

Christ Moravian Church

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:

*The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes. Psalm 19:8*

Friendships of Faith Sunday

Dear Friends in Christ:

The arrival of Pastoral Partner, Rev. Matt Gillard occurred at a pivotal time in the life of CMC and my pastoral journey. Sharing creative ideas and insights with Rev. Matt about the issues facing congregational life has been such a benefit for myself and the congregation. We joined up to take in a Calgary Stampeders football game, and in our conversations that day we were drawn to the topic of ministry in this new time.

God is doing new and amazing things. Much of this ministry is occurring through the quiet, small, personal acts of love, support, kindness and service. We are all urged and called to continue the support of neighbor, friend, stranger as these difficult days of the 4th wave of COVID loom ahead.

Everyone is invited to take part in the "Truth and Reconciliation Workshop" supported by CMC. The Zoom link is available on page 2 of this Newsletter for those taking part from home, and the poster is attached to the e-mail. The Gospel message of Jesus calls the church to ministry support in our response to issues of justice and peace.

We continue to offer the "In Person" worship service to a limited capacity of masked and distanced individuals, and the videotaped service will continue to be offered through our e-mail / website sources.

We offer our ongoing thanks to all involved in the support of CMC services.

Autumn Blessings to All,

Steve Gohdes

Upcoming Events

"Bible Buddies"
meet on
Sunday,
September 26th
at 8:30 am
via Zoom

Zoom details for
this Bible Study
Class are on the
Events page
of your e-mail

**Digital Campus
Meeting**
Sept. 28th
@ 7:00 pm
via Zoom

**Saturday,
October 2nd**
Men's Group
meets at 8:30 am
via Zoom
Pastor Steve will
send the Zoom
link out



In-Person Worship on September 26th

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

Truth & Reconciliation Workshop

Topic: Understanding Truth & Reconciliation from a Faith Based Perspective

Time: Sep 25, 2021 10:00 AM Edmonton

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89919750527?pwd=TW90MlpPZXdMcnlxdlNGemxFYW1HQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 1975 0527 Passcode: 219346

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location: Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89919750527?pwd=TW90MlpPZXdMcnlxdlNGemxFYW1HQT09>

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. Café Noel will serve sandwiches, delectable baked goods & beverages (coffee/tea/hot cider).

Live music during lunch time.

Invite friends & neighbours to come & enjoy fun, food & fellowship!

News from the Moravian Board of World Mission

Moravian Disaster Response Update on Haiti, Hurricane Ida, and Afghanistan Refugee Resettlement

Please see the Moravian Board of World Mission [BWM] attachment to this e-mail

for more information and instructions on how you can help.

CMC Welcomes Pastoral Partnership with Rev. Matt Gillard

Christ Moravian Church welcomes Rev. Matt Gillard into a Pastoral Partnership with Pastor Gohdes and the congregation. Matt has recently transitioned from the ministry of Good Shepherd Church, and CMC welcomes his specialized involvement into various areas of worship and ministry for the upcoming months. We welcome Matt's partnership and are grateful for the gifts he'll bring to CMC and the Canadian District.

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

Pass the Salt, Please

Mark 9:38-50

Word Search Puzzle

F E K R J I S H A K E R B G C
Y F D T T I B B R A D C P O Y
V G A O F D H E L P K K O G L
I U S Y E L B T O U Z R E A I
G J A S Z D T T I X E E K S H
Q K S K L L G E T H H C D N F
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FOOD	SHIRT	BETTER	TASTE	PLASTIC
SHAKER	CHEMICAL	FLAVOR	SALT	PEACE
WORLD	TOYS	GOOD	DYE	LEATHER



“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

Mark 9:50 (NIV)

Christ Moravian Church
Calgary, Alberta

Decoder Puzzle

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

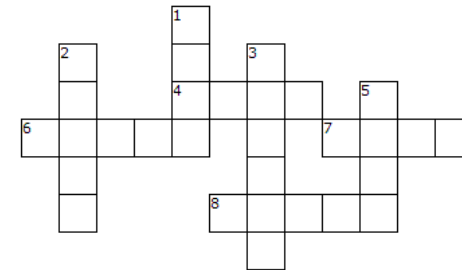
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2. 8-11-13-24-1-12 _____
3. 23-3-7 _____
4. 25-13-9-25-7 _____
5. 8-1-1-23 _____
6. 9-13-11-25 _____
7. 30-1-12-11-23 _____
8. 11-7-13-25-18-7-12 _____
9. 26-7-13-10-7 _____
10. 11-1-9-7 _____

TASTE	LOSE	SALT	FOOD	LEATHER
DYE	FLAVOR	PLASTIC	WORLD	PEACE



Crossword Puzzle



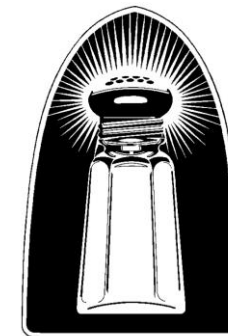
ACROSS

4. A white mineral compound used on food as a seasoning
6. Sweet, sour, salty, or bitter qualities of food and drink
7. Not bad
8. The earth and all of its inhabitants

DOWN

1. To no longer have something
2. Freedom from arguments and disagreements
3. The way a food or drink is recognized from its taste
5. What we eat to get the nutrients that our body needs

TASTE	FOOD	WORLD	PEACE
LOSE	FLAVOR	SALT	GOOD



**CALLED TO
BE SALT**

Focus on James 5:13–20

WHAT is important to know?

— From “Exegetical Perspective,” E. Elizabeth Johnson

James writes, “The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up” (5:15a). This “prayer of faith” is faithful prayer, prayer that trusts God to answer the petition. Modern people sometimes look askance at such apparently naive confidence in so-called “faith healing.” That stems from a distinctly modern understanding of illness, though, one that presumes scientific analysis alone is able to assess a person’s state of health. James says that anointing, prayer, and the laying on of hands “will restore the weary” (my trans.), which is substantially more than merely prescribing antibiotics can do.

WHERE is God in these words?

— From “Theological Perspective,” Mark Douglas

Prayer for James is not a private matter. Instead, it helps to shape a particular kind of community in which people are committed to each other. The sick call for elders to pray over them. Sinners confess to one another. The cheerful sing. For James, the community that prays together stays together—which is no small feat when there are so many things that can divide a community, many of which he has addressed throughout the book.

SO WHAT does this mean for our lives?

— From “Pastoral Perspective,” Kathy L. Dawson

The prayers of the community shape the congregation and allow the people to become more nearly the body of Christ. In churches I have attended, it is not unusual for prayer times to last from twenty to thirty minutes, when individual members of the congregation voice their prayers of supplication in worship. I am grateful and excited to hear how God is working and to know how to pray for others. In communal prayer we have the opportunity to listen for and be God’s voice in the world. Through prayer the congregation is empowered to carry out Christ’s mission. It is a practice in which all ages can participate. Prayer changes relationships and lives. It should be our first practice as a congregation, if we are truly to walk in James’s concept of godly wisdom.

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

— From “Homiletical Perspective,”

Barbara Brown Taylor

We can connect the health of our congregations with concrete, communal acts of faith, beginning with things that are already taking place. Even if the list is short, we may not have thought of the ways in which something as routine as a Wednesday night supper offers chances to pray with the suffering and sing songs of praise with the cheerful. Does someone routinely take plates from such suppers to those who are too sick to attend? Why not send an elder or two along for the ride? Whether or not they take oil, the point is for the community to go in search of those at risk of being lost to it. The point is to go to them when they cannot or will not come to you.

Anointing Ritual

Dip your index finger or thumb into the water and rub a bit of water on the forehead or on the back of the hand of the individual on your right. As you make the mark, say these words to the individual:

“(Participant’s name), God loves you and welcomes you into this family of faith.”

Following the anointing, place a hand on the recipient’s shoulder and offer this brief prayer or one like it:

*Thank you, God, for this friend, (participant’s name).
Surround (him or her) with your love, grace, and peace. Amen.*

Give the water bowl to the individual you anointed; have him or her repeat the ritual with the person on his or her right. Participants repeat the anointing ritual for one another until each individual has received an anointing.

Final group blessing (in unison):

*The way is long, let us journey together.
The way is difficult, let us help one another.
The way is open before us, let us go . . .
with the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*





Moravian Disaster Response Update on Haiti, Hurricane Ida Impacts, and Afghanistan Refugee Resettlement September 16, 2021

The Moravian Board of World Mission continues to invite your prayers for the children of God worldwide that are suffering from hunger, natural disasters, war, and injustice. We would like to provide you with information on three areas of concern.

Haiti Earthquake and Hurricane Relief Efforts



*The remains of one of the
Moravian Buildings in Haiti*

The worst effects of the August 14 earthquake and the tropical storm that followed it are over. However, in Haiti, transportation is difficult, political tensions are high, and rival gangs control large areas of the country. Having spoken to leaders in Haiti, they are thankful that the \$17,500 already sent from the Board of World Mission is on its way, but they also tell us that this will be a long-term process and will take lots of prayer, patience, and persistence. People who lost their homes are still living in the streets, water and food are scarce, and medical care is hard to come by. Please pray for the Moravian Church leaders and their

members.

Hurricane Ida Impact on the Gulf Coast & Northeast



Hurricane Ida was a major Category 4 hurricane when it made landfall in Louisiana, and damage assessments are high. Loss of life is now at 153, most of these occurring with the flooding in New Jersey and New York. We have continued discussions with our ecumenical partners are still evaluating how we can best be of

assistance. At this time will be sending funds to help with emergency outreach and will begin to look towards long-term rebuilding efforts when we can send teams in safely.

Afghanistan Refugee Resettlement

The US and Canada continue to see rising numbers of Afghan refugees fleeing this war-torn country. We encourage congregations to follow the Biblical call to welcome to the foreigner by helping these families as they begin their new lives in North America. The BWM is



Afghan families seeking safe shelter

partnering with Church World Service and Team Rubicon to support this complex effort. CWS has long been known for its work with refugee resettlement and Team Rubicon is well respected for its work with refugee families. They are currently assisting Afghan families who are being relocated to the following US military bases: Wisconsin at Volk Field & Fort McCoy, New Jersey at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Mexico at Dona Ana Range / Holloman Air Force Base, Texas at Fort Bliss, Virginia at Quantico & Fort Pickett, Indiana at Camp Atterbury. If your congregation happens to be near one of these bases, you can go to the Team Rubicon website at <https://teamrubiconusa.org/resettlement> for information. In these places, you can drop off things such as toiletries, clothing, food, and water. For assistance with establishing this outreach in your congregation, please email Jill Kolodziej at jill@moravianmission.org.

You can help to support all Moravian disaster relief efforts by sending your donations to: Moravian Church in Canada, 600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 0B8. Interac e-Transfer donations may be sent to treasurer@moravian.ca. In the comments section, please mark this donation as "MDR" (Moravian Disaster Response) and include your name and address to receive a tax receipt. Your support changes lives.