



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

“In Essentials, Unity; in Non-Essentials, Liberty;
in All Things, Love”

Congregational Watchword for 2023:

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another,
God lives in us, and his love is perfected
in us.- 1 John 4:12

February 2023



From a Pastor's Desk

Not that I'm nitpicky of course, but of late I have been annoyed by seeing “gonna” in the written word. Like in the New York Times, of all places. I like to see proper English used in writing. So, I went on a rant on Facebook, of course. My question was, “Since when is “gonna” considered a real word?” It was meant to be sarcastic. The comments were interesting and revealed that people thought I was serious. For instance, “I don't know, Dan. I gotta look that up”. I went to the arbiter of all disputes. Google, naturally. I was chastened by what I read. “Gonna” has been recognized as an acceptable substitute for “going to” since at least 1805. So says Miriam-Webster. Oh well, “shoulda, coulda, woulda”.

Do you think “gonna” was the speck I saw in others' eyes and ignored the log in my own self-righteous eyes? Jesus challenges us with that very question in Matthew chapter 7:3. Not about “gonna”, of course, but of all things that cause us to be judgmental or critical. How easy it is to be derisive of others! We see this playing out all around us in dangerous ways that result in tragic consequences. Not in my lifetime have I witnessed divisiveness as pervasive as it is now. It's empowering, I suppose, to invent and imagine a speck elsewhere that threatens us and must be removed at all costs, and we will be the ones to do it, even if it means conflict or even war. For me that means I will assert the whole world is wrong to say “gonna” and I will force everyone to agree. That's what you call having a log in your own eye.

Jesus enjoins us to love one another, even if we disagree with them. That's a tall order.

I've gotta go, dontcha know?

- Dan G. Olson

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

SECRETARY: Thurs 9:00-4:30
Church phone: 920-854-2804
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(Church phone does NOT ring in the
parsonage—please keep the Pastor's
cell phone number handy for after
hours)



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

Natalie Neddersen
Carly Mulliken Rob Meyer
Tad Dukehart
B.D. Thorp

ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair
Karen Ekberg
Linda Carey
Kathy Zehner
Cici Mulliken
Penny Schultz
Tiggy Shields (summer)

Church Council Report

The Church Council met on January 29. Our new Boards will be installed on Sunday, February 5:

Elders: *Cici Mulliken (2024), Linda Carey (2024), Kathy Zehner (2025) Karen Ekberg (2026), Penny Schultz (2026). Tiggy Shields has agreed to serve as our summer Elder.*
Trustees: *Natalie Neddersen (2024), Tad Dukehart (2024), Rob Meyer (2025), Carly Mulliken (2025), BD Thorp (2026)*

Angela Sherman will represent our church at the Provincial Synod in Bethlehem.



We were asked to consider looking ahead NOW toward our 175th anniversary in 2028 by asking the following questions:

Where do we hope to go as a congregation?
Where we are today?
Where we have been (since 1853)?

Dealing with them individually, in small discussion groups and in larger contexts with the goal of bringing those responses to the 2024 church council.

Colin & Friends New Year's Day Concert

January 1, 2023



Scott Ramsay and
Grace Alberts
special guests



We hope you'll join us at the next

"Colin & Friends" Concert

...featuring wonderful organ, piano, and vocal music,
as we embark on a tuneful exploration
of that crazy thing called **LOVE**

Colin Welford – Organ/Piano, Cynthia Stiehl – Soprano

Sunday, February 12, at 2.00 PM

at the Ephraim Moravian Church, 9970 Moravia Street, Ephraim

Free Admission

(masks optional)

Giuseppe Verdi, George Gershwin, Camille Saint-Saëns, Robert Schumann, Gabriel Fauré, Henry Purcell



February 2023 Services

Sunday, February 5 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Communion

Sunday, February 12 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Joyful Noise for Secret Santa

Sunday, February 19 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Pastor Dawn will be preaching at Freedom Moravian Church and Pastor James Heroux will be preaching here.

Sunday, February 26 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook



**BOARD OF
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After nine months of heavy rains and flooding, we continue to receive reports of families in La Mosquitia living on one meal per day and often surviving on fish that they are able to catch from the riverbanks. Thanks to generous BWM donors, we have provided 13,000 pounds of bean seeds, which will be distributed to about 650 families. The seeds will be planted by mid-February and harvested in March or April. If it is unaffected by floods or insects, this will be the first harvest of a major food crop in the last twelve months. We are also pleased to report that, thanks to Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church and a North Carolina organization called Seed Programs International, hundreds of families will also soon be able to plant watermelon, cabbage, tomatoes, kale, and more.

James Heroux's consecration as a Moravian presbyter - January 14, 2023



**Bishop Paul Graf
and Pastor
Matt Knapp
participating**





Tricklebee Cafe Update!



Awards! Cafe manager T'yannah & executive director Christie participated in the One World Everybody Eats Annual Summit in Raleigh, NC last month. Tricklebee Cafe was awarded (for the second year in a row) the Community Cafe of the Year award!

And, to her surprise, Christie was awarded the Fred Miller Spirit of Service Award! The Fred Miller Spirit of Service Award exemplifies an individual who selflessly, and often quietly, supports One World Everybody Eats and its member cafes in empowering others to ensure food security for all. They inspire change, lead by example, and support you no matter what.

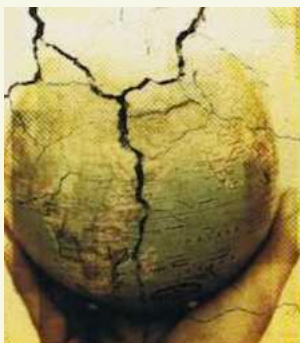


Tricklebee has many upcoming events, including...

Book Reading: The Night is Long but Light Comes in the Morning--Meditations for Racial Healing by Catherine Meeks. Thursdays in February at 6 p.m.

Family Movie Nights in March and April, complete with pizza

Tricklebee Café, 4424 W North Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53208 - 414-488-2477

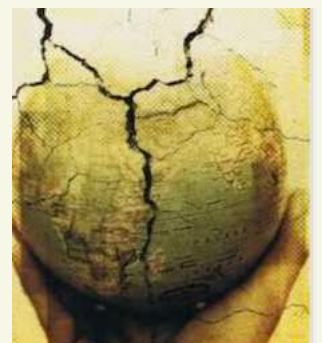


HEALING OUR BROKEN WORLD LENTEN SERVICES

**WEDNESDAYS FROM FEBRUARY 22
THROUGH MARCH 29** (February 22 is Ash Wednesday—
inspirational service & ashes offered)

1:30 PM at The Meadows
Gathering Room,
Scandia Village

We will be reflecting on the
many facets of 'brokenness,' challenging
us to bring God's healing to those
situations



February Birthdays

Paul Wilson...2
Chuck Zehner...2
Dale Jacobson...3
Betty Wolf...5 (age 104!)
Rob Moore... 5
Diane Jacobson...6
Brie Lapolla... 8
Tim Christofferson... 10
Betty Anderson...15
Keith Tschannen...17
Shelley Cox...18
B. D. Thorp...18
Pat Horvath...20
Natalie Neddersen ...20
Theresa Weborg...26
Marilyn Cushing - 26
Karin Tourmo....28
Niles Weborg...29



February Anniversaries

Norma and Roger Larson – Feb 13, 1971



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
...Marilyn Cushing
...Family of Eric Hagman (Marilyn Cushing's nephew)—Funeral 2:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at Huehns Funeral Home Sturgeon Bay)
...Maggie Schnackenberg
...Joel Blahnik



Treasurer's Report

Member Giving

Through Dec 2022: \$ 183,637
2021: \$145,530
2020: \$198,421

Visitor Giving

Through Dec 2022: \$44,529
2021: \$44,636
2020: \$53,964

Expected income for 2022 is \$162,100

Budgeted expense for 2022 is \$239,576

Through December: \$237,835
(doesn't include memorials)

Through December: \$268,810



Do not forget to entertain strangers
for by so doing some people have
entertained angels unawares.
Hebrews 13:2

Winter Luncheon

Wednesday, February 15

Serving at 12 Noon

Ephraim Moravian Church

Cranberry Apple Quinoa Salad

Homemade Breads

Zuppa sarda di ceci e finocchi

Sardinian Chick-Pea & Fennel Soup

OR

Beef Bourguignon

Beef Stew

Brownies & Red Velvet Cake

920-854-2804

Complimentary - Be Our Guest



Church Council lunch—they ate
EVERYTHING except a few vegetables!



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Post on your refrigerator!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 OA 8:30 am	4
5 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service, Communion	6 AA group evening	7 AA Women 10-noon	8 Elders 10 am	9	10 OA 8:30 am	11
12 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service, Joyful Noise 2 pm Colin & Friends Concert	13 AA group evening	14 AA Women 10-noon	15 Caring Hands 9:30 am ♥Open Door Luncheon noon	16	17 OA 8:30 am	18
19 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service	20 AA group evening	21 AA Women 10-noon Trustees 10 a.m.	22 1:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday at The Meadows	23	24 OA 8:30 am	25
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