

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 15, 2023

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR:.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
MINISTERS:.....Members of the Congregation
MUSIC DIRECTOR:.....Colin Welford
SECRETARY:.....Erin Bristol

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Welcome & Announcements

“Erbarm’ dich mein, O Herre Gott” (‘Be Merciful to me, O God’)
– Chorale prelude by J. S. Bach

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #521 **“Sun of Righteousness”**
Liturgy, p. 1 – 3

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Isaiah 25: 1 – 9

New Testament: Philippians 4: 1 – 9

Sermon

Offertory: ‘Largo,’ from ‘Xerxes’ – by Georg Frideric Handel

Doxology

Congregational Sung Response: (231- Red Hymnal)

Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine

Chase the shades of night away, turn my darkness into day. Amen

Benediction

Postlude: “Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist” (“Come, Creator Spirit Blessed” – Chorale Prelude by J. S. Bach

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things. Isaiah 25:1

TODAY:

Time of Fellowship following Worship

4:00 p.m. Chess Club

MONDAY:

Pastor’s Sabbath

TUESDAY:

10:00 a.m. Trustee Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

9:30 a.m. Caring Hands

3:45 – 5 p.m. After School Program

FRIDAY:

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Chess Club

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

CANDY BARS are on sale in the Fellowship Hall on the card table.

The sales will assist Mylo Sherman’s fund-raising for his school’s trip to Washington DC.

FLU/COVID SHOTS will be available at the Sister Bay Fire Station on October 24- Adults (19+), Appointment only- visit

<https://www.co.door.wi.gov/1164/Clinics> for more information and to set up an appointment. They have Pfizer shots available. If you’d prefer Moderna vaccines, they are available at the Hy-Vee in Green Bay <https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine>

Reflection, by Pastor Dan Olson

None of us would enjoy being carted off to the crowbar hotel, especially if we had done nothing wrong or illegal. Imagine the shame of it when people found out what had happened to us. It would be a horrible experience, to say the least. Would we get out? Few of us can possibly imagine what it would be like to be locked up in a prison.

The fact is, we are in prison! We find ourselves held captive by situations of our own making and by things that are forced upon us. “Once in a Century” storms are occurring with alarming regularity. It seems everything in our country is divided, and frankly, dangerous. As things are right now, we are troubled, uneasy, worried.

We may be in the chains of disease, of strained relations, of loneliness, of financial difficulty. It is an unsettling thing to be out of control, victims of the cruel whims of human life.

The Apostle Paul was in prison when he wrote his letter to the Philippians. How could it be remotely possible for him to say, “Have no anxiety about anything”? As always with Paul, hope and faith abound. He concludes with these well-known words: “The peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

When the handcuffs rub painfully on our wrists, we too are set free when we let go with complete abandon to trust in the Power, Grace and Freedom of our Lord Jesus!!