



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

Sept 2021

From the Pastor's Desk



A 30 Year Retrospective

On September 22, 1991, after a whirlwind courtship (5 months from meeting to marrying), Bob and I exchanged vows. We were giddy and clueless. Aside from our being vertically challenged, we had very little in common.

In the first decade of married life, we began by being apart for 3 years (he in the Navy, me navigating a new pastorate); we welcomed our son into the world (Bob did, I was ambivalent) and we mourned with our nation over the 9/11 attacks.

In the second decade we mourned with each other over the deaths of my parents and his grandfather. We settled into the routines of parenting, work, play and all the ephemera of daily life.

In the third decade, we moved to the wilds of Door County. Although in a new congregation, my work continued as before- providing leadership and spiritual support. Bob's work changed dramatically. In addition to the role of Pastor's Spouse, he added First Responder, Firefighter, 'Baby Whisperer' and Maintenance Man to the mix. We are weathering a global pandemic, the pastor's incessant hot flashes, empty nest (yippee!) and our newest parsonage dog.

As we celebrate our 30 year anniversary, I am still giddy and clueless (I'll not speak for Bob, he's more grounded than I am). We have no idea what the future will hold for us. We do know one thing- that God brought us through joy and sorrow, that anything good we have comes from the hands of a gracious God and that awful experiences are not beyond God's redemptive power. *For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. – Jeremiah 29:11*



Ephraim Moravian Church Hours

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

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

Church Phone: 920-824-2804

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.
Brent Bristol, Secretary
Dave Chomeau
Natalie Neddersen
Gunilla Wilson

ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair
Lonnie Vitse, Vice-Chair
Kathleen Harris, Sect'y
Linda Carey
Sherry Moore
Cici Mulliken
Tiggy Shields
(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 September on Facebook



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).

The Climate Change Coalition is again offering free trees this fall!

Nicole Matson, coordinator, says "We are offering 36 trees (2 flats) These are the larger quart container size native conifers. Each flat will come as a variety of tree species: red pine, white pine, white spruce, white cedar, and balsam fir. The trees will be ready to pick up around the weekend of Sept 24."

Vicki and Wes Maynard are our contacts for Ephraim Moravian. Please email the church worship@ephraimmoravian.org or call us at 920-854-2804 if you would like to pick up one or more trees. You will be contacted with pick-up time/date.



Sept 2021 Services

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



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**Sunday, Sept 5 - 8 a.m. Parking Lot;**  
**10 a.m. on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn  
Volpe, Music Director Colin Welford



**Sunday, Sept 12 - 8 a.m. Parking Lot;**  
**10 a.m. on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Music Director Colin Welford, musical guests  
Karen Ekberg, Linda Carey, Marcia Ellis, Cana  
and Amanda Mittermann



**Sunday, Sept 19 - 8 a.m. Parking Lot**  
**10 a.m. on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn Volpe, Music  
Director Colin Welford

**Sunday, Sept 26 - 8 a.m. early service;**  
**10 a.m. on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Music Director Colin Welford



Last Vespers service  
on August 11

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## September Birthdays

Glenore Paschke...2  
 Randall Nelson...3  
 Samantha Phillips...5  
 Brian Larson...10  
 Eunice Rutherford...11  
 Nicholas Weborg...13  
 Sherry Moore... 15  
 Eileen Jacobson...18  
 Claire Bierman... 18  
 Kris Husby-Nelson...27  
 Larry Jacobson...30

## September Anniversaries

Ryan and Angela Sherman – 6, 2008  
 Mary Ann and Tom Schuder – 15, 1973  
 Dawn & Bob Volpe – 22, 1991  
 Kay and Paul Wilson – 25, 1971

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



Lucille Sohns' 101st  
 Birthday Party at  
 Alexander's with her  
 family

## Treasurer's Report

### Member Giving \_

**Through July 2021: \$80,941**  
**2020: \$66,972**  
**2019: \$78,015**

### Visitor Giving \_

**Through July 2021: \$10,286**  
**2020: \$34,107**  
**2019: \$26,253**

**Expected income for 2021 is \$172,700**

**Budgeted expense for 2021 is \$226,502**

**Through July: \$109,507**

*(doesn't include memorials)*

**Through July: \$146,602**

## The Fall Schedule Continues!

**\*\*SUNDAYS through October: 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.

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

## Joint Board Update... Indoor Reopening Plans

When the boards met in August, we were excited to go forward with an indoor reopening plan. Things looked very promising for a September start. However, in the weeks following, we have seen a troubling uptick in Covid-19 cases, including 'break through' infections among the vaccinated. It is heartbreaking to announce that we do not feel that we can open our indoor space until we see more positive signs of abatement. As soon as we see a downward trend, we will open with our original plan. We will revisit this decision at our September Board meetings. In the meantime, we will continue meeting outdoors at 8 a.m. on Sundays. We invite you to find ways to connect with each other safely. We will also be 'on location' at the 10 a.m. services in September with a few surprises along the way!

As always, we urge our congregation to do our part to stop the spread of disease... by getting vaccinated, masking indoors or in a crowd, and isolating if exposed to Covid-19.

**TRUSTEES:** See the photos of work done in the Sanctuary. The ceiling cracks are repaired! Next project- Parking Lot sealing.

**ELDERS:** We've been having a wonderful time with the children in our 'Time Outside' each Sunday. We are looking forward to fall programs with our children.



## BABY NEWS

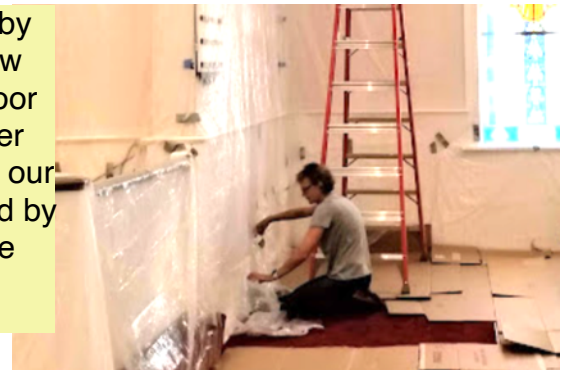


Agnes Rose Larsen born  
to Brittney Rae and  
Mike Larsen on  
August 2 - 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Vivienne Lee Raymond  
baptized in church on  
August 8 - parents  
Katie & Zach Raymond,  
grandparents Marcia &  
Chuck Ellis, GREAT  
grandparents Linda &  
George Carey



< The Chickering baby  
grand went to its new  
home at Southern Door  
School (thanks, Peter  
Niehlisen) as we await our  
new piano, funds gifted by  
the family of George  
Verheyden)



Renovations happened in August—  
cracks in the ceilings required serious  
masking (thanks to B.D., Gunilla, Natalie  
and Dave) and moving of the organ and  
all the furniture (thanks to Colin, Logan,  
two Bobs and Kevin) before new drywall  
was installed (bottom photos), then the  
two ceiling areas were plastered, and  
the whole ceiling painted to match.  
Thanks to Gunilla for clean-up after!



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

**8 a.m. Parking Lot Services - 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.**



**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

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|------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----|------------------|----|
|                                          |                      |                                  | 1                   | 2   | 3<br>OA 8:30 am  | 3  |
| 5<br>8 am parking lot<br>10 am Facebook  | 6<br><br>AA evening  | 7<br>AA 10-12                    | 8<br>10 a.m. Elders | 9   | 10<br>OA 8:30 am | 11 |
| 12<br>8 am parking lot<br>10 am Facebook | 13<br><br>AA evening | 14<br>AA 10-12.<br>4 pm Trustees | 15                  | 16  | 17<br>OA 8:30 am | 18 |
| 19<br>8 am parking lot<br>10 am Facebook | 20<br><br>AA evening | 21<br>AA 10-12                   | 22                  | 23  | 24<br>OA 8:30 am | 25 |
| 26<br>8 am parking lot<br>10 am Facebook | 27<br><br>AA evening | 28<br>AA 10-12                   | 29.                 | 30. | 31<br>OA 8:30 am |    |
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