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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.

You will find offering plates at the back of the Sanctuary.

2025 Watchword – As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people from this time on and forevermore.

Staff

Rev. Dr. Matthew Knapp, Sr.....Senior Pastor
Rev. Reeder Herrick.....Associate Pastor
Karen Bongle..... Administrative Assistant
Kimberly Knapp.....Choir Director
Heidi Hintz..... Organist
Andy Starr..... Reader



Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church

October 19, 2025



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

Prelude

Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Announcements

Moments of Preparation

Call to Worship

***Hymn** – Stand Up, and Bless the Lord MBW 531

***Liturgy** – Baptism MBW 165

Children’s Moment

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn – O Word of God Incarnate MBW 505

Scripture Lesson Genesis 32:22-31
Luke 18:1-8

Sermon “Holding on to God”

Hymn – What a Friend We Have in Jesus MBW 743

*Benediction

*Postlude

(* =The congregation is invited to stand)

Opportunities This Week

Mon.	10/20	Staff meeting	9:00 am
Tues.	10/21	Bible Study	8:15 am
Wed.	10/22	Church Quilting Group	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
		RAMS	4:30 - 5:30 pm
		Middle/High School Fellowship	5:30 - 7:00 pm
		Women's Bible Study	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Sun.	10/26	Coffee Hus	9:30 - 10:30 am
		Choir Rehearsal	9:15 - 10:00 am
		Sunday School	9:30 - 10:15 am
		Worship / Bible Presentation	10:30 am

Looking Ahead

Mon.	10/27	Staff meeting	9:00 am
Tues.	10/28	Bible Study	8:15 am
Wed.	10/29	RAMS	4:30 - 5:30 pm
		Middle/High School Fellowship	5:30 - 7:00 pm
		Women's Bible Study	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Sun.	11/02	Coffee Hus	9:30 - 10:30 am
		Choir Rehearsal	9:15 - 10:00 am
		Sunday School	9:30 - 10:15 am
		Worship / All Saints Sunday	10:30 am

Online Worship at www.sbmoravian.org.

Now livestreaming service @ 10:30.

In Our Prayers – Please keep the family and friends of Karen Blevins in your prayers. Her father, Steven Blevins, passed away Oct. 11.

Please keep the family and friends of Barb Herrick in your prayers. Barb's mother, Marion Bender, passed away Oct. 14, in New London.

We Are Pleased to Welcome Roman LaFave, son of Tatum LaFave, born in Dickinson County Michigan on December 19, 2024, into our church family by the sacrament of Infant Baptism. Roman is the great-grandson of Tom & Nancy Drager and the grandson of Nathan & Erin Drager and Tara & Abel Murray. Andy Starr, of our Board of Elders, will light the baptismal candle signifying this first step in Roman's faith journey.

October is Pledge Month - Please drop your pledge in the collection plate, at the office or in the mail by October 31. You can also go to our website @ www.sbmoravian.org, in 'Online Forms' and submit a pledge online. Thank you.

All Saints' Sunday, November 2: If you have someone special you would like to have remembered, please use the enclosed form and return to the church office by October 27. You can also go to <https://www.sbmoravian.org> and submit your form online.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

Luke 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Chili Cook Off October 26 - Next Sunday, Oct. 26 we are hosting a chili cook off immediately following worship. Mark your calendar to come join the fun and vote for your favorite chili. There will also be chicken tenders for the kids and for anyone who is not a chili eater.