

Ephraim Moravian Church

PO Box 73 - Ephraim, Wisconsin 54211

Phone: 920-854-2804

www.ephraimmoravian.org

Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 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:.....Linda Carey

Serving the Community Since 1853

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: 'Simple Gifts' – Traditional Shaker Melody

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #544 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"
Liturgy of Grace, p. 31 – 33

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*

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Psalm 62: 5 – 12

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 7:29 – 31

Gospel: Mark 1:14 – 20

Sermon

Offertory: 'Prelude in E Flat' – by Marcello
Doxology

Hymn #607 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Benediction

Postlude: 'Exaltation' -by Hughs

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: Trust in him at all times, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. – Psalm 62:8

TODAY	Time of Fellowship following Worship
MONDAY:	Pastor's Sabbath
WEDNESDAY:	3:45 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
	11:30 a.m. Lunch & Church Council

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 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 next week, January 28th.

CANDY BARS are on sale in the Fellowship Hall on the card table to assist Mylo Sherman's school trip to Washington DC.

VISIT THE TABLE! All the items on the Fellowship Hall table are available for you to take home with a contribution to Trickle-bee Café!

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

Reflection - Pastor Dan G. Olson

What is Your Calling?

It seems unreasonable that just because a rabbi, even a powerful one, said “Follow me,” that someone would immediately leave their profession. But that appears to have happened and it left repercussions in its wake.

Take Zebedee, for example. Zebedee must have been gob-smacked to watch his sons leave everything to follow Jesus. Likely, the families of all the disciples might have felt the same. “What?” Zebedee might have asked. “I gave you all you have. Taught you how to sail, taught you how to fish, set you up in business! You should walk away already? What will your mother think?”

When I was interested in, and called to, ordained ministry, my mother was very uneasy. Apparently, she had the notion that she would be expected to lead a perfect life and would be held accountable and watched by others. As if I was so perfect.

Let’s face it, Jesus is very compelling. To answer his call might be difficult and/or a delight. It is rewarding, I must say. But to answer Jesus’ call is not exclusive to public ministry, it is far more expansive than that. By whatever path, everyone is lead into their own future by their own interests and inclinations.

What is your calling? Give it some thought, and prayer!