



CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH

In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love

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Pastor's Summertime Note

Where are we headed?

Where is God leading us?

Summer is a time to "get away"; to have a family vacation or holiday trip; to travel far away or even nearby and enjoy a visit with loved ones, to see a special natural wonder of creation, or enjoy an amusement park adventure.

In our worship time throughout the summer, we will be recognizing that God leads us on "Journeys of Faith". We are not the first to have these adventures, for within the Biblical record there are many stories of the journeys of faith from those before us.

Imagine the journey of Abraham, of Jonah, of the Shepherd boy, David, or of Jesus of Nazareth. Throughout the summer, our worship life will revolve around the discoveries that are made as God journeys with us in our lives.

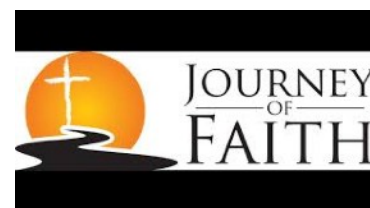
We have some homework to attend to during our summer vacations. We are all invited to find a special "souvenir" from the location to which we travel. It may be a hokey set of "mouse ears" from Disneyland, a special memento from the family farm in Saskatchewan or a pebble from the beach you walk on the coast. Our homework is to bring back a special token that represents where God and you traveled to during the summer.

Then at the Kick-Off Sunday Worship (Sept. 8th) we will return our special souvenir and add them to the collage we develop that represents our travels with God.

Enjoy the summer. Return renewed.
Journey with Christ on the pathway of faith!

Shalom,

Pastor Steve Gohdes



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SCRIPTURE & WORSHIP THEMES

July 7

[Isaiah 66:10-14](#)
[Psalm 66:1-9](#)
[Galatians 6:\(1-6\), 7-16](#)
[Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#)

July 14

[Deuteronomy 30:9-14](#)
[Psalm 25:1-10](#)
[Colossians 1:1-14](#)
[Luke 10:25-37](#)

July 21

[Genesis 18:1-10a](#)
[Psalm 15](#)
[Colossians 1:15-28](#)
[Luke 10:38-42](#)

July 28

[Genesis 18:20-32](#)
[Psalm 138](#)
[Colossians 2:6-15, \(16-19\)](#)
[Luke 11:1-13](#)

August 4

[Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23](#)
[Psalm 49:1-12](#)
[Colossians 3:1-11](#)
[Luke 12:13-21](#)

August 11

[Genesis 15:1-6](#)
[Psalm 33:12-22](#)
[Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#)
[Luke 12:32-40](#)

August 18

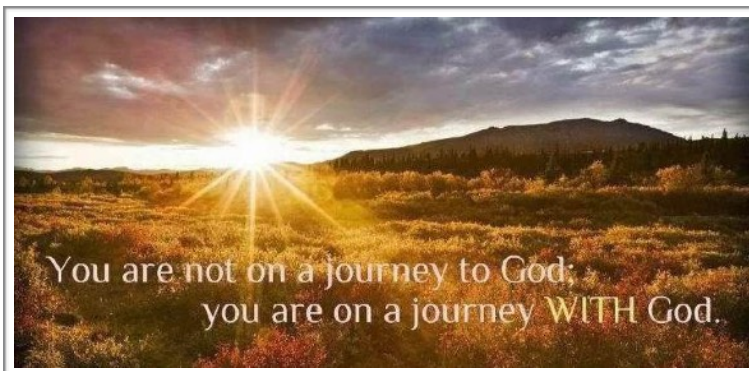
[Jeremiah 23:23-29](#)
[Psalm 82](#)
[Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#)
[Luke 12:49-56](#)

August 25

[Isaiah 58:9b-14](#)
[Psalm 103:1-8](#)
[Hebrews 12:18-29](#)
[Luke 13:10-17](#)

September 1

[Proverbs 25:6-7](#)
[Psalm 112](#)
[Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16](#)
[Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)



July 7 Stampede Sunday with Marty Antonini and Friends. A service with Scripture and Music for the Soul.

BBQ Lunch to Follow

- July 14** A Second Stampede Service
Special music with Dwight Blix and friends
Accompanist: Kathy Pepers
- July 21** A seven part worship series begins...“Journeys of Faith”
First Sunday, **Journeys of Renewal: Genesis 2:1-2**
Accompanist: Jean Hergert
- July 28** Second Sunday of “Journeys of Faith”
Journeys that Call Us: Genesis 12:1-4
Accompanist: Kathy Pepers-
July’s Birthday Sunday/ Noisy Offering
- August 4** A Pause in our Journey of Faith while Rev. Gohdes is away
Guest Speaker: Rev. Mike Jones
- August 11** Third Sunday of “Journeys of Faith”
Journeys of Mercy: Psalm 23
Holy Communion is Celebrated
- August 18** Fourth Sunday of “Journeys of Faith”
Journeys of Service: Jonah
- August 25** Fifth Sunday of “Journeys of Faith”
Journeys of Discovery: Matthew 5
August Birthday Sunday/ Noisy Offering
- September 1** Sixth Sunday of “Journeys of Faith”
Journeys Amidst Storms: Mark 6:35ff
Holy Communion
- September 8** KICK-OFF SUNDAY, Last Sunday of “Journeys of Faith”
Journeys That Heal: Luke 5:17
Everyone is invited to bring a “souvenir” from their vacation.

NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Sunday Morning Bible Study will return in September

JULY

- 1 Canada Day - Office Closed
- 3 - 6 Camp VanEs, Grades 1, 2, 3
- 7 - 13 Camp VanEs, Grades 4, 5, 6
- 7 Stampede Sunday Service & BBQ
- 10 Southwood Chapel, 9:30am
- 11 Canasta, 1pm
- 11 Long Range Task Force, 7pm
- 13 Youth Group Picnic, 1:00pm
- 14 - 20 Camp VanEs, Jr. High
- 16 Acadia Food Pantry 10am
- 21 - 28 Camp VanEs, Sr. High
- 25 Canasta, 1pm

AUGUST

- 7 - 8 Cardston Theatre Trip
- 8 Canasta, 1pm
- 14 Southwood Chapel, 9:30am
- 20 Acadia Food Pantry, 10am
- 22 Canasta, 1pm



Ongoing support for donations of canned and dry goods is greatly appreciated.



CARDSTON MUSICAL THEATRE

The annual plus 55 musical theatre trip to Cardston will take place on August 7 and 8. This year the plays will be *Mama Mia* on the Wednesday and *Play it Again* on Thursday. There will be time during the day to visit Waterton National Park or some of the other local sights. All are welcome, even if you are not yet 55! Be sure to make your hotel reservations before ordering theatre tickets as accommodations are limited: South Country Inn (403) 653-8000, Cardston Theatre (403) 653-1000. Group rates may apply. Contact Berla Zeck if you have further questions.

CMC WANT ADS

Mustard Seed Sandwich Coordinator: We would like to thank Jean Driver as she concludes her leadership of the Mustard Seed Sandwich Ministry, and we are looking for someone to take on this role. This includes: announcing and managing volunteer sign-up, arranging for food items to be on site; managing sandwich making volunteers and process. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Donna Gordon.

Hospitality and Reception Assistance:

Volunteer assistance is needed in hosting, serving, and assisting in arranging social and fellowship events, and Memorial Service receptions. For more info or to volunteer, contact Pat Wollf.



Musical Talent: Singers and musicians wishing to participate in worship services are encouraged to contact Heidi Gohdes so that arrangements can be made for you to share your talents with the congregation.

50th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE (Respectfully submitted by Pat Wollf)

The Anniversary Committee is still planning to publish a booklet containing stories of our Church history and stories from our congregation: Why you came. Why you stayed or any other story about our Church and members. We have collected all the stories that have been contributed thus far, and you have until July 21 to get your story in the book! We intend to have the book available by "Kick Off" Sunday in September. Stories can be given to Pat Wollf or Dorothy Schultz.

Thank you again to the volunteers on the Anniversary Committee for their hard work making our celebration weekend such a success. They include: Don Kawchuk (food and drink), Glen Newberry (tickets and treasurer), Mary Lyn Blix and Iris Dawn Naylor (videos and projection), Elaine Haggith, Dorothy Schultz and Gerry Reid (decorations), Pastor Steve (advisor).

OUTREACH AND MISSION

As we celebrate our 50th Anniversary, we have come to recognize that the demographics of our church and its surrounding community have changed significantly over time. As a way of reaching out to our community and demonstrating God's love, the Mission and Outreach Committee will offer a full day seminar on September 21, 2019 to inform seniors, upcoming seniors and caregivers on issues related to staying in their own homes for as long as possible as they age. This full day seminar will be followed up by subsequent sessions on related issues. We are pleased to announce that Christ Church received a grant from the Moravian Church Society for Promoting the Gospel to help us with this work.

AGING IN PLACE SEMINAR

Exploring Challenges and Opportunities

9 am – 3 pm
Saturday, September 21, 2019

Christ Moravian Church
600 Acadia Drive, SE Calgary

Aging in Place means having the health and social supports and services you need to live safely and independently in your home and community for as long as you wish and are able. Knowing your choices now could give you greater control over your independence, quality of life and dignity.



As a service to our community, **Christ Moravian Church** is offering a **FREE SEMINAR SERIES** to provide you with information and resources to consider when planning your future to respond to changes that may occur as you age.

SEPTEMBER 21: FULL DAY SEMINAR with KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Kerby Centre: An overview to get you thinking about how to prepare for and respond to changes as you age so you may stay in own your home as long as possible.

Age Friendly Calgary: City of Calgary and community strategies created to prepare for Calgary's aging population, including available public services and programs.

Alberta Health Services: Discussion of levels of Continuing Care with a focus on medical services and supports that are available through AHS Home Care.

Each session will include a time for questions and tables will be set up to display resource materials.

**TO REGISTER CALL: (403) 271-2700 or
Email: CMEvents271@gmail.com**

Includes snacks at break times and a "pay what you can" luncheon.

**Registration Limited to 125
Please register by September 15.**

Transportation can be arranged for those who are unable to drive

Future Seminars will be held to address topics such as: Safety and Security, Funerals, Wills and Power of Attorney, Financial Security, Private Services and Supports, Social Networks

YOUTH PROGRAMS & NEWS

Once again, the youth did an exceptional job hosting young visitors for the garage sale. With new attractions of cotton candy and bean-bag toss, we were most definitely Calgary's hot spot for kids on garage sale day. Thanks to the youth for your hours of dedication to making the kids area a bouncing, tossing, flossing and face-painting success in 2019. (Submitted by Jeff Pratt)

Rumour has it that next year, Pastor Steve may recruit the youth to help with the pie making!



One of our youth objectives in 2018/2019 is to expose the youth to ways that other traditions practice being in relationship with God, so on May 11, Jeff and a few of our youth attended a Ramadan Iftar Tent event held by the Anatolian Turkish Islamic Centre of Calgary. We were graciously hosted by members of the local Muslim community and enjoyed a delicious Mediterranean meal together! The event reflected the living-out of our motto: In essentials unity (sharing a meal together) in non-essentials liberty (the way we choose to worship God) and in all things love - coming together in support and recognition that we are all children of God and seeking to dissolve boundaries of fear and ignorance that may exist between us.

Thanks and kudos to the Anatolian Turkish Islamic Centre of Calgary for offering this opportunity to us! We'd love to make this an annual event and have more attendees from our congregation next year. The Moravian community was the largest contingent of non-Muslim attendees with four of us from Christ Church and one from Good Shepherd. (Submitted by Jeff Pratt)



Best wishes to Mark and Bryan Gates who have just set off on a trip to St. John and St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands for Convo

2019. While there, they will join with other young adults from the Moravian Church in North America to walk in the steps of the first Moravian missionaries; spend time in hands-on mission work; visit Moravian congregations; and enjoy island hospitality. We look forward to having Mark and Bryan share their adventures with us when they return.



Once again CMC is please to announce that, thanks to our mission fundraising activities, we are able to help sponsor two youth and their chaperones to attend Camp Van Es in July. Farren will attend 4, 5 & 6 Camp with Marilyn Gurnsey and Kori Lee will attend Jr. High Camp.

YOUTH GROUP PICNIC

1 pm, July 13

Sundance Lake

Contact Jeff Pratt for details.



SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS

Grief Opens to Transformation

Submitted by Gloria Toole

The tears of grief often dissolve our identity when we lose someone we deeply love. In relationship "I" becomes "we." While we still maintain a sense of self, the relationship has, over the years, changed who each of us are.

Think about what you were like when you met that special someone; took on that really important job; became a parent, grandparent, or friend. How did that relationship change you? What in you was strengthened, weakened, dropped, added, become intertwined?

And now, perhaps, the relationship has ended. Your partner has died or divorced you; you've lost your job; your child has grown up; your friend has moved, or your loved one is no longer able to be fully present because of illness or disease.

If the relationship was important, you are no longer the "you" you started with. But you are no longer the "you" that was developed through the relationship either. The supports, affirmations and influences have gone. Instead there is a gap - perhaps a chasm - that must be crossed or filled in. The temptation is to bridge the gap or fill in the hole as quickly as you can. Find another relationship. Send out resumes everywhere. Fill every moment with activity.

But there is a rich possibility in the darkness of loss. Instead, take time to truly understand what you've lost and grieve it. Feel the anger, the lassitude and depression, stop denying... See what you have integrated: honour it, Decide what you'd like to let go. Hone some gained skill or character trait. Appreciate the life you have beyond that relationship - a friend, family, a garden, the scene outside your window, an activity you have more time for, your church family, your faith. Gradually learn skills that your partner, friend, or child previously volunteered.

More, spend time with God, particularly in prayer. You may find that your relationship with God is different. His presence within you may become more alive. Or it may seem like He's not there. What an opportunity to know him in new and deeper ways! Or find him within and without in ways you have never perceived before.

Notice his servants who offer love, kindness, laughter, relief. Someone who, like God, listens compassionately with timeless patience and acceptance. Celebrate the craters and bridges that are there in your "new" and transforming you. The one you choose to develop yourself. The one God delights in seeing become. The person your friends and family continue to love. Allow time for transformation to happen.

Want to speak to others going through the grief process or talk to someone individually? Find out more through Pastor Steve, or Doug Zeck and Gloria Toole, grief support facilitators at Christ Moravian.

