



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

May 2023



From the Pastor's Desk

Celebrating 170 Years- Looking Back, Moving Forward

In my first meeting with the Joint Board in 2010, I asked the question, ‘What are your Sacred Cows?’ I explained that Sacred Cows can be programs, ideas, people who are held in high esteem. Basically, I wanted to be aware of any areas of the church where I needed to tread carefully. Eunice Rutherford spoke for the group when she said, ‘Our Sacred Cow is our history’.

Over the years, I have found her response borne out in all aspects of our church's life. We indeed value our history. We are part of the Ephraim Historical Foundation, happily partnering with them to run tours of the church. We sponsor a Cemetery Walk each year to highlight the ‘dearly departed’ whose lives intersected with the Village of Ephraim in an impactful way. In fact, at the 35th anniversary of my ordination (2020), I received a visit from the late Rev. Groenfeldt, beard, coattails and all! I preach at the pulpit that Rev. Iverson built in the 1800s.

In the present, we find ourselves embodying the same values as the ancestors we honor:

We provide Spiritual counsel, comfort and inspiration for all who enters our doors. We are indeed, the ‘Church of the Open Door’

We provide leadership in our Village - Members of our church serve in many capacities within Ephraim - On the Village Board, Committees, Historical Foundation, Yacht Club, Men's Club, etc. This year, we, the Oldest Church in Door County lead the way by installing Solar Panels. We hope to influence other organizations to follow our lead.

We honor Education - Our founding pastor, Rev. Iverson, was the first superintendent of our public schools. We continue the tradition by providing scholarships to camps and institutions of higher learning. We nurture our children of all ages, providing a safe, loving environment to thrive.

We value Music - from the founding of the Peninsula Music Festival to providing support for a new initiative, ‘Colin & Friends’, we strive to enrich the lives of those in our community with timeless, quality music, accessible to all.

In the future... we cannot predict where we will be... but we can know, looking back at the past, that if we possess the same grit, determination, depth of faith in God and unwavering love for our Beloved Community, our future is assured. May God continue to Bless us as we are a blessing to others!

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
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ELDERS

Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair
Cici Mulliken, Vice-Chair
Karen Ekberg
Linda Carey, Secretary
Kathy Zehner
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Colin & Friends CONCERTS

At both 2pm and 5pm on SUNDAY MAY 7th

at Ephraim Moravian Church

we will present SPECIAL, FREE CONCERTS
to coincide with the coronation celebrations
for King Charles III of Great Britain!

It'll be fun and lighthearted, and most of all will feature the rich musical heritage of

ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND & WALES

Guest musicians include tenor Scott Ramsay, soprano Cyndy Stiehl, and harpist Cheryl
Murphy...and there may be yet more musical surprises!

**Please bring all your family and friends. Let's turn this into a true community affair!
No RSVP is needed.**

It's gonna be a good one...



Many thanks to Barbara Classen and Beth
Coleman who substituted beautifully at the organ
and piano while Colin was home in the UK.



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.

In the past, churches have provided desserts for the meal. Various dessert ideas that have worked in the past include cakes, bars, or ice cream with toppings! May is covered; dates of future Loaves & Fishes meals are June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14. If you are interested in volunteering for one month or perhaps multiple months (volunteering or for bringing desserts), 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. Contact Laura if you are interested.

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



Pastor Dawn gave a travelogue talk on her and sister Linda's trip to Italy and Oberammergau at one of our community lunches this winter. She said it was a trip of a lifetime for them both!





Colin & Friends
Concerts



present

Music for Door County *food*



A free concert in support of ending hunger in Door County

Selections for Flute, Violin, Viola, Keyboard, and Voice

Featuring Mona Christensen, Allyson Fleck, Roy Meyer,
Cynthia Stiehl, and Colin Welford

May 13 • 3:00pm

Birch Creek's Juniper Hall, Egg Harbor

May 14 • 3:00pm

Ephraim Moravian Church

Donations benefit the United Way of Door County and
the Door County Food Pantry Coalition.



Please bring a food item or make
a monetary donation to the Door
County Food Pantry Coalition.

Repertoire and advanced reservations:
midsummersmusic.com
920-854-7088

Donations accepted at the door

New Babies!!



<< Grayson Hayes Tourmo

Born April 14 to Karin & Brian

Joins brothers Michael, Jaxson and Brody

Grandparents Diane & Larry Jacobson

Great-Grandparents Joyce & Glenn Gerdman

Amelia Jean Weborg >>

Born April 20 to Mitch and Whitney

Grandmother Theresa Weborg

Uncle Scott Weborg

Great-Grandfather Niles Weborg



Name Tags!!



We will be welcoming more and more visitors now, and we need to get reacquainted with each other, too! So put on your name tags each week so we can be more approachable to our guests! If you don't find your name tag in the hallway, there are temporary ones available at each entrance. But be sure to let us know so we can get you a permanent name tag.

JUNE
12-16

For all children ages 4 years - 6th Grade


Elijah, On Fire For God

NORTHERN DOOR - COMMUNITY WIDE
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
2622 S Bay Shore Dr, Sister Bay

Register
Here


Biblical Truth
Games
Crafts
Music & Fun!

Questions? Call 920-854-2544 or Message
Northern Door County Community
Vacation Bible School on FB

June 12 - 16, 2023 9am-12 pm



SPRING CLEAN UP

MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

We will be meeting on Tuesday, May 9 at 9 a.m. to Spring Clean the Church. The Trustees will provide lunch at 12 noon as reward for hard work!

May 2023 Services

Sunday, May 7 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

Sunday, May 14 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. in church and on Facebook

Sunday, May 21 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - our church's 170th anniversary! Mylo Sherman and Shayla Opitz confirmations!

Sunday, May 28 - 8:00 a.m. Memorial Sunday service at the cemetery, 10:30 a.m. in church for Pentecost Sunday—**wear red!**

Pastor Jim Honig reports:

In the past couple of months, the Door County Housing Partnership (DCHP), a community land trust model organization working to bring permanently affordable housing to Door County, has been very busy! DCHP closed on its second and third homes, broke ground on a fourth, formalized plans with Door County Habitat for Humanity to collaboratively develop DCHP home number five, purchased ten lots from the Village of Sister Bay, welcomed Governor Evers for a visit, and received a 2023 Impact Grant from United Way! Then, for the icing on the cake, on April 19th, our board was named "Group Volunteer of the Year" at the 2023 Door County Golden Heart Awards! Our heads are spinning, but our hearts are full.



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!

May Birthdays

Jody Paschke...2
Gunilla Wilson...3
Seth Campbell...4
Elli Opitz Lapolla...6
Cindy Phillips...11
Dave Chomeau - 11
Arnold Sohns...13
Mylo Sherman... 17
Fredde Larsen...18
Pieta Horvath...18
Anne Spooner Crowe...19
David Sohns...21
Nicolai Carlson...23
Mary Thorp...24
Elaine Jacobson Bill...26
Elizabeth Opitz...30



May Anniversaries

Craig and Natalie Neddersen – 5, 1985
Tim and Kristy Nelson – 6, 1989
Vicki and Wes Maynard – 13, 1977
Mary & John Koehler –17, 1986
Judy and Paul Flottman – 25, 1974
Walt and Tiggy Shields – 28, 1971
Erin and Brent Bristol – 28, 2011

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
...Maggie Schnackenberg
...Joel Blahnik
...the family of Betty Overbeck
...Karen Ekberg on the loss of Orville
...Elfi Johnson on the loss of Schnurli

Treasurer's Report

Member Giving

In Mar 2023: \$8,323

Members YTD: \$51,502

Visitor Giving

In Mar 2023: \$6,508

Visitors YTD: \$10,942



Budgeted expense for 2023 is \$273,425 Through March: \$76,774.86

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Post on your refrigerator!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	AA evening	AA 10-noon			OA 8:30 am	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 service Colin & Friends 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.	AA evening	Spring Clean-Up 9 a.m. to noon AA 10-noon	Elders 10 am	Loaves & Fishes, 4:30 Stella Maris	OA 8:30 am	3 p.m. Music for Food Concert at Birch Creek
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 service 3 p.m. Music for Food Concert here	AA evening	AA 10-noon	Caring Hands 9:30 am	Joint Board w/Nelson noon	OA 8:30 am Betty Overbeck funeral 10 a.m.	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Church Anniversary! 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 service Confirmation!	AA evening	AA 10- noon Trustees 10 am			OA 8:30 am	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
10:30 service	AA evening	AA 10-noon			OA 8:30 am	

