Ephraim Moravian Church

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2024 Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR:	The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
MINISTERS	-
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Colin Welford
SECRETARY	Erin Bristol
SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST	Lori Free
LAY READER	Karen Ekberg

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Watchword for the Church

Hymn #456 "This is My Father's World" Liturgy of Reconciliation, p. 13 – 15

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Psalm 111

Gospel: 1 Timothy 3: 14 - 16

Sermon

Offertory

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

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

TODAY: 11:15 a.m. Lunch

12:00 p.m. Church Council

4:00 p.m. Chess Club

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

<u>WELCOME</u> 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.

<u>WELCOME BACK</u> to Lori Free, who is substituting for Colin. He will return for next week's service.

YOU ARE INVITED to join us in the Fellowship Hall for Lunch after the service today. Our children will have lunch provided in the Nursery.

<u>CHURCH COUNCIL</u>: All members are asked to stay for our church council in the Sanctuary. Child care is available in the Nursery. Nonmembers are welcome to observe the proceedings, but we ask that any questions be reserved for later (you may email or call the pastor later in the week).

<u>CHESS CLUB</u> resumes this evening at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Reflection on Ephraim Moravian's Watchword- Pastor Dan G. Olson

Have you ever seen or experienced something so wonderful that no words do it justice? How do you describe the beauty of Door County for example? There was a person who was adept at describing the profound and spectacular. That would be Paul the Apostle.

To experience what I mean, read the 2024 Watchword for Ephraim Moravian Church as printed in your bulletin. In this quote from First Timothy, Paul uses soaring syntax that lifts us up on high. Paul's words allow us to be with him in experiencing something so magnificent it must be felt and absorbed into the fabric of our being.

Allow me, please, to use a kaleidoscope as an illustration. As we gaze into a kaleidoscope, we see beautiful forms and an infinity of patterns. This is descriptive of our Watchword, which literally recites the complete biography of Jesus' life and ministry as it bursts into the resurrection. Jesus has now become the ever-present Lord of the Church.

By the work of the Spirit, we are drawn to faith in this Jesus of Nazareth. We live in the orbit of God's love and experience eternal life...starting now!