

Christ's Community Moravian Church

August 2018

The Breakthrough Prayer Initiative is designed to be a prayer experience specific for Christ's Community Moravian Church. Several individuals had input into its draft with thought given to our past as well as our future. It is a prayer that can be recited by a family, in group gatherings, or in an individuals' meditation. It can be incorporated into Sunday worship as a prayer and parts of it as a Call to Worship or the Benediction.

It is said that there is strength in numbers and one way to strengthen our prayer power is to recite the prayer as a group outside of worship time. You are invited to join us in prayer every day at 1:25 pm to pray the Breakthrough Prayer; wherever you are. It can be an informal time to pause for one minute at 1:25 pm every day and say the prayer at the same time as other CCC members. Why 1:25 pm? It is 13:250 military time; 13250 is our church address, an easy time to remember and a breakthrough connection to our church and its members. The Breakthrough Prayer is printed in a card size to carry in a wallet and is available on the Usher's Table. It is also posted on the church's iPhone or Android App.

During August, you are encouraged to continue your prayer walk through the interior of the church by visiting the six Prayer Stations and leaving your CROSS mark as a sign of your prayer. The prayers are available at each site and on the Usher's Table. You can also write a prayer and post it on our Prayer Wall in the Activity Room.

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Breakthrough Prayer

Prelude to Prayer

The Lord speaks to you: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

Breakthrough Prayer

God of perfect love, power and justice, we put our complete trust in You. Break through our limitations, our failures, and our fears to show us Your Way. We lift up Christ's Community Moravian Church. Open the doors to new vision and vitality for ministry and give us the courage to step through those doors. Use us to love others as you love them, to encourage them to follow Jesus, that we would be instruments of Your Kingdom. Break through our lives and into Your Church.

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!
Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)



NEWS FROM THE JOINT BOARD



2018 Congregational Watchword

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

~1 Corinthians 13:12

Our Mission

Core Values

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

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 (currently under revision)

Our purpose statements will
be revised as part of our
Phase 2 consulting sessions
with Susan Nienaber this
summer.

July 2018 Worship Attendance				
Date	Kids	Staff	Adult	Total
July 1	6	2	34	42
July 8	3	2	28	33
July 15	7	2	36	45
July 22	3	2	25	30
July 29	0	2	21	23

The Joyful Noise special offering collected \$85.83 on July 8th. All proceeds from Joyful Noise are for the KidPack designated fund.

Board of Elders

The Call Process:

The Joint Board met with representatives of the Western District Executive Board, Bruce Nelson and Judy Anderson, on July 18th. There was discussion about our status with the consultant Susan Nienaber. It was decided that CCC is ready to enter into the call process while continuing to work with Susan. Within this newsletter is an outline of the process. The next step for us is to meet as a Joint Board to identify the talents and experiences of the position.

Sessions with Consultant:

While the Call Process has begun, it will take time to identify a candidate that pairs with the CCC congregation. In August, the Joint Board and congregation will be part of discussions with Susan to help us identify the next steps we need to take in identifying our new life cycle. Please watch for information about meetings with the Joint Board and Susan, as each member will have a voice in this process.

Board of Trustees

There will be road construction in the streets around the church for a few weeks. Some of our neighbors have asked to park their cars in our parking lot during that time.



July 2018 Fund Receipts	
District Loan Principal Reduction Fund	\$700.00
Parsonage Rental Fund	\$1,911.00
KidPack Fund	\$185.83

General Fund/Operating Account				
Month	Beg. Bal.	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
April	\$1,847.45	\$9,911.04	\$10,517.91	\$1,240.58
May	\$1,240.58	\$10,363.43	\$10,044.05	\$1,559.96
June	\$1,559.96	\$10,942.25	\$6,802.39	\$5,699.82
YTD	\$1,143.02	\$59,187.11	\$54,630.31	\$5,699.82

Currently behind \$7,540.00 on District and Provincial Quotas. All other obligations paid.

INSIDE CCC

Worship Information

August 5

9:30 am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am: Snak & Yak

August 12

9:30 am: Lovefeast Worship with Joyful Noise Offering
(KidPack Fund)

10:30 am: Simpson Shelter sandwich making

August 19

9:30 am: Worship

10:30 am: Snak & Yak

August 26

9:30 am: Worship

10:30 am: Snak & Yak

thank you!

To Cathy Holtmeier for making homemade cards that are sent to our members for birthdays and anniversaries.

To Kelly O'Rourke for having the altar table glass top replaced.

We appreciate you!

Happy Birthday

Aug 9 Sonja Ellingson

Aug 13 Brad Carlson

Aug 13 Casey Langseth

Aug 14 Teddy Ziah

Aug 15 Bernie Asher

Aug 15 Al Cragoe

Aug 17 Winifred Omberg(8)

Aug 28 John Olson

Happy Anniversary

Aug 3 Paul & Jenn Straumann

Aug 8 Nick & Casey Langseth

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CCC's app

1. Download The Sharefaith App
2. Search for CCC Maple Grove MN



Facebook Page

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July Volunteer Schedule

	Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 26
AV Support	Pastor Dave	Pastor Dave	Pastor Dave	Pat J.
Usher/Greeter	Ross H./Deb H.	Greg J./Pat J.	Barb K./Kris K.	Karen O./Kristi B.
Snak & Yak	Brenda E.	Lovefeast	Kristi B.	Linda T.

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

Contact Kim as soon as possible if you need to reschedule.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

CROSS

For the month of August, CROSS food shelf needs

Juice

Hand Soap

You may place your food donation items in the grocery cart near the activity room entrance.

Thank you to Kris Kothrade who regularly takes our donation items to CROSS in Rogers.

Christians Reaching Out in Social Services
serving the Maple Grove, Osseo, and Rogers areas

School Supplies for CROSS and Operation Christmas Child:

School supplies are on sale now! We will be accepting donations for CROSS and Operation Christmas Child. Watch for the sign up sheet on the back table for supply item quantities for Operation Christmas Child.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for 2 people to help coordinate KidPack for the 2018-2019 school year. Al and Joni Cragoe have been our volunteers most recently and will become snowbirds this winter, so they will be unable to continue in this capacity on a full time basis.

Responsibilities include moving and unpacking food items delivered by CROSS prior to packing day on the 3rd Sunday morning of the month. All supplies are furnished. The time commitment is about 1.5 hours prior to Sunday packing. While the items can be heavy, there is a dolly available which makes the moving of items from the classroom to the activity room quite easy.

Please contact Alan and Joni Cragoe with questions and let them know if you are willing/able to serve as coordinators. Thank you.

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YOUTH

KIDSZONE!



KidsZone! is our Youth Fellowship program for kids grade K through grade 5. Beginning in September, KidsZone! will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm.

A Message from the Western District Executive Board

This letter addresses the matter of how a new pastor is called in the Moravian Church. Please know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of the Western District Executive Board during this time of discernment. The following information explains the process of call for the Moravian Church, Western District.

The Moravian call system is neither appointive (the pastor is not assigned by the denomination) nor congregational call (that is, elected by the vote of the congregation). Ours is a confidential system in which denominational officials and the local Joint Board confer in order to find the pastor that God seeks to serve in and through your midst. We believe the leading of the Holy Spirit is clearly part of our call process. Steps in the process are:

1. The District Board is responsible for initiating the call process. Its representatives meet with the Joint Board to help them identify the ministries of the parish. Through congregational assessment and conversation with your Joint Board, the District Board will carefully match the ministry opportunities of this church with the strengths of the ordained women and men who might be available for call. The Joint Board is invited to suggest names, which the District Board will review to discern their appropriateness and availability.
2. The next step is for the District President to meet again with the Joint Board in order to present biographical and evaluative material on the recommended clergy decided upon in Step 1.
3. Following in-depth discussions, a confidential ballot will be cast. When two-thirds of the total board membership agrees on a potential pastor, and after working out the terms of the call (such as salary, housing, travel expense, continuing education, etc.), the District President issues the call to the pastor in the name of the Moravian Church, Northern Province. Please note that the Joint Board serves as the personnel committee; the congregation does not vote to call a pastor.

It must be noted that the Joint Board and the District Board will keep the choice confidential so that the pastor is free of external pressures in seeking the Lord's direction. Members of the congregation must respect the need for confidentiality by not pressuring the Joint Board for advance information.

4. Unless the called pastor feels no leading by God to the congregation, a "Ministry Dialogue" will take place with the calling Joint Board and the called Pastor. A member of the WDEB will be present.
5. Following the Ministry Dialogue meeting, the Joint Board will vote to reconfirm (or not) the original call to the Pastor. This also requires a 2/3 vote of the total membership of the Joint Board. The Pastor will be notified of the Joint Board's action.
6. Should the call be reaffirmed, a written reply to the call is requested by the District President and the Joint Board will be notified of the response. If the call is accepted, that will be announced to the congregation. If it is declined, the District President and the Joint Board will meet again to pursue the process further, returning to Step #2.

Long experience with this call system indicates.

1. That it is democratic in nature.
2. That democracy can move slowly sometimes.
3. That the local church can benefit from the help, which the denomination gives, and a real partnership can develop.
4. The local church, the denomination, and the pastor share responsibility and choice.
5. That if the pastor who is called declines the call, it does not imply a negative judgment on the congregation but rather a sense of no clear leading of the Lord to accept.
6. That the leading of the Holy Spirit has repeatedly been demonstrated to be active in the call process.

The last two months I have not written anything for this column, because my plate has been pretty full. On February 18 my wife, Susan, went to hospital with a pain that led to minor surgery February 23. A series of complications, including a stroke while in recovery, led to her remaining in hospital or rehab just short of thirteen weeks and then coming home May 18.

Our son, age forty-eight, after a fourteen-month struggle with cancer, died May 20.

Then on April 7, the Saturday after Easter, I had a heart attack. On April 9 I underwent triple-bypass surgery, and on April 15 I came home.

My purpose in telling this is not to seek sympathy but to celebrate the support that friends, primarily with a church connection, provided in our need. One person scheduled regular visitors to Susan in hospital, so someone was visiting at least every other day. When I was going into surgery, one friend was there with my medical directive, in case it might be necessary in an emergency. Another friend scheduled persons providing some meals for me. When we were both in hospital, someone took our dog for a week. Twice our home was cleaned from top to bottom. Our lawn was mowed several times. Since I could not drive for three weeks after coming home, numerous friends took me to physical therapy or picked me up for a meeting or to run errands. (I could get to Susan in hospital by public transportation.) A friend at a distance still sends me a card—often with some of his own art work—every two weeks or so. After I came home from hospital, for two weeks male friends took turns bringing sleeping bags and spending the night on our living room floor so I would not be alone at night. And I am sure I have forgotten some things.

God made us to care for one another. I believe that the church of Jesus will be alive and growing to the extent that we are caring communities, communities that care for one another and for people in need outside the community. The congregation where we worship, where ninety or so gather on Sunday morning, is now housing and supporting a mother and three children seeking asylum from violence in a Central American nation that led to the murder of the father of the family.

Jesus, our Chief Elder, you cared for the forgotten, the neglected, those who were shut out. Make of us caring persons, and make of us caring congregations, whose life together shows that we belong to you. Amen.

Hermann Weinlick
Ecumenical Officer
Moravian Church—Northern Province



August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Directory Updates Due	2	3	4
5 9:30 am: Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am: Snak & Yak	6	7 Kim on Vacation	8 Kim on Vacation	9 Kim on Vacation	10	11
12 9:30 am: Lovefeast Worship with Joyful Noise Offering (KidPack Fund) 10:30 am: Simpson Shelter sandwich making	13	14	15 6:00 pm: Joint Board Meeting with WDEB	16	17	18
19 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Snak & Yak	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Snak & Yak	27	28	29	30	31	