



# 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

October 2022

## From a Pastor's Desk

Welcome to October. I'm going to take you to the very end of this month. This isn't to imply that everything else in October is unimportant, but there's no question that the highlight is the celebration of Halloween. Originally, Halloween was an important day in the life of the church. Its purpose was to remove evil spirits that might hover over the sacramental bread and wine. This was a day of battle to protect and honor the sanctity of All Saints' Day on November 1<sup>st</sup>. It is a holy day that is still observed. One can imagine that all kinds of methods were used to extricate the demons and devils who would make a mockery of the celebration.



Clearly the celebration of Halloween has taken on a complete and utter change from what it was. These days Halloween is a happy event. I was astounded to read some interesting facts and trivia about Halloween. So let the fun begin! This celebration is the big business of costume shops and gargantuan bags of candy. This year, we'll be back to pre-pandemic levels of Halloween participation and spending. We're talking big bucks, \$10.6 billion (with a “B”) in spending. Two-thirds of consumers plan to hand out candy and half will decorate their home or yard. Consumers plan to spend \$100 for Halloween decor, cards and costumes. 2.2 million kids plan to dress as Spiderman and 5.3 million adults plan to dress as a witch. And pumpkin is the most popular costume for pets.

You would think that after Halloween is over, people would take off their costumes and put aside their masks. The fact is, that in one form or another we all wear masks that prevent others from seeing us as we really are. If we are honest, we must admit that everyone, including you and me, have closely guarded secrets we keep from others. We all tend to cover up the brokenness that exists within us by putting on a happy face. We suffer from doubt, fear, anxiety, the bruises from abuse or addiction. You can be sure there are things about me that I don't want you to know. So, we put on our masks to keep ourselves protected from the ridicule and low opinions others may have of us.

But there is hope. In our baptism into Christ, we are washed clean from all that would destroy us from within. We are given the power to become the person God has created us to be. No longer do we need to hide from others or from our Lord and God.

All of this is not to imply that life will always be a bed of roses. We all contend with the challenges of ill health and misfortunes that are a part of living. Falling down is a part of life. Getting back up is living. I invite you to live every day that you are alive. May God's grace and love protect you every day of your life. Let the light of Christ pierce through all of your struggles and difficulties. Take off your masks.

Ephraim Moravian Church Hours  
PASTOR: Monday Pastor's Day Off  
Tues-Fri 9 a.m. to Noon

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cell phone number handy for after  
hours.



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Tiggy Shields (summer)

## Hail ...



More changes in the Ephraim Moravian staff, as **Kathleen Harris** joins us as the new part-time Cemetery Superintendent as of October 1!

She currently also serves the Ephraim Historical Foundation as their Educator, and prior to 2020 worked for nearly 25 years as Peninsula State Park's full-time Naturalist. She earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in History and Sociology, with a Minor in Environmental Education and holds a Masters of Science in Natural Resource Management and Interpretation. She is a writer of books, blogs and poetry, and her love of history has already found her fascinated with the unique history of our cemetery. Contact Kathleen for any cemetery inquiries or needs: kharris9259@aol.com, or 920-421-2941.

## ...and Farewell !

**Kathy Kirkland** has just retired as our Cemetery Superintendent as of October 1. She had served in the position since August of 2013, taking over from Gary Carlson.



Kathy moved to Ephraim from Los Angeles 20 years ago, telecommuting as a freelance editor, editing scientific journals and other papers for several companies. In between working for Ed Asner for 18 years in Los Angeles, she was always an editor—in New York City and LA (magazines, books, journalistic papers)—since 1968. Since moving to Ephraim she has also served as a secretary for two Northern Door churches, worked for the Tourism Zone Commission and done marketing for various tourist establishments in the County.

*We thank Kathy for her dedicated service for nine years and wish Kathleen the best in her new position!*



## October 2022 Services

Sunday, October 2 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Rev. Gary Straughan

Sunday, October 9 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Communion and Joyful Noise for Secret Santa; Lotte Tryten, violin soloist

Sunday, October 16 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook, duet with Barb Classen

Sunday, October 23 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

### Sabbatical Photos from Pastor Dawn!

Statue of Marthin Luther - Worms, Germany



Oberammergau,  
Germany



Florence, Italy



The Climate Change Coalition thanks those who took two-year-old seedlings for their property!

They were free and all information on their planting and care was provided.

"He who plants trees loves others beside himself." Thomas Fuller





....more sabbatical photos from Pastor Dawn!



The Italian Alps



Dawn & Linda  
in Pisa



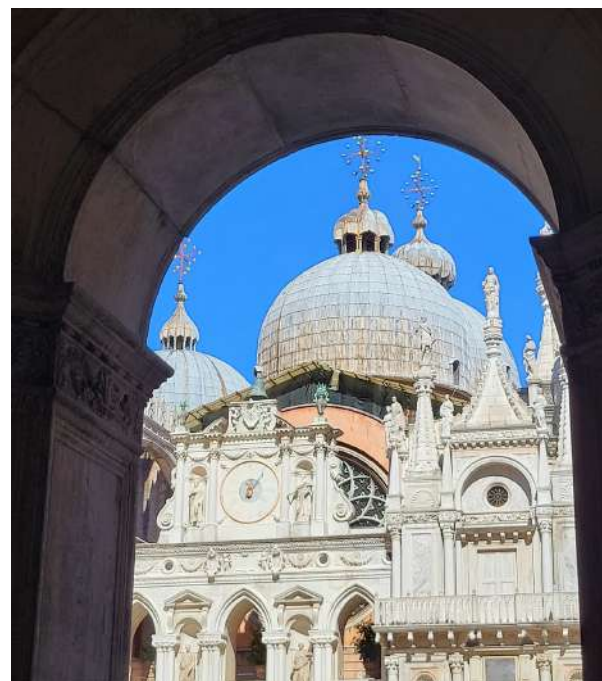
Medieval building  
in Rothensberg

Coliseum in  
Rome



Cathedral at  
Piazza san  
Marco, Venice

Venice, Italy





## Dearly Departed 2022



Many thanks to those who volunteered and participated in the Cemetery Walk this year! We needed to do it on the "rain date" of September 13 so we missed some who could only come on Monday; but the donations were very generous and everyone enjoyed watching Linda Carey, Angela Sherman and B.D. Thorp portray our Ephraim historic figures. Fabulous refreshments were provided, and Colin Welford talked about Moravian music history and played some hymns (some interactive) as well as demonstrated the organ inside the church.



We continue to wear masks during worship and other group activities. As many of you know, I returned home and tested positive for Covid. As of this writing (Thurs., Sept. 29), I am still testing positive for the virus. My case is considered 'mild', but still unpleasant! My biggest issue now is fatigue and the fact that I must stay isolated in order to protect others.

I took a calculated risk in going overseas. In the first 10 days of the trip I was with a small group of people who were vaccinated and very careful. Our little 'pod' traveled together, shared meals, etc. However, during the last 3 days of the trip, our group tripled. The latter group did not share the same philosophy. Eating and traveling with a larger group (something I would never do here at home) most likely exposed me to the virus. I can understand the risks we take for 'once in a lifetime' experiences, but for the daily milieu, we need not expose ourselves to illness.

So, dear friends, please mask up when in large group settings. Please get the updated vaccine for the Omicron variant AND a flu shot. Let's keep each other healthy. – Pastor Dawn

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jendean Olson...7  
Erika Wilson Burkemper...8  
Lonnie Vitse.... 11  
John Turner...13  
Rosie Klein ....16  
Hunter Penchoff... 18  
Diane Kirkland...18  
Kathy Kirkland...18  
Maggie Schnackenberg... 18  
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!



I would like to thank each and every one of my church friends and family for all the things you have done for me in the last six weeks. I have six weeks to go with Edward (my splint) on my hand. Can't write thank-yous individually yet with that hand!

Thanks for the food, the driving to Sturgeon Bay, the visits, phone calls, and all the cards.

I really appreciate it.  
Love, Karen



## Prayer Concerns

...Ram Rojas  
...Kate Lorenz (Joan Lewis' daughter)  
...Barbara Axelson and family  
...Karen Ekberg (recovering from hand surgery)  
...Eric Hagman (Marilyn Cushing's nephew)

## Treasurer's Report

### Member Giving \_

Through Aug 2022: \$153,074  
2021: \$89,169  
2020: \$67,121

### Visitor Giving

Through Aug 2022: \$32,233  
2021: \$12,733  
2020: \$26,163



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

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

**Through August: \$193,387**

*(doesn't include memorials)*

**Through August: \$225,891**



——post on your refrigerator!——



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 9 am Sunday School 10:30 service	3 AA evening	4 AA 10-noon	5	6	7 OA 8:30 am	8
9 9 9 am Sunday School 10:30 service – Joyful Noise for Secret Santa, Communion 2 pm – Axelson funeral	10 AA evening	11 AA 10-noon	12 10 am Elders	13	14 OA 8:30 am	15
16 9 am Sunday School 10:30 service	17 AA evening	18 AA 10-noon	19 Caring Hands 9:30 am Trustees 1 pm	20	21 OA 8:30 am	22
23 9 am Sunday School 10:30 service	24 AA evening	25 AA 10-noon	26	27	28 OA 8:30 am	29
30 10:30 service	31	1	2	3	4	5



The new mural at Tricklebee Cafe in Milwaukee!

The artist is Julio Nieves, the kitchen assistant at Tricklebee, who put in many hours to design and trace the image.

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## **October 2022 Newsletter**



**Save the Date!**  
**A Halloween-Inspired *Colin & Friends* Concert**  
**October 30, 2022**





**Sinners &  
Saints, All  
Welcome!**



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