

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 12, 2023

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “Where’er You Walk” by Handel

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #548 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Liturgy of Grace, p. 31 – 33

Joyful Noise Offering for Secret Santa

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30: 15 – 20

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 3: 1 – 9

Sermon

Offertory “Larghetto” by Giordani

Doxology

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: #825

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord

Incline your ear to us; and grant us your peace. Amen

Benediction

Postlude. “Thine be the Glory” by Frick

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

TODAY: 2:00 p.m. Colin & Friends Concert

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath

WEDNESDAY: 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands

12:00 p.m. Winter Lunch

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4.

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 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS to Barbara Classen for providing us with music this morning!

CONCERT – Today at 2 p.m., join Colin Welford for another great Colin & Friends concert here, featuring our favorite soprano, Cyndy Stiehl. It’s all about LOVE! It’s a free concert—invite your friends!

LENT – Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22! See the Lenten worship schedule on the insert and join us at The Meadows each Wednesday through Holy Week. Easter is Sunday, April 9!

Reflection by Pastor Dan G. Olson

Just recently I was a patient at one of our esteemed local hospitals. “Patient” is a good word for it because the word “patience” comes from the worst “to suffer.” I went in to have something fixed in my spine. I came home worse than when I went in, and now it's painful to walk from my man cave to the kitchen. So, I thought about changing the word “patient” to guest. That seems to have a nice ring to it. Yes, I know that in the fullness of time I’ll heal, but in the meantime, I’ve become irascible in the extreme.

“Guest” may seem an odd word to use. Why, as a guest, would I rack up tens of thousands of hospital bills? If we invite friends as guests for dinner some night, do we give them a bill at the end of a meal? There is something special about being a guest, really. It means that you are fully invested in the activity to which you have been invited.

All of this can apply to our walk as followers of Jesus. We have been invited to join the faith journey as guests of the One who sets before us the table upon which we find the gifts of forgiveness and strength, the gifts of wholeness and healing, the gift of an eternal banquet. To be guests of our Lord has come at a great price, of course - the life and suffering of Jesus. Though there is nothing in all creation we can do for the salvation Jesus provides, we are, nevertheless, full participants in the mission of the Gospel. As it says in 1 Corinthians, “We are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.” Even if that building requires renovation now and again.



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

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