

# The Mustard Seed

MAY 2024

The Newsletter of Christian Faith Moravian Church

## Sunday Schedule

Sunday School– 9:00 am

Worship– 10:30 am

Fellowship 11:30 am

## Digital Communication

Each Monday morning, we send out a brief email highlighting some upcoming dates and events, as well as some other fun things.

If you would like to our weekly e-newsletter, as well as receiving this monthly newsletter in digital format, please contact the church office ([cfmcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cfmcoffice@gmail.com)) to be added to the list

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## From the Pastor's Desk

By now I would assume everyone has heard the news that at our most recent Western District Synod, I was elected the new President of the Western District Executive Board. This means that sadly I will be stepping down as your pastor. My final Sunday with you will be June 2.

I want to thank you for the last eight years that we have shared together in ministry. The time has flown by. When we got here, Sol and Seth were just shy of 12 and 8 – they'll be turning 20 and 16 this summer!

I will cherish the many memories that we created together. Marking the church seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, as well as the seasons of your lives – births, milestones, and deaths. The various church events throughout the year – Chili Suppers, Pie Auctions, Lenten Meals, Easter Breakfasts, Hosting the Corner, Church Camps, Norski Nibbles, Corn and Brat Fest, Thanksgiving Meals, and Mitten Trees.

I most certainly will remember the multi-year journey called Covid that we went on together. From those early days of lockdown, to worshipping remotely, to masking and social distancing, to resuming mask-optional worship almost two years to the day, we saw each other through it. We didn't always agree, but we talked it out and came out the other side.

The experience certainly changed us, as it did all people, but I find myself hopeful for the future at CFMC.

I will hold you in my prayers as you enter the call process. I look forward to being able to be in conversation with you over the next month and to offer some personal goodbyes. May God's great love and peace be with you.

*Peace,*

*Pastor Jason*



**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Holy Communion*

Pastor Jason will preach “A New (and Strange?) Commandment” based on John 5:9-17

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Ascension Sunday**

*Mother’s Day*

Pastor Jason will preach “Clothed with Power” based on Luke 24:44-53

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Pentecost**

*Camp Promotion Sunday*

Pastor Jason will preach “All Together in One Place” based on Acts 2:1-21

**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Trinity Sunday**

Pastor Jason will preach “Grace, Love, and Fellowship” based on Matthew 3:13-17 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:14

**Church Spring Cleaning Day**

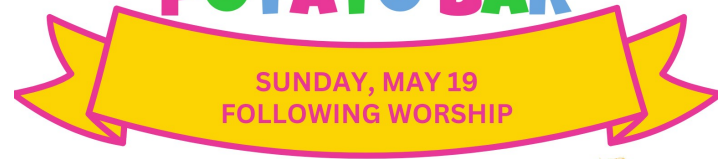
This Saturday, May 11 is our “Church Spring Cleaning” day. We will start at 9:00 am. There will be treats, coffee, juice and soda to keep our energy up and a reason to take a break. We will be concentrating on windows and pews. Even if you can only show up for a short time that day, it would be very helpful.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

**BAKED**

**POTATO BAR**



SUNDAY, MAY 19  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

HELP SUPPORT YOUTH FOR CAMP



**Camp Promotion Sunday and Potato Bar**

We will sing camp songs, take up a joyful noise offering to support our youth camp fund, and learn about how to register for our summer church camps, which are listed below. After worship, the youth will host a potato bar during fellowship time as another fundraiser for the youth camp fund. Please join us!

**Summer Camp Schedule**

- **Junior Camp—July 28th-August 1st**  
youth in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- **Winmor Camp—July 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**  
youth in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- **Chetek Camp—July 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**  
for youth in 9<sup>th</sup> grade – age 21

## Notes of Appreciation

- Thank you to the Women's Fellowship and everyone else who helped host the funeral luncheon for Barb Ross on April 3.
- Thank you to everyone who donated to and worked at the Spring Salad Luncheon on April 18 and to the Women's Fellowship for coordinating the event.
- Thank you to Toni Reigstad, Peggy Landgraf, and Ken Glienke for cleaning the church in April.
- Thank you Peggy Landgraf, Joel & Kari Caulum, Marlene Sobek, and the Larkins family for hosting fellowship after worship in April.
- Thank you to Shirley Block, Pastor Jason, Amy Andersen, and Marie True for leading the Youth Sunday School class in April.
- Thank you to Joel and Kari Caulum for leading worship on April 28 while Pastor Jason was away at Synod.



### Happy Birthday

5<sup>th</sup> – Taylor Vanderbloemen  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Bev Bisbee  
 20<sup>th</sup> – Jeanne Vincent  
 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thomas Harke  
 26<sup>th</sup> – Dale Sobek  
 29<sup>th</sup> – Jean Roelke; John Scepanski

### Happy Anniversary

16<sup>th</sup> – Gordon & Mary Kanable (54 yrs)  
 17<sup>th</sup> – Rich & Laurie Vanderbloemen (27 yrs)  
 26<sup>th</sup> – John & Dorothy Dunning (65 yrs.);  
 Doug & Shirley Block (45 yrs)  
 27<sup>th</sup> – Jason & Amy Andersen (23 yrs)

## Pastor Jason in Labrador

On May 22-23, the Labrador Mission Province will hold their Synod (similar to our Western District Synod recently held at Mt. Morris). Pastor Jason will be joining Bishop Chris Giesler at the Synod as guest delegates. The Synod will be held in Happy Valley, Goose Bay in Labrador. The purpose of our visit will be to strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship, connection, cooperation, and mutual ministry between us. Pastor Jason will share about his experiences at this Synod during worship on May 26.

## News From Mt. Morris

### Service Camp at Mt. Morris Camp and Retreat Center- May 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sponsored by the Board of World Mission. Help prepare the Mt. Morris grounds for summer programming. Free meals and lodging! Come and go as you are able. Open to all adults 18 and over. Email [jillannk5@gmail.com](mailto:jillannk5@gmail.com) or call 920-256-9472 to register.

### Family Fun Weekend at Mt. Morris Camp and Retreat Center- May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>

A great weekend with a mix of programmed activities and free time for your whole family! Relaxation, s'mores, crafts, worship, campfire, swimming, lawn games, great food, and so much more! Registration forms can be found in the narthex or in our weekly e-newsletter.

## Church Lawn Mowing

We do not currently have a full-time lawn mowing volunteer. The Caulums and Paul Vanderbloemen have volunteered to each mow once a month, but that still leaves 2-3 other weeks that need to be filled. If you could help out, even just once, it would be a great help! A sign up sheet is available in the narthex and in our weekly e-newsletter. The church has a riding lawn mower, push mower, sweeper, weed whacker, and blower. Talk to a Trustee if you have questions.



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### Christian Faith Moravian Church

#### Watchword for 2024

*"I will delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress."  
Isaiah 65:19*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FAREWELL RECEPTION  
IN HONOR OF

*The Andersen Family*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024**

COME FOR WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM  
AND STAY FOR A RECEPTION LUNCHEON  
WHICH WILL FOLLOW



### Youth Outing

#### Fireman's Park- Splash Pad

Join us on Sunday, June 9 for an outing to the Fireman's Park splash pad after worship and fellowship! Bring a swimsuit to change into, some snacks to share, and join us for some early summer fun!

***There will be an RSVP invitation included in the e-news and on our website.***

## Financial Report as of April 1, 2024

If you have questions about this information, please feel free to speak with a Trustee. Thank you to Joel Caulum for compiling this report.

### GENERAL FUND

CFMC INCOME	MARCH	YTD
Plate Collections & Fundraisers	\$9,189.04	\$23,902.88

CFMC EXPENSES	MONTHLY BUDGET	MARCH EXPENSES PD	YTD PD
Regular Bills & Salaries	\$9,439.49	\$8,838.12	\$26,720.54
Provincial & District Assessments & Pastors Health Insur.	\$2,516.03	\$246.56	\$739.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,955.52</b>	<b>\$9,084.68</b>	<b>\$27,460.22</b>

ADDITIONAL INCOME NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	MARCH	YTD
	\$2,269.47	\$9,626.07

### BUILDING FUND

	MONTH OF MARCH	YTD
Monthly Debt Service	\$1,335.32 (PAID)	\$4,005.96 (PAID)
Plate Collections	\$1,070.27	\$8,412.27

## Looking Ahead— Norski Nibbles

We will be helping out with the Norski Nibbles community summer lunch program. This is an ecumenical effort by the DeForest Area Churches to hand out bagged lunches to children in our community parks. We are helping out on the weeks of June 25-28 and August 19-23. All you need to do on your selected date is pick up the pre-made bagged lunches at 11:30 am and hand them out in a local park from 11:45 – 12:15. Easy, fun, and a wonderful ministry! A sign up for June volunteers will be available soon.



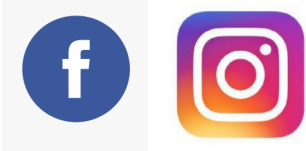
## MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Church Cleaner <i>Coordinator: Peggy Landgraf</i>	Worship Hosts <i>Coordinators: Jerry M and Bob H</i>	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Fellowship Host <i>Coordinator: Shirley Block</i>	Sunday School Teachers
May 5	Peggy Landgraf	Bob Hudecek and Jerry Mayr	Megan Vanderbloemen	Kari Caulum	Toni Reigstad and Betty Timm	Michelle Larkins
May 12	Toni Reigstad	Sol Andersen and Vicky Gouldthorp	John Scepanski	Megan Vanderbloemen	Shirley Block	Paige Michels
May 19	Toni Reigstad	Dakota Mayr and Jerry Mayr	Amy Andersen	Terry Miller	Potato Bar Fundraiser	Paige Michels
May 26	Ken Glienke	Ken Glienke and Paul Vanderbloemen	Peggy Landgraf	Vicky Gouldthorp	Kay Kinderrman	Marie True

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Socialize with Us!

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**SUMMER** *Worship*

The graphic features a yellow sun with rays in the background. The word 'SUMMER' is written in a bold, black, all-caps, sans-serif font. The word 'Worship' is written in a black, cursive script font. A thin black horizontal line is positioned below the 'SUMMER' text.

Our summer schedule will begin on Sunday, June 9 with  
worship starting at 9:00 am.

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