

STURGEON BAY MORAVIAN CHURCH

MARCH & APRIL, 2011 - NEWSLETTER

Meaningful Worship

In March we enter into our Lenten Journey on Ash Wednesday and continue into April as we celebrate the Easter Festival. This is always a very meaningful time of worship and reflection as we seek to follow Jesus!

Worship Opportunities in March

Sunday, March 6 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Meditation: *"The Mountain Top"*

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Wednesday, March 9 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday

Join us as we begin our Lenten Journey with Holy Communion.

Sunday, March 13 10:30 a.m. First Sunday in Lent

Sermon: *"Free Will"*

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 20 10:30 a.m.

Sermon: *"How Can This Be"*

Scripture: John 3:1-5

Sunday, March 27 10:30 a.m.

Sermon: *"Hearing Ourselves"*

Scripture: John 4:5-42

Worship Opportunities in April

Sunday, April 3 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sermon: *"Children of Light"*

Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-14

Sunday, April 10 10:30 a.m.

Sermon: *"When Our Hope is Gone"*

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sunday, April 17 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday

Palms will be offered to each worshipper with the singing of the Hosanna Anthem in the Palm Sunday Liturgy. This is a wonderful way to begin Holy Week.

Easter Worship Opportunities

Holy Week and the Easter Festival are truly the very heart of our Moravian faith tradition. Please note the many different worship opportunities. If you are new to the church a few noteworthy worship experiences are:

The **Good Friday Tenebrae**, many feel this is the most profound and moving worship experience we offer throughout the entire year. **Holy Week Readings** are also a wonderful time to enter into the Easter experience. The **Easter Sunrise** service at Shiloh is unique as we stand among the saints in the Shiloh cemetery (God's Acre) and celebrate the resurrection.

Mon.-Wed., April 18-20 6:30 p.m. Holy Week Readings

You are invited to walk with Jesus through his last week on earth in the gospel readings. Hear the Word, Experience the Word, and Live the Word. We will be meeting in the Sanctuary.

Thursday, April 21 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday

Worshippers are invited to the Service of the Upper Room, gathering at the Lord's Table for Holy Communion.

Good Friday, April 22 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

This "Service of Shadows" is a time for us to contemplate Jesus's death on the cross in a very personal manner through an opportunity to meet at the cross to confess our sin(s) that placed Jesus there in the first place.

Easter Sunday, April 24 6:00, 8:00, and 10:30 a.m.

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Shiloh Moravian Church

8:00 a.m. Easter Worship at Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast (Proceeds for Youth Camp Scholarships and Family Retreat)

9:30 a.m. Easter Candy Hunt

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship at Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church

The Living Cross

The congregation is invited to bring fresh-cut flowers to the Easter Sunday services. The flowers may be placed on the large wooden cross. In this symbolic way, we will transform the dry, dark symbol of death to a living, vibrant symbol of hope and joy.

Lilies

Our Worship Committee extends an invitation for you to place a lily in our Sanctuary this Easter to celebrate someone who touched your life. Order forms can be found at the end of this newsletter or on our website at www.sbmoravian.org.

Safe Harbor

In the Life of Our Church Family

Anniversaries 50+

March 22 Tom & Dorris Glasgow

April 5 Roger & June Meikle

Births – We celebrate the births of -

Bailey Mae Ford, born on January 28, daughter of Jake Ford and Marie Vanark. Bailey's maternal grandparents are Chuck and Kathy Vanark; paternal grandparents are Margi and Paul "Duke" Ford, Jr. and Great Grandparents are Nancy and Paul Ford, Sr.

Bryce Aubrey Martin, born on February 1, daughter of Erik and Natalie Martin and sister of Brenden. Bryce's maternal grandparents are Paul and Laure Zenefski; paternal grandparents are Richard and Ailene Martin.

Adult Sunday School

Jonathan Meacham and John Hauser share leadership of a discussion each Sunday about the sermon text for the day. Class begins at 9:10 a.m. in the Adult Ed. Room (across from Treehouse Learning Center). Grab a cup of coffee and a snack at the Coffee Hus and come join in the discussion.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Bible study is led by Pastor Reeder. They meet every Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. in the Adult Ed. Room. They are studying **Leviticus and Deuteronomy** and talking about God's Laws, their relationship to the teachings of Jesus and how they apply to our lives today. This study will be completed on March 23.

Inquirer's Class April 10 and 17

If you are interested in learning more about the Moravian Church or are wishing to join the congregation, the next Inquirer's class will be on Sunday, April 10 and April 17 at 9:00 a.m. This two session course covers the core teachings of the Moravian Church and the mission of the Sturgeon Bay congregation. If you are interested in attending please contact the church office.

Fellowship Ministries

Women's Fellowship

Honor Circle

March 8	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Room
April 12	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Room

Faith Circle

March 8	1:30 p.m.	Pinecrest
April 12	1:30 p.m.	Pinecrest

Diaspora

Potluck	March 11	5:30 p.m.	Carol Hobson's Home
Potluck	April 8	5:30 p.m.	Myrna Peil's Home

Family Retreat – April 29 – May 1, 2011

The Annual Congregational Retreat is coming up on April 29-May 1. This is an excellent opportunity to get away and become better acquainted with other friends and members of the congregation. This event is for all ages and takes place at our beautiful facility at Mt. Morris. This is a non-structured weekend of fun, fellowship, worship, and getting to know our wonderful facility at Mt. Morris. To keep this an affordable event the cost of the retreat is being subsidized by the Camp Scholarship Fund. Plan on joining us!

Registration forms can be found at the end of this newsletter or on our website at: www.sbmoravian.org.

“P” is for Patio Project

Brick by Brick! We have \$2,654.11 yet to raise to reach our goal and complete the new patio! You can help us meet our goal by adding a brick to the wall outside of Coffee Hus or in the Narthex. Make a gift in someone’s honor or contribute dollars you save by eating lunch in, foregoing a coffee, getting a book at the library instead of buying one...you get the idea! Every dollar helps and it’s fun to “read the bricks!” Take a look at the bulletin boards to see how close we’re getting to our goal!

Watch the bulletin for news of upcoming Patio fundraising events!

We Value Children and Youth

Youth News

A reminder that you can find the youth activities and schedule on-line at the church website.

R.A.M.s Schedule (Really Awesome Moravians) (Grades 3-5)

March 2	Movie Night
March 16	Movie Night
March 30	<u>NO RAMS</u> (Spring Break)
April 6	Sardines
April 20	No RAMS (Holy Week Services)

Nazarites Schedule (Grades 7-8)

March 2	Sculpture Competition
March 9	Movie Night
March 16	Skit Night
March 23	Winter Camp Fire
March 30	<u>NO NAZARITES</u> (Spring Break)
April 6	Sardines
April 13	Wii Tournament
April 20	NO NAZARITES (Holy Week)
April 27	Relays

Communion Workshop April 12

On Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. we will be offering our Communion Preparation workshop for children in the church who are not yet receiving Holy Communion and would like to join us at the Lord’s Table. Since taking communion is an important responsibility we ask that at least one parent attend this event with their child. Please contact the church office to register.

Dates for Your 2011 Calendar

Vacation Bible School 9:00 a.m. – Noon June 13 – 17

Registration forms are available on line at: www.sbmoravian.org

Summer Camp Programs – Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center

4M Camp	Completed Grades 1-2	August 15 – 17
Junior Camp	Completed Grades 3-5	June 27 – July 1
Bā6 Camp	Completed Grades 3-5	August 14 – 18
Winmor	Completed Grades 6-8	July 24 – 30
Chetek	Completed Grades 9 – Age 21	July 17 – 23
Plus 50 Camp	Age 50 and up	September 19 – 22

Watch our website: www.sbmoravian.org and the camp website: www.wdcamping.com/Western-District-Camps for information. The Western District Site should be having registration information available soon.

A Call for Easter Candy

On Easter Sunday, our Sunday School hosts an Easter Candy Hunt for the children. We are asking for donations of Easter candy for this special event. Donations need to be individually wrapped candy. If you would like to help, please drop off your donation at the church office.

We Value Mission Work

“Come follow Me.” ---Jesus

In this text from Matthew 4:19 Jesus poses an invitation to us. It is a simple yet direct request. If we will sincerely and obediently respond with a “yes” the Holy Spirit will transform our lives through the experiences that we will have as we follow. Service is one of the ways in which the Spirit transforms. The Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church offers a variety of opportunities to follow Jesus.

For young people...

*Middle school age youth travel annually as a team to Minneapolis to serve through Urban Immersion in August. The Nazarites are being invited to serve at the local community meal, Loaves & Fishes, one Friday a month throughout the year.

*High school age youth serve annually in New York City in November.

*Older high school and college age young adults can join a team which travels every 2 years to Jamaica to play and work alongside our sisters and brothers. A team has formed to continue this ministry partnership June 18-25, 2011. Team preparation includes personal and team fundraising. Because of the nature of the project presented to us by our Jamaican partners the team will be doing fundraising to raise the funds necessary to complete cement work at New Works Moravian Church. Please watch the bulletin for your opportunity to help provide the necessary resources.

*College age young adults are invited to serve individually or with their peers (18-26 years of age) from across the Moravian Church through Antioch, a ministry of the Board of World Mission of the North American Moravian Church. To inquire or express your interest, please visit www.moravianantioch.org for information and to provide your contact information through the Antioch database.

2011 Calendar for mission events:

Jamaica team meetings:

- >Wednesday February 23 8:00 p.m.
- >Wednesday March 23 8:00 p.m.
- >Wednesday April 27 8:00 p.m.

Whatever your age, have you heard Jesus say, “Come follow Me.” If you have and would like to know more about opportunities to serve please contact me with any questions or to share a service idea.

Jill Kolodziej, Mission Coordinator
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Adult Mission

Harvest the Rain - Our Honduras mission team recently returned from the village of Kruta. The last of the 102 water tanks were installed to complete this phase of "Harvest the Rain." The people of Kruta will now have a ready source of potable water for the first time in many years. We plan to continue our partnership with GOAL (an international NGO), the people of Kruta and the surrounding area. Two doctors from the Lititz congregation in Lititz, PA also traveled with our team this year and we look forward to continuing to partner with them. This project has received widespread support from around the Northern Province. We will be producing a DVD of the latest work and our future plans very soon.

For information about adult missions contact Pastor Reeder at 743.6218.

Administration

May Deadline

April 22, 2011

2012 Offering Envelopes

It is our intent to order offering envelopes for 2012. We need to hear from you if you wish to change how you plan to make your contributions to the church for 2012 as these envelopes will be ordered by **June, 2011**. Thank you.

Building and Grounds

The Patio Project has been scheduled for completion in May of 2011. This will include all the features shown on the plan on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Room as well as new sidewalk lighting and new signage.

We plan to begin work on the front sanctuary windows as soon as the weather is warm enough. We will be removing the old window coverings, scraping, painting and caulking and then installing new plexi-glas coverings.

Reports from Our Boards

Trustees Report for January

The Trustees discussed the following items in February.

- David Wheat will continue as the President of the Trustees and Brian Stevens will continue as secretary. Committee Assignments were reaffirmed with Andy Starr joining buildings and grounds and Tom Olsen joining Budget and Finance.
- We have started the year off in solid financial shape.
- Discussion was held on the changes at Lake Shore Cap and what ways we might be able to help.

Elders Report for January

The Elders discussed the following items in February.

- Tracy Vreeke will continue as Vice-Chair of the Elders and Sarah Bradley will continue as Secretary. Matt Luders agreed to join the Adult Mission Committee as an Elder Representative.
- A report was given by Rick Nelson concerning the successful completion of the Harvest the Rain project as well as future opportunities.

- Discussion was held on the changes at Lake Shore Cap and what ways we might be able to help.

Church Council Report

You heard this at Church Council but it bears repeating – summary from Treasurer, Ann Johnson:

As good as this news about 2010 operations is to hear, I would like to clue you in on what has been going on behind the scenes, quietly, deliberately and purposefully.

If you refer back to the green sheet, in the middle of the page you will see a category titled “Other Assets”. These are the really BIG cookie jars...containing funds given with the intent that they remain in perpetuity, with only the earnings available for use.

In 2003 we reorganized the church’s finances, hired a professional money manager and got ready to manage a deliberate plan for extraordinary giving to missions and other church-related projects.

The main endowment is charged with using its earnings to enhance the spiritual life of the congregation and to support missions without actually funding day to day operations of the congregation. In 2003 we started with \$250, 000 (which was the result of many years of saving). In the ensuing years we increased that protected fund by \$75,000 to \$325,000 today while spending a whopping \$122,400 on projects. Loaves and Fishes received a start-up of \$2,000 in 2003---today the project is self-sustaining, has served over 20,000 meals, and unites almost 2 dozen other churches and organizations in a common mission at 4 sites. P.A.T.H. received \$1,500 to serve as an information clearing house and respite care source for families with disabled and autistic children. It is now self-sustaining and provides much-needed services in Door County with a staff of almost one dozen part-time workers. The endowment funded the development and printing of the Liturgy booklet which serves not only this congregation but the greater Moravian Church as well. The cameras in the sanctuary were funded, making church services available to our shut-ins as well as on the world-wide web. We funded the majority of the renovation at Camp Hope in Jamaica, our new photo directory, creation of our website, almost 10% of the tanks in Honduras, and upgraded technologies here at the church among other things. The Feed My People fund, (which started in our church basement) was established to address hunger issues in our community. Since 2003 we have contributed almost \$21,000 to Feed My People while growing the value of the assets by almost \$5,000.

The Organ Fund was set up to provide for the maintenance and repair of the organ and to enhance the music programs of the church. Since 2003 the fund has produced more than \$18,000 in earnings which have paid for all of the organ’s needs as well as paid for 2 electric pianos and choir music over and above annual budget limits.

The Housing account contains the remnant of proceeds from the sale of the parsonage. In 2009 we used \$15,000 of the balance to balance the budget, and we are now in the process of slowly building that balance back up to Provincial requirements of \$15,000.

The Legacy Fund was started back in 2007 when we began planning the Fellowship Hall renovation. Its intent is to amass funds to pay for capital projects around the church. Over the years it has served as a vehicle to hold donations that paid for renovating Fellowship Hall, replacing the furnace, replacing the roof and purchasing and then demolishing the house next door. And those projects, folks, total more than a whopping \$202,000!

In these days of continual bad news on all fronts I think it’s important for us to stop and reflect on the good things our church family has done. We have taken the legacy of 7 generations of Moravians here in Sturgeon Bay, preserved, protected, repaired and enhanced it, all while staying true to our

principles. As we approach our milestone anniversary, we are positioned for growth largely due to our church family's perseverance and generosity.

Folks, we done good!

LILIES FOR EASTER

Our Worship Committee extends an invitation for you to place a lily in our Sanctuary this Easter to celebrate someone who touched your life.

For only \$ 13.75 we will purchase a lily in a 6" pot from a local florist. Each plant will be in a foil-wrapped pot with a bow.



The lily may be placed in honor or in memory of a special person in your life. To do so, please complete the bottom portion of this sheet and return it, with your check, to the church office **no later than Sunday, April 3**. Checks may be made payable to the Moravian Church. (Please note that this is not a tax-deductible contribution, since you will be receiving the plant, which is valued at more than the \$ 13.75.)

The lily is yours and we encourage you to take it home following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday.

Easter Lily - 2011

Purchaser's Name: _____

Phone(s): _____ Number of plants ordered: _____

Typically plants are acknowledged in our Easter Morning Bulletins in this fashion:

“Given in loving memory of” or “In honor of”

By: _____

(name of the person or family giving the plant.)

STURGEON BAY MORAVIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT

REGISTRATION

APRIL 29 –MAY 1, 2011

THEME: FOOD, FUN &FELLOWSHIP

WHERE: Moravian Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center outside of Wautoma, Wisconsin.

WHEN: Arrival at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, *April 29*.

We are asking all who attend to please stay with us through worship around 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, *May 1*.

COSTS: Itemized below. All costs are based on a two-night stay at Mt. Morris' current rates.

Scholarships are available if needed. Please speak with Pastor Matthew.

All food for the weekend will be provided. Responsibilities for cooking will be shared.

WHAT TO BRING:

Sleeping bags or bedding, pillows, towels, toiletries, Bible, comfortable clothing, camera, work tools, favorite games, puzzle, or book to read

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS: APRIL 18, 2011

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Family Name: _____ **First Names of Parents Attending:** _____

Names and ages of young people attending: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____ **Email:** _____

LODGING & MEAL PACKAGE: (Pricing is based on a two-night stay.)

Sandhill (Does Not Include Linens & Custodial Services)

Age 18 to Adult\$ 60.00 each (18 to adult) for the weekend. \$ _____

Black Oak (Includes Linens & Custodial Services)

Age 18 to Adult\$ 80.00 each (18 to adult) for the weekend. \$ _____

Children through Age 17 \$ Free

Subsidized by the SBMC Camp Scholarship Fund (Proceeds from the Easter Breakfast.)

TOTAL PAID \$ _____

Please make check payable to “Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church”

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*In Essentials, Unity;
In Non-Essentials, Liberty;
In All Things, Love*

Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Knapp, Sr.	Senior Pastor
Rev. Reeder Herrick	Associate Pastor
Jill Kolodziej	Mission Coordinator
Robert Nickel	Director of Music
Kimberly Knapp	Director/Children's Choirs
Vickie L. Viste	Administrative Assistant

March/April, 2011

Opportunities Throughout the Week

Mondays	Meeting Night		
Wednesdays	R.A.M.s - Gr. 3-5	(1&2 Wed.)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
	Creation Station - Gr. 3-5	(2&4 Wed.)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
	Discipleship - Gr. 6-8		5:30-7:00 p.m.
	Girls Choir Rehearsal - Gr. 6-12		6:45-7:15 p.m.
	Nazarites - Gr. 7-8		7:00-8:00 p.m.
	Sr. High Fellowship - Gr. 9-12		7:00-9:00 p.m.
Sundays	Coffee Hus		9:00 a.m.
	Youth & Adult Sunday School		9:00 a.m.
	Adult Choir Rehearsal		9:15 a.m.
	Worship		10:30 a.m.

Lent & Easter

All Services at 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday	March 9
Holy Week Readings	April 18-20
Maundy Thursday	April 21
Good Friday	April 22

Easter	April 24
Sunrise at Shiloh	6:00 a.m.
Worship at SBMC	8:00 a.m.
Breakfast	9:00 a.m.
S/S Candy Hunt	9:30 a.m.
Worship at SBMC	10:30 a.m.