

THE MUSTARD SEED



July 5

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Psalm 145:8-14

Holy Communion

Guest Pastor: Rev. Jane Gehler

Worship Assistant: Shirley Block

July 12

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Guest Pastor: Rev. Bruce Nelson

July 19

Contemporary Worship

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Guest Pastor: Rev. Bruce Nelson

July 26

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Guest Speaker: James Henke

Let Your Light Shine This Summer

Summer has a way of inviting us outdoors. We gather with family and friends, enjoy neighborhood celebrations, travel, and spend more time appreciating God's beautiful creation. While our schedules may change during these warmer months, God's call to love and serve one another remains the same.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 5:16

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

This verse has been our inspiration as we prepare for our Fourth of July celebrations. Whether we're building the parade float, hosting our community on the church lawn, serving food, greeting neighbors, or simply sharing a smile, each act of kindness becomes an opportunity to reflect Christ's love.

Summer is also a wonderful season to slow down and reconnect with God. Consider taking a walk while praying, reading Scripture on your porch with a cup of coffee, or simply spending a few quiet moments each day thanking God for His many blessings. The beauty of creation reminds us that God is always at work, bringing new life, hope, and joy.

As a church family, we invite everyone to stay connected throughout the summer. Join us for Sunday worship, fellowship following the service, community events, and opportunities to serve together. Every person has gifts to share, and together we make Christ's love visible in DeForest and beyond.

Thank you to everyone who gives of their time, talents, and prayers. Your generosity helps make our church a welcoming place where all are embraced and affirmed by God's expansive love.

May your July be filled with sunshine, laughter, meaningful fellowship, and the peace that comes from walking with Christ. Wherever your summer takes you, remember that you carry the light of Christ with you.

"Let your light shine!"

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Donation & Volunteer Reminder

If you signed up to bring food or other items, we need ALL products at church no later than Thursday. This allows us time to send a reminder out or to purchase anything still missing before Friday. **We are also in need of volunteers to work the corner. You can sign up on our website- www.cfmoravianchurch.org.** Set Up on Saturday begins at 8:00 am & serving begins at 9:00 am!

Mt. Morris Summer Camp

Christian Faith Moravian Church is eager to support our youth attending church camp. Visit www.mt-morris.org for registration and more information.

JUNIOR CAMP

When: August 2nd - 6th, 2026
Who: Campers who have completed 2nd- 5th gr.
Cost: \$300- This fee covers all lodging, meals, and program costs. A \$50 down payment is due at the time of registration.

WINMOR

When: July 26th - August 1st
Who: Campers who have completed 6th - 8th gr.
Cost: \$400- This fee covers all lodging, meals, and program costs. A \$ 50 down payment is due at the time of registration.

CHETEK

When: July 19th - 25th 2026
Who: Campers who have completed 9th gr. - age 21
Cost:\$400- This fee covers all lodging, meals, and program costs. A \$ 50 down payment is due at the time of registration.

thank you

- We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Shirley Block and Kristi Thering for their commitment to cleaning the church in June.
- Our thanks go to Mike and Michelle Larkins, Shirley Block, Joyce Simon, Ken Glienke, Kay Kinderman, John Scepanski, Sandi Newell and Toni Reigstad for hosting fellowship gatherings after worship services throughout June.
- We are thankful to Jerry Mayr, Paul Vanderbloemen and Terry Miller for their hard work in mowing the church lawn during the month of June.
- A special thank you to Marlene Sobek and Peg Landgraf for collecting the grass clippings left over from the mowing.
- Thank you to Peg Landgraf for pruning, weeding and planting flowers at the church, parsonage & cemetery.
- Thank You to Michelle Larkins and the Float Committee helpers for work on the float, bubble favors, signs and info cards.



Norski Nibbles

We are looking for volunteers to make sandwiches and hand out the lunches to kids at the local parks. The week we have been assigned is July 6th-10th.

We are still in need of volunteers to hand out sandwiches at the parks. If you can help out with this important ministry please sign up at the ministry table in the narthex.

Remember CFMC This Summer!

As summer arrives, we understand that many people are traveling more often and may not attend church as regularly. Historically, we see a decline in attendance during June, July, and August. We kindly ask you to keep CFMC in mind for your contributions this summer—our ministries continue, and bills still need to be settled. Even if you cannot be present in church, there are several ways to give, as outlined below.



**Mail to the church office:
805 E. Holum St., DeForest, WI 53532**



Visit our website www.cfmoravianchurch.org Click on “Donate”, in the upper right hand corner, follow the instructions and set up a one time or recurring donation.

Summer Special Music

During the summer months while our choirs are taking a break, the musicians of Christian Faith are encouraged to offer a variety of special music in worship. If you are interested in participating as a singer or instrumentalist, as a soloist or as part of a group, we would be delighted to include you!

Please contact Jill Stephens (608-695-0121) if you are interested.





Happy Birthday

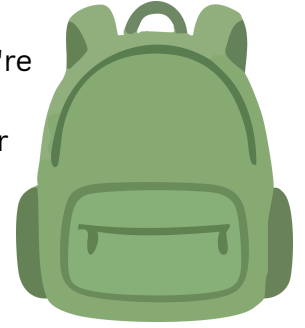
1st – Mary Kanable; Tim Bisbee
 4th – Terry Miller; Whitney Sobek;
 Ann Dorn
 5th – Steve Gouldthorp
 15th – Lavonne Leonard
 30th – Diane Miller

Happy Anniversary

28th – Curt & Karen George
 31st – Tom & Debbie Zeman

Packing Your Faith Backpack

Summer is a season of adventure. Whether you're heading to the beach, taking a family vacation, camping in the woods, visiting grandchildren, or simply enjoying a slower pace, you probably have a backpack, suitcase, or tote bag ready to go. Before we leave home, we carefully think about what to pack. We make sure we have the essentials—clothes, snacks, sunscreen, medications, maps, chargers, and maybe a favorite book.



But have you ever thought about packing your faith backpack? Our faith isn't something we leave behind when we're away from church. God's presence doesn't stay inside the sanctuary. In fact, some of the most meaningful moments with God happen while watching a sunrise over a lake, hiking through the woods, sharing stories around a campfire, or simply enjoying quiet moments on the porch.

So, what belongs in your faith backpack?

- **God's Word** – Bring along a Bible or download a Bible app on your phone. Even reading a few verses each day can help keep your heart centered on Christ.
- **Prayer** – Prayer doesn't require a special place or time. Thank God for the beauty around you, ask for safe travels, and pray for the people you meet along the way.
- **Gratitude** – Pack a thankful heart. Notice God's blessings in the laughter of family, the beauty of creation, and the kindness of strangers. Every day offers countless reasons to give thanks.
- **Kindness** – Wherever you travel, be the hands and feet of Christ. Offer a smile, lend a helping hand, be patient with others, and let your words reflect God's love.
- **Joy** – Remember that our faith is meant to be lived with joy. Celebrate the gift of life, enjoy God's creation, and share that joy with those around you.

Pastoral Care

If you are in need of pastoral care please contact anyone on our Board of Elders, listed below:

Shirley Block

Megan Vanderbloemen

Kari Caulum

John Scepanski

Ken Glienke

Digital Communication

If you're interested in receiving our weekly e-newsletter along with this monthly newsletter in a digital format, please reach out to our Communication Coordinator, Kari Caulum, at karilee.iluvlucy@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 5:16:

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

This summer, wherever your travels take you, don't forget to pack your faith. Carry God's love with you every step of the journey. And when you return home, you'll discover that your backpack may be full of souvenirs—but your heart will be even fuller because of the ways God walked beside you.

Youth/Family Activities

We're looking for ideas such as:

- Family game or movie nights
- Service projects for kids and families
- Park playdates or picnics
- Sports or recreation events
- Craft day
- Worship nights designed for families

We also want to know:

- What days and times work best for your family?
- Are there activities your children have especially enjoyed in the past?
- Is there something new you'd love to see our church offer?

Your feedback will help us create a summer that's fun, engaging, and centered on growing together in Christ. Please share your ideas by speaking or emailing one of our Elders.

June Elders Report

- Opened with prayer and read the Behavior Covenant
- Reviewed and approved May meeting minutes
- Welcomed Kari Caulum as the new Elders Board member to replace Amy Andersen.
- Discussed having a visitor guest book
- Reviewed Rummage Sale
- Reviewed plans for the 4th of July parade float, Hosting the Corner plans and Norski Nibbles for the week of July 6-10th.
- Discussed having Community Event plans to host a Comedy performance for a Saturday in October.
- Multiple planning ideas for a summer activity for our Youth were considered – need to further discuss next month.
- A date for Corn and Brat fest in August has not yet been determined – depends on growing season.

Next Board of Elder's meeting July 6 at 6:30 pm.



JULY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Church Cleaner Coordinator: Peggy Landgraf	Worship Hosts Coordinators: Jerry Mayr & Bob Hudecek	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Fellowship Host
July 5	Toni Reigstad	Ken Glienke & Paul Vanderbloemen	Responsive Reading	Shirley Block Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Psalm 145:8-14	Peg Landgraf
July 12	Toni Reigstad	Bob Hudecek & Jerry Mayr	Bob Hudecek Psalm 65:1-13	Laurie Vanderbloemen Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Volunteer Needed
July 19	Peg Landgraf	Michelle & Mike Larkins	Peg Landgraf Psalm 119:129-136	Shirley Block Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Volunteer Needed
July 26	Peg Landgraf	Dakota Mayr & Jerry Mayr	Kari Caulum Psalm 119:129-136	Marty Karow Matthew 14:13-21	Volunteer Needed



Socialize with Us!



Christian Faith Moravian Church

A Christian Community Growing in Christian Faith where
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mission Statement of the Northern Province

The Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America equips people and congregations to be agents of God's transforming love in the world. No matter who you are or how you identify, you are embraced and affirmed by God's expansive love.

