



June 2009

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Acts 2:42

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Our family has been enjoying the spring weather that has finally come to Minnesota and I hope you have been, too. Sometimes I find it is easy for me, though, to continue on in my busy life, head down, and miss the wonder of God’s creation all around us. I bet this sounds familiar to you!



Well, predictably, our son Evan was the one who reminded me to pay attention to the world God has created, to the beauty of spring, the beauty of trees budding, flowers blooming, and the gorgeous blue skies. We were driving home from running some errands and as we drove down Elm Creek Boulevard Evan suddenly said from the backseat, “Jesus must be a pretty good color-er, isn’t he?”

I was focusing on all the things I still needed to do that day and said rather absent-mindedly, “Oh, you mean because of the pretty blue sky?” And Evan said, “Not just the sky but all the pink trees and purple flowers and yellow flowers and green grass. Jesus picks beautiful colors!”

What a wonderful reminder Evan gave me to look deeper at the world God has created, to urge me to go from noticing one beautiful thing to noticing many beautiful things God has done!

And this reminder is important for all of us, especially since our congregation has been on a busy track lately. As we’ve worked with Betsy Miller to discern God’s mission for this church, we’ve had to learn a lot and do a lot in a short period of time. We’ve been noticing the blue sky, so to speak, and now it is time to step back and let that beauty sink in so we can notice all the other colors God has made, too.

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PASTORAL NEWS

Pastor's Letter (continued)

So as a congregation I think it is important that we take the opportunity to rest in the Lord, to listen to his voice, to share in fellowship with each other, to notice God's creation and give him thanks. You'll notice that there are more fellowship events planned this summer than usual, including game nights, bike trips, church softball games, and church camp opportunities. This is an intentional effort to give us the time to pray and rest in the Lord while at the same time building up our relationships so that we are firm in our identity as the united body of Christ, ready and willing to do God's mission in the world.

During these slower summer months I'd like to ask each of you to pray specifically for our congregation, asking God to show you what mission he has for us to fulfill. How does God want us to reach people? How are we to make his beauty and love noticeable to others?

At the end of the summer the whole congregation will meet with Betsy Miller again to move forward in the next step in the process of discerning and doing God's mission. That will be the time to begin to work again, a time to put into action the mission he has given us in our time of prayer and fellowship.

So in the next few months, join us for a game night, or a Comforter Ministry Bible Study, or for an Action Night gathering. Play with the children of the church, pray for the many Moravian camps that are happening this summer, come to a Men's Breakfast, and worship with us with joy in the Lord. Continue to join in the fellowship of the church just as the earliest church members did in the book of Acts. These earliest church members "devoted themselves to fellowship...and prayer," among other things, and the Spirit of the Lord filled the early church.

May we, too, take joy in fellowship and prayer, listening to God's will for our congregation, and enjoying the fellowship we find with one another. There will be a time again to work hard, a time to sew and a time to reap. But for now, let us take the opportunity God gives us to rest and to grow so that we can see all the beautiful colors of God's world.

**In Christ,
Pastor Jenny**

Worship in June

June 7: Communion

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

June 14: Outdoor Service and Picnic

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 21: Father's Day

Job 38:1-11

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

June 28: Pastor Jenny gone, Rev. Betsy Miller to speak

Lamentations 3:23-33

Psalms 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

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

Also, the church office will be closed Friday afternoons beginning Memorial Day and running through Labor Day.

Girl Scout Appreciation June 7

Please join us Sunday, June 7, for some yummy cookies!! The Girl Scouts want to show us their appreciation for allowing them use of our building by serving cookies after the service!

Board Meeting June 8 and 22

Our next Board Meeting is Monday, June 8th at 7:00 pm, and there will be a special meeting on June 22nd with Rev. Gary Marsh to learn more about Stewardship, time to be determined.

Outdoor Worship June 14

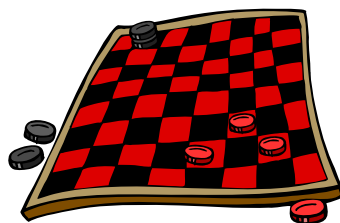
Sunday, June 14th we will be enjoying our worship outdoors since it's Outdoor Ministries Sunday in the Moravian Church. After the service, John Olson will be grilling for a picnic. Please bring a dish to share and CC will provide the meat. We will also make sandwiches to assist Simpson Shelter.

Action Night June 17

Wednesday, June 17th, we will be resuming our weekly Action Nights! Please come and invite a friend or two for a great time! As something new, once a month we will be planning an exciting field trip away from the church. Hope to see you there!

Game Night June 19

Friday, June 19th is game night at Pastor Jenny's. Whether you want to play cards, or a particular favorite board game, bring it on over for a night of fun. Please let Jenny know if you plan to attend!



Father's Day June 21

June 21st is Father's Day this year, traditionally the 3rd Sunday in June. This is a day to celebrate our fathers, the memories of our fathers, or any man who has acted as a father figure in our lives such as a Stepfather, Uncle, Grandfather, or Brother.



Baptismal Celebration June 21

One June 21st at our 9:30 service we will be celebrating the baptism of Trinity Turner, daughter of Nicole Beck and Shawn Turner, friends of the congregation.

Protecting the Children June 28

For those of you who missed the training in May and still want to work with children in any capacity, we are offering another "Protecting the Children" class June 28th after the service.

Bike Trip July 25



We have set up a tentative date of July 25th for our bike trip in Cannon Falls. Running along the Cannon River, the Trail offers glimpses and panoramas of the valley.

PASTORAL NEWS continued

In Loving Memory of Carol McIlveen

We extend our sincerest sympathies to the family of Carol McIlveen who went home to be with her Lord on May 13th. We will miss her deeply here at Christ's Community Church and remember with gratitude to God her graciousness and the faith she professed with confidence.



Prayer Team Update

Karen O'Rourke is heading up the Prayer Network, with Pastor Jenny sending on the prayer requests. If you have a prayer you don't want to mention publicly, please send it directly to Pastor Jenny who will send it on for private prayer.

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.

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.

Notes of Thanks

Dear Comfort Makers,
I want to thank you all so much for all your prayers and for the wonderful prayer blanket. I love the fabric and the colors and appreciate all the work and time that went into it. Also, a big thank you to Cathy for the beautiful card. My surgery and recovery went very well.

Thanks again,
Marge Blanford.

Dear Christ's Community Church Family,
Thank you so much for the recent goodie bag you sent to me. I loved everything in it...the warm socks, chocolate covered peanuts, and stamps. You made my day. Thank you too for all your continued prayer support. My many thanks for all you've done for me.

With love,
Liz Rosca

Moravian Music Festival 2009

the beat goes on!

Belmont Abbey College
Belmont, North Carolina

July 19-25, 2009

Dr. John V. Sinclair
Continuing Conductor

Dr. Nola Reed Knouse
Music Director

Jeff Whitsett
Festival Band Director

www.moravianmusicfestival.org

Please see Pastor Jenny with any questions.

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 Birthday Bags

To date, CCC has provided 8 birthday bags (birthday party & gift in a bag) for 8 children that wouldn't get a party or a present otherwise. We have received a heartfelt note from the Simpson Shelter staff thanking us for our thoughtfulness and support for this ministry.

The Women's Fellowship is sponsoring this ministry and the Wednesday Night Action kids have decorated the bags. Christ's Community Church is responsible for 2 bags per month (2 children are blessed each month by our generosity). We need your support to make these bags special for these kids that find themselves homeless and at the Simpson Shelter on their birthday.

Needed:

- **Birthday cards for kids (and also used birthday cards that the youth could cut off the front picture and glue onto a bag to decorate it).**
- **Stickers (to decorate the bags)**
- **Tissue paper**
- **Wrapping paper**
- **Birthday cake candles**
- **Cake mixes**
- **Containers of frosting**
- **Disposable pans (for baking the cake in)**
- **Small paper plates (for serving cake on)**
- **Party napkins**
- **Bows/ribbon**
- **Party favors**

PLEASE . . . NO candy!

We will be providing \$15 - 20 gift cards from Target for the teens and a present worth approximately \$20.00 for the little ones. If you have a new toy or item that you would like to donate for a child's gift, see Janet Ohrt.

There is a clear plastic box in the activity room (labeled Simpson Shelter Birthday Bags) for collecting the needed items for this ministry (near the CROSS grocery cart).

Let's show our love to these kids by reaching out to them with this ministry and make their birthday special!

Thank you for your help. Any questions, see Janet Ohrt.

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

That's what CCC will be doing on June 13, 2009. Some of us will be volunteering at the KTIS Joyful Noise Family Fest. What a great opportunity to "mingle" with other Christians, to hear great music, have family fun, food, ministry, plus praising the Lord!!!! What better way to spend a Saturday!!!!

We will be at the National Sports Center in Blaine on Saturday, June 13 from at least 1 until 5 p.m, working at the family activities area. The event runs from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 11:00 p.m. Come on out and join the fun!!!! Any questions may be directed to Donna Olson.

Drama Team

The CCC Drama Team is starting up again!!!! We are in the process of gathering our actors now!!!! ---

Academy Award Winners, I am sure!!! . So far we have as the chairs: Chris W. and Donna O., along with Gayle B., Ross H., Val C., and hopefully a few others.

We are really looking forward to presenting God's word with fun and flair!!!! If you have any questions, or are interested in joining our fun team, contact either Chris W. or Donna O.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE -continued

CCC Community Garden

If Michelle Obama can do it, we can too! Yup, we've tilled the ground and are preparing the soil for a garden right here at CCC. Terri Bischoff and Linda Vetter are heading up the efforts and will be looking for volunteers to help water, weed and eventually harvest our goods. But first, we need something to plant. Do you have any left-over seeds or vegetable plants that you don't plan to use? We will use them! Or, if you see a good sale on plants or seeds and want to make a donation to the community garden, we'll take that too.

We planted the garden on the weekend of **May 30th** - so as vegetable planting season is upon us, please think of the church garden at CCC. You can leave any of your donations in the church office.

Terri first had the idea for a garden when she spied some tomato cages at the church. After attending the Women's Fellowship meeting, that seed of an idea really started to grow. We can use the produce to make salsa, pickles, etc to sell at the Fall Festival, and also donate to CROSS who accepts fresh produce. And of course, when the produce is flowing, it's available for everyone to take home what they'd like.

Stay tuned for a sign-up sheet to help water and weed. And, look forward to this late Summer/Fall when our labors will pay off with fresh vegetables!



Patio Clean Up



Many thanks to everyone who helped with Spring Cleaning at the church. It looks wonderful!

We have one area still left to work on, however...the back patio. We mostly need to do some weeding and general clean-up so it shouldn't take long. We will be meeting before the Board meeting on **June 8th from 5:30-7pm**. If you can join us that would be great!



Autumn Festival

The Autumn Festival is coming soon, so please save the date: **Saturday, September 19, 2009 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. **Mark your calendar!!**

Set up is Friday night, September 18 at 5:00 pm. For any questions, please contact: Donna Olson or Barb Kalland
Watch for details to come.....

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund / Operating Account

| Giving | Req. 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 |
| YTD | \$ 3,671.15 | \$ 44,131.50 | \$ 47,397.89 | \$ 404.76 |

Due to low receipts, we have approximately \$8,900 due the denomination for unpaid insurance, pension and quotas at the end of April. If you are interested in electronic giving, please contact Susan Lande.



JUNE

CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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|------------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------|
| Noah Vetter | June 1 | Jim & Laura Johnson | June 10 |
| Bev Jarvis | June 5 | Marvin & Irene Koski | June 11 |
| Barbara Feller-Pickett | June 6 | Gary & Cyndy Brinkman | June 15 |
| Pastor Jenny Moran | June 6 | Wally & Marian Mortenson | June 15 |
| Marian Mortenson | June 16 | Dale & Janet Beumer | June 17 |
| | | Don & Jean Kolstad | June 24, |
| | | 1972 (36 years) | |

To Contact the Pastor

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Pastor Jenny's Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 9:00 am—2:00 pm
 Afternoons at the church or in the community as needed

DISTRICT NEWS

* Moravian Theological Seminary graduate, Trina Holmberg, will be ordained a Deacon of the church on Saturday, June 13th in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Trina will be installed as the pastoral leader at Unionville Moravian Church on July 12th.

* Moravian Theological Seminary graduate, Eric Renner, will be ordained a Deacon of the church on Sunday, June 21st in Ohio. Eric will be installed as the pastoral leader at Shepherd of the Prairie in Fargo, North Dakota on July 5th.

* As the body of Christ we have the privilege to pray for our brothers and sisters serving Him around the world. We'd like to ask for your prayers for Brother Elijah and Sister Meena from Leh, India. In the summer of 2007, Elijah and Meena came to the United States to share the ministry God has given them to do in India. They visited a number of Moravian churches, including Wisconsin Rapids Moravian Church, Sister Bay Moravian Church, Ephraim Moravian Church, Chetek at Mt Morris, Dover Moravian Church, and College Hill Moravian Church. Many people were touched by their presence and stories about their multi-faceted ministry (a Moravian school, a coffee house, church and community service) at the base of the Himalayan Mountains.

At this time they are in need of prayer. Their youngest son, Isaac, has completed one year of college in the US. He is now back in India and, at this time, uncertain whether he will be able to complete his education.

Elijah is nearing retirement and slowly delegating his responsibilities. This process has been difficult. The responsibilities are being dropped instead of responsibly carried through. Elijah's health has become a concern as well.

There are many things to pray for: educational opportunities for Isaac, the vibrant Moravian ministry in Leh, and Elijah's health and well-being. Please include these concerns in your prayers. Thank you for your faithfulness!

SUMMER CAMPS

Church camps are beginning in June. If you are interested in going but still haven't sent in the registration forms, please pick them up in the office and send them in as soon as possible. The camp dates are:

4M (Grades 1-2), June 15-17 at Mr. Morris
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
Plus 50 (Ages 50 plus), July 9-12 at Mt. Morris
Mindyy (Grades 2-5), August 2-6 at Camp Kingwood in Mound
Brass at Mr. Morris (BAMM open to all ages), August 13-16 at Mt. Morris



Church Softball

Summer Co-ed Church Softball is underway. If you are interested in being a part of the team, the sign-up sheet is located on the kiosk. The summer schedule is as follows:

Sunday:

May 31: vs Northridge Fellowship, Field #2, 7:05 pm

June 7: vs Crosswinds Crusaders, Field #4, 6:00 pm

June 14: vs. The Gleason Ringers, Field #3, 7:05 pm

June 28: vs. Elm Creek Community Church, Field # 3, 7:05 pm

July 12: vs. 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 June 21st or July 5th**

Softball T-Shirt Party

The church softball team is having a party to tie-dye our team t-shirts! We decided we might as well have fun with the team shirt so on



Sunday, June 14th at 12:30 we will be tie-dyeing on the church lawn after the church picnic. The shirts will be basic, inexpensive white shirts with the church's name and a softball logo on them. They we can add the color! Price is still to be determined, but it will be affordable.

If you want to order a shirt, please contact Casey O'Rourke with your size...fans are welcome to order a shirt, too! After all, why pass up the chance to tie-dye? We will also have children's shirt sizes available for any of the kids who cheer so wonderfully for our team. Hope to see you there !

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Change Service Requested

June 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Comforters 6-8 pm | 5 | 6 Piano Recital at church 12:30-2:30 |
| 7 -Girl Scout Appreciation Sunday -Communion -Church Softball 6:00 pm, Field #4 | 8 Board Meeting 7:00 Patio Clean Up 5:30 – 7:00 | 9 | 10 | 11 Comforters 6-8 pm | 12 | 13 -Men's Breakfast 8:00 am -KTIS Joyful Noise Family Fest 1-5:00 |
| 14 -Outdoor Worship & Picnic -Simpson Sandwiches -T-Shirt Tie-Dye -Church Softball 7:05 pm, Field #3 | 15 | 16 | 17 Action Night 6:30-8:00 | 18 Comforters 9-11 am | 19 Game Night at Pastor Jenny's 7:00 pm | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Gary Marsh Stewardship Meeting (Time TBA) | 23 | 24 Action Night 6:30-8:00 | 25 Pastor Jenny on vacation Comforters 9-11 am | 26 vacation | 27 vacation |
| 28 - vacation -10:45, Protecting the Children to Follow Service led by Rev. Betsy Miller -Church Softball 7:05 pm, Field #3 | 29 vacation | 30 vacation | | | | |