

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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First Sunday in Lent - February 26, 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

Serving the Community Since 1853

## Prelude: “Aria” – by Flor Peeters

Welcome & Announcements

Watchword for the Week

## Liturgy for Lent – Isaiah 55 (Insert)

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament: Psalm 32

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1 – 11

## Hymn #771: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Sermon

## Offertory: “I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ” – Chorale Prelude by J.S. Bach

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: “The Little” Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578 – by J.S. Bach

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** “Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,  
O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.” Psalm 32:11

**TODAY:** 4:30 p.m. Chess Club  
**WEDNESDAY:** 1:30 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Service at  
The Meadows, Scandia Village  
**THURSDAY:** 1 – 3 p.m. Katharine Oneson birthday -  
Birchwood Lodge  
**MONDAY:** Pastor’s Sabbath  
**SUNDAY:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
4:30 p.m. Chess Club

**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

**100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** – Katharine Oneson is turning 100 years old! Her  
family invites everyone to her birthday celebration this Thursday,  
March 2, from 1-3 p.m. Birchwood Lodge, 10571 Highway 57.

**WEDNESDAY** – Mid-Week Lenten Service, 1:30 p.m. at the  
Meadows, Scandia Village. Pastor Dawn will be speaking on the topic,  
“Healing a Broken World.”

### **Reflection – Caught Red-Handed**

My sister caught me red handed. Long ago when I was probably not more than six years old, Mom and Dad decided to stop at a little store on our way home after visiting Grandpa and Grandma. While we were in the store, I saw an eraser that really caught my attention. That would be nice for school I thought. So, I picked it up and took it with me. I don't think Dad had yet started the car when my sister saw the

eraser and said, “you stole that didn't you?” Her accusation rings as loudly in my ear now as when I first heard it. I really hadn't thought I was stealing; I just wanted that eraser. It was one thing to be outed by my sister, but it was quite another to be forced to take the eraser back into the store manager and admit that I had pulled a heist. Fortunately, the clerk only wagged his finger at me and decided not to call the police. But even if all that wasn't bad enough, the ride home was the longest ride I think I've ever had.

It was then that the six-year-old me learned a lesson about confession and, finally, forgiveness. As it says in Psalm 32, “I have acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity. I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgive the guilt of my sin.” It was on that night, back in 1951, that I experienced the relief one receives when one fesses up and comes clean. Best of all, it was forgiveness that was the balm that cleaned away my sin.

Pastor Dan G. Olson

**Celebrating 170 years  
in 2023**

#### **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