



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

March 2023



From a Pastor's Desk

Greetings

“Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 1:1-7

If you had been a member of the Christian church in Rome, one of the people to whom Paul had addressed this letter, you knew who you were working with, what he was made of, and to Whom he belonged. You also knew his care for you as a fellow Christian, whether you had, or ever would, meet him face to face. These are powerful words from a man who meant them, lived them, and, eventually, died for them.

The Epistles are some of my favorite books of the Bible. They are personal, direct, written by and to people seeking faith in understanding the harsh realities of their world, just as we do today. We have that context with which to work, but we only have half the conversation in front of us, and we are left to discern what the letters to these authors contained, as well as what parts they are answering.

I don't find this difficult or off putting, but rather fascinating. Most human communication is exactly this. Even in person, human beings don't say much of what they are thinking or feeling. So, exercising my mind around understanding the kinds of questions any of us ask regarding the human condition is no different applied to interchanges in print from millennia ago.

I believe that many of those unseen questions are about how the Gospel has changed their perspective on some of the most basic parts of daily living, including personal relationships, community interactions and

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
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.



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEES

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

ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair
Cici Mulliken, Vice-Chair
Karen Ekberg
Linda Carey, Secretary
Kathy Zehner
Penny Schultz

continued...

the reality that they were no isolated from the larger world and its impact. They wanted to know: How do we do this new way of being?

We're still asking that question today. How do we do this? How do we live in the freedom of the Gospel while also being acutely aware of how much the larger world impacts our daily lives in small and large ways?

The answer is simple: there is no one easy answer.

But there is continued learning and abundant faith. We keep paying attention, asking questions, listening to each other, and we keep trying to do the next right thing in the knowledge of God's love for us, through us and among us. Being immersed in God's love for us fills up those spaces of confusion, uncertainty and questioning ourselves with clarity, certainty and focus. These transformed places give us strength, peace and joy that we can share with others in the actions of faith that continually change the world in ways we cannot even imagine.

And in all of this, we become the very letters that Jesus Christ is still sending to the world. "You yourselves are our letter, written on our your hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." II Corinthians 3: 2-3

You and I are the letters that God still sends to God's people to answer their questions about how to keep learning and living this new life we are still experiencing as the Gospel unfolds in our lives.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Rev. Cory Kemp



Colin & Friends Concert February 12, 2023



The concert was attended by 155 people! It featured Colin Welford on organ and piano, Cyndy Stiehl's beautiful singing all about love, and Cana Mittermann on the snare drum... all punctuated with Colin's humor and interesting facts.

Stay tuned for another concert in May!



LOAVES & FISHES IS BACK!

WHEN? - Thursday, May 11, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
WHERE? - STELLA MARIS, SISTER BAY



WHAT? - Loaves & Fishes is an Ecumenical ministry that has been dormant since 2020. This year, we will hold meals from May - December. Next year, 2024, we will add a month and hold meals from April - Dec.

NEEDED - Volunteers: Cooks, bakers, servers, greeters, dishwashers

SPECIAL THANKS to Kay Wilson, who will be coordinating the first dinner.

If you are interested in volunteering for one month or perhaps multiple months, please contact: Laura McDowell, laurajmcd@yahoo.com or call her at 616-481-5274.

TRAINING FOR DISHWASHERS - The parish requires anyone operating the dishwasher to get a brief training. There is one scheduled for April 24 at 1 p.m., Stella Maris Sister Bay. Let Laura know if you can attend.

We are also looking for local talent to provide quiet music during the dinners. If you know of someone, please let Laura know!



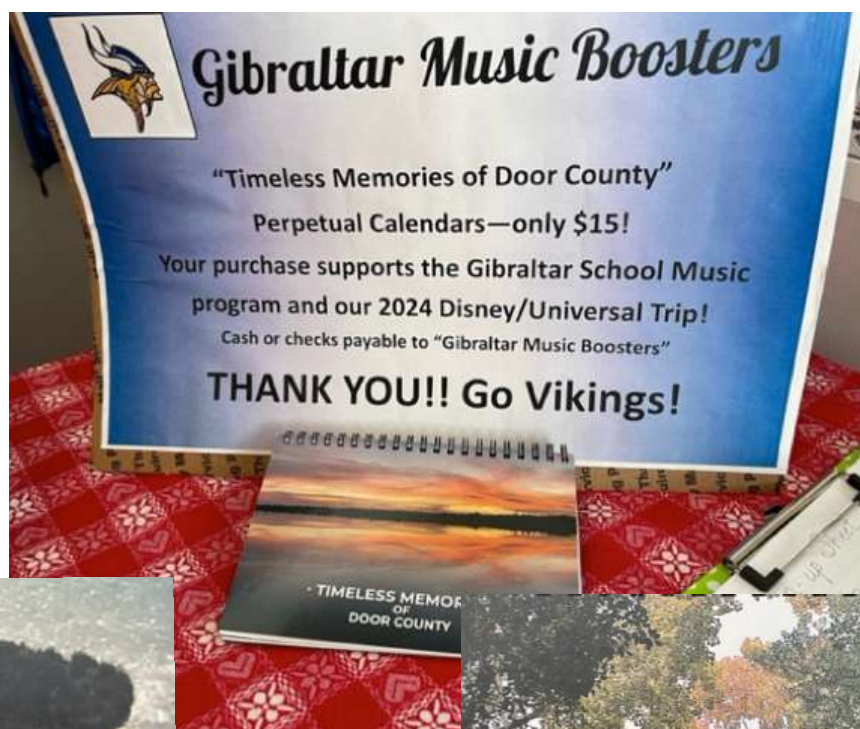
Music Appreciation Group! Thursday, March 23 - 7:00 p.m.

Calling all music lovers! Colin will lead monthly gatherings, in which we listen, discuss and learn about music of all types, throughout history. This is not a concert. It begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be a fun and relaxed group. No music skills are required, and you can come to one or as many sessions as you like. Tea will be served following the discussion!

As we want to keep this small and interactive, these gatherings will be by RSVP only - with a suggested donation of \$20 per session. Approximately 20 places remain available for this first session. Please look for the ad/invite on the Ephraim Moravian Church Facebook page, where you can RSVP.

Get your "Timeless Memories calendar and support their 2024 Disney/Universal trip!

Sign up at church sanctuary entrance



All photos in the calendar were done by Gibraltar students - above by our own Logan Mittermann and Shayla Opitz!



A Fresh Perspective

Join Pastor Dawn Monday through Friday (April 3-7) of Holy Week at 12 noon for a simple lunch of soup & bread, a brief presentation on the meaning of the day's readings, and then all who wish may take a turn reading.

This is designed for all ages. It is an opportunity to learn about a Moravian Custom and be an active participant. Please let Pastor Dawn know what days you will come and if you would like to provide one of the lunches.

(email worship@ephraimmoravian.org or call 920-421-4042 to respond)



Katharine Oneson enjoying her 100th birthday party with dozens of family and friends on March 2!



FLOWERS - Would you like to have flowers in church to honor or remember someone near a special day like their birthday or anniversary date? The Flower Committee would love to hear from you - call Sherry Moore (847-702-6974) or Mary Wilson (920-854-4277)!

USHERS/LAY READERS - Always needed! Sign up sheet in the narthex!

FELLOWSHIP - We have weekly fellowship now, so we are always looking for those who would like to host! Sign-up sheet in the narthex.

THANK YOU!

March 2023 Services

Wednesday, March 1 - 1:30 p.m. Lenten Service, Gathering Room at The Meadows

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

Wednesday, March 8 - 1:30 p.m. Lenten Service, Gathering Room at The Meadows

Sunday, March 12 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Joyful Noise for Door CANcer

Wednesday, March 15 - 1:30 p.m. Lenten Service, Gathering Room at The Meadows

Sunday, March 19 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

Wednesday, March 22 - 1:30 p.m. Lenten Service, Gathering Room at The Meadows

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

Wednesday, March 29 - 1:30 p.m. Lenten Service, Gathering Room at The Meadows



HEALING OUR BROKEN WORLD LENTEN SERVICES at SCAND

We will be reflecting on the many facets of 'brokenness,' challenging us to bring God's healing to those situations - join us every week through March, Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.!

SPECIAL THANKS to our Decorating Committee who give so much time and effort to beautify our worship space:

**Cici Mulliken, Sherry Moore, Jody Thiell, Lonnie Vitse,
Gunilla Wilson and Mary Wilson**

They provide the flowers on Sundays, arrange for the Easter & Christmas Decorations and any other special occasion. We are so blessed by their creativity!



Our first **Community Luncheon** since Covid was a great success —thanks to all who made the delicious food, helped serve or clean up!

JOIN US at our next Community Lunch on Wednesday, March 29 at 12 noon. Pastor Dawn will do a travelogue on her trip to Oberammergau!

<Hedy Heise with her bread, Sherry Moore, Mary Ann Schuder

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Ava and Will Engberg on the birth of Harrison David, born early in the morning of February 24!



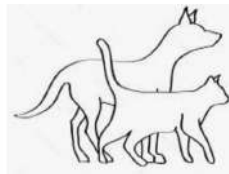
Grandparents are Natalie and Ned Neddersen



^^^ **Mystery Jacket** ^^^

This jacket was taken home by mistake on Christmas Eve...is anyone missing this jacket?

If so, let the church office know!



Peninsula Pet Pantry

Six years ago, the Peninsula Pet Pantry, Inc., was established by Fran Burton and Chris and Ed Movall to provide food to the pets of food-insecure neighbors here in Door County.

To date they have distributed **2,548** bags of pet food to homes in Door County to help our fuzzy friends thrive!

We always think of food pantries serving the residents but our pets need food, too! Donations are tax-deductible. If you'd like to give to this cause:

Peninsula Pet Pantry
PO Box 577
Fish Creek, WI. 54212

March Birthdays

Kevin Horvath...1
Katharine Oneson... 2
Chris Janisse...4
Scott Weborg...5
Brent Bristol... 6
Vicki Maynard...8
Logan Mittermann... 10
Priscilla Krist...12
Winfield Bristol... 17
Sydney Heim...20
Peter Classen...21
Mitchell Weborg...24
Roger Larson...25
Michael Weborg...26
Wes Maynard...26
Donna Nelson.....27
Nancy Christofferson...27
Kelly Schuder...30

March Anniversaries

Ryan and Elli Lapolla – 4, 2016
Rob & Barb Meyer - 18, 1989
Liz and Jack Opitz – 26, 1983

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
...Maggie Schnackenberg
...Joel Blahnik



Treasurer's Report

Member Giving

Through Feb 2023: \$22,906

Visitor Giving

Through Jan 2023: \$1,899

Expected income for 2023 is \$236,000

Through January: \$25,225

(doesn't include memorials)

Budgeted expense for 2023 is \$273,425

Through January: \$24,016

Post on your refrigerator!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:30 p.m. Lenten The Meadows	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 a.m.» 1:30 p.m. Lenten The Meadows	9	10 OA 8:30 am	11
12 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service, Joyful Noise	13 AA group evening	14 AA Women 10-noon	15 Caring Hands 9:30 am 1:30 p.m. Lenten The Meadows	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. Lenten The Meadows	23	24 OA 8:30 am	25
26 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service	27 AA group evening	28 AA Women 10-noon	29 12 noon Community Lunch with Oberammergau Travelogue! 1:30 p.m. Lenten The Meadows	30	31	



Ephraim Moravian Church
PO Box 73
Ephraim, WI 54211

Postal Worker - thank you for delivering this to:

March 2023 Newsletter



MARCH?

Photo by Tad Dukehart

Ephraim Moravian Church
worship@ephraimmoravian.org
Website: www.ephraimmoravian.org
920-854-2804