

Christ Moravian Church

Congregational Newsletter for Sunday January 23rd, 2022

Christ Church Watchword for the Year 2022 John 20:21

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

Moravian Daily Text Watchword for the Week:

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14



Sunday Worship Theme: "Empowered by the Spirit of God"

Greetings Friends in Christ:

Our worship service video editor, Steve Blackwell, informed me that this weekend's worship video is the **100th** video service we have offered over these past two years since we began this ministry feature in March of 2020. Reaching the centennial mark for these services highlights the blessing of God's presence in the support of this worship ministry. God's love shines through every individual who's taken part or offered support over these many weeks and months. I find that meaning of this centennial anniversary gets noted in the Moravian Daily Text Watchword for Sunday, January 23. It shares,

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

Wow, talk about the perfect reading for this 100th video worship service. We live with trust and faith that our prayers, our cries, our laments unto God find an understanding heart in God's presence. God sees us and finds the songs, the prayers, the words, the silence displayed in the many video services to be acceptable and pleasing in God's sight.

My devotions often include the reflections of Franciscan priest, Richard Rohr. A recent message certainly spoke to me as Rohr quoted a German Theologian, Dorothee Solle, who invited Christians to see with the eyes of God and hear with the ears of God. Solee wrote: "To use "God's senses" does not mean simply turning inward, but becoming free for a different way of living life: To see What God sees! To hear what God hears! To laugh where God laughs! To cry Where God cries!" These unique days of our life invite us to intentionally seek to see with the eyes of God wherever we go.

Even as it is expressed in a video worship service, we join in saying "May our prayers, words, and meditations of the heart speak with the love and kindness of Christ."

Winter blessings to all,
Pastor Steve Gohdes

Upcoming Events . . .

Sunday
January 23rd:
"Bible Buddies"
meet at 8:30 am
via Zoom
{Zoom details
are on page 2}

Wednesday Feb. 2nd:
Men's Breakfast
Group meets
at 8:30 am
via Zoom

Saturday February 5th:
Shepherds meeting
at 2:00 pm via Zoom
{Zoom details
are on page 2}

Sunday February 6th:
CMC Church Council
meeting at 1:00 pm
via Zoom
Agenda, Financials,
and the Zoom link
will be sent in a
separate e-mail.

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www.christmoravian.com

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Save the Date! Christ Church Annual Council Meeting is February 6th, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend. This Annual meeting will receive the financials from 2021 and accept the budget for 2022. We expect to send the Agenda and Financials out early next week. Please watch for them in your inbox. Zoom details to join the meeting will be sent out via e-mail prior to February 6th.

Suspension of In-Person Worship Services

The Executive Board and the Health & Safety Task Force of Christ Moravian Church are currently monitoring the situation with the new Omicron variant of COVID-19. We hope to have an update for you in the near future. Adjustments to the in-person worship services will be made as new information arises.

2022 MORAVIAN DAILY TEXTS have arrived at the church

Please call or e-mail the office if you are interested in purchasing a copy.

Paperback - \$17.00 Large Print - \$22.00 Directory & Stats - \$10.00

Orders will be identified with your name and may be picked up in the Fireside Room at the church.

Save the Date: February 2nd, 2022 at 2:00 pm

The CMC Elders are inviting you to a SHEPHERDS MEETING on Zoom.

More information to follow. Zoom link below. See you then! Donna

Christ Moravian is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Shepherd Gathering

Time: Feb 2, 2022 02:00 PM Edmonton

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82988628864?pwd=UXBIZy9Va3B2YmVMR1FRL2lXWU1ldz09>

Meeting ID: 829 8862 8864 Passcode: 565040

Dial by your location +1 587 328 1099 Alberta, Canada

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82988628864?pwd=UXBIZy9Va3B2YmVMR1FRL2lXWU1ldz09>

BIBLE STUDY LINK ~ January 23rd, 2022

Hi Bible Buddies,

The link to join is below (this link will remain the same till June - please save it):

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87164232583?pwd=NmY3SWJDOGJPOVJ0b3JjenpOMEO1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 871 6423 2583 Passcode: 302817

Dial by your location +1 587 328 1099 Alberta, Canada

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87164232583?pwd=NmY3SWJDOGJPOVJ0b3JjenpOMEO1Zz09>

CMC COFFEE HOUR, 11:30 am Sundays

Are you missing the fellowship time after worship services? You can once again join CMC friends on a Sunday morning after watching the service. Pour yourself a cup of coffee and grab a cookie before joining us on Zoom at 11:30 am Sunday mornings. Each session will be hosted by a CMC Elder or Board Member and will include time to catch up with others and explore a specific topic. To join, set up a Zoom account and click on the link below:

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

Meeting ID: 849 4871 7808 Passcode: 414082

Weekly Reminders...

- Please know that you may contact the church office for any needs that may 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
- **If you require assistance in getting to an Influenza or COVID-19 vaccine appointment, please call the office.**
- Cash and food donations for the Acadia Food Pantry are most appreciated. Food items may be dropped off at the church and placed in the blue bin by the side door. Contact Donna Gordon if you would like to volunteer.
- 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.

In All Things Love...

Children's Worship Bulletin

Many Parts, One Body

1 Corinthians 12:27

Word Search

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| Baptism | Body | Brain |
| Ears | Eyes | Feet |
| Hands | Head | Knees |
| Nose | Spirit | Toes |

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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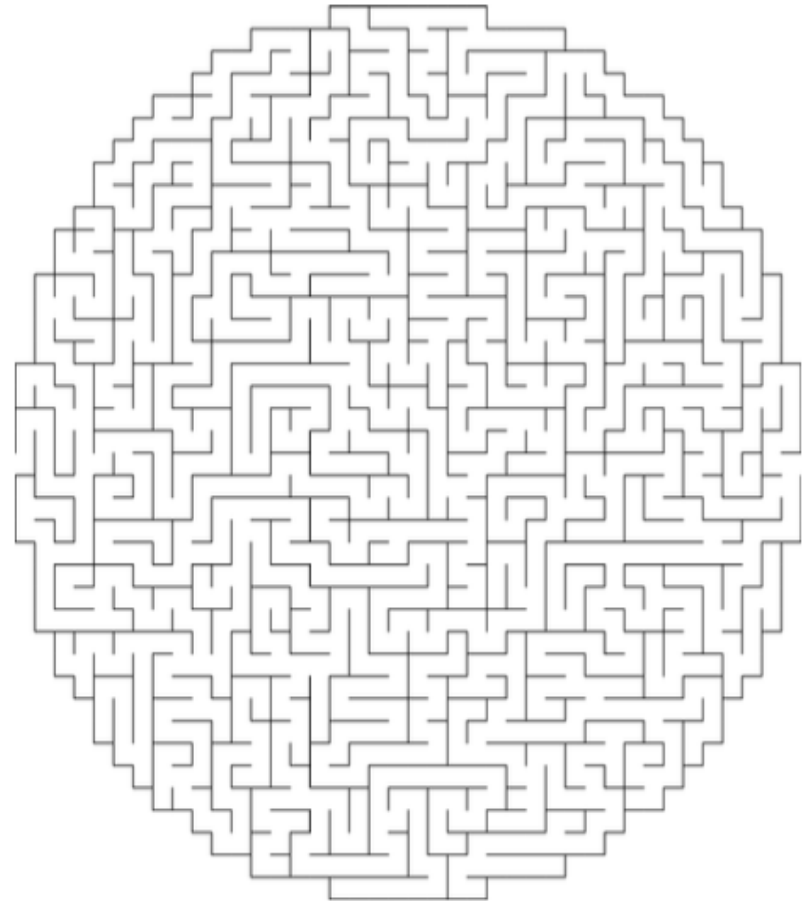
Mystery Math

Fill in the missing numbers. The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9. Each number is only used once. Each row is a math equation.

Each column is a math equation. Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

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Maze



Focus on Luke 4:14–21

WHAT is important to know? — From “*Exegetical Perspective*,” Linda McKinnish Bridges

To read these words aloud before your own relatives in your hometown synagogue required much courage. In reading this portion of Hebrew Scripture, Jesus is saying that his life work will be to (1) heal the brokenhearted; (2) announce the release of prisoners of war; (3) recover sight to the blind; (4) announce the acceptable year of the Lord (vv. 14–19). Jesus’ announcement says that they can no longer see him simply as a village carpenter or as Mary and Joseph’s boy. He is the one that they have been waiting to come all of their lives, and their grandparents’ lives, and the generations before them. The carpenter’s son is the Messiah.

WHERE is God in these words? — From “*Theological Perspective*,” Carol Lakey Hess

From the beginning of his Gospel (1:52, 53) Luke emphasizes that Jesus’ work was to bring good news to the poor. Luke’s portrayal of Jesus’ reading and exposition signals that concern for the liberation of the impoverished and oppressed was of paramount importance to Jesus’ ministry. Whatever we take to be the heart of the gospel will be the central shaping force in our life of faith; the author of Luke instructs readers to place this text as the central concern and even plumb line of Jesus’ teaching. In today’s passage we learn what Jesus came to do; insofar as we measure our lives against this, we are following Jesus’ ministry.

SO WHAT does this mean for our lives? — From “*Pastoral Perspective*,” Robert M. Brearley

The Holy Spirit comes when we have something to do for God and a time to do it. Following this Jesus means accepting his mission and his time. What would change in our lives and in our churches if we stood in the pews on Sunday morning and declared to God and to one another, “God gives us no other day than today to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and new beginnings to all who have failed”? Jesus went forth in the power of the Spirit as an agent of God’s mercy to the downtrodden, and so do we.

NOW WHAT is God’s word calling us to do? — From “*Homiletical Perspective*,” Ernest Hess

We need the moral courage to listen to the intention of God for humanity as Jesus proclaims it in Luke 4, and we can be opened up by hearing accounts of how persons who are in those very situations hear with joy and renewed hope this good news of social transformation. Perhaps too we can be encouraged by noting that when Jesus proclaimed this prophetic text that is so challenging for those in positions of privilege, he left out Isaiah 61:2b, “and the day of vengeance of our God.” Jesus’ focus was on bringing healing and justice, not vengeance.

A Prayer of Commitment

Throughout his Gospel, Luke tells us of the Holy Spirit's involvement in the life of Jesus as he steps forth in public ministry. In the stories of Jesus' birth, the Spirit's movement is evident. At Jesus' baptism and in the time of testing in the wilderness, the Holy Spirit is present. Now as Jesus returns to Galilee, the Holy Spirit will fill him with power for his ministry as he reads a text that will be his mission statement as the Messiah.

How can we know that we have the power of the Spirit? We know because the Holy Spirit gives us something to do for God and a time to do it. The time of God's Holy Spirit is today, right now. It is the Holy Spirit speaking when you hear God whisper to you: "Child of God. Live this day as if it were your first day, as if it were your last day, as if it were your only day."

Together, stand and pray the following aloud:

"God gives me no other day than today to bring good news to the poor . . . (*pause in silence*)
release to the captives . . . (*pause in silence*);
sight to the blind . . . (*pause in silence*);
freedom to the oppressed . . . (*pause in silence*);
new beginnings to all who have failed (*pause in silence*)."

In the coming week

- Plan to pray these words aloud every day as a part of your time of devotion.
- Return to the prayer in your thoughts throughout the day, and try to attend to how it influences your actions.
- Use the following as a journaling prompt: "I feel God's Spirit inviting me to be an agent of mercy today by . . ." Make notes throughout the week, either on paper or on your tablet.
- At the end of the day, note in your journal any specific actions you took as an agent of mercy, as well as ways you might respond further to the invitation of the Spirit.