

**STURGEON BAY MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
**JUNE, JULY & AUGUST, 2011 - NEWSLETTER**

**Meaningful Worship**

**Summer Worship Opportunities**

A reminder that in June we move to our summer worship schedule. This includes the addition of the Shiloh services on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and the change of Sunday morning worship to 9:00 a.m. beginning on June 5.

**Sunday, June 5      9:00 a.m.      Graduate Sunday**

This Sunday we move to our summer schedule with worship at 9:00 a.m. We will be honoring our High School graduates! Worship will be followed immediately by coffee fellowship on the patio.

**Sermon:**      “You Will be My Witnesses”

**Scripture:**    Acts 6:1-4

**Sunday, June 12      9:00 a.m.      Holy Communion & Commissioning Jamaica Mission Team**

**Meditation:** “Keeping All the Parts”

**Scripture:**    I Corinthians 12:3b-14

**Sunday, June 19      9:00 a.m.      Morning Worship**

**Sermon:**      “Why Me”

**Scripture:**    Matthew 28:16-20

**Sunday, June 26      9:00 a.m.      Morning Worship**

**Sermon:**      “Prophets of Peace”

**Scripture:**    Jeremiah 28:5-9

**Sunday, July 3      9:00 a.m.      Hus Festival and Communion**

We remember the martyrdom of our church founder John Hus, through the celebration of Holy Communion.

**Meditation:** “The Good I Want to Do”

**Scripture:**    Romans 7:15-25a

**Sunday, July 10      9:00 a.m.**

**Sermon:**      “Roots”

**Scripture:**    Matthew 13:1-9

**Sunday, July 17      9:00 a.m.      Morning Worship**

**Sermon:**      “A Slave to Fear”

**Scripture:**    Romans 8:12-25

**Sunday, July 24      9:00 a.m.      Morning Worship**

**Sermon:**      “The Kingdom of Heaven”

**Scripture:**    Matthew 13:31-33

**Sunday, July 31 9:00 a.m.**  
**Sermon:** "What Would Jesus Do"  
**Scripture:** Matthew 14:13-21

**Sunday, August 7 9:00 a.m.**  
**Sermon:** "A Gentle Whisper"  
**Scripture:** 1 Kings 19:9-18

**Sunday, August 14 9:00 a.m. August 13 Holy Communion**  
We celebrate the August 13 festival, which is the day in our history where the Church was renewed by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in 1727.  
**Meditation:** "Keeping It Sorted"  
**Scripture:** Matthew 15:10-20

**Sunday, August 21 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship**  
**Sermon:** "Sober Judgement"  
**Scripture:** Romans 12:1-8

**Sunday, August 28 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship**  
**Sermon:** "The Benediction of Love"  
**Scripture:** Romans 12:9-21

**Sunday Sept. 4 9:00 am. Holy Communion**  
**Sermon:** "The Watchman"  
**Scripture:** Ezekiel 33:7-22

### **Shiloh Summer Services**

We will again be holding services on Thursday evenings throughout the summer at 7:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Moravian Church. The Shiloh services have grown in popularity over the years because not only do they offer an alternative worship experience during busy summer schedules but also the experience of worship in the intimacy of the small country church is very special. We will begin services on Thursday, June 2, and they will run each week through to August 25.

### **Join Us for the Summer Fellowship Hour**

One of the great joys of summer is fellowship on the lawn following worship each Sunday. Plan on joining us each week for refreshments and the Moravian sacrament of fellowship!

## **Safe Harbor**

### **In the Life of Our Church Family**

#### **Anniversaries 50+**

June 3	Chet & Esther Gauger
June 5	Bill & Mary Madden
June 10	Glen & Karen Reichard
June 11	Ed & Marjory Allingham
June 15	Tom & Myra Pinney
June 27	Mervyn & Kathleen Maxson
July 30	Denis & June Bay

August 16     Pete & Judie VanBramer  
August 20     Dean & Judy Krueger  
August 21     Ernie & Nancy Wiegand

### **Birth – We celebrate the birth –**

On May 12<sup>th</sup> of **Genevieve Ann Austad**, daughter of Russell and Lacy Austad. Genevieve's maternal grandparents are Mark and Debra DeMeuse, paternal grandparents are Daniel and Jean Austad.

### **Congratulations to –**

Our communicants who took another step in their faith journey on May 1 and June 12: **Liam Behme, Sarah Bridenhagen, Spencer Evenson, Anna Fischer, Fletcher Hubbard, Natalie Meikle, Kylie Newton, Taylor Newton, Robby Pollman, Gracia Powell, Hylan Retzlaff and Delaney Shortreed.**

Our members who were received into membership on May 15: **Keven and Dawn Berns, Nancy Lehmkuhl, Daniel and Pamela McCluskey, Susan Robinson, Raymond and Kathryn Kazenske and Daniel and Jane Nesbitt.**

**Nathan Leonardson and Matthew Wiegand** who were received into membership through adult baptism on May 22.

**Juliana Behme, Lily Birmingham, Julia DeMain, Alec Fischer, Brandon Fischer, Mia Gage, Miranda Kroll, Cooper Meikle, Sophia Pollman, Dana Powers, Jenna Seiler, Nathaniel Spohn, Steven Tellstrom, Annika VanAlstine, and Isabel Vreeke** who were received into the membership of our church family on May 22 by the rite of confirmation.

### **Adult Sunday School**

Adult Sunday School is on vacation for the summer. It will resume in September.

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

The Wednesday morning Bible study is led by Pastor Reeder. The spring study is completed and the next session will begin in September with a study of Paul's Letter to the Romans. Look for details in future newsletters and in the Sunday bulletin.

### **Fellowship Ministries**

#### **Women's Fellowship**

##### **Faith Circle**

June 14     1:30 p.m. – Pinecrest

##### **Honor Circle**

June 21     12:00 p.m. – Potluck Salad Luncheon – Fellowship Room

### **Dinners of Eight**

Dinners of Eight is taking a summer hiatus. We will begin again in September. Watch for fall announcements to sign up.

## **Coffee Hus**

**Love Coffee?.. Love to Socialize?..** Then Coffee Hus could be the place for you! We're working on next year's Coffee Hus schedule and we could use a few more "hosts." It's only one Sunday, every other month and you're welcome to do it by yourself or with a friend. Call Pam Seiler if you'd like more information at 743.5851 or add a note to the friendship pad and we'll call you! Thanks for your consideration in this very important mission of our church family!

## **Parish Nurse**

Blood pressure checks will be offered from 8:15-8:45 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month through August.

## **Stewardship/Fundraising**

Patio Dedication -- Sunday, June 26

**"P"** is for **"Patio"** and now, **"P"** is also for **"Party!"** Thanks to generous gifts made in loving memory of Robert Knapp, to fundraising efforts by the congregation and a contribution from the church's endowment fund, we will have a handsome brick patio to use and enjoy for years and years to come!

The patio will be completed this spring or early summer and will be a place to celebrate, to contemplate and to congregate—to be together as a community. Please join us for a Patio Dedication meal on **Sunday, June 26** following our worship service.

The event will be a **Potluck** (of course!) Please bring anything that starts with the letter **"P"**—**p**asta salad, **p**otato salad, **p**ie, **p**ickles, **p**eanut butter cookies—you get the idea! Be creative. The church will provide **"Pigs in a Blanket"** (hot dogs), **p**otato chips and **p**ink lemonade.

More details on the dedication will be available in the weeks to come, but please mark your calendars and join us!

Although we have covered the cost of construction, you may continue to add bricks to the patio bulletin board located outside of the Coffee Hus room. If you find yourself with an unexpected windfall, pocket change or just want to help out, fill out a brick and leave your gift on Vickie's desk or add to the collection plate. All "brick money" will be used to help purchase patio furniture, a heavy duty grill, landscaping, etc.—things to make our new space usable and enjoyable.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the new patio. It will be a lasting blessing to our congregation.

## **We Value Children and Youth**

### **Congratulations to our 2011 Carpetball Champions**

R.A.M.s      Anna Fischer  
Nazarites    Sophia Pollman

As we wrap up another year of Wednesday youth fellowship Jill, Jonathan, Reeder and Matt would like to thank all the folks who have made it a great year for our young people.

**Thanks to our Cooks:** Our head cooks Sue Meyer and Gary Hollman and the number of volunteers who helped feed our hungry hoard every Wednesday night since September! Special thanks to Jackie

Birmingham who is almost always there to help. Many folks may not realize that these cooks provided two “feedings” every Wednesday night which typically fed up to 100 teenagers each week!

**Special Thanks to Our Donors:** To all the parents and others who have graciously donated everything from food to cash to ensure we can fund this ministry and provide for the needs of the youth involved.

### **Summer Youth Activities**

Mark your calendars for these events and look for information about a Senior High Lock-In this summer and a Nazarites Beach Bash, the Wolf River Tubing Trip and the Annual Bike Trip.

**Vacation Bible School** – Reminder that registrations need to be postmarked by no later than June 3. Forms available on line at: [www.sbmoravian.org/registrations](http://www.sbmoravian.org/registrations).

**Summer Camps** – Register on line at: <http://www.wdcamping.com>.

## **We Value Mission Work**

**“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2**

These words from Galatians are the Watchword for 2011 that guides the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church as we serve in God’s mission. If we claim to be living a life in relationship with Jesus these words call us as individuals and as a community to take care of each other. The care may be next door, across town, across the state, or even across the globe. It is not enough simply to believe or *have* faith; God wants us to *live* our faith. There are opportunities for each of us to do just that.

>Each month there is an opportunity for service at a local community meal, Loaves & Fishes. Jan Evers, the volunteer coordinator, would particularly like to invite 3 young people to serve at the third meal of the month. Your help is needed from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

>For young people entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2011, an Urban Immersion Service Retreat is planned for the first part of August. The team will travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota for a half-week to serve in a variety of ways; soup kitchens, clothing & food distribution sites, shelters, private residences, etc. An email or letter will be sent to the parents of that age group.

>For young people in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older there is annual service in New York City. The dates for that service will be in early November, 2011.

For the opportunities in Minnesota and New York there is cost involved to the participant. In order for you to prepare for the expense please contact me to talk about the details and any questions you may have. These are very intentional ways to *live* our faith in God.

### **Jamaica Update**

Twenty-two people, young and young at heart, continue to prepare for service in Jamaica through a partnership of our and their Moravian Churches. The team will travel and serve from June 18-25, 2011. The team has been asked to assist the people of the New Works Moravian Church in Jamaica with an addition to their existing Church structure. Pictures of the work project are posted on the bulletin board outside the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church office.

Your generous support has been wonderful. Through two fundraisers and other funds raised previously we were able to raise the amount necessary to purchase the materials for the work project! Thank you! Thank you! We look forward to sharing our story with you when we return. Please continue to keep this service and the people involved in your prayers.

**Please contact me should you want to serve or have questions regarding service.**

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## **Adult Mission**

### **Harvest the Rain**

We presented a 10 minute video of the Kruta work done over the past three years, and plans for the future, during Sunday School and in the sanctuary after worship on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our Adult Mission Committee is making plans to continue our partnership with GOAL and with the people of Kruta by joining them in the "Healthy School" project which would include improvements in construction, classroom tools and supplies, sanitation and health education.

A mission team will be returning to Kruta in February, 2012 to continue our work there. If you are interested in joining this team or supporting this work in any way contact Rick Nelson or Pastor Reeder (920.743.6218).

### **Loaves & Fishes**

Loaves and fishes continues to serve on the first, third and fourth Fridays of the month. We prepare and serve about 165 meals each night. The split between served guests in the dining room and takeout meals is now close to 50/50. We continue to have a group of wonderful volunteers who make this ministry possible. I am in need of people to help with the cooking. If you are interested please call me at 493.5318.

Gary Hollman

## **Administration**

### **September Deadline**

August 19

### **Financial Update**

Thank You. As we come to the end of May we are very pleased to report that our congregation is current on **all** our obligations and pledges! This is a significant accomplishment. At our annual Church Council we decided to pledge 10% of our congregational income to our denomination. Since then we have consistently been able to send forward that tithe. The commitment to tithe has blessed our congregation. As we enter the summer months we ask that you consider your tithe to our church. For the first time in years we are not entering the summer months behind and scrambling to catch up. If we all move beyond simply putting in the plate when we are here and commit ourselves to consistent financial support for our ministry and mission we will honor God and strengthen this church. This summer will be critical for us to meet the budget. Let's keep up the good work.

## **Report from the Boards**

### **Budget and Finance**

- Reviewed the monthly financial statement.

### **The Trustees**

- Approved the endowment requests.
- Received news of the Bob Solomon legacy gift and approved its use to replace the carpeting in the sanctuary.

### **The Elders**

- Approved new members.
- Approved 17 young people for admission into membership through confirmation.
- Approved the endowment requests.
- Made plans for the graduate recognition.

### **Endowment Grants**

We are very pleased with the continued blessing that the endowment fund provides for mission and ministry. Grants for the first quarter were given for the completion of the patio project and to help cover travel expenses for the Jamaica Mission trip.

### **Building and Grounds**

- The Patio Project should be nearly completed by the time you receive this newsletter. We will have a dedication of the patio on Sunday, June 26, following worship.
- We are in the process of receiving bids for new carpet in the sanctuary, narthex, stairs and balcony.
- We plan to begin work on the front sanctuary windows soon. We will be removing the old window coverings, scraping, painting and caulking and then install new plexi-glas coverings.
- We will also be painting the Quincy Street side doors.

If you would like to help with any of these projects contact George Pinney or Pastor Reeder.

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In Non-Essentials, Liberty;  
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## June-July-August, 2011

### Opportunities Throughout the Week

Mondays	Meeting Night	
Thursdays	Shiloh Worship	7:00 p.m.
Sundays	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Summer Fellowship	10:00 a.m.