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# The Mustard Seed

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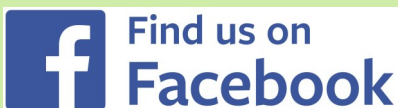


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## From the Pastor's Desk

One of the things I really appreciate about the backyard of the parsonage is the raspberry bushes that provide a bumper crop each year. We get to go out and pick raspberries and bring in bowlfuls of delicious raspberries that we can eat just by themselves or sprinkled over ice cream, or mixed into desserts, or used in shakes. It's a wonderful treat.

There's a couple things about raspberry canes that you've probably noticed. The first is that I can go out and pick through the entirety of the bushes and come back with a bowl full of raspberries thinking that I've picked every single raspberry there is to pick – and then I can come back out the next day only to discover another crop of raspberries that have ripened and are waiting to be picked.

But that leads to the second thing about raspberry canes that you've probably noticed – they aren't the easiest fruit to pick. They aren't just sitting there on a branch like an apple. You have to work to get the raspberries. You have to grab the canes and lift them up so you can see where the raspberries are hiding. This involves getting down on your knees or perhaps even just sitting down on the ground. But even as you lift those branches up, you have to be very careful because there's pickers and briars all along the canes. You have to grasp the branch very carefully and delicately. Oftentimes the canes are interwoven with each other, so you have to lift them slowly and gently to find the fruit underneath.

As I was picking raspberries recently, I found myself reflecting how the process of picking raspberries is a lot like interacting with people. Perhaps there are people in your lives who are prickly and thorny. Perhaps there are people in your life who don't look at first glance like they have much fruit to offer. But just like those raspberry canes that need to be approached lovingly and gently and with care and thoughtfulness, so also the people in your lives – God's children – need to be approached lovingly and gently and with care and thoughtfulness. Sometimes that involves changing your perspective -- just as you need to bend down to see where the raspberries are, sometimes you need to alter your perspective and how you approach someone. How you treat people – how you speak to them, how you interact with them – may require some intention and thoughtfulness.

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## Fellowship Hour

Join us for Fellowship hour each Sunday following worship.

If you would be willing to host a fellowship hour, please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex at church. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Fellowship Hospitality coordinator Shirley Block at 608-235-2789.

## 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 receive this weekly email, as well as this monthly newsletter in digital format, please contact the church office ([cfmcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cfmcoffice@gmail.com)) to be added to the list.

*From the Pastor's Desk continued from pg. 1*

There may be people in your lives who are like approaching a branch with an apple on it. You know what to expect. There's a familiarity and an ease of access and understanding, and those are good people to have in your life. But "raspberry cane" people are good people, too. And we would be helpful to remember that they are just as worthy of our respect and our love. Keep in mind that just as raspberries can seem to have no fruit one day and be laden down with fruit the next, so also people are capable of change and growth. Share the love of God with them. When you do that, you may find yourself surprised to be reaping the fruits of your labor.

"The people of God sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest; God blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased." Psalm 107:37-38

*Peace,  
Pastor Jason*

## Worship Schedule

*Please join us for worship each Sunday at 9:00 am. You can join us in-person or via our Facebook live-stream. (Posted to our website every Sunday afternoon.)*

### Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **Holy Communion**

Pastor Jason will preach "From a Distance" based on Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 where the faith of Abraham and Sarah is described. They did not know the specifics of where God was leading them, but still they trusted in God's guidance. Where are you challenged to believe "from a distance" in your life today?

### Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Jason will lead the worship service and Justin Rabbach from the Board of World Mission will bring the message.

### Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Pastor Jason will preach "Twin Peaks" based on Hebrews 12:18-29 where two contrasting mountains are described – the Old Testament mountain of Sinai where Moses received the 10 Commandments (described as a mountain of fear) and the New Testament mountain of Zion where Jerusalem sat (described as a mountain of joy). How do fear and joy inform and shape how you live out your faith?

### Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

Our District President Rev. Bruce Nelson will bring the message while Pastor Jason is away taking Sol to college.

## Summer Camps

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Youth Church Camp Fund!

Attending our church camps this year were...

- *Chetek: Caleb Andersen (Sol's cousin), Sol Andersen, Elizabeth Hockett, Myra Pankratz (Sol's friend), and Megan Vanderbloemen as campers and Pastor Jason, Amy Andersen, Allison Gothard, and Peggy Landgraf as staff.*
- *Winmor: Seth Andersen as a camper.*
- *Junior Camp: Terra Torvell and Elly and Tessa True as campers, Elizabeth Hockett and Seth Andersen as counselors.*

We will plan to have a Camp Sunday sometime in August or September to allow the campers to say thank you and share with you their favorite parts of camp .

## Moravian Relief Efforts for Ukrainian Refugees

In July, Pastor Jason and Amy were able to meet with other southern WI pastors and Justin Rabbach and Sylvie Hauser from the



Moravian Board of World Mission along with leaders of the New Generation Christian School, which is the school that moved from Kyiv, Ukraine to Nová Paka, Czech Republic, when the war broke out and has since been supported in many ways by the Moravian congregation in Nová Paka. We were also joined by a family whose children attended the school and who are now living in Wisconsin through a State Department program. On Sunday, August 14, Justin will join us in worship to discuss the ongoing Moravian relief efforts in the Czech Republic for refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. We will take up a joyful noise offering to support the BWM and learn about how we can help this ongoing ministry.

## Youth Bulletin Board

We have a new bulletin board outside the church office for community youth events. We will be posting events (sports, performances, etc.) that our youth are involved in. Make sure to check it out and go cheer our youth on!

## Norski Nibbles Summer Lunch Program

The final opportunity to volunteer for the Norski Nibbles community summer lunch program is coming up. This is an ecumenical effort by the DeForest Area Churches to hand out bagged lunches to children in our community parks. We are scheduled to help out August 15– 19 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. 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, then drop off any remaining lunches at Christ Lutheran by 12:30 pm. It's a one hour commitment that is easy, fun, and a wonderful ministry!

# AUGUST

## CELEBRATIONS



### Happy Birthday

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Chad Mayr
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Sol Andersen
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Vicky Gouldthrop
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Ashlyn Schultz
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Paige Michels
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Jenni Schultz;  
Marianne Alterburg
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Karen George
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Carol Byrd

### Happy Anniversary

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Gary & Diane Mayr (44 yrs)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Tim & Bev Bisbee (23 yrs)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Chad & Anna Mayr (21 yrs)

## Sprucing Up the Church Grounds

With our Corn & Brat Fest coming up we'd like to get some volunteers to help pull weeds around the sidewalks and entryways to the church. There are also some in the upper parking lot that need pulling. Since our Corn & Brat Fest is a community event we want our church grounds to look inviting to our visitors. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Joel and/or Kari Caulum–karilee.iluvlucy@gmail.com.

## Moravian Daily Texts

Pre-order your 2023 Moravian Daily Text by signing up at church between now and the end of August. Hardcover editions are \$16.00, journal editions are \$17.00, large print editions are \$14.00, and paperback editions are \$11.00.



## Remember CFMC this Summer!

With the arrival of summer, we recognize that people are travelling more and thus aren't around to attend church as much. History has shown that attendance dips in June, July, and August.

We would humbly request that you please remember CFMC in your giving this summer – ministries are still ongoing and bills still need to be paid. Even if you aren't able to be in church, you can drop your offering off during the week, mail it in to the church, or go to [www.cfmoravianchurch.org](http://www.cfmoravianchurch.org) and click on "Giving" to quickly and easily.

### WAYS TO GIVE:



During worship or drop off at church.



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Visit our website: [www.cfmoravianchurch.org](http://www.cfmoravianchurch.org)  
Click on "Giving"  
Set up a one time or recurring donation

## Notes of Gratitude

- To Shirley Block for leading worship on July 17<sup>th</sup> while Pastor Jason was at Chetek,
- To Joel and Kari Caulum and for mowing the church lawn in July.
- To the Mayr family for coordinating Hosting the Corner on July 4<sup>th</sup> and to everyone who donated items and helped out at the event.
- To Megan Vanderbloemen, Elly, Tessa, and Crosby True, Carter Mayr, Mike Larkins, Sgt. Shawn Schaefer from the DeForest Police Department, and Pastor Jason for sitting in the Dunk Tank on July 4<sup>th</sup> and to the Vanderbloemens, Andersens, Blocks, Larkins, and Ken Glienke for helping at the Tank.
- To Toni & Steve Reigstad, Peggy Landgraf, Kay Kinderman, Ken Glienke, Marlene Sobek, and the Vanderbloemen-Freye family for hosting fellowship after worship during July.
- To Kay Kinderman, Dorothy Hatfield, Shirley Block, Ken Glienke, Toni & Steve Reigstad, John Scepanski, Sandi Newell, Betty Timm, the Andersens, Marlene Sobek, Lindsay Freye, Addison Vanderbloemen, and Peggy Landgraf for helping with the Norski Nibbles summer lunch program in July.
- To Peggy Landgraf, Shirley Block, and Kristi Thering for cleaning the church in July.



## Corn & Brat Fest

Saturday, August 20

10:30 am- 2:00 pm

Corn on the cob dipped in butter, grilled brats & hotdogs, chips, soda, water and homemade pie

*We will also have lawn games set up for added fun at the event*

*Carry-outs available!  
Bring your family & friends!*

**Sign up for food donations and volunteering is located on the table under the ministry board or you may visit our website and follow the link on the home page to sign up.**

## Pastor Jason travelling in August

Pastor Jason will be gone a couple times in August. He and his family will be on vacation from Monday, August 8 – Saturday, August 13 in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. He will be gone again from Monday August 22 – Sunday, August 28 taking Sol out to college at Moravian University in Bethlehem, PA. Pastor Jamie Almquist from the Glenwood Moravian Church in Madison will be our on-call pastor while Pastor Jason is away. Our District President Rev. Bruce Nelson will bring the message on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Amazon Smile

### What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support our church every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. You will find the exact prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile Foundation will **donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our church.**

### How does Christian Faith receive donations from my account?

If you do a lot of shopping on Amazon and would like to support CFMC ministries, simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and select "Christian Faith Moravian Church" as your organization to support. Then .5% of the purchases you make will support the church.



## Donut Day

It's that time of year again!



We will be handing out free donuts to kids on their way back to their first day of school from 7:30 - 8:00 am on Thursday, September 1. If you'd like to help out, please contact the church office.

## Fall Schedule

We will resume our fall schedule on Sunday, September 11 with in-person Sunday School for all ages each Sunday at 9 am and Worship at 10:30 am.

## Plus 50 Retreat

Join us for the Plus 50 Retreat at Mt. Morris on August 11– 14, 2022. Fellowship, Faith, Food, & Fun as we enjoy God's creation! Registration begins at 4pm on Thursday followed by dinner at 5:30 pm. We end with breakfast and worship on Sunday. Cost per person is \$200 which includes all meals and 3 nights lodging in Black Oak Lodge.

The program theme is "Breathe on Me..." From Creation through Resurrection, the Breath of God directs and guides our relationship with the Holy. The hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (#494 in the Moravian Book of Worship) will usher us into conversations of new life and love; purity and obedience; surrender and inspiration; and eternal life. We'll also experience breath prayers and breathing exercises to help in our spiritual journeys. Registration forms are available at church. If you have questions, please contact program director Rev. Mary Lou Plummer at [mlplummer01@gmail.com](mailto:mlplummer01@gmail.com) or 715-451-9992.

## Youth Mum Fundraiser

The youth will be selling mums as a fundraiser towards the end of August and into the beginning of September. Stay tuned for further information about cost and color in announcements from the pulpit, the weekly e-news, the September Newsletter and our website. Mums will be delivered in late September. Thank you to Cheryl & Jerry Mayr for helping with this fundraiser.



## Girl Scouts

The Elders have approved an ongoing facilities usage request from the Girls Scouts. A local Brownies Troop will be using our building two Mondays per month (September 12, 26, October 3, 17, November 7, 21, December 5, 19) from 6 – 7 pm each night. (The AA and Al-Anon groups use our building from 8 – 9 pm; all three groups have been notified of these times.) As per our relationship with AA and Al-Anon, there is no set fee, but they are invited to make a donation of their choosing. The Elders believe this to be a win-win for all involved – we are able to build relationships with a community group and also bringing in a little extra to help support congregational ministries. If you happen to be stopping by the church on a Monday evening and you see the Girl Scouts around, make sure to offer them a friendly and loving CFMC welcome!

# Christian Faith Moravian Church

## JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHTS!

The Elders have scheduled three nights this fall on the third Wednesday of the month!

**September 21st, October 19th & November 16th**

A MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED BY ONE OR TWO VOLUNTEERS EACH NIGHT



## FOOD, FAITH, AND FELLOWSHIP

Stay tuned for more details.

If you would like to help out, either by providing a meal one night or assisting with activities for youth or adults, please contact the church office.

## Christian Faith Moravian Church

### Financial Report as of July 1, 2022

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

General Fund	Month of June	Year-to-Date
Budgeted Expenses	\$11,770.31	\$70,621.84
Assessments for Pastor's Health, Prov. and Dist. Admin. – <i>not paid</i>	(\$2,467.67)	(\$14,806.00)
Actual Expenses Paid	\$7,496.78	\$50,872.09
Plate Collections	\$6,216.50	\$40,622.11
Building Fund	Month of June	Year-to-Date
Monthly Debit Service	\$1,331.28	\$7,987.68
Plate Collections	\$760.00	\$5,350.00

## Elders Meeting Highlights

The Board of Elders met on July 26<sup>th</sup>

- We opened with a devotional about grace, had a prayer, and read Behavioral Covenant.
- We approved the June minutes, Pastor's Report, and Ministry Diary.
- We reviewed Hosting the Corner and the Dunk Tank from July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Shirley provided an update on the Corn and Brat Fest.
- We discussed the Elder in charge on August 28 when Pastor Jason is gone.
- We approved having Sunday School for all ages each Sunday starting in the fall, as well as a monthly family night.
- We approved an ongoing facilities usage request from the Girl Scouts.
- We approved a by-law revision proposal from the Trustees.
- Closed with prayer.

Next meet will be Monday, August 15 at 6:30 pm.

## Trustees Meeting Highlights

The Board of Trustees met on July 12.

- We opened with the Behavioral Covenant.
- We approved the June Minutes, Treasurer's Report, and Pastor's Report
- We discussed ongoing projects.
- We reviewed and approved a document from Pastor Jason to reword our by-laws to more accurately reflect the positions of Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and sent it to the Elders for approval. It will then need to be approved by the PEC before being reviewed by the congregation at a church council meeting.
- An annual check-up on the parsonage boiler will be done on July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Reviewed the list that was developed following the parsonage walk-through in June.

Next meeting will be August 9 at 6:30 pm.

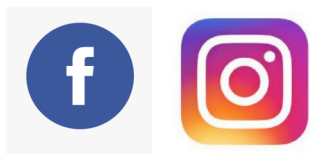
## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Church Cleaning	Worship Hosts	Call to Worship Leader	Scripture Reader	Fellowship Host
Aug. 7	Toni Reigstad	Elizabeth Hockett & Megan Vanderbloemen	Amy Andersen Psalm 33:12-22	Sol Andersen Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Larkins Family
Aug 14	Toni Reigstad	Scott & Marie True	Peggy Landgraf Psalm 82	Megan Vanderbloemen Text TBD	Shirley Block
Aug 21	Ken Glienke & Kay Kinderman	Bob Hudecek & Jerry Mayr	Megan Vanderbloemen Psalm 103:1-8	Terry Miller Hebrews 12:18-29	Ken Glienke & Kay Kinderman
Aug 28	Ken Glienke & Kay Kinderman	Ken Glienke & Terry Miller	Bob Hudecek Psalm 112	Vicky Gouldthorp Text TBD	Host(s) Needed

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