

April 24th, 2022

Easter II

CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH

Weekly Congregational Letter



Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 24th

BIBLE BUDDIES

@ 8:30 am via Zoom

Sunday, April 24th

COFFEE HOUR

@ 1:00 pm via Zoom

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

Wednesday May 4th

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
meets in the sanctuary
@ CMC at 10:00 am

Friday May 6th

ELDERS meet

@ 1:00 pm via Zoom

Saturday May 7th

MEN'S GROUP meets
@ 8:30 am via Zoom
AND

@ 9:30 in the sanctuary
for those who wish to
attend in person.
{BYOB – bring your
own breakfast!}



Sunday Worship Focus:

"Joy & Laughter Sunday"

Moravian

Watchword for the Week:

Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

John 20:21

PASTOR'S WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Greetings Friends in Christ:

One of my devotional resources highlights the emphasis that we are urged to keep the celebration of Easter extended into the days and weeks after Easter Sunday. The emphasis is placed in the reality that beyond Easter Sunday, we really have to start living the experience of faith that is celebrated as Jesus is rising beyond the empty tomb. These days after Easter are even more paramount in expressing our faith that God is rising in new life within each of our days and experiences.

The worship emphasis this Sunday is the yearly special service of "Joy and Laughter Sunday". You will find a joyous, light-hearted atmosphere that speaks to the amazing reality of God initiating a joke on the presence of death, sin, and brokenness by the presence of the risen Christ. May the weeks following Easter, lead us all to know the fullness of joy and the gladness of laughter as Jesus meets us with smiles and giggles beyond the tomb.

Here's a light-hearted prayer prepared by United Church Pastor Gord Dunbar of Burlington, Ont.

*Chuckling, chortling God,
Who lifts our hearts when we feel most down,
Who strikes the light of joy in the midst of despair's gloom,
Who surprises us with wonder and awe...
Enter our hearts this day we pray.
Open our minds to the endless possibilities you create for
growing closer to you with a giggle.
Open our eyes to your presence in all things,
allowing us to respond in joy. Amen.*

God's joyful peace be unto you all,
Pastor Steve Gohdes

E-MAIL ATTACHMENTS

Please review the e-mail attachments for a copy of the Sunday bulletin, information on Worship Attendance, Bible Study info, accommodation requirements for Ukrainian Refugees, and the CMC April Fundraiser.

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.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Donations are beginning to come in for Mission Month in support of the Acadia Food Pantry and the Crisis in Ukraine. As always, you may designate your donation in any way you feel called by stating the amount you wish to go to each of the two causes, or to one cause in particular. Please be sure to clearly state your preferences in the memo on your cheque or e-Transfer. Your support for these causes is much appreciated and you can look forward to a special message about them when our Music for Missions Concert is released soon.

On April 19, the Acadia Food Pantry provided food hampers for 200 food insecure people living in Acadia and surrounding communities, as well as a few other neighbourhoods. The Pantry is grateful to all the volunteers from CMC that help to provide this service.

The number of Ukrainian refugees fleeing to different parts of Europe, and now Canada, continues to climb and Moravians are responding to the call for help. You can receive an updated report on the Moravian response to the Crisis in Ukraine at the Board of World Mission website, www.moravian.org/mission.

CMC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sun. May 15th: Annual General Meeting 11:45 am

The Nomination Committee {Don Kawchuk, Martin Driver & Rev. Gohdes} invite the congregation to bring forth nominees, **before May 6th**, for a two-year term on the Executive Board. Those elected shall be active members in the ministry of the church.

If your Committee or Ministry has been active...

please submit your report to the church office by May 7th.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

As we are celebrating In Person Sunday Worship again, we are inviting the congregation to offer floral arrangements that would add to the worship focus. Dorothy Schultz is the coordinator, (403-281-4339, dorothy.schultz@gmail.com), so please contact her with the date you wish to bring flowers, and the special circumstance they would signify. Please have the flowers to the church by 10:00am

REFUGEE HOUSING UPDATE

We are learning of more and more Ukrainian refugees coming to Canada and settling in Calgary. The need to find temporary housing for them is urgent and great. If you are thinking about the possibility of opening your home to them on a temporary basis until permanent housing can be found, please refer to the attached document entitled, *Hosting Ukrainian Refugee Family*.

If you are unable to host a family but still want to help, donations of household and hygiene items as well as gift cards are being accepted at St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church. They are also looking for volunteers to help sort and distribute items. A list of needed items and more information can be found on their website: <https://stvlads.com/afterarrivalsupportforrefugees>

REQUEST FOR BICYCLES

Our Afghan family needs 3 medium sized men's bikes.
Can you donate one?
Call Gloria (Svilpis) Toole: 403-282-6489.

**Watch us LIVE on
YouTube**

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

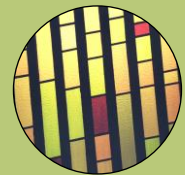
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9D8chO3ksAoPIS8yWZjT2g>

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SUMMER CAMPS AT VAN-ES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTRE

July 3-8, Elementary grades (day camp option: July 4-8)

July 8-9, Indigenous Youth camp with Anglican partners

July 10-16, Traditional camp with new Environmental Leadership emphasis, completed grades 5-12

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(Jr/Sr high campers can stay for both weeks at a discount)

An enrollment link will be available soon.

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

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.

The Easter Event Continues in Worship

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 24th, 2022 @ 10:30 a.m.

Christ Moravian Church

600 Acadia Drive S.E.,

Calgary, AB. T2J 0B8

Mon ~ Fri: 9 am ~ 1 pm

Phone: 403-271-2700 Fax: 403-271-2810

moravian@nucleus.com

www.christmoravian.com

Email: donatecmc@nucleus.com

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Gohdes

Elders:

Donna Kreese & Gloria Taylor

Accompanists:

Heidi Gohdes & Dunc McKerchar

***Special Music: Marty Antonini,
Heidi Gohdes & Darlene Roach***

*Flowers are placed in the
sanctuary this week by
Dunc & Marge McKerchar*

Today in Worship:

The Sunday following Easter has often been referred to as BRIGHT SUNDAY, a day in which one celebrates the great joke that God has played on death by raising Jesus from the dead. In ancient time, today was akin to April Fool's Day, in which practical jokes and laughter were encouraged and celebrated. The Easter message of Christ's resurrection continues to have its effect each day. Welcome to a day of joy and faith.

Prelude into Worship

Words of Worship

Sharing Christ's Peace & Smiles of Hope

Lighting the Candles of Peace ...

a time of quiet preparation leads us into worship.

Worship Introit: "Shines the Light"

Marty Antonini, Heidi Gohdes & Darlene Roach

Call to Worship:

Who knows what you might discover in church today?

GOD KNOWS!

It could be the beauty of a favorite hymn, a quiet moment of prayer, a little quip offered by the children.

IT COULD BE THE SMILE OF A FRIEND, THE HUG OF A NEWFOUND FRIEND, OR THE ARRIVAL OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST.

Come this day into worship, and as you open your eyes you'll see a remarkable sight.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINES FORTH WITH POWER AND GLORY. IT DISPELS ALL THAT GLOOM AND DARKNESS WE'VE EXPERIENCED.

We will worship this day with broad smiles and laughter, for God's goodness has overpowered the power of death, and grief, and sin.

WE COME TO GIVE THANKS AND CELEBRATE THE FULLNESS OF JOY, THE HEALING POWER, AND THE WONDER OF CHILD-LIKE LAUGHTER THAT COMES IN BEING A DISCIPLE OF JESUS. AMEN.

Song: # 107 SGP "Give to Us Laughter"

A Unison Prayer of Joy:

GOD OF BALLOONS AND BUTTERFLIES, YOU ARE THE JOY IN OUR LAUGHTER, AND THE UNDERSTANDING FOUND IN OUR GRIEF.

WE PRAY FOR AN ABUNDANT GIFT OF HUMOUR, THAT WE MAY HAVE THE ABILITY TO LAUGH AT OURSELVES, TO LAUGH AT ALL THE ODDITIES OF LIFE, AND TO LAUGH WITH THE WORLD AT IT'S POINTS OF EXTREME SORROW.

COME INTO OUR OPEN HEARTS THIS DAY, O LORD, AND HELP US LAUGH AT OUR OLD WAYS AND GIVE US POWER TO WALK IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE. AMEN.

Song: "God of Love and Joy and Laughter" vss 1, 2

Please see the overhead screen

Mini Children's Time:

Piggy Offering
Kid's Message
Lord's Prayer

New Testament Reading:

John 20: 19 ~ 31
{Page 1075 in the Pew Bible}

Anthem:

“ Heart of Mine ”
Marty Antonini, Heidi Gohdes & Darlene Roach

Message:

“ What Goes on Behind Locked Doors! ”

A Prayer of Joy

Song:

“ Praise the Lord with Sound of Trumpet ”
Please see the overhead screen

Announcements of the Day

Benediction

Choral Blessing

Sharing Our Own Jokes & Stories in the Day

Announcements

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at 10:00am**

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Welcome to Our Guests & Visitors !

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

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:

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

e-Transfer
Email: donatecmc@nucleus.com
Include name and address for tax receipt purposes

Designate your donation in any way you feel called by stating the amount you wish to go to each of the two causes, or to one cause in particular. Please be sure to clearly state your preferences in the memo on your cheque or e-transfer.

Ready to host a Ukrainian refugee family?

Here is what you need to know:

- The Canadian host is expected to:
 - settle a refugee family for free during the period of time the host has initially committed to
 - meet the refugee family and transport them to the place of their accommodation
 - provide one or two rooms (depending on the host's situation, but in accordance with or exceeding the refugee family's minimal needs)
 - ensure a dedicated or easily accessible (any time) washroom
 - give access to a sufficiently equipped kitchen to cook their own meals during reasonable periods and at reasonable time during the day
 - be prepared to provide additional support with meals, if necessary
 - provide a support tour of the community (e.g. buses, how to call a taxi, location of schools, affordable grocery stores, medical services, how to contact emergency services, etc.)
 - present a clean” police check

- Please complete the table below and return to Marjorie at mcmglengarry@gmail.com. She will provide this information to the Centre for Newcomers contact who is the project lead for the Ukrainian refugees. They will contact you about your request.

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Your Name	
Email	
Street Address	
Phone Number	
What type of family you can help? Number of adults, children, babies?	
Will you accept pets? What type?	
Maximum period you can host. (2-3 months is typical)	
Accommodation details: (Kitchen, bedrooms, furnishings)	
What languages do you speak? Ukrainian?	
Household info: smoking, alcohol, allergies, internet access	
Ability to provide other supports: language training, job search permanent, transportation accommodation search, temporary phone/computer	
Access to schools, shopping, church, transit, medical services	
Any other comments	