



## August 2009

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:13*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I pray that this month's edition of the Grapevine finds you and your families doing well in the Lord! We have an exciting month of August to look forward to here at CCC. I am most excited about the wonderful opportunity we have to worship with our friends and neighbors from across the street at Maple Grove Lutheran Church on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

I am excited about worshipping with MGLC for a lot of reasons, but let me tell you a story to explain the main reason for my enthusiasm. When my husband, Paul, and I became engaged in 1999 we discovered we had a small problem. He was a staunch Lutheran, his father and grandfather were Lutheran pastors, and he had no intention of being anything other than Lutheran. I was a staunch Moravian, my mother and grandfather were Moravian pastors, and I had no intention of being anything but Moravian. You can see how we were at a bit of an impasse!

Well, just in the nick of time God intervened through the combined synods of the Lutheran and Moravian churches. In 2000, the two denominations agreed to be in "full communion" with one another, which means that pastors from either denomination can preside over sacraments in both Lutheran and Moravian congregations. It also means that both denominations recognize the similarity of purpose in their theologies and practice of the Christian faith. Both our families had a lot of fun sharing this news with us. Whew! At last Paul and I could get married without feeling like we had betrayed our heritage!

Now, I am being a little bit tongue-in-cheek, of course. But we really weren't sure how we would handle choosing a denomination and it was nice to have that affirmation of the similarity of our faith backgrounds, although you'll notice that Paul did end up Moravian! :-)

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## PASTORAL NEWS

### Pastor's Letter (continued )

The truth of the matter, though, is that we are all one in Jesus Christ whether we are Lutheran, Moravian, Baptist, or Methodist, whether or not our denominations have made "full communion" a formal part of the rules of order.

Indeed, God calls us to cross these barriers to embrace our oneness as part of his family, chosen, loved, and forgiven so we are free to worship and serve him with our whole selves. So worship with MGLC is indeed a good ecumenical effort to reach out to other Christians in our community. But it is also a theological statement, one that says we believe no one who follows Jesus Christ is a "foreigner or alien, but [that we are all] fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household." *Ephesians 2:19*

So come join us in the party on August 9<sup>th</sup>, celebrating our oneness in Christ as part of his wider family. We will share in communion together and enjoy music from both churches. Pastor Chiles will preach and I will preside over communion. And after worship, we will have one fabulous BBQ picnic with popcorn, snowcones, and inflatables! May we learn from each other during this time and grow in our faith and our love for the people of God. See you there!

With His joy,

Pastor Jenny



### Worship in August

#### **August 2:**

*Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15*

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

*John 6:24-35*

#### **August 9:** Communion & Outdoor Service

[This service begins at 10:00](#)

*I Kings 19:4-8*

*Ephesians 4:25-5:2*

*John 6:35, 41-51*

#### **August 16:**

*Proverbs 9:1-6*

*Ephesians 5:15-20*

*John 6:51-58*

#### **August 23:** Drama Team

*Joshua 24:1-2a*

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

*John 6:56-69*

#### **August 30:** Marv Koski to lead Worship

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

*James 1:17-27*

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

### PLEASE NOTE:

Pastor Jenny will be at a Clergy Retreat in Mt. Morris from August 18<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>, and will also be on vacation from August 23<sup>rd</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact one of the Elders with any needs or concerns.

### New Office Hours

Please note our new office hours!

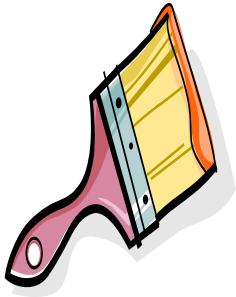
9:30 am to 1:30 pm Monday through  
Thursday

8:00 am to 12:00 pm Friday

Pastor Jenny is not in Tuesdays

## **PASTORAL NEWS** continued

### Refreshing the Church—Aug 1



Be on the lookout...we are making some much needed cosmetic changes to the church! The Elders will be here at 9:00 am on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> to begin painting. If anyone is interested in helping, please let us know!

### Habitat for Humanity—Aug 4

Our project with Habitat for Humanity is all set for Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>! The work day is from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Food and water will be provided, however, you may want to bring your own favorite snacks or drinks. Tools will be available for use, but please feel free to bring your own; just make sure your name is labeled somewhere on the tool(s). As of Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, they were sheet rocking. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Steuck. We hope to see you there!

### Rock the River Tour—Aug 16

When: August 16, 2009  
Time: 2:30 – 9:30 pm  
Price: \$10 at the gate  
Where: Harriet Island  
Harriet Island Regional Park  
St. Paul, MN 55107

- \*Children 10 and under are free
- \*Immediate family of 3 or more – Maximum of \$30
- \*Gates open at 1:00 pm
- \*Bring lawn chairs or blankets

\*Lineup includes Flyleaf, Kirk Franklin, Superchick, DecembeRadio, Flame, Canton Jones, Lecrae, Action Sports - WOW, & Action Sports - JSAW

### Ecumenical Worship MGLC—Aug 9

This is the first joint worship service MGLC and CCC have done and there are plans for more to come. Hope to see you all there!

When: **10 am**, Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>  
Where: CCC's front lawn

- Bulletins and offering envelopes for each church will be at a welcome table on the front walkway of the church. The children can pick up a Praise Instrument at the table, too
- In case of rain, we will worship at MGLC.
- There will be a special offering basket passed around to help cover the cost of the tents. The remainder will be donated to CROSS.
- Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on.
- We will have a limited number of chairs.
- Communion will be a Moravian service. The Elders and Pastor Jenny will serve the congregation.
- Pastor Christine Chiles will bring the message and MGLC's praise bands will play for the celebration.
- We will have inflatables, snowcone machines, and fresh popcorn in addition to the BBQ potluck.
- We will have tables set up inside to eat at or you can take your lunch outside and eat under the tents .

### Lynx Event—Aug 9

Bring your family and friends and join us for Faith and Family Night when the Minnesota Lynx take on the San Antonio Silver Stars. Enjoy great basketball, food, and music at Target Center! With a lower-level game ticket

- Postgame Christian concert featuring Elizabeth Hunnicutt
- Lynx Meal Deal featuring hot dog, chips, and pop. **Your cost: \$10.00** .



## **PASTORAL NEWS** continued

### [TeleCare—Aug 23](#)

Kristi Bergstrom will be holding a TeleCare training session for new TeleCare callers on Sunday, August 23rd at 10:45 am. It should last 45 minutes to an hour at the most.



### [Drama Team Update—Aug 23](#)

Mark your calendars!!!!!! August 23rd--- Another inspirational and entertaining play by the "CCC Drama Team"!!!!!! Please join us during the regular church service for our performance!!!

### [Prison Ministry—Aug 30](#)

Feeling a bit 'hemmed in' by your mission opportunities? Come join us at Prison Ministry to feel Him stir the winds of hope. Our next opportunity is August 30<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church at 7:15AM to car pool. I will have the signup sheet for volunteers posted next week. If you have never joined us, give it a try. You will be amazed at what you learn about yourself! Gayle Byrd.

### [Osseo Lions Roar Parade—Sept 12](#)

On Sept. 12, the Osseo Lions have planned their 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Roar Days Parade. Since the Maple Grove parade was such a big hit and so much fun, we decided to participate in this parade as well! More details to follow...

### [Autumn Festival Update—Sept 19](#)

Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Autumn Festival has been set for **Saturday, September 19th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm!** We have sent letters out to past and prospective vendors in hopes of attracting a wide variety of services and products, and hope you will pass the word on as well! There are plenty of opportunities to help out with the event, and also setup on **Friday, September 18th, at 5:00 pm.** Please check out the kiosk to sign-up. For any questions, please contact Donna Olson or Barb Kalland

### [Save the Date! —October 4](#)

Sunday, October 4, 2009 we will be having a Congregational Meeting with Rev. Betsy Miller beginning after church and lasting until 3:00 pm. We will have lunch and meet to move into the next stage of our process with her.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### [New Youth Group](#)

The Youth Group is up and running thanks to Jon & Felicia Enns! This group is for youth in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and will include time for worship, message, prayer, fellowship, and of course fun. If you would like any further details, please contact Jon and Felicia Enns.

### [Action Night](#)

On the first two Wednesday nights in August at 6:30 pm, we have our weekly Action Nights for children ! Please come and invite a friend or two for a great time! Hope to see you there!

### [Summer Camps](#)

**Mindy** Grades 2-5  
Aug. 2-6 at Camp Kingwood, Mound

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

## Blood Drive—Sept 19



**American RedCross**

Christ's Community Church is partnering with American Red Cross to hold a blood drive here at the church! The blood drive will run in conjunction with the Autumn Festival dated September 19<sup>th</sup>, although the blood drive hours will be 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Our goal for the blood drive is 25 pints. In order to meet this goal, we will need to book 35 to 40 blood draw appointments.

Although this may seem like a lot of appointments, please remember the Red Cross is a "humanitarian organization that is dedicated to helping people in need throughout the United States and in association with other Red Cross societies throughout the world. Services include, but are not limited to, sup-

porting a volunteer blood donation program, offering first aid and CPR courses, providing emergency related services to members of the armed forces and providing disaster relief services" (<http://www.givebloodgivelife.org>).

If you would like to donate, or know of anyone else who would be willing to donate, please contact the church office for further details. We thank you for your support!

## Simpson Shelter

In August, CCC will be responsible for two birthday bags for September birthdays. See Janet Ohrt if you would like to contribute (cake mixes, tubs of frosting, disposable cake pans, etc.). Your generosity is much appreciated and make this ministry a success especially for two youth each month!

## CCC August Volunteers

	August 2nd	August 9th	August 16th	August 23rd	August 30th
Welcome & Announcements	D. Olson	G. Byrd	D. Beumer	M. Carlson	B. Steuck
Audio / Visual:	J. Holtmeier	S. Ellingson	Jones	R. Hjermstad	J. Enns
Scriptures:	P. Moran	D. Beumer	M. Carlson	D. Olson	B. Kalland
Ushers:	S. Sandell & K. Giles	Reicks	G. Byrd	Enns	Ohrts
Greeters:	Mortensen	Ohrts	Lande	R. Hjermstad	Jones
Nursery:	K. Kothrade	F. Enns	D. Olson	S. Weizenegger	F. Enns
Children's Church:	B. Kalland	Communion	C. Steuck	B. Ellingson	K. Heupel
Snak & Yak Host:	Steucks	Jarvis	B. Ellingson	D. Olson	C. Holtmeier
Treats:	Mortenson	K. Heupel	M. Carlson	Landes	Picketts
Prayers of the Church:	G. Byrd	Communion	G. Byrd	K. O'Rourke	B. Pickett
Children's Chat:	V. Caple	K. Heupel	C. Steuck	T. Bergstrom	D. Olson

\*Aug 9<sup>th</sup> Communion Volunteers: Maureen Carlson, Janet Ohrt, and all Elders who are present!

## **C.R.O.S.S.**

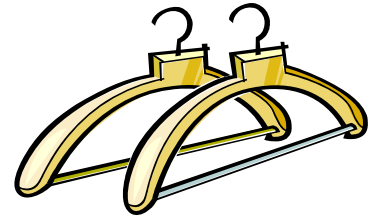
*“Christians Reaching Out in Social Service”*

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes  
and you clothed me. I tell you the truth, whatever  
you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine,  
you did for me. Matthew. 25:35-36*

CCC Church Representative on CROSS – Marian Mortenson

### **SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT CROSS**

**Help Sorting Clothing Items** – Summer garage sales, etc., bring in more clothes in the summer. If you would like to volunteer to help sort clothing, please call CROSS and ask for “Kristi” for times needed vs. when you are available.



**Food Donations** – More help is needed in the summer because kids are home from school. Grocery items needed in particular include: large cans of juice; Spaghetti’o or Ravioli; medium-size jars of peanut butter, honey, jam or jelly; cans of Spam, Chicken or Corned Beef; macaroni & cheese, boxes or bags of cereal; oatmeal; walnuts or almonds; popcorn; plus diabetic foods.

**Empty Plastic Bottles Still Needed** – Empty medium-size **CLEANING** containers are in ongoing need. Large containers are distributed via used empty containers to ensure clients receive portions of laundry detergent.



**CROSS Community Players** –

Please check the CROSS kiosk for information about their summer production.

**THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF CROSS  
FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### General Fund / Operating Account

Giving	Req. Bal.	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
March	\$ 417.75	\$ 13,311.80	\$ 13,879.63	\$ (150.08)
April	\$ (150.08)	11,446.73	10,901.89	394.76
May	\$ 394.76	9,284.73	11,218.81	(1,539.32)
June	\$ (1,539.32)	14,278.90	14,771.03	(2,031.45)
YTD	\$ 3,671.15	\$ 67,695.13	\$ 73,397.83	\$ (2,031.55)

Note: There was a \$10 typo in March that carried through. The numbers affected are highlighted in red .

At the end of June we had additional unpaid obligations in the amount of \$13,170.11.

If you are interested in electronic giving, please contact Susan Lande.

### AUGUST

### CELEBRATIONS

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 9	Sonja Ellingson
August 11	Ted Lande
August 13	Casey O'Rourke
August 15	Alan Cragoe
August 18	Chris Weizenegger
August 19	Barbara Abeln
August 19	Liz Rosca

August 24	Susan Lande
August 28	John Olson
August 30	Valerie Caple

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

August 6:	Ted & Susan Lande
August 12:	Paul & Jenny Moran

### To Contact the Pastor

**Pastor Jenny Moran**  
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 Maple Grove MN 55369

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[pastorjenny@ccc-mg.org](mailto:pastorjenny@ccc-mg.org)  
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[office@ccc-mg.org](mailto:office@ccc-mg.org)



**Pastor Jenny's Office Hours:** 9:30 am to 1:30 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Friday

## DISTRICT NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE!

Teacher Education Committee is announcing the next fall 2009 retreat! Come and join us for great fellowship and Christian leadership! Watch for registration in the next TEN newsletter!

**Date: November 13-15, 2009**

**Place: Mt Morris Camps and Conference Center**

Theme: "On the Money" Talking Dollars and Sense to Kids and their Parents

Speakers: Director of Stewardship, Gary Marsh and Committee members

Entertainment: John and Nancy Gilliland

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Brother John Wallace has accepted the call to serve as the pastoral leader of Dover First Moravian Church, in Dover, Ohio. Please hold John and Cheryl in your prayers as they enter into this time of transition. John anticipates beginning his new work in October.

Please hold the Waconia Moravian Church in your prayers as they give thanks for John's leadership and anticipate entering the call process.

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Sister Christie Melby-Gibbons has accepted the call to serve as the pastoral leader with the Downey Moravian congregation. Her work will include attention to the cultivation of an "Intentional Missional Community." Christie anticipates ordination and beginning her work in early September.

## OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Date:** Thursday August 13th

**Time:** 5:00 – 8:00 pm

**Place:** Lake Auburn Church  
7440 Victoria Drive

### Food Available for Purchase:

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs with chips, Pie and Ice Cream,  
and Ice Cream Sundaes

### Proceeds to benefit:

Love INC of eastern Carver County & Adopt-A-Village for  
AIDS orphans in Tanzania, Africa

\*Special Music Performance from 5:30 to 6:30 by **Noggin Hollow Boys!!**



## **DISTRICT NEWS—continued**



### **Reach, Teach, & Preach A Spirit Lead Experience**

Keynote speakers Mark Ebert and Lisa Mixon, lead by the Holy Spirit, will guide us through a REACH, TEACH and PREACH weekend on missions. Mark and Lisa will teach, train and challenge our hearts and minds to help us determine who we truly are in Christ. Ultimately to answer, “Are we there or do we have some work to do?”

#### **REACH**

Lakeview Moravian Church, 3565 Tulane Ave., Madison, WI 53714  
Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Refreshments and snacks provided.

#### **TEACH**

Christian Faith Moravian Church, 805 E. Holum St., DeForest WI 53532  
Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Light breakfast and lunch provided.

#### **PREACH & SWMM LOVEFEAST**

Glenwood Moravian Church, 725 Gilmore St., Madison, WI 53711  
Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Keynote Address – Mark Ebert  
Lovefeast  
Light Brunch

Mark your calendar. Take the opportunity to attend one or all of the weekend events. No registration required.

Questions? Call Edward Dehnert @ 920.261.5114 or email:

[edandbarb6653@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edandbarb6653@sbcglobal.net)

This event is sponsored by the Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Mission (SWMM) and the Moravian Western District Christian Education Committee (MWCEC)

## **Time & Talent Offering**



Recently we emailed the congregation a **2010 Time and Talent Offering**. We have revised a past Time and Talent Offering in an effort to find out where you feel God has gifted you for ministry.

God calls us all to serve him in different ways by giving us these different talents. We won't always know what those talents of yours are unless we give you an opportunity to tell us! So this Time and Talent Offering is a way for us to match ministry opportunities in the church with your particular God-given gifts; in other words, a way to help "equip the saints for leadership."

Please note, too, that circling one of the items does not mean that you are expected to say "yes" if we ask you to serve with in that capacity. If you have misplaced the form, please contact the church office to make other arrangements.

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