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# Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church

July 12, 2026



*To maintain a worshipful atmosphere, we ask that you turn off all cell phones. Thank you.*

**The Core Values of the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church – We Value:**

- **“Being a Safe Harbor”** For the spiritual pilgrims in our community.
- **“Children and Youth”** We are committed to congregational life that is open and nurturing to young people.
- **“Excellence in Worship”** We expect the gospel of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed through excellence in music ministry, quality of liturgy, preaching and celebration of the sacraments.
- **“Mission”** Recognizing our common call to ministry, we strive to live our faith sacrificially in our community and in the world.
- **“Our Moravian Heritage”** All of our core values have historical precedent in an ancient tradition of Christian witness.

*A nursery for children ages 5 and under* is in Room 201 of the Christian Education Building. Preschoolers only please, so that attendants may give each child proper attention.

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**2026 Watchword** – I have put my spirit upon my servant; he will bring forth justice to the nations. Isaiah 42:1

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**Staff**

Rev. Dr. Matthew Knapp, Sr.....Senior Pastor  
 Karen Bongle..... Administrative Assistant  
 Kim Knapp .....Choir Director  
 Steven Blevins ..... Organist  
 Maggie Stephens .....Lay Reader



**Prelude**

**Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Announcements**

**Moments of Preparation**

**Call to Worship**

- \*Hymn – For the Fruit of All Creation MBW 449
- \*Liturgy – Prayer of Intercession MBW 115

**Children’s Moment**

- Hymn – In the Bulb There Is a Flower MBW 797

- Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

- Sermon “Rocks and Thorns”

- Hymn – Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound MBW 783

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

(\* =The congregation is invited to stand)

### Opportunities This Week

Thurs. 07/16 Vespers at Shiloh 6:30 pm  
Sun. 07/19 Worship 10:00 am  
Cookies on the patio following worship.

### Looking Ahead

Thurs. 07/23 Vespers at Shiloh 6:30 pm  
Sun. 07/26 Worship 10:00 am  
Cookies on the patio following worship.

**Online Worship** at [www.sbmoravian.org](http://www.sbmoravian.org).  
Now livestreaming service 10:00.

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**In Our Prayers:** Please continue to keep Kevin Coogle in your prayers. He is recovering well after surgery.

### Thursday Vesper Services at Shiloh.

The services at Shiloh are on July 16, 23 & 30 at 6:30 pm.

**The Board of World Missions** is again joining the Door County Century Ride in raising funds for the BWM on September 13, 2026. Cyclists can ride 30, 50, 70, or 100 miles to raise funds for the "Until He Comes" endowment, which supports global ministries and missions. The Sturgeon Bay Moravian church is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner, here at church, for riders on September 12 and we are looking for volunteers to help with the dinner. Please contact Pastor Knapp if you are interested.

**Please join us for the Plus 50 Retreat @ Mt. Morris,** for everyone in the 'Over 50 Crowd', on August 6-9, 2026. This year's title is "By Our Love". Reserve your spot with a \$100 deposit by July 15. Please see the bulletin insert for detailed information.

**American Cross Blood Drive:** Monday, August 3 – 12:00 to 6:00 pm and on Tuesday, August 4 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Peters Lutheran Church, 108 W. Maple St., Sturgeon Bay. Call 1-800-Red Cross or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment.

**Revised Summer Office Hours:** The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8-1, however, Karen will only be here Tuesday through Thursday.

### Scripture Lesson

#### Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear."

<sup>18</sup> "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."