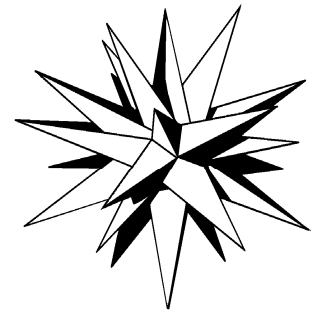


The Moravian Star

February 2012



Congregational 2012 Watchword: *Christ says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*
John 8:12

You are invited to our Annual Heart-y Breakfast at the Sister Bay Moravian Church !



Saturday, February 11 8:00 - 10:30 am
Adults: \$8
Children 6-12: \$4
Family Maximum \$24.00!

Proceeds to be donated to D. C. Habitat For Humanity and Mt. Morris Children's Camp Scholarship Fund.

Youth Sunday School (Oct - May) 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Adult Bible Studies: Sunday 8:30 a.m. Women's Study, Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Men's Study, Thurs. 8:00 a.m.
 Pastor Cell 920.854.0015 Parsonage 854.4559 Kerry Krauss
 Secretary Mon through Thursday 8:30-12:30 Judy Pichette
 email: kkrauss@dcwis.com Secretary: jpichette@dcwis.com
 Website: www.sisterbaymoravian.org



Meditations from Pastor Kerry

Practice Makes Better

Over the last couple of weeks in worship and for the next few weeks, we are taking an excursion through the Book of Acts highlighting the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. We studied this book by Robert Schnase last summer and its implications for us to ponder and well...practice.

It just struck me—and I mean—JUST struck me that the key to Schnase's approach is this: it requires practice.

Over the past two months I have marveled as Jackson has practiced and prepared with the 5th grade basketball team. There is an expectation that they will practice hard in hopes that their hard practice will equate to hard play. And that is exactly what has happened. Their record is not that important to me. Who scores how many is not that important to me—it is watching the level of confidence rise—and with confidence comes success.

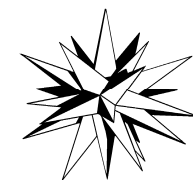
The lesson is simple...practice makes better. (I know the old saying is 'practice makes perfect', but there is no such thing as perfect in basketball, in church or in life.) Practice makes us better. Radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith nurture, risk-taking mission and extravagant generosity are simply not possible if we do not practice and develop these skills.

Here is the hard part: in order to be a more fruitful congregation, we all need to practice. We do not have the luxury of allowing the hospitable to develop their hospitality further or allowing the generous to become more generous. We are all called to develop these skills. The fruitfulness does not come from two or three excelling in each area, but each one of us become proficient in hospitality, worship, nurture, mission and generosity.

Christ has called us and challenged us, 'You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last...' Practice starts at 9 a.m. on Sunday—don't be late, you might have to run laps...

Peace,
KK

February, 2012
 Sister Bay Moravian Church
 Box 1010, Sister Bay, WI, 54234



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FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

05 - Acts 11:1-18, Luke 10:1-12 5 Fruitful Practices: Risk-Taking Mission
12 - Acts 4:32-37, Mark 10:17-22 5 Fruitful Practices: Extravagant Generosity
19 - 2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Cor. 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9, Transfiguration Sunday
22 - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10, Matt.6:1-6,16-21, ASH WEDNESDAY
26 - Gen.9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15 Holy Communion

FEBRUARY LECTORS:

05 - Paul Lubahn
 12 - Cheryl Lubahn
 19 - Ruth Budic
 26 - Kathy Wagner

Financial Update: End of Year 2011

	Income	Expense
201	\$138,023.05	\$196,093.24
201	\$148,980.97	\$181,193.53

Please remember that I am a pastor, not an accountant—therefore my conclusions as to our financial status may reflect a more optimistic faith perspective than a realistic or pessimistic economic perspective.

Our income rose 7% in 2011. This is a tremendous increase and due to the hard work of faithful and generous hearts. I have just used the envelope and plate offerings as a consistent source of income. But it shows an impressive increase over 2010.

Our expenses declined 7.5%. This might be comparing apples to oranges, but the bottom line of our expenses between the two years is significant. As of January 19th the congregation has paid all of its bills for 2011, except one and a half months of our responsibilities to the common ministry of the Northern Province. In essence, we came about \$8000 short of paying everything in full for the year.

The congregation has 4 special funds: cemetery, memorial, music and building. Each of these funds finished 2011 with more money than they did in 2010. The cemetery and building funds seeing significant increases.

If we are looking for signs of financial health, they are here. There is a spirit of generosity and giving which continues to fund the work of ministry. There is a serious commitment to prudent and faithful stewardship on behalf of the Trustees and Elders. Generosity and wise stewardship combine to bear good fruit.

If we are looking for signs of financial distress, there are here, too. We came close to honoring all of our responsibilities, but we did not do it. We now begin 2012 paying our 2011 share of the common ministries of the Northern Province first. We currently have \$2000 in a special well fund in addition to the grant we received from the Larger Life Foundation to replace our water well, but we will still have additional unbudgeted expenses for that project this spring.

I was asked what the solution is to our financial struggle. My solution is to use the pledge cards provided and give according to your pledge. It really is that simple. To date, we have had 33 pledges totaling \$82,300. Roughly 30% of the congregation has pledged 42% of the budget. If we had 80% of the congregation make a financial pledge and honor that pledge, we would have the great and joyous problem of having excess money at the end of 2012.

So, let us remain faithful and committed to the work entrusted to us, persevering in the difficult times, rejoicing in the blessings we have been given.

Gratitude

*Thank you for Your love and human love,
 Thank you for many "bridges", beautiful trees and the peace dove.
 Thank you for the freedom to be me and do Your will.
 Thank you for this life that with Your blessings you fill.
 There are so many things to be grateful for,
 I will be thanking You for ever more--
 for Bible, mate, family, friends, church, hymns, music, books, water, flowers,
 birds, animals, heaven, the world and universe.
 Thank you and to You, I dedicate this gratitude verse.*

Beth Ferris (Thank you, Beth, for reminding us to always have an attitude of gratitude!)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 05 - Paul Lubahn
Sally Pfeifer
- 07 - Linden Ray
- 10 - Sharon Jacobson
- 12 - Ardis Fletcher
- 16 - Trudy Fandrei
Mary Simpson
- 22 - Mary Ann Pfundtner
- 26 - Heidi Sitte
- 28 - Sue Sunstrom

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

- 06 - Bill & Anne Porter
- 14 - Bob & Lorna Winn
- 15 - Kerry & Karen Krauss



**BABIES NEED FOOD TOO!
 REMEMBER THE BABIES ON FEED MY
 PEOPLE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY
 5TH!**

FEBRUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>FEED MY PEOPLE</u> <u>*baby food & products*</u> <u>Sunday Feb. 5th</u>			1 12:00 Parish Nurse 12:00 Free Community Lunch @ SBMC 6:30 ReachOut	2 8:00 Men @ Brew Coffee	3	4
5 9:00 Sun. Sch 10:00 Worship	6 1:30 Wm's Circle @ the home of Betty Holland Western District Staff Meeting @ Mt Morris Mon 6 - Thurs 9	7 8:30 Pray. Prtnrs 9:30 Wm's Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 Praise Bells	8 10:00-12:00 Parish Nurse 4:00 Confirmation class	9 8:00 Men @ Brew Coffee 4:00 Elders	10	11 8-10:30 HEART-Y BREAKFAST
12 9:00 Sun. Sch 10:00 Worship	13	14 8:30 Pray. Prtnrs 9:30 Wm's Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 Praise Bells	15 10:00-12:00 Parish Nurse 12:00 Community Lunch @ Eph. Moravian Ch.	16 8:00 Men @ Brew Coffee 6:30 Trustees	17	18 10:00-1:00 Host Reginal Stewardship meeting. Lunch provided Gary Marsh speaker
19 9:00 Sun. Sch 10:00 Worship	20	21 8:30 Pray. Prtnrs 9:30 Wm's Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 Praise Bells	22 10:00-12:00 Parish Nurse 4:00 Confirmation class 5:30 Soup Supper - Lenten Service	23 8:00 Men @ Brew Coffee	24	25
26 9:00 Sun. Sch 10:00 Worship Holy Communion 1st Sunday in Lent	27 	28 8:30 Pray. Prtnrs 9:30 Wm's Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 Praise Bells	29 10:00-12:00 Parish Nurse It's Leap year!			

Updates From Our Parish Nurse - Kathy Wagner R.N. - Office Hours: Wednesdays 10:00 - Noon

Kathy will also conduct Blood Pressure Screenings every other Sunday morning from 9:30-10:00 am.

Now that winter has arrived and we have some snow, here are a couple of reminders. Shoveling can be a dangerous activity, especially with heavy, wet snow. Heart attacks and serious back injuries can result from the exertion. There are newer shovels that make it easier to push the snow aside rather than lift, which can relieve the stress on a back. If you are being treated for a heart condition, which includes high blood pressure, think twice before lifting a shovel in anything except for the light, fluffy stuff. Wearing a hat in cold weather helps maintain your body temperature. You lose heat through your head when you do not protect it! And, gloves or mittens will keep your hands from chapping. Skin is the largest organ in your body and it begs to be protected and moisturized in this chilly weather. Getting plenty of fluids is still important at this time of year, not only for your skin, but also to regulate body temperature.

News Flash!!! We now have a transportation service in the Northern Door area called **Door 2 Door Rides** which is available Monday-Friday...7am to 6pm. This is a **wheelchair accessible public shared ride taxi service** available to everyone.

At present there are two service areas, each with transportation provided only within that area. The Northern Door Service area does not provide transportation to Sturgeon Bay, nor does the service go further than Seaquist/Highview Road. However, the service will be able to take someone to the Fish Creek clinic, Aurora North Door clinic in Sister Bay, Gibraltar School, and the dental offices, library, grocery shopping and much more. The funding for this service was obtained through a Door County Social Services grant. Cost of a ride is \$6 (adult) and \$3 (children) for one-way service. I have additional information including a map of the service area and a number you can call, if you have an interest.

If you need assistance finding a ride outside the Northern Door Area to an appointment, please contact Kathy.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS WINTER 2012 PROGRAM

RECOGNIZING RISKY YOUTH BEHAVIORS: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS
The second session in the series is:
"BULLYING AND DATING VIOLENCE."

Jessica Holland, youth advocate for *HELP of Door County*, will be the speaker on Sunday February 5, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. at the

Shepherd Of The Bay Church in Ellison Bay.



Thank you so much for the mysterious gift giver who - for the past several years - has left a gift on the organ bench just before Christmas with a little note. Most of the time it reads, "Thanks for the music". No signature or anything. It is so nice to receive an anonymous gift and I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the thoughtful person who does this every year. It means more than you can ever know that someone out there in the congregation takes the time and effort to give me this "surprise" every year.

Your "music" person, Sue Raye



Congratulations to . . .

Maggie Wellert & Keith Harke sent an email mentioning the birth of her and Keith's third grandchild *Jaxson Thomas*, born January 2, 7# 4 oz., 20 " long, brown hair, brown eyes--a darker version of brother Dylan! Maggie is glad that their children Matt and Marcie now live near Bethlehem instead of Pittsburgh, and it takes under 1.5 hours to get there. Now they can visit the children more often.

Ruth and Dick Daniels are happy to announce their children Brian and Laurel, have given them another grandchild to love and pray for! Devin Jax Daniels was born on November 3, 2011 and is enjoying living at home with his parents and sister Lorna!

Ruth also wanted to let us all know that their address needs to have a "W" added to their street address, 601 **W.** Slifer St #108 is the correct address.

Elders Meeting Highlights of January 19, 2011

Board of Elders meeting called to order by Pastor Kerry opening with Prayer 4:10 PM

Present: Pastor Kerry, Dawn Emery-Janzen, Bill Schaefer, Trudy Fandrei, Sheila Petroni, Krauss, Kathy Wagner

Absent: Wendi Ray, Britt Maltby

Meeting Notes for December: approved

Pastors Report: approved

Parish Nurse and Committee updates given.

Membership updates: Three people would like to become members.

Old Business:

We have the grant and now the bid for the new well. It will be discussed at the Trustees meeting.

New Business:

Committee Selections: For 2012 (See Elder Listing.)

ReachOut: All the Elders should be a part of this group

Lector Schedule: Trudy Fandrei

Greeters & Ushers: Brit Maltby, Shelia Petroni

Elder of the Month: Assignments for 2012

February Wendy Ray

March Sheila Petroni

April Trudy Fandrei

May Dawn Emery-Janzen

June Kathy Ray

July Kathy Wagner

August Bill Schaefer

September Britt Maltby

October Dawn E-J

November Kathy Ray

December Shelia Petroni

Regular Meeting day and time: Second Thursday of Month at 4:00 PM (usually.)

Ash Wednesday February 22 soup at 5:30 PM /Lenten Program

April 1 – 6th Holy Book reading At Sister Bay Moravian Church 6:30 PM

Discretionary Fund Report: \$3365.60 Balance as of 1/18/2012 (\$410.00 for Turkey Baskets)

Next Meeting: February 9th pending new Elder schedules

Meeting closed with The Lords Prayer lead by Pastor Kerry

Meeting Adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Bill Schaefer, Recorder

Trustees Meeting Highlights of January 19, 2011

Meeting called to order 6:34 p.m.

Present; Rick Gename, Pat Beckstrom, Sharon Jacobson, Craig Thorpe, Rich Stultz, Lynn Frederick

Absent: None

Minutes: December, Rich Stultz made motion, Pat Beckstrom 2nd, passed

Treasurer report: all caught up except for provincial. we are getting caught from last year. Lynn Frederick made motion, Rick Gename 2nd motion, carries.

Reorganizing trustees for 2012. (See Trustees listings.)

Craig Thorpe made motion, Lynn Frederick 2nd. motion, carried

Old business: Cemetery lot(a8) purchased

New Business Joint board retreat Saturday January 28th

Next meeting February 16th 2012, 6:30 p.m

Adjourned 7:07 Rich Stultz motion, Pat Beckstrom 2nd motion, carried

Dave Emery-Janzen, Secretary

2012 Board of Elders

Pastor Kerry Krauss- Chair
Cell 854-0015,

Sheila Petroni, 868-3648
Vice-Chair, CEC

Kathy Ray, 854-2538
(Summer season) Memorial,
Cemetery Committees

Bill Schaefer, 868-2517
Secretary, Cemetery Committee

Dawn Emery-Janzen,
854-3047
Personnel, Stewardship

Trudy Fandrei, 854-7581
Stewardship, Financial Sec.

Wendi Ray, 421-0369
(Winter season) Personnel

Britt Maltby, 854-5010
CEC

Kathy Wagner, 854-7221
Mission, Memorial Committees

2012 Board of Trustees

Richard Stultz, 839-1154
Chair, Stewardship

Rick Gename, 421-0137
Vice-Chair, Stewardship

Dave Emery-Janzen,
960-5576,
Secretary, Mission committee

Pat Beckstrom, 854-7247
Treasurer, Christian Ed

Lynn Frederick, 854-5109
Memorial, Personnel
Sharon Jacobson, 854-5113
Memorial committee

Craig Thorpe, 854-3019
Property, Personnel

Don Ray 854-2538(Summer season)

* **Karena goes to Honduras**
 Karena Malmgren
 from Cofradía, Honduras



(Karena is the daughter of Paul and Linda Malmgren and a member of our church. She is serving one year as a volunteer teacher of 1st graders in Cofradía, Cortés, Honduras. The sending organization is BECA (Bilingual Education in Central America). To learn more about Karena's ministry experiences, go to her blog post at: karenagoestohonduras.wordpress.com or e-mail to renamalmgren@gmail.com

There isn't snow on the ground. There isn't a mad rush to department stores to get last minute sales. There isn't even a mall Santa. But the Christmas spirit is anything but low in supply.



While I originally struggled at the idea of celebrating the birth of our Savior in a climate where the grass is still green and the sun is still shining bright, as the holiday approached, my Honduran family helped me jump into the Christmas spirit.

Once decorations and chairs were in place and teachers were ready to direct, dance, and sing, families and students began filing into the auditorium of SJBS for Cena Navidena (Christmas Dinner). After a delicious meal compliments of La Golopa, the students began to perform songs that had been practiced for weeks in advance. Song selections included You've Got a Friend in Me, Dominic the Donkey, Santa Claus is coming to SJBS, Singing in the Rain, among oth-



ers. Our lovely dance team moved to the tune of Firework and the teachers rewrote the lyrics to The Twelve Days of Christmas and performed the final act of the show.

After Cena Navidena, we began to countdown the last 5 days of school before our departure to the States. Visions of hot showers, quality chocolate, and time with family filled our minds as the countdown began.

Karena has returned to Honduras as a teacher, even though there has been an escalation in violence in that country. Pray for Karena's safety and the work and ministry she provides in Honduras.

Our Missions in Action...

The Sturgeon Bay congregation is sending a team of eight of its members to Kruta, a remote village in Honduras, on February 9 to rehabilitate a school building and build tanks for holding rainwater. Two members of the team, Dr. Paul Feit, a dentist in Sturgeon Bay and Lisa McDermid, a dental technician who works with Dr. Feit, will provide basic dental care and will teach dental hygiene as well. Dr. Feit is the son-in-law of our own Marilyn and Gregg Potts.

Kruta is remote – the last leg of the travel will be a three-hour trip on Kruta River by dugout canoes and boats. In several previous trips to Kruta, Sturgeon Bay Moravians installed 115 water tanks, thus transforming the lives of the native Mískito people that live there.

Rick Nelson, director of Door County Habitat for Humanity, is another member of the travelling team. Rick is well known in this congregation for his appearances here, including a message from the pulpit recently on the Kruta water project. Other members of the team are Mary Campbell, Joel Kitchens, Brad Shortreed, Amy Stephens, and Cap Wulf.

The schoolhouse rehabilitation will include in addition to structural repairs and upkeep, also new desks and school supplies. Donations may be made by sending a check made out to Sturgeon Moravian Church, and marked "Kruta Project." The church's mailing address is 323 S. 5th Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI

Mission Team Members:
Pastor Kerry, Sally Pfeifer, Tracey Fitzgerald, June Olson, Dave Schrader, Jan Schrader, Bill Porter; Treasurer

PRAYER REQUESTS, & UPDATES

JOIN THE LADIES FOR BIBLE STUDY AS THEY STUDY THE BOOK OF THE GREAT PROPHET, ISAIAH , who called the people and their leaders to a life of righteousness and justice and foretelling of a time of world-wide peace.

TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 A.M.

YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!



ReachOut Report on Winter Community Lunch

Again, December and January lunches were a big success. December's lunch numbers were down a bit due to another lunch offered in our community, but new faces arrived for our lunch as well as familiar – some of Sister Bays work force, elderly, low income housing folks, our fabulous supporters, and most of all, the lady that came in to the kitchen saying "I never get a hug until I come here"! Such a blessing they all are for us. Potato soup, brat sandwiches (yes with sour kraut), oranges and Christmas cookies were had by all. Six local families received meal deliveries and a dozen meals were also dropped off at the Sister Bay Fire Station.

The January lunch was such a success we ran out of chicken noodle soup and had two buns remaining from the hot pork sandwiches, a few grapes and a small pan of snow on the mountain left for dessert. We were able to only deliver a few meals with NO leftovers.

Hope to see you at our next lunch Feb 1st.
 Cheryl and Paul Lubahn

Sister Bay Moravian Women 2012

Women's Circle meets the First Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

OFFICERS

President: Sue Raye Hughes
 839-9247

Secretary: Dawn Emery-Janzen
 854-3047

Treasurer: Sheila Petroni
 868-3648

Circle Meeting Calendar 2012

February 06 - Home Meeting

*Hostess: Betty Holland

Co-Hostess: Ruth Budic

***(Note Hostess change)**

March 5- Home Meeting

*Hostess: Ruth Budic

Co-Hostess: Anne Porter

***(Note Hostess change)**

April 2 - Home Meeting

Hostess: Betty Holland

Co-Hostess: Lucille Kostka

May 7 - Home Meeting

Hostess: Lucille Kostka

Co-Hostess: Ruth Budic

June 4 - Home Meeting
 Hostess: Ardis Fletcher
 Co-Hostess: Marilyn Potts

July 21 - Cherry Festival
August - No Circle Meeting
September 4 (Tuesday)
 Hostess: Beth Ferris
 Co-Hostess: Betty Holland

September 26-Scand Birthday Party
October 1- Home Meeting
 Hostess: Marilyn Potts
 Co-Hostess: Betty Holland

November 5- Home Meeting
 Hostess: Sue Raye Hughes
 Co-Hostess: Anne Porter

November Church Group Meeting -
 Date to be decided

November Advent Church
Decorating
 Date to be decided
December Bazaar-
 Date to be decided

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Please remember in your prayers: Those who are ill or recovering

Charlie Burton, Dick Daniels, Alicia Doudna & her fiancé Andrew Kratzat, Bob Flaherty, Jim Henneman, Nancy Hughes, Bo Johnson and Anika Johnson, Hank Krapf, Debbie Lubahn, Paul Lubahn, (recovering from surgery.) Judy McConkey, Randy Pluff, Bob Pohl, Kaye Rogers, Susan Rove, Bill Surbaugh, Pete Thomas, Diane Thorpe (recovering from knee Replacement,)

In area Assisted Living & Nursing Care Centers:

Lenny Beckstrom, Don Johnson, Elaine Kalms, Eleanor Krapf, Gordie Langenkamp, *Grace Mickelson, Dawn Schutt, Ethel Tencate, June Witalison.

Serving in the military:

Cole Church, Bryan Duff, Brian Flood, Patrick Flood, Aaron Frick, Scott Glabe, Chris Honold, Austin Lent, David Mann, Hollace Mulliken, Todd Pichette, Billy Jack Sargent, Jimmy Wiltse.

Prayer Updates: We have had requests for Bill Surbaugh's address, as they are not in the old directory. Bill and Cheryl Surbaugh's address is: 11135 Beach Rd., Sister Bay, WI 54234.

Prayers continue for Charlie Burton and Bo Johnson in their fight with cancer. We continue to pray for the continued success of the treatment they are receiving and a sense of peace as they endure through their struggle.

*Grace Mickelson has been experiencing some problems with her heart. Let's pray she has more good days than bad days! Grace was 98 last October.

Prayers of Praise and thanks: Billy Jack Sargent has returned from Iraq and is back on U.S. A. soil!