

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 14, 2024

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**PASTOR:**.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe  
**MINISTERS:**.....Members of the Congregation  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR:**.....Colin Welford  
**SECRETARY:**.....Erin Bristol  
**SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST:**.....Barbara Classen  
**LAY READER:**.....Karen Ekberg

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Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude:** 'Brethren, We Have Met to Worship'- by William Moore

Watchword for the Week

**Hymn #555** "Come Now, Almighty King"  
**Liturgy, p. 1 – 3**

**Joyful Noise Offering: Door CANcer**

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Sermon

**Offertory:** 'Andante in A'- by Adolf Hesse  
Doxology

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

**Congregational Sung Response: (p. 68)**

*Light of the world, come near and bless your children here below,*

*Who in your house your name confess on us your grace bestow. Amen*

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** 'Jubilation'- by Denton

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!- Psalm 139:17

**TODAY**

**MONDAY:**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**FRIDAY:**

**SUNDAY:**

Time of Fellowship following Worship

Pastor's Sabbath

10:00 a.m. Trustee Meeting

9:30 a.m. Caring Hands

10:30 a.m. Elders Meeting

3:45 p.m. After-School Program

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**WELCOME** to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper.

**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 2024:** 'Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.' - 1 Timothy 3:16

**CHURCH COUNCIL-** Our Church Council takes place following the worship service and lunch on January 28.

**BIBLE STUDY BEGINS!** Please join us this Friday for "Men in the Shadows" Bible Study at 1 p.m.

**WISCONSIN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES** highly recommends masking during worship services. Masks are available at the entrances of our church.

## Reflection – Pastor Dan G. Olson

### “Hide and Seek”

Who didn't enjoy a good game of “Hide and Seek” ? Or maybe you still do if you let your inner child bubble to the surface. The hider would try to find the very best place to hole up. Then the seeker would say “Here I Come, Ready or Not”. Inevitably, the seeker would find the hidden, no matter how long it took.

Truth be told, we all play “Hide and Seek” no matter our age. We may at times hope we are completely invisible to our Lord God. We like our inner thoughts or actions to be invisible. But it never works.

I invite you to read Psalm 139, one of the lessons for today. It beautifully proclaims the depth of God's presence in our lives. No matter how hidden we think we might be, God knows you and seeks you. It's often said “I found God”. It really doesn't work like that. We are known by God even before our birth. There is nothing about us that God doesn't know. The Holy Spirit is always the first mover, the “Hound of Heaven”, who has captured us even if we don't know it.

*“My frame was not hidden from you  
When I was made in the secret place”. Psalm 139:15*