

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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Celebrating 170 Years of Ministry! - May 21, 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

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Serving the Community Since 1853

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Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude: 'Bist du bei Mir' ('Be Thou with Me') – by Stölzel, Arr. J.S. Bach**

Watchword for Anniversary Sunday

**Hymn #553 “To Your Temple Lord I Come”**  
**Liturgy for Anniversary Sunday (Insert)**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Favorite Sunday School Songs!

Prayers of the Church, The Lord's Prayer

**Response: (Hymn 742, v. 3)**

*Come now, O Lord, and as in days of old*

*To us your spirit gracefully unfold;*

*Pour forth your love and all abounding grace*

*Till we in spirit see you face to face. Amen*

Offertory:

**'Langsam' from 'Album for the Young' – by Robert Schumann**

\*Doxology

Scripture Lessons

**Hymn #442 “Bless, O Lord, This Congregation”**

Sermon: “Looking Back & Moving Forward”

**Rite of Confirmation (Insert)**

**Hymn #559 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**

Benediction

**Postlude: 'Toccata' – by Eugène Gigout**

**WATCHWORD FOR ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits- Psalm 103: 1 – 2

**TODAY:** Fellowship following the Service

**MONDAY:** Pastor's Sabbath

**THURSDAY:** 7:00 p.m. Music Appreciation

**SATURDAY:** 1:00 p.m. Burial Service- John Hagman

**SUNDAY:** 8:00 a.m. Memorial Day Service at the Church Cemetery with breakfast following 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Service WEAR RED!

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**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

**WE CELEBRATE 170** years as a congregation by joyfully welcoming our newest members by Rite of Confirmation, Shayla Opitz and Mylo Sherman. Please join us after the service for a Fellowship Hour in their honor.

**THE FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God, in honor of our 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by our friends at Bethany Lutheran Church.

**MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP** – It's the second meeting, led by Colin Welford. Anyone can join in! It's Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. here at church. By RSVP only (email/call the church) and it's a \$20 suggested donation.

**In Thanksgiving for 170 Years  
(Historical Excerpts from: A Celebration in Words and  
Pictures by Fran Burton)**

On a cold February day in 1853, Andrew Iverson and three companions set out on foot. The trip across snow-covered ice from Green Bay to Eagle Island took three days. Early the morning after their arrival, Ole Larsen led the group across the frozen bay to the shore, a distance of about a mile and a half. Following a day of exploration and soul searching, Iverson knelt among the evergreens and asked God's Guidance:

*"I quietly stepped aside in among the small evergreens and kneeled down upon the white snow. The Savior knows how fervently I prayed on that spot for the first time. I received full assurance that right here would our Atoner plant his little congregation and never forsake it in spite of our meager circumstances. I returned to my companions and told them that I was solemnly assured that here was the spot for our congregation..."* – Andrew Iverson, February 1853

Assured that God would not desert him or the church, he decided that the shore of Eagle Harbor was the place for his community and church. With \$500 loaned by a benefactor, Iverson purchased 425 acres of land along the shoreline and up the bluff. When he returned home with the news, his congregation rejoiced and voted to name their new home, Ephraim- a Biblical word meaning 'doubly fruitful.'

Although it was borrowed money that purchased the land, it was faith that built a community and church. Iverson and his little congregation moved to the area in May 1853.

*170 years later, we look back in gratitude, keenly aware that we are standing on the shoulders of our beloved ancestors. The Lord has indeed, not forsaken our congregation. We continue to serve our Savior in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by being the Church of the Open Door- welcoming the weary traveler, sustaining those in crisis, providing a joyful embrace for all who enter this sacred space. May we continue to be 'doubly fruitful' for generations to come!* – Pastor Dawn

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in 2023!**