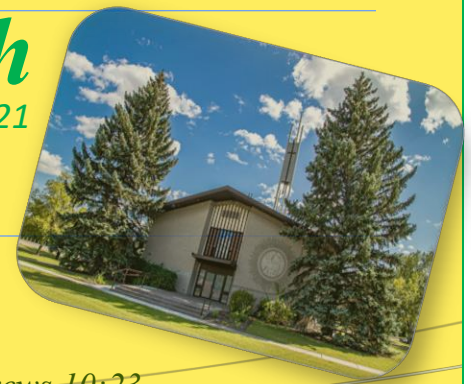


Christ Moravian Church

Congregational Newsletter for the weekend of November 14th, 2021



Christ Church Watchword for the Year 2021 Psalm 42:1

"As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God."

Moravian Daily Text Watchword for the Week:

*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,
for God who has promised is faithful.*

Hebrews 10:23

Worship Focus: "Friendship in Christ"

Greetings Friends in Christ:

Saturday, November 13th stands out as a special day of recognition in the life of the Moravian Church as it celebrates that in 1741, the Moravian Church announced that Jesus Christ was chosen as the Chief Elder. Since that time, the Moravian Church has recognized that no single human would hold that position. In matters of faith and the essentials of Christian life, Jesus Christ would be referred to as the source of understanding, wisdom and fellowship. In the worship service this Sunday, the living Spirit of Christ will be invited to have an impact in our friendships, relationships, and in the CMC congregation.

A prominent presence in the early life of the Moravian Church, was Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf. His understanding and belief is woven into the theology of the Moravian Church, and this belief in the trust of Jesus' active presence as the Chief Elder came to be expressed in much of Zinzendorf's writings and songs. Within Moravian Church Hymnody there are countless Zinzendorf songs still included. The lyrics to the hymn "Christian Hearts in Love United" (MBW # 673) nicely expresses this understanding of Christ's presence as friend yet Chief Elder. It's first verse says:

*"Christian hearts, in love united, seek alone in Jesus rest;
Has he not your love excited? Then let love inspire each breast.
Members on our "Head" depending, lights reflecting him, our Sun,
Brethren his commands attending, we in him, our Lord, are one."*

Following such poignant Remembrance Day activities, we step into this special weekend that reminds us of the spiritual support of Jesus, the Chief Elder, and the spiritual kinship of Jesus, the Friend.

Check out the various activities at CMC as we rapidly move closer to the season of Advent and Christmas.

God's blessings to all,
Pastor Steve Gohdes

Upcoming Events

**Saturday
November 13th:**
**Digital Campus
Ministry Workshop**
at 11:00 am
in-person at CMC
[more info page 2]

**Sunday
November 14th:**
"Bible Buddies"
meet at 8:30 am
via Zoom
Zoom details for
this Bible Study
Class are on the
Events page
of your e-mail.

Anyone who may
be interested in
joining the group,
please speak with
Barb Ward.

**Tuesday
November 16th:**
Executive Board
meets at 7:00 pm

For more information, visit our website @
www.christmoravian.com



Worshippers in-person are welcomed ~ **masked & physically distanced** as per current requirements.

Prayer Support for Lohrey Family

We are saddened to announce the death of Barb Lohrey on Thursday, November 11 as she was taken into the loving arms of Christ for her eternal life. Please keep Roger and son, Casey, in your prayers of support, love, and compassion at this time of grief. Plans for the Memorial Service will be forthcoming at a more appropriate time for the family and friends. All of us at CMC have been richly blessed by the joy-filled, faithful, and beautiful life that Barb has lived.

Worship Assistance Needed!

As we carefully gather for "In Person" worship, assistance is now needed.

- **Greeter/Host/Usher** - Holly Heffernan is coordinating the welcome hosts who will monitor the health issues for worship. Please contact her to volunteer.
- **Audio/Visual/Tech Support** - CMC invites tech minded folks to assist with the A/V support. Orientation and Training will be offered. Speak with Pastor Steve to join this team.

The ***Digital Campus Ministry*** reminds you to check out and follow the CMC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Moravian-Church-Calgary-106080191799781>.

For those wanting to learn more about setting up a secure Facebook page, sign up for an in-person workshop on **November 13 at 11 am** or a Zoom Workshop on **November 17 at 2 pm**. To register online go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/925H25X>

Committee Members Wanted: Mission and Outreach is an important part of the work of the Church in sharing the message of God's transforming love and living out Christ's call to serve our neighbours. If you are interested in joining the Mission and Outreach Committee, or would like to learn more, please contact Donna Gordon or Pat Wolf.

Craft Fair at Good Shepherd Church

Join us for our annual Christmas Craft Fair on **Saturday, November 13th, 2021** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Good Shepherd Community Church ~ 6311 Norfolk Drive NW
A festive day of holiday treats; Impressive works of many local artisans and crafters.
Something for everyone on your gift list. Invite friends & neighbours to come & enjoy!

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.

2 *In All Things Love...*

O be careful!

Ephesians 5:15-20

Word Search Puzzle

Y F I L L E D P Z H Y L M D D
J N F K C L H Z S J G H U C W
S W W I M T S Y R A U L S E R
E V C N I Y O N M N L V I Q O
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SONGS	CAREFUL	WINE	HEART	EVIL
MUSIC	DAYS	HYMNS	LIVE	DRUNK
FILLED	PSALMS	THANKS	SPIRIT	WISE



"Lord, help me control my tongue.
Help me to be careful what I say."

Decoder Puzzle

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

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

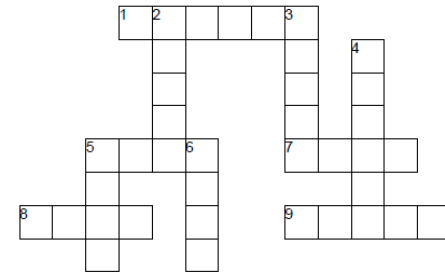
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- 23-9-19-5 _____
- 4-1-25-19 _____
- 5-22-9-12 _____
- 4-18-21-14-11 _____
- 23-9-14-5 _____
- 6-9-12-12-5-4 _____

CAREFUL	LIVE	WISE	DAYS
EVIL	DRUNK	WINE	FILLED

Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise
but as wise, making the most of every opportunity,
because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. To express appreciation for something
5. Having good judgement or common sense
7. To make music with the voice
8. A drink made from fruit, especially grapes
9. Beautiful sounds made by the voice or instruments

DOWN

2. Songs of praise to God
3. A short musical composition with words
4. To express appreciation for something
5. A drink made from fruit, especially grapes
6. Something that causes great harm

HYMNS	THANKS	WINE	SONGS	MUSIC
SING	EVIL	WINE	THANKS	WISE



Focus on Mark 13:1–8

WHAT is important to know?

— From “Exegetical Perspective,” Robert A. Bryant

Jesus commands his disciples to remain calm in the unsettling events to come (v. 7a), for the approaching natural disasters and human-created catastrophes are necessary (vv. 7b–8). That is, evil is rampant in the world, it affects the earth itself, and it produces its own terror. But God’s judgment and rescue are sure. The proliferation of false prophets, wars, earthquakes, and famine are but “birth pangs” (cf. Gen. 3:14–19; Isa. 13:8; 26:17; Jer. 4:31; Hos. 13:9–13; Rev. 6; etc.) of God’s final judgment and the full establishment of the messianic age of God’s rule. Jesus’ followers may trust that God is in control.

WHERE is God in these words?

— From “Theological Perspective,” Emilie M. Townes

In keeping with other apocalyptic literature, Jesus uses signs and events of the day to signal the coming of the end of the current age. Yet with this end is the birth of the new age. Remarkably, in the midst of the predictions of destruction, if not annihilation, lie the seeds of salvation. It is rough sledding to help hearers of the Word continue in the midst of apocalyptic warnings once one knows that simplistic proclamations of humanity’s wickedness or craven faithfulness will simply not do. The theological heft of salvation loses its power with such appeals. Rather, we should explore how we move from darkness to light, from alienation to divine community, from guilt to pardon, from slavery to freedom, from the fear of hostile powers to liberty and assurance. In short, what it means is that through abiding faith, we receive salvation through God’s grace.

SO WHAT does this mean for our lives?

— From “Pastoral Perspective,”

Rodger Y. Nishioka

Various groups have created their own versions of an end-time clock to tell us how close we are to Christ’s return. Some interpret each day’s events in light of this text, claiming some secret revelation about God’s plan for the last days. Jesus’ warning is more potent than ever. Certainly every generation has heard the voices of those who boldly claim that they are privy to insider knowledge about when Christ is returning. That is what makes the subject of the end times so attractive and so treacherous. We, like the disciples, can become so focused on discerning the signs of the times that we neglect our more important mission to witness to the gospel today.

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

— From “Homiletical Perspective,”

Pete Peery

The Markan scholar Lamar Williamson reminds us that every Gospel writer leaves the church with a challenge. John calls the church to love one another. Matthew and Luke call the church to engage in mission to the Gentiles, to those who are “other.” These are daunting challenges. But perhaps the most daunting challenge for Christians in the North American context, so set on instant gratification, is this one left for us by Mark: “Beware, . . . keep awake,” watch, resist, hold out for the coming of Son of Man.

Scenarios of End-Time Predictions

Choose one or more of these case studies and write some notes about how you might respond to them. If possible, write out a Bible verse to back you up. For example, in Mark 13:32 Jesus says that no one knows the hour when he will return. In each response include what followers of Christ are to do while waiting for Jesus to come.

The Street Corner Preacher

While you are waiting for a bus a young man is holding a Bible and preaching loudly to the captive crowd. He claims to be anointed by God and has been told by God that the end of time is very near. He begins to list all the latest wars and diseases and sins of humankind that prove the biblical verses he cites. According to his careful biblical calculation, a world war will begin soon in the Middle East. When it is finished, Jesus will come again.

Based on today's reading, how might you respond to someone in the crowd who asks you if this is true?

Questions about "Left Behind"

A friend of yours at church has been reading the Left Behind series. She is fascinated about what will happen after Jesus returns and who will be saved and who will be left behind. She also spends considerable time trying to discern which current events are mentioned in the Bible that might be precursors to igniting the end of time.

Based on Mark 13, how might you respond to her?

Youth's Questions

A middle-school child in the church tells you one of his classmates said the world will end next year. The classmate said the Bible is a secret codebook and Jesus left concise instructions in it which, if carefully studied, prove when the world will end. The classmate's Sunday school teacher also said the world will end sometime next year.

Based on Mark 13, how might you respond to the youth?