

## Ephraim Moravian Messenger News from the Open Door

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

<u>Congregational Watchword for 2021:</u> "The Lord said, 'I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go." Psalm 32:8

Aug 2021

#### From a Pastor's Desk

At the celebration for my 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination I received a collection of various and interesting gifts. One of them was a coffee mug with the inscription "I'm not arguing. I'm just telling you why I am right"! That doesn't leave much room for negotiation, I suppose. You could accuse me of doing just that in this article. You would be right.



I've been around the block a few times. In all that time, I cannot remember when there has been so much division or rancor. If I would say the earth is round, you can be certain there would be some who would fervently and maybe violently disagree. Most of these controversies are just plain silly. But for the life of me, I cannot wrap my mind around the myopic resistance to the COVID vaccine. Is there risk? Certainly. But a risk well worth taking.

What's caused this unfortunate battle? Sadly, it is a conflict between, among other things, science and religion. There has always been tension between science and religion, so this is nothing new. It's just more dangerous. Vaccine deniers tend to distrust science because it is perceived as being the mortal enemy of God's kingdom and belittles faith, the real antidote for the virus. It's as if blobs of protoplasm are being lobbed like hand grenades against trust in God.

There is no conflict between science and religion, and they are not mutually exclusive. God's fingerprints are found virtually everywhere. It is the goal of science to reveal them. And it is faith that seeks understanding. Understanding the complexity of creation, and ways to understand and apply its immense power for good, for health and healing.

The virus is an ugly example of the brokenness that surrounds us and causes all nature to groan in travail. Our Lord has given science to us as a tool to probe the intricacies of our world. In the end, we are promised redemption and release from the grips of such things as COVID. Science has revealed God's power and given it to us through the needle of a syringe.

-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—<u>please keep the Pastor's cell phone number handy for after hours.</u>



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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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 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 through August 11, 7:30 p.m.

<u>Wednesday, August 4</u> - Pastor Frank Kauzlarich, Hal Halvorsen, Katie Dahl

<u>Wednesday, August 11</u> - Mother Barbara Sajna, Colin Welford, Cyndy Stiehl, Cana Mittermann, Dawn Volpe





## Aug 2021 Services

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

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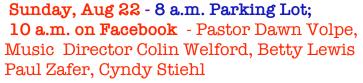
Sunday, Aug 1 - 8 a.m. Parking Lot; 10 a.m. on Facebook - Pastor Ken Carlson, Music Director Colin Welford, Cynthia Stiehl. Betsy DiFelice, Cynthia Kortman Westphal, Scott Ramsay



Sunday, Aug 8 - 8 a.m. Parking Lot; 10 a.m. on Facebook - Pastor Dawn Volpe, Music Director Colin Welford, Marcia Ellis, baptism!



Sunday, Aug 15 - 8 a.m. Parking Lot 10 a.m. on Facebook - Pastor Dawn Volpe, Music Director Colin Welford, musical guests Betty Lewis, Cynthia Stiehl, Jodie DeSalvo





Sunday, Aug 29 - 8 a.m. Parking Lot; 10 a.m. on Facebook - Pastor Dawn Volpe, Music Director Colin Welford, Betty Lewis, Paul Zafer, Cyndy Stiehl





# Kids Time Outside

Bring the kids 11 a.m. to noon on Sundays through August for stories, lunch and crafts.

This Sunday: "The Rabbit Listened" with Liz Opitz and lotsa puppets, great food.

## 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

Rob Volpe...31



## August Anniversaries

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



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

#### PRAYERS FOR.....

...Doug Schultz

...the Family of Jerry Chomeau

...Joan Lewis

...Kathy Kirkland



We are awaiting the delivery of our digital piano, which was entirely funded by a generous donation in memory of George Veyerhaden. In the meantime, our Chickering piano is getting a new home! The Southern Door School's Music Department will be moving the piano to its new location in August. They are thrilled with the gift and we are gratified that it will be used to enhance the musical education of the next generation.

### **Treasurer's Report**

<u>Member Giving</u> <u>Visitor Giving</u> -

Through June 2021: \$68,750 Through June 2021: \$9,526

 2020:
 \$59,607
 2020:
 \$17,073

 2019:
 \$53,541
 2019:
 \$30,706

Expected income for 2021 is \$172,700 Through June: \$96,515 (56%)

(doesn't include memorials)

Budgeted expense for 2021 is \$226,502 Through June: \$123,496 (55%)

#### The Summer Schedule Continues!

\*\*SUNDAYS IN AUGUST: 8:00 a.m. Services will be in-person, outdoors at our Parking Lot. 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 provide accompaniment.

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

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

## Elders and Trustees update

Although the Boards of Elders and Trustees did not meet in July, they have been active in the work of the church.

Board of Elders: The Elders are sponsoring the 'Time Out' for children. We are delighted to welcome so many children and their parents. Special thanks to Elders Lonnie Vitse, Cici Mulliken, Kathleen Harris and Sherry Moore for their participation. Elder Tiggy Shields has been representing the church in her visits to residents at Scandia Village. And Elder Linda Carey, has been cheering us all on as she and husband George pack up their household and move 'up north'... to Sister Bay!

Board of Trustees: The Board has entered into a contract to repair the ceiling cracks in the Sanctuary (which will necessitate the building remaining closed until the second week of September). They are also receiving bids for much needed repairs of the church parking lot.

## Re-Opening Plans

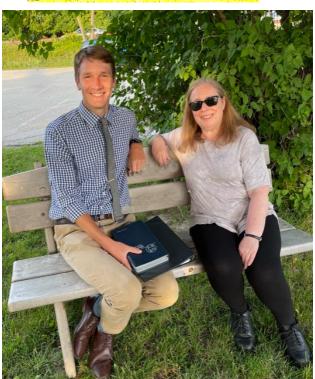
We are tentatively scheduled to reopen the building on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Before that happens, the boards will meet to discuss protocols. We thank all of those who have supported our outdoor efforts. Our September newsletter will detail all you need to know before coming to church services.





**Vespers Services 2021** 

Katrina Welborn, Marcia Ellis and Colin Welford - July 14



Our summer intern James Heroux returns five years later (to a postlude of "Happy Trails to You, Until We Meet Again" by Hal Halvorsen), and Cynthia Stiehl providing beautiful music



July 21

#### ---post on your refrigerator! ---

<u>8 a.m. Parking Lot Services</u> - Weather permitting! If raining, early service will be cancelled. Bring your own chair. 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 through August 11 will have a rain date of the next day (Thursday). Again, bring your own chair and parking as above.

Kids Time Outside - Sundays, 11 a.m. to noon - Lunch and crafts

# August

| Sunday                                                    | Monday                         | Tuesday         | Wednesday                                                       | Thursday             | Friday 🥞          | Saturday |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1<br>8 am parking lot<br>10 am Facebook<br>11 am - Kids!  | 2  AA evening                  | 3<br>AA 10-12   | 4.<br>Vespers 7:30 pm<br>Frank Kauzlarich,<br>Katie Dahl, Hal H | 5                    | 6.<br>OA 8:30 am  | 7        |
| 8<br>8 am parking lot<br>10 am Facebook<br>11 am — Kids!  | 9<br>9 am Elders<br>AA evening | 10<br>AA 10-12  | 11.<br>Vespers 7:30 pm<br>Barb Sajna,<br>Cyndy Stiehl, Dawi     | 12.                  | 13.<br>OA 8:30 am | 14       |
| 15<br>8 am parking lot<br>10 am Facebook<br>11 am - Kids! | 16<br>AA evening               | 17<br>AA 10-12. | 18.                                                             | 19.<br>Trustees 4 pm | 20.<br>OA 8:30 am | 21       |
| 22<br>8 am parking lot<br>10 am Facebook<br>11 am - Kids! | 23  AA evening                 | 24.<br>AA 10-12 | 25.                                                             | 26.                  | 27.<br>OA 8:30 am | 28       |
| 29<br>8 am parking lot<br>10 am Facebook<br>11 am - Kids! | 30<br>AA evening               | 31<br>AA 10-12  |                                                                 |                      |                   |          |
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#### **AUGUST 2021 Newsletter**



Village in Summer

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