



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

August 2023



From the Pastor's Desk

As strange as this may sound, there were three things I liked to do when I got home from work. They were to mow the grass, snow blow, and cook. You certainly must wonder why. It was simply so I could look behind me to see what I had gotten done. It's in being a pastor that the work you do may not have immediate or even visible results. Maybe it's a guy's thing, but sadly, self-esteem is often measured by the things we accomplish and how busy our schedules are. Thus, interruptions and unfinished business are unwelcome intrusions.

Life is often best experienced in the gaps and spaces. These are places unaffected by the clutter of ubiquitous calendars and demands or bad news and crises. Now, as a codger, I can enjoy those times void of frenetic activity. If only I had allowed more occasions during my working days for smelling those roses everyone talks about.

Rest is a command from our God. It's an invitation to abundant life and God's provision for our weary souls. Our Lord has provided the sabbath for you. Block off time for spiritual renewal. Work with that. Breathe. Say a short prayer. Pause. Spiritual renewal does not have to be elaborate; work it into a rhythm in your daily transitions.

I must rush off! The birds in the back yard are waiting to sing to me! My dog is waiting to sleep by my side.

—Pastor Dan G. Olson

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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Colin & Friends CONCERTS



Join Colin Welford at the
“Power of the Pipes”
series in Green Bay on
August 1!

In its 6th year, Green Bay hosts a series of organ
concerts at several of its churches and cathedrals.

Our own Colin Welford will be featured in this
wonderful series, as he gives the recital on Tuesday,
August 1 @6:30 pm at the gorgeous St. Francis Xavier
Cathedral in Green Bay. This beautiful space is light
and bright, and the sound of the enormous cathedral
pipe organ is amazing. Colin's exciting program is titled
'Fireworks from the Organ Loft.' Please join us in
Green Bay! *Admission Free.*

Music from composers Schumann, Bach, Boëllmann,
Florence Price, Langlais and Duruflé.

Thank you to our Secretary Extraordinaire Diane
Kirkland for 13 years of Service. Diane will 'hand
over the reins' to Erin Bristol at the end of August.

The Trustees are planning a luncheon in her honor
following the 10:30 a.m. service on August 27.
Please be sure to attend and let Diane know how
much you've appreciated her ministry!

August 2023 Services

Sunday, Aug 6 - 8 a.m. service, 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook - Cynthia Stiehl at 10:30 a.m. service

Sunday, Aug 13- 8 a.m. service, 10:30 a.m. in church and on Facebook; Communion & Joyful Noise Offering

Sunday, Aug 20 - 8 a.m. service, 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

Sunday, Aug 27- 8 a.m. service, 10:30 a.m. in church and on Facebook; Fellowship Hour honoring Diane Kirkland (2nd Service)



Wednesday, Aug. 9 – 6:30-8:30 pm

Crossroads At Big Creek

Collins Learning Center

2041 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI, 54235

In-person and Zoom attendance options

Opioid and meth use has become an increasing concern in Door County over the past several years, as the county has caught up to addiction trends in other parts of the state and country. Local officials in law enforcement and health and human services, as well as those involved in recovery programs, say they're alarmed by trends in opioid use and polysubstance use locally.

Door County Knock and the League of Women Voters of Door County are co-hosting a community forum on these issues, covering what's happening in the county, what resources are available and where the community can go from here.

The event will feature a panel discussion including local officials and service providers who work on these issues daily and people who have experienced addiction.

The forum will also broadcast live via Zoom and be recorded for future viewing. More information on the Knock website, <https://doorcountynock.org>.

Thank you for your generosity! Our 'Ramp Up' project met its goal! We sent over \$3,000 to Habitat for Humanity!



There is still time to give to the 'Debt Jubilee' project (assists people who are burdened with medical debt). You may do so directly by visiting the Moravian Ministries Foundation website or by sending us a check which we will forward to them. The deadline for this project is August 13th.

The Ephraim Historical Foundation held a program about Dumaresq Spencer, and the church lights in July. Dawn was co-presenter.



JOHN TURNER Memorial Service

...will be on Saturday, September 9, at 10:30 a.m.
Join his family and friends in remembering John.



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.

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 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 present 'A Call to Faithful Action', addressing the scourge of gun violence in the United States. 2 people endorsed this call to action on the floor of Synod. One was a victim of a school shooting, who saw her principal die. The other was an avid gun owner and hunter. Both advocated for the need to speak out as people of Faith. Following the vote, our outgoing and incoming Presidents of the Provincial Elders Conference issued a joint letter:

The Moravian Church Northern Province, a denomination with members in twelve states and the District of Columbia, meeting in legislative session (our Provincial Synod) in Bethlehem, PA, overwhelmingly adopted a resolution entitled, 'A Call for Faithful Action of the Moravian Church Northern Province toward an End to Gun Violence.' In it we lamented the lack of legislative action to prevent further loss of life from gun violence.

We called on all of the delegates in attendance at our synod to both affirm the right for US citizens to keep and bear arms and also be advocates for responsible fire-arm legislation at the nation, state, and local levels of government. These include, but are not limited to:

- Mandating universal background checks for all gun sales*
- Extending waiting periods for all fire-arm sales and requiring fire-arm safety training*
- Establishing the minimum age of 21 to purchase a fire-arm*
- Prohibiting the sales of military style assault weapons and banning high-capacity magazines and all weapons and modifications that enable multiple rounds to be fired each time the trigger is pulled.*

We commit ourselves to raise awareness, educate and promote advocacy of measures that aim to eliminate gun violence and mass shootings. We, as members of the Moravian Church, call upon you, our elected leaders, to enact responsible fire-arm legislation that fulfills the above points. We also pledge to hold you accountable to fulfilling these expectations such that the United States becomes a safer country. We pledge to hold you in prayer as you consider such critical and important issues of our time.



Time is running out to order your Daily Text for 2024 at the discounted prices! Paperback \$10.35; Large print \$13.05; Hardcover \$15.30.

Order by August 6th either at the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall, email or call the church office. After the deadline, prices will rise by over \$1 each.





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.



From Christie Melby-Gibbons at Tricklebee Cafe:

"People are frequently asking us where the name "Tricklebee" comes from. Here's the story: When I (Christie Melby-Gibbons, executive director) was a child, I would hear my mom talking about doing a difficult project. For example, she'd say: "Sure, we can do that. The trick'll be finding the right tools." (Do you hear it?) The "trick'll be"! My little ears heard that as one word: tricklebee.

"Choosing that as the name of our cafe made incorporating easy, because it's a made up name. And now, the "trick'll be" sustaining a restaurant where people can pay whatever they want to eat there."

EPHRAIM HISTORICAL FOUNDATION CHAT

Tuesday August 8, 10:30 - 11:30 AM, Pioneer Schoolhouse. Ephraim Historical Foundation History Chat. *The Moravians: the People, the Place, and the Church*. Moravians established the Village of Ephraim in 1853, but who were they why did they travel across the world to the wilds of Door County? Presenter George Drost will take guests on a trip through time, from Czech theologian Jan Hus, to Andreas and Laurenze Iverson, to contemporary artist Joža Uprka. Drost will share his own father's story of immigration, necessitated by political events in 1948. Free and open to the public. 920-854-9688 or visit [History Chat: The Moravians - the People, the Place & the Church — Ephraim Historical Foundation](#).



Cemetery News & Reminder about Decorations



In October, it will be a year since I became the cemetery superintendent. Every week there is something new to learn. It helps to have members like you who are patient and supportive, and church leadership that is so responsive.

Surveyor Brian Frisque and his crew shared their findings in July, with more information to come. Memorial gifts in honor of Dick Bierman are helping fund survey work. Stay tuned for an update later in the fall. Meanwhile, with technical writing guidance from Rob Meyer and others, I am preparing a **"Guidelines for Grave Monuments"** for Trustee review in the coming month(s). The guidelines are based on the existing Rules and Regulations (they do not replace but rather clarify the Rules and Regulations) and in future will be shared with people selecting monuments.

With summer in full swing, it is also time to review what the Rules and Regulations say about **grave decorations** (see H. 1-4). If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions please contact me and I can include them in my next report to the Board of Trustees.

- From May 1 to November 1 only live plantings will be allowed.
- From November 2 to April 30 evergreen or natural material wreaths may be placed on gravesites.
- Planted flowers will not extend more than eight inches from the headstone [otherwise affects mowing].
- Bushes, trees, shrubbery or creeping [invasive] plants may not be planted at any gravesite.
- Neither shall any flower boxes, potted plants, jars, urns or receptacles or decorations be permitted [affects mowing].
- Metal spikes [shepherd's hooks] that hold potted plants above the ground are permissible within eight inches of the headstone but will be discarded if not cared for.
- Commemorative markers or American flags shall be placed for only two weeks surrounding national holidays.

Kathleen Harris, Cemetery Superintendent

August Birthdays

Argo Larsen...1
Agnes Rose Larsen...2
Adelaide Penchoff...7
Ava Neddersen Engberg ...9
Mary Koehler...13
Angela Sherman ...13
Nyla Lapolla...14
Kaye Maher...15
Mary Ann Schuder...15
Britta Jacobson Hansen...16
Gary Carlson...17
Arps Horvath...20
Marcia Dorfman – 22
Barb Meyer - 22
Amanda Larson Fischer...24
Linda Lorenz...27
Joshua Opitz...28
Jody Thiell...28
Sadie Nelson... 30
Robert Volpe...31



August Anniversaries

Nancy & Tim Christofferson – 5, 1972
Don and Donna Nelson – 9, 1958
Michael & Brittney Rae Larsen – 16, 2014



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
...the family of John Turner

Treasurer's Report

Member Giving

Through June 2023: \$92,482

Visitor Giving

Through June 2023: \$22,137

Total YTD Offering: \$114,619

Budgeted expense for 2023 is \$273,425 Through June: \$136,001.80

August

Post on
your
refrigerator!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 OA 8:30 a.m.	5 (baptism here)
6 8 am Service 10:30 a.m. Service and Communion	7 AA evenings	8	9 Elders 10 a.m.	10	11 OA 8:30 a.m.	12
13 8 am Service 10:30 a.m. Service and Joyful Noise	14 AA evenings	15 Trustees 10 a.m.	16 Caring Hands 9:30 a.m.	17	18 OA 8:30 a.m.	19
20 8 am Service 10:30 a.m. Service	21 AA evenings	22	23	24	25 OA 8:30 a.m.	26
27 8 am Service 10:30 a.m. Service	28 AA evenings	29	30	31		

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An August storm in
Ephraim



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