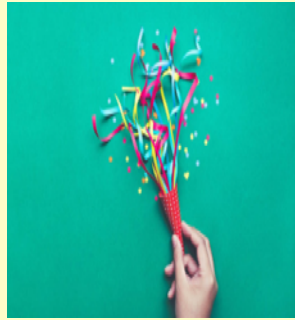
Rob Meyer - January 12

March Anniversary we missed!

Rob and Barb Meyer - March 18

April Birthdays

Katharine Koehler...7
Andy Dukehart... 8
Amanda Carlson...12
Ryan Sherman – 13
Glenn Gerdman...19
Kay Wilson...27
George Carey...30



April Anniversaries!

Betty and Bob Anderson - 12, 1969
Kay and Keith Tschannen...22, 1967
Diane and Larry Jacobson – 28, 1979

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



...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 Feb 2021: \$24,949
2020: \$18,233
2021: \$13,705

Expected income for 2021 is \$171,700

Budgeted expense for 2021 is \$224,949

Visitor Giving

Through Feb 2021: \$3,546
2020: \$6,322
2021: \$12,951

Through February: \$45,845
(doesn't include memorials)

Through February: \$34,042

Reports from the Elders & Trustees

Elders - The Postcard Project continues, as well as puzzle exchange. Discussed a family-friendly 8 a.m. Easter Sunday service as it was done two years ago, out at the cemetery. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Tenebrae services will be taped, Easter 10 a.m. service will be live. We will extend the number of outdoor Vespers services this summer and continue with outdoor Bible studies, but it is doubtful we will have indoor services if the number of Covid cases rise. We are still seeking Easter donations for Door CANcer.

Trustees - Jungwirth's will be doing the spring clean-up of the church and cemetery grounds. Discussed getting the carpets cleaned once the snow is definitely gone. Trustees will review needs of the church building on April 1 and check the parsonage thereafter. The parsonage heating and air conditioning units have now been installed. The financial audit is almost complete. The arborvitae trimming will be done soon, and the new timer for the steeple lights will also be installed soon.

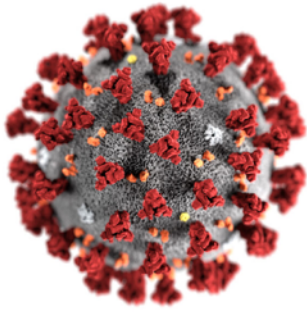


PRAYERS FOR...

...Valerie Billington
...Jayden Michael
...Nancy Bontempo
...Kaye Maher
...Jay Bowen
...Marge Hassler
...Rhea Vytlačil
...Jack Opitz
...Ray & Kevin Axelson
...The family of Spencer Gould

...Our essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially medical staff, grocery and delivery people

COVID-19 UPDATE



We are all very eager to return to the Church building for worship. However, the number of infections here in Door County are on the rise. The only way we can responsibly open the building to group services is when infection rates are low and vaccinations are more widespread. We can do our part by wearing a mask, physically distancing ourselves and washing our hands. Until that time that we can worship together indoors, singing with abandon, we will continue our virtual services. In the summer-time, we will have many more opportunities to worship and study the bible together outdoors.



Palms & Communion Sets

March 28th (Palm Sunday)

Please stop by the church any
time after 12 p.m. at
the entrance to the offices
to pick up Palm branches
and

individual communion sets
for our Maundy Thursday service
(please pick up enough for you and
your family)

Then join us on Thursday- facebook
the service will be available 10:00 a.m.

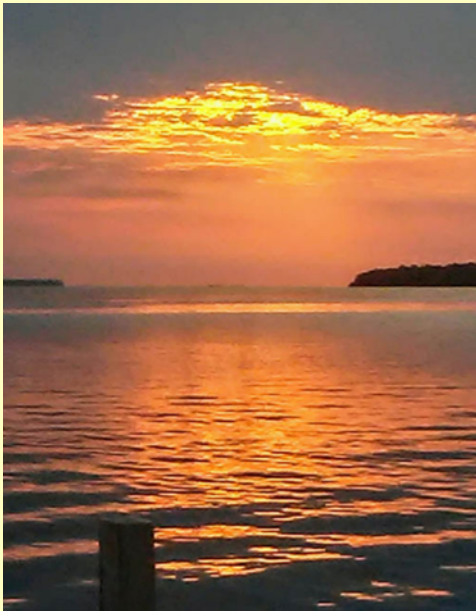
If you cannot come on Sunday, the office
doors are open daily from 8 - 5 p.m.



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One of our MANY wonderful sunsets
this year

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