

CHRIST'S COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH

April/May 2018



Little did we know that the “April Showers” would arrive as white snow showers or that we would cancel a church service due to a mid-April blizzard.

Even though we have had a rough start to the Spring season, we sense that the weather is finally coming into its own.

We also sense that Christ’s Community Church is on our path of starting something new and coming into our own.

The Joint Board will begin our sessions with the consultant to train on goal setting for the congregation’s “new life cycle.” Then they will meet with the members to identify the “new life cycle” and begin to outline our next steps. Pastor Dave’s Sunday messages will be focused to provide a framework to help us bring the goal setting ideas into action in our church life.

The CCC leaders ask for the members’ support and prayers during this time. We also look forward to your input, thoughts, and ideas for Christ’ Community Church’s new life cycle.

Spring is a time to find out where you are,

who you are,

and move toward where you are going.

~Penelope Truck

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

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 start a focus group around our congregational vision.

Worship:

We will reevaluate and develop our worship volunteer list, including incorporating children as appropriate.

Community:

We will develop a plan for Elders to make connections with new visitors and guests, in addition to ways the pastor already connects.

Mission and Service:

We will host a congregational potluck to invite ideas for outreach and growth.

Leadership:

We will establish and staff a youth program.

Stewardship:

We will explore grant opportunities for funding a youth director position.

Spiritual Formation:

We will organize a young adults fellowship group.

2018 Congregational Watchword:

"For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face."

1 Corinthians 13:12

Board Meeting Minutes can be found in the box labeled "Board Meeting Minutes" located near the church mailboxes.

Simpson Sandwich funds balance is \$756.17 as of April 9th, 2018. Sandwich makings and supplies are averaging \$105.00. We will need \$80.00-\$90.00 to complete the year.

KidPack Program Update:

CCC has made deposits to fund KidPack through the month of May. The KidPack Fund balance is \$459.43 as of April 9th, 2018. Approximately \$6,000.00 will be needed to fund the program during the next school year starting in the fall (2018-2019).

Designated offerings and Joyful Noise Offerings fund the program.

CCC collected \$70.87 from the Joyful Noise Offering on April 8th, 2018.

Thank you for supporting this community program.

March/April 2018 Worship Attendance

Date	Kids	Staff	Adults	Total
March 18	3	3	22	28
March 25	7	3	40	50
April 1	8	2	46	56
April 8	5	2	31	38
April 15	0	0	0	0

Currently behind \$3,770.00 on District and Provincial Quotas. All other obligations paid.

General Fund/Operating Account

Month	Beg. Bal.	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
January	\$1,143.02	\$8,629.41	\$7,832.51	\$1,939.92
February	\$1,939.92	\$7,398.03	\$9,151.69	\$186.26
March	\$186.26	\$11,942.95	\$10,281.76	\$1,847.45
YTD	\$1,143.02	\$27,970.39	\$27,265.96	\$1,847.45

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Sunday Worship Information

April 22

Worship / Sunday School / Snak & Yak / KidPack Packing

April 29

Worship / Sunday School / Snak & Yak

May 6

Worship / Sunday School / Snak & Yak

May 13

Worship / Sunday School / Snak & Yak / Simpson Sandwiches

Happy Birthday to...

April 15 Natalie Ellis
 April 16 Bruce Kalland
 April 17 Ana Omberg (6)
 April 17 Willow Omberg (6)
 April 22 Matt Ammon
 April 25 Ross Hjermstad
 April 27 Cooper Ohrt (3)
 May 4 Katie Newman
 May 4 Makenna Ohrt (5)
 May 10 Samantha Ellingson

Happy Anniversary to...

April 19 Mark & Janet Ohrt
 April 23 Martha Giesler & Matt Ammon
 May 12 Ross & Deb Hjermstad



4M Camp

Age: Completed Grades 1 & 2

Dates: August 13-15, 2018

Mt Morris Camp and Conference Center

Wautoma, WI

Jr. Camp

Age: Completed Grades 3, 4 & 5

Dates: July 30-August 3, 2018

Mt Morris Camp and Conference Center

Wautoma, WI

Camp MINDYY

Age: Completed Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5

Dates: July 30-August 3, 2018

Luther Crest Bible Camp

Alexandria, MN

Winmor Camp

Age: Completed Grades 6, 7 & 8

Dates: July 22-28, 2018

Mt Morris Camp and Conference Center

Wautoma, WI

Chetek

Age: Completed Grades 9 – Age 21

Dates: July 15-21, 2018

Mt Morris Camp and Conference Center

Wautoma, WI

Learn more about the Moravian Camps at

www.wdcamping.com

Volunteer Schedule

	April 22	April 29	May 6	May 13
PowerPoint:	Norm B.	Jim H.	Karen O.	Nick L.
Ushers / Greeters:	Ross H./Deb H.	Barb K./Karen O.	Kay G./Brenda E.	Mark O./Janet O.
Snak & Yak:	Deb H.	Linda T.	Kristi B.	Kris K.

The volunteer schedule is also posted on the bulletin board above the drinking fountain.

Contact Kim as soon as possible if you know you need to reschedule or Donna at ndbuchta@gmail.com after office hours.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

For the month of **April** CROSS food shelf needs: Hand Soap, Jelly and Jam

For the month of **May** CROSS food shelf needs: Stuffing, diapers size 3 and up

See the kiosk for information about CCC's donations to CROSS in 2017 and prior years.

Mission Trip to Pearland, TX June 3rd to June 8th, 2018

On Aug 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey, Category 4, was the largest storm to hit the US in over a decade. Houston, TX and surrounding areas received more than 50 inches of rain over several days resulting in catastrophic flooding. Since mid-November, Samaritan's Purse volunteer teams have been working on restoration and new construction projects in the region, including Pearland.

CCC is planning to send a team of 5 volunteers to Pearland June 3rd to June 8th, 2018. The tools and construction guidance are provided by Samaritan's Purse. Ted Lande has an uncle that is opening his home to us for our accommodations. We will need to provide our own transportation.

Funding for this Mission Trip will come from a combination of fundraising opportunities and designated collections. We are in the planning stages; please watch for upcoming information about how CCC members can support our Pearland Mission Trip. If you are interested in joining the Pearland Mission team or have any questions, please contact Ross Hjermstad or Joni Cragoe.



2nd and 4th Tuesday Nights 6:00 – 7:00 pm

April 24th

May 8th & 22nd

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, by praying for them and for peace.

- * Sean & Kristi O'Rourke: Camp LeJeune, Jacksonville, NC. Nephew and niece of Kelly & Karen O'Rourke.
- * Chris Muskalla: Air Force Pilot-C17 planes. Active duty in Afghanistan. Nephew of Ross & Deb Hjermstad. Prayers for Chris' family: Nina, Caiden (8) and Brandon (5) while Chris is deployed overseas; then, home in Seattle before the deployment rotation begins another cycle.
- * Nick Muskalla: Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class. Active duty in Key West, FL. Nephew of Ross & Deb Hjermstad. Prayers for Nick's family: Julie, Matthew (4) and Logan (1.)
- * Skylar Ellingson: Navy. Son of Steve & Brenda Ellingson. After his training in Meridian, MS., he will be stationed on the air craft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln in Norfolk, VA.

I live near a state capital city, in fact less than ten miles from the Capitol building. In recent months there have been numerous competing rallies expressing the strong convictions of those for and against legislation concerning gun ownership.

A friend who is a pastor in another denomination, among those who favor some limits on guns, went to the Capitol on a recent rally day, primarily to have conversation with those on the “other side,” those defending gun ownership and opposing limits on guns. She reports some conversations and probable future discussions.

Every society has its disagreements and divisions, but in the United States divisions are now stronger than in the past, and at times even hateful, often with a religious dimension.

One of our main callings as followers of Jesus is to listen to and to try to understand one another. You may ask, where do I find this in the Gospels? In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus calls us to love our enemies (Matthew 5: 43-48). In the Gospel this year for April 8, the Sunday after Easter, the risen Jesus says to his disciples, “Peace be with you” (John 20:19-23). That peace may be expressed in different ways, but certainly at this time in history, we need to live that peace that Jesus gives us in our conversation and working with persons who disagree with us.

In March Billy Graham died at age 99. Some Christians supported him, while others questioned his theology or methods. But Billy Graham tried hard to work with Christians who agreed with him and those who did not, at times working even with Roman Catholics when Protestant-Catholic relations were much less friendly than today. J. I. Packer, in an article in the April *Christianity Today*, wrote of Graham’s 1952 visit to England that he was “totally free from the arrogance, dogmatism, and implicit self-promotion that, rightly or wrongly, Brits had come to expect from American evangelical leaders.” Jesus calls us to that spirit of relating to others.

As ecumenical officer of the province, I have met with persons from a great variety of Christian groups, from Eastern Orthodox to African American, and learned much of their perspectives and their understanding of Jesus and of life.

Lord Jesus, the world has such a wonderful variety of people, both among those who follow you and those who do not. Amid the divisions of the world, make us people of your peace, especially among those who name you as Lord. Amen.

Hermann Weinlick

Ecumenical Officer

Moravian Church, Northern Province



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	April 16	17	18 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	19 12:00 pm: Bible Study at Maple Grove Lutheran 6:30 pm: Board of Elders Meeting 6:30 pm: Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm: Joint Board Meeting	20	21
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