

**STURGEON BAY MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
**FEBRUARY, 2012 - NEWSLETTER**

**Meaningful Worship**

**Worship Opportunities for February**

As we celebrate 150 years of ministry we are reminded that worship is the place where all of our mission and ministry begin. During the cold of winter don't miss the opportunity to experience the warmth of the joy and fellowship that comes from being together as a worshipping community.

**Sunday, February 5 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion**

Join us for the celebration of Holy Communion, Commissioning of our Kruta Team and the baptism of Anderson Starr.

Meditation: *"The Rhythm of Faith"*

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

**Sunday, February 12 10:30 a.m.**

Come and support your leadership as we commission our Boards for service in 2012.

Sermon: *"He is Willing"*

Scripture: Mark 1:40-45

**Sunday, February 19 10:30 a.m.**

We welcome to the pulpit, former Senior pastor, The Rt. Rev. Paul Graf who will bring us the good news!

Sermon: "The Most Unused Gift"

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

**Wednesday, February 22 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion**

Join us for this service as we enter the Lenten Season and receive the ashes as a sign of repentance.

**Sunday, February 26 10:30 a.m.**

Sermon: *"In Recognition of Exceptional Service"*

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

**Safe Harbor**

**In the Life of Our Church Family**

**Anniversaries 50+**

February 22 – Glen & Gertrude Larson

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

Rev. Dr. Matthew Knapp will be teaching a two part class titled "Liturgical Lent" which will discuss our theology of Lent found in the Lenten Liturgies in the Moravian Book of Worship. These classes will be on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will meet in the Adult Ed. Room.

## **Adult Sunday School**

Each Sunday morning, before worship John Hauser, Jonathan Meacham, and Don Albert 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. They are presently beginning a study of the Gospel of Matthew. The class schedule for January through April is posted on the Adult Education bulletin board near the office. Check it out! Come join us!

## **Fellowship Ministries**

### **Women's Fellowship**

#### **Honor Circle**

February 14 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Room

#### **Faith Circle**

February 14 1:30 p.m. Pinecrest

### **Songs and Sweets – Saturday, February 18 – 6:30 p.m.**

During the year-long celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will have many opportunities to celebrate not only the history of our congregation but also the heritage of the Moravian Church.

Moravians have a rich musical heritage – not only in the body of literature that has been composed, but also the ways in which music enhances our worship and daily lives. Here are some historical and local bits of information concerning music and the Moravian Church:

- The singstunde, or “hour of song,” is a musical devotion in which verses of hymns are sung in a specific order with the intent of developing a scriptural theme.
- Our 23-rank Jaeckel pipe organ was installed in January 1992. Since its installation, the organ has been used for more than 1,100 worship services.
- One of the favorite events during the Family Retreat is an evening of hymn singing. There is no plan; hymns are simply called out from those gathered. (Rt. Rev. Graf often refers to this event as “Stump the Organist!”)

Songs and Sweets, an event scheduled for Saturday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m., will feature music in all three of these forms: a singstunde based on the anniversary of our congregation, instrumental music featuring our pipe organ, and an opportunity to “stump the organist” by calling out your favorite hymns for the congregation to sing. The event will be led by our own music director, Bob Nickel.

Musical devotion on this level requires sustenance. After the “songs” portion of the evening, all are invited for “sweets” and fellowship – a dessert reception in the Dining Room. Bakers from our congregation will be going all out! Join us for white chocolate cheesecake with raspberry sauce, homemade pie, three-layer carrot cake, old-fashioned chocolate cake, and much more. Coffee, tea, and hot cocoa will accompany the sweets. There is no charge for this event, but a free will offering will be accepted to help cover the costs associated with the congregation’s anniversary quilt project.

Come celebrate some of our favorite things about being Moravian – our heritage, our music, and our fellowship.

The nursery will be available during the “songs” portion of the evening.

### **Dinners of Eight**

Dinners of Eight is an opportunity to gather with small groups to share a meal and social time. A new “cycle” of Dinners of Eight will begin in March! Look for the sign-up sheets in the bulletin during February or call Margo Ireland at 743-4761. Remember that even if you are a “continuing” participant you need to sign up or call so Margo can assign you to a new group of eight! This is a great way to meet new people and get to know your fellow church members!

### **Annual Church Retreat**

The annual congregational retreat is coming up on April 27-29. 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. The cost of the retreat is being subsidized by the Camp Scholarship Fund to keep this an affordable event. The Registration form for the retreat is included in this newsletter and on our website at [www.sbmoravian.org](http://www.sbmoravian.org). Plan on joining us!

### **Parish Nurse**

For any seniors who may have problems cutting their toenails; the senior foot clinic has nurses who cut toenails and remove calluses. These are held every Wednesday morning at Bay Lake Surgery Center, 1843 Michigan Street. Cost is \$8.00. Call Karen at 746.3570 to make an appointment.

Monthly blood pressure checks continue on the second Sunday of the month from 9:45-10:15 a.m. in the elevator room of the church.

Contact Parish Nurse, Carolyn Bridenhagen at 743.6850, with any questions you may have.

### **We Value Children and Youth**

#### **Nazarites, and Senior High Youth (Gr.7-12)**

February 1	Snow Football????
February 8	YouTube Night II
February 15	Painting Project
February 22	<u>NO NAZARITES</u> (Ash Wednesday Service)
February 29	Painting and Sardines

#### **RAMS (Gr.3-5)**

February 1	Piñata Building
February 15	Sardines
February 29	Stupid Human Olympics

### **Youth Choir**

**New for 2012:** Sunday School now begins in the music room, second floor of the Christian Education building for music. We are no longer meeting in the sanctuary.

**Schedules** - (Sit with families. Kim will get any Cherubs that may be in the nursery.)

**Cherub (Age 3-K) \*Sunday School still begins in the Nursery for the Cherub Choir**

March 4	10:30 a.m./Worship	“Into My Heart”
May 4	10:30 a.m./Music Sunday	“Sing a Song Praise Jesus”

**Junior (Grades 1-5)**

March 4	10:30 a.m./Worship	“Shout to the Lord”
April 1	10:30 a.m./Palm Sunday	“Hosanna” (Sit in front pews with Miss Kim)
May 4	10:30 a.m./Music Sunday	“The Word of the Lord”

**Sisters Chorus (Grades 6-12) \*Rehearse Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

March 11	10:30 a.m./Worship	“Lord of the Small”
April 1	10:30 a.m./Palm Sunday	“Hosanna”
May 4	10:30 a.m./Music Sunday	“Follow the Music”

**College and Armed Forces Ministry**

Thank you note to the congregation:

Thank you for the surprise box of cookies. It was a great lift to my spirits during finals week. I really enjoyed them.. and so did my roommates! McKenzie Birmingham

**We Value Mission Work**

*“As the Father has sent me,” Jesus told his disciples, “so I send you.” John 20:21*

The church’s original identity was as people sent by God into the world. Mission was never intended to become the job of a few individuals sent to some faraway place to persuade others to join the Christian movement. The church is to participate in God’s healing and transforming purposes in and for the world. “The challenge of discipleship—of following Jesus—is the heart of the church’s mission. (*Excerpts from OMG, edited by Kenda Creasy Dean*)

The above text, from the gospel of John, is a reminder to each of us that as members of the body of Christ we are all sent in some form or fashion by God. In the coming year, the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church has opportunities to personally serve, to support service endeavors through prayer and resources, and to continue to prayerfully consider how the Spirit may lead us, as individuals and as a faith community, to demonstrate God’s grace and care to others. As an example, there are many local efforts that require volunteers to maintain pace with the increased needs that exist in our community. As funding decreases for many non-profit organizations are we able to share our resources to make life less of a struggle and provide a benefit for others? Please continue to watch this monthly newsletter, the bulletin boards in the hallways, as well as the Sunday order of worship, for ongoing ways to engage in God’s mission through whatever forms that may take.

Churches are not gatherings of “the saved” but are communities of “the sent.” As we live in relationship with God, how will you and I honor God through the ways in which we live as disciples of Christ? If you feel the urging of God’s Spirit to join God’s mission and would like to explore options, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you and discovering what God has in mind for you.

In Christ, *Jill Kolodziej*  
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## **Honduran Mission - Harvest of Hope**

### **Our Continuing Relationship with Kruta, Honduras -**

Since 2008, the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church has been sending work crews to the village of Kruta, Honduras. As a way of living out our Christian faith, we have delivered medicines, played with the children, installed water tanks and worshipped with our hosts. With the help of GOAL, an Irish development organization that has been working in the area since 1998, we completed the installation of 105 water tanks in Kruta. In consultation with GOAL and the villagers we have decided to expand our mission, both geographically and programmatically, planning to both install water tanks in the neighboring village of Koko Tingni and reconstruct an aging and rotting school building in Kruta.

As we seek to continue our relationship with Kruta, seven Sturgeon Bay residents (most of them members of our congregation) have agreed to raise enough money to cover their own travel and in-country expenses so that we can again visit Honduras in February of this year. The travel team is leaving on February 10<sup>th</sup> to spend time in Kruta renewing our friendships, doing dental work, providing medicine, and beginning work on the school.

We have been quite successful raising project funds from many different sources, including donations from our members. Thank you for your generosity and remember this is an ongoing project to which you can donate at any time.

## **We Value Being Moravian**

### **Moravian Bulletin Cover**

Many Moravian Churches utilize a service provided by the Interprovincial Board of Publications which provides bulletins covers that have spiritual reflections on that Sunday's text written by members of the Moravian Church. Though we do not use this service we did want to share with you the cover for May 20, 2012 written by Rev. Knapp.

#### ***Sent people of God***

*At our congregation, during Holy Week we usually draw straws to decide who reads Jesus' Last Supper discourse at the evening reading services. Everyone wants to read the "Woes" to the hypocrite scribes and Pharisees. But as liturgists we all seem to struggle with the language of "I am in you and you are in me" and "Mine is yours, and yours is mine." (John 17:23,10).*

*If you take the time to labor through the language, you will find the timeless gospel message that echoes down into the very core of the ministry that Moravians have been called to fulfill—our spiritual DNA, if you will. Often the Moravian eye wanders to expressions of unity. We do love our fellowship and the sense of being one. But there is another part of our unique calling expressed here.*

*We are a sent people of God. Jesus asks for God to watch over and protect his disciples. He does not ask God to keep them from challenging or difficult circumstances. And finally Jesus expresses to God that as he, Jesus, was sent into the world, so the disciples have been sent.*

*Sanctification, our journey of faith, is made whole and complete when we respond to the gospel truth by bearing it into the world. We are at our best when we live as a people sent. We are called to live as the precious treasure that Jesus lifted up to God in this prayer.*

*And we need to love the world as much as Jesus has loved us.*

## **Administration**

### **March/April Newsletter Deadline**

February 23, 2012

### **Joint Board**

On January 9 the Joint Board met with Rev. Jason Anderson and Diane Klawakoski of the Western District Board for the purpose of evaluating Pastor Matthew in his 20<sup>th</sup> year of service here at Sturgeon Bay. According to the Moravian Book of Order such a review is to be done every 10 years. It was a time of great fellowship and discussion and we express our gratitude to the District Board for their continued partnership and support.

### **Trustees Report for November**

- The Trustees visited the Popour House and determined to leave the property as is for the next 6 months to monitor how fundraising is progressing for paying off the loan. Discussion was held about the possibility of removing the house and using the property as a neighborhood garden.
- The Finances of the church were reviewed and there was tremendous satisfaction about how well we ended 2011.
- A contingency budget for 2012 was discussed.

### **Elders Report for November**

- Updates were given on the upcoming Kruta Trip.
- The schedule for Reeder's time in 2012 and Matt's projected vacations were reviewed.

### **Opportunities in 2012**

Two years ago, when Reeder formally retired from Provincial Service, we agreed that he would work full time until 2012 when his work load would be reduced to 70%. After discussion with the Boards we have agreed that the way this will be worked out is that there will be several times during the year that Reeder will be "away". For example, in February he will not be working from February 2-27. We have already taken steps to make sure that these times away will not conflict with Matthew's vacation schedule or denominational responsibilities. We are grateful that many of Reeder's areas of responsibility are already covered by volunteers for February. As we move forward we need to hear from you on how this is working. We are deeply committed to the continued growth of our mission and ministry. This means there are some things we will need to approach in new and creative ways.

We are also very pleased that later in the year we will be working with Susan Nienaber, a consultant from the Alban Institute, who will be helping us plan for our leadership needs in the future. Rev. Nienaber has worked with several Moravian congregations and we are very thankful for the Western District Boards help in bringing her expertise to us. If you would like to learn more about Rev. Nienaber and her work you can visit the Alban Website at:

<http://www.alban.org/consulting.aspx?id=2772>

\*For those of you who do not have access to a computer, but would like to read more about Rev. Nienaber, you may access a hard copy of her bio from the information displays in the church narthex or next to the coffee hus room.

In the midst of celebrating 150 years of ministry we will also be having a year of creating a common vision for our future service for God's Kingdom.

## **Available in the Church Office**

**Commemorative Glass Moravian Star Ornaments** – Are available for purchase for \$10.00 each and come in a variety of colors. Proceeds will go toward supporting various 150<sup>th</sup> events throughout the year.

## **Building and Grounds**

We still have a number of projects that need to be done and we will get to them as time, people power, and finances allow. If you would like to help with any of these projects call Pastor Reeder or George Pinney.

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 - \$37,694.00
- Kitchen counter tops – need replacing.
- Dishwasher needs to be replaced
- 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
- Replace faucets in the kitchen (downstairs)
- Edge sidewalks
- Lighting in office
- Van air conditioning repair

**STURGEON BAY MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
**Annual Church Retreat - REGISTRATION**  
**APRIL 27-29, 2012**

**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 27*.  
 We are asking all who attend to please stay with us through worship around 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, *April 29*.  
**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	Comfortable clothing
Toiletries	Bible	Favorite games, puzzle, or book to read
Camera	Towels	

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS: APRIL 16, 2012**

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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

## February, 2012

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.
	The Sister's Chorus Rehearsal - Gr. 6-12	6:30-7:15 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.