

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Easter Sunday

# CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH

## Weekly Congregational Letter



### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

BIBLE BUDDIES

@ 8:30 am via Zoom

**CANCELLED THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

COFFEE HOUR

@ 1:00 pm via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84948717808?pwd=Um9uVjF5RnAxcmxNSlFYemp6N25qUT09>

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**Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

ACADIA FOOD PANTRY

Noon – 2:00 pm

**Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETS IN PERSON

7:00 pm @ CMC



Sunday Worship Focus:

Easter Joy,  
Life Risen Beyond the Tomb

**Moravian**

**Watchword for the Week:**

Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here, but has risen.  
Luke 24:5

### Easter Services

**GOOD FRIDAY:**

10:30 am "In Person" Holy Communion Service

{This service will not be live-streamed}

Video Service from Good Friday 2021 to be distributed via email and on the website [www.christmoravian.com](http://www.christmoravian.com)

**EASTER SUNDAY:**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

8:00 am "In Person" in the MEMORIAL GARDEN

{weather permitting – to be cancelled if raining or snowing}

**EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

10:30 am "In Person" & Live Streamed

Special Music, Easter Liturgy, Easter Songs and Easter Joy!

### PASTOR'S WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Greetings Friends in Christ:

Easter Sunday on April 17<sup>th</sup> looms on the horizon, and this day is often seen as the most significant day of Christian faith. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is re-experienced and celebrated, and with that our view of life, death, and various dilemmas changes.

The first witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus saw things that perplexed them and confused them. Jesus then spoke to them and the sound of his voice changed the way in which they viewed life. The pain, brokenness, sin and sorrow that they were experiencing were redeemed. They left with their senses heightened to hear and see and taste and touch with Easter faith.

How similar is this to our most recent experiences. Times and issues that have been perplexing and confusing. Jesus continuing to speak to us words of peace, love, and hope. And our community life and faith life realizing those moments of transformation as God's love embraces us with an Easter faith of new life and new hope.

May these next few days of Holy Week prepare and ready us to hear the Risen Lord with clarity and see new life before us with newfound faith and hope.

Shalom, Pastor Gohdes

**IN PERSON WORSHIP**

Please read the information attached to your e-mail prior to attending. The leadership at CMC is continuing to take a cautious approach, striving to provide the safest environment possible to those who return. We recognize some will be hesitant to return at this time. If you feel comfortable, please attend in-person worship with us. We will continue to offer weekly services online as well.

**E-MAIL ATTACHMENTS**

Please review the e-mail attachments for a copy of the Sunday bulletin, information on Worship Attendance, and a plea toward accommodation for Ukrainian Refugees.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

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**CMC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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**FROM THE DIGITAL CAMPUS TEAM**

Each Friday, the church Facebook page will feature a short video from a new series that is being created. Get to know our church and our pastor better by watching "A Minute with the Minister." Pastor Steve will be answering a different question each week. The videos as well as other CMC posts can be found by clicking the Facebook link below. You don't have to have a Facebook account to enjoy them. And, if you have any questions that you would like answered in future video posts, why not leave us a private message while you are there!

<https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Moravian-Church-Calgary-106080191799781>

**ACADIA FOOD PANTRY – DELIVERY PERSONS NEEDED**

Acadia Food Pantry has an increasing number of clients who require delivery of hampers. Some have mobility or health issues; others cannot attend because of work or school commitments. Single moms find it challenging to navigate public transit with small children in tow while transporting hampers. If you're able to help deliver hampers from noon - 2pm on the third Tuesday of the month, please contact Donna Gordon.

**WEEKLY REMINDERS**

Please know that you may contact the church office for any needs that arise. Feel free to **phone (403-271-2700)** to speak with us or leave a message, or contact the church office by e-mail at [moravian@nucleus.com](mailto:moravian@nucleus.com)

Indranie Perera continues to receive recycling for support of Sri Lanka. She wishes to express sincere thanks to all who contribute to this worthwhile cause.

Cash and food donations for the Acadia Food Pantry are most appreciated. Food items may be dropped off at church and placed in the blue bin by the side door. Contact Donna Gordon if you would like to volunteer.

**Watch us LIVE on YouTube**

You can go directly to the church channel page by using this link -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9D8chO3ksAoPIS8yWZjT2g>

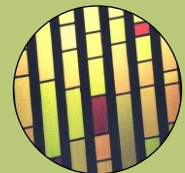
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## SUMMER CAMPS AT VAN-ES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTRE

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The apostle Paul said, "... by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." (Galatians: 5:13-14)

### April 2022 - Mission Month at CMC

April brings Easter and the promise of resurrection and new life. It carries with it a reminder that Jesus lived a life of service and love, and calls upon us to do the same. As such, CMC has designated April as a time for you to consider making a financial gift to the mission and service work of CMC.

As is our tradition, two important causes have been identified as deserving of your support at this time, one local and one global.

**Acadia Food Pantry:** *Did you know that some of the communities close to CMC have a high number of people living below the poverty line?*

In April 2019, CMC responded to this need arising out of Acadia Place by helping to establish the Acadia Food Pantry to provide free food for our neighbours living with food insecurity. Since then, CMC has been an integral part of this organization and currently ten of our members serve as regular volunteers. In March 2022, the Pantry served 53 households for a total of 151 people.

As a volunteer organization, the Pantry depends fully on donations to operate. In recognition of its third anniversary, we ask you to consider a one time or recurring donation to help the Pantry continue to offer essential food support to families in need. 100% of every donation is used for food and supplies.

**Support for Ukraine:** *Have you been wondering how you can help the people of Ukraine?*

Moravian congregations in Europe have answered the call of their Ukrainian neighbours to provide refuge from the devastation of war occurring in their homeland. They have opened their doors and hearts to give sanctuary to those escaping across borders, mostly women, children and the elderly.

One such Moravian congregation in Czech Republic is refurbishing a vacant hotel in their possession in order to house 15 families. Other Moravian congregations in Europe are welcoming families into their homes and putting them up in apartments.

The need within Ukraine is also great. Millions of people are internally displaced and living without adequate food, water and other necessities. Many service agencies are on the ground in Ukraine to help care for those who remain.

The situation in Ukraine is fluid and will have long lasting effects. 100% of donations made to Ukraine through CMC will go towards an area of most need as determined in conjunction with the Moravian Board of World Mission.

**TO DONATE:** Please mark all donations: "CMC Mission Month"

Cheque Payable to  
Christ Moravian Church  
600 Acadia Drive, SE  
Calgary, AB T2J 0B8

e-Transfer  
Email: [donatecmc@nucleus.com](mailto:donatecmc@nucleus.com)  
Include name and address for tax receipt purposes

**MUSIC for MISSION CONCERT:** CMC Mission Month will culminate at the end of the month with a video concert featuring many of our talented vocalists and musicians. Stay tuned for more details.

*In all things, LOVE*

# Easter's Celebration of New Life



April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
10:30 a.m.

## **Christ Moravian Church**

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### **Pastor:**

**Rev. Stephen Gohdes**

### **Elders:**

Gloria Taylor

Pat Wolff

### **Accompanists:**

Heidi Gohdes

Dunc McKerchar

### **Special Music:**

Marty Antonini

## **Easter Worship:**

Springtime is a time of newness. A bulb grows. Baby robins hatch in the nest. A friendship is renewed after a long absence from one another. A new bud appears on the tree. Easter is a time of new life. The blind see. The grieving find comfort. The tomb is empty. We join the ancient people of faith and gaze into an empty tomb, and we proclaim a new life is born within us through our faith. Death does not have the final say; **FOR JESUS CHRIST LIVES.**

Welcome to Easter.

## **Prelude in Music**

### **Easter Echo:**

The Lord is risen;

**The Lord is risen indeed!**

Sadness is replaced by joy;

**The followers on the road know that Jesus is with them.**

Fear is replaced by faith;

**The disciples know Jesus in their midst.**



Darkness is replaced by light;  
**There are no grim secrets, for grace flows freely.**

Loneliness is replaced by community;  
**The fellowship of Christ is a living body found alive and well this morning.**

Death is transformed through resurrection;  
**We give thanks for the love of God found in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Lord is risen.  
**The Lord is risen indeed!**

*Easter Hymn: # 358 MBW*

“Jesus Christ Is Ris’n Today ” vss. 1, 4.

*Easter Litany:*

Trembling, the women approached the tomb. The tomb of Jesus: that mysterious place of our faith. Death meeting life. Women meeting the Risen Christ. Trembling, they came.

**Trembling, we come. We approach the edge where death and life meet on a regular basis. Death, the unknown, meets life anew. Easter faces us with new possibilities and new potential. Trembling, we come.**

Easter morning: The women came face to face with Jesus. They were face to face with the Risen Christ. They doubted, they feared, they wondered as life returned to them from death.

**From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark Friday of betrayal and death, we have journeyed together these days. We, too, arrive to Easter following our dark moments, our struggles of faith, our broken-hearted days.**

The Risen Jesus still bears the marks of the nails in meeting the women long ago, and us on this day. Life is acquainted with death. Joy is familiar with sorrow. Yet it is triumphant love which prevails on this day. All sin and death are defeated.

**Death has lost its power. Face to face with Jesus, the women and disciples of yesterday realized that death had been vanquished.**

Today we are filled with vital hope. Sorrow, pain, and loneliness are given new garments of joy, wholeness, and friendship.

**Rejoice! Life burst through all shadows. God is with us! Alleluia! Amen.**

***Echo in Song: # 797 MBW***

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

***Children’s Time:***

Offering ... Lesson  
The Lord’s Prayer

***Scripture Reading:***

John 20: 1 ~ 18      {pg. 1074-1075 NIV}

***Special Music:***    “ Alleluia ”      *Marty Antonini*

***Easter Message:***    “ Encounters Beyond a Tomb ”

***Easter Prayer***

***Closing Hymn: # 372 MBW***

“ Rejoice, the Lord Is King ”

***Announcements of the Day***

***Words of Blessing:***

Death does not have the last word,  
**For Jesus Christ is risen.**

Loneliness has lost its hold,  
**For Jesus Christ is risen.**

Despair and injustice will be at an end,  
**For Jesus Christ is risen.**

The forces of good will triumph,  
**For Jesus Christ is risen.**

We, the faithful ones, know this and believe this and  
live this,  
**For Jesus Christ is risen.**  
**Alleluia. Amen.**

*Easter Blessing Song: “O Happy Day ”*  
*Marty Antonini*

*Postlude . . .*

*Easter Beauty in Our Lives:*

{As we depart, each receives a carnation  
as a symbol of Christ’s love}



***Happy Easter !!!***



***A n n o u n c e m e n t s . . .***

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**Easter Monday: The office will be closed.**

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## **Welcome to Our Guests & Visitors !**

We're pleased to have you share in our worship service at Christ Moravian Church!





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## Worship Service Requirements

- Prior to entering the building, all members and visitors must use the health screening checklist below to determine whether or not they should attend or stay home.
- There are no vaccine requirements.
- Masking within the building is required until this restriction is removed at AHS facilities.
- Self-distancing is highly recommended and encouraged at all times.
- Pre-registration is not required.
- Attendance will be taken at the door.
- Entrance is through north door, except for those with mobility issues who may use east door.
- Sanitizing hands at the door is required.
- Proper respiratory etiquette is strongly encouraged.
- Children are to remain with parents at all times.
- Offering plates will be located on a table at the sanctuary entrance.
- Singing and choral readings will take place, with masks on.
- Hugging, shaking hands or engaging in long conversations within the building are discouraged.

**Do you have any new onset (or worsening) of the following symptoms?**

• Fever	YES	NO
• Cough	YES	NO
• Shortness of breath	YES	NO
• Runny nose	YES	NO
• Sore throat	YES	NO
• Chills	YES	NO
• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
• Nasal congestion	YES	NO
• Feeling unwell / fatigued	YES	NO

• Nausea / vomiting / diarrhea	YES	NO
• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
• Muscle / joint aches	YES	NO
• Headache	YES	NO
• Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO
<b>Please stay home if you have answered "YES" to any of the above.</b>		

## **URGENT: Temporary accommodations needed for Ukrainian Refugee Families**

*Can you help?*

*If you can't, do you know someone who might?*

The Centre for Newcomers has contacted the Refugee Group of McDougall United and Christ Moravian Churches to see if we can help find temporary housing for four refugee families from Ukraine arriving in Calgary in the next few weeks. None have relatives here so they all need help to get started in their new country.

- Family size ranges from 3 to 6.
- At least one family member speaks good English.
- Two families arrive April 25, one on June 20 and one has no arrival date as yet
- The Federal government provides short term assistance to help them get settled.

Furniture and household items will also be required. Housing and donations will be coordinated by Centre for Newcomers.

If you know someone - who might know someone - who might be able to help, please contact the church office at 403-271-2700 or email [moravian@nucleus.com](mailto:moravian@nucleus.com).

**Let's get the word out!**

