



## MAY 2009

*"After this the Lord sent appointed seventy others and sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" Luke 10:1,2*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings! We have had quite a wonderful month of April, haven't we? We had many opportunities to come together as a community of believers, with the highlight being the joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection as well as the the spirit of praise, outreach, and fun at the Annual Mission Concert. I am grateful to God for the faith, love, and enthusiasm you display as you serve him. Indeed, God is good all the time!

In the midst of these celebrations we have continued our work with Rev. Betsy Miller, Director of Congregational Leadership and Resources for the Moravian Church Western District. The Team Leaders have been meeting with her for three months, and although we've worked to communicate our efforts with her to the whole congregation, it is time to move to another step in the process. We are asking for everyone's help in discerning how God desires our church to be part of his mission and purpose in the world.

We have already met with a variety of community leaders, including police officers, guidance counselors, the county commissioner, and social justice workers to begin to understand where God's heart is breaking in the community, the places where there is a real need that must be met. On May 16th at 9:30am we will be gathering at the church as a congregation to go out and learn from our neighbors, asking people who live near this church what they perceive the needs of the community to be.

While many of you have gone door to door in neighborhoods before to invite people to church, this neighborhood "Walk and Listen" will be a little different. We are going out to learn from our neighbors, not to talk about Christ's Community Church. We truly will be walking and at the same time listening to what the needs are in the community.

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## Worship in April

**May 3:** Donna Olson will be bringing us the message. She'll be speaking from:

*Psalm 23*

*John 10:11-18*

**May 10:** Communion

Mothers' Day

Breakfast & Children's Mothers' Day Program

*Acts 8:26-40*

*Psalm 22:25-31*

*I John 4:7-21*

*John 15:1-8*

**May 17:** All Request Sunday

*Acts 10:44-48*

*Psalm 98*

*I John 5:1-6*

*John 15:9-17*

**May 24**

*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

*Psalm 1*

*I John 5:9-13*

*John 17:6-19*

**May 31**

*Acts 2:1-21*

*Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*

*Romans 8:22-27*

*John 15:26-27 and 16:4b-15*



## Mission Concert

The Mission Concert was a success! Around 90 people attended to hear music from bands and individual performers. Although the final number is not in, we do know the concert made approximately \$3,000.00. Thank you to all who helped with this event!

## Pastor's Letter

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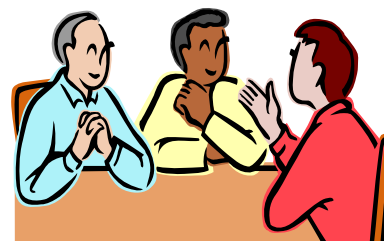
Here are the details: everyone is invited to meet at the church on the 16th from 9:30-12:30. The first hour will be spent in training and prayer. At 10:30, then, we will spend an hour going out in groups around the neighborhoods. At 11:30 will gather back at the church for an hour to share our experiences. We will end promptly at 12:30.

I hope you will join us as we embark on this next phase of discerning where God is calling Christ's Community Church to serve in his mission to the world. It is an exciting journey as well as at times an exhausting one. But it is also a journey that has as an example Jesus Christ himself, a journey that he sent his disciples on, two by two, to share his peace with a hurting world and bring about the kingdom of God. I'd encourage you to read Luke 10:1-12 and turn to God in prayer, asking for discernment to know his will for Christ's Community Church.

Finally, please know you can talk to me or any of the Team Leaders if you have questions concerning any part of this whole process...most of us have at some point! We are excited to move forward with the whole congregation on this journey!

Blessings In Christ,

**Pastor Jenny**



### Comforter Ministry

We are still working on a regular schedule for the Comforter Makers and are trying a new one this month to see if it works for people. We will be meeting on Thursdays. The first two Thursdays of the month we will meet from 6-8pm and the last two Thursdays of the month we will meet from 9-11am. This will be the typical schedule. There is one change this month (already!) because we are going to take a trip out to Waconia Moravian Church to join their Comforter Makers group on May 14th. We will meet at the church at 8am and carpool to Waconia. We will have lunch in Waconia with more details on the way. Check the calendar since the times are a little different this month! All are welcome to join the group.

### Highway Clean up

Please begin getting your garbage "picking-up" skills in order!!! We will be going out for our spring highway cleanup on Saturday, May 2. Meet at the church at 9:00 AM. Please consider this as a beautiful ministry to God's precious earth, as well as a wonderful way for the church to contribute to our community. See Donna Olson for info.

### Mothers' Day

This Mothers' Day, May 10, we will have a special celebration! Instead of Sunday School we will have a breakfast at 8:45 and the children will present a musical program honoring mothers at the breakfast. There will be **NO** potluck after the service.

### Drama Team

This Christ's Community Church is organizing a Drama Team! If anyone is interested, please contact Pastor Jenny or Donna Olson for more information. Watch for more great drama like the Lenten drama..



### Protecting the Children

Christ's Community takes very seriously its responsibility to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children and youth. That's why we have a process in place to screen and train all those who work with children and youth.

On Sunday, May 17 immediately after worship, the Christian Ed Committee is planning the annual update event. **Anyone who works with children in any capacity in our church must attend.** If you have previously completed the process, attending will allow you to serve another twelve months. If you have never completed the process, this is a great way to begin. Plan to join us for a half-hour informative and fun time. See Pastor Jenny for more details.

### Notes of Thanks

Dear Janet,  
Thank you so much for visiting me in the hospital and bringing me the comforter from the "Comfort" Ministry.  
Please be sure to extend my sincere thanks to all the members of the "Comfort" Ministry.  
Have a very Blessed Easter.  
Love,  
Carol McIlveen



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To All my Church Family at Christ's Community,  
Thank you for all your kindness. The calls, cards, and prayers have all meant so very much! And the ever so soft and warm blanket is just right for snuggling and watching TV (something I've done a lot of recently!).  
With love,  
Linda Thielin

## **PASTORAL NEWS** continued

### **New CCC Administrative Assistant!**

My name is Stephanie Lehman and I'm the proud mother of two girls, ages 3 and 9. We live in Champlin where my oldest is in the 3rd grade. We have lived in Minnesota for almost 10 years and absolutely love it here. Although we moved here from California, I actually grew up in a very small town in North Dakota. I have a BS in Human Services/Management and try to stay very active in the community. Currently I am training for the Breast Cancer 3-Day 60 mile walk, which is much more work than I imagined!

*Come meet Stephanie at our worship service on Sunday, May 17. She is looking forward to meeting everyone, so be sure to introduce yourself!*

### **New 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 check your information to make sure it is correct. Also, please look to make sure all family members are included who ought to be. We don't want to make any mistakes or leave anyone out! We will also be taking photographs for the directory after the church services during the month of May.

### **Summer Camps**

Summer is just around the corner and there is still time to register for the 2009 Western District Camp Programs. There is a poster located on the kiosk with further information. Please see Pastor Jenny if you, your children, or their friends are interested in going.



- 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
- Mindy (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

### **Photograph Permission Slips**

Attached to The Grapevine is a permission slip for photographing your child. Please pick up a copy of this at the church office and let us know your preference regarding our use of photos of your children.

## **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](http://www.moravianmusicfestival.org)

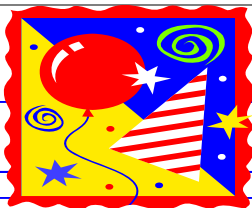
Please see Pastor Jenny for any questions.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### General Fund / Operating Account

Giving	Beg. Bal.	Offering	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)
YTD	\$ 3,671.15	\$ 32,684.77	\$ 36,496.00	\$ (140.08)

Due to low receipts in January and February we have approximately \$6,500 due the denomination for unpaid insurance, pension and quotas at the end of March.



**MAY**

**CELEBRATIONS**

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Katie Beumer	May 4
Colin O'Rourke	May 7
Samantha Ellingson	May 10
Jaimen Astrup	May 16
Corrine Omberg	May 21
Sherill Sandell	May 23
Gary Brinkman	May 27
Marvin Koski	May 27

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Joe & Anne Anderson	May 4
John & Liz Rosca	May 7
Ross & Debra Hjermstad	May 12
John & Donna Olson	May 31

### To Contact the Pastor

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 or  
**office@ccc-mg.org**



**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**

Sister Trina Holmberg, a senior at Moravian Theological Seminary, has accepted the call to serve as pastoral leader at Unionville Moravian Church in Michigan. Please hold Trina and Ken in your prayers as she finishes school and anticipates ordination and their move to Michigan. Trina and Ken are from Alberta, Canada.

Please hold the Downey Moravian Church in your prayers as they continue in the call process. Brother Dave Tomlinson, a retired Presbyterian pastor and Presbytery Executive, currently serves as their interim pastor.

Sister Staci Marrese-Wheeler was installed as the pastor of Lakeview Moravian Church in Madison, Wisconsin on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Peg Chamberlin, Executive Director of the Minnesota Council of Churches and President Elect of the National Council of Churches, will serve a one year term on the White House Council for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Made up of 25 members, the advisory council will meet four times a year to assist the White House to address four priorities: economic recovery, reducing abortions, encouraging responsible fatherhood and improving interfaith relations. The office is charged with administering federal grants and advising the White House on policy. Chamberlin has been assigned to the economic recovery and poverty task force.

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**Change Service Requested**

**PERMISSION SLIP FOR PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR CHILD**

From time to time we take pictures during Action Night activities. We would like your permission to use these pictures on our website, in our newsletter, flyers, or on our bulletin board. We will never reference your child by name or provide any specific information regarding your child. We also will never sell these pictures; we will use them exclusively for Christ's Community Church purposes. Please take a moment to let us know your preferences regarding our use of photos of your children.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES. I grant you permission to use photos of my child on Christ's Community Church website, flyers, bulletin board, and/or newsletter.

-OR-

\_\_\_\_\_ NO. Please do NOT take or use any photos of my child.

Child(ren)'s Name(s) (PLEASE PRINT):

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Parent/Guardian's Name (PLEASE PRINT):

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Parent/Guardian's Signature:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor Jenny on vacation	2 9am-Highway Clean-up Pastor Jenny on vacation
3 Pastor Jenny on vacation	4 Team Leader Planning Meeting	5	6 ACTION NIGHT! 6:00-7:30 *Last Action Night in May	7 6-8pm-Comforter Makers	8	9 8am-Men's Breakfast
10 ●Mother's Day ●Communion ●8:45-Children's Breakfast and Program	11 7pm-Elders and Team Leaders Meeting	12 Girl Scout Troop 6:30-7:45	13	14 8am-1pm-Comforter Makers at Waconia Moravian Church (meet at CCC at 8)	15	16 9:30-12:30-Neighborhood Walk and Listen
17 ●All Request Sunday ●11:15-Protecting the Children Training	18	19	20	21 9-11am-Comforter Makers	22	23
24 Last Day of Sunday School	25 Memorial Day Church office closed	26 Girl Scout Troop 6:30-7:45	27 9:30-Osseo Gardens/Berkshire Services	28 9-11am-Comforter Makers	29	30
31 9:30 Prison Ministry						