



# Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

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

Congregational Watchword for 2022: The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. – James 3:17

January 2022

## From the Pastor's Desk

Time is a strange thing. It seems we are forever held captive by the constant ticking of the seconds, the hands on the clock slowly moving the minute hand on its journey to advance to another hour. And so it goes, on and on and on. Time is very clever and loves to play mind tricks on us. I am certain that the later I am for an appointment, the faster time goes. And, invariably, when I am rushing to a store before it closes, the Michigan Street Bridge in Sturgeon Bay lifts up to allow passage of a thousand-footer! The opposite is also true. Has anyone waited for their teenager to get home when it's late at night? You know the feeling- the hands on the clock thud slowly and every siren in town is blaring!

Lest we despair, time is good, too. We take time for our family, time for a wedding, time for children, time for a new school year, time for college, time for a new job.

Our Son, Andrew, posted something on Facebook that caught my eye. It borrows from an Eastern religious tradition. When asked: “What’s the biggest mistake we make in life?” The Buddha replied, “The biggest mistake is you think you have time. Time is free, but it’s priceless. You can’t own it, but you can use it. You can’t keep it, but you can spend it.”

Our Lord God, who is not held hostage to time, who always was, always is and always will be, has nevertheless invaded human time in the most spectacular and holy of ways. In Galatians 4 we read, “But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.”

J. S. Bach composed Cantata 106 which is entitled “God’s Time Is Best.” “God’s time is best of all, In Him we live, and move and have our being” .... “Ah, Lord, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”

As we turn the calendar from one year to the next, we know what God will do with the time He gives us. The question is, what will I do, what will you do with each tick of the clock?

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 January 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.

### YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

#### TRUSTEES

B.D. Thorp, Pres.  
Natalie Neddersen  
Dave Chomeau  
Brent Bristol, Secretary  
Gunilla Wilson

#### ELDERS

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

### WATCHWORDS for 2022

In 1722 refugees from Bohemia and Moravia began arriving at the estate of Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1700-1760). Each day the settlers came together for morning and evening devotions, consciously placing their lives in the context of God's Word. On May 3, 1728, during the evening service, Count Zinzendorf gave the congregation a "watchword" for the next day. Thereafter one or more persons of the congregation went daily to each of the 32 houses in Herrnhut to bring them the watchword for the day, and engage the families in pastoral conversations about the text. From this oral tradition, the Daily Texts soon became fixed in printed form. Zinzendorf compiled 365 watchwords for the year and the first edition of the Losungen was published for 1731.

Over the years, congregations began a tradition of distributing scriptures for people to select their own personal watchword (a scripture to guide or inspire them through the year) during a Watchnight (New Year's Eve) Service or at a service held near the first of the new year. Congregations also select a watchword to guide and inspire the community of faith into a new year.

If you haven't gotten your Watchword for 2022, pick one from the basket in church and put it somewhere you can see it daily!



## January 2022 Services

**Sunday, Jan 2 - 10:30 a.m. in person  
and on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn, Music  
Director Colin Welford, Hal Halvorsen



**Sunday, Jan 9 - 10:30 a.m. in person  
and on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Music Director Colin Welford

**Sunday, Jan 16 - 10:30 a.m. in person  
and on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Barbara Classen



**Sunday, Jan 23- 10:30 a.m. in person  
and on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Music Director Colin Welford

**Sunday, Jan 30 - 10:30 a.m. in person  
and on Facebook** - Pastor Dawn Volpe,  
Barbara Classen



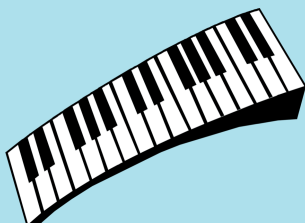
## Ephraim Moravian Church New Year's Day Organ Concert with Colin Welford Saturday, January 1, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Following the European tradition of New Year's Day concerts, Colin will give a recital of music related to Christmas and the holidays, including J.S. Bach, Messiaen, Corelli, plus The Skater's Waltz... and many more.

The concert is free and all are welcome! Still some seats left!

Masks are required. **RSVPs requested:**

920-854-2804 or [worship@ephraimmoravian.org](mailto:worship@ephraimmoravian.org)



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### January Birthdays

Hugh Mulliken...1  
Kristin Wilson...2  
Bob Volpe...7  
Ken Carlson...7  
Rob Meyer ... 12  
Karen Ekberg...14  
John Cox...17  
James Nelson...19  
Hedy Heise...22  
Quinnley Sophia Nelson...24



### January Anniversaries

Liz and Bob Schroeder – 12, 1951 - **71 years!**  
Anne and Larry Crowe -16, 1988



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

### Prayer Concerns

...the family of Doug Schultz  
...Kate Lorenz (Joan Lewis' daughter)  
...the family of Ray Axelson  
...Kevin Axelson



### Annual Church Council

Sunday, January 30, 2022  
1:00 P.M.  
Church Sanctuary

*Open to all Members and  
our Confirmation Class*

*\*\*Reports from Boards and  
Committees due on January 14*

### Treasurer's Report

#### Member Giving \_

Through Nov 2021: \$118,506  
2020: \$81,552  
2019: \$102,935

#### Visitor Giving \_

Through Nov 2021: \$34,041  
2020: \$44,539  
2019: \$74,600

Expected income for 2021 is \$172,700

Budgeted expense for 2021 is \$226,502

Through Nov: \$ 176,454 (103%)  
*(doesn't include memorials)*

Through Nov: \$203,837 (90%)

We continue with all the Covid protocols in our church as we face uncertainties with new strains of the virus.

\*Masks Required for all services and Sunday School. For 10:30 a.m. Worship Service enter the building no earlier than 10:15 a.m.

\*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 and boosted. 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!*

If you didn't see our very special "Lessons & Carols" broadcast on Facebook on Sunday, December 26, take a look! If you are not a member of Facebook, Pastor Dawn can send you a link.





## Christmas Eve 2021

-Guests Cyndy Stiehl, Scott Ramsay,  
Allie Babich

-The kids sign "Morning Star"



—post on your refrigerator!—



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31 OA 8:30 am	1 2 pm Holiday Organ Concert Colin Welford
Communion 2 10:30 Service & live on Facebook	3 AA evening	4 AA 10-12 noon	5	6	7 OA 8:30 am	8
Jovful Noise 9 9am Sunday School 10:30 Service & live on Facebook	10 AA evening	11 AA 10-12 noon	12 Elders 10 am	13	14 OA 8:30 am	15
16 9am Sunday School 10:30 Service & live on Facebook	17 AA evening	18 AA 10-12 noon	19 Caring Hands 9:30 am	20 Trustees 4 pm	21 OA 8:30 am	22
23 9am Sunday School 10:30 Service & live on Facebook	24 AA evening	25 AA 10-12 noon	26	27	28 OA 8:30 am	29
9 am Sunday 30 School 10:30 Service & Live on Facebook 1 pm CHURCH COUNCIL	31 AA evening	1 AA 10-12 noon	2	3	4 OA 8:30 am	5



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## **January 2022 Newsletter**



-Karsten Topelmann's  
poinsettia & cross

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