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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 Knapp.....Choir Director
Kathy Sedan..... Organist
Teri VanLieshout..... Reader



Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church

December 21, 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 - Lighting of Advent Candle

Ben & Zoe Back
Milo, Ingrid & Arthur

***Hymn** – Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending MBW 259

***Liturgy** – 4th Sunday of Advent Insert

Children’s Moment

Anthem – Every Valley P. Drennan

Hymn – Sing My Soul (Mary’s Song of Praise) REN 129

Scripture Lesson Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon “What It’s All About”

Hymn – Faithful Christians, One and All MBW 300

*Benediction

*Postlude

(* =The congregation is invited to stand)

Opportunities This Week

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

Looking Ahead

Mon. 12/29	No staff meeting.	
Tues. 12/30	No Bible Study	
Wed. 12/31	Silent Communion	5:30 – 6:30 pm
	Office closed.	
Thurs. 01/01/2026	Happy New Year! – Office closed.	
Sun. 01/04	Coffee Hus	9:30 – 10:30 am
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 – 10:00 am
	Sunday School	9:30 – 10:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am

Online Worship at www.sbmoravian.org.

Now livestreaming service @ 10:30.

Reminders:

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

No youth groups until January 28, 2026.

New Year's Eve Silent Communion:

Please consider stopping by for our New Year's Eve Silent Communion Dec. 31 from 5:30-6:30 pm. It is a wonderful time to sit in the beauty of our sanctuary and reflect on the past year and pray for the year ahead. You have an opportunity to have Holy Communion and choose your watchword for 2026.

Church Reminders:

The office will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26 & 31. We will be open on Dec. 29 & 30 from 9:00 to 12:00 pm and closed Jan. 1 & 2.

Church Council is January 18. Please plan on attending.

Scripture Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God - ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph, her husband, was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

A Celebration for Reeder and Barb – December 28.

At the end of December Reeder is truly retiring. We invite you all to join us for a celebration lunch in the dining room following worship on December 28. We encourage you to sit down and write a card, letter or email expressing your gratitude. Reeder and Barb will, of course, continue to be with us, please welcome them to the "view from the pew" and thank them for all that they have done. Please RSVP to the office, sbmc@sbmoravian.org or 920-743-6218, if you plan to attend.