



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

Nov 2021

From a Pastor's Desk

A few years back at an adult retreat, these good friends gave me a gift that is both funny, and to me, carried with it a subtle type of message. The cap had two bills going in opposite directions. On it was the phrase, “I’m their leader, which way did they go?” In my ripe old age, having been around the block a few times, it occurs to me this is clearly typical a Pastor’s lot in life. Despite 8 years in Graduate School/Seminary, when we believe people will follow us because we are so compelling.



This November Newsletter gives me the not so subtle way to talk about the knicks and knacks of church life. Dawn is often cautious about loading my cannon with words because I do have a reputation to go off half-cocked. But now I’m going to release my dulcet tones on Dawn. This has been the year from Hades for her, and really everyone else. We all know those calamities so I’ll not rehearse them here. From my observation, Dawn recognized the rolling disaster and adapted pastoral care to the circumstances. That along with everything else parish ministry throws at us set before me the eyes and demeanor of an exhausted and likely irritable (ask Bob) women at the breaking point.

I knew too well her dilemma: When I was serving my last parish which had 1,250 members, each of whom knew what I should be doing and with whom and how often. It’s a recipe for failure.

One unique way a parish pastor can lead is by getting out of Dodge, alone, with nary a soul who know their whereabouts. It is really a composition of a leitmotif of rest and relaxation. In my soft-spoken way I said no to cellphones, computers, the treasurer’s report. Yes to books: mysteries, no news, crossword puzzles, and maybe some clean underwear.

And then she’ll return. My best advice? Take Cover Immediately!!

—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

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.



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 November 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.



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Tricklebee News



On Sunday, September 26th, dozens of people came together to celebrate at the 4th Annual Tricklebee Cafe Fundraising Gala on the lawn. Their chefs put together a delectable meal and served 44 dinners. A dozen volunteers helped everything to go smoothly. Bounce houses were hopping with little ones. Music was filling the air thanks to DJ Gramma Matrix and JP Cyr & the Midnightmen. Neighbors came to play and listen in. Money continues to trickle in after the event. After expenses, they raised over \$6,000!

Fresh Coast Guardians came by last month to install a rain barrel off of the Tricklebee Cafe downspout, with a second one installed soon. Using a rain barrel is an excellent way to help manage water where it falls. Rains barrels provide FREE water to gardens, and plants adore natural rainwater. This helps reduce the risk of basement backups, sewer overflows, and helps protect our rivers and Lake Michigan. You can donate to Tricklebee's pay-what-you-can ministry at their Go Fund Me page (gofundme.com/tricklebeecafe), or by sending a check to them at Tricklebee Café. 4424 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208.



November 2021 Services

Sunday, Nov 7 - 10 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Pastor MaryLou Plummer, Music Director Colin Welford



Sunday, Nov 14 - 10 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Pastor Dawn Volpe, Music Director Colin Welford, musical guest Cynthia Stiehl

Sunday, Nov 28 - 10 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Pastor Dawn Volpe, Music Director Colin Welford

Sunday, Nov 21 - 10 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Pastor Dawn Volpe, Music Director Colin Welford

Cyndy Stiehl and Ingrid Halvorsen riding their cool Alinker walking bikes in Ephraim



Join the Climate Change Coalition of Door County at 4 pm Saturday, Nov. 13, for Herbal Tea Time, a uniquely delectable experience of teas brewed from beneficial herbs that thrive in Door County.



Herbalist and pharmacist Dave LaLuzerne will be our host and guide as we learn about the health benefits of local plants and how to put them to use. The event takes place at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1756 Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay, and concludes at 6 pm.

Featured treats will include wild oregano tea, hibiscus/ horsetail tea, lemon balm tea, chicory root/chocolate mint tea and wild sarsaparilla tea, all accompanied by herbal hors d'oeuvres. Dandelion wine and juniper gin tonic will add extra zest to the festivities!

Herbal Tea Time is a fundraiser for the Climate Change Coalition. Cost is \$25 per person. The event is limited to 30 guests; to register email Nicole

Matson at nicole@lnrp.org or call 715.330.4660.

November Birthdays

Laurel Cox Ciohan...1
Gary Vitse.... 5
Robert Forsberg...6
Erin Bristol...8
Jeffrey Jacobson...9
John Koehler...9
Charles Paschke...9
Judy Flottman...10
Norma Larson...10
David Nelson...10
Merikay Heim...11
Hayley Heim... 16
Mathilda Bristol... 18
Harald T. Halvorsen...23
Bruce Olson...27
Jim Gelhaar...30

November Anniversaries

Alicia and Hugh Mulliken – Nov 12, 1982
Kathy and Chuck Zehner – Nov 24, 1973



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
...Kate Lorenz, daughter of Joan Lewis
...Naomi Carlson



Congrats to Ken and Naomi Carlson for becoming GREAT grandparents! Naomi says "We became GREAT Grandparents Oct. 24 to Madison Anne, born to our Granddaughter Rachel and Isaac Mansur who live in Kenosha. We are thankful for the healthy birth and those loving parents." Naomi is recovering well from her own new addition, a replacement knee.

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We held a Joyful Noise offering for Door CANcer on Sunday, October 10. Kris Husby-Nelson told the congregation about the program, which uses all volunteer help and is for needed expenses of Door County residents going through cancer treatment. We raised \$1,555.97 for Door CANcer!

### Treasurer's Report

#### Member Giving \_

**Through Sept 2021: \$93,153**  
**2020: \$74,585**  
**2019: \$84,156**

#### Visitor Giving \_

**Through Sept 2021: \$16,309**  
**2020: \$32,365**  
**2019: \$41,746**

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

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

**Through Sept: \$132,342**

*(doesn't include memorials)*

**Through Sept: \$173,966**



## INSIDE our church!

### Masks Required for all services and Sunday School

For 10 a.m. Worship Service enter the building no earlier than 9:50 (Our Sunday School is in session from 9 – 9:50) - Ushers will dismiss by rows.

We will gather outdoors to visit with each other after the service, weathert permitting.

If you are vaccinated, please volunteer for Ushers, Lay reading and sharing your musical gifts (call office, email or speak to the Pastor in person)

If you become infected with Covid-19 and have recently come to a worship service, please call the Pastor at 920-421-4042. Your information will be kept confidential, but we will let members know (without using your name) in the event they need to get tested.

Nursery is open to your children. If one child in the family is ill, please keep the entire family home. Only fully vaccinated adults may be in the Nursery.

*If you are eligible, please don't delay in getting vaccinated. You'll help yourself and the community. If you are having difficulty scheduling one, the pastor is available to assist you. Thank you for doing your part to protect our children and vulnerable adults!*

### COVID QUESTIONS ANSWERED: WHY CAN'T SE SING IN CHURCH WITH MASKS ON?



*Answer: Currently Door County infection rates are very high. Singing creates aerosols which can spray through our masks. We are following the advice of the Moravian Music Foundation, Local Public Health and Wisconsin Council of Churches. We are cautious, not only for our sake, but for the sake of the community in which we live. When it is deemed safe, we will sing with abandon! In the meantime, if you are fully vaccinated and wish to share your musical/speaking gifts during the worship service, please email or call the church.*



Advent begins Sunday, November 28!

There are Advent Stars available for purchase, large (\$40) and small (\$35)!

Poinsettias will be available again this year to honor or remember your loved ones—\$15 per plant—let us know who to honor—and the ordering deadline is Wednesday, November 24.



### ADVENTure 2021

We will continue to participate in Ephraim's "Christmas in the Village," which this year is Saturday, December 4. From 1-3 p.m., as we did last year, we will hold a drive-through ADVENTure! You will let us know (phone 854-2804 or email [worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org)) how many wreath kits, Moravian sugar cake pieces and Watchwords for 2022 you need for your family (and you'll get a Christmas Eve candle, too), and volunteers will hand them to you as you drive through on December 4. We will also be selling some beautiful totes and quilts on Facebook—all to benefit Secret Santa, including a donation box on your drive-through. Reserve with us—including any purchases—no later than November 29. We hope to see you!




### Christmas Eve at Ephraim Moravian

This year is unlike any other! We WILL have in-church services, with a service at 4:00 p.m. and a service at 7:00 p.m. (and if needed because of crowds, a 5:30 p.m.). All services will be identical in content. At the end of the service, we

will go outside to light our candles and yes, sing "Silent Night" together! We need you to sign up for the service you want to attend (with the number of people in your party), and pick a second choice of time if your first choice has already filled. There will be sign-up sheets in the entrances at church, or you can send us an email at [worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org), or call 920-854-2804. We will be in touch with you if there are conflicts with your chosen time.

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



| Sunday                                                                            | Monday           | Tuesday         | Wednesday                                             | Thursday | Friday                                                                                | Saturday |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|  | 1                | 2               | 3                                                     | 4        | 5                                                                                     | 6        |
| 7<br>10 am in person<br>& on Facebook!                                            | 8<br>AA evening  | 9<br>AA 10-12   | 10.                                                   | 11       | 12<br>OA 8:30 am                                                                      | 13       |
| 14<br>10 am in person<br>& on Facebook!                                           | 15<br>AA evening | 16<br>AA 10-12. | 17.<br>Caring Hands 9<br>Elders 10 am<br>Trustees 4pm | 18       | 19<br><br>OA 8:30 am                                                                  | 20       |
| 21<br>10 am in person!<br>& on Facebook!                                          | 22<br>AA evening | 23<br>AA 10-12  | 24                                                    | 25       | 26<br>OA 8:30 am                                                                      | 27       |
| 28<br>10 am in person<br>& on Facebook!                                           | 29<br>AA evening | 30<br>AA 10-12  |                                                       |          |                                                                                       |          |
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