



CHRIST'S COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH



February 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2.1, 2.8, 2.15, 2.22

Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm

2.4

National Lutheran Choir

Tune-up

2.5, 2.12, 2.26,

(2.19, 2.20, retreat)

Confirmation

10:45 am

2.11

Men's Breakfast

2.12

Adult Sunday School—Speaker

10:45 am

2.12

Simpson Sandwiches

10:30 am

2.13

Mom's Club

9:45 am

2.13, 2.27

Girl Scouts

4:00 pm

2.19

Kid Pack Packing

10:45 am

2.24

Kid Pack Delivery

2:00 pm

2.26

(Worship @ 9:00 am)

FMSC

10:00 am

2.28

CROSS Mobile Pantry

8:00 am

Pastor's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I am grateful for the relatively mild winter we have had. It is nice to be outside sometimes without a coat!

This past fall our family took a brief trip to Gooseberry Falls north of Duluth. The kids had never been there so were excited to see it. They were especially excited to cross the streams at the bottom of the falls via the rocks strewn across them.

For Paul and Evan, this was no problem. But we realized quickly that Emily's and Sophie's legs aren't quite as long as theirs. Frankly, neither are mine, and it was a lot harder for the girls and me to get across. There was a lot of wobbling on unsteady rocks, risking our only pairs of shoes getting soaked, ballet-like leaps even to reach the next rock (with varying degrees of grace), and the constant threat of slipping.

This wasn't much fun for a while, but then we all realized that we could all go back and forth as much as we wanted if we worked together. Evan would go across first and wait on the far side, I would get to the middle and wait on a big, sturdy rock, and Paul would help the girls across the first half of the stream. When they would get to me, I'd help them through the middle part, and then Evan would reach for their hand for the last few rocks they had to cross.

I will confess that we all got perhaps a bit more wet than we would have liked, but none of us fell in or were too soaked for comfort. We also all got to explore some really beautiful and unusual parts of the falls because we worked together, encouraging and supporting each other as we crossed the difficult parts. Even better, we had a wonderful time doing it.

This image is a helpful one in a world that is full of challenges and trials. We all seem to be balancing precariously on rocks in the midst of a shifting and unpredictable society. That's a really difficult place to be stuck. But when we reach out and help each other through the difficult parts, something difficult becomes something beautiful.

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Pastor's Message Continued

My prayer for our church family is that we can reach out to each other, supporting and loving each other in difficult times, doing so with the understanding that we are all God's children, called and sent to make a difference in this world. We are all part of a family and can choose to reach out our hands and help each other over the rocks of life. When we do that, we see the beauty and the hope that is God's clear presence in our world.

One opportunity for us to put this into practice is on Sunday, February 26th during our "Go and Serve!" service. We will be **meeting for worship at 9:00 am rather than our usual time of 9:30.** We'll worship for half an hour and then go out together as a church family to pack meals for the NW Metro Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack at the Egan Corp in Champlin. Please join us that Sunday as we come together to reach out and help people struggling with hunger in this world.

In Christ's Hope,



Pastor Jenny

2017 Congregational Watchword:

For there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord. I Corinthians 12:4-5

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

While we at CCC believe that war is never good, we acknowledge that there is a need for our country to have a strong military presence. Below is an area where we honor our brave men and women serving in the military, to pray for them and to pray for peace.

Sean O'Rourke

Marine Corps, Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC. Nephew of Kelly and Karen O'Rourke.

Kristi O'Rourke

She has returned from Kuwait and is now back in North Carolina at Camp Lejeune with husband, Sean, nephew of Kelly and Karen O'Rourke.

Andrew Vetter-Galt

Marine Reserves, nephew of Linda Vetter and Godfather to Noah Vetter.

Jim Helvig and Kendal Vetter

Served in Afghanistan. Cousins of Linda Vetter.

Tyler Lenartz, Army, and Jon Dart, Navy

sons of Linda Vetter's cousins.

Chris Muskalla, Captain Air Force, pilot C17 planes, active duty in Afghanistan and prayers for his family Nina, Caiden (8) and Brandon (5) while Chris is deployed for 45 days overseas then home in Seattle WA for 10 days before the deployment rotation begins another cycle.

Nick Muskalla, Petty Officer First Class, Coast Guard, active duty stationed in Key West, FL and his family Julie, Matthew (4) and Logan (1).



Birthdays	Anniversaries
2 Evan Moran (13)	1 Norm & Donna Buchta
14 Matt Ellis	28 Brandon & Tiffany Kalland
14 Steve Ellingson	
14 John Rosca	
17 Kristi Bergstrom	
20 Wally Mortenson	
24 Terri Bischoff	



Give. Advocate. Volunteer.

SafeJourney, a program serving North Memorial Medical Center and Maple Grove Hospital, helps patients and individuals in the community who are experiencing domestic abuse. Volunteer advocates are needed to provide a listening ear, emotional support, safety planning, information and referral. You do not have to have previous knowledge or experience, but rather looking for people who are sensitive to the issue, caring, and non-judgmental. Advocates sign up for 2 on-call shifts per month. Shifts are 8am-5pm, 5pm-10pm, and the overnight shift which is 10pm-8am. Flexible scheduling – will work around your schedule. Our greatest need is Monday-Friday daytime shift and the overnight shift. Training is March 7, 9, 14 & 16, 5:30pm-9pm at North Memorial, Robbinsdale. Attendance at all 4 training sessions is required. For more info or to schedule and interview, please call Suzy at 763-581-3942 or email suzy.whelan@northmemorial.com.

Outreach Opportunities

For the month of February, CROSS food shelf needs:



*Kid Treats (popcorn)
Stew*



CHRIST'S COMMUNITY MISSION

CORE VALUES

Discipleship
Come as you are!
Family
Community Outreach
Children / Youth

CCC VISION

We see Christ's Community Moravian Church as a caring and accepting church, equipping people to serve, reaching out to the community, and sharing God's love as we invite people into the family of God.

Purpose:

We will engage in a feasibility study and develop a Long Range Plan.

Worship:

We will reevaluate the praise team structure.

Community:

We will plan joint worship and fellowship with Maple Grove Lutheran Church.

Mission and Service:

We will provide space for CROSS to distribute food in Maple Grove twice a month.

Leadership:

We will develop a team budgeting system.

Stewardship:

We will explore the possibility of offering Financial Peace University.

Spiritual Formation:

We will offer a World Religion class and one additional adult class offering.

Simpson Sandwiches will be made on
February 12 @10:30 am.



Comforter & Slipper Ministry

Do you know anyone who could use an extra hug to lift their spirits? The Slipper Ministry is here to help! Slippers are available in a basket on the table by the kitchen. Feel free to take a pair of slippers to a family member, friend, or co-worker to help raise them up. What a blessing that we can provide warmth, love and support through the slippers made at CCC. Thank you Slipper Ministry for providing God's work through your gifted knitting hands!

Kid Pack Packing Day February 19 10:45 am

Kid Pack Delivery Day February 24 2:00 pm

We offer our sympathy and prayers on the passing of Richard Lichtenberg and James Keegan.

We welcome our new board members with prayer for faithful leadership, Bruce Kalland, Colin O'Rourke, Joni Cragoe—Board of Trustees, Jackson Ziah, Casey Langseth, Norm Buchta, Corinne Omberg—Board of Elders

We joyfully welcome new members, Martha Giesler and Matt Ammon. They are from Bethlehem, but most recently lived in Harrisburg, PA. Martha is an 8th grade math teacher in St. Paul and Matt works for Hershey on the Target account.



Congratulations to Steph and Brady Hawks on the birth of their daughter, Bailey Elizabeth Hawks! Thanks be to God!
Bailey Elizabeth Hawks
7lbs 3oz
19-1/4 in long
January 5th, 2017



Christian Education

Mark your calendars with these Adult Sunday School dates:

10:45 am—11:45 am @ CCC

February 12

Speaker, JoAnn Magnuson will be sharing what it is like to travel to Israel.

March 12

Speaker, Sally Abrams will be talking about Jewish life at home, including teaching us about Purim, which is celebrated that weekend. She will be happy to answer any questions about travel to Israel.

We have been invited to the annual **Interfaith Seder on Sunday, March 26 from 1:00--4:00 pm at Temple Israel** (2324 Emerson Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55405). <https://templeisrael.com/>.

The Interfaith Seder is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the celebration of Passover and to sample Passover foods.

While the event is free, space is limited (10 people from CCC) and we will have to make reservations.

Please sign up on the sheet at church. We need to know if you can commit to go by Sunday, February 19.



Confirmation dates to remember:

February 5
CLASS

February 12
CLASS

February 19-20
Timber Bay Retreat

February 26
CLASS

Worship Opportunities

2.5 | 9:30 am

Raising the Widow's Son
Luke 7:1-17

2.12 | 9:30 am

More Than A Prophet
Lovefeast
Luke 7:18-35

2.19 | 9:30 am

Forgiven at Jesus' Feet
Luke 7:36-50

2.26 | **9:00 am** (Note time change)

Transfiguration
Luke 9:28-45

It's early yet—but, not too early to give you a heads-up about the **Adult Church Retreat** coming up the weekend of October 6th-8th. All adults are welcome. Once again, we will meet up at the Oakridge Hotel and Conference Center in Chaska where our previous retreats have taken place and folks have had a great time.

More information about the agenda/weekend plans will be coming out soon.

~Flourish Team



Sunday, February 26 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Feed My Starving Children

This is a FMSC packing event that is being sponsored and organized by several area churches and businesses.

We joined them last February and had a great time helping them make their goal. This year, the goal is to pack 2,000,000 meals in 5 days. **Our church service will start at 9:00 am.** Then, we'll head out from church and arrive at the Champlin location (Egan Company, 11611 Business Park Blvd) ready to start our shift at 10:00 am. Look for the sign-up sheet and consider joining us and other community churches in making this year's event a successful one while having lots of fun!!!

Saturday, March 18th

'Rise Up, Oh Men' at the Plymouth Playhouse.



If you're interested in joining us, **please sign-up no later than Sunday, Feb 5th** as tickets go quickly.

We'll be ordering ours soon. Lots of laughter will be had by all, so, join us if you can.

Tickets are \$41.25

IPO COMING SOON!

Saturday, March 18

9 am—12 pm

Waconia Moravian Church

Identity, Purpose, and Organization team has organized regional listening sessions to be held in every area of the province. We are excited to be able to share information and have conversations with all of you!

These gatherings give all members, but specifically Joint Board members, an opportunity to learn more about the work of the IPO and mostly to offer thoughts and ideas about how best to organize our structure to serve God's purpose for the Moravian Church Northern Province.

You can view a short video on our CCC Facebook page as well as in church at CCC on March 5.

More information can be found online at:

<http://www.moravian.org/moravian-church-northern-province/ipo/>



To the Dear "Flourish Team,"

Eternal Gratitude and thanks to all of you for your generous hearts and hands at our father's memorial. We felt your love and support from top to bottom and we thank you...

Sincerely, Cori and "the Lichtenbergs."

MEN'S CHRISTIAN RETREAT

sponsored by Lake Mills Moravian church to be held at the Mount Morris Camp and Conference Center, Wautoma, WI.

"Sacred Stories" February 24-26

Facilitator: Rev. Michael Eder, Chaska Moravian Church
Teaching, Fellowship, Music Ministry, Fireside Chats, Walks, Quiet Time, Group Discussions, 5 meals, cabin accommodations.

Call to register 920-648-2943 or see form in office.

\$85 (includes \$25 deposit by Feb. 17)

Bach's "Ein feste Burg" and Music of Early Lutheran Masters with the National Lutheran Choir

500 years ago, Martin Luther initiated an ongoing process of reformation, and the music of the Church evolved in significant ways. Luther's colleague, Johann Walther, was among the first Lutheran composers following the Reformation. Subsequent Lutheran composers include Heinrich Schütz and Michael Praetorius. Johann Sebastian Bach is perhaps the most prominent Lutheran composer of all time. Music from these masters will be included in this concert, with a focus on Bach's Cantata 80, *Ein feste Burg is unser Gott (A Mighty Fortress is Our God)*, based on Luther's most widely-known hymn, performed with choir and chamber orchestra.

MOORHEAD: Friday, March 17, 2017 – 7:00pm

Trinity Lutheran Church (210 7th St S, Moorhead, MN 56560)

DULUTH: Saturday, March 18, 2017 – 7:00pm

First Lutheran Church (1100 E Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802)

MINNEAPOLIS: Sunday, March 19, 2017 – 4:00pm

Central Lutheran Church (333 S 12th St, Minneapolis, MN 55404)



Tickets: Pricing varies per location.

Call Brown Paper Tickets (800) 838-3006 or order online at NLCA.com.

Tickets may be available at the door on the day of the concert. Please check the website, NLCA.com for the latest ticket information. Group discounts are available! Contact the NLC office directly at 612-722-2301 for more information.

The National Lutheran Choir, under the direction of Dr. David Cherwien, seeks to strengthen, renew and preserve the heritage of sacred choral music through the highest standards of performance and literature. To learn more about the choir, visit NLCA.com



April 21-23, 2017

Western District Spring Conference

Our Changing World...Same God



Speaker:
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Pastor, Theologian and
Author.

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Cost: \$175.00 per person double occupancy

(Single: \$275.00; Couple \$350.00; commuter: \$125.00)

Early Bird Discount: \$25.00 if you register and pay by

January 31, 2017.

Register: www.moravian.org/westerndistrict

**Fabulous
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Pastor Jenny will be
organizing small groups for
the conference.

There are great topics to
explore!

CELEBRATING LENT and HOLY WEEK

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Prayer Service	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 7:00 pm Worship Holden Evening Prayer	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 7:00 pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 7:00 pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 7:00 pm Worship	30	31	

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5 7:00 pm Worship Book Study	6	7	8
9 9:30 am Palm Sunday Worship	10 7:00 pm Readings	11 7:00 pm Readings	12 7:00 pm Readings	13 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Communion Worship	14 Good Friday	15
16 6:30 am Worship 7:30 am Breakfast 8:30 am Egg Hunt 9:00 am Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22

You can order your
book by signing up on
the clipboard on the
back table.



What if your family fasted denial?

What if your friends fasted comparison?

What if your generation fasted escapism?

What if your church fasted spectatorship?

Such heart fasts could trigger a spiritual revolution.

Via readings, reflection questions, daily fasts, ancient quotes, and more, this is the dream of *40 Days of Decrease: A Different Kind of Hunger*.

A Different Kind of Fast.

In the same way self cannot satisfy self no matter how long it feasts,

self cannot starve self no matter how long it fasts.

Decrease is only holy when its destination is love.

We thin our lives to thicken our communion with God.

Enduring awe is rarely the fruit of a morning's celebration.

Enduring awe is the fruit of daily participation

with Jesus, our resurrected Love.

Dare to be awed by Easter!

As part of the celebration of 2017 as 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's sparking the Protestant Reformation, the Minneapolis Institute of Art this fall for several months had a marvelous special exhibit of Luther and the culture, secular and ecclesiastical, of his time. The sixteenth century was a time of bitter religious differences. An interesting part of the exhibit was the last room, devoted to comments about Luther from twenty-first-century representatives of three groups Luther was sometimes in conflict with: Roman Catholics, Jews, and Muslims.

A few days ago I was speaking with a friend, a man in his early fifties, who about four years ago started attending worship at the invitation of a friend. He asked me, "How can Christianity cause so much division and even hate?" This question can be asked of both Luther's time and our own.

Our ecumenical relations are in part an attempt to respond to that question and in part simply an attempt to follow Jesus. If we are followers of Jesus, our congregations should look something like Jesus: welcoming, inviting, reconciling, caring, self-giving, praising God. Sometimes small congregations (which Moravians are good at; only one congregation out of every five in the Northern Province has an average attendance of more than 100) are communities where people can really be and act like Jesus, more easily than in large congregations. Sometimes, though, we really need to work with other congregations, sometimes with secular organizations: to help persons who are lonely or homeless, to support a neighborhood food shelf, to speak up for immigrants wondering about their welcome, to be the hands and voice of Jesus in our neighborhoods.

One congregation (not Moravian) with which I am familiar has two half-time pastors. Perhaps once a month the one not preaching is visiting another local congregation in order to learn from the visit. I invite your congregation, which most likely has only one pastor, occasionally to send a few members to visit another local church. This may lead to some ideas to take back to your congregation. It may open doors to working together. It may help you appreciate more your own congregation. It may reveal walls that you were unaware of and that you would like to change. It may change stereotypes of other churches. It may lead you to discover friends you were not aware of or enemies to try to make friends of. You may see additional ways to follow Jesus.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought us together so that we can know more of the God who created us and more of how God desires us to live and to reflect where we come from and to whom we belong. Open our eyes, ears, and hearts so that we may learn from sisters and brothers of other churches, who also belong to you. Amen.

Hermann Weinlick
Ecumenical Officer
Moravian Church, Northern Province



Check your mailbox at church!

Check the sign-up sheets on the back table!

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Welcome & Announcements/ Offering Prayer:	Kristi B.	Karen O.	Karene H.	Linda T.
PowerPoint: (8:45 am)	Norm B.	Paul M.	Paul S.	Pat J.
Scriptures:	Brad C.	Linda T.	Pat J.	Casey L.
Ushers / Greeters (2):	Kay G./John O.	Ross H./Debra H.	Mark O./Janet O.	Steve E./Brenda E.
Nursery:	Barb K.	Nick L./Casey L.	Alan C./Joni C.	Barb K.
Children's Chat:	Karene H.	Linda V.	Karene H.	Linda V.
Snak & Yak Host:	Brenda E.	Lovefeast	Linda T.	Joni C.
Treats:	Brenda E.	Lovefeast	Linda T.	Joni C.
Prayers of the Church:	Karen O.	Pastor Jenny	Karen O.	Pastor Jenny
Praise Singers:	Terre S.	Kelly S.	Kristi B.	Karen O.

Treasurer's Report

December 2016 Worship Attendance				
Date	Kids	Staff	Adults	Total
Jan. 1, 2017	3	2	28	33
Jan. 8, 2017	12	2	39	53
Jan. 15, 2017	10	2	44	56
Jan. 22, 2017	14	2	38	54
Jan. 29, 2017	16	3	43	62

December 2016 Designated Funds	
Occasion/Cause	Total
District Loan Principal Reduction	\$300.00
KidPack	\$50.00
Youth Fund	\$0.00
Mission Fund	\$0.00
Total:	\$350.00

E-Giving:

If you would like to sign up for e-giving (have your tithe/donation go directly from your bank account to the church's account on a weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly basis) please see Janet Ohrt for a form.

General Fund/Operating Account				
Month	Beg. Bal.	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
October	\$369.11	\$12,770.96	\$12,942.57	\$197.50
November	\$197.50	\$12,396.05	\$12,750.37	(\$156.82)
December	(\$156.82)	\$66,315.04	\$64,613.80	\$1,544.42
YTD	\$4,005.96	\$200,242.35	\$202,703.89	\$1,544.42

December 2016 Operating Accounts	
Date	Weekly Receipts
12/1/16	\$310.00
12/2/16	\$750.00
12/4/16	\$2,692.00
12/5/16	\$1,042.28
12/7/16	\$28,919.75
12/8/16	\$182.71
12/9/16	\$750.00
12/11/16	\$12,670.13
12/15/16	\$250.00
12/16/16	\$750.00
12/18/16	\$876.75
12/23/16	\$750.00
12/24/16	\$1,305.00

FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4 8:30 am National Lutheran Choir Tune-Up
5 9:30 am: Worship and New Board Installation 10:30 am: Snak & Yak 10:45 am: Confirmation 10:45 am: Kids Sunday School	6	7	8 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast
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19 Confirmation Retreat 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Snak & Yak 10:45 am: Kid Pack 10:45 am: Kids Sunday School	20 ↑	21	22 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	23	24 2:00 pm Kid Pack	25 Board of Elders Retreat TBD
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