



# 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

July 2022

## From the Pastor's Desk



Once again we turn the page of the calendar. When I was a kid, summertime meant biking, swimming and suffering through the intolerable Iowa summer heat and oppressive humidity. For us, road trips were pretty much non-existent, except for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We would set out to visit my brother Bill, who lived in Minneapolis. The four hour drive, sitting in the back seat of a 1956

Buick, was made tolerable by the arrival, finally, at the exotic Twin Cities. Since it was the 4<sup>th</sup>, we could expect fireworks somewhere, if not those caused by my brother and Dad, who didn't get along all that well.

Let's hope the fireworks of the 4<sup>th</sup> can be the end of the explosives which have wracked the peace and civility of this Nation. Having been around the block a few times, I can say with certainty the divisive and vituperative atmosphere could be the fuel for civil war. The problem is, my enemy might be someone next door, across the street, or within my own family. And, of course, I'm right and you're wrong.

What results from all the bombshells we lob against the other? What happens when we are so hotheaded? For one, the insidious racial division that continues to lift its ugly head most everywhere. Then there is the shameful inability to legislate meaningful gun control. How many school children need to die before there is? Also, there is the senseless war in Ukraine which challenges all human understanding. And the list goes on.

Why should anyone be surprised? In Matthew 24 Jesus talks about “wars and rumors of wars.” Jesus says “nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom”. It is the wonder of God's Grace and Power that destroys the sinful destruction of all humankind. His explosive Love will rule the day.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

—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  
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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.



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#### **Bethany Lutheran Church invites you to our 140th Anniversary celebration, Bethany-The Light Shines Here.**

There will be an evening service on Wednesday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m. Singing of favorite hymns will begin at 6:55. We are honored to have Kathleen Harris from the EHF talk about Bethany history and Rev. Harold Usgaard will lead us in an evening service focusing on the theme, The Light Shines Here. The evening will end as the sun sets with fellowship and refreshments on the lawn. Come help us celebrate 140 years!

In addition Bethany will be having an **Open House at the parsonage** on Thursday, July 21st from 1-3:00 p.m. The parsonage was remodeled in 2011 and has been recently updated with fresh paint, some new furnishings and light fixtures. We have the original altar for the church and other artifacts in the house that was built around the same time as the church. Come see this historic home.

—Patty Fess, Bethany Lutheran



**Agnes Rose Larsen, daughter  
of Brittney Rae and Mike, will  
be baptized on Sunday,  
July 10.**

**We are holding a consumables  
baby shower after the service.  
No diapers are needed, but  
shampoos, wipes, lotions,  
etc. (Costco is a favorite).  
Bring items to the church  
parlor prior to the day.**



## July 2022 Services

Sunday, July 3 - 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Communion

Sunday, July 10 - 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook; Joyful Noise for Door CANcer; baptism for Agnes Rose Larsen

Sunday, July 17 - 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook; Dawn Volpe ordination anniversary

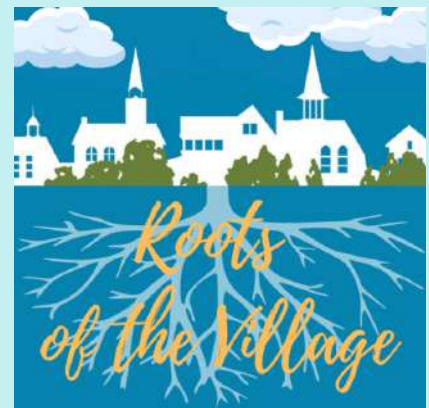
Sunday, July 24 - 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

Sunday, July 31 - 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

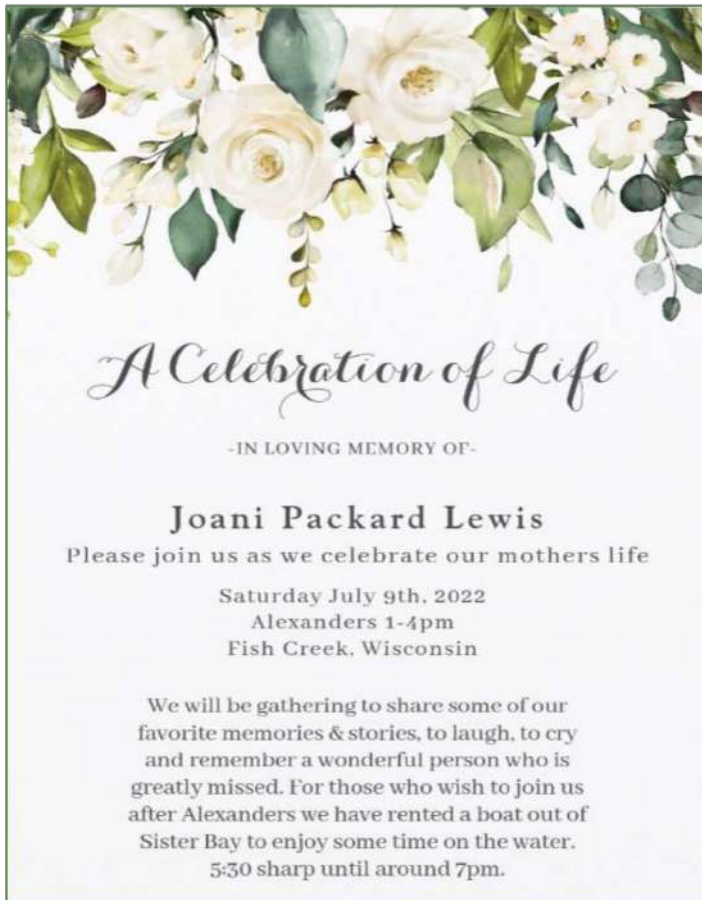


The Ephraim Moravian Church and the Ephraim Historical Foundation are teaming up this summer to offer three special tours, **Roots of Our Village: 1853-1890**. Tours are scheduled the first Thursday of the month on July 7, and August 4 from 1 - 2:15 p.m. Participants will see the inside of the Moravian Church and Iverson House, and discover the story of resilient Moravian immigrants who came to America seeking economic opportunity. Participants must register in advance by phoning the Ephraim Historical Foundation at 920-854-9688 or on-line at [ephraim.org](http://ephraim.org). Space is limited to 15 people.

**Roots of Our Village** tours are free and open to the public. Donations for historic preservation of the Moravian Church and Iverson House are appreciated. If you need additional information contact [kharris@ephraim.org](mailto:kharris@ephraim.org).







**A Musical Celebration for Joan Lewis**  
**Sunday, July 10 at 2 p.m.**  
**Ephraim Moravian Church**

Join Pastor Dawn, Colin Welford and  
Cynthia Stiehl for this time of celebrating  
the life of Joani Lewis.  
All are welcome!

### **January – June Report of the Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees is charged with the Physical and Fiduciary entities of our Church Building, Parsonage, Grounds and Cemetery. Your Board of Trustees for 2022 are: Natalie Neddersen, President; Carly Mulliken, Secretary, Tad Dukehart, Rob Meyer & Gunilla Wilson.

At the Church Council, an issue was raised concerning our donations to other charities, in the hope that we would be able to give more of a percentage of our yearly income. In the absence of Fund-raising committee activities due to Covid, the Trustees have distributed the following funds to local and one International Charity: \$2,000 each to: HELP of Door County (which assists victims of Domestic Violence); Door CANcer (monetary assistance for Cancer patients); Secret Santa (energy assistance to local families); Door of Life Food Pantry (24 hour, anonymous food pick up) and Uganda Moravian Church Piggery (which enables women to provide a living for their families).

Cherry Scholarship- Since we did not have anyone apply from our own membership, the Trustees reached out to Gibraltar H.S. to see if there were any students in financial need. Two students were identified and received the scholarship. In a thank you note, one of the students said, 'This means so much to me. It is a gift of hope.'

Purchases- A new copier for the church office- the copier is more efficient and our maintenance agreement less expensive than previous years. A new washer for the Parsonage- the cost to repair the old one was prohibitive. A Water Dispenser (located in the kitchen) to cut down on plastic bottles.

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## **Jan-June Trustees Report of the Board of Trustees, continued....**

Cemetery - the Trustees hired Kathleen Harris to assist the Cemetery Superintendent. She is in the process of updating files, cleaning stones, and helping the Trustees identify ways to steward the property.

The Trustees are working on updating offering counting procedures (scheduling a second person for joint accounting of weekly giving per denomination protocol; succession planning; ensuring that our scholarship protocols are up to date, re-writing job descriptions; preparing an extensive list of needed maintenance items and capital projects/replacements, strengthening our live-streaming capabilities, etc.

The Trustees wish to thank all of those who came out for our interior work day. It is gratifying to see so many invested in creating a clean, safe environment for all those entering our building!

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### **January – June Report Board of Elders**

The Board of Elders is charged with the Spiritual life of the congregation, which includes all programming and the use of the Building/Grounds. The elders coordinate Lay Readers and Ushers for Sunday morning services and assist with special services and funerals. The members of the 2022 Board of Elders are: Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair; Sherry Moore, Vice Chair; Linda Carey, Secretary; Cici Mulliken; Tiggy Shields, Summer Elder; and Kathy Zehner.

The elders were faced with the daunting challenge of providing a safe environment for Worship Services, Sunday School and the groups which meet during the week. We decided that the best way to ensure safety was to keep mask mandates in place, regardless of the risk level assigned to a particular week. We concluded that lifting masking during low risk times, only to put them in place during medium to high risk levels would lead to confusion. Since Moravians love to sing, and singing creates higher risk of viral spread, leaving masks in place allows us to engage in this activity. We are also concerned about the people in our congregation who had been isolated due to underlying medical conditions. It would be tragic if our beloved members could not worship in person due to higher risk of contagion. Wearing masks enables all to worship together. We will maintain this posture for the foreseeable future.

#### **Other Highlights:**

- The Board collaborated with Midsummer Music and the Ephraim Historic Foundation in a concert featuring the music of Florence Price.
- The Board welcomed the Rev. Greg Behrend as he presented the Ministry “You Belong”.
- Approved a Chess Group for all ages, meeting on Thursdays
- Endorsed the Emerging Ministries Workshop which was attended by Pastor Dawn and Angela Sherman
- Sponsored the Prayer Service for Ukraine (held at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran) and approved the consumable collections at the church.

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## Jan – June Report Board of Elders, continued...

- On Easter Sunday, the Board sponsored the Outdoor Service at the Cemetery and provided a continental breakfast between services.
- On Memorial Day, the Board hosted the Outdoor Service at the Cemetery and provided bagels to take home.

We wish to thank the congregation for supporting the ministry through Sunday attendance, prayer, cards and visits to people going through crises, volunteering to usher, lay read, teach Sunday School and operate our MEVO (Logan Mittermann, Shayla Opitz and Ryan Sherman- Thank You!)



FYR BAL 2022



Many thanks to all who sat at our Fyr Bal booth, set up and took down the booth, baked sugar cakes, made coffee, and were part of the Scandinavian dancers (ALL were Ephraim Moravian girls!).

**We sold 22 cookbooks with all funds going to Tricklebee!**  
**Congrats to Jim Reeve, our 2022 Fyr Bal Chieftain!**





## Wisconsin Help for Homeowners Program

Governor Tony Evers has announced that more than **\$92 million dollars** in assistance is available through the American Rescue Plan Act. **It's a new state program to assist with mortgage payments, property taxes and utility bills.**



The program grew out of the Treasurer's Homeowners Task Force that State Senator Sarah Godlewski organized, and it's available to Wisconsin homeowners in single-family residences, condos, duplexes or factory built home as a primary residence, have experienced a qualified financial hardship after January 21, 2020, and earn a household income at or below 100% of the area median income.

The program is administered by Lakeshore CAP at [homeownershelp.wi.gov](http://homeownershelp.wi.gov). **A call center offers info at 1-855-2-HOME-WI and will also send out applications** (the application runs 21 pages but is simple to complete).



The Moravian Ministries Foundation has many tools to help Moravian Churches - and individual Moravians - with their retirement and gift planning. The Trustees will be getting that information for us all.

In the meantime, here is the MMF's new Will Planning Wizard. It's an easy, online tool that helps your members get organized in preparation to establish or update their will with their attorney.

Here's the link: <https://mmfa.plannedgiving.org/will-planning-wizard>

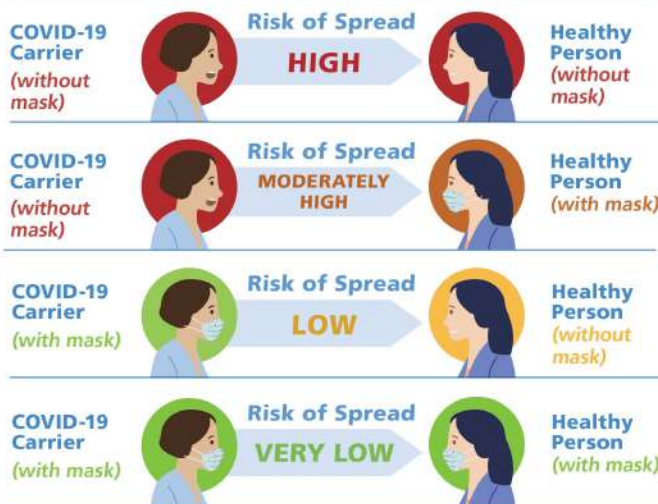


Anne Glabe's Memorial Service will be held here at church on **Sunday, July 31 at 3:30 p.m.**

Join us and her family in celebrating her 96 years of life!

## WEAR A FACE COVERING TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Help prevent the spread of COVID-19!



We will continue to wear masks during worship service...

- So that people who are susceptible to severe illness will be safe in our sanctuary

- So that we can sing!

- So that we can truly be the 'Church of the Open Door,' inviting people of all ages, vaccination status, health, and abilities to worship together.

## July Birthdays

Theo Sherman... 1  
 Penny Schultz...3  
 Jolynn Nelson...4  
 Judy Turner...6  
 Keith Krist...9  
 Kathy Zehner... 10  
 Eric Christofferson...11  
 Keelan Campbell...12  
 Carol Sandstrom... 13  
 Liz Schroeder...13  
 Joyce Gerdman...15  
 Christian Koehler...16  
 Jill Schroeder...17  
 Mark Anderson...18  
 Glory Mittermann...19  
 Daryl Larson...20  
 Matthew Christofferson...21  
 Cana Mittermann... 21  
 Karin Wilson Hedeem...22  
 Vicky Anderson...25  
 Pastor Dawn Volpe...28  
 Kelsey Neddersen Hermann ...31



..and Laura Geis, June 13 !

## July Anniversaries

Lisa and Gary Carlson – July 4, 1981



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 Joseph Smallwood (son-  
 in law of Betty Wolf, husband of  
 Susie, who died May 30)  
 ...The family of Dean Ekberg (Karen's  
 stepson)  
 ...Ram Rojas  
 ...Kate Lorenz (Joan Lewis' daughter)  
 ...Barbara & Kevin Axelson

## Treasurer's Report

### Member Giving\_

Through May 2022: \$82,744  
 2021: \$63,193  
 2020: \$47,943

### Visitor Giving

Through May 2022: \$17,550  
 2021: \$7,936  
 2020: \$13,479

**Expected income for 2022 is \$162,100**

**Budgeted expense for 2022 is \$239,576**

**Through May: \$107,024 (68%)**  
*(doesn't include memorials)*

**Through May: \$148,872 (62%)**



—post on your refrigerator!—



| Sunday                                                                                                   | Monday           | Tuesday          | Wednesday                                                                       | Thursday                     | Friday           | Saturday |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| 26                                                                                                       | 27               | 28               | 29                                                                              | 30                           | 1<br>OA 8:30 am  | 2        |
| 3<br>8:00 a.m. service<br>10:30 service<br>- Communion                                                   | 4<br>AA evening  | 5<br>AA 10-noon  | 6<br>Elders 10 am                                                               | 7<br>Foundation tour<br>1 pm | 8<br>OA 8:30 am  | 9        |
| 10<br>8:00 a.m. service<br>10:30 service<br>Joyful Noise<br>Door Cancer<br>2 p.m. Joan Lewis celebration | 11<br>AA evening | 12<br>AA 10-noon | 13<br>Bethany<br>Lutheran<br>140 <sup>th</sup><br>Anniversary<br>Service - 7 pm | 14                           | 15<br>OA 8:30 am | 16       |
| 17<br>8:00 a.m. service<br>10:30 service                                                                 | 18<br>AA evening | 19<br>AA 10-noon | 20<br>Caring Hands<br>9:30 am                                                   | 21<br>Trustees 4 pm          | 22<br>OA 8:30 am | 23       |
| 24<br>8:00 a.m. service<br>10:30 service                                                                 | 25<br>AA evening | 26<br>AA 10-noon | 27                                                                              | 28                           | 29<br>OA 8:30 am | 30       |
| 31<br>8:00 a.m. service<br>10:30 service<br>& LIVE on<br>Facebook<br>3:30 pm, Anne<br>Glabe Memorial     | 1<br>AA evening  | 2<br>AA 10-noon  | 3                                                                               | 4                            | 5<br>OA 8:30 am  | 6        |



Remember that we are ALWAYS LIVE on Facebook for our Sunday 10:30 a.m. services! If you're out of town, you can still be in church. If you need to stay home, watch it live or look at it later on Facebook! Aren't a member on Facebook? Pastor Dawn can send you the link to watch the service.



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## **July 2022 Newsletter**



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