



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

September 2023

From a Pastor's Desk

Fall is traditionally seen as the harvesting in of the summer crops, particularly in more rural areas of which we have so many here in Wisconsin. Of course, many people have been gleaning crops from their own backyards (or benefitting from our neighbors' efforts) over the summer as well – green beans, snap peas, sweet corn, strawberries and raspberries, a list to which you can add your own favorites.

But the fall harvest completes the bringing in of the final crops, preparing and storing them for enjoyment during the long winter months ahead. Potatoes, plums, apples, pears and onions, to name a few, were not only grown and reaped by our ancestors, but dried, stewed, cooked, canned and stored on shelves as a visual representation of the abundance their steady, consistent work brought forth. Raspberry jam spread on warm buttered toast on a cold January morning is indescribably delicious and warms the soul as nothing else can. One of our Old Testament prophets summed it up well: “My people will be satisfied with my bounty,” says the Lord. – Jeremiah 31:14

There is also another kind of harvest, one which happens throughout the year and our entire lives. As well as being blessed with specific gifts by God, you and I are constantly receiving, learning and growing as human beings and as God's faithful people. How we choose to share those rich resources is our response to God's call for us to serve. “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you have received.” – I Peter 4:10 Just like the wonderful harvests that fill our tables, our gifts fill the hearts, lives and souls of those we serve by God's grace in the richest possible measure.

So, at this time of year when the tourist season is winding down, summer-only businesses are closing up shop, and the leaves start sharing their beautiful designs and colors, it is good to remember that God always provides bountiful harvests in all sorts of ways. Our deep blessing is that we get to contribute to and receive from God's wealth and goodness every day.



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

SECRETARY: Mon 8-11, Tues
8-12, Thur 8-3

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parsonage—please keep the Pastor's
cell phone number handy for after
hours.



YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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Colin & Friends
CONCERTS

DAZZLING FRENCH MASTERPIECES

for the organ

With Colin Welford
& Cynthia Stiehl

Saturday, September 23rd

At both 2.00 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

(Space is limited, so arrive early for best seats)

*At the turn of the 20th-Century, all Paris was in the thrall
of the magnificent organ music being written for its three
biggest cathedrals. In this concert we will present three
iconic works from French superstar organist-composers
Widor, Vierne, and Guilmant. Don't miss these stunners!*

This free concert will be at Ephraim Moravian Church, 9970
Moravia Street. Goodwill donations always welcome. Please
visit [colinandfriendsconcerts](https://www.facebook.com/colinandfriendsconcerts) on Facebook, where there will
be more details. To receive our notifications, please write to
colinandfriendsconcerts@gmail.com



DO YOU HAVE CARING HANDS? A CARING SPIRIT??

**We are always looking for more people to
join our Caring Hands Committee!**

**We send out cards (get well, sympathy,
congratulations, etc.) to our congregation
and community, provide meals as needed,
rides for doctors' appointments, etc. If you
could help, we meet the third Wednesday of
each month (9:30 am)...please let Pastor
Dawn know!**

September 2023 Services

Sunday, Sep 3 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook; Communion
Sunday, Sep 10- 10:30 a.m. in church and on Facebook; Joyful Noise Offering
Sunday, Sep 17 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook
Sunday, Sep 24- 10:30 a.m. in church and on Facebook



Bible Study: Join us in September for a Bible Study: “Colorful Women of the Bible.” We will be exploring stories of women we don’t usually hear about on a Sunday Morning... Saints & Sinners Alike! 1:00 p.m. Friday afternoons.



Oh my, what a send-off for my retirement as church secretary!

A heartfelt **Thank You** to all who participated in the August 27 service and party afterwards!

The music was wonderful, the food terrific, and all the cards and well-wishes were gratefully received.

It has been a privilege to serve as Treasurer/Secretary of my church, and I thank the Boards of Trustees and Elders, Pastor Dawn and Colin Welford for making it such a pleasure.

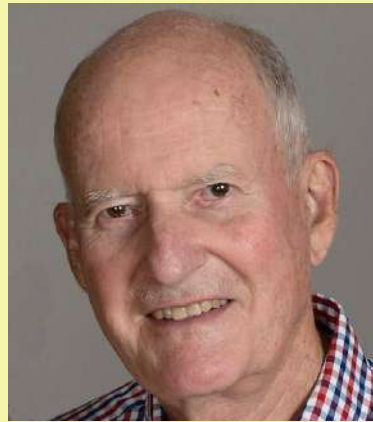
“Love Letter Consignment”

Congratulations to Laurel Janisse on the opening of her shop, 'Love Letter Consignment' at Top of the Hill Shops in Fish Creek. Pictured here with great husband and partner, Chris.



JOHN TURNER Memorial Service

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



Many thanks to all who made the August 27 service so memorable as we waved goodbye to Diane Kirkland as church secretary and welcomed Erin Bristol! It was a wonderful day.



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



***Dearly Departed
Cemetery Walk
Monday, September 11, 2023
(Rain? Come to the church)
Ephraim Moravian Cemetery
1 pm tour***

**2023 Dearly Departed features stories
about**



Sgt. Marvin Hansen



Alberta Kaminsky



Lillian Wilson



Kay Wilson



Petie Wilson



Verna Wilson

Come enjoy the portrayals at our Cemetery Walk and then join us at church for refreshments and to view photos and artifacts.

**The cemetery is at the corner of Willow and Norway, east of the church.
The church is at 9970 Moravia Street. There is limited parking at the
cemetery for those with mobility issues;
a tram will run between the church and the cemetery from
12:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

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:

Synod passed a Resolution regarding the Mental Health Crisis, noting that the US and Canada are experiencing an unprecedented Mental Health Crisis, especially impacting our youth. We also noted the Surgeon General's advisory declaring loneliness as a new public health epidemic in the United States. As people of faith, we are called to offer the healing power of God's love to those suffering from mental health concerns, loneliness and isolation.

"The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province urges its members and congregations to take steps to address the current mental health crisis, loneliness, and isolation including, becoming knowledgeable about mental illness and helpful ways to respond; offering support and encouragement to those experiencing mental health concerns and crises and their families; and advocating for adequate and accessible mental health care."

In light of the above, how can we at Ephraim Moravian Church make a difference?

New Members!

Barb and Dale Stafslie have been coming to Door County for 25 years. Their love of travel both US and abroad with favorites being Norway and Salzburg Austria always lead them back home to Door County which they now fondly refer to as their summer home.

They volunteered at Northern Sky for many years and for the past three years they have been employed by the company. Nothing like getting a paycheck for doing what you love!

Barb is a Family Nurse Practitioner and works as an independent contractor doing home wellness exams for insurance companies when she is not working at the theatre.

Dale was a music teacher for 30 years working primarily with high school students. Later in his career he worked as Assistant Principal of a high school as well as principal of an "at risk school" (students who could not graduate from the main school).

Both have been involved in theater and music throughout their lives, working together for many shows at their local Community Theater as well as creating their own shows for dinner theater venues.

They have always had a love for dogs. You may have seen them at Northern Sky or Sister Bay Dog park. It's hard to miss two Bernese Mountain Dogs (Felix and Oskar) and a St. Bernard Rache (Rachmaninoff). They are fondly referred to as the "mascots of Northern Sky" and even have a place in the program!



Jennifer Gregory

I was born and raised in southern Illinois and was baptized, confirmed and attended the Methodist Church. I have one brother. Tom and I met in college. We married and raised two sons in Vincennes, Indiana. I worked as a paralegal and retired from a dermatology practice. Upon retirement in 2019, we moved to Egg Harbor.

I have experience as a volunteer for a battered spouse prevention program and Tom and I led a Bible Study program with work release prisoners. I chaired the Christian Education Department at our church for many years and enjoyed teaching Sunday School of all ages. My hobbies are sewing and knitting.

I love spending time with my 5 grandchildren. I am happy to join with the Ephraim Moravian Church

Thomas M. Gregory

I was born and raised in a Catholic home in Evansville, Indiana. I was baptized as an infant and made my confirmation at age 12 at Nativity Catholic Church.

I graduated from the University of Evansville with as B.S degree in Accounting in 1981. Jennifer and I were married in February 1980 at First Christian Church in Evansville Indiana. We moved to Vincennes Indiana in the summer of 1981. We have two sons with two wonderful daughter in laws that have blessed us with five grandchildren.

I worked for a rural electric cooperative for 37 years. I worked my way up through the organization and retired as the Cooperative CEO in December 2018. I served on several boards for the community and economic development organizations while in Vincennes.

When I retired we moved to Egg Harbor WI. We have a winter home in Apollo Beach, Florida which is in close proximity to our son and his family.

I have held various leadership roles in the churches that we attended. Jennifer and I were involved in leading a prison work release bible study program for five years in Vincennes.

We have attended the Ephraim Moravian church during the many visits to Door County over the last 30 years. We have been recently attending on a regular basis since August 2021.

I am blessed to know and love Jesus. We would like to make Ephraim Moravian Church our church home.



Windsor McCutcheon

We are delighted to be joining the Ephraim Moravian Church. I have long felt that Door County, Ephraim in particular, is my home base, my roots. My maternal grandfather and grandmother honeymooned in Ephraim in 1915 and came back every summer thereafter. They were members of this church.

I have only missed one summer visit in my life. My grandchildren represent our familial fifth generation presence here in this exquisite spot. In 2008 I felt blessed to call Ephraim my permanent home. My roots and my heart are deeply embedded on this peninsula.



Mike McCutcheon, MD

Windsor introduced me to Ephraim in the late 90's, we were married on April Fools day in 2000. I retired from my practice of Spine Surgery in Albuquerque, NM in 2006 and we moved to Ephraim in May of 2008. We both quickly became involved in various activities in Ephraim and the county.

A wonderful place to retire and start a whole new life.

Nan Zimdars Hoesly

Nan Zimdars Hoesly has been coming to Ephraim since the 1950's. In the winter she lives in Madison, WI. Nan and Michael Hoesly celebrated their 40 th wedding anniversary last May.

They have two grown daughters, both of whom are married and live in the Chicago area.

Retiring in 2021 from the financial services industry, she now focuses her energy on painting.



The September Loaves & Fishes meal will be held on
September 21st from 5-6pm at
Stella Maris Sister Bay,
2410 S Bay Shore Drive Sister Bay WI 54234



This is the End of Summer Celebration - BBQ chicken, cornbread and apple quinoa salad



Post on
your
refrigerator!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	AA 7 pm				1 OA 8:30 am. Colin & Friends concert 2:00 p.m.	2 Wedding 4:30 pm
3 10:30 am service Communion	4 AA 7 pm	5	6	7	8 OA 8:30 am. Bible Study 1 pm	9 John Turner funeral 10:30 am
10 10:30 am service Joyful Noise. Chess Club 4 pm	11 Cemetery Walk 1:00 pm. AA 7 pm	12	13 Elders 10 a.m.	14	15 OA 8:30 am. Bible Study 1 pm	16
17 10:30 am service. Chess Club 4 pm	18 AA 7 pm	19 Trustees 10 am	20 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands	21 Loaves & Fishes 5:00-6:00 Stella Maris	22 OA 8:30 am	23 Colin & Friends Concert 2:00 & 4:30
24 10:30 am service. Chess Club 4 pm	25 AA 7 pm	26	27	28	29 OA 8:30 am. Bible Study 1 pm	30



September Birthdays

Glenore Paschke...2
Kathleen Harris...2
Randall Nelson...3
Elfi Johnson...3
Samantha Phillips...5
Nicholas Weborg...13
Brittney Rae Larsen...15
Sherry Moore... 15
Windsor McCutcheon...17
Eileen Jacobson...18
Claire Bierman... 18
Kris Husby-Nelson...27
Larry Jacobson...30



September Anniversaries

Elfi and Jerry Johnson - 2, 1969
Ryan and Angela Sherman – 6, 2008
George and Linda Carey – 10, 1960
Pete and Barbara Classen – 15, 1959
Mary Ann and Tom Schuder – 15, 1973
Dawn & Bob Volpe – 22, 1991
Kay and Paul Wilson – 25, 1971

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
...Karen Ekberg

Treasurer's Report

Member Giving__

Through July 2023: \$107,105

Visitor Giving

Through July 2023: \$28,125

Total YTD Offering: \$135,230

Budgeted expense for 2023 is \$273,425 Through July: \$154,778.46

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Colin Welford with page-
turner Amanda Mittermann
at the August 1 Green Bay
concert.

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