



 **July 2009** 

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings! I hope you and your families are enjoying these wonderful summer days with the opportunities they offer to enjoy God’s creation. My family and I have certainly been enjoying them very much.

The other day my husband, Paul, and the kids and I were all in the car on a fun family outing. We were talking and Emily said something particularly cute. I turned to her and said in that “talking-to-a-toddler-who-is-just-too-cute” voice, “Emily, you are such a sweet girl. I love you so much. Who does Mommy love?” Emily immediately grinned at me and proclaimed, “Jesus!” Well, I was so surprised I was speechless for a moment (and that’s not a common occurrence!). Here I was, trying to cement in Emily’s mind that I loved her. But she answered in a much more profound way that I had anticipated.

Isn’t that the answer every Christian strives to achieve? God calls us to live our lives so that others know that we love and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Indeed, our mission is to tell others about His love. What better way to do it than through our own words and actions?

But as I thought about Emily saying that her mommy loves Jesus, I began to feel very humble. How in the world had she seen that in me? I am not even close to perfect. I lose my patience with my children. I can be critical and even sometimes irritable. Frankly, this list could go on for a long time!

But Emily is right. I *do* love Jesus, even if sometimes I think I’m doing a poor job of showing it. Emily’s words reminded me that when we love Jesus he is always in our hearts and our minds even when we aren’t acting like it. The love we share with him is still evident to others because even in our weakness and imperfection Jesus’ perfect love shines forth.

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PASTORAL NEWS

Pastor's Letter (continued)

I was so grateful for Emily's gift to me, the gift of reminding me that I love Jesus and Jesus loves me even when I sometimes feel like I am not showing that love perfectly. So I would like to share that same gift with you. When people ask me how things are going at the church I can say with honesty that this congregation loves Jesus so it is going wonderfully. I see Jesus in each of you.

None of us is perfect, but our imperfection doesn't hide Jesus in our lives. I'd like to share a few lines from John Milton's *Paradise Lost* with you in closing because they address so beautifully the way Jesus' love in our lives illumines even our darkest parts. Milton writes:

*What in me is dark
Illumine, what is love raise and support;
That to the height of this great argument
I may assert eternal Providence,
And justify the ways of God to men.*

When we love Jesus he brightens our darkness, he lifts us up out of our imperfections so that his love is evident in our lives. As we move into another summer month of fellowship and resting, prayer and discernment, may we do so knowing that Jesus is present in each of us, loving us and taking great joy in the love we have for him.

In Christ,

Pastor Jenny

Worship in July

July 5: John Hus Festival – Communion

Ezekiel 2:1-5

II Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

July 12: Bill Andrews to preach

Amos 7:7-15

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

July 19: Confirmation

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26:

II Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

PLEASE NOTE:

Pastor Jenny will be on vacation June 26th through July 2. For pastoral care, please contact an Elder.

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

Office will be closed July 3rd for the holiday.

Work with Betsy Miller

Our work with Betsy Miller will be updated in the August newsletter. We are taking the time to be with God, listening to His voice and His will for our congregation and its mission.



PASTORAL NEWS continued

Pierre Bottineau Parade — July 9

Do you enjoy parades! We do! Come help us walk in the parade and pass out pencils!

Date: Thursday, July 9, 2009

Start Time: 6:30

Line-up Time: 5-6:15 p.m.

Check in: Monticello Lane and 89th.

CCC Unit: #78 (should be very close to the end)

If you are interested in walking, please meet us in the start area by 6:15. The parade starts at 89th and 91st Ave, and proceeds down 89th Ave just past Elm Creek Blvd, ending at Rice Lake School. Refreshments will be served at Rice Lake School for the parade participants. Please contact Donna Olson for more details.

Open House—July 11

Please join Bob and Carol Steuck on Saturday July 11th, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, as they welcome in Bill and Gayle Andrews who will be in town visiting! We hope you will be able to join us on Sunday, July 12th to hear Bill preach.

Confirmation—July 19

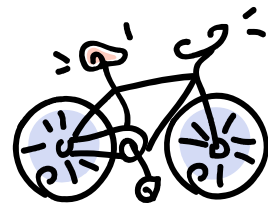
Please help us celebrate the confirmations of Mitchell Abeln, Kevyn Anderson, Skylar Ellingson, and Connor Swanson at the 9:30 service on Sunday, **July 19th**!

Family Day—July 19

Meet at the church at 3:00 for the movie “Fireproof” and popcorn! Fireproof is an action-packed love story sure to leave you “laughing, crying, and on the edge of [your] seats as [you] are drawn into the world of a firefighter, his wife....and a marriage worth rescuing” (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5lSu6GkC2k>).

Bike Trip July 25

Please join us July 25th for a bike trip on the beautiful Cannon Valley Trail. This 19.7 mile long trail parallels the Cannon River, offering glimpses of the valley from Cannon Falls to Red Wing. We will be meeting at the church at 8:00 am.



Lynx Event

Sunday, August 9th

Bring your family and friends and join us for Faith and Family Night with the Minnesota Lynx! Come cheer for the Minnesota Lynx as they take on the San Antonio Silver Stars. Enjoy great basketball, food, and music at Target Center!

- Lower-level game ticket
- Postgame Christian concert featuring Elizabeth Hunnicutt
- Lynx Meal Deal featuring hot dog, chips, and pop

Your cost: \$10.00 ! Contact the church office to order tickets by July 31st.

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!!!



PASTORAL NEWS continued



Autumn Festival Update

Our 5th annual Autumn Festival has been set for **Saturday, September 19th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm!** We are sending letters out to past and prospective vendors in hopes of attracting a wide variety of services and products, which in turn will provide an even greater opportunity for Christian fellowship among our neighbors throughout the community! There are plenty of opportunities to help out with the event, and also with 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.

Church Directory

We have a new church directory! It is in the church office and we'd like to ask all of you to stop in and pick up your copy. Please check out the new Christ's Community Church brochure.

Flower Ministry

Flower Ministry is up and running again! Please help us glorify God's altar with the beauty of flowers. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Please see Bev Jarvis with any questions.

E-Mail Changes

Butch & Bev Jarvis: auntieandpops@q.com

John Olson: jo851@msn.com

YOUTH NEWS

New Youth Group

We are incredibly excited to start a new ministry at Christ's Community Church. We both love working with pre-teens and teens and have experience teaching, counseling, and leading small groups.

We would like to take a minute and introduce a new ministry that will be starting in July. We will be starting a youth group for 4th through 8th graders. We will have a time of worship, message, prayer, fellowship, and of course fun

There are a variety of activities and events that we have planned as well as we enter the mission field. We are both super excited to see where God leads this ministry and to meet new faces. There will be more details to come.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Jon and Felicia Enns

Action Night

On Wednesday nights in July at 6:30 pm, we have our weekly Action Nights for children! Please come and invite a friend or two for a great time! (Please note that we will not meet on July 1st) Hope to see you there!

Summer Camps

Jr. Camp Grades 3-5
June 29 –July 3 at Mt. Morris
Chetek Sr. High Grades 9-age 21
July 19-25 at Mr. Morris
Winmor Jr. High Grades 6-8
July 26-August 1 at Mt. Morris
Plus 50 Ages 50 plus
July 9-12 at Mt. Morris
Mindy Grades 2-5
Aug. 2-6 at Camp Kingwood, Mound
Brass at Mt. Morris open to all ages
August 13-16 at Mt. Morris

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!**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Simpson Shelter

For August, the Simpson Shelter has asked CCC to provide 3 backpacks for their kids. They are looking for backpacks that are of the \$20.00 value (as they have found backpacks that cost less don't hold together for the whole school year).



If you would like to contribute a back pack, see Janet Ohrt. Or, if you would like to contribute money so that backpacks can be purchased, please mark your offering for "Simpson Shelter Back Packs."

Thank you for your support of this ministry!
Janet Ohrt

Habitat for Humanity

"Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people everywhere, from all walks of life, to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses so that there are decent houses in decent communities in which every person can experience God's love and can live and grow into all that God intends" (Mission Statement, www.habitat.org). Christ's Community Church has the opportunity to serve this year by working on a building project in Ramsey, MN. The project begins July 27th and runs through August 14th. Our scheduled work day is Tuesday, August 4th. Please sign up at the kiosk if you are interested in helping out. We hope to see you there!

CCC July Volunteers

	July 5th	July 12th	July 19th	July 26th
Welcome & Announcements	Gayle Byrd	Dale Beumer	Maureen Carlson	Bob Steuck
Audio / Visual:	Pat Jones	Mitchell Abeln	Ted Bergstrom	Brad Carlson
Scriptures:	Bruce Kalland	Janet Ohrt	Gayle Byrd	Greg Jones
Ushers:	Kristi Bergstrom & Kay Giles	Swansons	K. Swanson and B. Ellingson	Ross & Debra Hjermstad
Greeters:	Dale & Janet Beumer	Meredith Sawyer	Paul Moran	Cathy Holtmeier
Nursery:	Karene Heupel	Sarah Weizenegger	Felicia Enns	Steve Ellingson
Children's Church:	Communion	Brenda Ellingson	Karene Heupel	Barbara Pickett
Snak & Yak Host:	Brenda Ellingson	Michael & Barbara Abeln	Kris Kothrade	Val Caple
Treats:	Kristi Bergstrom	Sherrill Sandell	Brenda Ellingson	Cathy Holtmeier
Prayers of the Church:		Carol Steuck	Val Caple	Donna Olson
Children's Chat:	Carol Steuck	Ted Bergstrom	Donna Olson	Barbara Pickett

*July 5th Communion Volunteers: Bob Steuck & Bruce Kalland

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund / Operating Account

Giving	Beg. Bal.	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
January	\$ 3,671.15	\$ 8,403.05	\$ 13,017.83	\$ (943.63)
February	\$ (943.63)	10,969.92	9,608.54	417.75
March	\$ 417.75	13,311.80	13,869.63	(140.08)
April	\$ (140.08)	11,446.73	10,901.89	404.76
May	\$ 404.76	9,284.73	11,218.81	(1,529.32)
YTD	\$ 3,671.15	\$ 53,416.23	\$ 58,616.70	\$ (1,529.32)

At the end of May, we had unpaid obligations in the amount of \$13,963.76.

As of 6/8/09, we were 3 months behind with our obligations to the denomination for unpaid insurance, pension and quotas in the amount of \$11,182.17. If you are interested in electronic giving, please contact Susan Lande.

JULY

CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 2: Matthew Ohrt
July 3: Bob McIlveen
July 4: Ted Bergstrom
July 10: Bob Steuck
July 12: Paul & Mark Heupel
July 14: Joyce Rieck
July 16: Connor Swanson
July 17: Sarah Weizenegger

July 21: Donna Olson
July 22: Don Kolstad
July 27: Michael Swanson
July 29: Cyndy Brinkman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 11: Bruce & Barb Kalland
July 24: Ted & Kristi Bergstrom
July 30: Chris & Sarah Weizenegger

To Contact the Pastor

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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

Passing this along from Bishop C. Hopeton Clennon:
Subj: Moravian Seminary on YouTube

Friends:

The new recruitment DVD for Moravian Theological Seminary is now posted on www.YouTube.com at the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOLPLNCM4PI>

Thank you for your prayerful support as Moravians in North American contemplate serving Christ through the ordained ministry of the Church.

Grace and Peace,
Hoepeton Clennon
Chaplain, Moravian College and Theological Seminary
610-861-1411

Both Shepherd of the Prairie in Fargo, ND and Unionville Moravian in Michigan will welcome new pastors (Eric Renner - Shepherd, Trina Holmberg - Unionville) at the end of June. Please pray for these new relationships as they unfold, asking that each of us may follow where and how the Holy Spirit is drawing us into a deeper relationship with Christ "and mission service among the peoples of the world" (Ground of the Unity, par. #8).

SUMMER SOFTBALL

Schedule

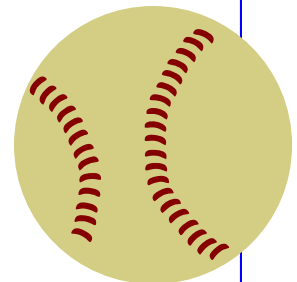
Summer Co-ed Church Softball is underway. The summer schedule is as follows:

Sunday:

July 12:	Osseo United Methodist, Field #2, 6:00 pm
July 19:	MG Christian Center Fireballs, Field #2, 7:05 pm
July 26:	The Master Batters, Field #1, 6:00 pm

Games are played at Maple Grove Junior High, 7000 Hemlock Lane N
There are no games July 5th.

FANS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!



Zoar Moravian Church

Wednesday evenings will be special this year at the Zoar Moravian Church in Chaska, and we hope you can make it to a service or two! Pastor Jenny will be preaching on July 22nd, and we'll have watermelon and other summer treats following the service.

The Zoar Moravian Church was built in the Laketown Township in 1863. Although the congregation disbanded in the 1940's, most of the members joined the Waconia Moravian Church which takes care of the Zoar Moravian Church and Cemetery. They use Zoar for special services such as the summer service's and Easter sunrise service. In 1980, The Zoar Moravian Church and Cemetery were listed on the National Register of Historic Places (www.waconiamoravian.com).



Zoar Summer Service Schedule: Wednesday at 7:00 pm:

July 1 – Mike Eder

July 8 – Tracie Garrison

July 15 – Frank Jones

July 22 – Jenny Moran

July 29 – Dave Sobek

August 5 – John Wallace

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Change Service Requested

