

APRIL 2024

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The Mustard Seed

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) to be added to the list

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From the Pastor's Desk

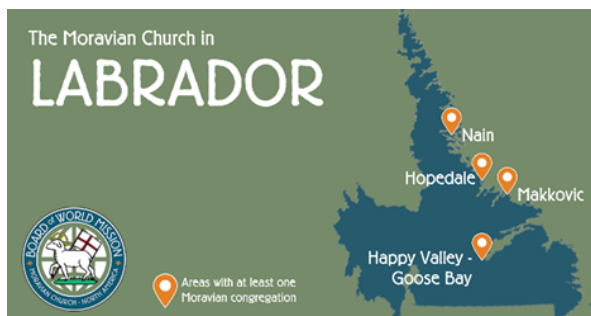
You may remember that back in the winter and spring of 2022, at the invitation of the Moravian Board of World Mission, I helped lead an online lay ministry

training course for lay leaders of the Moravian Church in Labrador. I co-taught these courses along with Bishop Paul Graf and Bishop Chris Giesler. It was a 10-week course where we met online every Monday evening for a 90-minute session. The classes were based mostly on the book "Our Moravian Treasures" (which can be purchased at www.moravian.org) as well as on the pastoral experience of the bishops and myself. Eight lay leaders from Labrador participated, covering an overview of the theology of the Moravian church as well as practical church leadership on matters such as worship preparation, bible study leadership, sermon preparation and delivery, church administration, pastoral care and counseling, and conflict management.

On May 22-23, the Labrador Mission Province will hold their Synod (similar to our Western District Synod at Mt. Morris later this month). I am very excited to share that the Board of World Mission has invited Bishop Giesler and I to attend 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.

While there will be travel days for me before and after Synod, I will not be absent from the pulpit on any Sundays as a result of this trip. I look forward to sharing my experiences when I return! If you have any questions about this, feel free to reach out to me or to an Elder.

*Peace,
Pastor Jason*



Worship With Us

Sunday, April 7th
2nd Sunday of Easter

Pastor Jason will preach
"The Purpose of The Book"
based on John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 14th
3rd Sunday of Easter

Pastor Jason will preach
"The Resurrection of the Body"
based on Luke 124:36-48

Sunday, April 21st
4th Sunday of Easter

Pastor Jason will preach
"This Is How We Know"
based on 1st John 3:16-24.

Sunday, April 28th
5th Sunday of Easter

Elder Kari Caulum will lead the
worship service and Joel Caulum
will bring the message while
Pastor Jason is at Western District
Synod at Mt. Morris.
Joel will preach on Acts 8:26-40

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Mission Nutrition Volunteer Help

Each Tuesday afternoon, Pastor Jason helps with a local free mobile food pantry called Mission Nutrition. They're located in the Pick n Save parking lot opposite Home Town Pharmacy. If you'd like to help out, go to www.missionnutritiondeforest.org and click on "Volunteer." You will be either helping load food into people's vehicles or helping stock shelves or boxes, so this is not something for anyone with mobility issues. The volunteer shifts are from 4-6 on Tuesday afternoons, and they also have a shift every other Friday morning. Talk to Pastor Jason if you have any questions.

Christian Faith Moravian Church



SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 18
11AM-1PM

Hot Chicken Casserole,
Springtime Salads, Beverages,
and Delicious Desserts

\$10.00 per person/children 4 and under free

TO-GO ORDERS AVAILABLE
WE ARE HANDICAP
ACCESSIBLE

Hosted by the Christian Faith
Moravian Women's Group







VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLEASE CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED!

Our annual Spring Salad Luncheon is coming up in April. We really need people to consider signing up to work a shift or two.

The more volunteers we have the better!

This is a fun event and a great time to connect with the community. The sign-up for donating food and/or volunteering will be available on our website, in the narthex or in the weekly E-News sent out on Mondays.

Cash donations are also welcome. Checks may be made out to "CFMC" with "women's salad luncheon" in the memo. line.

Notes of Appreciation

- Thank you to all those who provided food for our Lenten Wednesday meal and study series and especially to the Elders, Trustees, Amy Andersen, Marty Karow, and Toni Reigstad for serving as our meal coordinators.
- Thank you to everyone who purchased a lily to adorn our sanctuary for Easter and to Shirley Block for picking them up and arranging them at church.
- Thank you to Jill Stephens for playing at all the extra Holy Week services.
- Thank you to Shirley Block and Joel Caulum for helping to lead the Maundy Thursday Seder Meal, to everyone who donated items, and to Shirley Block, Peggy Landgraf, and Betty Timm for helping set up and clean up.
- Thank you to Amy, Sol, and Seth Andersen, Shirley Block, Kari Caulum, Peggy Landgraf, Jerry Mayr, Dakota Mayr, and Paul Vanderbloemen for helping lead the Good Friday Tenebrae Service.
- Thank you to our youth for leading the Easter Breakfast, to Whitney BaDour for coordinating the event, and to everyone who donated items.
- Thank you to Paige Caulum for coordinating our Easter Egg Hunt.
- Thank you to Michelle Larkins, Marie True, Sol Andersen, and Lindsay Freye for teaching Sunday School in March.
- Thank you to Peggy Landgraf, Shirley Block, Kristi Thering, and Toni Reigstad for cleaning the church in March.
- Thank you to Toni Reigstad, Betty Timm, Kay Kinderman, Ken Glienke, Joyce Simon, Dorothy Hatfield, and Jerry & Cheryl Mayr for hosting fellowship after worship in March.



April Celebrations

Birthdays

- 2nd – Joel Caulum
- 5th – Curt George; Steven Holum; Holten Overly
- 8th – Emily Quam
- 10th – Claire Caulum
- 16th – Chuck Karow; Ellisyne True
- 30th – Anna Mayr

Anniversaries

- 4th – Chuck & Maria Karow (32 years)
- 7th – John & Kathryn Scepanski (22 yrs)



Don't Throw Out Old Magazines!

Do you have magazines that you would like to get rid of? The Caulum family would be happy to take them off your hands. We will be putting a bin down in the fellowship hall for you to drop off any magazines you do not want. Our daughter Claire loves old magazines and we have been running low on our supply. you have no idea how happy it will make her!

Western District Synod

Every four years, the Western District, comprised of delegates from Moravian Churches in Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, and California, meets for a Synod – an administrative meeting to renew Christian fellowship among the churches, approve a District budget, elect District leadership, and set goals and visions for the District for the next four years.

On April 25th – 28th, the Western District Synod will meet at Mt. Morris Camp and Retreat Center in Waushara County. Our congregational delegates are Pastor Jason and Megan Vanderbloemen. You can learn more at www.moravian.org/northern/wdsynod2024/



**Western District
Synod 2024**
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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*

Camp Promotion Sunday and Potato Bar Fundraiser

On Sunday, May 19 we will have a Camp Promotion Sunday. 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!

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



Family Fun at Mt. Morris

Family Fun Weekend is coming!! May 31 - June 2!

Rev. Greg Behrend from You Belong in Green Bay is leading the program, This is will be an awesome weekend for the whole family! More information and a registration form is can be found at www.wdcamping.com .

Trustees Meeting Highlights

The Board of Trustees met on March 12.

- We read the Behavioral Covenant.
- We approved the Financial Secretary's report, the February minutes, and the Pastor's report.
- We discussed ongoing projects at the church, parsonage, and cemetery.
- The church spring cleaning day will be Saturday, May 11.
- We acknowledged a donation to the cemetery fund.
- The vestibule door doesn't always fully latch. We will put a sign on it reminding folks to pull it tight.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 pm

Financial Report as of March 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	FEBRUARY	YTD
Plate Collections & Fundraisers	\$7,481.79	\$14,713.84

CFMC EXPENSES	MONTHLY BUDGET	FEBRUARY ACTUAL	FEBRUARY EXPENSES PD	YTD PD
Regular Bills & Salaries	\$9,439.49	\$8,025.70	\$8,025.70	\$15,507.49
Provincial & District Assessments & Pastors Health Insur.	2,516.03	2,516.03	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$11, 955.52	\$10,541.73	\$8,025.70	\$15,507.49

GENERAL FUND SHORTAGE	FEBRUARY	YTD
Income (\$8,025.70) subtracted by February Actual Expenses (\$10,541.73)	-\$2,516.03	-\$6,913.87

BUILDING FUND		
	MONTH OF FEBRUARY	YTD
Monthly Debt Service	\$1,335.32 (PAID)	\$2,670.64 (PAID)
Plate Collections	\$6,382.00	\$6,913.87

Elders Meeting Highlights

The Board of Elders met on March 18.

- We read the Behavioral Covenant, the Daily Text, and opened with prayer.
- We discussed some ongoing projects, including a possible CE committee and a weeknight worship service.
- We discussed some summer youth ideas. We will have an outing to the Fireman’s Park splash pad on June 9 after worship.
- We finalized and reviewed plans for Holy Week and Easter.
- We approved two extra Girl Scout building usage days.
- Jason gave an update on his Labrador trip on May 22-23.
- We set June 2 as the first Sunday for the summer schedule.
- Closed with prayer.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 pm.

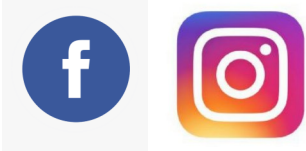
APRIL VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	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
April 7	Toni Reigstad	Peggy Landgraf and Seth Andersen	Amy Andersen (Psalm 133)	Shirley Block	Peggy Landgraf	Shirley Block
April 14	Ken Glinke	Daryl Stephens and Joel Caulum	Peggy Landgraf (Psalm 4)	Marty Karow	Joel & Kari Caulum	Pastor Jason
April 21	Ken Glinke	Rich & Laurie Vanderbloemen	Bob Hudecek (Psalm 23)	Amy Andersen	Host (s) needed	Amy Andersen
April 28	Peggy Landgraf	Amy Andersen and Megan Vanderbloemen	Marie True (Psalm 22:25-31)	Cheryl Mayr	Larkins family	Marie True

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Socialize with Us!

Church Spring Cleaning Day

Please mark your calendars

The Trustees, in consultation with our cleaning coordinator Peggy Landgraf, have set Saturday, May 11 as a church “spring cleaning” day. This will be a day to tackle some of the larger cleaning projects around the church such as washing windows. Stay tuned for more information in next month’s newsletter. Even if you can only show up for a short time that day, it would be very helpful!