



# 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

May 2024

## From a Pastor’s Desk by Rev. Cory Kemp

It’s springtime!

What could be better than feeling that glorious energy of clearing away all the winter reminders and welcoming the freshness that embodies a new season?

Something does make it better, and that is God’s presence with us as we move from each season to the next, particularly this one that includes planting gardens and crops. In fact, Jesus talked about how God’s kingdom is like someone scattering seed on the ground, then recognizing that night and day, whether they sleep or get up, the seed sprouts and grows, though they don’t know how. The land produces the crops.

In the way God is working the land through human beings to produce food that nourishes our physical bodies, God is also working through you and me to scatter spiritually-nutritious seeds to strengthen our souls and to grow this scared space here on earth that is God’s kingdom among us.

I’m imagining God paging through the Spiritual Seed Catalogue over this past winter, planning out the beautiful gardens and fields that would be planted right about now. What would seeds of compassion, kindness, warmth, generosity and patience look like as they took root and sprouted in the souls and lives of the faithful?

What would peace, joy, goodness and mercy produce and show for harvest at the end of the summer? What would store well for future distribution and use over the colder, sometimes even barren months ahead?

God’s kingdom spans the world and resides in each one of us. How would you like to be a part of growing God’s kingdom through your own life and community? What is God planning and tending to in you that is meant for sharing?



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  
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Karen Ekberg  
Rob Moore  
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Penny Schultz

SUMMER ELDER  
Barbara Meyer

## May 2024 Services

**Sunday, May 5 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on  
Facebook**

**Sunday, May 12 - 10:30 a.m. in church and on  
Facebook ; & Joyful Noise Offering**

**Sunday, May 19 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on  
Facebook**

**Sunday, May 26 - 9:00 a.m. Memorial Day Service in  
Cemetery & 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook**

### *MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE*

*SUNDAY, MAY 26- 9:00 A.M.*

### *EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CEMETERY*

Bring your entire family for a service of reflection at the Cemetery. The names of Veterans buried in the cemetery are read and flowers will be available to place on their graves. There will be several opportunities for our young people to read. Please see the pastor for more information. The 10:30 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary will focus on Trinity Sunday.

## **FELLOWSHIP HOUR/USHERS**

We are blessed with the opportunity to provide hospitality for those who enter these doors. Our time of Fellowship helps us to renew acquaintances and make new friends. Ushers are the 'face' of the church, welcoming all to worship. Please use the sign-up in the rear of the church to volunteer for these important ministries.

**Coming Up!**  
**Spring Clean the Church!**  
**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.



The last day of Sunday School is May 19th.  
Sunday School will resume in October.



### **REPORT ON THE WESTERN DISTRICT SYNOD**

Your pastor and Angela Sherman represented Ephraim Moravian Church at the 2024 Western District Synod. The Synod held several consequential elections, including District President. The Rev. Jason Anderson was elected as our new District President. Rev. Marian Boyle-Rohloff and Rev. Kerry Krauss were elected as Clergy representatives to the District Executive Board. Angela Sherman is part of the Western District Justice Team, which made a presentation at the Synod. Angela will be sharing her work/vision here at EMC in September. Two important pieces of legislation were passed- giving our youth a stronger presence at Synods and addressing the need to provide unwavering advocacy for victims of sexual misconduct.

Alli and James Heroux are the proud parents of a son, Silas Joel Heroux. Pastor James served our church as a Student Intern in 2016 and now serves the Glenwood Moravian Community Church in Madison, Wisconsin.





Our last After School will be Wednesday, May 15. After School will resume in the Fall! We had a lot of fun playing, studying and hanging out together!



## Colin & Friends CONCERTS

Spring Has Sprung!

Join Colin Welford, organ and piano, as he welcomes back Scott Ramsay, tenor, for free celebration concerts marking the arrival of Spring!

Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at Ephraim Moravian Church.

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**



**Mothers &  
Others Day**

**Saturday, May 11  
10 am - 3 pm**

*Join Us!*

For an open house  
to celebrate those  
who inspire us

Write On, Door County  
4210 Juddville Rd., Fish Creek, WI

- Dedication of the Olson Family Memorial Council Ring
- Read-alouds at the Door County Bookmobile, with children's book giveaways!
- Make It - Take It projects for children and adults
- Readings by students and local authors
- Storytelling booth and audio recordings
- Guided hikes
- Mauricio's Mexican food truck
- Poems while you wait and more

[writeondoorcounty.org](http://writeondoorcounty.org) / 920.868.1457



## May Birthdays

Jody Paschke...2  
 Gunilla Wilson...3  
 Seth Campbell...4  
 Barbara Stafslie...4  
 Elli Opitz Lapolla...6  
 Cindy Phillips...11  
 Dave Chomeau - 11  
 Arnold Sohns...13  
 Mylo Sherman... 17  
 Frede Larsen...18  
 Pieta Horvath...18  
 Anne Spooner Crowe...19  
 Becky Spooner....19  
 David Sohns...21  
 Nicolai Carlson...23  
 Mary Thorp...24  
 Elaine Jacobson Bill...26  
 Elizabeth Opitz...30



## May Anniversaries

Craig and Natalie Neddersen – 5, 1985  
 Tim and Kristy Nelson – 6, 1989  
 Vicki and Wes Maynard – 13, 1977  
 Mary & John Koehler –17, 1986  
 Nan Zimdars and Michael Hoesly - 21, 1983  
 Judy and Paul Flottman – 25, 1974  
 Walt and Tiggy Shields – 28, 1971  
 Erin and Brent Bristol – 28, 2011

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 March 2024: \$56,118

### Visitor Giving

Through March 2024: \$11,456

Total YTD Offering: \$67,574

Budgeted expense for 2024 is: \$271,029 Through February: \$68,449.33



# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
	7:00 pm AA Meeting		3:45 pm After School		8:30 am OA Meeting	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm AA Meeting	9:00 am Church Spring Cleaning	10:00 am Elders 12:00 pm Joint Board 3:45 pm After School	5:00 pm Loaves & Fishes-Stella Maris	8:30 am OA Meeting	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm AA Meeting		9:30 am Caring Hands 3:45 pm After School		8:30 am OA Meeting	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2:00 pm & 4:30 pm CAFC	7:00 pm AA Meeting	12:00 pm Trustees			8:30 a.m. OA Meeting	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00 Memorial Day Service at Cemetery  10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm AA Meeting					

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