



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.’”

Psalms 32:8

Oct 2021

From a Pastor's Desk

Pastor Dan G. Olson

*“It takes way less time to tear something down than
to build it in the first place”.*

I just recently ran across this quote in the last few days. The truth of the statement leapt from the page and grabbed me. While mulling ideas over in my mind there is one perfect, if not really annoying, example that occurred to me. Let me explain, first of all, that all my life I've enjoyed cooking. I find it relaxing, if you can imagine that. It's a lot of work, too. Take, for example, a Thanksgiving Feast. It's likely that no other meal in the year is more complex. To hasten our journey toward gluttony, every imaginable “favorite” dish is prepared. To carry off such a task the menu must be established, the groceries purchased. Then comes the preparation when timing is everything. Making sure all the different dishes are ready at the same time can be tricky. The table needs to be properly set, of course. After meaningful prayers of gratitude to our Lord, everyone digs in. In fact, it's more like a demolition derby. In the space of only minutes all of the good work expended in preparing the meal is in tatters, with gravy on the tablecloth.



Not all occurrences of building and destruction are so mundane, however. A good friend of ours was clearly a man of God. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. In addition, he was a superb musician, a skilled workman with decades of experience. His was a good life well-lived, until Covid killed him in just a few days' time.

Is all life so bleak? Of course not. We can trust that our Lord God has changed the dynamic. In God's time the balance of the now and not yet has changed forever. The eternal waiting has now turned into immediacy. If you want to know about immediacy in eternal time, read through the Gospel of Mark, where the word ‘immediately’ is used 41 times. Help, forgiveness and fortitude is ours now AND in the future. God is above time and is not held captive to it. The past, present and future are all the same to our Creator God.

Waiting can be tortuous. It can seem eternal. But God has stepped into our lives in the “here” and in the “now” and the “then.”

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: 920-854-2804

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.



TRUSTEES

B.D. Thorp, Pres.

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Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair

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Kathleen Harris, Sect'y

Cici Mulliken

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Tiggy Shields

(Summer Elder)



If you can't watch the Facebook service or find the audio of our service on our web page, 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 October 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 family gathering for Eunice Rutherford's 90th birthday!

October 2021 Services

Sunday, Oct 3 - 10:00 a.m. - Our return to worship indoors! (no 8 a.m.)

We will livestream the service on Facebook for all who cannot attend in person.

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Music Director Colin Welford, guests Cynthia Stiehl, Katie Dahl and Scott Ramsay



Sunday, Oct 10 - 8 a.m. Early Service
10 a.m. in person & live streaming
Joyful Noise offering for Door CANcer

Sunday, Oct 17 - 8 a.m. Early Service
10 a.m. in person & live streaming
Moment for Mission- Andrew Phillips

Sunday, Oct 24 - 8 a.m. Early Service
10 a.m. in person & live streaming
-Guest Organist: Barbara Classen

Sunday, Oct 31 - 8 a.m. Early Service
10 a.m. on Facebook
- Guest Organist: Barbara Classen



Volunteer Drivers Needed

Can you spare a few hours to help someone get to the doctor, shopping, school, work, or to an appointment?

Benefits for Volunteer Drivers

- Pick your own schedule
- Mileage reimbursement
- Cell & meal reimbursement
- Knowing YOU made a Difference!

920-743-9999

1009 Egg Harbor Road ~ Sturgeon Bay
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Northern Door Office Hours

➤ **Where:** NWTC Learning and Innovation Center
in Sister Bay

➤ **When:** Third Wednesday of each month
10am-12:30pm
Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15.

➤ **Why:** WE are meeting with people interested in learning more about Door-Tran's Transportation options and potential volunteers.

➤ **For more information contact Kim Gilson at**
920-743-9999 or Volunteer@Door-Tran.org

October Birthdays

Robert Schroeder...7
Jendean Olson...7
Erika Wilson Burkemper...8
Lonnie Vitse.... 11
John Turner...13
Kyle Nelson...15
Rosie Klein16
Hunter Penchoff... 18
Diane Kirkland...18
Kathy Kirkland...18
Maggie Schnackenberg... 18
Andrea Nelson...20
Lisa Carlson...22
Paul Flottman...24
Shayla Opitz - 24
Betty Overbeck...27
Tad Dukehart... 27
Chuck Ellis.... 29

October Anniversaries

Priscilla and Keith Krist – October 1, 1966
Ranny and Kris Husby-Nelson October 11, 2006



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
...Franne Dickinson



Many thanks to those
who participated in the
tree distribution, especially
Vicki and Wes Maynard...
and to all who picked up
trees to plant.
We gave away 36 trees!



Treasurer's Report

Member Giving

Through Aug 2021: \$89,169
2020: \$67,121
2019: \$73,744

Visitor Giving

Through Aug 2021: \$112,733
2020: \$26,163
2019: \$38,535

Expected income for 2021 is \$172,700

Budgeted expense for 2021 is \$226,502

Through August: \$121,523 (70%)
(doesn't include memorials)

Through August: \$162,089 (72%)



We were so grateful for the opportunity to fellowship with each other on September 12! Over 60 people came out to celebrate with each other. Many thanks to:

Jody Thiell, who spearheaded the effort. Jody was inspired by the Western District Synod, which challenged us to Be the Church; empowered by the Holy Spirit, continuously reaching out to others.

Melinda Rutherford, who worked with Jody, providing support and professionally designed name tags. Diane Kirkland, who created colorful postcards and provided the milestone lists. All who answered the call and were willing to seize the opportunity to reach out to others, to reconnect.

Jody says “thanks for meeting, greeting, celebrating and ‘being the church!’” She hopes this is just the beginning of our connecting with each other even outside of church services.



< A beautiful new table and chairs for the nursery

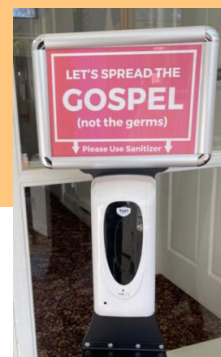
Striped parking lot >



Joint Board Updates

Trustees: The Parking Lot has been sealed and re-stripped. An air conditioning unit for the Sanctuary was replaced. A new table and chairs were donated for the Nursery. The Parsonage picture window was repaired. The church carpet was cleaned, all pews dusted in anticipation of our October opening.

Elders: The Board of Elders approved the reopening plan which the Pastor presented and added protocols (see page 6 of our newsletter) to promote a safe gathering.





"All are Gathered Safely In"

In order to keep everyone safe, especially the children who are not yet eligible for vaccination, we will:

- Wear masks while inside the church building.
 - Enter the building no earlier than 9:50 (children will be in Sunday School from 9:00- 9:50).
 - Exit following the instructions of ushers.
 - Fellowship outdoors.
- Stay home when we are ill or someone living with us is ill.
 - Send prayer concerns via email during the week or bring a written prayer concern on Sunday... this is mainly for the pastor's benefit- she will be completely undone attempting to decipher speech behind a mask!
 - If exposed to Covid or infected, we will reach out to the Pastor to notify the congregation (no names will be used).
 - Volunteer for lay reading, ushering, or singing if fully vaccinated.

Christy Melby-Gibbons at Mt. Morris

A great fall weekend at Mt. Morris! Fifty Moravian women with Christy Melby-Gibbons challenging us.

The weekend was a time of fellowship, study, and reflection as the group explored the topic of restrictions. There was a time for rest, renewal, crafts, exercise and worship.

Great Moravian retreat!

Jody Thiell



The two wooden flower boxes in front of the church need replacing (same size and style) before next spring!! They will be emptied of their soil so you can take one as a guide—any woodworking volunteer?

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

We will be **INSIDE** beginning Sunday, October 3! There will be an outside coffee Fellowship afterwards. Ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9 am Sun.School 10 am in person & on Facebook!	4 AA evening	5 AA 10-12	6	7	8 OA 8:30 am	9
10 8 a.m. Service 9 a.m. Sun School 10 am in person & on Facebook!	11 AA evening	12. AA 10-12.	13 11 am Elders	14	15 OA 8:30 am	16
17 8 a.m. Service 9 a.m. Sun School 10 am in person & on Facebook!	18 AA evening	19 AA 10-12	20.	21 Trustees 4:15	22 OA 8:30 am	23
24 8 a.m. Service 9 a.m. Sun School 10 am in person & on Facebook!	25 AA evening	26 AA 10-12	27	28	29 OA 8:30 am	30
31 8 a.m. Service 9 a.m. Sun School 10 am in person						

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