

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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Second Sunday of Easter April 7, 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**  
**LAY READER.....Karen Ekberg**

Serving the Community Since 1853

Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude: ‘Sortie’ – by B. Marcello**

Watchword for the Week

**Hymn #706 “God Sent His Son”**

**Liturgy of Grace, p. 31 – 33**

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

**Congregational Sung Response: Hymn 476**

*His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful,  
Jesus, my Lord; he is the mighty King, master of everything, his name  
is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all  
ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him,  
his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. Amen.*

**Offertory: “Assist us, Jesu, to Endure” – by Sigfrid Karg-Elert**

Doxology

Scripture Lessons:

New Testament: 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

Gospel: John 20: 19 – 31

Meditation

The Lord’s Supper (Insert)

**Postlude: ‘La Rejouissance’ – by G.F. Handel**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. – 1 John 1:7

TODAY

Time of Fellowship following Worship

4:00 p.m. Chess Club

4:00 p.m. Colin Welford Concert  
St. Francis Xavier, Green Bay

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath

WEDNESDAY: 3:45 p.m. After-School Program

THURSDAY: 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes- Stella Maris

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

2:00 p.m. Colin & Friends Concert

4:30 p.m. Colin & Friends Concert

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4. All are welcome to the Lord’s Supper.

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

COLIN WELFORD plays a free organ concert at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 140 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, TODAY at 4:00 p.m. to celebrate Easter in spectacular style. Reception after. All are welcome! ‘COLIN & FRIENDS’ will be giving two free concerts here at EMC, on Sunday, April 14, at both 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. Featuring Gibraltar High School Student Cora Carriere on flute, and the talented Alan Kopischke as ‘M.C.’ It’s a special occasion, as they officially launch their 501(c)(3). Donations are gladly accepted.

LOAVES & FISHES meal will be this Thursday, April 11 at 5 p.m. Stella Maris, Sister Bay – It is a local, Ecumenical Ministry- a chance for the community to come together over a delicious meal. All are welcome.

How does light work? How does light function in our lives?

Light works to illuminate our world, our communities, our places of employment, our homes. Some of that is natural light, produced by the sun and shared with everybody on our planet. Some light is humanmade, transforming natural materials born in and of the earth into accessible power sources that are not equally available throughout the world.

And then there is Light, God in through and among us. God illuminates our lives, our very being. God also shines the light forward for each of us so we can keep finding our way, our next right step, without stumbling headlong over whatever the world can leave on our paths. We do, of course, still slip, trip and fall, but perhaps a bit more gently or gracefully than we may have without some semblance of awareness. We all, of course, still operate in our own levels of darkness, still sin, make mistakes, hurt ourselves, other people and generally impact the world in damaging ways. But, perhaps, we cause less havoc than we may have if we were unaware of God's light giving us more room to work.

It may surprise you that twilight, the time of day that the light is slipping away from us, is my favorite time of day. I love twilight because it reminds me that the differentiation of light and darkness is easier to discern as the day settles, the sun begins to lower in the sky and the air often becomes still and clear. Twilight isn't a place to hide, nor a gray area of slipshod morality or easy avoidance of doing what is right without being detected. It is God saying I trust you to carry the Light I have given you today through the night until tomorrow dawns and the Light returns.