



“WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER”

April, 2026

STURGEON BAY MORAVIAN CHURCH
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2026 CONGREGATIONAL WATCHWORD:

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - 10:30

- April 5 Easter Sunday: 6:00 am @ Shiloh
10:30 am in the Sanctuary
April 12 Regular Worship
April 19 Regular Worship
April 26 Regular Worship

Worship online @ www.sbmoravian.org -

Livestream available @ 10:30 or watch at your convenience.



Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week and Easter is a very busy time for Moravians. After all we are known as “The Easter People”!

Palm Sunday: We begin with our Palm Sunday celebration which features our children leading us in singing the Hosanna during worship.

Holy Week Readings: On March 30, 31 and April 1, we have our Holy Week Reading Services at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. We gather during these three days to read aloud the gospel stories of Jesus’s last week, from Palm Sunday to the Crucifixion. This is a unique and meaningful way to focus ourselves spiritually in preparation for Easter. If you have never attended, please consider joining us.

Maundy Thursday April 1: At 6:30m pm we gather in the sanctuary to share in Holy Communion and remember the last supper and the importance of this sacrament in our lives.

Good Friday Tenebrae April 2: On Friday at 6:30 pm we remember Jesus’s crucifixion and death with the service of shadows based on his final words. We also have an opportunity to consider our sins and nail them to the cross.

Sunrise Service at Shiloh, Easter Sunday morning at 6 am. We gather at the Shiloh Moravian Church (2468 Shiloh Road, Sturgeon Bay) and proclaim, “The Lord is Risen Indeed”. Within this service is the most profound confession of our Moravian faith. We begin in the church and then move outside as the sun rises, the brass band plays, and the sandhill cranes and wood ducks proclaim the tomb is empty. Come early if you want a seat, this is a very popular service!

Easter Breakfast: At 9 am we gather in the church dining room to eat a fabulous Easter breakfast which includes “Sugar Cake”! There is a freewill offering collected to support our youth who serve the meal.

Candy Hunt: At 9:30 am we have a Easter candy hunt for the children.

Easter Morning Worship: At 10:30 am we conclude with our full morning worship service which is meant to inspire and empower us to live as Resurrection People!

Pastor Matt

CALENDAR

- **Bible Study:** Tuesday Bible Study 8:30 am
- **Wed. Night Youth Fellowship:**
Rams (Gr.1-5) 4:30 - 5:30
Middle School Fellowship 5:30 - 7:00
- **Women's Bible Study** - Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00
- **Choir Rehearsal:** 9:15 - 10:00 am
- **Coffee Hus:** Sundays - 9:30 am
- **Sunday School:** 9:30 - 10:15 am
- **Faith Circle:** April 14 -1:30 pm in the Fellowship Room
- **Quilting Group:** April 8 & 22, 9 am-12 pm

Meetings

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| Board of Elders' | 4/13 | 6:30 pm |
| Board of Trustees' | 4/20 | 6:30 pm |

Other Reminders:

- The last Youth Fellowship is May 13.
- The last Sunday School is on May 10.
- **May 17 is Confirmation Sunday.**
- Starting in June our worship time will begin at 10 am.

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Our Prayers:

Our Loving Sympathy and support to the family and friends of: Thomas Pinney who passed away March 23, 2026. A Memorial Service for Tom will be held at the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church April 17, 2026 @ 11:00 am with visitation prior to service.

Baptism: Isla May Cole, daughter of David Cole and Rebecca Coogle, born October 13, 2025, in Green Bay, was baptized February 22. Isla is the granddaughter of David Cole and Debra Kapplehoff and Shane and Justina Walschinski. Her sponsors are Jessica Weckler, Stacey DeMuese and Matthew Nei.

Mother's Day Brunch - May 10th

Plan on joining us Sunday, May 10 for our annual Mother's Day Brunch. It will be in the Fellowship Room from 9 until 10:15 and is hosted by Lacy Austad (Anchor's Rest Bakery) and Zoe Back. If you want to make your mom smile, bring her in for the amazing treats Lacy has that morning!



Please join us.

GRADUATE SUNDAY is May 31, 2026

We will be asking for the members of our church family who are graduating from high school, tech school, college, or graduate school to let us know who you are. We would like to recognize these students in our newsletter and the bulletin in May. We are especially interested in making sure we acknowledge all our high school graduates to celebrate them in worship that Sunday. Please look for the flyer in the bulletin in May or you can go online anytime and fill out a form on our website (www.sbmoravian.org) under 'Online Forms'. **Please submit your forms by May 18 to be included in the bulletin for May 31.**



MORAVIAN SUMMER CAMPS 2026 at MT. MORRIS

[Register at www.wdcamping.com/Western-District-Camps](http://www.wdcamping.com/Western-District-Camps)

Summer Camps - Sign up at wdcamping.com

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| Chetek | July 19 - 25, 2026 | Grade 9 - Age 21 |
| Winmor | July 26 - August 1, 2026 | Grades 6, 7 or 8 |
| Junior | August 2 - August 6, 2026 | Grades 2, 3, 4 or 5 |

Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church offers a \$50 scholarship for Chetek, Winmor & Junior Camps. Contact the office or go online to our website (www.sbmoravian.org) under the Online Forms tab for a form to fill out for reimbursement. from Mt. Morris. on camp!

Updates

Church Garden

We are again looking for volunteers to help in the church garden beginning in May. Volunteering in the garden primarily involves pulling weeds and then harvesting and putting out produce at the Blessing Box for our neighbors. It is peaceful and satisfying work that serves many. If you are interested please contact Pastor Matt.

Shiloh Summer Vespers

We will again have Thursday services this summer. They will be held on Thursday evenings during the month of July at 6:30 pm @ Shiloh Moravian Church, 2468 Shiloh Rd., Sturgeon Bay.

Watching Worship Service Online

If you go to our website @ www.sbmoravian.org and click on the 'Worship Online' tab it will take you to our YouTube page. It will automatically default to 'Live' (under the big purple S) but you can get to past worship services by clicking on the 'Videos' tab in the same spot. Those will go back a couple of years.



Happy Spring and Easter!



**ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 8 to JUNE 12, 2026**

**Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church
323 South Fifth Avenue
Youth of all faiths are welcome!
REGISTRATION FORM**

Register online at : <https://www.sbmoravian.org/online-vacation-bible-school>

Date: Monday, June 8th through Friday, June 12th, 2026

Time: 9:30 am — 12:00 pm

Who: Students completing Grades K - 5th as of June, 2026. Grade 6 and up serve as helpers.

Place: Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church, 323 South Fifth Avenue

Registration: Please send your registration **NO LATER THAN MAY 15!** After that we will be sending this information out to local churches to register.

Offering for "Feed My People": Monday/soup; Tuesday/paper products; Wednesday/peanut butter; Thursday/cereal and pasta; Friday/soap.

2026 Ecumenical Vacation Bible School Registration

Student's Name: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Birth Date: _____

Last Grade Completed: _____ (As of June 2026)

Medical concerns, special needs or food allergies/special diets: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Daytime Phone No.: _____

Address: _____

School Attending: _____ Parent/Guardian's Church: _____

Check Items that Apply:

- Elementary Student
- Helper (**must attend helper meeting @ 9:00 am June 8**)

Specify Any Dates Not Available: _____

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phone use during Vacation Bible School is prohibited. Cell phones used during VBS will be confiscated and may be picked up in the church office following that day's closing.

Medical Consent: In the event that parent/guardian cannot be reached I give permission to the VBS director to seek necessary medical treatment. I will assume responsibility for all medical bills, if any.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

- Mail to SB Moravian Church, 323 S. 5th Ave, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
- Email to bongle@sbmoravian.org