



JANUARY 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! I pray your year has begun with joy and love! What a blessing it has been to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with you. Let His Light shine!

As we move into this new year, I am reminded of many new things. Obviously, the birth of our daughter, Sophie, was a big new thing for us. One of the necessary new things her arrival brought about was the purchase of a new vehicle for our family—a Dodge minivan. Luckily, we love minivans!

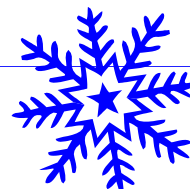
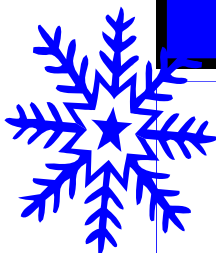
The whole family was running some errands one day when Paul and I started to fiddle with the dashboard controls. There were a few buttons we couldn't identify. One said "info," so we pressed it. All of a sudden the radio switched from showing us the time and station to showing us the words, "Feliz Navidad, Jose Feliciano!" Paul and I each gave identical gasps at the wonder of such a thing! How in the world did the van know what song was playing on the radio! What wonder! What innovation!

Almost the next second we both realized how completely embarrassed we were to have revealed our ignorance when it comes to new technology! I looked at Paul and commented that in just a few short years Evan would clearly be mortified to take us anywhere if we thought a satellite radio was so cutting edge. We are no longer in the youngest generation!

New things are all around us; every day we have new experiences, some good, some not so good. Some new things are exciting (like a new baby and satellite radio!) while other new things are upsetting or difficult. I wonder what new things we will face as individuals and as congregations this new year?

Whatever new things we will experience, as followers of Christ we have the comfort and joy of knowing that God will be with us in them.

Blessings in Him,
Pastor Jenny



PASTORAL NEWS

Worship in January



January 2, 10:00 am

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Communion – Turner Baptism
“The Practice of Reverence”

Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18

January 9, 10:00 am

1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Budget Meeting

“The Practice of Community”

Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 25:34-37

January 16, 10:00 am

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Church Council Meeting

“The Practice of Vocation”

Isaiah 49:1-7; John 1:29-42; Matthew 4:12-23

January 23, 10:00 am

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Pancake Breakfast

“The Practice of Sabbath”

Exodus 20:8-11; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 6:14-24

January 30, 10:00 am

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Prison Ministry

“The Practice of Prayer”

Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12

In the Hospital/Nursing Home?

If you are admitted to a hospital, be sure to call Pastor Jenny or have someone call her. Hospitals cannot notify churches that you have been admitted. Even if the stay in the hospital is short, Pastor Jenny would like to come and visit you.

Thanks from the Morans!

We'd like to thank you all so much for the many ways you have shown your love and support for us these past months! You have brought us many meals, said countless prayers, shoveled our driveway, given us baby gifts and Christmas gifts, and offered your time and friendship in so many other ways. We also so appreciate your generous Christmas Project gift. God has blessed us greatly through you and we are grateful! Love, Pastor Jenny, Paul, Evan, Emily, and Sophie

Men's Breakfast—Jan 8th

All men of the church are invited to the monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, January 8th at 8:00 am!



Simpson Shelter—Jan 9th

Our next date for making sandwiches for Simpson Shelter is Sunday, January 9th following the service. Thank you for your support!

Church Council Meeting Date



Our annual Budget Meeting will be held January 9th after worship and our Church

Council Meeting is scheduled for January 16th after worship. All members and friends of the church are invited. We will be reviewing a report from 2010, approving the 2011 budget, and electing our new officers!

Installation of New Officers—Jan 30

Come and show your support for your new leaders and church. We hope to see you there!

Stewardship Sundays Begin in March

This March, we will enter into the Lenten season with a sermon series on stewardship. This sermon series is based on a program called "Percentage Living," written by Rev. Gary Marsh, Director of Stewardship in the Moravian Church. This is a brand new program that offers us opportunities to consider giving our time, our devotion, and our witness, as well as our money to God to use to his glory. You will receive more information about this program as March approaches. Lent is a particularly appropriate time for us to consider the immense gift God has given us and the ways we can give back to him with all areas of our lives.

This program can help free us from the traditional stewardship focus on money alone and instead help us to think of the many areas in our lives that we can give ourselves to God. As Rev. Marsh writes in "Percentage Living," God should get all of our living, not just a percentage. But while God does deserve all, to be honest, life happens. Each of us lives in a world with complex demands on our time, energy, focus and attention. So, rather than feel guilty that God does not get more of "me", we can find security and experience growth in our faith and walk with the Lord through the practice of "Percentage Living," giving to God a specific and intentional portion of my day, week, and life (Percentage Living, Gary T. Marsh).

- March 6:** "Giving God a Percentage of My Day: Devotional Prayer"
- March 13:** "Giving God a Percentage of My Sabbath: Worship and Learning"
- March 20:** "Giving God a Percentage of My Time: Serve, Volunteer, Witness, Invite"
- March 27:** "Glorify God in What I Earn – Percentage Saving and Spending"
- April 3:** "Giving God a Percentage of My Income – Generosity"

Lenten Devotional

Mark your calendar...it is getting to be that time to start thinking about our 5th Annual Lenten Devotional!

What events of the past year have helped you to experience the love of Christ? What are your hopes and dreams for 2011? What action can you take for spiritual growth in Christ?

We would love for you to share your experiences and inspirations on paper, so it can be added to our 5th Annual Lenten Devotional! Ash Wednesday is March 9th, so we would like to have all submissions by Sunday, February 27th.

For any questions, please contact Pastor Jenny Moran.



Have You Noticed...

...the new lock on the dumpster?
This lock was meant to prevent strangers from filling up the dumpster with large items and recyclables.

However, the dumpster is still available for use by members. If you have any need for the dumpster, please contact the office at (763) 420-7187 for the key.

Pancake Breakfast—Jan 23

Our next Pancake Breakfast will be January 23rd at 11:00 am. Come share with us a delicious breakfast and fellowship. There will be a free will offering to help raise money for the church. In December we collected \$78.00. We hope you can make it!

PASTORAL NEWS continued

Thank You....

...to everyone who donated food and toys to CROSS Food-shelf in 2010. As of the end of November, we collected 784 lbs for 2010; 293 lbs in November alone! This is a wonderful improvement over the 475 lbs we collected in 2009!



...to all who contributed to the Sock & Mitten tree! Those items will be donated to the Simpson Shelter.

...to everyone who contributed baby items at the Annual Women's Christmas Brunch. The items were donated to the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery in Golden Valley.

...to our fantastic bell ringers who supported the Red Kettle Campaign.

...to Jon & Felicia Enns and to Gene & Karene Heupel for donating TVs to the church.

...to all who have helped with snow removal so far this very snowy winter!

And a Special Thanks....

I would like to thank you all for the kindness and generosity you continue to show me every day. I am overwhelmed with the wonderful gifts I have received this holiday season! I keep the card displayed in my home so that I am reminded daily how wonderful you all are, and so I can share with my friends and family how lucky I am. Thank you!! Stephanie, Peyton, & Sophia Lehman

Elders Meeting

The Elders on Dec. 13 were informed of the Christmas Eve worship service arrangements and approved donating the Christmas Eve offering to Moravian Open Door, CROSS and Simpson Shelter meal expenses. The Board will meet Jan 3 to review the budget for the Jan 9 congregational budget review and the Jan 16 Annual Congregational Meeting. The Treasurer reported on 2009 paid and 2010 unpaid obligations. Team leaders gave their reports, internet security was discussed and arrangements were made for repairs to the parsonage.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday School—Jan 9th

Sunday School for all ages will be resuming January 9th at 8:45 am. Hope to see you there!

Bible Study on Esther

Beginning January 13th, there will be a Bible study on Esther during the Comforter Ministry / Slipper Ministry Meetings. The Bible study will be every other Thursday evening, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Young Adults Meeting

Watch your email for the next Young Adults Meeting, or contact Casey Langseth at caseyandnick@ymail.com or (612) 816-4200.

VOLUNTEERS

CCC January Volunteers

	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Welcome & Announcements/ Offering Prayer	Greg J.	Pastor Jenny M.	Dale B.	Janet O.	Deb H.
Audio / Visual:	Brad C.	Jon E.	Ted B.	Jon E.	Pat J.
Scriptures:	Maureen C.	Janet O.	Kristi B.	Karene H.	Greg J.
Ushers / Greeters:	Kay G./Kristi B.	O'Rourke	Ohrts	Ellingsons	Beumers
Nursery:	Paul M.	Karene H.	Barb K.	Paul M.	Karene H.
Children's Church:	Communion	Barb K.	Paul M.	Karene H.	Brenda E.
Snak & Yak Host:	Brenda E.	Jarvis	Janet B.	Pancake Brkfst	Mortensons
Treats:	Liz R.	Jones	Linda T.	Pancake Brkfst	Sherrill S.
Prayers of the Church:	Communion	Kris K.	Pastor Jenny M.	Karen O.	Kris K.
Children's Chat:	Pastor Jenny M.	Val C.	Karene H.	Ted B.	Linda V.

JANUARY

Birthdays

January 11 Sonja Johnson (2!)
 January 11 Anne Anderson
 January 16 Skylar Ellingson (18!)
 January 18 Kris Kothrade
 January 23 Kay Giles
 January 30 Paul Grace Pickett (10!)

CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

January 5 John & Mary Fairbairn



TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund / Operating Account

<u>Giving</u>	<u>Beg. Bal.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
September	\$ 1,404.42	\$ 11,184.93	\$ 12,438.17	\$ 151.18
October	\$ 151.18	\$ 13,977.68	\$ 13,259.92	\$ 868.94
November	\$ 868.94	\$ 13,138.04	\$ 13,036.69	\$ 970.29
YTD	\$ (9.63)	\$ 129,422.44	\$ 128,442.52	\$ 970.29
		2009 unpaid obligations		\$ 3,131.70
		2010 unpaid obligations		\$ 40,573.50
		Including unpaid obligations at end of November		\$ (42,734.91)

*The 2009 obligations were paid off in December.

*The Christmas Eve special offering was \$509.75.

\$250 was sent to the Moravian Open Door in New York, \$130 was sent to CROSS and \$129.75 went into the Mission Fund for Simpson Sandwiches.

The electronic giving is being taken advantage of by several people. Once you fill out the applicable paperwork, your offering is sent directly from your bank account to ours. We get notified of the amount and the date transferred. If this is something you'd be interested in setting up, contact Susan Lande.

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Pastor Jenny's Office Hours: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Monday, Wednesday — Friday



WESTERN DISTRICT NEWS



Mid-Winter Youth Retreat

Friday, February 4th at 6:00 pm until Sunday, February 11th at 12:00 pm at the Main Street Moravian Church in Northfield, MN. For those in grade 9 through age 21. Stay tuned for registration information.

11th Moravian Women's Conference

The 2011 Moravian Women's Conference is June 23-26, 2011 at Embassy Suites Golf and Spa Resort in Concord, NC and the theme is "Stepping Out of the Boas," Using the scripture from Matthew 14:29, attendees will be challenged to step out in faith to serve Christ together. For more details including speakers, workshops, special services, and events, please visit www.moravianwomensconference.org.



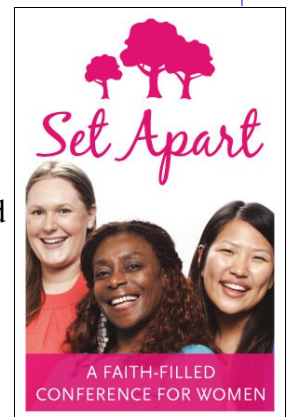
Midwest/Communities Music Festival featuring Moravian Music

If music fills your heart and lifts your spirit, you'll want to save the dates of July 20 to July 24, 2011. The Lake Mills Moravian Church (Lake Mills, Wisconsin) welcomes you to join us in singing music we've enjoyed throughout history. Dr. John V. Sinclair who serves as the Continuing Conductor for Moravian Music Festivals, will be the director of music and choral conductor for this event. If you would like more information, please contact Kathy Wendt at katwendt1@charter.net; or kathy.wendt@us.qbe.com or call me at 920.209.0729. You may also call the church office at 920.648.5412 or email the church for questions at lmcc2@frontier.net.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Set Apart – A Faith-filled Conference for Women - March 4 & 5

So if the Son SETS YOU FREE, you will be FREE INDEED. John 8:36
Do you believe this? It's true! Celebrate your freedom in Christ at *Set Apart, a Faith-filled Conference for Women* sponsored by Northwestern College and 98.5 KTIS. *Set Apart* offers a treasured time to get away-by yourself or with friends-to hear from God's Word. Register today to experience meaningful worship, learn through dynamic workshops and enjoy fellowship with sisters in Christ. Early Visit www.nwc.edu/setapart for more details.





*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*

About CROSS

CROSS “serves an average of over 525 families per month. More than 50% of adult food shelf clients work. 35% are retired or have a disability which prevents work. In the past ten years, the average salary rose 9% but rents rose 34%. The poverty rate (\$19,350 for a family of four) used to determine federal and state benefits has not been updated to reflect actual costs of living. This means many families in dire straits still cannot qualify for many forms of assistance. However, [they] help any who feel they are truly in need of help (www.crossfoodshelf.org).

We are fortunate to have CROSS as a resource for those in need of food and clothing in our community and we are proud to be a part of such an important organization. Collections for CROSS are ongoing.

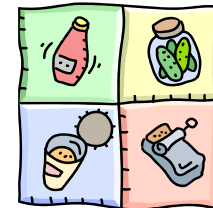
Upcoming Events

Spaghetti Dinner: Sunday, Feb. 20, 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Osseo United Methodist Church.

CROSS Community Players Winter 2011 Presents:

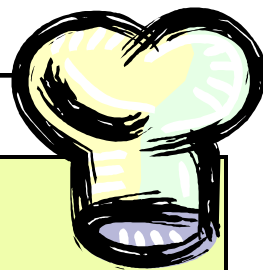
“You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown”

Performances are February 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, and March 4, 5, & 6
Cross Winds United Methodist Church in Maple Grove.



Winter List of Foods Needed

- Crackers (Graham & Saltine)
- All Baking Products (flour, sugar, oil..)
- Bathroom Tissue
- Cereal (especially heart healthy)
- Snack Bars
- Instant Potatoes
- Miracle Whip / Ketchup / Mustard
- Jell-O
- Juicy Juice
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Popcorn
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Beef Stew
- Oatmeal (Instant)
- Chili



Cookbook Sale!

Looking for that special gift, or maybe some new recipes to share with your family? How about a Christ's Community Moravian Church Cookbook:

“Our Church Family Favorites”

\$12.00 each

Cookbooks can be purchased on Sunday following worship, or please contact the office at (763) 420-7187 or office@ccc-mg.org.

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Change Service Requested



January 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 -7:30 pm: "Miracle on Christmas Lake" - PALS <i>New Years Day</i>
2 -10:00 am: Worship & Communion— Turner Baptism -11:00 am: Snak & Yak	3 -6:15 to 8:00 pm: Girl Scouts -6:30 pm: Elder & Team Leader Meeting	4	5	6 -6:30 to 8:30 pm: Epiphany Party at the Parsonage -6:30 to 8:00 pm: Girl Scouts	7	8 -8:00 am: Men's Breakfast -8:30 to 3:30 pm: Girl Scout CPR / First Aid Training
9 -8:45 am: Sunday School -10:00 am: Worship -11:00 am: Snak & Yak -11:15 am: Budget Meeting	10	11 -6:00 to 9:00 pm: Navas Driving School	12 -6:00 to 9:00 pm: Navas Driving School	13 -6:30 to 8:00 pm: Girl Scouts -6:30 to 8:00 pm: CM / SM / Bible Study	14 -9:30 am to 12:00 pm: Homeschooling Group	15
16 -8:45 am: Sunday School -10:00 am: Worship -11:00 am: Snak & Yak -11:15 am: Church Council Meeting	17	18 -6:00 to 9:00 pm: Navas Driving School	19 -9:00 am to 11:00 am: La Sonrisa Playgroup -6:00 to 9:00 pm: Navas Driving School	20 -6:30 to 8:00 pm: Girl Scouts -6:30 to 8:00 pm: CM / SM	21	22
23 -8:45 am: Sunday School -10:00 am: Worship -11:00 am: Pancake Breakfast	24 -9:00 am to 11:00 am: La Sonrisa Playgroup -6:00 to 9:00 pm: Navas Driving School	25 -7:00 pm: Board Meeting for CROSS	26 -9:00 am to 11:00 am: La Sonrisa Playgroup -6:00 to 9:00 pm: Navas Driving School	27 -6:30 to 8:00 pm: Girl Scouts -6:30 to 8:00 pm: CM / SM / Bible Study	28 -9:30 am to 12:00 pm: Homeschooling Group	29
30 -7:15 am: Prison Ministry -8:45 am: Sunday School -10:00 am: Worship -11:00 am: Snak & Yak -1:00 to 5:00 pm: Girl Scout World Thinking Day	31 -9:00 am to 11:00 am: La Sonrisa Playgroup -6:15 to 8:00 pm: Girl Scouts					