



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

September 2022

From the Pastor's Desk *When God Refuses Reasonable Requests*



Our family lived in an area of Staten Island that was crime-ridden and overcrowded. Our house had only 1 bathroom, no shower (unless you count the rubber shower hose we attached to the nozzle in the tub) and a very uneven heating system. We hoped and prayed to find a better home in a safe community. For many years the prices of those homes were completely out of reach. However, when my sister and I were in our teens, it looked as if our prayers had been answered. A house was for sale in a beautiful part of Staten Island on a tree lined street. It needed a lot of cosmetic work, but otherwise was ideal and the price was within our means. My parents put a deposit down immediately. Linda and I were overjoyed at the prospect of having an entire floor to ourselves with our own bathroom. We had chosen the paint colors for our rooms when we were hit with the bad news: an inspection of the house turned up serious foundational flaws, and my parents withdrew their bid. We were very disappointed. My mother, undaunted, prayed even more fervently.

One day mom told us that she was no longer praying for a new house. She had not gotten discouraged or run out of hope. Rather, she announced that God had given her a one-word answer: “Wait.” She said it was painful, but we had to trust. I was not as sanguine. I figured God just didn’t like us as well as other people. What was so wrong about living in a home that was safe and comfortable? We never bought a new home on Staten Island. My parents sold the house and moved out of state after retirement.

Many, many years later, I understood God’s answer. In the ensuing years, after our hope for a new house was dashed, I walked into Vanderbilt Ave. Moravian Church and my life was transformed. The church was around the corner from my house. Had I moved miles away, that encounter would never have happened. I would not be a Moravian. Perhaps I would have even missed my life’s calling. My sister, Linda, had dropped out of a Nursing program in college and switched her major to Business. She needed to earn some money, so she walked down the street from our house to the local Nursing Home, which happened to need LPNs. As a result of Linda’s experience there, she realized that her life’s calling was indeed nursing and re-enrolled in the program.

The last time I visited Staten Island, I stood outside my old home, lifting up a prayer of thanksgiving for the antiquated plumbing, the cramped quarters, the rough neighborhood and all the blessings that of that old house.

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.



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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**This is where our
Pastor Dawn will
be for part of her
sabbatical!**

Be envious!

**Oberammergau
Passion Play
Bavaria, Germany**



Nearly 400 years ago the history of the Passion Play began. The plague raged in many parts of Europe and did not spare Oberammergau either.

In 1633 the Oberammergau villagers promised to perform the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every tenth year, in so far as no one was to die of the plague anymore. The villagers were answered by God and therefore in 1634 the first Passion Play took place. The promise has been kept until today. 2020 the Passion Play had to be postponed for two years due to the corona-pandemic. The 42nd Oberammergau Passion Play will now take place from 14 May to 2 October 2022.

In a five-hour-performance, more than 2000 participants bring the story of Jesus of Nazareth to the impressive open-air stage of the Passion Play Theatre. Almost half of Oberammergau's population will devotedly act out the story of the man whose tidings for more than 2000 years have brought hope and power of life to an incredible number of people.

They will play it from his entry into Jerusalem until his death at the cross and his resurrection.

All this against the backdrop of the words of the evangelist Luke at the end of his description of the tale of suffering: "And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts." (Lk 23,48)

September 2022 Services

Sunday, September 4 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook with guest Allie Babich

Sunday, September 11 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook (with guest musician Beth Coleman); Joyful Noise for Door CANcer

Sunday, September 18 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

After Sunday School concluded for the season, the kids switched to several weeks of crafts before church - including fingerpainting with Pastor Dawn.

It was Christmas in church on August 21, so the last kids' crafts session consisted of snowmen, snowflakes and other wintry fun!



Scott Ramsay, Janice MacDonald, Colin Welford

Colin & Friends
Concert August 28 -
See page 6 for a
NEW concert coming!



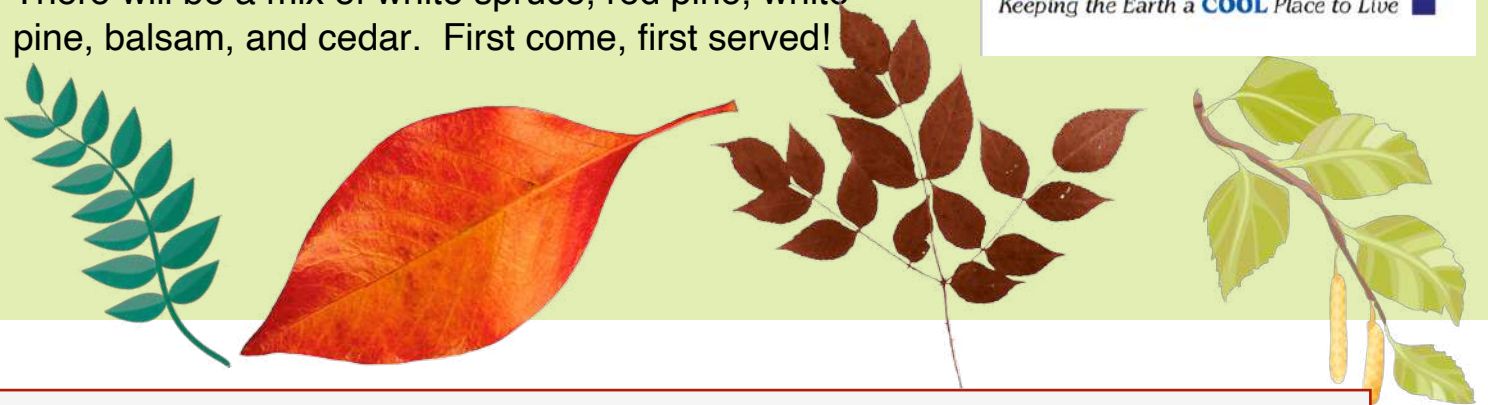


...COMMUNITY NEWS.....

Sister Bay Moravian is providing lunch the first Wednesday of each month, for all hungry people! Join them at noon Wednesday, September 7! No RSVP necessary - 10924 Old Stage Road. Good fellowship!!

Trees! Perfect for fall planting, the Climate Change Coalition will be bringing us trees to give out after church, free of charge, in just a few weeks. Stay tuned!

There will be a mix of white spruce, red pine, white pine, balsam, and cedar. First come, first served!



Adopt-A-Soldier Program

Founding member Nancy Hutchinson began Adopt A Soldier-Door County in 2008 for a young man who was then a student at Sevastopol High School and had joined the Marines. They began sending him regular "care packages" of wished-for and needed items. As others learned what she was doing, the word spread and began to include many other serving men and women from the county. Since that time, Adopt A Soldier-Door County has been focused on regularly sending care packages for all our local serving troops in all branches of service.

We've added support for local veterans to help them with new windows, handicapped ramps and deck repairs; water and sewer lines; garage doors; sidewalks; roofs; furnaces; emergency airfare expenses; dentures, utility and vehicle bills. We've also added projects to serve the community, helping to kick off the recent drive to provide three automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and two first aid kits to the Sheriff's Department reserve deputies who serve the public in so many ways.



If you are or know of a local Door County veteran facing unmanageable expenses, contact the local Veterans Service Office at (920) 746-2226 to begin the process. For more information, see their Facebook page or website.

LIVESTREAMING UPDATE

As many of you are aware, our livestreaming issues are on-going. The Trustees have embarked on an ambitious project to upgrade our capabilities. The first phase has been accomplished - hard-wiring the system. The second phase, which will require a significant investment, has been approved - the purchase of new cameras and software.



We need your help in 2 areas: If you are in a position financially to assist, please send an offering to Ephraim Moravian Church (designating: Livestream). If you'd like to lend your talents to operate the system on Sundays, please email worship@ephraimmoravian.org. There will be training by professionals before we 'go live.'

We will keep you up to date on the timing of our new equipment. Currently, our tech team is in conversations with a company to be sure that we get suitable equipment and training for our needs.

INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE

The Board of Trustees addresses the daily operations of the church, which include stewardship of our historic buildings, grounds and cemetery. The Board also seeks to ensure that the ministry of the church will be sustainable for succeeding generations. To that end, in the past 12 years, the Trustee boards have embarked on building upgrades such as accessibility, steeple repair, roof replacement, etc. They have also overseen the growth of our endowment fund specifically for capital projects. The goal has been to relieve future generations of the financial burden associated with the repair and upkeep of our historic building.



In pursuit of our goal to invest in the future, the Board of Trustees is exploring the possibility of adding Solar Panels to our building. We are studying this project for the following reasons:

- Reduced dependence and consumption of utility supplied electricity. Although our energy bills will not see a significant decrease for a few years, the succeeding generation will enjoy the benefits of less spending on utility supplied electricity.
- Reduction of our Carbon Footprint- We are called to be stewards of our Earthly home both personally and collectively.

In deliberating the feasibility of this project, we want the congregation to understand:

- The Trustees are keenly aware of the Historic nature of our building. If panels were added, they would not be seen from the front of the church. The Trustees would confer with the Village Board and the Historic Preservation Commission.
- The Trustees would welcome feedback from anyone who has embarked on such a project, either personally or professionally; or has been part of a solar project for a non-profit organization.

PASTOR'S SABBATICAL

Pastor Dawn will be away the entire month of September. We are grateful for the pastors who will be filling the pulpit!

In case of an emergency... please keep these numbers handy:

Church Office- 920-854-2804 Sherry Moore (Vice Chair of Elders)
920-854-3046

If a loved one is in the Sturgeon Bay hospital, we'll ask the Pastors of Sturgeon Bay Moravian to visit. If in Green Bay, the pastor of West Side Moravian in Green Bay will be contacted.

Attention All Families! Sunday School for Children beings on October 2, 2022

The Nursery will be provided for any child 3 and under. Children ages 4+ will either be with Miss Erin in Fellowship Hall or (older) in the Parlor with Pastor Dawn

The "Colin & Friends" Concert Series presents:

"ORGAN WORKS!?"

with Jeffery Verkuilen
& Colin Welford, organists



How DOES a pipe organ actually WORK?

The history, the traditions, the secrets, and all the thrills and spills of the King of Instruments. Everything you never knew about this amazing | mechanical marvel will be revealed during a fun and informative talk/demonstration, given by not one but TWO organists. They will also each play solo before joining together to perform the grand Finale of the famous 'Organ Symphony' of Camille Saint-Saëns.

NOT TO BE MISSED!

Please bring your friends - and save the date. It's gonna be a good one....

Sunday Sept. 25th at 2.00pm, Ephraim Moravian Church

Admission \$22 at the door

It's Transition Time!

Pastor Dawn and the Trustees have been looking ahead to when she retires and transitioning the staff in stages so we don't all leave at once and leave the new pastor (in 2025) alone with a brand new staff.



Our own Erin Bristol will be taking on the Treasurer duties from Diane Kirkland and is in the process of learning "our ways" on the lovely Quickbooks program. When Diane retires at the end of summer next year, Erin will take on Secretarial duties as well. Erin was Ephraim's Village Treasurer for six years as well as Treasurer for Zion Church for a few years (until Covid). She is excited to begin her new job, and she will be a wonderful asset to our team!

Dearly Departed 2022

Monday, September 12 - 1 pm and 2 pm tours in the cemetery

(Rain date Tuesday, September 13)

Hymnology in the church at 2 pm and 3 pm!

Refreshments

Dearly Departed is back on track and in PERSON this year out at the cemetery. Three of your favorite historic characters will be there to greet you:



Adeline Seiler
Crum
1921-2012
Portrayed by
Linda Carey



Bernice Koehler
1930-2018
Portrayed by
Angela Sherman



Ivan Thorp
1895-1975
Portrayed by
B.D. Thorp

Residents will remember **Addie Crum** from her work in the church and Crum's Showcase and the beautiful clothes she sold there. The Seiler family has been in Door County for over 160 years.

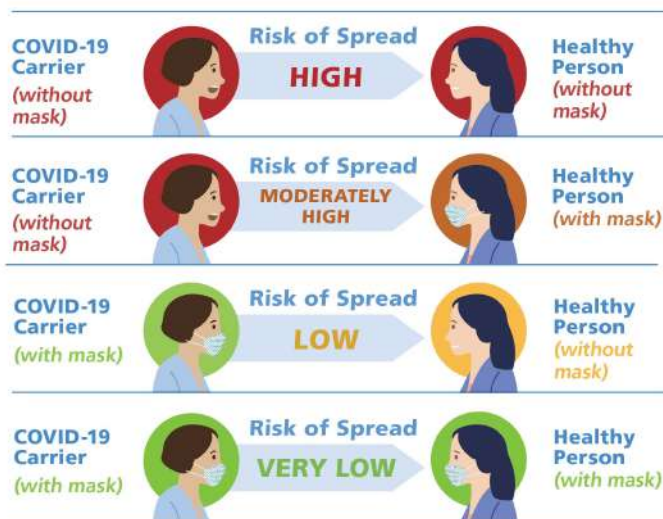
Bernice Koehler played the organ at our church from age 12 until her retirement and was always involved in church activities. The family owned Lang's Resort and later, Bernice worked at our post office.

Ivan Thorp was President of the Village for many years; his folks built the Eagle Inn in 1908 and he ran the Eagle Inn Docks (now the Ephraim Yacht Club). He took over the Eagle Inn in 1942 and was our second Fyr Bal Chieftain.

Come to the church after your tour to get some refreshments! Then join in the **hymn playing by Colin Welford and discussions of their origins** at either 2 p.m. or 3 p.m.

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.

We are currently at a High level of Covid transmission in Door County.

To quote Wisconsin Council of Churches Medical Advisor, Geof Swain, "Masking protects everyone. Why wouldn't you want to require it in an indoor setting?"

We have had a few instances where people found out after gathering, that they were covid positive. Because of masking and our UV system, no one has been infected while in Worship. We are grateful!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Glenore Paschke...2
Kathleen Harris...2
Randall Nelson...3
Samantha Phillips...5
Eunice Rutherford...11
Nicholas Weborg...13
Brittney Rae Larsen...15
Sherry Moore... 15
Eileen Jacobson...18
Claire Bierman... 18
Kris Husby-Nelson...27
Larry Jacobson...30



**Change is inevitable.
Growth is optional.**

— John C. Maxwell

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan and Angela Sherman – 6, 2008
George and Linda Carey – 10, 1960
Pete and Barbara Classen – 15, 1959
Mary Ann and Tom Schuder – 15, 1973
Dawn & Bob Volpe – 22, 1991
Kay and Paul Wilson – 25, 1971



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

Prayer Concerns

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

Treasurer's Report

Member Giving _

Through July 2022: \$112,146
2021: \$80,941
2020: \$66,972

Visitor Giving

Through July 2022: \$24,330
2021: \$10,286
2020: \$34,107



Expected income for 2022 is \$162,100

Budgeted expense for 2022 is \$239,576

Through July: \$148,031 (91%)
(doesn't include memorials)

Through July: \$204,304 (85%)

——post on your refrigerator!——



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 OA 8:30 am	3
4 10:30 service	5 AA evening	6 AA 10-noon	7	8	9 OA 8:30 am	10
11 10:30 service -Joyful Noise for Door CANcer	12 "Dearly Departed" Cemetery Walk, 1 and 2 pm AA evening	13 AA 10-noon	14	15	16 OA 8:30 am	17
18 10:30 Service	19 AA evening	20 AA 10-noon	21 Caring Hands 9:30 am	22 Trustees 4 pm	23 OA 8:30 am	24
25 10:30 service	26 AA evening	27 AA 10-noon	28	29	30 OA 8:30 am	1



"I loved autumn, the one season of
the year that God seemed to have put
there just for the beauty of it."

— Lee Maynard



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Peninsula Park Golf Course
on a fall day

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