

The Moravian Star

March, 2014

Polar Vortices and Other Strange Phenomena

As I write, we are being warned that ANOTHER polar vortex is about to plunge our temperatures well below normal. I emphasize the word 'another' because we have already endured one polar vortex with wind chills into the -30° range. I expected some cold and some snow when we moved here, but no one warned me of polar vortices.

I listened as the meteorologist showed the map of the deep trough of high pressure bringing crystal clear sunshine and brutally cold temperatures. Trying to explain why we would be experiencing ANOTHER polar vortex, with a shrug and a grin, he said, 'Because the conditions are right for it.' This strengthens my opinion that meteorologists don't really know what they're talking about, but it was the first honest and truthful thing I've heard from a TV weatherperson in months.

Because the conditions are right for it. In the church world, pastors and leaders are always looking for the next thing that will work...the right program, the right video, the right music, the right style, the right hook, the right theology, the right book, the right...We spend countless hours and enormous amounts of energy trying to figure out what will get our congregation to give more money, to get more people involved with Bible Study, to increase our attendance numbers, to...

Truth be told, I am growing more convinced that we have been chasing a fool's errand. In the process, we have neglected the core values and principles of the Kingdom of God. Alan Roxburgh highlights what the principles of the Kingdom are: prayer, hospitality, receiving the poor, learning. When we practice these principles with sincere hope, THE CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT for the Kingdom of God to grow and blossom and bear fruit.

While we work hard at finding the right next thing to propel our ministry forward, let us also work hard at making the conditions right for the Kingdom of God. As the season of Lent approaches, let us be ever more prayerful. Let us practice the art of hospitality, not just with those we know and love, but also with the strangers and sojourners in our community. Let us invite the poor to our community lunch...and to worship...and to Easter breakfast...Let us endeavor to learn from each other the precious gifts of faith, love and hope.

When we invest our time and energy in these practices, we create the conditions for the Kingdom of God to be more evident in us and through us. Fueled and led by the Holy Spirit, there is no telling where we will end up.

Faith.Hope.Love.
Pastor Kerry

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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Financial Update: January 2014

Budget Snapshot	Jan-13	Jan-14	YTD 2014	2014 Budget
Income	\$ 14,499.44	\$ 17,920.48	\$ 17,920.48	
Envelope	\$ 13,292.00	\$ 15,774.00	\$ 15,774.00	
Loose	\$ 361.00	\$ 409.00	\$ 409.00	
Other	\$ 846.44	\$ 1,737.48	\$ 1,737.48	
Building & Grounds	\$ 2,001.94	\$ 2,255.18	\$ 2,255.18	\$ 30,550.00
Mission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Office & Administra-	\$ 443.48	\$ 343.56	\$ 343.56	\$ 7,450.00
Denomination	\$ 1,705.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,592.00
2013 Provincial Adm		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,436.00
Provincial Adm	\$ 1,436.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,776.00
District Administration	\$ 161.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850.00
District Service	\$ 107.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,540.00
Building Loan	\$ 1,011.53	\$ 795.90	\$ 795.90	\$ 9,552.00
Spiritual Formation	\$ 43.45	\$ 148.41	\$ 148.41	\$ 2,175.00
Staff Expenses	\$ 9,203.53	\$ 10,201.96	\$ 10,201.96	\$ 124,850.00
Worship	\$ 135.65	\$ 237.45	\$ 237.45	\$ 3,675.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,642.92	\$ 17,380.63	\$ 17,380.63	\$ 201,004.00
Net Gain/Loss	\$ (143.48)	\$ 539.85	\$ 539.85	

Commentary on Financial Update

1. The EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) is up and running. In February, the congregation received \$1125 via the EFT program. It is a great advantage knowing what money is coming in regardless as to weather conditions. If you have not yet signed up or would like more information about the program, please contact JoAnne Morris at 920.854.7221.
2. While the January numbers may look strong, looks can be deceiving. We began the year still owing more than \$7000 for clergy health care, pension and Provincial common ministries obligations.
3. At the February meeting of the Trustees, they voted to borrow \$10,000 from our reserves in order to pay all bills, including bringing the congregation up to date with our 2014 Provincial and District service ministry payments and clergy health care and pension fund payments. This is a one time option that cannot be repeated.
4. All this being said, our expenses have far exceeded our income.

ReachOut News and Updates

ReachOut is an umbrella group, comprised of several different organizations and initiatives within the congregation. Our goal is to reach out into the community.



- **Community Lunch.** Our community lunch program continues on the first Wednesday of each month. Beginning in March, we will be offering some time and space for people to stay and play some games...cards, puzzles, Scrabble. We may or may not need a “game host”. If you would like to hang around and play games until 2 p.m. on that Wednesday, please let us know. Contact the office at: sbmcoffice@dcwis.com or call 920.854.4080
- **Bayview Terrace.** Residents continue to be visited and invited to our Community Lunch and other congregational events. We are currently planning on hosting a coffee/breakfast at Bayview Terrace some time in June.
- **Ideas to Be Developed**
 - ‘Game Show Night’. As a fun and fellowship event, Paul Lubahn will be trying to produce a game show night based on the 70’s favorite ‘Let’s Make a Deal’. Keep your eyes open for more details in next month’s newsletter.
 - Sacred Writing Guild. Pastor Kerry will research the logistics of creating and sustaining a group devoted to writing poetry, liturgy, hymns, etc.

Consider this an open invitation to join ReachOut. We meet about every other month for encouragement, support, direction. We’ve been labelled as the ‘island of misfit ideas’. Ideas, ministries, dreams and aspirations that don’t seem to fit under the work of the Elders, Trustees or some of our other established committees, find a welcome and affirming home here.

horro vacui...Aristotle

‘Nature abhors a vacuum’...so does a newsletter.

There is space in this newsletter. Send me your poems, your recipes, your tired jokes, your huddled masses...
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Notes from your Parish Nurse:
Kathy Wagner

If you are someone who takes prescribed medication and nutritional supplements here are a few things to consider:

When you are receiving a new prescription, ask your doctor 'why' you will be taking the medication and for how long. It is also wise to ask how soon you might be expected to feel the effects of the medicine...some are quite rapid, perhaps like a diuretic (water pill) and some may take several weeks before a change is noted. Don't stop taking any medication abruptly, and if you are considering stopping, do it in consultation with your physician. If you say, "I feel better and don't need it anymore", consider that the medication may be responsible for your feeling of wellness. There are some drugs that should never be abruptly discontinued, and it can be dangerous to do.

Know the name for your medicine and why you need them. Keep a list in your wallet for emergencies. This is critical. Don't call them your red, blue and yellow pills. Know their names and why you are taking them. If you can't remember, write it down.

Ask your pharmacist about foods, drinks or other medications that may interfere with what has been prescribed. Ask about side effects and what to do if they occur.

Don't decrease or increase the prescribed dose before talking with the doctor, unless you have been given specific instructions.

NEVER take someone else's medicine. Take all doses prescribed, and stick to the schedule. If you miss a dose, check with your pharmacist. Usually if it is a daily medicine, timing isn't as critical. If it is something taken more than once a day, then ask.

Supplements can interfere with prescribed medication. Make sure you tell your doctor ALL the things you are taking, including aspirin, Tylenol, gas pills, Tums, sleep aides, vitamins, nutritional supplements, etc.

Please remember in your prayers:

In Sympathy:

Our condolences to Emery and June Koehler on the death of Emery's son, David, who passed away on February 8th.

Our condolences to Nedra Reinhard and daughters Debra Krause and Lori Bailey, on the death of Bill Reinhard, who passed away on January 30th, 2014. A Celebration of his life will be held on April 12, 2014 at the Sister Bay Moravian Church with a lunch to follow at Alexanders in Fish Creek.

Our sympathies to Diane Linden and the extended families of Eleanor Linden. Eleanor passed away on Saturday, February 01, 2014. A Memorial service will be held at Bethel Baptist Church in the Spring.

On Behalf of Karen and the Boys, I would like to thank everyone for the care, kindness and love displayed to us during Karen's most recent surgery. There were meals delivered. Cards in the mail. Helpful hands all around. Thank you for demonstrating to us the love of Christ.

March 2014

March Birthdays:

04 - Harrison Krauss
 05 - Laurie Moegenburg
 Ed Movall
 07 - Gene Norby
 12 - Pete Thomas
 16 - Gene Anderson
 18 - Sheila Petroni
 24 - Doreen Hendricks,
 Nedra Reinhard
 25 - Pete Budic
 27 - Bonny Vahey
 Lorna Winn
 30 - Alison Fletcher

Don Johnson
 Wendi Ray

There are no March Anniversaries .

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!
 If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month & your name is omitted, please call the office to make sure we have a date and/or correct date listed.

March Servants in Service

Our appreciation is extended to all who served as volunteers .

	Lectors	Ushers	Fellowship Hosts	Elder of the Month
March 2	Kathy Wagner	Bob & Lorna Winn	Morris/Wagner	Kathy Wagner
March 9	Fran Burton	Rick Gename & Craig Thorpe	???	
March 16	Bill Porter	Cheryl & Paul Lubahn	???	
March 23	Cheryl Lubahn	Bill & Anne Porter	???	
March 30	Cheryl Surbaugh	Bill & Cheryl Surbaugh	???	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship with Holy Communion	3 Wm Circle @ Ardis Fletcher's 1:30	4 9:30 Wm's Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	5 ASH WED. SBMC Community Lunch 12:00 6:45 Ash Wednesday Service @ the Meadows	6 8 am Men's study	7	8 Spring forward for Daylight Saving Time tonight 
9 No Sunday School 10:00 Worship 1ST Sunday of Lent	10 GIBRALTAR SPRING BREAK THIS WEEK	11 9:30 Wm's Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	12 6:45 Lenten Service @ the Meadows	13 8 am Men's study 4:00 Elders	14	15
16 No Sunday School 10:00 Worship 2nd Sunday of Lent	17	18 9:30 Wm's Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	19 Ephraim Mor free Lunch 12:00 6:45 Lenten Service @ the Meadows	20 1ST DAY OF SPRING! 8 am Men's study 9:30 Trustees 	21	22
23 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 3rd Sunday of Lent	24	25 9:30 Wm's Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	26 6:45 Lenten Service @ the Meadows	27 8 am Men's study	28	29
30 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 4th Sunday of Lent	31					

2014 Board of Elders

(Normally meet 2nd Thursdays, 4:00)

Pastor Kerry Krauss, Chair Cell 854-0015
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Bill Schaefer, 868-2517
Bill Surbaugh, 854-3130
Ruth Budic, 854-7282 (July-Dec)
Britt Maltby, 854-5010 (Jan-June)
Kathy Ray, 854-2538
Naomi Thomas, 854-1841

Financial Secretary

Trudy Fandrei, 854-7581

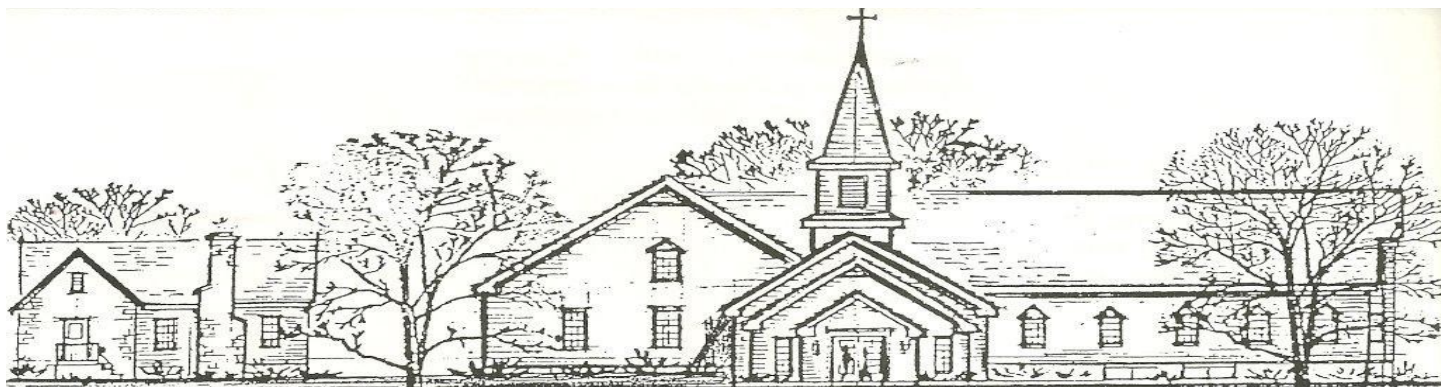
2014 Board of Trustees

(Normally meet 3rd Thursdays, 9:30)

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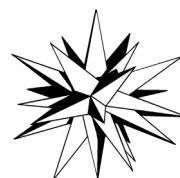
Youth Sunday School (Oct - May) 9:00 a.m.
Women's Study, Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Men's Study, Thurs. 8:00 a.m.

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