

# THE MUSTARD SEED



FALL BACK!

## Fall Schedule

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK BEFORE  
YOU GO TO BED  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

### November 2

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

**Message:** Rev. Jane Gehler

**Worship Assistant:** Shirley Block

### November 9

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Message:** Rev. Jim Hicks

**Worship Assistant:** Shirley Block

### November 16

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Communion**

**Leader:** Rev. Bruce Nelson

**Message:** "Why Did You?"

### November 23

**Reign of Christ Sunday**

**Leader:** Rev. Bruce Nelson

**Message:** "How Can I Say Thanks?"

### November 30

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Holy Communion**

**Leader:** Rev. Bruce Nelson

**Message:** "The Need For Watchfulness"

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I want to take the time in this newsletter to say "thank you!" Thank you to all of you who do the behind the scenes things that perhaps some of us are not even aware of. These are things that keep the church running. Some of these things are very visible and we would easily notice if they were not done. Others, are some mundane things that people may even notice until it's been a few months since they have been done and we realize that someone magically, methodically took care of them without us even knowing they were being done and now they haven't been done for a few months.

Ray Boltz, a contemporary Christian musical artist wrote a song that was released in 1988. It is entitled "Thank You.!" I encourage you to find it on youtube or your favorite music service. The words of the chorus are, "Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed. Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am so glad you gave."

I am wondering who you may need to say these words to. I have heard some folks from Christian Faith Moravian say that they were influenced by Anna Weinlick and that if it had not been for her, they perhaps never would have gone to Sunday School at Christian Faith Moravian or would never had shared their gifts with others. I can think of several people who have influenced, encouraged, and affirmed me in my walk with the Lord. I have tried to the best of my ability to personally thank each and every one of them. However, some of them passed away before I was able to share those words.

So, my encouragement to you is to be sure to thank those who have helped, influenced, encouraged or affirmed you in your faith walk.

Serving Christ with you,

*Pastor Bruce*

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### Poinsettia Orders for Christmas

Our Sanctuary will once again be beautifully adorned with poinsettias this Christmas. Poinsettias will be purchased from Klein's Garden and Gifts. They are available in 6.5 inch in red or white for \$17.00 and 5 inch in red or white for \$10.00.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, order forms are available at church, or you can download one from the Monday morning e-news. **The deadline for placing an order is Sunday, November 9.**



### Youth Christmas Worship Service

On Sunday, December 21, our youth will deliver the message for the service. The younger children will sing a couple of songs and recite a few lines, with assistance from our coordinator, Kari Caulum.



Following their presentation, the older youth will perform a brief play titled "Sleepover at the Stable." Due to the limited number of youth participants, Kari will be contacting some adult members of the congregation to fill a few roles. If you're interested, please reach out to Kari.

### Join Us in Making a Difference!

We are joining forces with other churches in our community to provide complimentary Thanksgiving meals to local families in need through the DeForest Area Needs Network (DANN) on Wednesday, November 26. If you're interested in contributing by donating items or assisting with meal preparation and delivery, please sign up at the church, visit our website, sign up at the ministry table or through our e-news on Monday mornings. All donated food items should be dropped off at the church by Sunday, November 23, and homemade pies must arrive at the church by 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 26.

We are expecting to assemble and deliver approximately 90 meals.



### December Newsletter

If you have any information you'd like to include in the November newsletter, please send it to Kari Caulum ([karilee.iluvlucy@gmail.com](mailto:karilee.iluvlucy@gmail.com)) by Friday, November 21.



# Congratulations

## Church Council Board Election Results

At our most recent Church Council Meeting we elected new board members who will be installed in January 2026. These new members include; Doug Block, Paul Vanderbloemen and Mike Larkins elected to the board of Trustees and Shirley Block and Amy Andersen elected to the board of Elders.

We thank our outgoing board members; Paige Michels, Elders and Peggy Landgraf and Jerry Mayr, Trustees.

## Advent Workshop

Get ready to deck the halls at our Advent Workshop happening right after worship on Sunday, November 30! We'll be trimming beeswax candles, putting up the tree, assembling the Christmas putz, and hanging decorations galore around the church. To enhance the atmosphere, we'll have delightful Christmas music playing in the background. In addition there will be tasty snacks, friendly faces, and fun activities. It's a festive time, and everyone's invited!



## Unity Prayer Watch

The Moravian Church upholds the tradition of a 24-hour prayer watch dedicated to our ministries and missions. Each congregation takes its turn, ensuring that we are engaged in constant prayer. Christian Faith has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2025. The specific times are still to be determined, so please stay tuned for a sign-up opportunity.



## Mitten Tree

Keep an eye out for the Mitten Tree, where you'll have the chance to choose a child from the list and fulfill a wish from their Christmas wish list. This is a wonderful opportunity to extend our generosity to families in need.



# Holiday Bake Sale

## Christian Faith Moravian Church

805 E. Holum Street,  
DeForest, WI

**Saturday, December 6**  
**8AM - 1PM**

Hosted by the  
Christian Faith Moravian Women's Fellowship



The women will offer a wide array of bake sale treats, handcrafted items, and distinctive Moravian gifts that are perfect for any occasion.





6—Brittany Blecha  
 12—Laurie Vanderbloemen  
 17—Cooper Gilbertson  
 19—Marie True  
 24—Mike Larkins  
 27—Scott True  
 28—Kari Caulum  
 30—Alex Bisbee

## Your Gifts are Appreciated!

- A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the Joyful Noise Offering for The DeForest Area Needs Network.
- Special thanks to Peggy Landgraf and Kristi Thering for diligent work in cleaning the church.
- We appreciate Paige Michels for teaching Sunday School in October.
- Thank you to Jerry & Cheryl Mayr, Marlene Sobek, Joyce Simon, Ken Glienke and Joyce Simon and all those that contributed to our Church Council Potlutch for graciously hosting fellowship.
- A big thank you to Terry Miller for mowing the church and parsonage lawn in October and a thank you to Jerry Mayr for bringing his personal lawn mower over for Terry to use every week.

*Thank you!*  
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## NOVEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

| Date    | Church Cleaner Coordinator:<br>Peggy Landgraf | Worship Hosts Coordinators:<br>Jerry Mayr & Bob Hudecek | Call to Worship                     | Scripture Reader                                 | Children's Sunday School Teacher | Fellowship Host                              |
|---------|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Nov. 2  | Kristi Thering                                | Rich & Laurie Vanderbloemen                             | ALL                                 | Paige Michels<br>Psalm 32:1-7<br>Luke 19:1-10    | Michelle Larkins                 | Toni Reigstad, Sandy Newell & John Scepanski |
| Nov. 9  | Shirley Block                                 | Volunteers Needed                                       | Megan Vanderbloemen<br>Psalm 17:1-9 | Shirley Block<br>Luke 20:27-38                   | Volunteer Needed                 | Volunteer Needed                             |
| Nov. 16 | Shirley Block                                 | Michelle & Mike Larkins                                 | Nick Blecha<br>Psalm 8              | Laurie Vanderbloemen<br>John 10:1-10             | Peg Landgraf                     | Volunteer Needed                             |
| Nov. 23 | Ken Glienke & Toni Reigstad                   | Ken Glienke & Paul Vanderbloemen                        | Shirley Block<br>Psalm 100          | Megan Vanderbloemen<br>Philippians 1:3-11, 4:4-7 | Paige Michels                    | Volunteer Needed                             |
| Nov. 30 | Ken Glienke & Toni Reigstad                   | Bob & Kristi Thering                                    | John Scepanski<br>Psalm 122         | Cheryl Mayr<br>Matthew 24:36-44                  | Michelle Larkins                 | Volunteer Needed                             |



## Save The Date

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be on  
 Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 5:00 pm.



## Financial Report as of September 30, 2025



### GENERAL FUND

|  | Month of<br>September | YTD                              |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Plate Collections<br/>&amp; Fundraisers</b> | \$8,245.50            | \$58,104.58                      |
| <b>General Fund<br/>Expenses Owed</b>          | \$17,787.14           | \$59,818.34                      |
| <b>Difference (+ or -)</b>                     | -\$9,541.64           | -\$1,713.76<br>through 9/30/2025 |

### BUILDING FUND

|   | Month of<br>September | YTD         |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Monthly Debt Service</b>             | \$1,335.32            | \$10,682.56 |
| <b>Plate<br/>Collection/Fundraisers</b> | \$1,215.00            | \$12,436.27 |

### Keep in Touch!

Below are a few ways you can stay up to date with what's happening at CFMC



On Monday mornings we send out a weekly e-news with event information.



Visit our website - [www.cfmoravianchurch.org](http://www.cfmoravianchurch.org)



Every month, we publish our newsletter featuring details about upcoming events, worship services, and Christian education. Visit our website to subscribe!

### Lawn Mower Needed!

As we approach the end of the lawn mowing season, we would like to express our gratitude to Jerry Mayr for generously providing his personal lawn mower and to Terry Miller for using it to help maintain our beautiful church grounds. This experience has made us realize that our trusty old lawn mower has finally reached the end of its life. We now find ourselves in need of a new mower to keep our grounds in top condition.

At our recent Church Council meeting, Jerry Mayr estimated that we will need to raise between \$8,000 and \$9,000 to purchase a 48" zero-turn mower that will be more efficient and durable.

If you would like to contribute financially towards the purchase of a new mower, please indicate your donation as "new lawn mower purchase."

Additionally, if anyone has information about a good deal on a new (not used) lawn mower, we would greatly appreciate your input!

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain the beauty of our church grounds! Your generosity would be immensely appreciated!



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Socialize with Us!

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## **LIVE STREAMING SERVICES**

At a recent joint board meeting the issue of livestreaming the services came up in discussion. Currently Kari Caulum is the only one who knows how to do this and she should not be expected to be here each and every Sunday. So, with that in mind, we are looking to see if anyone would be willing to help with this valuable ministry.

If you would be willing to help with this please let Kari know. She has agreed to do training some time after Sunday morning worship so that you will know what this duty entails. Once we get some people to share this responsibility we can set up a rotation to make sure we have this covered every Sunday.

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