

Christ Moravian Church

Congregational Newsletter for the weekend of October 0th, 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:

*For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45*

Greetings Friends in Christ:

As I prepare this note, I earlier took out my calendar and counted the number of Sundays until Christmas. There are 10 Sundays until we celebrate Christmas in 2021. The time of this past year has been maxed out with so many challenges, demands, hopes, plans, dreams, and more. We may not have been so aware that this has been an amazing time of our lives. I reflect upon the writing of Ecclesiastes that speaks to events of purposeful time and check out the verse that I highlight in bold ...

Ecc. 3:1-8, 11

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die, A time to plant and a time to harvest,

A time to kill and a time to heal, A time to tear down and a time to build up,

A time to weep and a time to laugh, A time to mourn and a time to dance,

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

A time to search and a time to give up, A time to keep and a time to throw away,

A time to tear and a time to mend, A time to be silent and a time to speak,

A time to love and a time to hate, A time for war and a time for peace.

God has made everything beautiful in its time."

The minutes of a day rapidly turn to weeks and months as we move forward through this challenging time. May this time of our lives be found with times of beauty and wonder.

As we move to the upcoming season of life, may we God's presence and love be made manifest in each moment, hour and day.

God's blessing of much love,

Pastor Steve Gohdes

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday
October 17th
"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



In-Person Worship on October 17th

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

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.

Notice regarding e-Transfer Donations

About 60% of Interac donations we receive do not have the donor's envelope number in the comments. If there is not an envelope number provided, I have to check my records to obtain an envelope number to ensure the correct donor is credited with the donation. If you do not know, or have forgotten your envelope number, you can email me keentz@shaw.ca and I will reply back to you with your envelope number.
Ken Schultz, Envelope Steward

Update from the CMC Annual General Meeting, September 19th, 2021

The 2021 CMC Annual General Meeting was held on September 19 on the CMC zoom site. We thank everyone that was able to join in this time of administrative support of the church.

General updates were offered on several important topics in the life of CMC including: Executive Board activities, The continuation of video worship services, Realm Church Management Software, Re-Opening procedures for worship and group, Hybrid worship and meeting progress, Digital Campus Ministry activity, Financial update.

There was an election of Executive Board Members for the term ending in May 2022, to include: Bernard Amiot, Martin Driver, Donna Gordon, Don Kawchuk, and Cathie Queen.

As well, there was the election of Executive Board Members for the term ending in May 2023 including: Holly Heffernan, Garnet Holm, Donna Kreese, Mark Lieskovsky, and Sue Wigle.

Please lend your support and prayerful concern for the ongoing leadership of the church's life.

Good Shepherd Church Craft Fair

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
(corner of 64th Avenue & 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 fun, food & fellowship!

Weekly Reminders...

- Please know that you may call the church office for any needs that may arise. Feel free to phone (403-271-2700) to speak with us or leave a message. Another option is that you may contact the church office by e-mail at moravian@nucleus.com [this is monitored daily] with any questions or communication.
- **If you require assistance in getting to a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, please call the office.**
- 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

Coloring Page

To Be Like Jesus

Mark 10:35-45

Word Search Puzzle

F I R S T E A R M O S B Q L A
F D H I L Q E F W H K W K M W
S E S H E F D Y F A V O R U V
G Q L P F W L R G L P U G X E
R N Y U T L X U I R D M U S Y
E L S K W F E L W R G O B E R
A T H H A C O E A X L M R R Y
T J H O S L L R M K O V L V L
Z D T R N D I E W K R Z T A I
G Y H G O O Y W A C Y J B N H
S R F W E N R Q P D F W K T I
A I Y Y K A E Q X L E T J N A
O G T B J X B R H Y A R Q Y R
M H J D H J P X Q O P C L T F
Y T S L A V E R M B O S E Y A

SERVANT	SUFFER	THRONE	RULER	HONOR
FAVOR	SLAVE	GREAT	GLORY	LEADER
FIRST	SIT	RIGHT	LEFT	PLACE



Whoever wants to become great among
you must be your servant.
Mark 10:43

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Decoder Puzzle

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

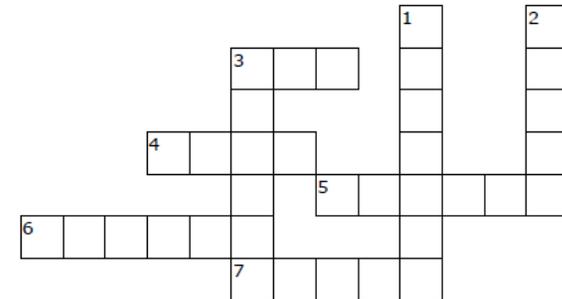
A	Q	L	G	P	D	R	Z	V	X	W	H	M	C	I	K	S	T	E	B	U	F	N	Y	O	J
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 22-1-9-25-7 _____
- 18-12-7-25-23-19 _____
- 7-15-4-12-18 _____
- 3-19-22-18 _____
- 17-21-22-22-19-7 _____
- 7-21-3-19-7 _____
- 11-25-7-3-6 _____
- 3-19-1-6-19-7 _____
- 17-19-7-9-1-23-18 _____
- 7-1-23-17-25-13 _____

LEADER	RIGHT	LEFT	FAVOR	WORLD
RANSOM	SERVANT	SUFFER	THRONE	RULER



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- To occupy a chair
- The direction that is the opposite of right
- to be in front; to be first
- A special chair used by a king or queen
- The direction that is the opposite of left

DOWN

- A person who works for another person
- To do something to help someone, often after they ask you to do it
- To feel physical or mental pain

LEFT	LEADER	SERVANT	FAVOR
RIGHT	SIT	SUFFER	THRONE



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Focus on Mark 10:35–45

WHAT is important to know?

— From “Exegetical Perspective,” C. Clifton Black

Originally the market compensation required for release or “redemption” of property (Exod. 21:8, 30; Lev. 25:47–52; Num. 3:45–51), “ransom” emerges in the Bible as a vital religious metaphor for the reclamation of God’s people (Exod. 6:6; 15:13; Isa. 43:1–7; 44:21–23), especially through Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:23–25a; 1 Tim. 2:5–6; 1 Pet. 1:18–19). Jesus freely offers his own life for the release of a murderous captive (15:6–15). The depth and power of that tale is matter enough for easily befuddled disciples to ruminate.

WHERE is God in these words?

— From “Theological Perspective,” James J. Thompson

Jesus gives his life as a ransom for many. His sacrifice on the cross becomes the ultimate paradigm of servant leadership and self-sacrificial love, and we are called to emulate this example. But self-sacrifice must not become self-denial as an end in itself. Self-sacrifice for a disciple of Jesus Christ must be in the service of something higher than the self. The promise of the gospel is that in the sacrifice of self for others, not only will a higher and better self emerge, but the reign of God will continue to unfold. Self-sacrifice thus does not mean self-mutilation or self-extinction; we are not called to disappear. Vanity and ambition are vices, but so are timidity and sloth.

SO WHAT does this mean for our lives?

— From “Pastoral Perspective,” by
David B. Howell

When we have “dealt with our issues” and overcome the insecurities that drive us to greed and coveting, we, like Jesus, can be in a position to serve at least some of the time and not be served all the time. Transformation happens through servanthood. When the man with many possessions (Mark 10:17) asks about eternal life, Jesus invites him, “Follow me.” Following Jesus in a life of servanthood transforms us unto eternal life. When John appeals to Jesus to stop the man from casting out demons, Jesus responds, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me” (Mark 9:38–39). Following Jesus, even in unorthodox ways, can lead toward wholeness. Servanthood is a means to grace.

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

— From “Homiletical Perspective,”
Charles L. Campbell

Jesus’ words may also be read as an extraordinary promise: “You will not always be driven by your fears and your need for security. Rather, you will be empowered to take up your cross and follow me. You will be faithful disciples even to the end.” Here is the great promise for the church. We need not always live in fear; we need not continually seek our own security. Rather, we have Jesus’ promise that we can and will live as faithful disciples as we seek to follow him. It is an extraordinary promise made to such a fumbling, stumbling group of disciples—then and now!

October 17, 2021
Greatness Redefined

Adult
Resource Sheet 2



Context of Mark 10:35–45

The disciples' request follows Jesus' third prediction of his passion (10:32–34). Each time he does this, three things happen. First, he predicts his impending death and resurrection. Second, the disciples fail to grasp the importance of Jesus' words and what his death will mean for them. Third, Jesus corrects them and offers lessons on discipleship.

Jesus' closest followers could not, or would not, accept the news of Jesus' suffering and death. Initially, Peter rebukes Jesus for his prediction (8:32). In the second of Jesus' predictions, the disciples do not understand what Jesus is saying, but they are afraid to ask him about it (9:32). In perhaps the most audacious response to Jesus' prediction of his death, James and John ask Jesus to grant them seats beside Jesus in his coming glory (10:37).

The disciples' misunderstanding is met by clear instruction from Jesus regarding the self-sacrificing service of discipleship. In chapter 8, Jesus addresses the crowds, inviting those who follow him to deny themselves and take up their cross. In chapter 9, Jesus' prediction is followed by conversation among the disciples about who is the greatest among them. Jesus challenges their self-importance by teaching that his followers must be willing to be last of all and servant of all. The prediction in chapter 10 is followed by an assurance that Jesus' disciples will drink from the same cup that Jesus drinks. Jesus' followers will know the same baptism that Jesus knows. Like Jesus, his followers will be great to the extent that they are servants and slaves of all (10:43–44).

By including these patterned predictions three times, Mark drives home Jesus' message: his death is imminent. Yet death is not the end for Jesus or for his followers. Jesus will rise again. Those who commit themselves to follow Jesus will continue to serve God in Jesus' name. Their work will not be for personal glory, but for continuing the kingdom of God made known in Jesus.