



“WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER”

August, 2019

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2019 CONGREGATIONAL WATCHWORD:

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Isaiah 55:6

AUGUST WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES—9:00 am

- Aug. 4 Regular Worship
Rick Nelson Reception
- Aug. 11 Worship/Communion
- Aug. 18 Regular Worship
- Aug. 25 Regular Worship

SHILOH - THURSDAY SERVICES - 7:00 pm

August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Thank You!!

I cannot find the words to express my gratitude for the wonderful recognition and celebration that the congregation gave me for the anniversary of my 35th year of ordination. Everything from your prayers of blessing during worship, to the incredible brunch, and the cards and letters of love and affirmation were truly special. The new bird house you gave me is out on my deck and open for tenants! In reflecting on this milestone in my ministry the thing that is the greatest source of joy for me is that I have had the privilege of serving you, Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church, for most of those 35 years. Your constant love, prayers and support inspires me. I love you and I am grateful for the wonderful ways that you bring the love of Christ to so many people in so many places. I honestly believe I am the most blessed pastor in the Moravian Church.

Matt



Rick Nelson is retiring from his many years of mission service with the Moravian Board of World Missions. Rick’s service to the Moravian Church, the communities where he and his wife, Barb, lived and especially to the people of Honduras have been truly remarkable. The Board of Elders of the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church want to recognize this service and celebrate his retirement. Please join us for worship service on Sunday, August 4, 2019, and to wish Rick the very best as he begins a new phase of his life. There will be a reception in his honor following worship. Please RSVP to the church office by July 28th so we can plan for the reception.



CALENDAR

- **Cookies on the Patio:** Sundays following 9:00 am worship, thru August 25th
- **Quilting Group:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.
- **Bible Studies:** Men's Tuesdays 7:30-8:00 am. Women's will resume in September.
- **Honor Circle:** Aug. 13th @ Cardinal Ridge, 1:00 pm
- **Faith Circle:** Aug. 13th @ Pine Crest, 1:30 pm

MEETINGS

Budget & Finance	8/12	12:00 pm
Board of Elders	8/12	6:30 pm
Board of Trustees	8/19	6:30 pm

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY -**Our loving sympathy and support to the family and friends of :**

Reta Mae Schmidt who passed away on June 16, 2019. Her service was held on July 5th at Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church. Pastor Herrick officiated her service with burial at Bayside Cemetery.

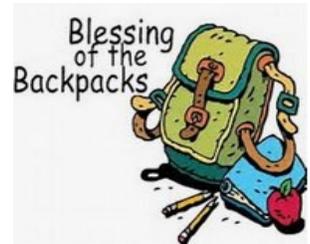
John A. Lindem who passed away on May 19, 2019. His service was held on July 12th at Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church. Pastor Knapp officiated his service.

Baptism:

William Steven M^cCambridge, son of Shawn & Jayne M^cCambridge was baptized on July 28, 2019. William was born in Sturgeon Bay on January 17, 2019. William is the grandson of Steve & Clessie Blasier and Sandy M^cCambridge and the late Bill M^cCambridge. Tim Green & Kim M^cCambridge were his sponsors.

Blessing of the Backpacks!

On Sunday, September 1st we are inviting all of our students, (preschool through high school) and our educators including teachers, associates and support staff to come to worship with your backpacks, briefcases or even diaper bags for our first ever "Blessing of the Backpacks". This is a wonderful way for us to celebrate and pray for all who are headed back to school. Reminder - this is our first Sunday back with a 10:30 a.m. worship time. Let's fill up the front of the church with our school supplies and our hopes for a new year of learning!

**Shiloh Vespers Services:**

Through August 29th we will still have Thursday night Vespers Services at the Shiloh Moravian Church at 7:00 pm. This summer we were pleased to have Rev. Mary Lou Plumber join Pastors Knapp and Herrick as Worship Leaders. Shiloh is a wonderful worship experience and we welcome all ages! This summer the worship themes have been spiritual practices.



MORAVIAN DAILY TEXT—2020

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From our Board of Elders: On the Issue of Homelessness

Recently we read the Parable of the Good Samaritan as our worship text. It is the story of a man who is in crisis (he was beaten and robbed) left in a ditch and ignored by those who passed by and did nothing to offer him aid. The Samaritan stopped and cared for him and helped him on his road to recovery. Jesus commands us to, "Go and do the same." For most of our history the Moravians have tried to be the best Samaritans we can be. In our community we have helped found Cloth and Feed My People, PATH, Loaves and Fishes and many other ministries.

Your Board of Elders has been wrestling with where we might look to find those in our community who are being passed by. Recently as a part of our congregational strategic planning the Board of Elders has been looking into the issue of homelessness. A recent study commissioned by the Door County Economic Development Corporation showed that there is lack of affordable, year-round rental housing in Door County. This lack of access to affordable housing causes some in our community to live with housing insecurity and at times to become homeless. The reasons why people face homelessness are complicated and vast. Housing instability affects individuals and families of all ages here in Door County. Our Board of Elders has identified homelessness and housing instability as a priority for local mission work. Homelessness here is complicated because we often push those facing this situation to Green Bay or the homeless are not seen because they are living off the couch of relatives or friends.

We are beginning a conversation with other churches and service agencies in the community about this issue as we seek to find effective ways to be faithful to Jesus' command to love our neighbors. Please be in prayer as we begin this process. And join with us as we seek to educate ourselves in the needs of our community and how we might help those who are in need.

The SOLD Seminar

Many years ago Bishop Graf developed a program called the SOLD Seminar (Stewardship of Living and Dying). The purpose was to offer to our church family information and discussion which enables us to be better stewards of planning for the future so that, when the end comes, individuals have taken care of those critical decisions that we all face. This was well attended in the past and many folks were able to make plans that served them and their families very effectively.

Our Board of Elders will be offering an updated version of the SOLD Seminar on Tuesdays, November 5, 12 and 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. These three sessions will include:

Session 1: Jonathan Meacham from Forbes Funeral home will discuss the process of planning, working with a funeral home, options for cremation and burial and ways to budget for those expenses.

Session 2: Lauren Daoust and Patti Fehl will provide the paperwork and explain the importance of **Power of Attorney for Health Care** (anyone over age 18 should have one) and a **Living Will** (to be completed by anyone with a serious illness or advanced age).

Session 3: Pastor Matt will walk through the process of planning a memorial service and our Moravian traditions of serving those who are grieving.

Regardless of your age these are important conversations to have for ourselves and our loved ones. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending.

Discovering Islam Course

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Mary Lou Plummer will be leading a course this fall called **Discovering Islam**. Over six sessions through videos and discussion the topics will include: *Islam Faith and History, Christians and Islam, Women in Islam, African Americans and Islam and Islam: A Faith Hijacked.*

We are excited about this opportunity to help educate and challenge many of the misconceptions we may have about the Islamic faith as we discover a greater understanding of one of the major religions of our world. The classes will be on Thursday mornings from 9:00 am. until 10:30 am. beginning on September 12 and running through October 17. Please contact the church office if you are interested in signing up.

REMINDERS:

- Worship reverts back to 10:30 am on September 1st
- Annual Tailgate Party - September 8th following worship @ 11:30 am
- Adult Choir Rehearsal starts September 8th @ 9:15 am
- Youth Activities will resume September 11th
- Sunday School resumes September 15th @ 9.00 am
- Coffee Hus will also begin on September 15th @ 9:00 am

Bridges of Friendship with International Students

There are still a couple of activities planned in August and September for the county's international students. If you would be interested in participating, please let Pastor Knapp know. Thank you!

Tuesday, August 6, at 6:00 pm.	Picnic, Swimming and Kayaking at Otumba Park.	Chaperones needed.
Tuesday, August 20, at 5:00 pm.	Barn Dance in Egg Harbor.	Van driver needed.
Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 5:00 pm.	Talent Show at Door of Life Church in Sister Bay.	Van driver needed.