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The Newsletter of the Sister Bay Moravian Church

May 2014

May's Servants

Date	Lector	Ushers	Fellowship Hosts	Elder of the Month
5/4	Bill Surbaugh	Pete & Ruth Budic	Britt Maltby	Bill Surbaugh
5/11	Jackson Krauss		Men's Fellowship	
5/18	Mitchell Olson		Jen & Swen Hilander Doretta & Jim Hilander	
5/25	Max Maltby			
6/1	Lauren Olson			

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

May Birthdays:

03 – Kathy Ray
08 – Jackson Krauss
Greg Potts
10 – Marlene Emery
11 – Betty Holland
13 – Dick Kostka
Debbie Mann
16 – Jim Hilander
19 – Bonnie Jo Tesnow
22 – Cheryl Lubahn

23 -- Debi Syers
25 – Vanessa Olson
27 – Taylor Syers
Naomi Thomas

May Anniversaries

04 - Robin & Jim Seaquist
05 - Pete & Judy Thomas
22 - Sally & Jeff Pfeifer
31 - Marlyn & Betty Meyer
31 Lew & Bonnie Jo Tesnow

LET'S MAKE A DEAL!

“Family Night”

Saturday May 10 7pm sharp

SBMC Fellowship Hall

Fill your pockets and purses with those ODD items that “Monty Hall” might ask for (gum, tissue, dental floss, key chain, car freshener, tooth pick, towelettes, etc.). If you have the requested item it might get you the chance to win BIG prizes behind curtain 1, 2 or 3.

Come and enjoy the fun when our professional model assists the emcee! Laughs and groans! Cheers and clapping!

Refreshments to follow the hour show!

P.S. Anyone out there wanting to donate white elephant prizes (something working or not working or just something you've been wanting to get rid of) just bring to Fellowship Hall by May 4.

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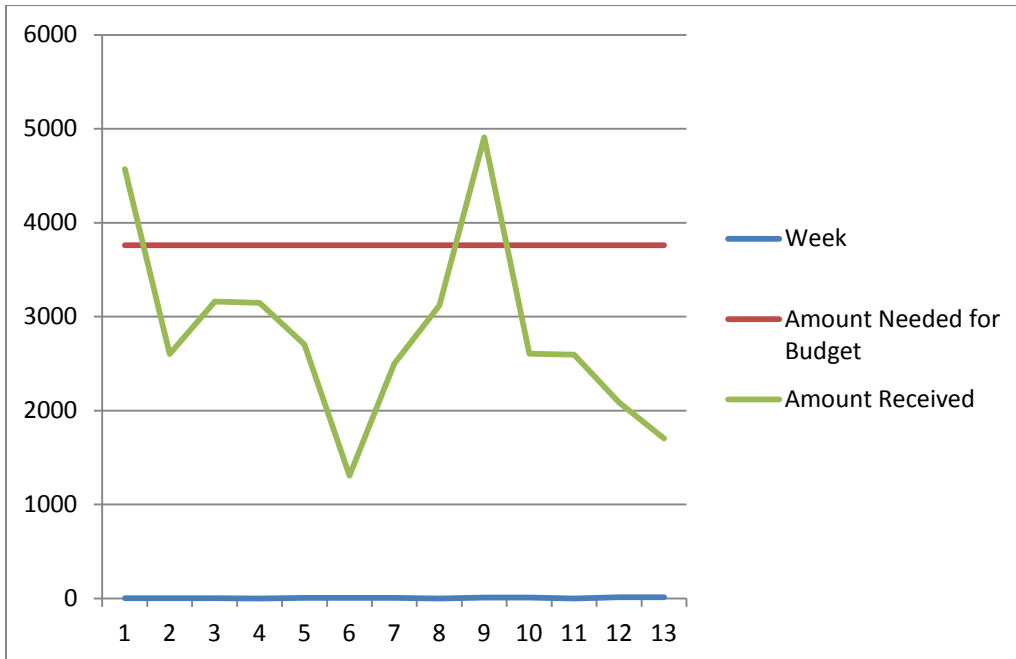
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First Things First

While I am not usually the one to hit the panic button too quickly, the chart and numbers below show that we are at an income deficit of \$10,000 through the first quarter of 2014. You don't need me to tell you that is bad—and concerning news. Additionally, the Trustees borrowed \$10,000 from the Memorial Fund just to pay bills in March. We simply cannot continue to function at this low level of giving. Search your hearts...

Week	\$ Needed	\$ Received	Plus/Minus
1	3760	4570	810
2	3760	2601	-1159
3	3760	3162	-598
4*	3760	3146	-614
5	3760	2704	-1056
6	3760	1307	-2453
7	3760	2499	-1261
8*	3760	3119	-641
9	3760	4909	1149
10	3760	2605	-1155
11*	3760	2595	-1165
12	3760	2088	-1752
13	3760	1701	-2059
	48880	37006	-11954
Other Income		2727	-9227



Quietly Living Out the Truth of the Resurrection Easter Sunday

I went out into the cemetery this morning at about dawn. I don't know if it was the purist in me looking for the authentic Easter morning sunrise, but I went looking for something. Truth be told, I'm not sure what I was looking for or what I was expecting. ACTUALLY, I know exactly what I was looking for...I was looking for the golden sunshine. I was hoping to feel a warm, spring breeze to herald new life and new beginnings. I was expecting the sound of birds chirping in Resurrection revelry. I was also anticipating and expecting and hoping for silence.

What I saw at dawn on this Easter Sunday was gray and dreary. What I felt was the rain pelting me. What I heard was the wind whipping through the trees. It was not all as I had hoped or expected. Funny thing about Easter...we never seem to get what we are looking for.

Like Mary at the tomb, she was looking for Jesus' body, she was hoping for one more chance to say goodbye, she expected things to be just as they were. But the stone was rolled away, Jesus' body was not there...And it would take some serious convincing from the angels in white and Jesus himself that it was as it was supposed to be. If Mary would not get what she was looking for, perhaps she got something better.

Frederick Buechner wrote, 'It has always struck me as remarkable that when the writers of the four Gospels come to the most important part of the story they have to tell, they tell it in whispers.' Jesus birth is greeted with angels singing the Hallelujah Chorus. There are shepherds and wisemen from the East. But this story, this truth is ushered in with whispers.

I wonder why that is?

If we want or need a theological reflection (and I think we do), perhaps there is some strength, some benefit, some virtue, in quietly living out the truth of the Resurrection. To know that the miracle of Easter is real. To know that Jesus was really raised from the dead—should and DOES elicit profound praise within us. But living profoundly does not require us to be loud and boisterous.

Quite the opposite. Living out the truth of the Resurrection may very well require us share our truth in whispers. This truth is too great, the implications too powerful, the risk too demanding, the responsibility too much, that to speak it, to shout it from the rooftops would tear it at the seams.

And so we must quietly live out the truth of the Resurrection—so that it permeates every aspect of our lives—not just the select few parts of our lives we would offer it. We gather on Sunday mornings and appreciate the unspoken nature of most of our relationships—thankful and grateful that they are there, but not need to poke at why or how they work. We hide in the kitchen to make lunch for the community with no questions asked. We collect in small rooms to focus on Scripture. We sequester ourselves in the basement in order to teach our young ones.

More importantly, we sneak into other people's lives bringing hope and love, bringing laughter and stability and we whisper, 'The Lord is risen'. And sometimes, sometimes the people whisper back, 'The Lord is risen, indeed'.

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours:

Barring emergency, I am in the office

Monday—Wednesday 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

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Prayer Concerns

Please pray for **Anita Beckstrom** as she recovers from surgery. As of this writing, Anita is at the ManorCare facility in Green Bay, but hopes and expects to return home soon.

Please also pray for **Fred Burgbacher**. Fred had a heart valve repair procedure performed on May 1st.

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

There will be a retreat for Sister Bay and Ephraim Moravian Churches' women, May 28th, 9:00 to 3:00, with lunch, at the historic Ellison Bay Community Park Clubhouse, overlooking the bay. It is located in Ellison Bay,, on highway 42 at the Community Beach park, just past the Hillside Motel.

Our inspirational speaker will be Yelone Clague, from Sister Bay, and her theme will be, "Never Too Late For Restoration!". It will be based on some verses from Nehemiah.

1. Broken things can be fixed, including you heart. Nehemiah 1:1-11.
2. We can do this! A lesson courage and confidence. Nehemiah 2:1-20
3. Remembering the past and renewal for the present. Nehemiah 9 and 10

This is what Yelone said about it: Nehemiah led by example.

He was determined to discover and fulfill God's vision and purpose for his life. Things were going well in his personal life. However, there were things happening that needed his intervention. We can learn here how to discover principles that will guide us in our own lives. If things are not going the way we would like to see them go, let's restore them, if we face broken situations let's rebuild them, and, if we want to succeed, let's bring God into what we want to accomplish and let's experience His reward. With God's help, we can discover, develop and use the potential we have in our lives. You can pick up a brochure about Yelone and her retreats at the churches, later in May, or you can go to her website, yelone@attglobal.net.

Sue Raye Hughes will provide the music, and there will be a few changes in the format this year. There will be a sign up, at each church, in May. Please sign up by May 21st, so plans can be made. The cost is \$15.00, and includes a box lunch from Mink River Basin. When you sign up, please indicate your choice of sandwich, ham or turkey, cheddar or Swiss, white or wheat bread. Beverages will be provided. It will simplify things, if you pay at the time of signing up.

You can also sign up by calling Sue Raye Hughes, 920-839-9247, or emailing meowldy@gmail.com Call Beth Ferris, with questions, 239-543-6295 until May 10th, and then at 920-839-9648 May 19th and after. My email address is: kbferris50@embarqmail.com

It was a good retreat in 2013, and it was also very nice to meet more ladies from the other church. Hope we'll have another good turnout. Hope you will join us, as we learn together and enjoy the fellowship, on Wednesday, May 28th.

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A Note from the Trustees:

The carpet for the Fellowship Hall has been ordered from Champeau and is scheduled to be installed on May 19th and 20th, that's a Monday and a Tuesday. We would appreciate help following worship and fellowship time on May 18 as all the furniture in that room will have to be moved out prior to the installation.

Bill Porter, Property Committee

A Note from the Community Lunch:

Community lunch is showing to be a success. Such a rewarding ministry! We are looking for leaders and helpers for the Summer lunches. July we'll need an extra person or two as we have an outdoor picnic lunch planned with a grillout of hamburgers and hot dogs - with trimmings. Featured dessert will be Door County Ice Cream Factory.

Cheryl and Paul

A Note from Karena Malmgren: DECISIONES

After school every Tuesday we have homework club with the boys from Amigos de Jesus. At the beginning of the year, Mr. Ben and I had a hard time convincing the boys to do their homework and the madrinas and padrinos are too preoccupied with keeping everyone safe and accounted for to sit down with each individual student and help them with their homework needs. So, we started up a homework club about halfway through the year and now keep the boys in a classroom until 3pm every Tuesday. After 7 hours of learning, the students aren't always thrilled to stay an extra 45 minutes, even though they do like the one-on-one attention. Sometimes there are tears or screams, but somehow we manage to get through the homework packet.



Today, a mother of a vecino (neighbor) child stopped by the school to check in on her child. Daniel is one of the hardest working and most well behaved in the class, and this mother has nothing to worry about. While visiting homework club, she witnessed a child from Amigos yell "NO PUEDO!" (I can't), watched me rub his back and attempt to instill confidence that he *can* do his homework. After the interchange, the mother tells me that the kids in my classroom are lucky to have me. After a difficult day, sometimes I need to hear such words and I am so grateful for her in this moment. Then, she asks if I'll be teaching her little Daniel next year. I wince a little, knowing she wants me to respond yes. And I've certainly thought long and hard about staying. In the end, I've decided to take a break from teaching and to go back to being a student (with even more perspective and appreciation for teachers!).

I've been accepted to Fuller Theological Seminary and will be a part of the Marriage and Family Therapy program starting in the fall. This year has confirmed that I prefer working with individuals (children or otherwise) while being a listener and encourager. I plan on reconnecting with community in Hollywood and some of my friends experiencing homeless while beginning my studies. As always, thanks for your prayers and support. Elena's cast came off and she's currently recovering in the States while enjoying her family for Spring Break. I would appreciate prayers for my travels and vacation with my parents next week. If you have questions, comments, or prayer requests, send them my way!

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