



# “WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER”

**June 2021**

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## 2021 CONGREGATIONAL WATCHWORD:

*God's grace toward me has not been in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:16*

### Updates

In May, based on the recommendation of the CDC and in consultation with local health leaders, our Elders voted unanimously to the following changes in worship:

*If you are fully vaccinated you no longer need to wear masks in worship. We also fully support those who will choose to continue to mask because of their vaccination status or for other personal reasons.*

We made this decision recognizing that recently our middle school age youth have been getting vaccinated and our youngest members still do not have access to vaccination and probably will not until the end of this year. This means we will still have folks wearing masks for a whole host of reasons. We celebrate this step forward as we continue to love and care for our whole congregation.

We have also begun to sing again and this has brought great joy!

### Worship for the Summer:

Throughout the summer we will be offering two worship opportunities each week.

#### - Thursdays on the Patio at 6:00 pm beginning June 3

Bring your own chair and bug spray. If the weather is bad we will move into the sanctuary.

#### - Sunday mornings at 10:30 am

This year we will not be changing to an earlier time as we have in the past and will evaluate this at the end of the summer.

### Cookies on the Patio:

Beginning in July we will be offering cookies on the patio following Sunday morning worship. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to take a week and bake two dozen cookies. If you can help with this ministry please contact the church office.

### Confirmations:

In the month of June we will be celebrating confirmation on both June 20 and 27. We have a group of rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have patiently waited out Covid, for over a year, to be able to make their faith profession before you. They have recently been able to come back in and complete their course of study. They will be confirmed on June 20. We also have a group of 6<sup>th</sup> graders who have met off and on through all the shut downs and quarantines of the past year who will be confirmed on June 27. These young people have worked hard and are an inspiration!

#### June 20

Emmett Cihlar  
Claire Feit  
Cora Frangipane

Lauren Meacham  
Miya Nell  
Jaylen Reynolds

Owen Starr  
June VanLeishout  
Attyson Wilson

#### June 27

Hannah Denil  
Savanna Kiehnau  
Rachel Rock  
Lydia Schultz  
Owen Teske

### Vacation Bible School is Baaaack!

The week of June 7-11 we will be hosting Vacation Bible School “Rocky Railroad”. We have 28 students and 26 helpers. We have adapted the program and have established Covid protocols. We are grateful that we are at a point where we can return to offer this important ministry to the children in our community.

### Special Synod:

A special Synod has been called by the Northern Province to take action to allow our seminary to explore a potential merger with Lancaster Seminary this fall. The Provincial Elders Conference cannot approve this on their own, it must come from action by a Synod. Thanks to our new found ability to Zoom, a virtual Synod has been scheduled for July 10. Our Board has appointed Shirley Knapp and Tom Pinney, who are both former members of the Provincial Elders, to serve as our delegates. Thank you to Shirley and Tom for their service.

**Updates (Continued)**

**Flat Screen in the Sanctuary:**

After a year of discussion the Elders' have approved installing a flat screen TV in the front of the sanctuary. There are many times that we can use this technology to enhance and support our worship services. Some examples include playing memorial videos at funeral visitations, PowerPoint presentations for meetings, slide presentations from mission and service trips or music and videos for VBS. With the installation of the new video system we will now be capable of utilizing this new addition as a way to put up announcements and provide new ways to improve our worship experience. We will still be singing from the Book of Worship and our worship structure will remain the same. This an important step not only for worship in our sanctuary but to serve folks who worship with us online. This will be installed later in June.

**Mission Opportunities**

**Tricklebee Cafe**

We are excited that, thanks to some hard work by Amy Stephens, we will be sending a group of our middle school boys to work at the Moravian Tricklebee Café June 29-July 1. They will be spending two days serving at the café and also being educated about the needs and realities of poverty in urban areas. Our thanks to Amy for organizing this trip and to Andy Starr and Trey Bumgardner for chaperoning. We are still attempting to put together a girls trip. If we cannot make that happen this summer we will look for a trip in the fall.

**Local Lock-In and Mission**

Later in the summer we are planning a two day lock-in and service opportunity for our youth. This will include tackling some projects around here, like painting the scout hut, but also partnering with some local agencies. We will be getting out more information when it is available.

**Neighborhood Garden**

Our thanks to those who have volunteered again to care for the neighborhood garden. Be sure to stop by and see all the hard work and exciting new things we are growing this year.

**Pastor Matt Vacation**

After VBS Matt, Kim and Doug are planning to head to Georgia for a week in June to visit with Kim's family, who they have not seen in over two years, along with a quick trip to the farm for Doug to chase rabbits.

**Pastor Matt**

**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sundays at 10:30 am**  
 June 6 Regular Worship  
 June 13 Regular Worship  
 June 20 Regular Worship / Confirmation 2020 Class  
 June 27 Regular Worship / Confirmation 2021 Class

**Thursdays at 6:00 pm**  
 Worship on the Patio  
 (Beginning June 3rd)



**In the Life of Our Church Family**

**In our prayers:**

Jim Benesh, Mark Hill, Phil Henrickson, Kelli Clark, Keith Worley and Myra Pinney who is recovering from surgery.

**Meetings**

**Faith Circle** - June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Room at church.  
**Church Quilting Group** - June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am-12 pm in the downstairs quilting room.  
**Elders' Meeting** - June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
**Trustees' Meeting** - June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 pm

## MORAVIAN SUMMER CAMPS 2021

### MT. MORRIS Camp & Retreat Center

Register at [www.wdcamping.com/Western-District-Camps](http://www.wdcamping.com/Western-District-Camps)

**Family Camp** - There is a new Family Camp that is being offered at Mt. Morris on June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity to experience Mt. Morris as a family! Prices are based per person. There is also a \$50.00 voucher being offered per family unit. Registration forms are paper only and can be found on their website, or call the church.

**Chetek:** for youth completing 9<sup>th</sup> grade - age 21. July 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

**Winmor:** for youth completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 8<sup>th</sup> grade. July 25<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>

**Junior Camp:** for youth completing 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - 5<sup>th</sup> grade. August 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

Registration is currently being finalized, but all the information will be on the [wdcamping.com](http://www.wdcamping.com) website.



Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church will again offer a \$50 scholarship for Chetek, Winmor & Junior Camps. Contact the office or go online to our website under the New Events and Registration Page for a form.

#### REMINDERS:

**Shop with Amazon Smile** to benefit the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church. Every item available for purchase on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) is also available on Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) at the same price, but the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the church.

**Save your Econo Foods receipts!** Save them and return them to the church when you are able to. We receive 1% of the total dollar value. Our last check for \$161.17 went to benefit youth activities.

**Door County Medical Center is selling t-shirts to benefit the Moravian Clinic in Ahuas, Honduras.**

The shirts are \$15.00 and come long sleeve or short sleeve.

Go to <https://dcmc.mybrightsites.com/products/726500> to order yours today.





**American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross is having a Community Blood Drive at **St. Peter’s Lutheran Church :**

June 7th - 12 pm to 6 pm

June 8th - 9 am to 3 pm

The Red Cross is **encouraging appointments** - please call them at 800-733-2767 or go to website @ [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## **Join us @ the Plus 50 Retreat @ Mt. Morris for Everyone in the Over 50 Crowd August 12-15, 2021**

“Walking in the Dark”



**Fellowship, Faith, Food & Fun  
as we enjoy God’s creation!**

Registration begins @ **4pm on Thursday** followed by dinner at 5:30 pm. We end with breakfast and worship on Sunday. Cost per person is \$200 which includes all meals and 3 nights lodging in Black Oak Lodge.

***Reserve your spot now with a \$75 deposit by July 1.***

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Our program director ..... Rev. Mary Lou Plummer  
[mlplummer01@gmail.com](mailto:mlplummer01@gmail.com) or 715-451-9992.

Our musician ..... Jason Pues



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High School Graduates:

*Isabella Dippel* graduated from Sturgeon Bay High School.

*Spencer Evenson* graduated from Sevastopol and will be attending St. Norbert College in De Pere. He will be majoring in Computer Science.

*Griffin Kroll* graduated from Sturgeon Bay and will be attending NWTC Green Bay. He will major in Gas Utility Construction.

*Kylie Newton* graduated from Sevastopol and will be attending UW Steven's Point. She will be majoring in Spanish & English with an emphasis in Education.

*Taylor Newton* graduated from Sevastopol and will be attending the Wisconsin School of Professional Pet Grooming.

*Hayden Retzlaff* graduated from Sevastopol and attending UW Steven's Point. She will major in Communication Sciences & Disorders for Speech Pathology.

College & Post College Graduate:

*Jenna Seiler* graduated from UW Madison with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science and Psychology. She will continue with her post graduate education at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in Chicago.