

The Moravian Star

The Newsletter of the Sister Bay Moravian Church

April 2014

April's Servants

	Lector	Ushers	Fellowship Hosts	Elder of the Month
4/6	Sue Raye Hughes	Ardis & Miranda Fletcher	Sheila Petroni	Britt Maltby
4/13	Britt & Eliza Maltby		Hilander Families	
4/20	Dave Emery-Janzen			
4/27	Ardis Fletcher			

Looking to get involved?

Contact Naomi Thomas if you would like to read Scripture during worship.

Contact Sheila Petroni if you would like to usher.

Contact Tracey Fitzgerald if you would like to host fellowship time after church.

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays:

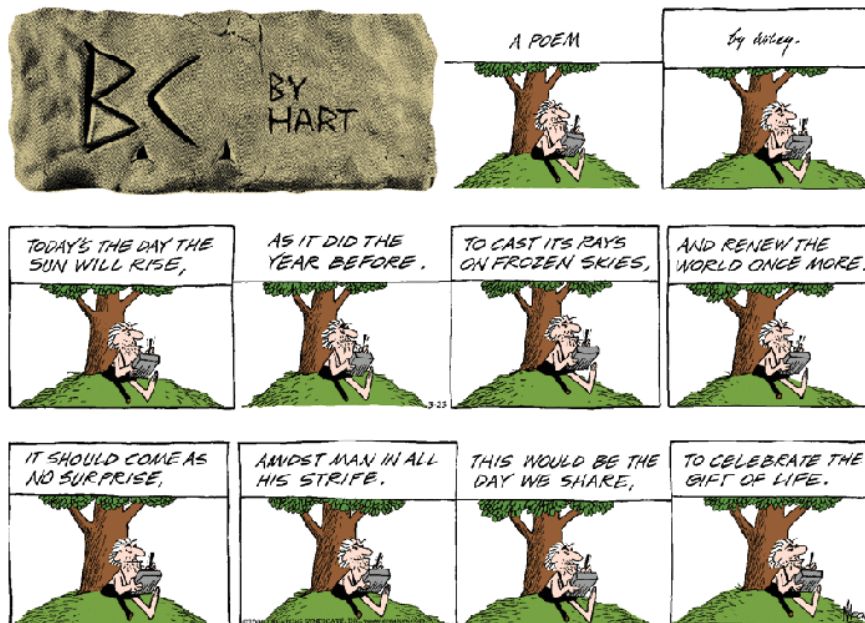
- 02 - Barbara Ferry
- 03 - Darlene Hansen
Craig Thorpe
Kathy Wagner
- 07 - Gordon Langenkamp
- 09 - Anita Beckstrom
- 10 - Jenifer Hilander
- 12 - Faye Elquist
Kaye Lundquist
Jennifer Stultz
- 18 - Ben Fitzgerald
Bob Winn
- 19 - Laurie Anderson
David Mann

- 21 - Richard Staver
Bill Porter
- 25 - George Hughes

April Anniversaries

- 06 - Jim & Doretta Hilander
Wiley & Roselyn Krapf
- 20 - Greg & Susie Sunstrom
- 22 - Don & Kathy Ray

April 3rd also marks the 118th anniversary of the founding of the Sister Bay Moravian Church. Congratulations on another year of service and devotion to Christ's leading!



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Prelude to Easter

I am sitting trying to write about Easter while I am also trying to get ready to go to Washington DC as a chaperone for the 7th and 8th grade trip. I know theologically what I want to say. I know the message I want to convey, but it is difficult. My mind and heart are being pulled in so many contrary directions. I am working on the newsletter, when I should be packing my clothing...I am packing my clothing, while I should be working on the newsletter...

I imagine the disciples faced the same struggle. They knew. We like to tell the story that they had no idea what was going on during Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We like to think that they didn't know how it would all end, but I am convinced that they DID know exactly how it would all end. Jesus told them time and time again. They simply were not ready for the reality of that week.

For all of their preparation, for the hours of listening to Jesus, for having their bags packed and the checklists checked, they weren't ready.

Neither am I...for Easter that is. I think I'm prepared. I've been listening to Jesus. I have my checklist checked. I have the wisdom of experience, but I'm not ready. Truth be told, I'm never ready. Holy Week and Easter always take me by surprise—I know where they are on the calendar, but the emotion, the drama, the stress of the week still surprises me and astonishes me. I'm grateful for that.

I invite you into the same emotion, the same drama, the same stress, surprise and astonishment.

Sister Bay Moravian Easter Schedule

4/14	Readings for Holy Week,	7 p.m.	Readers:
4/15	Readings for Holy Week,	7 p.m.	Readers:
4/16	Readings for Holy Week,	7 p.m.	Readers:
4/17	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion,	7 p.m.	
4/18	Readings for Holy Week,	2 p.m.	Readers:
4/20	Early Service concluding in the cemetery	7:30 a.m.	
	Breakfast	8 a.m.	
	Easter Egg Hunt	9 a.m.	
	Worship Service	10 a.m.	

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours:

Barring emergency, I am in the office

Monday—Wednesday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

I am always available for a time to meet—my place or yours

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Prayer Concerns

Jim Hilander recently had heart valve replacement surgery. Please pray for his continued healing and recovery.

Pray for **Alice Brann, John and Mary Brann** as they experience a variety of health issues.

Please pray for the **Hanson** and **Stege** families as they mourn the loss of loved ones.

Joys

Sophie Elizabeth Schaefer was received into membership of the church through the waters of baptism on March 9.

Thanks

To my S.B.M.C Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Words cannot express my appreciation for your love offering given to me.

You have been such a blessing to me in so many ways over the years and it has been my joy to work with you.

I think of you all with love and pray God's blessing on all of you.

Judy Pichette

From the desk of the Parish Nurse

I have a friend whose son at the age of 6 was walking down the hallway at school. His teacher saw him, smiled and after seeing his forlorn look asked, "Parker, what's up? What can I do?" He looked up at her and replied, "I need a hug".

The past 18 years I have enjoyed being with and providing care to seniors. Today hit me at my core as I sat with someone 91 years old, telling her she cannot live independently anymore. Just yesterday she talked about her dreams for this summer and being in her own place, working the garden and being 'home'. This is not the first time I have heard this or been a part of this conversation, nor is it the first time I wanted to let the tears flow out of sheer sadness as I felt her pain, and saw the breaking of her heart on her face. The only tools I have to soothe the pain are a listening ear, a caring heart and a soft hug.

Later in the day I sat with another woman, surrounded by her beloved art work, and listened as she talked of her fear of losing sight in addition to the already departed physical function. Yet another encounter today after talking about the daily aches and malfunctions, brought out a "Don't leave until I get my hug" comment.

The power of touch, whether a hug, a soft touch on the arm, a held hand, cannot be ignored. Recently I heard someone say, "I can't help you because I don't have the skills to care for you". Skilled care is not always the best medicine, but you have "2 ears, 2 hands, and some time to listen", which is far superior to expert care giving at times. Loneliness, uselessness and boredom are enemies of us all, and especially the elderly.

Kathy Wagner
Parish Nurse

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Treasurer's Report

Budget Snapshot	Feb-13	Feb-14	YTD 2014	2014 Budget
Income	\$ 10,541.86	\$ 11,298.38	\$ 25,804.85	
Envelope	\$ 9,754.00	\$ 9,408.00	\$ 22,543.00	
Loose	\$ 500.00	\$ 243.00	\$ 587.00	
Other	\$ 287.86	\$ 1,647.38	\$ 2,674.85	
Building & Grounds	\$ 3,195.36	\$ 4,296.41	\$ 6,551.59	\$ 30,550.00
Mission	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Office & Administration	\$ 783.62	\$ 569.24	\$ 912.80	\$ 7,450.00
Denomination	\$ 1,705.17	\$ 5,094.74	\$ 5,094.74	\$ 21,592.00
2013 Provincial Adm		\$ 4,671.42	\$ 4,671.42	\$ 1,436.00
Provincial Adm	\$ 1,436.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,776.00
District Administration and	\$ 161.25	\$ 423.32	\$ 423.32	\$ 2,540.00
District Service	\$ 107.50			
Parsonage Building Loan	\$ 1,011.53	\$ 795.90	\$ 1,591.80	\$ 9,552.00
Spiritual Formation (CEC)	\$ -	\$ 53.42	\$ 201.83	\$ 2,175.00
Staff Expenses	\$ 10,786.50	\$ 14,175.73	\$ 24,377.69	\$ 124,850.00
Worship	\$ 25.00	\$ 150.22	\$ 387.67	\$ 3,675.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 17,568.05	\$ 26,451.78	\$ 40,036.51	\$ 201,004.00
Net Gain/Loss	\$ (7,026.19)	\$ (15,153.40)	\$ (14,231.66)	

Thank you, Captain Obvious...

In February we suffered from a serious lack of income. At their February meeting, the Trustees borrowed \$10,000 from the Memorial Fund to pay all bills, including what we still owed to the Northern Province, Moravian Church for our share of the Common Ministries and the pastor's health and retirement benefits.

A Note from the Trustees:

The Trustees have appointed a property committee to oversee all building needs for our church property. During our annual meeting Bill Porter presented our first 5 year plan for required maintenance. The current year includes the replacement of carpet in the fellowship hall, as well as carpet replacement and paint for the corridor, and offices. This amounts to a \$25,000 expense.

Phase I will be carpet replacement in the fellowship hall for \$9,000. We are seeking additional contributions to the building fund to cover this cost. We hope to complete this phase in May.

We appreciate your support to maintain the appearance of our facilities.

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Update from Karena Malmgren



I can't remember the last time I took an actual shower where the water came from the showerhead rather than our reserve water pila (large bathtub-like structure that holds water where we wash our clothes). According to the water crisis memo, we're only allowed to take one shower a day and are asked to use minimal amounts of water for our daily necessities. Don't worry though; I'm still taking a bucket shower every day to get rid of the daily grime and layer of sweat. The kids, however, smell less than pleasant most days but give just as many hugs. It's officially summer here and the heat is on!

We're learning about weather in first grade and graphing the type of weather that we see each day after singing the "What's the Weather?" song. The number of sunny days kept growing and growing until no more sunny pieces could fit in the chart. Then, finally, last Thursday, the rain came. And it rained *all* day and night filling up the pilas, tanks, and wells all across the campus.

While it's not fun to be anxious about whether I'll be able to take a shower, wash my clothes, or make coffee in the morning, I've never actually been denied any of these pleasures. I am provided for and my necessities are taken care of and God reminds me that I shouldn't be worrying or complaining about any of these amenities. If anything, the "water crisis" has brought me closer to my community here while we wait together for the water to trickle on and rush around the house filling up the empty Pepsi bottles from every faucet. I'm not asking you to pity me or the Hondurans who deal with the inevitable "water crisis" each year during the dry season, I only ask that you appreciate the water that comes out of your faucet today and I'll try to do the same.

Thanks for keeping me and Amigos de Jesus in your prayers. We are entering the final quarter of the year and I hear more English in my classroom every day. Please also pray for my roommate, Elena, as she heals a broken foot and must be in a cast for 4 weeks.

From the Community Lunch Cookbook

Paul and Cheryl's Chunky Potato Soup

4 med. cubed potatoes	3 T flour
3/4 C chopped onion	2 1/2 C milk
1 sm. sliced carrot	1 T parsley
1/2 C celery chopped	3/4 t salt
1 1/2 C chicken broth	1/2 t pepper
3 T butter	1 C (4oz) shredded swiss cheese

Optional: 6 quartered cooked brats

In Lg. sauce pan, combine potatoes, onions, carrots, celery, broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 12-15 min. or til tender. Meanwhile in sm. Sauce pan, melt butter, stir in flour until smooth. Gradually stir in milk. Bring to a boil and cook and stir for 2 min. or til thickened. Stir in potato mixture and cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Add parsley, salt and pepper, and remove from heat and stir in cheese or use as a serving garnish.

Serves 6.

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Youth Sunday School (Oct - May) 9:00 a.m.
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