



# 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

July 2021

## From the Pastor's Desk

I can't help but share a bit of trivia with you in this article. Most of us are familiar with John Trumbull's famous painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence that hangs in the Rotunda of our Nation's Capitol. It has been endlessly copied and reprinted on currency, in text books and elsewhere. The much smaller original painting is in the art collection of Yale University. When Trumbull painted the larger version he was the ripe old age of 69 and had sight in only one eye.



Here's the kicker: the event the painting depicts never took place, at least as we see it. The signing actually began in August of that year and was not completely signed until well into 1777.

Why do I tell you all this? This trivia? The sad fact is that the freedom and liberty that the document establishes has itself been trivialized. Freedom has come to be thought of as permission to do whatever I jolly well please because it is my right. No, it is not. True freedom comes at great cost and demands great responsibility. St. Paul said, “though I am free from all people, I am a servant to all.” If my actions, born of my understanding of freedom, harm another person, I am really a slave to my own self-serving intentions. Rather, through Christ's gift of love and redemption, I am free to love, give, protect, encourage.

There's nothing trivial about that!

Pastor Dan G. 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.)



### YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

#### TRUSTEES

B.D. Thorp, Pres.	854-7212
Natalie Neddersen	854-2121
Dave Chomeau	854-2203
Brent Bristol, Secretary	421-0833
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
Tiggy Shields	520-404-7512
(Summer Elder)	



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 July 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).

### VESPERS SERVICES July 7 through August 11, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 7 - Pastor Dawn, Hal Halvorsen, Cynthia Stiehl

Wednesday, July 14 - Pastor Kerry Krauss, Colin Welford

Wednesday, July 21 - Pastor James Heroux, Hal Halvorsen

Wednesday, July 28 - Pastor Ed House & Praise Band/Door of Life

Wednesday, August 4 - Pastor Frank Kauzlarich, Hal Halvorsen, Katie Dahl

Wednesday, August 11 - Mother Barbara Sajna, Colin Welford, Cyndy Stiehl, Dawn Volpe





## July 2021 Services

**NOW 8 a.m. Services every Sunday**  
**outside, weather permitting - wear a**  
**mask, bring your own chair!**

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**Sunday, July 4 - 8 a.m. Parking Lot;**  
**10 a.m. on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn  
Volpe, Music Director Colin Welford,  
Betsy DiFelice, Cynthia Kortman, Scott  
Ramsey, Cynthia Stiehl



**Sunday, July 11 - 8 a.m. Parking Lot;**  
**10 a.m. on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Music Director Colin Welford



**Sunday, July 18 - 8 a.m. Parking Lot;**  
**10 a.m. on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Music Director Colin Welford, Betty Lewis and  
Jodie DeSalvo



**Sunday, July 25 - 8 a.m. Parking Lot;**  
**10 a.m. on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Music Director Colin Welford



## *Kids Time Outside*

We're *back*, beginning Sunday, July 11 and  
on every Sunday through August!

Bring the kids from 11 a.m.  
to noon for stories, lunch  
and crafts.

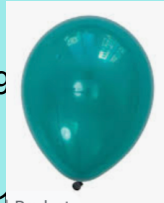
July 11 kicks off with the  
theme "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" !





## July Birthdays

Theo Sherman... 1  
 Penny Schultz...3  
 Jolynn Nelson...4  
 Judy Turner...6  
 Keith Krist...9  
 Kathy Zehner... 10  
 Eric Christofferson...11  
 Anne Glabe... 12  
 Keelan Campbell....12  
 Carol Sandstrom... 13  
 Liz Schroeder...13  
 Joyce Gerdman...15  
 Christian Koehler...16  
 Jill Schroeder...17  
 Mark Anderson...18  
 Glory Lou 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, please let us know in  
 the church office!

## BIBLE STUDIES!

*We will convene outdoors. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in designated pews in the sanctuary (with our HVAC system running). We urge all participants to get vaccinated when the opportunity arises.*

FRIDAYS, 1:00 p.m. July 2 – 23

Minor Prophets/Major Impact - The voices of the prophets echoing through the centuries

## Treasurer's Report

### Member Giving \_

Through May 2021: \$63,193

2020: \$47,943

2019: \$49,196

### Visitor Giving \_

Through May 2021: \$7,936

2020: \$13,479

2019: \$25,074



Expected income for 2021 is \$172,700

Budgeted expense for 2021 is \$226,502

Through May: \$93,419 (54%)

*(doesn't include memorials)*

Through May: \$105,015 (46%)



## The Summer Schedule!

**\*\*FRIDAYS 1 p.m. through July 23** - Parking Lot Bible Studies - Bring your own chairs

**\*\*SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST: 8:00 a.m.** Services will be in-person, outdoors at our Parking Lot. Masks requested. Please bring your own chairs. Weather permitting.

-The lower parking lot (with the exception of the first few spaces for handicap parking) will be blocked to cars so everyone can gather safely. Park in the upper parking lot or on the street. The services will be identical to the summer 8 a.m. services we have had in the past. We will be singing!

-Special thanks to Barbara Classen and Hal Halvorsen who will provide accompaniment.

**10 a.m. each SUNDAY** – Our virtual Facebook services continue, as always, with Pastor Dawn, Music Director Colin Welford and special music.

**\*\*WEDNESDAYS in July through Aug. 11:** 7:30 p.m. Vespers on the Hill - masks, please! Weather permitting - rain date is each Thursday. The first few places in the lower parking lot will be left open for those with mobility issues. Bring your own chairs!

### PRAYERS FOR.....

...Valerie Billington  
...Jayden Michael  
...Doug Schultz  
...Ray and Kevin Axelson  
...Jay Bowen  
...Nancy Bontempo  
...Kaye Maher



The Board of Trustees is requesting the congregation's assistance related to the church parking lot. Our lot has become a shortcut for several years, leaving it in disrepair and creating a safety hazard for people walking through our grounds. As it stands now, we will be spending thousands of dollars sealing the lot.

Our next door neighbors, who have been greatly inconvenienced by the vehicle noise, asked us to put up a gate to prevent thru traffic. We don't want to take that drastic step, so we have put up signs and asked our Trustee president to speak to people who are using the lot inappropriately. We encourage all our friends/members to utilize the lot when attending church functions, visiting the office or parsonage.

We ask you not to use the lot as a conveyance to get from Moravia to Willow Street. Please use designated thru streets for that purpose. In an effort to be good neighbors and to provide a safe, well-maintained parking lot, we need everyone's cheerful cooperation.



June 20, 2021

Sunday Service tribute to  
Dan Olson's 50th anniversary of  
ordination and  
Presentation of Jendean Olson's  
portrait by Ram Rojas



Former colleague and Associate  
Pastor at Bay View Lutheran, Dean  
Wheeler, surprises Dan with a moving  
tribute of Dan's influence on his life



Cutting the cake at Fellowship



---post on your refrigerator!---


**8 a.m. Parking Lot Services** - Weather permitting! If raining, early service will be cancelled. Bring your own chair, wear masks in the service. A few handicap spaces will be open in the lower parking lot, otherwise park in the upper lot or on the street.

**7:30 p.m. Wednesday Vespers Services** will have a rain date of the next day (Thursday). Again, bring your own chair and parking as above.

**Bible Studies** - On the lawn but may move inside with masks if inclement. Bring your own chair, few handicap spaces will be open in the lower parking lot, otherwise park in the upper lot or on the street.

**Kids Time Outside** - Sundays, 11 a.m. to noon - Lunch and crafts - First one: Mad Hatter's Tea Party July 11

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| Sunday                                                                              | Monday           | Tuesday                | Wednesday                                                     | Thursday                                                                             | Friday                                              | Saturday |
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|                                                                                     | July<br>2021     |                        |                                                               | 1                                                                                    | 2<br>OA 8:30 am<br>1 pm Bible Study in parking lot  | 3        |
| 4<br>8 am parking lot service<br>10 am virtual service/Facebook                     | 5<br>AA 7:00 pm  | 6<br>10 am - Ladies AA | 7<br>7:30 pm Vespers service in parking lot<br>Cyndy Stiehl!  | 8<br>Vespers rain date                                                               | 9<br>OA 8:30 am<br>1 pm Bible Study in parking lot  |          |
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| 25<br>8 am parking lot service<br>10 am virtual service/Facebook<br>11 a.m. - Kids! | 26<br>AA 7:00 pm | 27<br>Ladies AA 10 am  | 28- 7:30 pm Vespers service in parking lot—<br>Barb Sajna     | 29<br>Vespers rain date                                                              | 30<br>OA 8:30 am                                    | 31       |
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