

# ***Christ's Community Moravian Church***

## ***Newsletter***

### ***May 2019***

At Christ's Community Moravian Church, we celebrated a triumphant Palm Sunday with songs of Hosannas, Holy Week scripture readings of the days leading to the crucifixion and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection with our traditional Easter Sunrise and Worship services. Alleluia! It was the culmination of prophecies in both Old and New Testaments. Have you ever wondered what happened after? What became of the disciples?

From Matthew 28: **16** Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. **17** When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. **18** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Did the disciples stay together to create their own "mega church" or band together for a traveling road show? No, they each stepped out alone. It has been said that they cast lots to divide the world, as they knew it, to decide who would travel where so that all could hear about Jesus. Two more disciples joined the original twelve; Matthias to replace Judas and Paul became an apostle a year after the ascension of Christ and preached for thirty five years.

Out of the fourteen, four were local missionaries around the Jerusalem area and nine were foreign missionaries and church planters. Judas was lost forever and nine were martyred for preaching the gospel, many crucified similar to their Lord. John died of old age having taken care of Jesus' mother Mary and written the book of Revelation.

The disciples stepped out alone to spread the gospel – joined together in Christian love and their belief in the resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God. Alleluia!

Christ's Community Moravian Church  
Breakthrough Prayer

#### **Prelude to Prayer**

The Lord speaks to you: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."  
*Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)*

#### **Breakthrough Prayer**

God of perfect love, power and justice, we put our complete trust in You. Break through our limitations, our failures, and our fears to show us Your Way. We lift up Christ's Community Moravian Church. Open the doors to new vision and vitality for ministry and give us the courage to step through those doors. Use us to love others as you love them, to encourage them to follow Jesus, that we would be instruments of Your Kingdom. Break through our lives and into Your Church.

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

*Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)*



Daily at 1:25pm, members of the congregation are invited to recite the Breakthrough Prayer, wherever you are, with other CCC members and family. Why 1:25pm? It is 13:250 military time; 13250 is our church address, an easy time to remember and a breakthrough connection to our church family.

# NEWS FROM THE JOINT BOARD



## 2019 Congregational Watchword

“I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us.”

~Isaiah 63:7

## Our Mission

### Core Values

- Discipleship
- Come as you are!
- Family
- Community Outreach
- Children/Youth

### 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 (currently under revision)

Our purpose statements will be revised as part of our Phase 2 consulting sessions with Susan Nienaber.

If you or a member of your family is in need of Pastoral Care, please contact an Elder, Deb Hjermstad, Bob McIlveen, or Brad Carlson.

The Joint Board has extended the Parsonage rental agreement to month to month terms beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Renter’s Warehouse performed an annual physical inspection of the property.

The Trustees have installed a new water cooler to replace the water fountain.

The Elders are finalizing plans for a business networking group to meet regularly at CCC Tuesday mornings 7:00 am – 9:00 am in the Fellowship Room.

The Elders purchased new outdoor flags to draw attention to our church corner. We are looking for a volunteer to set up and take down the flags each Friday night and Sunday afternoon. They have also purchased a new insert to the monument with our worship time

On Easter Sunday, we had a visit from Dan Behrend, a former CCC lay intern. Dan has been delivering the message during Sunday worship at various WI area Moravian churches. The Elders have invited Dan to deliver our Sunday worship message on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Plan to attend to hear him speak and say “Hello” to an old friend.

General Fund/Operating Account				
Month	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
February	\$306.02	\$14,650.65	\$7,675.38	\$7,281.29
March	\$7,281.29	\$6,920.06	\$6,633.75	\$7,567.60
April	\$7,567.60	\$10,385.80	\$7,173.72	\$10,779.68
YTD	\$21.67	\$39,246.54	\$28,488.53	\$10,779.68

Current on all other monthly obligations except denominational quotas.

KidPack has adequate funding through May.

Joyful Noise Offerings will continue to go to the KidPack Fund.

Simpson Sandwiches program has enough funding for another year.

The Joyful Noise special offering for the KidPack Fund collected \$81.01 on April 14th. Thank you!

April 2019 Worship Attendance				
Date	Kids	Staff	Adult	Total
April 7	4	1	24	29
April 14	3	2	27	32
April 21	8	2	40	50
April 28	3	1	28	32

Fund Receipts				
	Balance 3/31/2019	April Receipts	April Expense	Balance 4/30/2019
KidPack Fund	\$254.44	\$81.01	-----	\$335.45
Mission Fund (Simpson Sandwiches)	\$1,504.81	-----	\$97.55	\$1,407.26
Parsonage Rental Fund	\$5,678.00	\$1,911.00	\$580.54	\$7,008.46

# INSIDE CCC

## Worship Information

May 5

9:30 am: Worship/Holy Communion/Choir/Sunday School  
 -message by Rev. Judy Ganz, "Where Do We See Jesus?"  
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak  
 10:45 am: Simpson Shelter sandwich making  
 10:45 am: Adult Education

May 12 **Mother's Day**

9:30 am: Worship/Sunday School  
 -message by Theresa Henry, "Acts of Grace"  
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak  
 10:45 am: Adult Education

May 19 **Moravian Music Sunday**

9:30 am: Worship/Choir/Joyful Noise Offering/Sunday School  
 -message by Elizabeth Johnson, CROSS Executive Director  
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak  
 10:45 am: KidPack packing  
 10:45 am: Adult Education

May 26

9:30 am: Worship  
 -message by Brad Carlson  
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak  
 10:45 am: Adult Education

June 2

9:30 am: Worship  
 -message by Theresa Henry, "The Significance of Pentecost"  
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak

June 9

9:30 am: Worship  
 -message by Dan Behrend  
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak  
 10:45 am: Simpson Shelter sandwich making

## Happy Birthday

4-Katie Newman  
 7-Colin O'Rourke  
 10-Samantha Ellingson  
 16-Lisa Holtmeier  
 18-Erik Omberg  
 23-Sherrill Sandell  
 30-Phil Erickson

## Happy Anniversary

12-Ross & Deb Hjermstad  
 18-Phil & Heather Erickson

## Connect with Us

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[www.ccc-mg.org](http://www.ccc-mg.org)



CCC's app  
 1. Download The Sharefaith App  
 2. Search for CCC Maple Grove MN



Facebook Page  
 Christ's Community Moravian Church

May Volunteer Schedule				
	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
AV Support	Pat J.	Karen O.	Pat J.	Brad C.
Usher/Greeter	Brenda E./Kay G.	Barb K./Linda T.	Ross H./Deb H.	Karen O./Kay G.
Snak & Yak	Deb H.	Bev J.	Brenda E.	Linda T.

The volunteer schedule is also posted on the bulletin board above the drinking fountain.

**Contact Kim as soon as possible if you need to reschedule.**

# OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

## CROSS

For the month of May, CROSS food shelf needs  
Stuffing/Diapers size 3 and up

You may place your donation items in the grocery cart  
near the fellowship room entrance.

Elizabeth Johnson, Executive Director of CROSS, will deliver the  
message on Sunday, May 19th. We will assemble the final KidPack  
packing for the school year.

On the 19<sup>th</sup>, we ask you to bring your CROSS donations (diapers,  
can goods, etc) to the service. We will have a time during the  
Offering to bring your items and place in the CROSS shopping cart.

Christians Reaching Out in Social Services  
serving the Maple Grove, Osseo, and Rogers areas



To Charlie Ganz for work on the water fountain (again!).

To Greg Jones for sheet rocking to repair the wall behind the new  
water cooler.

On Tuesday, May 7 and Thursday, May 9 from 10:00am-11:00am, Lori Schoenborn from Maple Grove Lutheran Church's Silver Sneaker  
exercise group will be holding classes at CCC. You are invited! Due to MGLC's garage sale those days, Lori asked if her classes could meet  
at CCC. She has invited members of our church to attend her classes free of charge. Below is a description of the group:

Stay Active and Independent for Life is a strength, balance and fitness program for adults 65 and older. Performing exercises that improve strength, balance and fitness is the single most important activity adults can do to stay active and reduce their chances of falling. The entire curriculum of activities in the Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) program can help improve strength and balance, if done regularly.



# YOUTH

## Sunday School for Kids!

Sunday School will be held during the church service, following  
the Children's Chat. The lessons will follow the scriptures from  
the sermon series.



KidsZone! is our Youth Fellowship program for kids  
grade K through grade 5 which typically meets 2  
Tuesdays a month from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

## May dates To Be Determined

CCC Youth found all the Easter Eggs hidden around the church after  
Easter breakfast. Each egg had a scripture verse attached to it.  
Thank you Barb Kalland for showing them to have fun while  
learning their Bible verses.



In January 2019 an invitation from the Office of Ecumenical Relations of the Presbyterian Church (USA) was sent to the Northern and Southern provinces asking that a Moravian representative be chosen to serve as an advisory, nonvoting member on the Board of Directors for the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA). It should be noted that the PMA has a much broader scope of ministry than does our Moravian Board of World Mission. The PMA advises and responds to the General Assembly (comparable to Synod) on priorities, program, and strategies for addressing matters of concern for their many ministry departments. The primary purpose of the PMA is to lead and coordinate the total mission program for their denomination. Bishop Chris Giesler, on the staff of the Moravian Board of World Mission, was chosen as the Moravian representative. Here is his report on this work.

“This invitation helps to fulfill one of the promises made in our Covenant Agreement with the PC(USA) that was adopted by their General Assembly in 2008 and by the Synods of both provinces in 2010. One of the bullet points of the Covenant Agreement states:

*We (Moravians and Presbyterians) covenant to work cooperatively—locally, regionally, and nationally—in mission. Such efforts may include sharing models of existing cooperation, as well as creating new opportunities for common witness and mission.*

“The PMA’s main objective over the next two years revolves around inviting congregations, presbyteries, and synods to be a “Matthew 25” church. In doing so, they seek to encourage their local congregations in their vitality, to collectively challenge the structures of racism and white superiority, and to lift God’s children out of the bonds of poverty. This is a daunting task, but after several years of struggle within the denomination, they seem ready to move forward with a new vision and the energy that surrounds it. You can find more information about the Matthew 25 initiative at [www.pcusa.org/matthew25](http://www.pcusa.org/matthew25) .

“At these three days of meetings I was particularly impressed by their honest and respectful conversations around the difficult issues of gender justice and poverty that were each given significant chunks of their valuable time in a very busy schedule. These discussions were held as informational and to help board members gain a deeper understanding of the issues and how they relate to the many program initiatives for which they are responsible.

“The Covenant Agreement with the PC(USA) calls our two denominations to the table of conversation, the table of fellowship, and the Eucharistic or Communion Table. I am pleased to say that I was a part of all of that during our three days of meetings.

“The question that comes to mind for me is, how can we be including our ecumenical partners on the boards of our agencies as well?”

*Lord Jesus, we pray for the unity of your church as together we seek to serve you. Help us to learn from one another, that we may more faithfully serve you. Amen.*

Hermann Weinlick  
Ecumenical Officer  
Moravian Church, Northern Province



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9:30 am: Worship/Holy Communion/Choir/Sunday School Message by Rev. Judy Ganz 10:30 am: Snak & Yak 10:45 am: Simpson Shelter sandwich making 10:45 am: Adult Education	6 9:30 am: Flourish Team Meeting	7 10:00 am: Exercise group	8 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal 1 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	9 10:00 am: Exercise group 2 10:00 am: Exercise group	10 11 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast at Lynde's Restaurant in Osseo	4
12 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:30 am: Worship/Sunday School Message by Theresa Henry, "Acts of Grace" 10:30 am: Snak & Yak 10:45 am: Adult Education	13	14	15 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	16 6:30 pm: Trustees Board Meeting 6:30 pm: Elders Board Meeting 7:30 pm: Joint Board Meeting	17	18
19 <b>Moravian Music Sunday</b> 9:30 am: Worship/Choir/Joyful Noise Offering/Sunday School Message by Elizabeth Johnson 10:30 am: Snak & Yak 10:45 am: KidPack packing 10:45 am: Adult Education	20	21	22 7:00 pm: Choir End-of-Season Party <b>36th Anniversary of CCC</b>	23	24 2:00 pm: CCC delivers KidPack to school	25
26 9:30 am: Worship Message by TBD 10:30 am: Snak & Yak 10:45 am: Adult Education	27 <b>Memorial Day</b> Church Office Closed	28	29	30	31	