



Ephraim Moravian Messenger

News from the Open Door

“In Essentials, Unity; in Non-Essentials, Liberty;
in All Things, Love”

Congregational Watchword for 2024:

Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.- 1 Timothy 3:16

From a Pastor's Desk by Dan G. Olson



Until we moved to Northern Wisconsin, I had never heard of farmers going out to pick rocks. I grew up on a farm in Iowa where there was no such thing. Picking corn, of course, but rocks? But it's true. The rocks are picked so they don't damage the plowshare. And to top it off, the rocks are an annual crop. They appear in colder places where the sub-zero temperatures freeze the ground water which forces the rocks to the surface.

One might think of rocks as a nuisance but, in fact, they really are fundamental. Stone fences have been built for centuries. I've been in the basements of older homes where the foundation has been built with rocks. And this gets me to my underlying theme of this article – foundations.

Think with me here about bridges that cross bodies of water: The Michigan Street Bridge, The Mackinaw Bridge, The Brooklyn Bridge for example. The entire weight of the bridge which you can see, is supported by that which you cannot. These structures are known as “piers” which rest on bedrock, many feet below the surface of the water. They are the foundation of the bridge and carry the weight of everything above. Each one of us has a foundation of some kind upon which our lives are built. We are, each one of us, only as sturdy and strong as the foundation upon which we are supported. Some foundations are less than adequate – those built with more sand and fewer rocks.

Might I suggest that with a strong spiritual foundation, we can focus on what is truly essential. This strong foundation is Jesus our Lord, who can support us in every aspect of our lives. As Peter says, in his first New Testament letter:

“Come to him, a living stone, who is precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture, “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

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

SECRETARY: Tues 8-3 Thur 8-3
Church phone: 920-854-2804
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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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January 2024 Services

**Sunday, Jan 7 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook; Communion**

**Sunday, Jan 14 - 10:30 a.m. in church and on
Facebook; & Joyful Noise Offering**

**Sunday, Jan 21 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook**

**Sunday, Jan 28 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook**

CALL TO CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday, January 28

We will provide lunch during our time for Fellowship,
After which we will reconvene in the Sanctuary for the Council.

All active members are requested to attend. Visitors may
attend to observe. If you will be out of town and would like to attend by
'Go to Meeting,' please let us know so that we can set up the links for you.

All Church Council Reports must be turned into the office by January 11.

New Bible Study!

January 12 – March 8, Fridays, 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

After studying the 'Colorful Women of the Bible', we'll be contemplating the lives of the "Men in the Shadows"- people we usually don't hear about from the pulpit. Some were heroes, others-villains, and others just trying to get by. All have something to teach us.

Jan. 12. #1 - Palace Intrigue: a study of the villains, the hero and the wimp
Jan. 19 #2- The Men in the Story of Queen Esther, hero, villain, egotist and opportunists
Jan. 26 #3- Courageous Advisors, A harried king and a greedy servant
Feb. 2 #4- King Hezekiah- living beyond his expiration date
Feb. 9 #5- Barnabas- A believer in 'second chances'
Feb. 16 #6- Philip the Evangelist- Shatters the Glass Ceiling!
Feb. 23 #7- Manasseh- Bad to the Bone
Mar. 1 #8- Caleb- Eternal Optimist
Mar. 8 #9- Philemon & Onesimus- The Economics of Forgiveness

After School Program Resumes

January 10 – March 20

April 10 – May 15

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.



For all School-Aged Children (Kindergarten – 8th Grade)
Please let Erin know if your child is riding the school bus so that she can give the list to the bus driver. It is helpful to know how many kids to expect each week.
We provide healthy snacks, activities, homework help and Fun!!


MID-WINTER LUNCH? (Jan. 17?)

If you are interested in Hosting a Lunch on the 3rd Wednesday of January...Please let us know!

The Community Choir of Door County

is a group of people throughout the county that enjoy singing! All ages, levels of talent and skills are welcome to join. If you are interested in joining find more information on their Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/CommunityChoirDoorCounty/> or contact Frank Christenson at 920-559-7844. Upcoming concerts are Feb. 13 and March 24 at Shepard of the Bay Lutheran Church in Ellison Bay!

Shepard of the Bay Lutheran Church is hosting an exercise class!




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What: Spring StrongBodies Class
Dates: For 12 weeks, starting January 22nd
Location: Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, Ellison Bay
Time: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-10:30
How to Sign Up: Contact Judeen Hansen at judeen.hansen@wisc.edu or call 920-746-2260
Questions: paul.salm@wisc.edu


Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

The ADVENTure Bake Sale for \$944 for Secret Santa! The Sunday School raised \$972 for the Moravian Church in Uganda Piggery Project! Thank you to everyone who supported and helped with these events!!



January Birthdays

Hugh Mulliken...1
Kristin Wilson Nemecek...2
Bob Volpe...7
Ken Carlson....7
Rob Meyer ... 12
Karen Ekberg...14
John Cox...17
Jennifer Gregory...17
Jim Nelson...19
Hedy Heise...22
Michael Larsen...23
Quinnley Sophia Campbell...24



January Anniversaries

Anne and Larry Crowe -16, 1988

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
...Anne and Larry Crowe-nephew died
...the Family of Joel Blahnik
...Lois Rice
...Kathy Kirkland

Treasurer's Report

Member Giving

Through November 2023: \$151,052

Visitor Giving

Through November 2023: \$44,542

Total YTD Offering: \$195,594

Budgeted expense for 2023 is: \$273,425 Through November: \$232,788.91



January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting	6
7 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Chess Club	8 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	9	10 10:00 a.m. Elders 3:45 p.m. After School	11	12 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	13
14 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Chess Club	15 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	16 12:00 p.m. Trustees	17 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 3:45 p.m. After School	18	19 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	20
21 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Chess Club	22 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	23	24 3:45 p.m. After School	25	26 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	27
28 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Church Council 4:00 p.m. Chess Club	29 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	30	31 3:45 p.m. After School			

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