

STURGEON BAY MORAVIAN CHURCH

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A Cornerstone

When I was a little boy my father convinced my uncle to take us to a portion of the family farm which is several miles away from the rest of the farm. It is an extremely remote place that is difficult to access up in the hills and deep in the woods. At that time no one had been to the “Lost 80 (acres)” in decades. In my childhood memory is was an epic hike which involved crossing creeks, skirting cliffs, past an old abandoned house and deep, deep into a towering forest of white oak trees.

My uncle astounded everyone, and possibly himself, by taking us straight to the cornerstone of the property. That was no small task when one had not visited a place deep in the woods for so many years. It was from that cornerstone we could explore the giant trees and massive rocks and hills that make up the “Lost 80”.

On September 9, I will have served as a pastor of this congregation for 20 years. Over this summer this anniversary has caused me to journey back in my heart to that cornerstone of “what brought us together” long ago.

I came to Sturgeon Bay uncertain, but hopeful that I could provide the leadership being asked of me. I came with a belief that this was a great congregation that had unlimited potential for mission and witness. Kim and I came here yearning for a home to raise our family.

So what can I tell you as I stand at the cornerstone of where this started, looking back over where we have come?

I love you so much more then I could have ever imagined then.

You have provided us a home not only to raise our children but allow them to thrive.

You have given me endless joy and laughter.

You have sustained us through the darkest hours imaginable.

You continue to inspire me.

You have in the words of one of my favorite songs “changed me for good”.

I hunger to continue the epic journey ahead as we seek to be faithful in God’s calling to build his kingdom.

Words are not adequate to express my gratitude, our gratitude, for the gift all of you are in our lives.

- Matthew

Meaningful Worship

It is time to get back into the swing of things with our fall schedule of worship. Worship time will return to 10:30 a.m. on September 11th and we resume our Sunday School program for all ages at 9:00 a.m. on September the 18th.

Sunday, September 4 9:00 am. Holy Communion

Sermon: “The Watchman”

Scripture: Ezekiel 33:7-22

Sunday, September 11 10:30 a.m.

We host the annual **Tailgate Party** and **Sunday School Registration** immediately following worship.

Sermon: “If I Stand”

Scripture: Romans 14:1-12

Sunday, September 18 10:30 a.m.

Sermon: "Where is Our Nineveh"

Scripture: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Sunday, September 25 10:30 a.m.

Sermon: "The Attitude of Christ"

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13

News from the Music Director

The Adult Choir will begin rehearsals in September. Our normal rehearsal time is Sundays from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. We welcome new singers! Please contact Bob Nickel for more information at 493.2546 or rnickel@chater.net.

Shiloh Summer Vespers Wrap Up

We would like to thank all who attended the Thursday Night Vespers services at Shiloh this summer. Attendance was down this year, but it is always a wonderful experience of worship and fellowship. Our appreciation goes out to the musicians who shared their gifts. A very special thank you to Bishop Graf, Rev. Gary Straughan and Steve Heroux who helped serve as worship leaders and preachers.

Safe Harbor

In the Life of Our Church Family

Anniversaries 50+

September 15 Warren & Alice Sautebin

Baptisms – We were pleased to welcome:

Bryce Aubrey Martin, daughter of Erik and Natalie Martin, born February 1, 2011 in Sturgeon Bay, into our church family by the sacrament of Infant Baptism. Bryce is the granddaughter of Richard and Ailene Martin and Paul and Laure Zenefski. Her sponsors are Suomi and Erik Engebretsen.

Karissa Lee Denil, daughter of Kerry and Jenny Denil, born March 1, 2011 in Sturgeon Bay, into our church family by the sacrament of Infant Baptism. Karissa is the granddaughter of Kerry Denil, Joyce Primesberger and Grant and Kim Deshotels. Her sponsors are Derek Jess, Janette Denil and Jamee Haslam.

Breiah Caroline Newton, daughter of Tim and Gina Newton, born October 21, 2010 in Sturgeon Bay, into our church family by the sacrament of Infant Baptism. Breiah is the granddaughter of Harold and the late Katherine Newton and Randy and Anna Wetzell.

Genevieve Ann Austad, daughter of Russell and Lacy Austad, born May 12, 2011 in Green Bay, into our church family by the sacrament of Infant Baptism. Genevieve is the granddaughter of Dan and Jean Austad and Debra and Mark DeMeuse. Her sponsors are Carey Potier and Cody DeMeuse.

Congratulations & Best Wishes to –

Danielle McDonald and **Reggie Smith** who were united in marriage at Wave Pointe Marina & Resort on July 9th. Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Knapp, Sr. officiated.

George Knipfer and **Julie Kienzle** who were united in marriage in Delafield, Wisconsin on August 7th. Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Knapp, Sr. officiated.

Lauren Kolodziej and **Brian Price** who were united in marriage, here at the church, on August 27th. Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Knapp, Sr. officiated.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will begin on September 18th. Each Sunday morning, before worship, John Hauser and Jonathan Meacham will lead a discussion of the sermon text for the day. The class meets in the Adult Ed. Room at 9:10 a.m. each Sunday. Stop in at Coffee Hus, grab a cup of coffee and some goodies, and join in the interesting discussions.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Bible study is led by Pastor Reeder. This group meets in the Adult Ed. Room from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. each Wednesday morning. The study this fall will be about the Book of Romans and will include both lecture and discussion. The first class will be Wednesday, September 14th. Come join us!

New Adult Education Opportunity

Rev. Dr. Matt Knapp will be teaching a three part class on **“The Foundations of Faith.”** The first class will be “The Stages of Faith Development” followed by “Introduction to the Theology of Missional Faith” and “Current Trends in Church Leadership.”

This is your chance to take advantage of our Senior Pastor’s knowledge and experience in these areas! These classes will be similar to those he teaches to master’s students at St. Norbert College.

Come join Pastor Matt on Tuesday, October 18, 25 and November 1 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the adult Ed. Room.

Fellowship Ministries

Women’s Fellowship

Faith Circle

September 13 1:30 p.m. – Pinecrest

Honor Circle

September 13 12:00 p.m. – Potluck lunch at Carol Hobson’s cottage

Moravian Women’s Conference

The 11th International Women’s Conference was held on June 23-26 in Concord, NC. We came together with Moravian sisters from all around the world – Antiqua & Barbuda, Barbados, Canada, Costa Rica, Germany, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Nepal, Netherlands, South Africa, Tanzania and the Virgin Islands.

Our theme was “Stepping Out of the Boat” and through worship and workshops we learned of the needs and desires of women in other cultures and our own. We were then invited and encouraged to step out of our comfort zones and find ways to be of service.

Liz Curtis Higgs was the keynote speaker and used side-splitting humor to shed new light on scripture. Our time together concluded with a Lovefeast and Candlelight Service outdoors, after which we sang and danced with the women from the Carribean.

The next conference will be in 2015 so start planning now! We will be offering **chicken pies** for sale again this fall so that scholarship money will be available. Come join us!

Carolyn Bridenhagen, Mary Campbell, Pam Honold & Myrna Peil

Diaspora

September 18 12:45 p.m. Potluck at Carol Hobson's cottage

Dinners of Eight is coming!!!

We will begin our "Dinners of Eight" groups in October. If you are interested in getting to know more people in the church, share a good meal, and laugh a lot, this is for you! The format is simple. Groups decide on dates to meet and food to bring. People take turns "hosting" these informal gatherings. The host supplies the main course with others contributing to make the meal complete. (No one is in charge of an entire meal.)

Please call Ed or Margo Ireland at 743.4761 if you are interested. You will be called with details once the groups are formed. Please call even if you have been in "Dinners of Eight" in the past.

Reunion Picnic at the Hall's

For many years one of the highlights of the summers for our youth ministry was the annual Sunday afternoon picnic at Tom and Nancy Hall's beautiful farm in Sevastopol. The Hall's have invited us to come up on Sunday, September 18 from 3 to ??? to have a picnic. It will be an afternoon of food, fellowship, Moravian softball, capture the flag and a bonfire. It will be a **potluck** so bring a dish to pass and **lawn chairs**. The meat will be provided.

Whether you are part of the "old crew" who remember some of those legendary gatherings or you just want a family afternoon of fun with your church family please join us.

Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, September 14.

Thanks For Summer Fellowship and Coffee Hus Resumes

Our thanks to Jean Schmuhl and Ginny Nairn for coordinating our summer fellowship following worship. What a blessing it was, each Sunday, to have refreshments and fellowship on the patio.

On September 18, with the return of Sunday School and Adult Education, the Coffee Hus will resume it's ministry of hospitality and fellowship. Join us a 9:00 a.m. for an informal time of food and fellowship.

Care Ministry

Like many of the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church's outreach programs, the Care Ministry targets people in our community, specifically to our own membership and church friends. Care is an ad hoc committee that provides meals and assistance to members and friends that are experiencing an interruption in their normal routine. This may be due to recovery from illness, returning home from the hospital or the death of a loved one.

Here is a simple example: A church member goes in for day surgery on their big toe; Care will arrange to bring the family dinner that evening. Just one less hassle for the family involved. Nothing fancy, just a simple gesture to show we Care!

Care outreach is initiated by the pastoral staff, so if you know of someone in the church or church community that could benefit from a little help let the church office know.

Care could also use your help in volunteering to prepare and deliver a meal. This is not a major commitment. We might call upon you twice in a year's time. So if you are willing to help please let the church office know.

Parish Nurse – Carolyn Bridenhagen

Blood pressure checks are back to 9:45-10:15 a.m. starting the second Sunday of the month when the fall schedule returns. Monthly Saturday morning walking group meets the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendar and come join us.

P.A.T.H.

P.A.T.H. Happenings: The group has just completed their fourth consecutive summer camp providing assistance to 18 students. It is amazing to see the program grow from year to year. We are so fortunate to have staff return each year as well as new staff expressing interest in joining our program. Our thanks to everyone involved!

P.A.T.H. Sewing Ministry: Deep touch pressure: weighted blankets, lap pads, neck snakes and vests aid people with Autism, ADHD, PDD and other learning and communication difficulties with sensory processing and sensory integration. Applying pressure, or weighted garments, helps calm and modulates the central nervous system. Autistic children, particularly those with Sensory Integration Disorder, will often seek out deep pressure sensations to make them feel more secure, like swaddling a baby. Thanks to the sewing talents of Jean Schmuhl (blankets) and Esther Gauger (vests, lap pads, and neck snakes) P.A.T.H. has been able to offer these aids to local schools and many families at little or no cost to the recipient. You may be surprised by the number of these materials that have been supplied to date:

- 15 Blankets (some custom ordered for particular patterns of material)
- 71 Vests
- 60 Lap Pads
- 60 Neck Snakes

Thank you ladies! If you are aware of anyone who could benefit from these calming aids contact Deb Doyle at: 743.1890.

Volunteers Needed: P.A.T.H. is looking for volunteers to help clean the Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 11th from 1:00-8:00 p.m. It is the Century Bike Ride and P.A.T.H. is paid to clean up the meal and surrounding area. If interested in helping, please contact Deb Doyle at 559.6217. You will receive a free T-shirt and meal and the great satisfaction of helping support P.A.T.H.

We Value Children and Youth

Vacation Bible School

Our thanks to our coordinator, Beth Hubbard, worship leaders, teachers and helpers. We had a total of 172 students, 67 helpers and 17 leaders sharing the love of Jesus for a week of "PandaMania" Where God is Wild about You!

Sunday School Registration – September 11 (*During the Tailgate Party*)

Registration materials will be available during our annual Tailgate Party. This way you can sign up for an exciting year of Sunday School and have a great picnic meal. If you cannot register for Sunday School at the Tailgate party you can download registration materials from our website at www.sbmoravian.org

Our Sunday School program resumes on Sunday, September 18 at 9:00 a.m.

College and Armed Forces Ministry

Reminder: To be included in this ministry for the 2011-2012 school year we need to hear from you. We do not keep the lists from the previous year! You may sign up during our annual Tailgate Party or by completing and submitting the form, which can be found in displays throughout the church, or on our website at www.sbmoravian.org

- Printable (pdf) form can be found on our homepage.
- On line completion and submission form can be found under “registrations/forms.”

If you wish to be part of the **prayer team** and want a list of those who have signed up for the college and armed forces ministry please contact the church office after October 15th. No advance registration as a prayer partner is required.

Volunteer Opportunities for High School Students

Looking for a great opportunity to volunteer and make a difference in another person’s life? P.A.T.H. (Promoting Access to Help for Families with Special Needs) is looking for volunteers to help with their many diverse programs. Some examples are the Saturday respite program and bowling night. Some of our Sunshine House custodial staff utilize the bowling program. The participants are truly a delight to be with and at the same time you can get community service hours for school, use that experience for your college applications and most of all build wonderful relationships. If interested contact Deb Doyle at: 743.1890.

Wednesday Youth Fellowships Resume

Our fall youth fellowship programming will resume in September. Moravian Fellowship is for all youth in the community not just for members. Friends are welcome!

Senior High will begin September 7 and continue every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior High is an unstructured evening where youth come to do homework, watch movies, hang out and of course... eating. This year we will also be offering Bible Study for those students who are interested.

Nazarites (7-8th Grade) will also begin September 7 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. We will be planning our Fall Schedule. Nazarites is a structured time of fun and fellowship and of course...eating.

RAMs (children in 3rd through 5th grade)

The RAMs (Really Awesome Moravians) will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This is a structured time of fun, fellowship and service that will conclude with a snack.

Our Kick-Off Party will be on September 21 at 4:30 p.m. when we will brainstorm our activities for the coming year.

We are eager to have parents volunteer to help chaperone and serve snacks for RAMs. If you are interested in helping out please contact Pastor Matthew.

Creation Station

Starting on Wednesday, September 28, from 4:30-5:30 we will be opening the Creation Station for 3rd-5th Graders (and Middle School or High School Youth who like to make ART are welcome as well). This Art “Opportunity” will be led by Laura Meikle to provide creative opportunities of individual and group projects. Creation Station will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays throughout the school year. Come and join us!

Discipleship

The new Discipleship Class begins on Wednesday, October 5. Discipleship is the class taken by our young people who are seeking to confirm their faith and join into full membership with the Church. They meet from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. weekly until May. In addition to class time they eat dinner together and find a little time for some fun!!! If you have a child in middle school, who has not been confirmed, it is time to sign up. Please contact the church office.

Gary and Sue, our Wednesday Night Kitchen Coordinators, have great meals planned and as always we will be in need of additional kitchen help. If you are a parent and have an interest in helping out please contact Pastor Matthew.

Econo Receipt Program Benefits Youth

Thank you! Thank you! To all of you who have so faithfully saved your Econo Foods cash register receipts. Our youth have received over \$10,631.06 over the years, which is used for scholarships so that all youth may participate in activities. This is a direct result of your dedication!

Econo also offers a program through Labels for Learning in which \$25.00 will be paid for every 500 “Our Family” brand UPC’s. Please consider saving these as well. It’s amazing how quickly they add up and our youth programming will benefit greatly.

We Value Mission Work

“Come, follow Me...” Jesus

It hardly seems possible that summer is quickly transitioning into fall. With that transition come new opportunities to live out Jesus’ invitation.

In retrospect...following many months of preparation, a team of 23 youth and adults began the summer by travelling to serve with Pastors Phyllis Smith-Seymour and Raymond Seymour in Jamaica. The pastors identified needs within the community that the team assisted with. Relationships continue to be fostered with our brothers and sisters of the Whitehouse and surrounding communities through the local churches and schools. Most recently, in early August, a team of youth and adults travelled to Minneapolis, MN to serve through Urban Immersion Service Retreats. In preparation for that service, the young people helped with a local fundraiser to offset the expenses. The team assisted with the services provided to SAGBRAW, a bike tour group. A semi-truck trailer of camping equipment and bikes were unloaded, hundreds of towels were washed and dried, and the same semi was reloaded following the riders’ tour through Door County. The efforts of the team raised some funds and got into the “Spirit” of service.

Other service opportunities are available in the coming months.

Local =

>Habitat for Humanity has a variety of volunteer needs. All ages are welcome.

>Loaves and Fishes would like to have **at least 3 youth** from the Moravian Church at their monthly

meals. Please contact Jan Evers @ 823.2575 for available dates and times.

National =

>**High school aged youth and adults**, please mark your calendars for:

*Wednesday, November 09 through Monday, November 14, 2011

*Travel to New York City to serve through a variety of agencies

*Cost = TBA

**** *The first informational meeting will be Wednesday, September 21 at 8:00 p.m.***

More information will be provided at the September Sunday School sign up and tailgate picnic.

If you would like to know more about service opportunities, please feel free to call or email me.

Jill Kolodziej

Mission Coordinator, Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church

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Adult Mission

Honduran Mission - Harvest of Hope

Our Honduran Mission Committee is making plans to continue our partnership with G.O.A.L. 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 at 920.743.6218.

Loaves & Fishes

Loaves and Fishes continue to serve about 180 people at each meal. Dinner is served on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Friday nights of the month. Our great volunteers make this a much more enjoyable and easier task. Thank you to all the people who baked desserts for us. If anyone would like to volunteer please call Jan Evers at 825.2575 and if you would like to help cook, please call me, Gary Hollman, at 493.5318.

Administration

October Deadline

September 23, 2011.

Office Notes

It has been a busy summer for the office staff! After participating in a very successful ACS (Automated Church System) convention, Vickie and Ann have been working hard to make more effective and efficient use of our data base.

Highlights –

- The offering envelope system has been cleaned up and identified in our ACS system based on past giving patterns and last year's responses of how you wished to contribute to the church. We have ordered packets of weekly and monthly envelopes from One Write Company for 2012, and have saved over half of our previous costs.

- We are working with our offering counting team and financial secretary on a more streamlined procedure for entering your weekly giving into the system. This will save time in this procedure, but more importantly will utilize the crossover functions of the software to automatically input your giving into the appropriate general ledger categories.
- The “large” spreadsheet that was previously maintained for Sunday School participant information has now been entered into the data base. This will allow us to create reports on who is in a particular grade, youth group or discipleship program. We can now do mass emails to notify you of a youth choir date, new event, class or change right from our data base. This new feature has come at no additional cost in software. **With this new implementation it is more important than ever to notify the church office of changes in your email addresses, land line and cell phone numbers.**

What’s Next?

- We are going to be reinstating the “Access” program on our website. This program will allow you, as a congregation, to keep our data base current and you will have access to your personal information 24/7. Watch for upcoming information and training sessions.

Board Reports

Trustees:

In reviewing our financial report we are grateful that at the end of July all of our bills have been paid and we are current in our tithe to the greater Moravian Church. This is very good news as we head into the last quarter of the year.

We are grateful for the new carpeting in the sanctuary.

Approval has been given to proceed with the repair of the rest of the Sanctuary windows.

Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds Committee was busy this summer. The patio project is completed, new carpeting is installed in the sanctuary and narthex, the education wing and Quincy Street doors have been painted, and numerous smaller projects have been completed.

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.

Thanks to Andy Starr who supervised the carpeting project! The new carpet looks good, feels good and is much safer now that there are no loose spots and the safety treads have been installed on the lips of all the stairs. Thanks Andy!

We have lots more to do in future days, months and years. Our “hit” list follows:

Big Projects

- Windows in Sanctuary – repair, paint, new storm covers.
- Need to paint bell tower windows
- Fix bell rope wheel
- Wash all windows
- Rebuild storage shed
- Repair fascia on sanctuary roof
- Awaiting estimate*

Put a sloped roof on the sacristy and elevator roofs

Awaiting estimate – long term project

Kitchen counter tops – need replacing

Parking Lot – we have an estimate of \$26,000 to rebuild the parking lot

The windows in Education wing need to be replaced

Smaller Projects

Old Thermostats need to be removed and holes filled and painted

Shelving in janitor's room

Fix light in adult ed. room

Replace faucets in the kitchen (downstairs)

Paint nursery chairs and tables

Clean stove vent filters

Tile in bathrooms

Edge sidewalks

Lighting in office

Van Air-conditioning repair

Odor in the balcony (find source and repair)

Cut trees in front garden – remove rocks and concrete in back

If you would like to help with any of these projects contact George Pinney at 743.7164 or Pastor Reeder at 743.6218.

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

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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

September, 2011

Mondays	Meeting Night	
Wednesdays	Sr. High Fellowship (as of 9/7)	7:30-9:00 p.m.
	Nazarites (as of 9/7)	7:00-8:00 p.m.
	R.A.M.s (as of 9/21)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
	Creation Station (as of 9/28)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
	Discipleship (as of 10/5)	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Sundays	9/4 - Worship	9:00 a.m.
	9/11 - Worship	10:30 a.m.
	9/11 - Tailgate Party/Registration	11:30 a.m.
	9/18 - Back to Fall Schedule	