Ephraim Moravian Church

PO Box 73 - Ephraim, Wisconsin 54211 Phone: 920-854-2804 Transfiguration Sunday - February 27, 2022 Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR:	The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
	Colin Welford
GUEST ORGANIST	Barbara Classen
SECRETARY	Diane Kirkland
Ser	rving the Community Since 1853

Call to Worship: Ringing of the Bell Prelude: "Mon Beau Galet" – Katie Dahl

(Translation on the back of the bulletin)

Welcome & Announcements Hymn #326 "How Good, Lord, to be Here", v. 1 – 2, 5

Scripture Lessons: Ex. 34: 29 – 35, 2 Cor. 3:12 – 18; Luke 9: 28 – 36 Sermon Solo: "As Much Light As I Have" – Katie Dahl

Congregational Response: Fran Pratt, Author

Jesus, we have seen your majesty and we are captivated By the light of your face, shining like the sun, and your clothes, dazzling white.

You are more important than all who came before or after you: more than Moses, or Elijah;

More than any prophet, priest, or king.

In you every message is confirmed, every message of hope, every message of peace,

Every message of reconciliation.

We will look to you. and we will live by your light Until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in our hearts.

Prayers of the Church, The Lord's Prayer Response: "Day by Day" (Carolina Sandell) – Solo, Katie Dahl

Benediction Postlude: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" – by Graham Kendrick

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: And when they looked up,

they saw no one except Jesus alone. - Matthew 17:8

MONDAY:	Pastor's Sabbath		
SUNDAY:	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation	
	10:30 a.m.	Worship	

<u>WELCOME</u> to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4.

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH is the 'Church of the Open Door.' We hope you find our church open to you in every way! **MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH:** In Essentials, Unity, In Non-Essentials, Liberty, In All Things, Love. **EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational Response is written by Fran Pratt, a worship leader and liturgist at a Vineyard church in Austin, Texas. <u>http://www.franpratt.com/litanies/2017/2/22/transfiguration-sunday-litany-for-the-morning-star</u>

<u>MANY THANKS</u> to Katie Dahl for sharing her music with us this morning and to Barbara Classen, Organist. We appreciate your gifts!

<u>**TAKE NOTE</u>** of the flyer enclosed. It's a wonderful opportunity to give this Tuesday, March 1, the "Moravian Day of Giving," with funds that match your gift. There are several areas of interest in which to give, from hunger, housing and prison ministry to environmental stewardship and prevention of violence. Sponsored by our Moravian Ministries Foundation.</u>

TRANSFORMATION- Barbara Axelson

Moses - Millennia has passed since Moses spoke face to face with God. We can't do that, can we? We pray silently, or congregationallybut one day we will be able to talk to God in a very personal way- at last!

The essence of God is mysterious, but the Bible opens a window for us to gain glimpses of the Transcendent. "From glory to glory," we are told, we are being transformed. How we need to be transformed! Let the Holy Spirit of the Lord dwell in you and open your heart and mind to that heavenly influence.

When Jesus took his disciples up the mountain and they experienced that stunning transfiguration, it was a seminal moment, one which we can share in... by releasing our fears, our prejudice, our hard-heartedness and our preconceived opinions. Let us open ourselves completely to our Lord and Savior, and enjoy what God wants to reveal to us. He is our loving Parent, Teacher and Forever Friend. Amen.

Mon Beau Galet (My Beautiful Stone)

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I had a stone that held all my waters My beautiful stone. Years ago they told me I had to let it go, My beautiful stone. The bells, the awakening The window, the sun, I'm done hiding myself. In the church where she sang, my chest broke My beautiful stone. And there among the dirt and the roots, I found it again My beautiful stone. The bells, the awakening The window, the sun, I'm done, I'm done, I'm done hiding myself.



We welcome 2022 with our second annual Moravian Day of Giving, which will be Tuesday, March 1 (also the anniversary of the beginning of the Unity of the Brethren, Shrove Tuesday, and Mardi Gras). Our sponsoring bishops this year are <u>The Rt. Rev. Blair Couch</u> and <u>The Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz</u>. Stay tuned for more information from them in the Moravian Magazine and social media.

We have two matching donors this year: Susan & <u>Herbert Spaugh</u>, Jr. of Charlotte, NC will match dollar for dollar the first \$25k given to any Field of Interest Fund through the <u>Giving Portal</u> on March 1. These grant-making funds include: Hunger & Thirst

- Housing & Shelter
- Healing & Health
- Clothing
- Prison Ministry
- Environmental Stewardship
- Prevention of Violence Against Women
- Racial Awareness, Equity, & Reconciliation

In addition, Vince Holbrook will match dollar for dollar the first \$10k given to any Moravian Worship Community through the <u>Giving Portal</u> on March 1. These include: all Moravian congregations in the United States, fellowships, and emerging ministries listed in the Worship Community section.

#### 2022 Goals

In faith, we are increasing our goals for this year. While many continue to face illness and loss of income, some of our brothers and sisters are not in a position to give as they had planned or have decided not to give. And yet the need is great. Many of our neighbors rely upon Moravian ministry more than ever this year. If you have been blessed to be in a position to do so, and feel called by the Spirit, please consider a one-time gift above and beyond your pledge or tithe on March 1. Our goals are:

- 300 gifts in 2022 (last year, we received 200)
- \$100,000 in 2022 gifts (last year, we received \$80,000)
- 50 first-time donors (last year, there were 70 on the relatively new Giving Portal)

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