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INTRODUCTION
In order for you to have, in writing, some answers concerning memorial customs and practices in the Moravian Church of Sturgeon Bay, we have prepared the following guidelines. We trust that they will assist you in making your arrangements.

Whether you are preplanning or making arrangements for a loved one, we hope that this booklet will guide you in your decisions.

ACCOMPANIST
We will work with the funeral home to obtain appropriate accompaniment for the service.

SOLOIST
If a soloist is requested, recommendations can be made through the church staff.

MUSIC SELECTIONS
Any music selected from the Moravian Book of Worship and Renew Songs and Hymns book are acceptable. Both congregational singing or soloist, or a combination of the two, are appropriate.

PRELUDES AND POSTLUDES
The accompanist normally selects the preludes and postludes, however if you have a specific request please indicate that on your planning sheet and the accompanist will be notified.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Individual favorites, confirmation text, or some of our standards are all appropriate. Here are a few examples:
Colossians 3:12-17  The New Life In Christ
I Corinthians 2:6-12  The True Wisdom of God
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15  The God Given Task
John 3:13-16  Nicodemus Visits Jesus
John 11:25  Jesus Resurrection and the Life
John 19:40  The Burial of Christ
John 20:18  Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene
I John 5:1-5  Faith Conquers the World
Luke 11:1-4  The Lord’s Prayer
Matthew 5:1-12  The Beatitudes
Matthew 5:13-16  Salt & Light
Philippians 4:4-7  Exhortations
Psalm 23  The Divine Shepherd
Psalm 121  Assurance of God’s Protection
Proverbs 31  The Teaching of King Lemuel’s Mother
Revelation 21:1-7  The New Heaven and the New Earth
Romans 5:1-5  Results of Justification
Romans 8:31-39  God’s Love in Christ Jesus
Romans 12:9-18  Marks of the True Christian

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Included, is in this publication, is a standard order of worship (bulletin).

LITURGY OPTIONS

Option 1—Moravian Church “Liturgy for a Memorial Service” - Moravian Book of Worship, Page 177.

Option 2—Moravian Church “Easter Liturgy” - Moravian Book of Worship, Page 82.

Copies of these liturgies appear in this publication.
VIDEO TAPING

Upon the request of the family, a video team will be contacted to tape the memorial service. One copy will be provided to the family at no charge. Additional copies are available for purchase. This service is based upon the availability of our videographers.

MEMORIALS

Family and friends often designate memorial gifts to the church. If you wish to restrict these gifts you may discuss options with the church staff. If there isn’t a preference, gifts will be added to an “undesignated memorial fund” which will be disbursed as a need in the church is identified.

GRATUITIES

To assist in the financial planning of your memorial service, the following are fees and gratuity recommendations for the church:

Soloist $ 75.00
Organist (as dictated by American Organist Guild) $100.00
Pastor (gratuity as directed by the family) $150.00
Video Tape—First Tape $ 0
   Additional Tapes (each) $ 5.00
Lunch is served by Volunteers—optional gratuity * $ 75.00

* The luncheon is served by volunteers from the church. If the family wishes to give a gratuity, for this service, that gift is included with the church memorial gifts and disbursed accordingly.
MEMORIAL PLANNING INFORMATION BOOKLET

When you are ready to make some decisions feel free to use the “Memorial Planner—Planning Information” booklet enclosed. Complete it to the best of your ability and return it to the church office for filing, and/or give it to a family member for their future reference. This document is intended to assist the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church in providing the best possible service for you or your loved one. If you are pre-planning, note that this document can be changed at any time at your discretion.

SAMPLES FOLLOW:

Liturgy Option 1
Liturgy Option 2
Bulletin
Lord, our God, in whom we live and move and have our being,

*Have mercy on us.*

Lord, our God, you do not willingly bring affliction or grief to your children.

*Leave your peace with us.*

Lord, our God, you have raised Christ from death as the assurance that those who sleep in death will also be raised.

*Bless and Comfort us, we humbly pray.*

Eternal God, accept us as your children in your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who came into the world from you, was born a human being, and lived among us. He took the role of a servant, and has redeemed us from all sin and from death, with his holy and precious blood, and with his innocent suffering and dying. Christ has done this so that we may be his own, live in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and happiness; since he, being risen from the dead, lives and reigns, forever and ever.

*Amen.*

Our Savior has said: Whoever hears my words and believes the One who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged, but has already passed from death into life,

*Savior of the world, lead us in paths of righteousness for your name’s sake.*
We do not live to ourselves and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, it is for the Lord that we live; and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord, for Christ died, rose from death, and lives again in order to be Lord of the living and of the dead.

_Living Redeemer, we find our hope in you._

As a father has compassion on his children, so God has compassion on those who honor him; for he knows how we were formed, he remembers that we are dust. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, and sustains those who are bereaved. And God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

_The steadfast love of the Lord lasts forever, and his goodness endures for all generations._

Glory be to the Father, and to the son and to the Holy Spirit; _As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen._

**The Committal Service**

Lord, have mercy upon us; _Christ, have mercy upon us._

Lord, have mercy upon us. _Christ, hear us._

Lord God, Father, hear us as we pray.
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and  
the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Lord God, son, the Savior of the world,  
Be gracious unto us.

By your human birth;  
By your prayers and tears;  
By the grief and anguish of your soul;  
By your cross and suffering;  
By your atoning death;  
By your rest in the grave;  
By your triumphant resurrection;  
By your divine presence;  
By your coming again to your church on earth, or our being called home to you.

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.

Lord God, Holy Spirit,  
Abide with us forever. Amen.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and those who
live and believe in me will never die. Therefore, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yes, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labor. Where, death, is your victory? Where, grave, is your sting? It is sin which gives death its power, and it is the Law which gives sin its strength. All thanks to God, who delivered us from the fear of death, the power of sin, and the condemnation of the Law. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We now commit this body to the ground, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection of all believers to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ. He shall change our weak, mortal bodies and make them like his own glorious body, using that power by which he is able to bring all things under his rule.

Keep us in everlasting fellowship with the heavenly Church Triumphant, and let us rest together in your presence from our labors.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Glory be to him who is the Resurrection and the Life. Even though we die, he gives us life now and forever.

Glory be to Christ, in the Church which waits for him on earth, and in the church which is around him in heaven, forever and ever.

Amen.

May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of the Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.
EASTER LITURGY
(Option 2)

The Lord is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!

Sing this aloud, proclaim it to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has set his people free.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God’s
great mercy we are given new birth into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
Praise, honor, glory, and power to the One seated on the
throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!
Jesus was handed over to death for our sins,
   *And was raised to life for our justification.*

Then what can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or hardship? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril, or sword?
   *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ, who loved us.*

For we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,
   *Nor powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
   *For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, it is for the Lord that we live; and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die.
   *So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord, for Christ died, rose from death, and lives again in order to be Lord of the living and of the dead.*
We do not want you to be in any doubt about those who have died, or to grieve over them as others do who have no hope. 

*For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.*

What we are saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. 

*Nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.*

What is sown as perishable, 

*Is raised imperishable;*

What is sown in dishonor, 

*Is raised in glory;*

What is sown in weakness, 

*Is raised in power;*

What is sown a physical body, 

*Is raised a spiritual body.*

Then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: Death has been swallowed up in victory. 

*Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are of the earth.

_For we have died, and our lives are hidden with Christ in God._

God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

_Make us complete in everything good so that we may do your will, working among us all that is pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever._

_Amen._
The Memorial Service
In Celebration of the Life of

(NAME)
(Birth Year—Death Year)

Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church
(Date of Service)

Preludes

Declaring Our Intent to Worship

Leader: In the spirit of loving remembrance, we enter into worship.

People: We praise God for the beauty of creation, for the privilege of being in relationship with one another, and especially for the life of (NAME). We offer thanksgiving for (him/her) life among us.

Leader: We seek the presence of the living God to comfort us in our sorrow, strengthen us in our faith, and assure us of hope for tomorrow.

People: O God, we will praise you as long as we live; we will lift up our hands and call on Your holy and powerful name.

Leader: God’s Word reminds us that as you and I draw near to God, God will draw near to us.

*Hymn

Hymn Title – MBW ###

*Prayer of Invocation

Liturgy for a Memorial Service (Or Easter Liturgy) MBW ###

Moments for Remembrance
Solo  (Optional/If Available)  Selection Title

Scripture Readings  List Scriptures

Hymn  Hymn Title – MBW ###

Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn  Hymn Title—MBW ###

*Benediction

*Postlude

(* The congregation is invited to stand)
(MBW=Moravian Book of Worship, REN=Renew)

The family of (Name) would appreciate your presence in the church dining room, immediately following the committal service at the (Name of Cemetery), for a time of food and fellowship.

*Or variation of this paragraph

(List of Memorial Participants:)
Rev. XXXXX  Pastor
Mr./Mrs./Ms.  Organist or Accompanist
Mr./Mrs./Ms.  Soloist
XXX Funeral Home  Arrangements