



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

March 2024

From a Pastor's Desk by Rev. Cory L. Kemp

The Lenten practice of sacrificing something you really like dates back centuries and is familiar to most of us. It is meant as a means of recognizing what Jesus gave up during the time he spent praying and fasting in the wilderness. Having the self-discipline to set aside a usual part of our lives for the same forty days is a spiritual practice many people choose to embody. When Easter dawns we can return to our usual lives and bring back whatever we had set aside.



What do people give up for Lent?

As a girl growing up in Sturgeon Bay in the 1960's, lots of people talked about giving up candy, or specifically, chocolate. That makes sense. Chocolate is tangible, rich and delicious, and it can soothe over a multitude of hurts and woes like nothing else. Easter baskets full of sweet goodies are like welcoming back an old friend.

Sacrificing something for Lent crossed my mind again this year. While I haven't practiced this ritual, I am deeply aware of the power of choosing to release something from my life that no longer serves, known in Christian terms as repentance. Lent is more than a time to consider temporary suspension of an enjoyable habit. It is also a time to think a little harder, dig a little deeper, and see what else might be ready to let go of in our lives that no longer serves us or God's purpose through us.

For me it is easy to create self-judgment in comparing myself to other people in any way you can name. In that scenario, someone always comes up short. It's simply not satisfying. It also denies God's creative power uniquely active through each of us as individuals. My desire is to set this practice aside during Lent, and build on that self-discipline in the days to come, well past Easter Sunday.

Have you given up anything specific for Lent this year? What would you like to repent of or release from your life that no longer serves you or God's purpose through you?

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.



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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

March 2024 Services

**Sunday, Mar 3 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook; Communion**

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

**Sunday, Mar 17 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook**

**Sunday, Mar 24 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook**

**Sunday, Mar 31 - 10:30 a.m. in person and on
Facebook**

Colin & Friends CONCERTS

Our 'MARCH MADNESS' CONCERT
will feature an audience Music Quiz.
It'll be fun and, who knows, perhaps even educational!

SUNDAY, MARCH 17th
at 2.00pm
& **MONDAY, MARCH 18th**
at 2.00pm

Conductor and organist COLIN WELFORD is joined by a special
guest to deliver great music with a dose of pure silliness.

Admission is free. Donations gratefully accepted.

Please spread the word, or bring along a friend!

Ephraim Moravian Church, 9970 Moravia St., Ephraim



Please join us in our exciting venture
to enrich the Door County community
with the power of music!

Blast from the Past

The following is an excerpt from minutes taken
in 1937 at a Ladies Aid Meeting, hosted
by Munda and Olive Anderson

*This being such a perfect day, more like spring than winter, we
found a warm welcome both outside and inside where neighbors
and friends were gathering from near and far. Several hymns
were sung, followed by Prayer and the reading of
the 32nd Psalm. - Mrs. P Knudson*

LADIES TIME OUT

Thursday, March 7

12:30 p.m. Al Johnson's Restaurant- Sister Bay

We had such a grand time last month that we're doing it again! We'll be gathering for a 'dutch-treat' lunch (for the younger set... that means we pay our own way) at Al Johnsons. No agenda- except to enjoy each other's company! Please RSVP (email or phone before Wednesday, March 6) so that we have a count for the restaurant.

If you need a ride or any other accommodation... please let me know-
Pastor Dawn

HOLY WEEK: A Fresh Perspective

March 25th-29th, 12 noon

Join Pastor Dawn, Monday through Friday, March 25 - 29, 12 noon for a simple lunch of soup & bread, a brief presentation on the meaning of the day's readings, and then all who wish may take a turn reading. It is an opportunity to learn about a Moravian Custom and be an active participant. Please let Pastor Dawn know what days you will come and if you would like to provide one of the lunches. email worship@ephraimmoravian.org or call 920-421-4042 to respond

EASTER SERVICES

Early Service (TBD) The Service at the Cemetery will depend on a count of Congregation members who wish to attend. An email is circulating. Please let the Pastor know if you will be attending.

10:30 a.m. Traditional Easter Worship



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 revkdkrauss@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 1p.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 & 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

We celebrate with the families of Miriam Faye Raymond, who made her debut on January 8th.

Daughter of Katie (Ellis) & Zachary Raymond; joining sisters, Josie, Vivvie and Lindy. Congratulations to grandparents, Marcia & Chuck Ellis and Great grandparents, Linda & George Carey. Miriam is pictured here with "Nana" Marcia.



**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.

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 be 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/>.

**2nd Tuesday 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



March Birthdays

Kevin Horvath...1
 Chris Janisse...4
 Scott Weborg...5
 Brent Bristol... 6
 Vicki Maynard...8
 Logan Mittermann... 10
 Priscilla Krist...12
 Nan Zimdars...15
 Winfield Bristol... 17
 Sydney Heim...20
 Peter Classen...21
 Mitchell Weborg...24
 Roger Larson...25
 Michael Weborg...26
 Wes Maynard...26
 Donna Nelson.....27
 Nancy Christofferson...27
 Kelly Schuder...30



March Anniversaries

Ryan and Elli Lapolla – 4, 2016
 Rob & Barb Meyer - 18, 1989
 Liz and Jack Opitz – 26, 1983

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
 ...the Family of Gary Doudna

Treasurer's Report

Member Giving

Through January 2024: \$19,778

Visitor Giving

Through January 2024: \$4,232

Total YTD Offering: \$24,010

Budgeted expense for 2024 is: \$271,029 Through January: \$25,058



March 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---------------------|---|----------|---|----------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Bible Study | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Chess Club | 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting | | 3:45 p.m. After School | | 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Bible Study | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Chess Club | 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting | 12:00 p.m. Trustees | 10:00 a.m. Elders 3:45 p.m. After School | | 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Colin & Friends 4:00 p.m. Chess Club | 2:00 p.m. Colin & Friends 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting | | 9:30 a.m. Caring Hands | | 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting | |
| 24/31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship (Palm Sunday) 10:30 a.m. Worship (Easter) | 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting | | | | 8:30 a.m. OA Meeting (Good Friday) | |

Holy Week Reading Lunch and Study March 25th-29th 12:00 p.m.

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