



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

April 2024

**From a Pastor's Desk
by Rev. Dan G. Olson**



The interplay between darkness and light is the result of the effects of the cosmos, the natural world, and human involvement. It's obvious, of course, that the earth's rotation gives us our day and night. But there have been other junctions between darkness and light which are more up close and personal. During the time of the Dust Bowl, the incessant winds carried tons upon tons of precious topsoil as far away as the East Coast. The waves of soil were so dense that it became difficult to see hands in front of faces. The genesis of the drought was definitely due to the vagaries of nature. The dust was likely due to improper tilling of the soil. Farmers learned after the fact to use contour plowing. The country was thrust into the triple whammy of the dust, a devastating drought, and the agony of the Great Depression. This was clearly a dark night of the soul.

In a few days, on April 8th to be exact, there will be a total solar eclipse covering vast swaths across the United States into near total darkness. We may experience shadows here. This whole event exhibits the playfulness of creation and the cosmos.

We have now experienced the bleak dark days of the crucifixion. Now we experience the brilliance of the resurrection of Jesus. Now, like a lighthouse in the dark, we enjoy the goodness of the life and love of our living Lord. When people are lost in the open sea of life's struggles the light of Christ shines bright. Many are weary, longing for rest and comfort. We can be a beacon for them. Guiding them to find comfort in our Lord.

Psalm 119:5 -“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

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.



Photo by C. Welford

TRUSTEES

B.D. Thorp, President
Ryan Sherman
Carly Mulliken
Rob Meyer
Hal Halovorsen

ELDERS

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

SUMMER ELDER

Barbara Meyer

April 2024 Services

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

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

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

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

Blast From the Past

Lizzie Anderson's Sunday School Class, 1938
Images courtesy of B.D. Thorp



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Margaret Pluff
Mildred Kemp Koepsel
Margurite (Peg) Paschke Wedapohl
June Bastian Witalison
Alberta Seiler Kaminsky
Betty Mae Thorp Overbeck

Lizzie Anderson's Sunday School
Class. Christmas 1938. Miss Lizzie
was also church secretary of the
Ephraim Moravian Church.

Mark Your Calendars! May 7th 9:00 a.m.- Noon

Spend a fun morning cleaning the church! We need volunteers for Spring Cleaning the church interior. Lunch will be provided.



***Fundraiser for the Sister Bay
Moravian Church Roof
Replacement!***

**Join Us at the Mink River Basin—
Sunday, April 21st from 1:00–5:00**

- Fun • Food • Music by Billy G
- Open Mic starting at 1:30 • Taco Bar
- Bucket Raffles (*Drawings begins at 4:30—don't need to be present to WIN*)

ONE DAY MISSION TRIPS

Become a One Day Missionary at YOU BELONG



RESPITE EVENTS

You Belong provides a 5.5 hour long respite event one Saturday per month for families who have a family member living with a disability. These events strive to provide an high quality experience for participants living with any disability. We focus on empowering, encouraging, and loving with compassionate care in engaging activities and projects.

Upcoming Respite dates are: April 13th, May 18, June 15, July 20 and August 17.



Opportunity

During the event, volunteers serve as buddies to our participants. Buddies help the participant by simply being a friend for the day. They engage through games, activities, arts and crafts projects, and more! You Belong provides training, and support for all volunteers throughout the event to make sure volunteers our comfortable and supported in their work.



Opportunity

There are a range of jobs and skills needed from experienced to novice. Some possible jobs include framing doors, taping floor mats, building play areas, painting, and cleaning.

FACILITY

You Belong has opened up The Adventure Zone after renovations. There are still some projects to complete and improvements to be made though, that will allow us to better serve the community.



CONTACT US TO SET UP YOUR MISSION TRIP!

****Individual and group opportunities available!****



920-522-3580



Greg@youbelongwi.org

Colin & Friends CONCERTS

Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at Ephraim Moravian Church.

Join Colin Welford, piano and organ, for free celebration concerts to herald Colin & Friends Concerts transition to being a 501c3, featuring local actor and director Alan Kopischke, and Gibraltar High School flutist Cora Carriere.



2nd Thursday of
the Month
April through
December



LOAVES & FISHES
*******FREE*******
MONTHLY MEAL!

Stella Maris Sister Bay
2410 S BAY SHORE DRIVE
SISTER BAY, WI 54234

Doors open at 4:30pm for socializing.
Dinner is served from 5-6pm.

No Reservations Necessary
Carryout dinners available



*Pastor Dawn on Easter,
in person and online!*



April Birthdays

Katharine Koehler Schadrie...7
 Judy Cloninger...7
 Andy Dukehart... 8
 Amanda Carlson...12
 Ryan Sherman...13
 Naomi Carlson...16
 Glenn Gerdman...19
 Kay Wilson...27
 George Carey...30



April Anniversaries

Windsor and Michael McCutcheon...1, 2000
 Kay and Keith Tschannen...22, 1967
 Diane and Larry Jacobson...28, 1979
 Holly Runquist and Dave Stolley...30, 2016

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 February 2024: \$43,358

Visitor Giving

Through February 2024: \$7,669

Total YTD Offering: \$51,027

Budgeted expense for 2024 is: \$271,029 Through February: \$48,652.16



April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00 pm AA Meeting				8:30 am OA Meeting	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Chess Club	7:00 pm AA Meeting		3:45 pm After School	5:00 pm Loaves & Fishes-Stella Maris	8:30 am OA Meeting	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 pm Colin & Friends Concert	7:00 pm AA Meeting		9:30 am Caring Hands 10:30 a.m. Elders 3:45 pm	11:00 a.m. Trustees	8:30 am OA Meeting	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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