

THE MUSTARD SEED



June 7

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Guest Speaker: Dan Scharnhorst
Worship Assistant: Shirley Block

June 14

Third Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 9:35-10:8
Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Vicki Jens-Page
Worship Assistant: Shirley Block

June 21

Father's Day
Contemporary Worship
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 6:6-7
Proverbs 23:24

Guest Speaker: Kari Caulum
Worship Assistant: Joel Caulum

June 28

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 10:40-42

Pastor: Rev. Bruce Nelson

God is Faithful

*“22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
23 they are new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness.”*
-Lamentations 3:22-23

In times of difficulty, when we find ourselves in a place of more uncertainty than certainty, it is easy to become frustrated with God and to wonder whether He is present. However, we must remember that God is faithful and “God works for the good of those who love Him” (Romans 8:28). God is with us, and God is for us. In these times of uncertainty that we face today, in the present state of our Church and in our individual lives, the question we should be asking is not “is God for me?” but “Am I for God?” In other words, what is God calling me to do? And how can I best serve Him and follow His will?

Throughout history, the Church has had to deal with the recurring question of whether it will be here today. This issue has been present to some degree since ancient Rome all the way up to today. In short, the Church has always had to wrestle with concern of whether its doors will stay open. However, God is faithful, and by His grace and guidance, the Church has flourished despite innumerable obstacles. So how did our ancestors of the early Church address their issues and survive? How were they able to flourish despite facing potential shutdown?

If you look at Churches that faced issues like ours and how they overcame severe obstacles, you will see these characteristics consistently present in them. First, there was a total communal effort. Everyone, regardless of their age or ability, found a role and contributed. Second, they got involved in the community. For example, in ancient Rome, during periods of intense plague, while everyone was leaving the city, the Church stayed behind to care for the needy and sick. It was the church's love, care, and involvement in the community that brought people into its doors. Third, the Church realized the importance of continually seeking God's Word and Will and sought to properly reflect themselves in God's image through Christ's teachings and the Holy Spirit.

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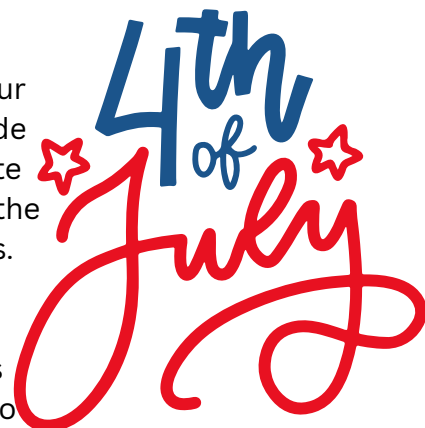
Fourth, there was unity within the Church. While hardship brings disputes amongst members, we must not let disagreements take away our oneness in Christ; instead, we should find reconciliation and direction in His guidance. Finally, they spread the Good News and bore witness. In short, God was not sidelined. He was proclaimed to everyone and was given the credit, honor, and glory for all the good that is. These Churches realized that nothing could save them but God alone, and they individually recommitted themselves to strict discipleship in Christ, translating that into communal outreach through the Church.

Romans 3:23 tells us that “we all fall short of the glory of God”. Nobody is perfect; all fall short in their discipleship. Therefore, we must continually ask the question of not “is God for me?” but rather, “am I for God?” It is in and through the Church where we should encourage one another and help to mold one another to better reflect on our Lord and Savior. We must turn to God. In Matthew 19:26, Jesus said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” God is faithful, and in our times of despair and suffering, we must stay faithful to Him. God will deliver; We must simply continue our efforts to reflect our Church in accordance with His Word and Will. If we need any reassurance or whether God will deliver, we can look at Psalm 34:17-18 and James 1:12. Psalm 34:17-18 tells us, “When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.” Let us continually examine ourselves and the aims of our missions according to the perfect Word and Will of God and remember the beautiful words said by the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:31, “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Submitted by Trey Coller

Fourth of July Float

This year, we are excited to announce our participation in the Fourth of July Parade with a float! We would greatly appreciate any support you could provide toward the decorations and other related expenses. If you would like to contribute, please indicate “Float” in the memo section of your check. Your generous donations will help us create a stunning addition to the parade festivities. Thank you for your support!



Spotlight on Our Guest Article Writer

Hello everyone, my name is Trey Coller. I was born in Youngstown, Ohio. When I was four years old, my family and I moved to Georgia, where we lived until my early twenties. What brought me to Wisconsin was my fiancée – we have been together for ten years now. Currently, I am pursuing a Bachelor's in Theology: Apologetics at Liberty University, where I will later earn an MDiv in Apologetics and a PhD in Theology. What brought my fiancée and me to this church were the people. CFMC has a wonderful atmosphere and a loving community that makes you feel a part of a family. While attending this church, I have made many lifelong friends. This past year, I have been leading Thursday's Adult Bible Study on the Book of Exodus, where we explored the themes, characters, motives, symbolism, and messages present in the book. It has been a privilege to be able to interact with all of you. I pray for your continual well-being and spiritual growth, and that you seek Christ in all things!

Support for Mt. Morris

Our next
quarterly
Joyful

Noise collection will be June 7 and will support our Youth Camp Fund. Dan Scharnhorst, Executive Director of Mt. Morris will be our Guest speaker.



Mt. Morris Summer Camp

Christian Faith Moravian Church is eager to support our youth attending church camp. The Joint Board has approved covering half the camp costs for kids after they register. Additionally, Christian Faith will cover half the expense for one friend to join them, provided they also pay the registration fee. Once you register online, please reach out to Joel or Kari Caulum to complete a form, so we can keep track of participants and the camps they are attending.

Junior Camp

When: August 2nd - 6th, 2026

Who: Campers who have completed 2nd- 5th gr.

Cost:*** \$250- This fee covers all lodging, meals, and program costs.

A \$50 down payment is due at the time of registration.

***Early Bird Pricing in effect until June 30, 2026. After which, registration is \$300.

Winmor

When: July 26th - August 1st

Who: Campers who have completed 6th - 8th gr.

Cost: ***\$350- This fee covers all lodging, meals, and program costs. A \$ 50 down payment is due at the time of registration.

***Early Bird Pricing in effect until June 30, 2026. After which, registration is \$400.

Chetek

When: July 19th - 25th 2026

Who: Campers who have completed 9th gr. - age 21

Cost:*** \$350- This fee covers all lodging, meals, and program costs. A \$ 50 down payment is due at the time of registration.

***Early Bird Pricing in effect until June 30, 2026. After which, registration is \$400.

Visit www.mt-morris.org for registration and more information.





Happy Birthday

2nd – Ross Gilbertson
 4th – Everleigh Michels
 11th- Donovan Stack
 13th - Linden Gilbertson
 14th – Dakota Mayr
 16th – Inessa Schultz
 20th – Amy Gilbertson
 21st – Bob Hudecek
 22nd – Kristin Stack

Happy Anniversary

6th – Russ and Marty Karow
 10th – Jason and Christy Mayr
 10th – Michael & Jasmine Harke
 18th – Bill and Jeanne Vincent

thank you

- Our sincere appreciation goes to Peggy Landgraf and Ken Glienke for their dedication in cleaning the church in May.
- We are thankful to Marlene Sobek, Shirley Block, Joyce Simon, Ken Glienke, Kay Kinderman, Peggy Landgraf and Sandi Newell, John Scepanski and Toni Reigstad for hosting fellowship after worship services throughout May.
- We are grateful to Jerry Mayr, Terry Miller and Bob Hudecek, for their efforts in mowing the church lawn during May.
- Thank you to Peggy Landgraf for planting the flowers in the large pots by the main doors and in the alcove.
- The Thursday Adult Bible Study group thanks Trey Coller for his preparation and presentation of the Book of Exodus study which concluded mid May.
- We thank John Scepanski for leading Sunday Adult Bible Study during the fall, winter and into spring.
- A special Thank you to Marlene Sobek for leading the Rummage Sale Committee and to all who assisted in sorting, organizing, pricing and working the event.

Elders May Meeting Summary

The Elders met in May, starting with prayer and approving the previous meeting's minutes.

Old Business

- Membership updates are in progress, with letters to be sent soon.
- Adult Bible Studies and Youth programs will end for summer and resume in fall.
- The Salad Luncheon raised \$1,011, with a Saturday date considered for 2027.
- Camp Promotion Sunday was well-received.

New Business

- Plans for the annual Rummage Sale were finalized, allocating 25% of proceeds to the Norski Sharing Shed.
- Dates for Mt. Morris Camp events were reviewed.
- A Fourth of July Float Committee was formed, chaired by Michelle Larkins.
- Discussion on hosting a community event in fall, exploring family-friendly Christian comedians.
- With Amy Andersen moving, Kari Caulum was selected to complete her term on the Elders Board.
- A Camp Review Sunday is tentatively set for September 13, 2026.

Members are encouraged to pray for the church's ministries and leadership.



HAPPY Fourth of July!

HOSTING THE CORNER CELEBRATION

July 4, 2026

We'll be selling brats, hotdogs, popcorn, soda and water

Serving will begin at 9:00 AM
(PARADE BEGINS AT 10:00 AM)

A sign up for donations and workers will be available as the event gets closer.



Christian Faith MORAVIAN CHURCH

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE FLOAT

Volunteers are needed to help *design, create, and participate* in the parade.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

** Love God. Love Others. Serve All. **

Please contact *Michelle Larkins* if you have any questions or would like to be part of the float team.

Exciting Announcement from PEC, WDEB, and Joint Board of CFMC

It brings us immense joy to announce that Rev. Bruce Nelson has accepted the call from the Moravian Church Western District to serve as the next pastor of the Christian Faith Moravian Church.

- This is a half-time position, requiring 20 hours of work each week, with one Sunday off each month.
 - The appointment is for one year, with the possibility of annual renewal, pending agreement from all parties involved.
- Rev. Bruce Nelson will officially begin his role as the permanent pastor on August 9th. Meanwhile, the Joint Board will continue the search for a long-term pastoral leader.

Rev. Bruce's mission at CFMC will be to assist our congregation to "right size" our focus, energy, mission, and vision, enabling us to explore new ministry models in the future.

As Rev. Jason Andersen expressed in his letter, "Christ has led us to this place and Christ will lead us forward. Our lamb has conquered, let us follow Him!"

JUNE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Church Cleaner Coordinator: Peggy Landgraf	Worship Hosts Coordinators: Jerry Mayr & Bob Hudecek	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Fellowship Host
June 7	Shirley Block	Rich & Laurie Vanderbloemen	Peg Landgraf Psalm 50:7-15	Tery Collier Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Toni Reigstad, John Scepanski & Sandi Newell
June 14	Shirley Block	Doug & Shirley Block	Megan Vanderbloemen Psalm 100	Marty Karow Matthew 9:35-10:8	Volunteer Needed
June 21	Kristi Thering	Daniel Block & Terry Miller	Responsive Reading	Shirley Block	Volunteer Needed
June 28	Kristi Thering	Peggy Landgraf & Megan Vanderbloemen	Shirley Block Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Paige Michels Matthew 10:40-42	Mike & Michelle Larkins




Socialize with Us!

All are Welcome!

Summer Schedule

Join us as we move into our summer rhythm which started Sunday, May 31st.

 Worship – 9:00 AM

 Fellowship – 10:00 AM

During the summer months, our Sunday Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, and Worship Choir will take a break.

 Interested in sharing your musical gifts? We'd love to hear from you!

Please contact our music director, Jill Stephens, to provide special music this summer.

We look forward to worshipping and connecting with you all season long!

