



Christ's Community Moravian Church

February 2016 Newsletter

GLORIFY GOD AS WE LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Mark Your Calendar

2.3, 2.17, 2.24

- Awake! 5:00 - 6:30 PM

2.3 (7pm), 2.10, 2.17, 2.24 (8pm)

- Choir Practice

2.17, 2.24

- Holden Evening Prayer Service & Book Study 7:00 PM

2.7, 2.14, 2.21, 2.28

- Sunday School 10:45 AM

2.7

- Sabbath In The Suburbs—Book Study Group
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- Super Bowl Party @ The Straumann's Home 4:30 PM
- New Board Installation 9:30 AM

2.8

- Moravian Clergy Meeting 9:30 am @CCC

2.10

- Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

2.13

- Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM @ Lynde's Restaurant

2.14

- Simpson Shelter Sandwiches 10:30 AM
- Slipper and Comforter Ministries 11:30 AM

2.18

- Senior Women's Bible Study at MGLC 12:00 PM
- Elders Meeting 7:00 pm

2.21

- KidPack Packing 10:45 AM

2.22

- Flourish Team Meeting 7:00 PM

2.25

- Food-Packing MobilePack for Feed My Starving Children, Egan Co.
Champlin, 5:00-7:00 PM

2.26

- KidPack Delivery 1:45 PM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I pray that we continue to see the beauty of God's creation in this final full month of winter. This is the time of year we have to work a little harder at that! It is also the beginning of the season of Lent, the time where we shift our focus from Jesus' birth to live among us as the Incarnate Word of God to Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection, the fulfillment of God's promise of love to all of humanity. We have a variety of opportunities for worship, prayer, reflection, and service this Lenten season, all of which are mentioned in this newsletter issue. I hope to worship and grow with all of you through these opportunities in the months ahead.

This is also the time of year just after we have held our Annual Church Council meeting. It's a time that the new leadership teams come together to plan and dream about God's vision for us as a family of faith in the year ahead.

At the Church Council meeting in January, the Board of Elders shared a dream that God has recently put in our hearts and minds. We believe God is calling us to explore the possibilities of completing the building plan for Christ's Community, a plan that was developed back in the 1990s. Many of you will remember those plans!

The Elders have been in the discernment and dreaming stage of this and have not taken any steps beyond that. We wanted to share this dream with you all before we went further because it is important to us that this is a dream God has given us as a community of faith, one of which we are all a part. We don't know where God will lead us, but are excited to see what He has in store!

CORE VALUES

1. Discipleship
2. Come as you are!
3. Family
4. Community Outreach
5. Children / Youth

CCC VISION

We see Christ's Community Moravian Church as a caring and accepting church, equipping people to serve, reaching out to the community, and sharing God's love as we invite people into the family of God.

Purpose:

We will offer opportunities for the youth of the congregation to raise money to attend church camps.

Worship:

We will host an annual outdoor worship service and picnic.

Community:

We will go Christmas caroling at a local nursing home.

Mission and Service:

We will participate in the Northwest Metro Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack.

Leadership:

We will offer 2-3 opportunities annually for members of the congregation to lead the entire worship service while Pastor Jenny is present in worship.

Stewardship:

We will end the year with a balanced budget and will work to bring that about by finding unique ways to encourage people to give.

Spiritual Formation:

We will develop our Adult Christian Education program, specifically through offering new opportunities for growth like a coffee and theology group and a monthly book club.



If you weren't able to be at the Church Council meeting or at the Town Hall meeting the next Sunday, we will continue to have informal conversation opportunities with the Elders in the next few months. The Elders will continue to ask for feedback and ideas from the congregation as we work together to explore God's vision for us.

Here are a few of the important points we'd like to be sure everyone knows:

- The building opportunities include both a worship/sanctuary space as well as an addition on the education wing of the church for community use and outreach. This is a vision that has serving our community at the very heart of our dream!
- The Elders are committed to exploring grant opportunities for funding.
- The denomination is supportive of us continuing to explore the possibilities of this vision.

Please talk to me or one of the Elders if you have any thoughts, questions, ideas...anything to share! We will see where God leads us. It is a privilege to serve with you in this family of faith, trusting God to guide us every step of the way.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jenny". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Jenny

Outreach Opportunities



Month of February

CROSS food shelf needs: Kids Treats/Popcorn and Cleaners



February 14

10:30 am Simpson Shelter. Our next date for making sandwiches for Simpson Shelter following worship service.



February 21

11:30 pm Comforter & Slipper Ministry. Do you know anyone who could use an extra hug to lift their spirits? The Slipper Ministry is here to help! Slippers are available in a

basket on the table by the kitchen. Feel free to take a pair of slippers to a family member, friend, or co-worker to help raise them up. What a blessing that we can provide warmth, love and support through the slippers made at CCC. Thank you Slipper Ministry for providing God's work through your gifted knitting hands!

February 21

10:45 am. During Children's Sunday School, we will pack 300 bags for KidPack. People of all ages are welcome to participate in this!



February 25

NW Metro FMSC Mobile Pack. Help our MN Metro Community make a difference for hungry children around the world! Our goal is to pack 2 million

meals in 5 days and as a community we can do it! CCC has a slot for 20 volunteers on Thursday, February 25 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Please contact the office to volunteer or sign-up at the church.



February 26

1:45 pm KidPack delivery. We will meet at CCC to load the KidPack bags into our vehicles and then carpool to Park Brook Elementary School for weekend food distribution. Please contact the office to sign up.

Worship Opportunities

February 7 | 9:30 am

Lovefeast and New Board Installation
1 Corinthians 13:1-13



Transfiguration

February 14 | 9:30 am

First Sunday in Lent
St. Valentine's Day
Mark 10:17-31



Passion Prediction

February 21 | 9:30 am

Second Sunday in Lent
Mark 10:32-52



First Last and Last First

February 28 | 9:30 am

Third Sunday in Lent
Mark 12:1-12



Barimaeus Healec

10 members of the CCC choir enjoyed a time of Worship and Music at the National Lutheran Choir Tune-Up on 1.23.



Ash Wednesday Prayer Service

As we enter into this season of Lent, please join us on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, at 7pm for an Ash Wednesday prayer service. We'll pray a liturgy together and then break into our prayer stations for the remainder of the service. This is a time for quiet reflection and prayer through a variety of ways, including a Prayer Wall and Lectio Divina.

WORSHIP TIMES FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday Service

February 10, 7:00 pm at CCC

Lenten Services

Wednesdays, February 17 - March 16,
7:00 pm: Holden Evening Prayer Service &
Book Study

Palm Sunday Worship Service

March 20, 9:30 am

Holy Week Readings

March 21, 22, 23, 7:00 pm at CCC

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

March 24, 7:00 pm Worship & Communion at CCC

Easter Sunday! March 27

6:30 am: Sunrise Service at CCC

7:30 am: Easter Breakfast

8:30 am: Easter Egg Hunt

9:00 am: Worship Service

2016 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

For the last several years, members of our congregation have shared inspirational words of scripture, and stories in a Lenten Devotional Booklet. Members reflect about events in the past year...how have they experienced the love of Christ? What actions have they taken for spiritual growth? What are their hopes and dreams for this New Year?

Other ideas:

- Perhaps you could share your favorite scripture or hymn and how it has impacted your life.
- You could look back through previous years devotional submissions and find one that has inspired you.
- Write about a time when you have felt God speaking directly to you.
- Write about a time when you witnessed a miracle.
- How have you overcome a spiritual challenge in your life?

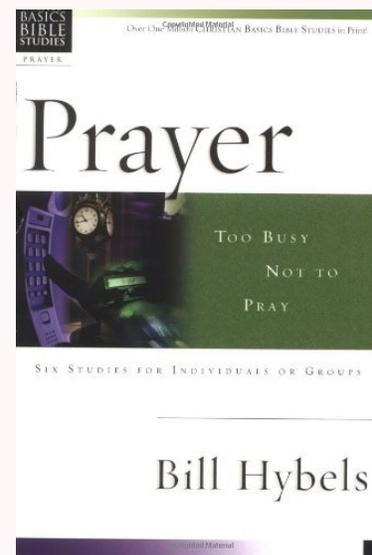
Here is an example of what we need:

- Title: name of your submission
- Scripture verse
- Whatever you'd like to share
- Prayer
- Source: if not written by you

Please forward to Donna Buchta at ndbuchta@gmail.com or leave in her church mailbox no later than Sunday, February 7th. If you have any questions, speak to either Marian Mortenson or Donna Buchta. Thanks so much. We look forward to hearing from you.

LENT BIBLE STUDY

Lent Bible study series beginning Wednesday, February 17, we are reading "Prayer: Too Busy Not to Pray" (Christian Basics Bible Studies) by Bill Hybels. You can purchase the book at Amazon in the Kindle (\$6.15) or Paperback (\$9.00) edition. If you would like us to place the book order for you (except for Kindle) please let Pastor Jenny or the office Administrator know. The sign-up sheet is located on the table by the kitchen.



Joint Board Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2016

A

B 1. Old Business

- A. Minutes approved
- B. Some interest has been shown by members of the congregation to lead worship.
- C. 2015 ended with \$6,600 in the operating budget. Some of that will be allocated to the maintenance fund to plan for future expenses.

2. New Business

- A. Annual Report was discussed with board feedback.
- B. Thank you and recognition of Board service

Elders Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2016

1.

- A. Board minutes approved
- B. Nominating committee: nominees have been asked and it's moving forward.
- C. Building use request for CROSS will be discussed further with CROSS representatives.
- D. Church council planning and topics to cover. Including building use for CROSS and expanding new worship area.

2. New Business

- A. Ice Skating on Saturday 1/9 @ 11:00, Super Bowl Party at the Straumanns
- B. Christian Ed, Adult World religion class led by Andy Johnson potentially starting Fall 2016

3. Pastors' Report

- A. Lenten Prayer Book, "Prayer: Too Busy Not to Pray" (Christian Basics Bible Studies) by Bill Hybels
- B. Meeting/Hours report submitted

Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2016

1. Opened with prayer

2. Review of proposed budget and 2015 year end

- A. No issues
- B. Reviewed future maintenance needs and allocated \$2600.00 of 2015 surplus to maintenance fund

3. Lighting project reviewed almost complete

Church Council Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2015

1. Meeting opened with song and prayer.
2. Secretary and tellers appointed
3. Quorum reached with 24 in attendance
4. Paul Straumann shared appreciation of volunteer, paid staff, and other contributors.
5. Corinne Omberg offered the report of the nominating committee

A. Committee members:

- Kristi Bergstrom
- Barb Kalland
- Corinne Omberg

B. Corinne Omberg presented slate of candidates

Trustees:

- Bruce Kalland
- Colin O'Rourke

Elders:

- Jackson Ziah
- Casey Langseth

C. Concern raised:

- Should the same person serve as both a Trustee and Treasurer?
- Prior to the Council meeting the board members met and discussed the concern and made the decision to move forward with Bruce Kalland serving in both roles.
- Discussion regarding definition of trustees positions
- No nominations from the floor were made
- Nominees were elected by acclamation with one dissenting vote

6. Elders Report: Future visions and goals.

Expanding the building to provide more space for members and our community, including a greater partnership with CROSS

7. Team Reports: Full reports distributed

8. Mission's Ministry/Narrative Budget reviewed and distributed

9. 2016 Budget—Gene Heupel presented

- A. No questions raised on proposed budget, all obligations for 2015 were met.
- B. Budget approved as presented

10. Watchword for 2016: Luke 19:10

11. Adjournment

*More detailed minutes are available in the office if desired.

UP COMING EVENTS

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FOOTBALL

— SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH —

4:30 PM @ THE STRAUMANN'S HOME
8901 Willowbay Crossing | Maple Grove

SUPER BOWL

PARTY

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE



HELP PACK FOOD FOR FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN!

Food-Packing Session for 
MOBILEPACK



...but **YOU** can
make a difference by
volunteering at Feed My
Starving Children.



LOCATION:

Egan Company
11611 Business Park Blvd.
Champlin, MN 55316

DATE:

Thursday, February 25

TIME:

5:00—7:00 PM

GROUP NAME:

Christ's Community
Moravian Church

JOIN CODE:

836470

(Register at volunteer.fmssc.org)

Prayer Opportunities

While we at CCC believe that war is never good, we acknowledge that there is a need for our country to have a strong military presence. Below is an area where we honor our brave men and women serving in the military, to pray for them and to pray for peace.

Sean O'Rourke,

Marine Corps, Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC.
Nephew of Kelly and Karen O'Rourke

Andrew Vetter-Galt

Marine Reserves
Nephew of Linda Vetter and
Godfather to Noah Vetter

Jim Helvig and Kendal Vetter

Served in Afghanistan
Cousins of Linda Vetter

Tyler Lenartz, Army

Jon Dart, Navy
Sons of Linda Vetter's Cousins



Thank You

Simpson Housing Services thanks us for donating \$418.04. Our contribution helps thousands of people experiencing homelessness find the support and shelter they need in a time of personal crisis, and is critical in the effort to end homelessness in Minnesota.

Simpson Housing Services thanks us for donating 150 sandwiches to help provide services for men, women and children experience homelessness.

From the Provincial Ecumenical Officer

February 2016

This month's article is by Mandy Mastros, from Lititz, Pennsylvania, a student in the Master of Divinity program at Moravian Theological Seminary and in the Master of Social Work Program at Marywood University. She writes about a summer-long internship in 2015 designed and supported by the Northeastern Penn Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, and the Eastern District of the Moravian Church—Northern Province. One denomination paid the salary for the intern, one provided the location and supervising pastor, and one paid the housing costs.

My internship was in Shenandoah, a small community in an area of central Pennsylvania overwhelmed with economic blight that started when the coal industry began to die and has never recovered. It is an area with high poverty, crime, addiction, mental illness, and unemployment. The internship involved working with Pastor Mindy Heppe at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. The purpose was to get to know this community and identify sources of hope within it.

I gathered information by involvement in worship, other activities, and outreach ministries at St. John's, including their clothing rack and community dinner; spending time in the community with those not affiliated with the church, and exploring the social programs within the community.

In a community where outsiders are not always looked upon favorably, my being seen with Rev. Heppe, a well-known face, helped community members to speak more openly with me. I interviewed more than forty people from a variety of backgrounds. I asked a set of questions like What is the best thing about living in Shenandoah? The worst? Where do you see hope in this community? What can the leaders of the community do to help foster hope? Lay people? What would you tell an outsider about this community? Do you believe in a higher power? Where do you sense the presence of that power in Shenandoah?

My report, shared with the three denominations, included stories and observations, and suggestions for those who live within the community as well as the three denominations and those outside who would like to support this community and other communities facing extreme poverty, high incidence of psychosocial issues, and dwindling church participation. While the experiences and stories are all from Shenandoah, many of the findings are translatable to other communities. The supporting denominations continue brainstorming and discussions to determine how best to use this information.

Mandy Mastros, Lititz, Pennsylvania

Please Notice This



Have You Noticed?

- How great the lighting looks inside and outside the church? Thanks to Gene Heupel for all his work in upgrading our lighting so it's brighter and energy efficient.
- Our average Sunday attendance in 2015 was up from 2014. It's wonderful to see so many happy faces at Sunday worship!
- Our KidPack program is almost fully funded through the end of the 2017 school year! Wow! Thanks to everyone for your generosity!
- The CCC Choir had a great time at the National Lutheran Choir Tune-Up in January. There will be lots of great music in the coming months!
- Our Awake! group is going strong meeting on Wednesday evenings. We won't be having Soup Suppers during Lent, so consider joining Awake! at Daily Dose in Maple Grove for fellowship and soup/sandwiches every Wednesday in Lent (except for Ash Wednesday) between 5 and 6:30pm.



Shriners Hospitals
for Children™

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT!

9 years ago I accepted a progressive leadership position to become the Potentate, or CEO, of Zuhrah Shrine in Mpls. Zuhrah has 2,400 members. MN has two other Shrine Centers, Osman in St Paul with 1,100 members and AAD in Duluth with 400.

Don't believe what Dan Brown writes...the Masons and Shriners are not a secret society. The one-time secret handshake and password can be found with a Google search. The Shriners are a fraternity of men, supported by our Ladies, that profess a belief in God, honor family and do good works in the community.

The Shriner's main purpose is to raise awareness and raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The medical care is provided at no cost to the family, no maximum limit on the cost through age 18. This includes the medical devices too, specialized wheelchairs, braces and artificial limbs when the child outgrows them



The Minneapolis hospital is a 40 bed in-patient hospital along the East River Road specializing in orthopedic care. It serves 7 Midwest states and Canada. For burn care, we refer TC patients to Galveston with no cost to them for travel and lodging. Years ago, patients would stay weeks or months for surgery and therapy. With advancements in medical treatment, a majority of the patients are in the hospital for a day or two and then return for outpatient treatments. A few years ago the SHFC-TC became a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, which allows us to share specialized doctors, cutting edge treatment and broadens the patient referral network.

We are looking for patient referrals. We hold screening clinic around the region, if you know of a child that may benefit from the specialized treatment at SHFC-TC, please let me know and I can put you in contact with the appropriate staff. The second Saturday in May we hold an Open House on the Hospital grounds for people to see how the hospital functions, how the braces are made, what a spinal rod looks like.

My leadership term ended this month. I will continue to wear my red FEZ, the symbol of a Shriner, and I will continue my work with the Shriners but in a different role, raising awareness for the treatment of patients, especially in the TC area. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Deb and I appreciate the prayers and support of our church family over the past years. Thank You.

Ross E. Hjermsstad

Thank you, Ross and Deb, for your service and commitment with the Shriners!

Birthdays

- February 2 Evan Moran (12)
- February 14 Steve Ellingson
- February 14 John Rosca
- February 17 Kristi Bergstrom
- February 20 Jacob Anderson (17)
- February 20 Wally Mortenson
- February 24 Terri Bischoff



Anniversaries

- February 1 Norm & Donna Buchta

Volunteers for February

	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Welcome & Announcements/ Offering Prayer:	Pastor Jenny	Karene H.	Pastor Jenny	Kristi B.
PowerPoint:	Jim H.	Paul S.	Norm B.	Langseth
Scriptures:	Linda T.	Maureen C.	Bob M.	Bruce K.
Ushers / Greeters (2):	Wally & Marian M.	Ross & Debra H.	John O. & Kris K.	Barb K. & Kay G.
Nursery:	Barb K.	Paul M.	Langseth	Corinne O.
Children's Chat:	Karene H.	Pastor Jenny	Jenn S.	Pastor Jenny
Snak & Yak Host:	Brenda E.	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Pat J.
Treats:	Brenda E.	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Pat J.
Prayers of the Church:	Pastor Jenny	Karen O.	Pastor Jenny	Kris K.
Praise Singers:	Kristi B. & Janet B.	Marian M. & Kelly S.	Karen O. & Terre S.	Marian M. & Kelly S.

Treasurer's Report

January 2016 Worship Attendance				
Date	Kid	Sta	Adul	Total
3-Jan-16	5	0	35	40
10-Jan-16	7	1	40	48
17-Jan-16	18	1	35	54
24-Jan-16	6	2	52	60
31-Jan-16				

December 2015 Designated Funds	
Occasion/Cause	Total
District Loan Principal Reduction	\$200.00
Men's Group	\$2.00
Memorials	\$1,317.97
Cook Book	\$12.00
Slipper Ministry	\$20.00
KidPack	\$100.00
Total:	\$1,651.97

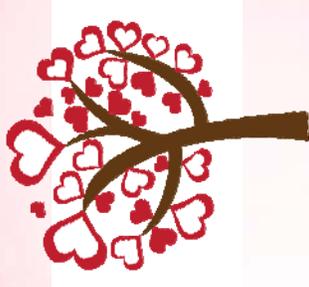
E-Giving:

If you would like to sign up for e-giving (have your tithe/donation go directly from your bank account to the church's account on a weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly basis) please see Janet Ohrt for a form.

Treasurer's Report - General Fund/Operating Account				
Month	Beg. Bal.	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
October	\$5,009.83	\$9,640.08	\$12,911.30	\$1,738.61
November	\$1,738.61	\$22,001.93	\$12,454.51	\$11,286.03
December	\$11,286.03	\$24,465.29	\$31,745.36	\$4,005.96
YTD	\$4,296.92	\$170,272.32	\$170,563.28	\$4,005.96

December 2015 Operating Accounts	
Date	Weekly Receipts
1-Dec-15	\$310.00
4-Dec-15	\$500.00
6-Dec-15	\$5,631.78
11-Dec-15	\$500.00
13-Dec-15	\$1,530.35
15-Dec-15	\$250.00
18-Dec-15	\$500.00
20-Dec-15	\$9,146.00
24-Dec-15	\$1,886.08
25-Dec-15	\$500.00
28-Dec-15	\$398.65
30-Dec-15	\$520.00
31-Dec-15	\$1,500.00

February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2	3 5:00 to 6:30 pm: Awake! 7:00 to 8:00 pm: Choir	4	5 Office Open	6
7 9:30 am: Worship Service & New Board Installation 10:30 am: Snak & Yak 10:45 am: Sunday School 11:30 to 1:00 pm: Sabbath In The Suburbs-Book Study Group 4:30 pm: Super Bowl Party @ The	8	9	10 7:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 to 9:00 pm: Choir	11	12	13 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast @ Lynde's Restaurant
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21 Second Sunday in Lent 9:30 am: Worship Service 10:30 am: Snak & Yak 10:45 am: 10:45 am: Sunday School, KidPack 11:30 am: Slipper and Comforter	22 7:00 pm: Flourish Team Meeting Caribou by Cub Foods	23	24 5:00 to 6:30 pm: Awake! 7:00 pm: Holden Evening Prayer Service & Book Study 8:00 to 9:00 pm: Choir	25 5:00 to 7:00 pm: NW Metro Food-Packing for FMSC MobilePack	26 1:45: KidPack Delivery	27
28 Third Sunday in Lent 9:30 am: Worship Service 10:30 am: Snak & Yak	29					

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