

# STURGEON BAY MORAVIAN CHURCH NOVEMBER, 2011 - NEWSLETTER

## Meaningful Worship

### Worship Opportunities for November

November is the season of Thanksgiving and we celebrate God's bounty for us. You will want to be sure to attend worship for these great Sunday celebrations.

**Sunday, November 6            10:30 a.m.      Commissioning NYC Mission Team**

Join us as we commission the NYC Mission Team.

**Sermon:**        *"Let Justice Roll"*

**Scripture:**    Amos 5:18-24

**Sunday, November 13            10:30 a.m.      Celebration of Holy Communion and Veteran's  
Sunday**

**Meditation:**   *"God's Investment Plan"*

**Scripture:**    Matthew 25:14-30

**Sunday, November 20            10:30 a.m.**

**Sermon:**        *"Power for Those Who Believe"*

**Scripture:**    Ephesians 1:15-23

**Wednesday, November 24    7:00 pm.      Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving service is a wonderful opportunity to join with our friends from other churches for worship and fellowship. The Sponsoring Churches include: Hope UCC, United Methodist, Bay View Lutheran, Corpus Christi and St. Joseph's. The service this year will be at Bay View Lutheran. Join us for this very special opportunity of worship.

**Sunday, November 27            10:30 a.m.      First Sunday in Advent**

Join us as we begin the Advent journey with the singing of the "Hosanna" and experience the great joy of the season.

**Sermon:**        *"The Word of God"*

**Scripture:**    Mark 13:24-37

### **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, your rank and date/year(s) served.

## Safe Harbor

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

#### **Anniversaries 50+**

November 7    Ron & Judy Berg

November 7    Armand & Betty Tipler

### **Our congratulations and best wishes to –**

**Jenna Thiel** and **Derek Jennerjohn** who were united in marriage, here at the church, on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Knapp, Sr. officiated.

**Kasey Hembel** and **Ben Hock** who were united in marriage, at St. Norbert's Abby, on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Knapp, Sr., Rev. Reeder Herrick and Fr. Jim Baraniak officiated.

### **We Were Pleased to Welcome –**

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> **Hannah Rose Denil**, daughter of Wayne and Shelly Denil, born July 20, 2009 in Sturgeon Bay and adopted on September 27, 2011, into our church family by the sacrament of Infant Baptism. Hannah is the granddaughter of Louis and Meome Denil and Mel and Gerry Deprey. Her sponsors are Matthew Sbai and Abby Bubnik.

### **Our loving sympathy and support to –**

The family and friends of **Stan Woller** who died on October 22. Stan's service was held at the Church on October 27, with the Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Knapp, Sr. and Rev. Reeder Herrick officiating.

## **Adult Bible Study**

### **New Adult Education Opportunity! Don't miss this!**

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.

Don't let the "master's" label scare you away. Dr. Knapp will make these topics clear and interesting just as he does in his Sunday sermons!

Come join Pastor Matt on Tuesday, November 22, 29 and December 6 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Adult Ed. Room.

## **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. each Sunday. 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!

## **Fellowship Ministries**

### **Women's Fellowship**

#### **Honor Circle**

November 8 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room  
Read all of November in your study book.

## **Faith Circle**

November 8 1:30 p.m. at Pinecrest

### **Dinners of Eight**

Dinners of Eight is an opportunity to gather with small groups to share a meal and social time. Three groups formed this fall and will meet for dinner at a different home each month thru January. This is a chance to meet new people and get to know your fellow church members! It is not too late to join!

### **Parish Nurse**

The annual YMCA Health Fair was another great success thanks to the help of all the church members who gave of their time. Thanks to the men whose muscles helped to put it all together on Monday evening and to the women who always come thru with the treats which are so much appreciated. We couldn't have done it without you.

**Carolyn Bridenhagen**

### **P.A.T.H. (Promoting Access to Help for Families with Special Needs)**

P.A.T.H. continues to offer Saturday Respite and monthly activities for adults and youth. This month we kicked off our second season of bowling, registering 45 participants. This program will run through April, 2012. Now that school is started we are receiving more requests for needs and wants for families. It is always amazing the diverse needs of the special needs families that our small community embraces. Some families of P.A.T.H., and many friends of P.A.T.H., have been busy working at various fundraising opportunities to keep our programs alive and running. Like everyone, we continue to face the challenge of how to maintain our programs and continue to provide services at a minimal cost to our families. The support and belief by our community members continues to keep us focused and driven. For this we feel blessed.

**Deb Doyle**

## **We Value Children and Youth**

### **Youth News**

#### **Nazarites – Grades 7-8**

Our thanks to those who have been donating money, pumpkins, and various items. A reminder to parents: a full meal is being provided for the students each week. Your donations cover the cost of this ministry.

#### **Nazarite November Schedule**

November	2	Frog Hunt
November	9	No Nazarites (New York Mission Trip)
November	16	Duct Tape Frenzy (Fashion and Duct Tape)
November	23	No Nazarites (Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service)
November	30	You Tube Night

#### **R.A.M.s (Really Awesome Moravian Students) – Grades 3-5**

Our RAMS group is off to a great start! We are also feeding this crew. A reminder to parents that our time is 4:30-5:30 p.m. Your willingness to help serve and donate is deeply appreciated.

#### **R.A.M.s November Schedule:**

November	2	Duct Tape Frenzy
November	16	Paper Plane Challenge

## **Creation Station – Grades 3-5**

Every other Wednesday (the weeks we do not have RAMs) from 4:30-5:30 p.m. students from 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join Laura Meikle in the art room for Creation Station. This is a great time to work on various art and craft projects. Come join the fun.

## **We Value Mission Work**

### **New York Mission Team**

On Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 26 high school students and chaperones will be boarding a Babler bus to continue our on-going mission partnerships in New York City. The mission team will be working at several ministry sites to the homeless and poor in Manhattan, Staten Island, and Brooklyn. The team will be staying at the Great Kills Moravian Church on Staten Island and will be worshipping at both Great Kills and the John Hus Moravian Church in Brooklyn on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. The team should be home early in the morning on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this mission team in your prayers and look for the announcement of when they will be making their report to the congregation.

### **“Come, follow Me...” Jesus**

*So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-informed maturity in you.*

*In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we’re talking about is Christ’s body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn’t amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ’s body, let’s just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren’t.*

This text from Romans 12 was the one chosen to continue to prepare the 26 young people and adults for their service in New York from Wednesday, November 09 through early a.m. on Monday, November 14. It is the attitude with which and the way we seek to serve. As Jesus calls each of us to follow, we bring a variety of gifts to the team that has formed and also to those we will encounter throughout this experience of serving others. God uses our gifts, individually and collectively, to accomplish his purpose. We look forward to sharing our experience of living as the body of Christ.

Another piece to the team’s preparation was fundraising. Thank you to those of you who supported the team’s efforts by purchasing Sonny’s pizzas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and enables the team to defray the costs of this service. Enjoy the pizza!

In Christ,

**Jill Kolodziej**

Mission Coordinator

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## **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. We should also note that GOAL and the men and women of Kruta do the majority of the work on these projects and much of that is done when we are not physically present.

Our fundraising goal for this year’s work is \$30,000. Although we raise much of this money outside our congregation we at the SBMC are the major contributor. Please continue your support of our brothers and sisters in Christ in the village of Kruta. If you are interested in supporting this work in any way contact Rick Nelson or Pastor Reeder (920-743-6218).

## **Habitat for Humanity Fruitcakes**

The Habitat for Humanity fruitcakes are baked and ready for purchase. One pound fruitcakes are available for \$10.00 each. The cakes can be purchased at the Habitat office at 410 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Monday through Friday during Restore hours.

## **We Value Being Moravian**

### **Free Community Lunch**

The Sister Bay Moravian Church is teaming up with the Ephraim Moravian Church in offering a Free Community Lunch on the first Wednesday of the month November through April. Now you can enjoy another free lunch each month – the first Wednesday at Sister Bay Moravian Church, 10924 Old Stage Road, and the third Wednesday at Ephraim Moravian Church, 9970 Moravia Street. Both free lunches served at noon. Any questions call the church offices: Sister Bay Moravian – 854.4080 and Ephraim Moravian – 854.2804.

## **Administration**

### **December/January Newsletter Deadline**

November 21, 2011

### **Thank You Notes**

To friends and members of the congregation: We wish for you to know how grateful we are for your support and caring during this difficult time in our lives. Each card and phone call is a priceless reminder of long-standing friendships. These are blessings we truly treasure.

**In Christian Gratitude – Dale & Karen Seiler**

To the person, or persons, who tended to our gardens while we were away you have my heartfelt gratitude. It was such a gentle and caring thing to do. It was a unexpected “welcome home.” Thank you so very much.

**Blessings in Christ’s love – Nancy Hall**

Words cannot express the gratitude that Lakeshore Community Action Program sends your way on behalf of our food pantry clients for your generous donation of \$1,214. The thoughtfulness and generosity of groups, such as the Moravian community enable us to maintain our operations and serve the needs of our community in these difficult times. It's actions like this that make Door County the special place that it is.

Often, our volunteers are told by our food pantry clients how grateful they are that we are here and to convey their thanks to our donors. Please consider this letter as a small, but heartfelt token of all of our thanks to you and your entire congregation.

**Sandy Soik**

Feed and Clothe My People thank you for all your support. Feed My people began to help folks in need of food and clothing in 1982 when unemployment in Door County was 28%. Some may remember! Today unemployment is 13.9%. Better, but there are still a lot of folks in need. We rely on your support, along with income from our Thrift Store, to serve those folks. We do not receive any funds from any government agencies, Federal, State or County. Thanks to folks like you we can operate independently. Our mission extends beyond our free food pantry and giving a limited amount of clothing to anyone in need. Each you we (you and us) give an unlimited number of coats for kids; healthy snack foods to kids 4K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for those on the free or reduced lunch program; Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to shut-ins and low income families; special treats to shut-in seniors and 350 Christmas gifts to families. So our work continues. Our dedicated volunteers are ready to help. All we ask is that you continue your generous support just as you have over the years and together we will be able to fulfill our mission. Thank you very much.

**Stella Huff, Director**

(Our gift for September was \$1,214.00).

### **Words of Appreciation**

For many, many years Alice Sautebin has faithfully served as our financial secretary. This is a quiet task unseen by many, but hugely important as she has faithfully recorded your weekly gifts and offerings. The integrity and confidentiality with which she carried this responsibility has been a blessing to our entire congregation. She has decided that it is time to set aside this task. We are so grateful for her ministry and the gold standard she continues to be for all of us. On behalf of Vickie, Ann, Judy and Dean, Jill, Reeder and Matt, We love you Alice. Your Church family is grateful!

### **Your Pledge is Needed**

October has been our Consecration month. This is the time that we all make our pledge for financial support to the ministry of our church for the coming year. If you have not had an opportunity to fill out a pledge form please contact the church office.

### **Popour House Update**

On October 14<sup>th</sup> we closed on the Popour House. As we have taken possession of this property the Trustees will be determining the best use for our long term needs. We also can use your help. We hope to raise \$53,000 to pay off the loan taken to purchase this property. If you would like to contribute you can make a donation to the "Legacy Fund" to help us meet our goal.

### **Building and Grounds**

Work is completed on the front Sanctuary windows. Also, repairs have been made to the bell tower windows and screens. If you are in church on a sunny morning turn toward the back and enjoy how much more light shines thru the balcony window. It is amazing how much more inviting our church looks from the street with these windows cleaned, painted and divested of the old, cloudy plastic covers.

## Other projects on our list:

### Big Projects

- 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)
- 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.

## Available in the Church Office

### 2012 Moravian Daily Texts:

Paperback Edition	\$10.00
Large Print Edition	\$12.00
Journals	\$15.00

### Advent Stars:

12" (Apartment or Tree Top Size)	\$17.00
22" (Window Size)	\$20.00

## What's New on the Website

### Access ACS is Live and Ready for Action!

After several months of set up and implementation the ball is now in your court! You can now take control of your church information.

We have a new link on our website ([www.sbmoravian.org](http://www.sbmoravian.org)) – “**mysbmc**”! Check out the lamb logo on the left side of the screen, below the navigation bar, for your link to “Access ACS”. This link will provide you with information, answers to frequently asked questions, and a link for setting up your access account.

### What is mysbmc?

mysbmc is a database that integrates with our church records and requires that you log in.

SBMC provides its members 24/7 access to their member information. All members who wish to access their information can create a log in. It is a part of our website where we keep information that

would not be available to the public. If you are looking for information that is not considered “personal” then click back to the Home page. Once registered, you can:

- view the church directory & calendar,
- view your contributions,
- view your activity groups
- print directories or mailing labels
- update your own profile with a new address, phone number, or email address.

Any changes will come to the office as a change request and will not be active until approved.

With a congregational login you will be able to access your personal record which will include your contribution information. **No one else** will be able to access your financial information. Members can view or produce a directory which will allow you to view names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

A new church calendar/facility scheduler has also been prepared, through 2012, which will allow you to view upcoming events from worship opportunities, meetings, youth events, etc. The calendar offers both a calendar view and a table view. If you click on an event in the calendar view it will bring you to a table view which will show you more detail, such as where the event is to be held. **\*\*See “New Additions to Website” article below.**

If you are a group leader, ie usher, nursery, or lay reader coordinator you will be given permissions that will allow you to view the individuals who have signed up for your area of ministry. I have already designated those individuals by assigning them to the appropriate activity groups. This will allow you to do a search for the activity group and then send out a mass email with your schedules, reminders or meeting changes. Note that as an individual you may also see the activity groups that you are now assigned to. If these groups are incorrect, or you wish to make a change, either by adding or deleting yourself from a group you may do so. Note that all changes that appear on your screen are not changed on the actual database until the church administrator has approved the change.

Go to the website: [www.sbmoravian.org](http://www.sbmoravian.org) – and try out this new feature. I believe that you will find it is very intuitive and will provide you with hands on information.

**Vickie Viste**

## **Additions to the Website**

1) If you don’t have time to log in to “mysbmc” to check the calendar for your youth, worship or mission event – just click on the navigation bar “calendar” and select the calendar that contains the event(s) you are interested in. You will find two options for each calendar: Calendar View is like your traditional calendar – click on a specific event for more detail of time and location; or select Table View which will give you a detailed list by date of the events. When the church office adds or deletes an event the “mysbmc” and website calendars will automatically be updated. Note that the software allows us to group all of the calendars into one view under the “mysbmc” version, however in the website version the calendars can only be uploaded in their individual format.

2) You know it’s your turn to be a lay reader in November but you’ve lost your paperwork and can’t remember which Sunday? Go to the website and click on the navigation bar “Volunteer Schedules” here you will find a list of the lay reader, ushers and nursery schedules, participant contact information and instruction sheets at your fingertips.

**Vickie Viste**

# ***Chicken Pies Anyone?***

The women are planning ahead for the next Moravian Women's Conference by creating a scholarship fund to afford more of our members the opportunity to attend this wonderful event. How better to achieve this goal than to offer our famous Chicken (no veggie) Pies with that extra special side of gravy ... mmmm!

You can help by placing an order below and/or contacting Mryna Peil at 746.0359 with an offer to help make the pies on December 2 & 3.

**Preorders Only by November 27, 2011**  
**\$12.00 (9" pie)**

## **How to Order:**

Please complete this form and drop it off, **with your payment**, in the fellowship room following worship on November 13, 20 or 27, or during the week in the church office.

## **Pick Up:**

Your frozen pies will be available for pick up in the church dining room following worship on December 11. If you are unable to pick up your pie on the 11<sup>th</sup> please contact the church office.



## **Chicken Pie Order**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Nos: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 each = Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Advent Potluck and Workshop

The Worship Committee invites you to an Advent Potluck and Workshop on Sunday, December 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

We will gather for lunch in the church dining room. If you plan to attend, please bring the following:

- \* A dish to pass with a serving utensil.
- \* Your own table service.
- \* Your own beverage. (Coffee, lemonade, and water will be provided.)

After lunch, you are invited to join in the following workshop activities:

- \* Adult and older youth activities:
  - o Learn to make folded paper stars.
  - o Help trim the hundreds of candles that are used for our December services.
- \* Younger youth activities:
  - o Dipping and decorating folded stars.
  - o Decorating Christmas cookies.

To help plan for the event, please complete the form below and drop it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.

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*Yes, I (we) plan to attend the Advent Potluck and Workshop on Sunday, December 4.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_

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### POINSETTIA'S FOR CHRISTMAS

For a number of years,  
we have used poinsettias to add  
to the beauty of our sanctuary  
for the Christmas Season.



For only \$17.50 each you can purchase a lovely red poinsettia. (6" pot) The plant will be foil wrapped with a bow.

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas in memory or in honor of a special person, please complete the bottom portion of this sheet and return it, with your check, to the church office by: **no later than Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Checks may be made payable to "Moravian Church." (Please note that this is **not** a tax-deductible contribution, since you will be receiving the plant which has a value of \$17.50.)

**The plant is yours, and we invite you to take it home following the worship service on December 25.**

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**Poinsettia Order**

Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of plants: \_\_\_\_\_  
Typically plants are acknowledged in our Christmas Eve Bulletins in this fashion:

"Given in loving memory of"  or "In honor of"

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of the person or family giving the plant.)

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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

## November, 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.
	Sr. High Fellowship - Gr. 9-12	7:30-9:00 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.

Ecumenical  
Thanksgiving Service

November 23  
7:00 p.m.  
Bay View Lutheran  
340 W. Maple Street