



# 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

June 2023

## From a Pastor's Desk

The magnificent celebration of Ephraim Moravian Church's 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary was an event that I shall keep as a marvelous memory. It was a gift to have the ability to worship with the congregation from afar.



Despite the beauty of its surroundings, that little coterie of the faithful began their steadfast work against severe odds. The danger of walking across the ice is a metaphor of all they had to accomplish. Eventually they constructed their first building and later, pulled it up the hill with horses. In one form or another, it remains as a place of worship to this day. As an aside, I can't resist telling about the very beginnings of the parish I first served. That little group voted to repurpose a tiny old schoolhouse “as long as the women paid for it.” Not much has changed.

This congregation survived some of the most tumultuous eras in all of history. These forbears were not left untouched by world events, of course, nor were they intimidated by their own surroundings. We can imagine they experienced fear and loneliness. Maybe disappointment now and again. Or perhaps despair. But they always had hope. Hope in the future, knowing our Lord was waiting for them. And they had unbounding Faith.

All of what these remarkable people experienced was the warp and the woof of the beautiful fabric they wove together. Those people had grit! And so have all who have been a part of every 170 years!

Speaking of grit, your current Pastor invented it! The whole congregation has the stamina and determination to be “The Church of the Open Door”! As an outsider looking in, I believe that openness has been the catalyst, and the result, of being a strong and vibrant people of God.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

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



FYR BAL  
2023

SATURDAY,  
JUNE 17

We will have a booth at Fyr Bal again this year!  
Sign up for two-hour booth-sitting on the sheet in  
the narthex. We will also need Moravian sugar  
cake makers and a coffee maker! There will be  
free sugar cake and coffee for the attendees, as  
well as the opportunity to buy our latest cook book.

Open House at church from 11-2 pm  
with refreshments, tours and Moravian artifacts

Colin & Friends  
CONCERTS

#### Fyr Bal Friday (June 16) Concerts!

Three identical concerts, at 2:00 p.m.,  
4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., FREE!  
With Colin Welford, pianist Betsy DiFelice,  
Cyndy Stiehl and MORE!

The concerts will celebrate  
Ephraim's Nordic and Germanic  
heritage and folklore.



## LOAVES & FISHES IS BACK!



Once a month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Stella Maris in Sister Bay, Loaves & Fishes presents a free meal to all who are hungry or lonely! Ephraim Moravian has been asked if we might provide desserts for the meals, and we have volunteered for November. A sign-up sheet will be provided closer to the date.

They also need volunteers for greeting, cooking, serving and clean-up. 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!

### June 2023 Services

**Sunday, June 4 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook**

**Sunday, June 11 - 10:30 a.m. in church and on Facebook with pianist Betsy DiFelice**

**Sunday, June 18 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - FYR BAL Weekend and Father's Day! - with pianist Betsy DiFelice**

**Sunday, June 25 - 10:30 a.m. in church and on Facebook - Rev. Ken Carlson**

Chuck Mead is in his new place in Green Bay...his address is 1660 Hoffman Road, #312, Green Bay, WI 54311. We wish him all the best!



<< Congratulations to our newest confirmands! Shayla Opitz and Mylo Sherman were confirmed at our May 21 worship



The Bristols and Sherman choir on May 21 - they were awesome!





## MUSIC FOR FOOD Concert on May 14

In collaboration with Colin & Friends, Midsummer's Music, Birch Creek, and Cyndy Stiehl, the two concerts (May 13 at Birch Creek) raised more than \$2800 and 300 lbs. of canned goods to the nine Northern Door food pantries



Keeping the church clean! Thanks, B.D.!  
(photos by Tad Dukehart)

## Name Tags!!



**Are you remembering to wear your name tags in church?**

**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.**



## Roots of Our Village tours reveal historic legacy of Ephraim's churches

Discover the role Ephraim's churches played in the early years of the village. Roots of Our Village tours are scheduled the first and second Thursday of the month, June through October, from 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. The walking tours are free and open to the public but advance registration is appreciated. Visit [Roots of Our Village — Ephraim Historical Foundation](http://www.ephraim.org/roots-of-our-village) ([www.ephraim.org/roots-of-our-village](http://www.ephraim.org/roots-of-our-village)).

Bethany Lutheran Church and the Goodletson Cabin are featured the first Thursday of the month, and Ephraim Moravian and the Iverson House the second Thursday of each month.



Questions? Contact Ephraim Historical Foundation Educator Kathleen Harris at [kharris@ephraim.org](mailto:kharris@ephraim.org)/920-854-9688. Please consider sharing your knowledge as a tour guide or assistant guide, too. To get involved, contact Kathleen.



## June Birthdays

Marcia Ellis..... 11  
Tiggy Shields.... 12  
Laura Geis....13  
Carol Sokolowski...13  
Denny Phillips...13  
Richard Carlson...18  
Steven Cox...20  
Jacklene Campbell...20  
Hollace Mulliken Alspach...22  
Kay Tschannen...23  
Betty Chomeau....27  
Susie Samson....27  
Alicia Mulliken...28  
Brian Wilson...30



## June Anniversaries

Marcia & Chuck Ellis - 7, 1986  
Shelley and John Cox – 8, 1979  
Andy & Tad Dukehart – 10, 1972. (50 in 2022)  
Gunilla and Tom Wilson – 15, 1974  
John & Judy Turner – 16, 1956  
Denny & Cindy Phillips – 16, 1990  
B.D. & Mary Thorp – 17, 2017  
Rob & Sherry Moore – 19, 1971  
Ken & Naomi Carlson – 22, 1963 (60 in 2023!)  
Lonnie & Gary Vitse – 23, 1974  
Betty and David Chomeau – 29, 1963 (60 in 2023!)



## Prayer Concerns

...Kathy Kirkland  
...Barbara Axelson  
...Maggie Schnackenberg  
...Joel Blahnik  
...Chuck Mead as he moves to Green Bay  
...Richard Carlson

If we have missed you or someone you know  
in the lists, please let us know in  
the church office!

## Treasurer's Report



### Member Giving\_

Through April 2023: \$66,455

### Visitor Giving

Through April 2023: \$15,199

Budgeted income for 2023 is \$236,000

Budgeted expense for 2023 is \$273,425

Through April: \$91,523.24

Through April: \$96,985.09





*Post on your refrigerator!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 OA 8:30 am	3
4 10:30 am Service, Communion	5 AA group evening	6 AA Women 10-noon	7 <b>Elders 10 a.m.</b>	8	9 OA 8:30 am	10
11 10:30 am Service, Joyful Noise	12 AA group evening	13 AA Women 10-noon	14 Caring Hands 9:30 am <b>Sunday School dinner 5 pm</b>	15	16 OA 8:30 am <b>Colin &amp; Friends Concerts at 2, 4 and 7 pm</b>	17 <b>Fyr Bal booth, Open house</b>
18 10:30 am Service	19 AA group evening	20 AA Women 10-noon <b>Trustees 10 a.m.</b>	21	22	23 OA 8:30 am	24
25 10:30 am Service	26 AA group evening	27 AA Women 10-noon	28	29	30	



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