



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

December 2022

From a Pastor's Desk

Recently I came across this little tidbit:

Where we live, in the shadow of Lambeau Field, we're apt to say
“Football is not a matter of life or death. It's more important than that.”



Football can be a lifesaver for the clergy. There's not a Pastor on the face of the Earth who looks forward to the annual meeting of the church. I never knew what unpleasant surprises would happen. It's a time when people feel free to ask questions or make statements that can be very uncomfortable, and it's usually about the budget. This never happens in the Moravian Church, I'm sure, but Lutherans can be awfully blunt. I was always gleefully thankful when these meetings coincided with the Super Bowl. The meeting was called to order and quickly adjourned. Ah, saved by the quarterback!

So what does this have to do with an article in the church newsletter? Does the work of the Church and the work of the Gospel proceed with anything near the same enthusiasm? Don't get me wrong, I enjoy a Packers' victory as much anyone. But I'm just asking.

The fact is, the results, or winning score, if you will, of the Church is very much like the wind. How many times have we looked out the window and said, “just look at that wind!” But you know what? Not once in my life have I ever seen the wind. I have, though, seen its results. The leaves in a tree, a tumbleweed, a blizzard. Sometimes it's a gentle breeze, or a raging storm. It reminds me of the Spirit of God – always in motion, blowing so that you feel it.

So it is with Church. It's mission often unseen, but touching lives with its power and gift of renewal. That's a winning event if there ever was one.

In the book of Hebrews we read: “since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.” —Pastor Dan G. Olson

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

SECRETARY: 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.



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Christmas in the Village **ADVENTure** at Ephraim Moravian Saturday, December 3 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

—Sweets for the Holidays

We still need baked goods. Please bring
them in by Friday afternoon

—Wreath-Making

Help our visitors make wreaths during
our Open House!

—Candle Wrapping

Master candle-wrapper Bob Volpe could use help in
wrapping all the candles we'll need for
Christmas Eve!

—Tours of the church

—Refreshments!

Bring your Family & Friends!





Special Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 3rd - 5:45 p.m.

after the tree-lighting and bonfires on the shore

Colin Welford presents
a fun 45-minute
organ & piano program
of Christmas favorites!



With refreshments!

\$5 / \$12 per family
Ephraim Moravian Church

Covid Protocols for Christmas Time

ADVENT-ure: Masks will be optional

CHRISTMAS EVE- Masks highly recommended, but optional
except in the Fellowship Hall seats, which will be mask-only

SMALL GROUPS- Mask Optional

SUNDAY WORSHIP- Masks still required.

We will re-evaluate our policy at our next Elders Meeting



Gibraltar Invites Senior Citizens to Annual Holiday Dinner

The free dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m. Guest will be seated starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Elementary School Gym. Seating is limited, so contact Mr. Roets at 920-868-3284, Extension 346 to sign up. In the event of inclement weather or school cancellation, there will be no make-up date.



Colin & Friends Halloween Concert with Cheryl Murphy on Harp and Bones

Amanda Mittermann, Page-Turner
Cana Mittermann, Conductor of the Crowd



Watching Colin's hands during the intricate "94th Psalm" by Julius Reubke



Lights Out for the spooky
"Danse Macabre"
Camille Saint-Saëns



December 2022 Services

Sunday, December 4 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Communion

Sunday, December 11 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Joyful Noise for Secret Santa

Sunday, December 18 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook, Children's Program!

Saturday, December 24 - 3:00 p.m. family-friendly and 5:30 p.m. - both are candlelight services

Sunday, December 25 - No in-person church



News from Tricklebee Cafe



Roasted Acorn Squash Soup, one of the many vegan treats served up at Tricklebee!

This month marks the 6th anniversary of our community cafe! The team of neighbors who help Tricklebee Cafe to thrive continues to grow and expand. The joy, beauty, and abundance are tangible each day. I so love this work I get to participate in: rescuing almost-discarded food, then preparing and serving delicious meals with it which nourishes the bellies and hearts of all who pass through. It has been humbling to keep doing this good work during a global pandemic. There were indeed some terrifying moments financially and emotionally, but Tricklebee is still here, and going strong. We rely heavily on the generosity of friends who donate fresh produce, spices, canned beans, cleaning supplies, their volunteer hours, and finances to make our mission possible. I would like to thank each and every one of you for believing in this little community cafe. Thank you for encouraging us with your prayerful thoughts, your love notes, and your presence. Keep on with your good support!

In all things, love,
Christie Melby-Gibbons

Tricklebee Cafe is a ministry of the Moravian Church in America
& a member of One World Everybody Eats.

Tricklebee Café
4424 W North Ave
Milwaukee, WI
53208
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carly Mulliken...1
Timothy Nelson...2
Enzo Sherman... 3
Paul Burton...7
Jack Opitz...7
Barbara Classen...9
Charlie Weborg... 9
Barbara Axelson...12
Kiel Larsen...12
Amanda Flottman Mittermann...12
Colin Welford....13
Henry Bristol...13
Don Nelson.....15
Andrew Phillips...18
Sybil Carlson....18
Walt Shields...18
Mary Wilson...23
Joan Fitzpatrick... 27
Linda Carey...27

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Sybil Carlson – 17, 1960
Joyce and Glenn Gerdman – 23, 1951
Arps & Pat Horvath – 30, 1972



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

Prayer Concerns

...Kathy Kirkland
...Barbara Axelson
...Eric Hagman (Marilyn Cushing's nephew)
...Chuck Pearson
...the family of Eunice Rutherford

Welcome to the world,
Wilson Dean Nemecek!
Kristin & Dean are parents,
Kay & Paul Wilson grandparents



Treasurer's Report

Member Giving

Through Oct 2022: \$171,151
2021: \$103,892
2020: \$73,484

Visitor Giving

Through Oct 2022: \$39,798
2021: \$23,058
2020: \$32,365



Expected income for 2022 is \$162,100

Budgeted expense for 2022 is \$239,576

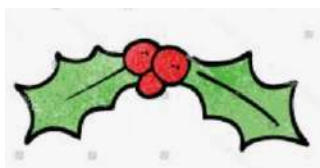
Through October: \$219,518
(doesn't include memorials)

Through October: \$245,030

----post on your refrigerator!----

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					OA 8:30 am	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9 am Sunday School 10:30 service – Communion	AA evening	AA 10-noon			OA 8:30 am	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9 am Sunday School 10:30 service— Joyful Noise for Secret Santa	AA evening	AA 10-noon	Elders 10 am		OA 8:30 am Rehearsal & Dinner for Children's Program, 5 p.m.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9 am Sunday School 10:30 service – Children's Program!	AA evening	AA 10-noon Trustees 9 am-- budgets	Caring Hands 9:30 am		OA 8:30 am	<u>Candlelight Services</u> 3 pm service 5:30 pm service
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Merry Christmas! (no in-church service)	AA evening	AA 10-noon			OA 8:30 am	



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