

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - July 9, 2023

Morning Worship, 8:00 & 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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Welcome & Announcements

**\*\*Prelude: ‘Cantilène,’ from Organ Symphonie #3 – by Louis Vierne**

Watchword for the Week

**Hymn #714 “Blessed Assurance”**

**Liturgy, Psalm 34 (Insert)**

**\*\*Joyful Noise Offering for Door CANcer  
‘Tuba Tune Ragtime’ – by George Baker**

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Zechariah 9: 9 – 12

New Testament: Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 – 30

**Solo (8 a.m.) “O Rest In the Lord” – Marcia Ellis**  
Sermon

**\*\*Offertory: ‘Allegretto’ – by Percy Whitlock**  
**Doxology**

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

**Congregational Sung Response: #745**

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer*

*When I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer*

*O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. Amen.*

Benediction

**\*\*Postlude: ‘Praeludium, Fuga e Ciacona’ – by Dietrich Buxtehude**

**\*\*10:30 a.m. Service**

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. – Psalm 145:8

**TODAY:** Time of Fellowship following Worship  
3 – 5 p.m. Peach Barn Brewery–  
Gun Control discussion

5:00 p.m. Zion UMC Hymn Sing

**MONDAY:** Pastor’s Sabbath

**TUESDAY:** 10:30 a.m. Pioneer School History Chat

**THURSDAY:** 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes- Stella Maris  
Sister Bay

**SUNDAY:** 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

**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

**WELCOME** & Thank You to Pastor Warren Pfohl, director of the Bridges Program for providing the message today. He will be available for any questions during Fellowship Hour. Thanks to Marcia for singing at our 8 a.m. service!

**TODAY** -3 – 5 p.m. Community Gathering to discuss Gun Violence; Peach Barn Brewery, 2450 S Bay Shore Dr, Sister Bay, WI  
Also 5:00 p.m. Old Fashioned Hymn Sing at Zion UMC 8781 County Highway F. Freewill offering will benefit Door-Tran

**TUESDAY** 10:30 a.m. History Chat: Church Lights, the Lafayette Escadrille, and Wallis Simpson at the Pioneer Schoolhouse. Pastor Dawn is teaming up with Kathleen Harris, EHF Educator. Learn the story behind a mysterious plaque discovered in the back of a church

file drawer. This program is free, open to the public, and suitable for older children and adults.

**THURSDAY** 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes at Stella Maris Sister Bay- a Free Community Meal providing great food and a chance to meet our neighbors!

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*“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” - Matthew 11:28*

For years my family worked and lived in urban settings. We dealt with ‘code red’ air quality days, heavy traffic, the roar of airplanes, subways, buses, sirens and horn blasts from impatient motorists. We endured lines everywhere— post office, grocery stores, banks, etc.

We worked and saved in order to take a vacation away from the city. I remember traveling each year to a town in the Adirondack Mountains of New York, breathing in the clean air and nature’s rare beauty. That week was vitally important to me. It restored balance and gave me a much-needed rest from all my responsibilities. I was quite envious of the people who lived there year-round. I wished that I could live in paradise more than 1 week out of every year.

Then, I arrived in paradise, and I saw ‘the other side’ that I could not imagine as a tourist. The other side is that, although we live in a beautiful setting, the challenges are profound. People often work 2 – 3 jobs during the peak season in order to pay their bills in the ‘off season’. The Village Boards and committees work to preserve the natural beauty of this place while seeking growth in economic opportunities. Our fire departments and first responders train all year and are ready to serve, especially in the summertime. The challenges of health care services, living wages, childcare are amplified in our rural setting.

As our ‘busy season’ begins, filled with crowded restaurants, distracted drivers, more work than workers and frenetic schedules... let us remember Jesus words: “Come to me and I will give you rest.” This is the One who stilled the roaring wind, calming the terror of the sea. This is the One who brought hope to the hopeless. This is the One who said, ‘I am with you always.’

Anytime we come to Jesus, we can experience the peace, the rest which transcends our frenzied responsibilities. His invitation stands today. Will you and I take hold of this gift as we navigate our ‘busy season’?

**Celebrating 170 Years  
in 2023!**