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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
Kim KnappChoir Director
Jason Palmer..... Organist
Teri VanLieshout..... Reader



Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church

December 14, 2025



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

Prelude

Selected Seasonal Pieces

Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Announcements

Moments of Preparation – Behold a Rose is Blooming

M. Praetorius

Call to Worship - Lighting of Advent Candle

Kathy and Ray Kazenske

***Hymn** – People in Darkness Are Looking for Light MBW 266

***Liturgy** – 3rd Sunday of Advent Insert

Children’s Moment

Special Music – Sussex Carol / I Saw Three Ships

English Carol Medley

Hymn – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence MBW 271

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10

Sermon “The Way of Holiness”

Hymn – Rejoice, Rejoice, the Kingdom Comes MBW 260

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Brightest and Best
Angelus and Virginem

(* =The congregation is invited to stand)

Opportunities This Week

Mon. 12/15	Staff meeting	9:00 am
	Joint Board Meeting	6:30 pm
Tues. 12/16	Bible Study	8:15 am
Wed. 12/17	No Youth Fellowship	
	No Women's Bible Study	
	Christmas Caroling	6:30 pm
Sun. 12/21	Coffee Hus	9:30 - 10:30 am
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 - 10:00 am
	Sunday School	9:30 - 10:15 am
	Worship / 4 th Sunday in Advent	10:30 am

Looking Ahead

Mon. 12/22	Staff meeting	9:00 am
Tues. 12/23	No Bible Study	8:15 am
Wed. 12/24	Christmas Eve Services	4:00 & 7:00 pm
	Office closed.	
Thurs. 12/25	Merry Christmas – Office closed.	
Sun. 12/28	No Coffee Hus	
	No Choir Rehearsal	
	No Sunday School	
	Worship	10:30 am

Online Worship at www.sbmoravian.org.

Now livestreaming service @ 10:30.

Holiday Preparations! Please see the bulletin insert for the dates and times for all the holiday happenings in December.

Thank you to Recorders On the Door Ensemble for playing this morning. Their members are sopranos, Helen Fisher, Karen Blevins, & Peggy Royseck; altos, Elizabeth Spaude & Donna Straka; tenors, Joel & Paula Eggert; bass, Janet LaSota; under the direction of Paula Eggert.

Christmas Caroling Party - December 17, 6:00 pm – Don't miss this opportunity to get out and bring Christmas cheer to our senior and shut in members. We will gather in the church dining room at 6:00 pm. From there we will go out to sing and then return for hot chocolate and fellowship. This event is for people of all ages.

Children's Christmas Celebration – Today at 4:30 pm. Please join us for this very special program performed by our youth.

Reminders: No youth groups 12/17, 12/24 & 12/31. They will resume on 1/7/2026.

No Sunday School 12/21 & 12/28 and will resume on 1/4/2026.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹ The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.

³ Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;

⁴ say to those with fearful hearts,
“Be strong, do not fear;

your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you.”

⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

⁷ The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

⁸ And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness;
it will be for those who walk on that Way.

The unclean will not journey on it;
wicked fools will not go about on it.

⁹ No lion will be there,
nor any ravenous beast;
they will not be found there.

But only the redeemed will walk there,
¹⁰ and those the LORD has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.

Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.