

May 1st, 2022
Easter III

CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH

Weekly Congregational Letter



Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 1st

BIBLE BUDDIES
@ 8:30 am via Zoom

Sunday, May 1st

COFFEE HOUR
@ 1:00 pm via Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84948717808?pwd=Um9uVjF5RnAxcmxNSlFYemp6N25qUT09>

Wednesday May 4th

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
meet in person
@ 10:00 am
in the CMC sanctuary
All women are welcome!

Friday May 6th

ELDERS meet
@ 1:00 pm via Zoom

Saturday May 7th

TWO SEPARATE EVENTS!
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 Theme:

**"A Meal of Thanks
Offered by Christ"**

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Watchword for the Week:

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! Revelation 5:12

PASTOR'S WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Greetings Friends in Christ:

Easter is a season, not simply one special Sunday set aside for singing, joy, and wondrous news of the Risen Christ. The season of Easter now stretches until the end of May with each Sunday being highlighted by an insight into the presence of Jesus beyond the tomb.

I've found this to be an extremely rich season of Lent and Easter. There have been so many new challenges faced and so many doubts and worries exposed. And in these experiences the love and comfort of God has found a way into my life.

This weekend's Scripture text shares the story of the disciples getting back to their adventures of fishing. And the Risen Jesus re-emerges into their day and invites them to be refreshed by some bread and fish. Then while breaking bread together the deep realization occurs that this is Jesus.

This coming Sunday we will partake of the Eucharist in the "In Person" worship service and those taking part on video are invited to have their "bread and cup" prepared to participate. May we all discover that despite our worries, fears, and doubts, Jesus is present to refresh us all, with love and with grace.

Blessings in Peace,
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, hosting Ukrainian Refugees, and the upcoming Moravian Music Festival.

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.

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.

The CMC Music for Missions Concert is finally here!

It's ready for your enjoyment at <https://vimeo.com/702396691> or www.christmoravian.com

We encourage you to support these two important causes:

Ukrainian Crisis: 100% of donations made through CMC will go towards an area of most need for Ukraine as determined by the CMC Mission and Outreach Committee in consultation with the Moravian Board of World Mission.

Acadia Food Pantry: 100% of donations made to the Acadia Food Pantry will go towards the purchase of food for those experiencing poverty and food insecurity in our church neighbourhood.

Please 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. Be sure to clearly state your preferences in the memo on your cheque or e-Transfer and include your name and address for tax receipt purposes.

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

With much gratitude we thank the following participants:

Steve Blackwell, MC and Video Editor
Rev. Stephen Gohdes, Introduction and Spiritual Guidance
Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler, Director of Mission Engagement, BWM
Jody Gorai, Acadia Food Pantry Volunteer and CMC Member

CMC Performers Extraordinaire:

Marty Antonini
Good Company: Darlene Roach, Heidi Gohdes, Kari Gohdes-Ng
David and Danielle Clake
Callander Family: Gary, Michael, Paul and Bobbie
Kathy Pepers
Jorge Aviles and Chris Tesarski
Malcom McKenzie and Little Brown Jug Brass
Pratt Family: Olivia, Clara, James and Levi

**Watch us LIVE on
YouTube**

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

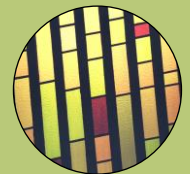
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In all things, LOVE



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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.

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.

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.

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
Please stay home if you have answered "YES" to any of the above.		

A Celebration in Faith through Worship & Holy Communion

May 1st, 2022 @ 10:30 a.m.

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Pastor: Rev. Stephen Gohdes

Elder:

Arlene Kawchuk

Accompanists:

Heidi Gohdes & Dunc McKerchar

*Flowers are placed in the
sanctuary this week by
Dorothy Schultz*

A Prayer in the Pew:

Loving God, there are days when we are all like little children, with gladness and excitement ready to sit upon the lap of Jesus in receiving love and guidance. Inspire within us the shape of a new heaven as we live upon this earth. Grant us Your nourishing presence through the Bread and Cup as we share full communion with Your Spirit. Speak to us now with a fresh and vital revelation. Amen.

Prelude before Worship

Words of Worship

Sharing the Peace of Jesus

Lighting the Candles of Peace ...

We are invited into a quiet time of prayer as these candles are lit.

Call to Worship:

Today is a new day!

**NEW LIFE AND NEW FAITH RISES AMONG US TO
GIVE US HOPE.**

Today is an opportunity to find God's love revealed in ways yet to be discovered.

THE LOVE OF GOD IS WELL KNOWN AND OFT EXPERIENCED, AND YET EACH DAY BRINGS NEW EVIDENCE TO THE GRACE AND COMPASSION GOD HAS OFFERED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

We come knowing that the past is behind us, and the future opened anew. We come to celebrate the new life Christ brings this day.

CHRIST IS WITH US TODAY. HE HAS RISEN WITH POWER AND HOPE AND JOY GIVEN TO EACH ONE OF FAITH. AMEN.

Song: "Will You Come and Follow Me "

{Please see the overhead screen}

A Prayer of Grace

Song: # 2 SGP "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace "

Children's Time:

Children's Offering
Message of the Day
Lord's Prayer

Celebrating the Offerings of New Life & Faith

Scripture Reading: John 21: 1-14
{Page 1075 in the Pew Bible}

A Meditation Thought: "Bread and Fish with a Friend"

Pastoral Prayer

Preparation Hymn: # 415 MBW "I Come with Joy "
vss 1, 3, 5

Celebrating the Eucharist

Gathering Words

Consecrating the Bread

Consecrating the Cup

Partaking of the Bread and Cup Together

Silent Prayer

Song after Communion: # 613 MBW

“ Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore ”

Announcements of the Community

Benediction

Quiet Prayer

Postlude

Announcements

**Wed. May 4th: Women’s Fellowship meet in person
in the sanctuary at CMC at 10:00am
All women are welcome!**

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via Zoom**

**Sat. May 7th: Men’s Group - Two separate events!
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Welcome to Our Guests & Visitors !

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

Focus on John 21:1–19

WHAT is important to know?

— From “Exegetical Perspective,” Lewis R. Donelson

The meal that Jesus has ready and offers to the disciples serves as the focal point of the encounter. The symbolism and purpose of this meal are not made explicit in the story. There are two somewhat distinct meal trajectories in early Christianity that employ fish and bread. Both Jewish and Christian accounts of eschatological banquets have fish as the main meal. In addition, early Christian iconography tended to picture the Eucharist with images of fish and bread rather than with cup and bread. Whatever the precise symbolism, this is a sacred meal in which Jesus feeds his disciples. Read this way, the story, for all its awkwardness, becomes quite classical in its theology. In the midst of our labor, Jesus calls us and feeds us. The food is the Eucharist; the meal is a banquet in God’s kingdom. The fish we eat are gathered from our own labor and are given by God.

WHERE is God in these words?

— From “Theological Perspective,” Joseph A. Bessler

If the Beloved Disciple is the first to understand, recognize, or hear the Lord (v. 7)—something that is utterly necessary for faith—such recognition is not yet manifest in action. If Peter is the first to act—which symbolizes for these classic interpreters the human response of committed faith—such action must always be grounded in authentic recognition. Neither understanding nor action alone constitutes authentic faith, and thus one needs to unite the best of Peter and the best of the Beloved Disciple if one is to be a person of true faith.

SO WHAT does this mean for our lives?

— From “Pastoral Perspective,” Gary D. Jones

Surely there is a Beloved Disciple and an overactive Peter in each of us, and this Gospel passage gives us some guidance in surviving, and even overcoming, circumstances that threaten to overwhelm us. Reclining at the breast of Jesus in prayer, periodically resting in the Lord’s heart—this sharpens our spiritual vision and helps us to recognize the nurturing presence of the Lord, even in the most routine and familiar circumstances of our over-busy lives. Feeding the Lord’s sheep is a tangible way of staying in relationship with the Lord, as well as the surest way to express our love for him, “not only with our lips, but in our lives.”

NOW WHAT is God’s word calling us to do?

— From “Homiletical Perspective,”

Thomas H. Troeger

The epilogue awakens memories of the darkness—the darkness of our hunger, the darkness of our failure to recognize Christ, the darkness of our denial—but at the same time it reminds us that none of this darkness has overcome the light. For the risen Christ still calls, still feeds, still empowers even doubters and deniers for the ministry. The epilogue tells us: the curtain may have come down on John’s narrative, but the real-life drama of Christ is continuing. Everything John has shown you continues past the last scene into the present moment and beyond.

Feeding Our Faith

Directions: Read the following from the “So What?” excerpt. Then answer the questions below.

“Reclining at the breast of Jesus in prayer, periodically resting in the Lord’s heart—this sharpens our spiritual vision and helps us to recognize the nurturing presence of the Lord, even in the most routine and familiar circumstances of our over-busy lives.”

1. Which approaches to prayer work best for you in developing a closer personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

2. What other practices have you found to be helpful as a way of resting in the Lord’s heart?

3. What spiritual strategies can you think of to incorporate into your over-busy life?

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1. What practices have you found to intentionally bring Jesus Christ to mind even in the midst of engaging in acts of justice and mercy?

2. How does your commitment to justice and mercy express your love for Jesus Christ?

3. In what ways can your actions reflect an attitude of respect for the humanity and individuality of those with whom, and to whom, you minister?

Spiritual Practices

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	



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- Thur. July 28 - 7:30pm Organ Recital
- Fri. July 29 - 7:30pm Chorus & Orchestra
- Sat. 10:30am Concert Band

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