



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

October 2023



From a Pastor's Desk

“Do the Work of an Evangelist, fulfill your ministry” 2 Timothy 4:5

Every time I heard a sermon encouraging me to be an Evangelist, I cringed. Images of awkward conversations, unwanted proselytizing and street corner preachers filled my mind. I was (still am) an Introvert. The idea of engaging in conversation with anyone on deep matters of faith rendered me tongue-tied. I discounted preaching as an act of Evangelism, since I felt I was speaking to the ‘already persuaded’. I made it quite clear in my younger days that I did not possess the ‘gift of Evangelism’. I’d let others who were more outgoing take on the role of an Evangelist.

Fortunately, I’ve had an epiphany about that loaded term. It happened after I received my set of hearing aids. My hearing had been in steady decline for over a decade. I compensated by reading lips, smiling and nodding when I simply could not understand. When masks were commonplace, I gave up attempts to decipher young children’s speech. All that changed when I donned my devices. I was able to hold conversations with kids! I could tell my husband it was ok not to shout! I could genuinely laugh at jokes because I actually heard the punch lines! I tell everyone I know about them. The people who don’t need hearing aids are grateful that they don’t have to repeat themselves multiple times. For those who’ve been on the fence about getting them and really need them, my story gives them the nudge to get their hearing tested. It’s very satisfying to help others as I have been helped.

That’s the work of an Evangelist- to share good news. News that is life-giving, news that makes a positive difference. We know that life with Jesus has been a source of joy, comfort and purpose to us. We don’t need to engage in stilted conversations or awkward presentations. We can be evangelists for Jesus by demonstrating the good we have received. As Jesus opened his arms to us, we open our arms to others through hospitality, through friendship, through visits, through compassion, through sympathy, through ‘hands on’ assistance, through our careers, through our artistic skills, ... the list is endless. We have an abundance of Life to share. Let’s fulfill our ministry... Do the work of an Evangelist!

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

SECRETARY: Tues 8-3 Thur 8-3
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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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Kathy Zehner
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Colin & Friends
CONCERTS

'Violin Rhapsodies'

Saturday October 7th at 2.00 p.m. &
Sunday October 8th at 2.00 p.m.

Lorre Trytten, violin

&

Colin Welford, piano & organ

A dynamic and fun program of beautiful, short
pieces for the violin, piano and organ, (including two
exciting original compositions of Lorre) to awaken
the senses and leave you wanting more!



*The Dearly Departed Wilson
sister actors!*



October 2023 Services

Sunday, Oct 1 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook; Communion

Sunday, Oct 8- 10:30 a.m. in church and on Facebook; Joyful Noise Offering

Sunday, Oct 15- 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

Sunday, Oct 22- 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook

Sunday, Oct 29- 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook



Bible Study: Join us in October 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.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Live-Stream

Interested in learning & serving our distant worshipers? We have an opportunity for you. After nearly a year of experience broadcasting our services with the new system, we are ready to add to the team that makes our services available to friends nearby and others around the world. We will train you and sit with you when you are ready to fly solo. If you would like to learn more, contact Rob Meyer (meyer.rob@live.com) or talk to Ryan Sherman.

Caring Hands

CARING HANDS is a group which meets monthly, sending out cards to church family and community alike- celebrating milestone events, sending words of encouragement or sympathy. The committee has also organized baby showers and sent out care packages to college students. We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. The meetings are one hour in length. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the pastor.

NEW PROGRAM!

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM- All School Aged children are invited to attend **every Wednesday in October**. We are in conversation with the school to have one bus drop off at our church. The hours are from 3:45 – 5 p.m. and include games, music, snacks, homework help and reading. We hope to see your child there!

WELCOME BACK!

Sunday School begins October 1, 9 a.m. with School–Aged kids with Erin in the Fellowship Hall and Pre-School/Nursery aged with Mr. Bob and Scott in the Nursery. Music will be a part of both age experiences.

LOAVES & FISHES

A wonderful meal for the whole family! All are invited on the **second Tuesday of every month, 5 p.m. at Stella Maris in Sister Bay**. In November, our church will be providing dessert. Look for the sign up sheet by mid-October.

LOOKING AHEAD

We will hold a special ‘Harvest’ Luncheon for the Church and Community on **Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 12 p.m.** If you would like to be one of the soup makers, a sign-up sheet will be available soon!

A Local Hero!

Our own Logan Mittermann was working at the Firehouse Marina when an urgent call for help came in. Here’s the account according to an eyewitness: “I was at the marina when I heard people on several boats and an adjacent dock yelling and pointing toward the end of the main pier where a large dog had fallen into the water and was struggling. One of the elderly owners was in the water attempting to rescue his dog. Village employee Logan came out of the Marina, ran down the entire length of the pier and dove into the water to help rescue the dog and its owner. Logan was fully clothed and did not think of his personal effects or his own safety. The water was cold, only around 68 degrees, and it is very deep off the end of the pier. It was very hard for him to get the large soaking wet dog back onto the pier and the owner was also struggling in the cold water. This was an act of heroism and should be recognized.” Photo: Logan with a very grateful dog and owners!



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 report concerning the rise of Christian Nationalism. Our Synod passed a resolution to endorse the ‘Statement from Christians against Christian Nationalism’ – This group provides resources to all churches to address the alarming rise of Christian Nationalism in our country. The statement is as follows:

As Christians our faith teaches us everyone is created in God’s image and commands us to love one another. As Americans, we value our system of government and the good that can be accomplished in our constitutional democracy. Today, we are concerned about a persistent threat to both our religious communities and our democracy – Christian Nationalism.

Christian Nationalism seeks to merge Christian and American identities, distorting both the Christian faith and America’s constitutional democracy. Christian Nationalism demands Christianity be privileged by the State and implies that to be a good American, one must be Christian. It often overlaps with and provides cover for white supremacy and racial subjugation.

We reject this damaging political ideology and invite our Christian brothers and sisters to join us in opposing this threat to our faith and to our nation.

As Christians, we are bound to Christ, not by citizenship, but by faith. We believe that:

- People of all faiths and none have the right and responsibility to engage constructively in the public square.
- Patriotism does not require us to minimize our religious convictions.
- One’s religious affiliation, or lack thereof, should be irrelevant to one’s standing in the civic community.
- Government should not prefer one religion over another or religion over nonreligion.
- Religious instruction is best left to our houses of worship, other religious institutions and families.
- America’s historic commitment to religious pluralism enables faith communities to live in civic harmony with one another without sacrificing our theological convictions
- Conflating religious authority with political authority is idolatrous and often leads to oppression of minority and other marginalized groups as well as the spiritual impoverishment of religion.
- We must stand up to and speak out against Christian Nationalism, especially when it inspires acts of violence and intimidation—including vandalism, bomb threats, arson, hate crimes, and attacks on houses of worship—against religious communities at home and abroad.

Whether we worship at a church, mosque, synagogue, or temple, America has no second-class faiths. All are equal under the U.S. Constitution. As Christians, we must speak in one voice condemning Christian Nationalism as distortion of the gospel of Jesus and a threat to American democracy.

New Members!

Alden Rebecca (Becky) Spooner

Becky Spooner, born in Cambridge, MA, graduated from Boston University and has concluded her graduate program in World War II Studies at Arizona State University. She has one son Mark, an avid mountaineer, who lives in New York City and works for Deloitte.



Becky is no stranger to the Ephraim Moravian Church. She spent many hours at the church while her mother Alice rehearsed for her role as summer organist. Especially fun times, campfires and lots of singing, were with the summer church youth group “chaperoned” by Niles Weborg. Most thrilling were the glorious adventures riding in Spencer Gould’s convertible as he took a group on wonderful trips to Washington Island and other sites. He always made sure each of the group had a present to take home to their parents.

For those who might remember, Becky served as the first girl Resorter Reporter for the Door County Advocate in the Bicentennial year. She made sure activities of the church received coverage in the newspaper’s summer supplement.

Becky lives in Tempe, Arizona, initially to be close to Alice, and has remained there with her beloved Cairn Terrier, Ireland. When in Door County she resides at her mother’s cabin built in the 1930s on North Bay.

Thank you from Karen Ekberg

Thank you so very much for all the prayers, cards, and calls when I so gracefully fell at the feet of Pastor Dawn, August 21, and broke my hip. I will be driving soon and back in my church. Also, Bob Volpe, if we didn’t have you, it may not gone so smoothly, and Justin too. Blessings, Karen Ekberg

New Members!

Dan Gordon Olson was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa to Gordon J. & Lucille (Knutson) Olson. Until age eleven he lived on the family farm near Humboldt, Iowa. After graduating from high school in Fort Dodge, he attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa receiving a BA in Classics and Ancient History in 1967. In 1971 he was awarded a Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and was ordained at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge. Dan served three parishes in Star Prairie and Merrill, Wisconsin and retired from active ministry after serving for 16 years at Bay View Lutheran Church in Sturgeon Bay. Dan served as both member and president of the school boards in New Richmond, Merrill and Sturgeon Bay. During high school years he worked at a men's clothing store and served as editor of the high school newspaper. As for hobbies over the years, Dan developed considerable culinary skills and amassed a library of thousands of books. During college years Dan worked in both educational and commercial radio. In 1967 he was married to college classmate Jendean (Hegg) Olson. Together they have three children Andrew, Angela (Chad) Olson-Luberger and Aaron (Sarah Castelyn). They also have six grandchildren, Anika, Audrey, Aria, Anders, Elsa and Stanley.



Jendean Norma (Hegg) Olson was born to John O. & Norma (Sersland) Hegg in Decorah, Iowa. Her family farm was established in 1853, the same year as Ephraim Moravian Church. From any vantage point on that farm the tall spire of her home church, Washington Prairie Lutheran Church was clearly visible. That church was at the very center of her life. It was there that she was baptized and confirmed. Jendean attended a one-room school for her first eight grades and then continued in Decorah, graduating in 1963. She then entered Luther College completing a degree in music education. While at Luther Jendean was a member of the Luther College Nordic Choir. Immediately upon graduation, Jendean traveled with the Choir for seven weeks during which time the choir presented a concert in East Berlin and traveled by boat along the whole coast of Norway. Also, while at Luther College she served as a music librarian and a reader of children's stories at KWLC radio. It was at Luther College that Jendean met her future husband, Dan, to whom she was married in August of 1967. In the Fall of 1967, Jendean & Dan moved to St. Paul, Minnesota where she began her teaching career in Elementary Music Education in the Columbia Heights Public Schools. In time, she taught Music in the New Richmond, Merrill, Sturgeon Bay, and Algoma Public Schools. While Dan served in three congregations, Jendean was heavily involved with the music programs both as organist and choir director, retiring from active service from Ephraim Moravian Church. In addition, she gave dozens of private piano lessons. Together, Jendean & Dan have three children, Andrew, Angela (Chad) Olson-Luberger and Aaron (Sarah Castelyn). They also have six grandchildren, Anika, Audrey, Aria, Anders, Elsa, and Stanley.

October Birthdays

Jendean Olson...7
Erika Wilson Burkemper...8
Lonnie Vitse.... 11
Rosie Klein16
Hunter Penchoff... 18
Diane Kirkland...18
Kathy Kirkland...18
Maggie Schnackenberg... 18
Lisa Carlson...22
Paul Flottman...24
Shayla Opitz - 24
Tad Dukehart... 27
Chuck Ellis.... 29



October Anniversaries

Priscilla and Keith Krist – 1, 1966
Barbara and Dale Stafslie - 9, 1999
Ranny and Kris Husby-Nelson October 11, 2006

If we have missed you or someone you know
in the lists, please let us know in
the church office!

Prayer Concerns

...Barbara Axelson
...Maggie Schnackenberg
...Richard Carlson
...Karen Ekberg
...Gary & Cheryl Doudna

Treasurer's Report

Member Giving

Through August 2023: \$118,918

Visitor Giving

Through August 2023: \$32,359

Total YTD Offering: \$151,277

Budgeted expense for 2023 is: \$273,425 Through August: \$172,422.20



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 Worship 4 p.m. Chess Club	2 7 p.m. AA Meeting	3	4 3:45 p.m. After-School Program	5	6 8:30 a.m. OA 1 p.m. Bible Study	7 2 p.m. Colin & Friends Concert
8 9 a.m.-S.S. 10:30 Worship 2 p.m. Colin & Friends 4 p.m. Chess Club	9 7 p.m. AA Meeting	10 10:00 a.m. Trustees/ MMF Meeting 1 p.m. Elders	11 3:45 p.m. After-School Program	12 5 p.m. Loaves & Fishes- Stella Maris Sister Bay	13 8:30 a.m. OA 1 p.m. Bible Study	14
15 9 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 Worship 4 p.m. Chess Club	16 7 p.m. AA Meeting	17 10:00 a.m. Trustees	18 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 3:45 p.m. After-School Program	19	20 8:30 a.m. OA 1 p.m. Bible Study	21
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