



## 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

July 2023

## From the Pastor's Desk

Every year we celebrate the life and legacy of John Hus. If you visit Prague, in the Czech Republic, you will see the Statue of John Hus in the Old Town Square. It was unveiled 500 years after his death on July 6, 1915. The figure in the middle is Hus. The people standing symbolize the Hussite warriors, the people lying prostrate are the oppressed Czechs, forced into exile in the 1600s. Info found at: <http://www.prague.cz/jan-hus-monument/>



John Hus was born in Husinec, in the Czech Republic - Husinec means Goose-town. He aspired to the priesthood to secure a good livelihood in a noble profession. He rose to the top of his field quickly due to his intellect and charisma. By age 30, his popularity earned him the coveted role as Rector of Bethlehem Chapel in Prague.

As he grew in popularity and knowledge of scripture, he was deeply troubled by the immorality of fellow priests, abuses of power by the papacy and the sale of indulgences (forgiveness of sins) for financial gain. The sale of indulgences was especially harmful to people living in poverty. When he spoke out against these sins, his prophetic preaching was met with joy by the people but angered the authorities. When he was excommunicated, he continued preaching outside the church walls, gathering crowds and initiating a growing movement against the ruling class.

The church/civil authorities invited Hus to present his views at the Council of Constance. When he arrived, he was arrested and jailed. At the time of his trial, he was not allowed to argue his case. He was given the choice to recant or die. After refusing to recant, he was burned at the stake on July 6, 1415. He was singing as he died. His ashes were scattered to the 4 winds. His death sparked a civic and religious revolt and his call for the church to reform itself is echoed throughout the centuries.

According to a Moravian historian, David Schattschneider, We continue to honor Hus every summer on July 6, carrying on the ancient tradition of remembering saints and martyrs on the day of their death rather than on their birthday, as an act of faith that their death also marked their birth into the kingdom of heaven.

Ephraim Moravian Church Hours  
PASTOR: Monday Pastor's Day Off  
Tues-Fri 9 a.m. to Noon

SECRETARY: Thurs 9:00-4:30  
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(Church phone does NOT ring in the  
parsonage—please keep the Pastor's  
cell phone number handy for after  
hours.



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Penny Schultz  
Tiggy Shields, Summer Elder

## Through July 31<sup>st</sup> we're Ramping Up!



Let's help Door County's Habitat for Humanity purchase a ramp. These in demand items cost \$10,000 but will be reused by our community for many years. Donations can be made to any of these three sponsors with a memo for the Ramp Up project.

*Supported by:*

*Ephraim Moravian Church*

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*St. Paul Lutheran Church*

**(Our EMC Trustees will match what we  
raise in funds!)**

Habitat's Ramp Up Door County installs and leases emergency or temporary aluminum ramps to keep residents with a physical and financial need in their homes longer.

Ramp Up Door County has aluminum ramps available for fast installation by Habitat, especially for those residents surprised by an operation or the onset of a mobility issue. The ramp is leased from Door County Habitat for \$80 per month. When no longer needed, the ramps would cycle back to Habitat for another person.

Ramp Up Door County lease lowers the overall cost to the homeowner and enables more Door County residents in need to be able to safely access and stay in their homes. People who could not afford a contractor-constructed ramp now have a lower-cost solution to stay safely in their homes throughout an illness or rehabilitation period.

## July 2023 Services

Sunday, July 2 - 8 a.m. service, 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Jon Hus  
Sunday! Communion

Sunday, July 9 - 8 a.m. service, 10:30 a.m. in church and on Facebook

Sunday, July 16 - 8 a.m. service, 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

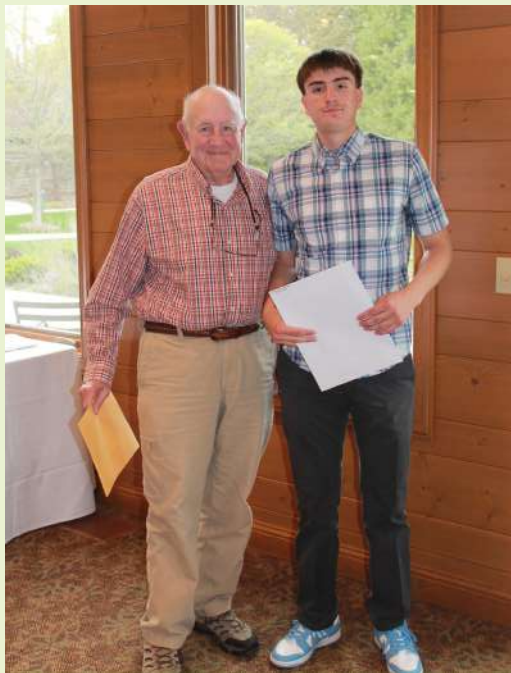
Sunday, July 23 - 8 a.m. service, 10:30 a.m. in church and on Facebook

Sunday, July 30 - 8 a.m. service, 10:30 a.m. in church and on Facebook

Colin Welford at his latest Music Appreciation class in May - from Bach to Baroque/Classical/Romantic periods of music, with refreshments from Tea Thyme of Sister Bay.



Cyndy Stiehl, Colin Welford, Hans Christian and Betsy DiFelice at the Fyr Bal Friday concert



Tad Dukehart with our 2023  
Cherry Scholarship recipient,  
Mateo Jauregui



### **History Chat: Church Lights, the Lafayette Escadrille, and Wallis Simpson**

Tuesday, July 11. 10:30 - 11:15 AM. Pioneer Schoolhouse. Pastor Dawn is teaming up with Kathleen Harris, Ephraim Historical Foundation Educator. Learn the story behind a mysterious plaque, discovered this past winter in the back of a church file drawer. This program is free, open to the public, and suitable for older children and adults.

### **Roots of Our Village Tours - July** *Pre-register at [ephraim.org](http://ephraim.org).*

July 6. 1 - 2:15 PM. An inside look at Bethany Lutheran Church and the Goodletson Cabin featured.

Meet at Bethany. Free and open to the public.

July 13 1 - 2:15 PM. And inside look at the Ephraim Moravian Church and the Iverson House. Free and open to the public.

**Please join us! Call 920-854-9688 or contact [kharris@ephraim.org](mailto:kharris@ephraim.org) if you have any questions**

## **Cemetery News**

This past month, Brian Frisque and his survey team worked to uncover 3-inch diameter aluminum cemetery markers. The markers were installed over twenty years ago and are important for accurate placement of gravestones and interments. Church members may also notice that cemetery groundskeeper Dan Jungwirth filled in a few potholes on the gravel road. Filing and digitalizing maps in ongoing. Questions about the Ephraim Moravian Cemetery? Contact Kathleen Harris, [harris9259@outlook.com](mailto:harris9259@outlook.com) or phone the church office at 920-854-2804.



## **OUTREACH/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE!**

Until COVID interrupted our lives, we had a very vital Outreach and Fundraising Committee! Then, we weren't allowed to reach out to ANYone, but we are regrouping. Our first project is to help the effort to raise money for a Habitat for Humanity ramp (see page 1 of this newsletter).

We need new members on the Committee, though, since most of our previous members have gone on to other ventures. Here are some of the projects we've done in the past and the funds we've raised. We could repeat a few successful ones or come up with brand NEW ideas for this project and future ones. Let Pastor Dawn or Diane Kirkland know if you'd be interested in joining the Committee!

Continental Breakfast for Hurricane Relief in Caribbean - \$15,000 with Trustee support

Harvest Supper and Auction - \$1,984 to Piggery Project

Continental Breakfast/Quilt Show - \$1,160 for Angel Fund at Gibraltar

Ice Cream Social - \$1,500 for 4 individuals with illness/financial problems

Baked Potatoes and Ahuas handmade items - \$1,949 for Ahuas Medical Clinic

Continental Breakfast/Plant/Bake Sale - \$2,120 for Tricklebee Café in Milwaukee



The Debt Jubilee Project: For the Healing of the World is a collaborative effort of the Board of World Mission, the Commission on Congregational Development, the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America, and the Interprovincial Board of Communication. Based on our biblical call to care for the sick and our belief that healthcare is a fundamental human right, this project will work to offer grace and hope through the forgiveness of medical debt. Because our call is to our siblings in Christ here in North America and throughout the world, this project will forgive medical debt in the United States as well as at the Moravian medical ministry of the Clínica Evangélica Morava in Ahuas, Honduras.

Through this effort, we hope to build on the energy and witness of the recent work of Moravian congregations such as Trinity in Winston-Salem, which raised about \$15,000 earlier this year to forgive over \$3,000,000 in medical debt. The Debt Jubilee Project; For the Healing of the World aims to provide an opportunity for more Moravians to join in this freeing and life-changing initiative. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 in 50 days with the project concluding on August 13th.

75% of your gift will support the elimination of medical debt in the U.S. through a partnership with RIP Medical Debt, an organization that purchases medical debt for pennies on the dollar and erases that debt, which would otherwise have been sold to for-profit debt collectors. RIP Medical Debt only abolishes debt for those earning less than 4x the federal poverty level and/or hold debts of 5% or more of their annual income. The Debt Jubilee Project: For the Healing of the World will specifically forgive debts for those living in U.S. counties with a Moravian presence (through a congregation or ministry). The individuals and families who owe the medical debt purchased will receive a letter informing them that their debt is forgiven. Jubilee!

25% of your gift will buy debt owed by patients of the Clínica Evangélica Morava, a Moravian medical ministry in Ahuas, Honduras, that has been serving the remote area of La Mosquitia for over 75 years. Medical debt held in this area is a burden on the indebted patients, the clinic, and the community as a whole. The individuals and families who owe the medical debt purchased will receive notice informing them that their debt is forgiven. Jubilee!

Learn more and donate at [www.moravian.org/debtjubilee](http://www.moravian.org/debtjubilee).

The Pastor and Angela Sherman attended the Provincial Synod held in Bethlehem, PA. In each issue of our newsletter, we will highlight an initiative endorsed by Synod. This month, we are excited to share the Debt Jubilee Project. We hope our members will give generously.



## 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.**

## THE PIGGERY PROJECT

### MORAVIAN CHURCH IN UGANDA

#### REPORT ON THE PIGGERY PROJECT



The Piggery project is funded by members of Ephraim Moravian Church --Wisconsin through the Board of World Mission (North America). The project aims at addressing some of the economic challenges of the members of Moravian Church in Uganda. Implemented in the year 2015 as an income generating activity at ROHO Moravian Church Congregation in Bulutwe village, Buikwe district, the piggery project has continued to stand out as a credible venture which has resulted into some of the most profound achievements for the Church.

In the expansion of this venture, seven (07) members received piglets to kick start the project in their homes.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PROJECT

The Moravian Church in Uganda has obtained profound achievements from the piggery project some of which include the following:



1. The Buwooya Moravian Church Building: Having purchased a piece of land in the year 2020 out of the proceeds from the sale of pigs, a permanent Church building has been constructed on this same piece of land for the Buwooya Moravian Church Congregation. This is the first ever permanent Moravian Church building in Uganda. The construction of this building is partially funded by the proceeds from the sale of pigs.
2. Administration Office: This is located behind the church building and acts as the official address of Moravian Church in Uganda and the main contact point catering for all legal and administrative concerns. The office is furnished with desks, chairs and file cabins for information and data protection, this was partially financed by the proceeds from the sale of pigs.





Fyr Bal Booth with Pastor Dawn, Tiggy Shields and Maggie Anderson - thanks to all who volunteered to sit at the booth or bake sugar cake!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to G.G. Paschke, our 57th Fyr Bal Chieftain! Her medallion was made by stained- and fused-glass artist Gary Chaudoir

Photos by  
Tad Dukehart



Artist Gary Chaudoir



## July Birthdays

Theo Sherman... 1  
Penny Schultz...3  
Holly Runquist...4  
Judy Turner...6  
Keith Krist...9  
Mike Mittermann...9  
Kathy Zehner... 10  
Tim Penchoff... 11  
Eric Christofferson...11  
Keelan Campbell...12  
Carol Sandstrom... 13  
Liz Schroeder...13  
Joyce Gerdman...15  
Christian Koehler...16  
Dave Stolley...17  
Glory Mittermann... 19  
Daryl Larson...20  
Matthew Christofferson...21  
Cana Mittermann... 21  
Karin Wilson Hedeem...21  
Vicky Anderson...25  
Pastor Dawn Volpe...28  
Kelsey Neddersen Hermann ...31



## July Anniversaries

Lisa and Gary Carlson – 4, 1981



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  
...Richard Carlson

## **Treasurer's Report**

### Member Giving\_

Through May 2023: \$82,113

Total YTD Offering: \$102,397

### Visitor Giving

Through May 2023: \$20,284

Budgeted expense for 2023 is \$273,425      Through May: \$116,605.86





Post on  
your  
refrigerator!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7 OA 8:30 am	8
8 a.m. service 10:30 am service Communion Jon Hus Sunday!	AA group evening					
9	10	11	12	13	14 OA 8:30 am	15
8 a.m. service 10:30 a.m. service & Joyful Noise	AA group evening					
16	17	18	19	20	21 OA 8:30 am	22
8 a.m. service 10:30 am Service	AA group evening		Caring Hands 9:30 am			
23	24	25	26	27	28 OA 8:30 am	29
8 a.m. service 10:30 am Service	AA group evening					
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Happy  
4th of  
July!



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