

STURGEON BAY MORAVIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER, 2011 - NEWSLETTER

Meaningful Worship

Worship Opportunities for October

October is a busy fall month packed full of special worship experiences. In addition to **World Wide Communion** we will be presenting **Bibles to our Third Grade Sunday School Students** and a **Baptism**. We will also be celebrating the many blessings we have received with four witness talks during the month. We will also celebrate **Consecration Sunday**. Be sure to attend worship for these great Sunday celebrations.

Sunday, October 2 10:30 a.m. World Wide Communion

Meditation: "Profit and Loss"

Scripture: Philippians 3:4b-14

Sunday, October 9 10:30 a.m. Bible Presentation

We will be presenting Bibles to our 3rd graders as our affirmation and encouragement to them on their journey of discovery in Scripture.

Sermon: "Properly Clothed"

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 16 10:30 a.m.

Sermon: "Make It Count"

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 23 10:30 a.m.

Sermon: "I Am The Lord"

Scripture: Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

Sunday, October 30, 10:30 a.m. Consecration Sunday

We will be celebrating our blessings as we also make financial commitments for our common ministry for the coming year.

Sermon: "Conventional Wisdom"

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:6-12

October is our month of Consecration. On Sunday the 30th we will be making our financial pledges to the mission and ministry of the congregation for the coming year. Our theme this year is "Percentage Living." A life of faithful stewardship means we commit our time, talent and treasure to God's mission in the world. During October we will have witness talks about giving to God in terms of worship, study, service and generosity.

Forms for making your pledge or signing up for e-giving are available on line at the church website or in the brochure racks at church. You can make your pledge any time during the month of October.

Veterans' Recognition Sunday – November 13

We pause to honor the Veterans of our congregation who have or are providing service to their country through the United States Armed Forces, whether in peacetime or in war. If your information hasn't been listed in past bulletins, and you wish to be included in this list, please contact the church office by **November 7**. We will need to know the branch of service, date/year(s) served and rank.

Safe Harbor

In the Life of Our Church Family Anniversaries 50+

October 2 Otto & Evelyn Mielke

Our loving sympathy and support to the family and friends of Paul (“Buck”, “P.T.”) Lovering, husband of Lois (Sunstrom) Lovering who died on August 27th.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Sunday School

Each Sunday morning, before worship, John Hauser, Jonathan Meacham, and Don Albert will lead a discussion of the sermon text for the day. The class meets in the Adult Ed. Room at 9:10 a.m. Stop in at Coffee Hus, grab a 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 class schedule is on the Adult Education bulletin board by the office. Check it out! 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

October 11 1:30 p.m. at Pinecrest

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.

Parish Nurse – Carolyn Bridenhagen

Calendar Note:

Community Health Fair – October 25 – 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cholesterol, skin cancer and bone density screenings – free by appointment – call the YMCA at 743.4949 beginning October 3rd. Space is limited. Other free offerings: Chair massage, foot massage, flu clinic, hearing tests, blood pressure screening, refreshments and door prizes.

We Value Children and Youth

Youth News

Our youth fellowships are back up and running. Please note the schedules.

Discipleship Begins

We are very excited as we resume Discipleship Training this month! This is for middle school students who wish to confirm their faith or be baptized for church membership in May. Our first meeting is on Wednesday, October 5, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and we will be meeting weekly until May.

Nazarites

Wednesday Night Youth Fellowship is off to a great start. These are the activities for the Nazarites (7-8 grade) for the coming month.

October 5 First Sardines and Dodgeball fest. Wear your war paint and night vision goggles.

October 12 Stupid Human Olympics

October 19 Paper Airplane Night

October 26 Annual Halloween Party and Pumpkin Carving Contest

RAMS (Really Awesome Moravian Students)

For 3rd through 5th grade students. We meet from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month.

October 5 **Carpetball and Moravian Softball**
Check Out Carpet Ball under the Lights!

October 19 **Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest**
We supply the pumpkins and carving swords.

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 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.

Youth Choir Schedule

Cherub: (Age 3-K)	Oct. 23 Dec. 18	10:30 a.m./Worship 4:30 p.m./Lovefeast	<i>"He Reigns"</i> <i>"Bright Shining Star"</i>
Junior: (Grades 1-5)	Oct. 23 Nov. 27 Dec. 18	10:30 a.m./Worship 10:30 a.m./Worship 4:30 p.m./Lovefeast	<i>"He Reigns"</i> <i>"Hosanna"</i> <i>"Who's the Little Baby?"</i>
Youth (Girls) (Grades 6-12)	Oct. 23 Nov. 27 Dec. 18	10:30 a.m./Worship 10:30 a.m./Worship 4:30 p.m./Lovefeast	<i>"The Prayer"</i> <i>"Hosanna"</i> <i>"One Child" &</i> <i>"Where is He, Immanuel?"</i>

* Rehearse Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

** = Sit with families. Kim will get any Cherubs that may be in the nursery.

We Value Mission Work

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

These words etched into the base of Lady Liberty welcome people into the harbor of New York City. In the same spirit, God calls to us as Christians and disciples to respond to the needs of others..."go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." (Luke 14:21)

There is an opportunity to serve and extend compassion to those in need. A team is forming to travel to New York City from Wednesday, November 09 – Monday, November 14, 2011.

Meeting dates are:

Wednesday, October 05, 2011	8:00 p.m.	(Initial deposit due = \$100)
Wednesday, October 19, 2011	8:00 p.m.	(2 nd payment due = TBA)
Wednesday, November 02, 2011	8:00 p.m.	(final payment due = TBA)

In order to help defray the expense of this service opportunity, the team will be selling **Sonny's pizzas**. Following is a schedule of the **sale dates**. Payment is due when placing the order.

*****Pizza order form can be found at the end of this newsletter*****

Order from NY team member from:

September 21, 2011 – October 05, 2011

>>>If you are a young person or adult (who will act as a small group leader) and interested in serving, please contact:

Jill Kolodziej, SBMC Mission Coordinator
jillannk@charter.net
920.256.9472 (cell)
920.743.6218 (church office phone)



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**NEW YORK MISSION
NOVEMBER 09-14, 2011**

As the Statue of Liberty sends its message of hope you too can bring hope and comfort by participating in this years mission opportunity. Here is how:

- ◆ Be available to travel
Wednesday, November 09-
Monday, November 14, 2011.
- ◆ Be in 9th grade or older.
- ◆ Be an adult wanting to chaperone and act as a small group leader.
- ◆ Be able to commit to four **mandatory** meetings:
September 21 8:00 p.m.
(Parent/participant mtg.)
Oct. 05 & 19 8:00 p.m.
November 02 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Be able to provide a personal financial investment as outlined below.

Cost per Participant \$350.00

Payable to S.B. Moravian.

Incremental payments on or before Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 02.

+Additional Spending Money:

Metro Pass \$ 29.00

Meals Approximately \$ 80.00

Personal Spending \$ 50.00

*Transportation to and from New York provided by Babler Bus Service.

Honduran Mission - Harvest of Hope

Our Honduran 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.

Since in the future we will be doing water tank projects and school improvement work as well as continuing to deliver medical supplies, we have changed the name of this project from "Harvest the Rain" to "Harvest of Hope" to more accurately reflect the scope of our mission.

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 and Fishes is 8 years old!!

How time flies. It seems like such a short time ago that we began this faith journey, wondering if there were hungry people in Door County, wondering if enough people would come to our dinners, wondering all kinds of things. But we felt called to do this and stepped out in faith. The church elders supported us with prayer and a \$2,000 stipend.

October 2011 marks the 8th anniversary of this incredible journey. In that time we have built a coalition of 10 local churches (plus church coalitions in Green Bay, Sister Bay and Watertown), the hospital and several local businesses that bring together the human and financial resources necessary to complete this gargantuan task:

- More than 30,000 meals served, and continuing to serve more than 9,000 meals annually.
- Volunteers of all ages numbering more than 250.
- Meals served at 4 sites.
- Cost of groceries consumed...more than \$110,000.
- Value of Christ's love distributed...Priceless!

The need for Christ's love (and our small offering of food and fellowship) continues unabated. Join us! The joy and dedication of the volunteers who are living out their faith combined with the gratitude and newly-found dignity of the guests is an experience worth having.

We sure could use another chef. New volunteers are always welcome (many different jobs available). And monetary donations of any size would be wonderful.

It's been an incredible 8 years...blessings galore and enough "war stories" to write a really good book, but above all, blessings galore. God is faithful to those who work in his name. Thanks be to God.

Ann Johnson

Administration

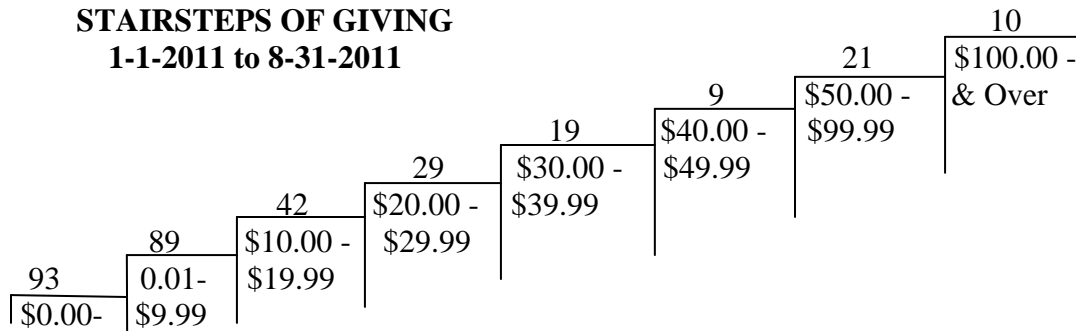
November Deadline

October 20, 2011

Stewardship

As you prayerfully consider how you wish to support the church in 2012 consider whether your blessings will allow you to **Take a Step Up**.

STAIRSTEPS OF GIVING 1-1-2011 to 8-31-2011



Giving Increments Per Week
Giving Units – Total 312

Purchase of the Popour Home

Many years ago, as a part of a study in which we looked at possible future expansion of our building, we determined that our current building meets our ministry needs, but we should commit ourselves to acquiring any property which might become available on our block. For many years now Gene Remy and George Pinney, under the direction of the board of Trustees, have been in dialogue with our neighbors about this possibility. Recently our neighbor Floyd and Shirley Popour both passed away. Their children came to us and offered the home at a very reasonable price. Our Trustees unanimously approved the purchase of 322 South Fifth Avenue and we will close on the property in October.

The home will be purchased with a loan from the bank. The disposition of the house on the property will be determined as we move forward. We are very excited about this opportunity to invest in our future and we are grateful for the faithful work of George and Gene, as well as Andy Starr, who have made this possibility a reality.

If you'd like to make a contribution, to help pay off this loan, you may do so by writing a check to the SBMC Legacy Fund.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Board Reports

Trustees:

- Adopted the monthly Financial Report.
- Unanimously agreed to purchase the Popour Home.
- Received updates on various projects.

Elders:

- Reviewed fall programming.
- Approved baptism.
- Received a report from the recent efforts of the Harvest of Hope Project in Honduras.

Building and Grounds

As you read this work should be in progress on the front sanctuary windows. We will be removing the old window coverings, scraping, painting and caulking and then installing new plexi-glas coverings.

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
- 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)
- Clean stove vent filters
- Tile in bathrooms
- Edge sidewalks
- Lighting in office
- Van Air-conditioning repair

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

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE



October 31, 2011

All Saints' Sunday in the traditional church calendar provides the opportunity for the worshipping community to remember all persons of faith who have completed their walk in this life and now are in the immediate presence of their Lord.

Sunday, October 30, has been designated as our All Saints' Memorial Service. You are invited to remember family members, neighbors and friends with gratitude for their witness of faith and impact on our lives. Remembering is a gift from God, which has an appropriate place in worship; the grief we continue to experience from the loss of loved ones also finds appropriate expression in the worship setting.

If there are people whom you would like to have remembered in the bulletin, please list those names below, tear off the sheet and drop it in the offering plate (or mail to the church office) by October 24th. We hope you'll be present for this service, which brings smiles, tears, and always joy for the blessings we now have because of those who have gone before.

Other expressions of remembrance, such as gifts to special church causes, would also be fitting for the day's celebration.

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**All Saints' Sunday Remembrances – October 30, 2011
Deadline for sign up is October 24th**

Submitted by: _____

Phone No. : _____



**Support the New York
Mission Team
&
Treat Yourself to a
Sonny's Pizza!**

We are continuing our ongoing mission work in New York with a team heading out in November. We are offering you the opportunity to order Sonny's Pizza and at the same time help offset our mission expenses.

Turn your order form and payment into the church office by October 9th.

Make checks payable to: SBMC

Pizzas will be available for pick up on: **Wednesday, October 26 from 4-7 p.m.**

Orders must be received by Sunday, October 9.

PIZZA	COST EACH	QUANTITY	\$ TOTAL
12" Sausage	\$ 7.00		
12" Pepperoni	\$ 7.00		
12" Sausage/ Pepperoni	\$ 7.00		
12" Cheese	\$ 7.00		
12" Supreme	\$ 7.00		
5-Pack Special	\$ 30.00		
GRAND TOTAL			\$

Name: _____

Phone No.(s): _____

For Office Use: Paid: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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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

October, 2011

Mondays	Meeting Night	
Wednesdays	R.A.M.s - Gr. 3-5 (1&2 Wed.)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
	Creative Station - Gr. 3-5 (2&4 Wed.)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
	Discipleship	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 Bible Study - Gr. 9-12	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Sundays	Sr. High Fellowship - Gr. 9-12	7:30-9:00 p.m.
	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.