



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

February 2024

From a Pastor's Desk by Rev. 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. His name was Paul.

To experience what I mean, look at the 2024 Watchword for Ephraim Moravian Church: *“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

In this quote from Paul's first letter to Timothy, he uses soaring syntax that lifts us up on high. Paul's words allow us to be with him in experiencing something so magnificent that it must be felt and absorbed into the very 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!

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.



TRUSTEES
B.D. Thorp, President
Ryan Sherman
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Hal Halvorsen

ELDERS
Pastor Dawn Volpe, Chair
Liz Opitz
Karen Ekberg
Rob Moore
Kathy Zehner
Penny Schultz

SUMMER ELDER
Barbara Meyer

February 2024 Services

**Sunday, Feb 4 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook; Communion**

**Sunday, Feb 11 - 10:30 a.m. in church and on
Facebook; & Joyful Noise Offering**

**Sunday, Feb 18 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook**

**Sunday, Feb 25 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook**

Election Results from Church Council

We are thankful for all that agreed to serve. We welcome Liz Opitz and Rob Moore to the Board of Elders; Ryan Sherman and Hal Halvorsen to the Board of Trustees, and Angela Sherman as our delegate to the Western District Synod.

Mark Your Calendars

Colin & Friends Concerts, February 18, 2:00 p.m.
and 4:30 p.m.

Blast from the Past

The following is an excerpt from minutes taken
on February 14, 1935 at a Ladie's Aid Meeting, hosted
by Mrs. Richard Staver.

*Being St. Valentine's Day the Hostess gave us
a pleasant surprise, the table was prettily decorated
with red hearts, and on each table was a little basket filled
with little red candy hearts and a cute valentine. After
singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow,"
each one read the verse on their valentines, after
which "Happy Birthday was sung to Mrs. Rose Larson in
honor of her birthday. 10 members and
12 visitors were present. - Mrs. A Smith*



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES **FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

We are grateful for the churches who
are providing Ash Wednesday Services.

FISH CREEK

St. Paul Lutheran Church
4167 Juddville Road
6 p.m.
Traditional Service
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

ELLISON BAY

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church
11836 Highway 42
5:30 p.m. Soup Supper
6:15 p.m. Traditional Service

SISTER BAY

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
2336 Canterbury Lane
12 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Traditional Services

HOLY WEEK March 25th-28th
will be observed here at Ephraim Moravian Church with Soup Luncheons and Study of the
Holy Week Readings. More details follow in the March Newsletter.

Spiritual Enrichment During Lent

Several churches are offering Mid-week services/studies during the Lenten Season. They welcome all participants!

Sister Bay Moravian Church

February 14 – March 20

12 Noon. Lunch & Conversation

In Diana Butler Bass' Christianity after Religion, she poses six 'spiritual questions'.

These questions form the foundation for an introspective guide for Lent.

We will gather at 12 noon throughout Lent to share a simple lunch and conversation.

2/14 How Do I Believe 2/21 Who Do I Believe 2/28 What Do I Do

3/6 Why Do I Do It 3/13 Where Am I 3/20 Whose Am I

You don't need to be familiar with the book. RSVP to revkd krauss@gmail.com so we can have enough materials and lunch for everyone.

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church

February 21 – March 20

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Dinner followed by a brief service- Fellowship Hall

Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Juddville

February 21 – March 20 1 p.m.

The role of Lament: We are invited by God to enter into conversation. What is that like when it comes from the depth of our beings, when we experience difficult times in our lives? What words do we use and from where do they come? Is it 'okay' to cry out to

God? What do we expect from God in such times? We will look at individual and corporate laments and the role of the one speaking and listening.

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Sister Bay

February 21 – March 20

5:30 p.m. Mid Week Services

After-School Fun!



Wisconsin Poet Laureate Dasha Kelly Hamilton March 1, Door Community Auditorium

Mark the date - Friday, March 1 - for a sweet performance by celebrated writer Dasha Kelly Hamilton. She'll present **Makin' Cake**, a storytelling experience that slices into American history in a refreshing and fun way. A duo of on-stage bakers support Kelly, who dives into American history, and ends by serving up real cake. Tickets for senior citizens are just \$5.

The public is invited to either (or both!) of two performances. The first is a 1:30 matinee at the Door Community Auditorium on Friday, March 1. Gibraltar students, grades 9 - 12, will attend this performance. The second is an evening performance on March 1 at 7 PM at the DCA. Homeschool and other students and their chaperones may also eligible for the \$5 ticket price. The regular price for adults is \$25. To purchase tickets, call 920-868-2728 or visit <https://dcauditorium.org/dca-events/>. The Ephraim Historical Foundation (920-854-9688) is a major sponsor of this event and will have a limited number of tickets available for EHF members who are senior citizens. Other sponsors are Write On Door County and the Women's Fund of the Door County Community Foundation.

Discover more about **Makin' Cake** by visiting <https://dashakelly.com/makin-cake/>.



February Birthdays

Paul Wilson...2
Chuck Zehner...2
Dale Jacobson...3
Betty Wolf...5
Rob Moore... 5
Diane Jacobson...6
Brie Lapolla... 8
Tim Christofferson... 10
Betty Anderson...15
Keith Tschannen...17
Shelley Cox...18
B. D. Thorp...18
Pat Horvath...20
Natalie Neddersen ...20
Theresa Weborg...26
Marilyn Cushing - 26
Michael McCutcheon...27
Karin Tourmo....28
Niles Weborg...29



February Anniversaries

Norma and Roger Larson – 13, 1971
Jennifer and Tom Gregory - 23, 1980

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
...Lois Rice
...Kathy Kirkland

Treasurer's Report

Member Giving

Through December 2023: \$173,615

Visitor Giving

Through December 2023: \$55,344.65

Total YTD Offering: \$195,594

Budgeted expense for 2023 is: \$273,425 Through December: \$250,918.25



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					8:30 a.m. OA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Chess Club			3:45 p.m. After School		8:30 a.m. OA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Chess Club		12:00 p.m. Trustees	10:00 a.m. Elders 3:45 p.m. After School (Ash Wednesday)		8:30 a.m. OA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Collin & Friends			9:30 a.m. Caring Hands 3:45 p.m. After School		8:30 a.m. OA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	
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