

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 4, 2022

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR:.....**The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe**
MINISTERS:.....**Members of the Congregation**
MUSIC DIRECTOR:.....**Colin Welford**
SECRETARY:.....**Diane Kirkland**

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Ringing of the Bell

Meditation on Bach's 1st Prelude – by Charles Gounod

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #714: “Blessed Assurance”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forever more.

Scripture Lessons: Exodus 16:4, 5, 20; Lamentations 3:22-23
Matthew 6:26 – 34

“I Don't Need a Roof” (from ‘Big Fish’) – by Andrew Lippa

Sermon - Rev. Warren Pfohl

Hymn #460: “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayers of the Church, The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Sung Response:

*When all thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder,
Love and praise. Amen.*

Benediction

“My Help” – by Jackie Gouche Farris

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: “Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him. – Deuteronomy 30: 19, 20

SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4. Offering plates are located at each entrance. Weather permitting, coffee and snacks for a time of fellowship on our church lawn (under the maple tree).

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

WELCOME to guest speaker, Warren Pfohl. Warren is the director of the Bridges of Friendship ministry. He and his wife Brenda love the summers here in Door County, attending Bethel Baptist Church. We are grateful for their ministry!

WELCOME BACK to Allie Babich and our fantastic pick-up choir!

USHERS NEEDED We are in need of ushers from September 25th through the end of October. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the stand in the narthex.

Reflection: “Living Paycheck to Paycheck”

If you have ever lived ‘Paycheck to Paycheck,’ you can understand the people of Israel who broke the rules and gathered more than a day’s worth of manna from the field. It was a scary thing to rely on a faceless deity for their daily bread. How could they trust that each morning would bring provision?

If you have ever lived ‘Paycheck to Paycheck,’ you can understand the anxiety of the disciples, whose livelihoods were marginal in the best of times. And now, living a Bohemian existence, traveling rather than working the family business, created more uncertainty.

When my son was a teenager, we hoped to send him to a good private high school. The schools in our area were overcrowded, poorly funded and, at times, dangerous. We knew that if we financed his schooling, we would put ourselves at risk of default in other areas. We reluctantly sent him to the neighborhood school. Our concerns were realized within the first month, necessitating my intervention. I knew the scriptures concerning God’s providential care, but I was experiencing adverse circumstances that put the promises to the test.

Before my son could spend another year in that high school, we moved to Ephraim, which was a gift - a marvelous school and summer employment - an unheard opportunity for teens in most urban areas. Divine Intervention... and an important lesson: had we been able to afford a private school, we would have never considered moving until our son was out of high school. We wouldn’t know the joy of life here in Door County.

It’s easy to trust when we have savings in the bank. It’s a lot harder when things go awry. Jesus said that the way to stave off anxiety was not to worry, or to work harder, but to rearrange priorities: ‘Seek first the Kingdom of God, then all these things will be added.’

– Pastor Dawn Volpe