

Christ's Community Moravian Church

April 2019

Spring has officially arrived as we see the snow banks melting away and welcome the sound of chirping birds in the backyard. We are reminded that the Creator is at work in all things, even the frozen ground is becoming alive and Spring is a visible reminder that God that brings new life out of death.

Easter is the most powerful day in history for Christians. We celebrate the love and mercy of a God that has revealed life giving acts to us, taught us life changing lessons and promised us the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

In these weeks leading up to Easter Sunrise morning, take time to search your heart for your need for forgiveness and be willing to receive it...experience the new life that comes from unconditional love...the gift of his Son to us from our Heavenly Father.

Beginning April 15th, join us on Monday through Wednesday for the Holy Week readings that will bring to a close on Maundy Thursday with the Service of Shadows. We celebrate Easter Sunrise service at 7:00 am and will finish on our outdoor patio, this is a break from our past tradition of ending at the cemetery. Following the Sunrise service, you and your family are invited to join us for breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. Our worship service will begin a half hour earlier, at 9:00 am, led by Pastor Dave.

Christ has Risen ... Alleluia!

Christ's Community Moravian Church
Breakthrough Prayer

Prelude to Prayer

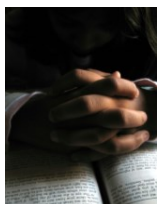
The Lord speaks to you: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

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)



Daily at 1:25pm, members of the congregation are invited to recite the Breakthrough Prayer, wherever you are, with other CCC members and family. Why 1:25pm? It is 13:250 military time; 13250 is our church address, an easy time to remember and a breakthrough connection to our church family.

NEWS FROM THE JOINT BOARD



2019 Congregational Watchword

"I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us."

~Isaiah 63:7

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.

March 2019 Worship Attendance				
Date	Kids	Staff	Adult	Total
March 3	0	2	20	22
March 6	0	1	12	13
March 10	0	2	13	15
March 17	4	1	24	29
March 24	4	2	28	34
March 31	0	1	21	21

If you or a member of your family is in need of Pastoral Care, please contact an Elder, Deb Hjermsstad, Bob McIlveen, or Brad Carlson.

The Joint Board has been in the Call Process with the Western District Executive Board (WDEB) for just less than a year. We learned from the outset that the candidate pool for the Call Process was very small and it would take some time to place a permanent pastor. We have placed Calls to active Moravian pastors and have been turned down. The Joint Board has notified the WDEB that we will expand our candidate pool to include those in a covenant relationship with the Moravian denomination, i.e., United Methodist and Presbyterian. At our next Call Process meeting with WDEB on April 14th, we plan to review resumes from this expanded pool.

The Joint Board has decided to renew the Parsonage lease for an additional 6 month period June 1st through November 30th.

General Fund/Operating Account				
Month	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
January	\$21.67	\$7,290.03	\$7,005.68	\$306.02
February	\$306.02	\$14,650.65	\$7,675.38	\$7,281.29
March	\$7,281.29	\$6,920.06	\$6,633.75	\$7,567.60
YTD	\$21.67	\$28,860.74	\$21,314.81	\$7,567.60

Current on all other monthly obligations except denominational quotas.

KidPack has adequate funding through May.

Joyful Noise Offerings will continue to go to the KidPack Fund.

Simpson Sandwiches program has enough funding for another year.

The Joyful Noise special offering for the KidPack Fund collected \$83.93 on March 17th. Thank you!

Fund Receipts				
	Balance 1/31/2019	February Receipts	February Expense	Balance 2/28/2019
KidPack Fund	\$18.59	\$151.94	-----	\$170.51
Mission Fund	\$1,199.91	\$500.00	\$97.55	\$1,602.36
Parsonage Rental Fund	\$1,856.00	\$1,911.00	-----	\$3,767.00

INSIDE CCC

Worship Information

April 7 "Herrnhut member"

-message by Brad Carlson
 9:30 am: Worship/Sunday School
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak
 10:45 am: Simpson Shelter sandwich making
 10:45 am: Adult Education

April 14 Palm Sunday

-message by Reverend Bruce Nelson
 9:30 am: Worship/Holy Communion/Joyful Noise Offering/
 Sunday School/Choir
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak
 10:45 am: KidPack packing
 10:45 am: Adult Education

April 21 Easter Sunday

-message by Pastor Dave Glasser
 7:00 am: Worship concluding on our outdoor patio
 7:45 am: Breakfast
 8:15 am: Egg Hunt
 9:00 am: Worship/Choir

April 28

-message by Brad Carlson
 9:30 am: Worship/Sunday School
 10:30 am: Snak & Yak
 10:45 am: Adult Education

Lenten Readings will be held during Holy Week
 April 15th-April 17th at 6:30pm

Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows
 April 18th at 6:30pm

Happy Birthday

2-Courage Ziah
 3-Kelly Swanson
 4-Richard Ketterling
 15-Natalie Ellis
 16-Bruce Kalland
 17-Ana Omberg (7)
 17-Willow Omberg (7)
 21-Charlie Ganz
 22-Matt Ammon
 25-Ross Hjermstad

Happy Anniversary

12-Gene & Karene Heupel
 23-Matt Ammon & Martha Giesler

Connect with Us

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Facebook Page
 Christ's Community Moravian Church

April Volunteer Schedule				
	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
AV Support	Brad C.	Pat J.	Karen O.	Brad C.
Usher/Greeter	Kay G./Brenda E.	Barb K./Kristi B.	Kay G./Brenda E.	Barb K./Karen O.
Snak & Yak	Deb H.	Bev J.	Easter Breakfast	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 April, CROSS food shelf needs
Jelly/Jam/Hand Soap

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

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



We have heard Theresa Henry speak during a few Sunday message to us. She is a lay leader at Main Street Moravian church in Northfield and is attending seminary. Her experiences include working with women in a recovery program that attend Main Street. Main Street's Comforter Ministries provides prayer shawls and comforters to the group. After Theresa spoke to CCC in March, our own Comforter and Slippers Ministry donated 40 pairs of slippers to Theresa for the women's recovery program.

YOUTH

Sunday School for Kids!

Sunday School will be held during the church service, following the Children's Chat. The lessons will follow the scriptures from the sermon series.



KidsZone! is our Youth Fellowship program for kids grade K through grade 5 which typically meets 2 Tuesdays a month from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

April dates To Be Determined

Recapping the Series on James

On Sunday, March 10th, in James 1, we learned to welcome our trials! A trial produces a decision in us to either persevere through the trail or give in. If we give in, the trial becomes a temptation (trial and temptation are the same word in Greek). If we persevere the trial becomes a conviction which becomes a part of our character. That is important because God relates to us according to our character (Psalm 18:25-27). Thank you Paul!

On Sunday, March 17th, in James 2, we saw that faith without works is a dead faith. James uses both Abraham and Rahab as examples of God blessing them because they acted on their faith. They were presented with a trial, they persevered through their trial, it became a conviction, a part of their character, and God related to them according to their character through their trial. WOW! Thanks Martin Luther and Pastor James!

On Sunday, March 24th, in James 3, we see how living out our faith works in the real world. Who better to use than Mother Theresa as an example of how to live out our faith! As we focused on James 3:13-18 we saw how often we fall into the trap of thinking that we are being wise by the way we are living our life. But if we step back and take a look at the negative things we say to others, the people we hurt in our zeal to reach to new heights, and the way we twist the truth for our own advantage we see that our wisdom has led to disorder. James tells us, however, that God's wisdom is to live well, live wisely and live humbly. It's the way you live that counts, treating each other with dignity and honor. Thank you Mother Theresa!

On Sunday, March 31st, in the 4th chapter of James, we see the Old Testament Prophet come out in him. After telling us how sinful we are, calling us murderers, adulterers and preferring the things of this world to our God he finally is forced to tell us the Good News – that God's grace is greater! Greater than what? Greater than any sin we can commit, even those sins that we as more mature Christians commit that we might think don't account for much. Things like our thoughts, our motives, our words, our desires. Maybe even those things that we keep doing that we know are wrong, but we just cannot seem to keep from doing them. Well, Madame Guyon has been pointing us to the way to be free! Come quietly before our Lord, and in that time of quietness humble yourself before the Lord. Wash your hands of your sin, and purify your heart – remembering that God shows Himself pure to those who are pure (Psalm 18:25-27). As you draw close to God, He will draw close to you and He will lift you up! Awesome! Thank you James and Madame Guyon.

In February the United Methodist Church, with which the Moravian Church is in full communion, which among other things would facilitate exchange of pastors, voted to maintain traditional standards barring LGBT Methodists from ordination and Methodist pastors from officiating at same-sex weddings. Many observers believe this will lead to a division of one of the largest Christian groups in the United States.

The Moravian Church deals with this issue also. In 2014 Northern Province synod approved a more welcoming, more flexible position, and the Southern Province did the same in 2018. (Some denominations, like Methodists and Presbyterians, divided around the Civil War over the issue of slavery and reunited in the twentieth century. Moravian division dates from the 1750s, when horseback was the quickest form of travel and communication between Moravian centers in North Carolina and Pennsylvania.)

Both Moravians and Methodists find that Africans (about 40 percent of the United Methodist Church) in their denomination tend to be more traditional or conservative on the issue of sexual orientation. The majority of Moravians in the world live in a country where I am told it is illegal to discuss the issue, but they are not part of the Northern Province.

Throughout its history the Christian Church has lived with a tension between unity and justice. Today, in relation to LGBT issues, some liberals feel they cannot stay in a church that is not welcoming; some conservatives feel they cannot stay in a church that they believe is not faithful to biblical standards; some liberals and conservatives rejoice when they do not have to deal with those with whom they differ; some liberals and conservatives mourn the loss of the unity of the church, for which Jesus prayed (John 17:21), and which they see as one of God's gifts to a fractured world.

On the First Sunday in Lent, when the Gospel text was the temptation of Jesus (Luke 4:1–13), I heard a sermon that said our main temptation is to think that anything in life can make us safe or secure except our God as we know God in Jesus. Sometimes that temptation takes the form of our desire to be only with people who agree with us.

As Moravians we are Easter People. Perhaps as important as other issues, and as disappointing to God, is that all of us, liberal and conservative and in between, by concentrating on other matters, fail to live with joy that our Lord is risen, and that ultimately we are in the hands of God.

Lord Jesus, we pray for the unity of your church as together we seek to serve you, in many different ways. May our joy as your people invite others, and may the light of that joy brighten your world. Amen.

Hermann Weinlick
Ecumenical Officer
Moravian Church, Northern Province



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30 am: Flourish Team Meeting	2	3 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 9:30 am: Worship/Sunday School -message by Brad Carlson 10:30 am: Snak & Yak 10:45 am: Simpson Shelter sandwich making 10:45 am: Adult Education	8	9	10 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast at Lynde's Restaurant in Osseo
14 Palm Sunday 9:30 am: Worship/Holy Communion/Joyful Noise Offering/Sunday School/Choir -message by Rev. Bruce Nelson 10:30 am: Snak & Yak 10:45 am: KidPack packing 10:45 am: Adult Education 11:00 am: Joint Board Meeting with WDEB regarding Call Process	15 6:30 pm: Lenten Readings	16 6:30 pm: Lenten Readings	17 6:30 pm: Lenten Readings 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	18 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm: Worship	19 Good Friday	20
21 Easter Sunday -message by Pastor Dave 7:00 am: Worship 7:45 am: Breakfast 8:15 am: Egg Hunt 9:00 am: Worship/Choir	22	23	24 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	25	26 2:00 pm: CCC delivers KidPack to school	27
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