



CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH

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

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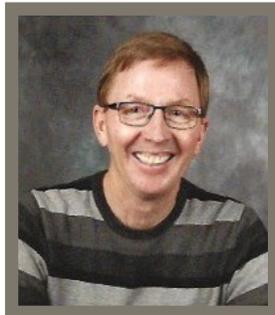
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Pastor's Ponderings

Living with a New Heart and Spirit!

Ezekiel 36:26 "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

It was such a joy and privilege to take part in the CMC's 50th Anniversary celebration on the weekend of April 27 & 28. We will reflect on this event into these next days. The joy of the music, the laughter of silly jokes, the Youth Group song, the reunion with long-time friends, meeting new friends in Christ, the lovely decorations, the yummy food, AND WE CANNOT FORGET... THE SATURDAY NIGHT BLIZZARD.

Wow, I have experienced many winter storms and some real doozies back on the farm in North Dakota...but that night was epic. The fierce wind, the driving snow, the biting cold were as severe as we ever see in Calgary. Thankfully all stayed well, safe, and warm, and God's presence was certainly seen as so much assistance was given to help everyone through the weekend.

Now going forward, these springtime days following Easter and after the Anniversary are filled with times of awe and wonder as the new life of buds and blossoms burst out of the landscape all around us. May the spirit of Christ continue to grow those buds and blossoms of hope, love, joy and faith which are coming to life within Christ Moravian Church as it begins its 51st year of ministry.

We pray that Christ's Spirit be renewed in us as we reach out to touch the needs of the poor and the hurting, the widow and the orphan, the sick and the oppressed. Throughout the anniversary weekend it was evident that the love of Jesus Christ is found active and visible through this body of Christ in Christ Moravian Church.

As the Anniversary weekend is now behind us, may a new heart and spirit of Christ's love be found within us all.

Shalom,

Pastor Steve Gohdes

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SCRIPTURE & WORSHIP THEMES

May 5

[Acts 9:1-6, \(7-20\)](#)
[Psalm 30](#)
[Revelation 5:11-14](#)
[John 21:1-19](#)

May 12

[Acts 9:36-43](#)
[Psalm 23](#)
[Revelation 7:9-17](#)
[John 10:22-30](#)

May 19

[Acts 11:1-18](#)
[Psalm 148](#)
[Revelation 21:1-6](#)
[John 13:31-35](#)

May 26

[Acts 16:9-15](#)
[Psalm 67](#)
[Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5](#)
[John 14:23-29](#)

June 2

[Acts 16:16-34](#)
[Psalm 97](#)
[Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21](#)
[John 17:20-26](#)

June 9

[Acts 2:1-21](#)
[Psalm 104:24-34, 35b](#)
[Romans 8:14-17](#)
[John 14:8-17, \(25-27\)](#)

June 16

[Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31](#)
[Psalm 8](#)
[Romans 5:1-5](#)
[John 16:12-15](#)

June 23

[Isaiah 65:1-9](#)
[Psalm 22:19-28](#)
[Galatians 3:23-29](#)
[Luke 8:26-39](#)

June 30

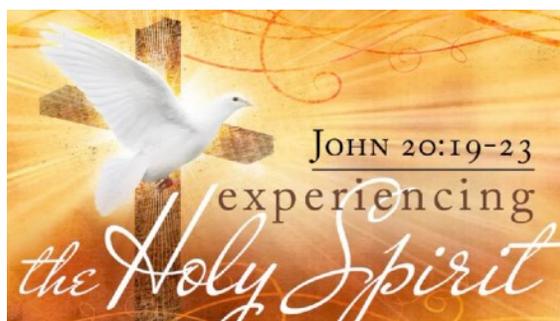
[1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21](#)
[Psalm 16](#)
[Galatians 5:1, 13-25](#)
[Luke 9:51-62](#)

Worship Shines with New Life in Christ!

As the springtime and early summer weather begins to brighten up the world around us, Sunday worship becomes a time for the Risen Christ to continue to shine upon our lives. The season of Easter concludes as Pentecost Sunday arrives on June 9th and begins a time for the us to explore how the Church of Christ is called to shine with Christ's light and love. Here are some highlights of these upcoming Sundays.

The 51st Year of Ministry Begins at CMC

- May 5** Third Sunday of Easter Scripture focus: Jesus appears at the sea. Holy Communion; April birthdays are celebrated, Special Music: Indranie Perera
- May 12** Mother's Day Joy; Rev. Michael Ward, guest worship voice. Special Music offered by the lovely voices of the Pratt Family and Kathy Pepers on the harp.
- March 19** Creation Sunday on the Victoria Day Long Weekend. Special Music offered by Marty Antonini.
- March 26** Sixth Sunday of Easter. Garage Sale Prayer of Peace May birthdays are celebrated. Noisy Offering.
- June 2** Last Sunday of Easter. Holy Communion Sunday. Garage Sale Wrap Up.
- June 9** Pentecost Sunday. Lay Ministry Sunday with Bernard Amiot and Jeff Pratt as guest worship voices
- June 16** Trinity Sunday. Father's Day Blessing. Scripture Focus: John 16:12-15, The Spirit of Truth
- June 23** Pentecost 2 Scripture Focus: Luke 8:26-39, Jesus Heals with Love
- June 30** Pentecost 3 Scripture Focus: Luke 9:51-62, Jesus relates with the homeless. June birthdays are celebrated. Noisy Offering Sunday.



*Christmas is God with us,
 Easter is God for us,
 Pentecost is God in us.*

NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Sunday Morning Bible Study will return in September

May 2019

- 1** Women's Fellowship, 1:15pm
- 2** Long Range Task Force, 7pm
- 4** Men's Breakfast, 8:30am
- 5** Annual General Meeting 12pm
- 7** Grief Group, 10am
- 8** Southwood Chapel, 9:30am
- 9** Canasta, 1pm
- 11** Youth Group, 6:30pm
- 14** Garage Sale Meeting, 7pm
- 16** Aspen Crossing, 12 noon
- 17** Mustard Seed, 1pm
- 21** Acadia Food Pantry, 10am
- 22** Exec. Board Pot Luck, 6pm
- 23** Canasta, 1pm
- 27-31** Garage Sale Preparations

June 2019

- 1** Garage Sale, 8am - 4pm
- 5** Women's Fellowship, 1:15pm
- 12** Southwood Chapel, 9:30am
- 13** Canasta, 1pm
- 17** Elder's Meeting, 10 am
- 18** Acadia Food Pantry, 10 am
- 27** Canasta, 1pm

Good Shepherd Events

Spring Fashion Show, May 5, 1pm

Piano Recital, May 11, 7pm

Michael Funk will play selections by Handel, Offenbach, Strauss Jr., and Rubinstein as well as his own arrangements. A free will offering will be taken for Camp VanEs.

50th Anniversary Legacy Fund *Audio-Visual Equipment Replacement*

Submitted by Alan Bartlett, Executive Board Chair

We are looking forward to the renewal/replacement of the AV system, to provide a better listening and visual experience for all those who use our church facilities. The existing system is well past its usefulness, and definitely needs upgrading to meet present day and future requirements.

This project is designed to improve the sound system with upgraded microphones and improved sound reproduction throughout the sanctuary on both levels, which in turn will improve the appreciation of speech and music. It is also to improve visual presentations with modern projection equipment and screen. In addition, it will greatly improve our system's compatibility with other equipment which may be encountered with visiting speakers and presentations. Incompatibility with our present system leads to considerable frustration and disappointment.

For this purpose, the Legacy Fund was established to raise funds for this project. The cost is estimated at approximately \$26,000.00. At the date of this writing (21st April) the fund stands at \$7,000.00.

We will gladly accept donations, big or small. Please make cheques payable to Christ Moravian Church and earmark Legacy Fund. Look for the special envelopes marked CMC Legacy Fund.



Thanks to the generous support of Christ Church members, the Acadia Food Pantry had a successful launch on April 16. Fresh produce as well as canned and dry goods were distributed to 89 individuals from families experiencing food insecurity in our community, many of them from Acadia Place. It is expected that these numbers will grow as the word spreads.

Four members of our congregation volunteered to organize, distribute and clean up. Without the support of these volunteers, this important mission could not happen. If you are able to give up a few hours of your time on the third Tuesday of the month to volunteer, please speak with Donna Gordon or contact the church office. Quoting one of our volunteers, "Helping with the Food Pantry is good for the soul."

The next Acadia Food Pantry will be held on, Tuesday, May 21. Continued support for donations of canned and dry goods is be greatly appreciated.



Christ Moravian Community Church ANNUAL GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

8 am -4pm, June 1, 2019

The big white tent erected at the corner of Southland and Acadia Drives on the first Saturday of June can only mean one thing.... it's Garage Sale time again at Christ Moravian Community Church! Famous for being one of the largest garage sales in the city, this annual event has been happening for decades as a way for us to reach out to our neighbours and be agents of God's transforming love in the world.

The week leading up to the garage sale is a busy one as the community is invited to drop off gently used items that will find new homes on the day of the sale. This is huge undertaking and all church members will be needed to organize all of the "treasures" in preparation for the big day. It's a time to enjoy each other's company while sorting, pricing and arranging thousands of items - all of this done with an abundance of donuts, coffee and laughter. **Please watch for further information on how you can help with preparation work and on the day of the Garage Sale, or contact the church office at (403) 271-2700 or moravian@nucleus.com.**

Donation Drop Off

Monday, May 27 to Thursday May 30, 9 am - 5 pm & 7 pm to 9pm

Items Gratefully Accepted: Clothing, Books, Jewelry, Household Items, Bedding, Tools, Electronics, Small Appliances, Artwork, Holiday Decorations, Toys, Garden Furniture and Tools, Sporting Goods, Small Furniture (items that can fit in your car)

Items We Cannot Accept: Large Furniture, Mattresses, Large Appliances, Baby Cribs, Child Car Seats, Tires, Encyclopedias and Text Books

Start cleaning out those cupboards, closets and storage spaces!

Day of Garage & Bake Sale

Saturday, June 1, 8 am - 4 pm

Come early for the best selection.

Enjoy delicious hamburgers & hot dogs with grilled onions.

Bouncy House, Popcorn & Face Painting for the Kids

Vehicle Sale by Silent Auction

All items must go and are given away or donated by the end of the day.

Bargains! Bargains! Bargains!

YOUTH NEWS

Van-Es Summer Camps provide an exciting overnight outdoor experience for children and teenagers. They learn to find joy in the natural world and discover their spirituality while participating in daily activities such as swimming, hiking, arts and crafts, campfires, adventure games and sleeping in cabins. Free from outside schedules and disconnected from screens, young people leave responsibilities behind to play outside, live in community and make new friends. ***Please speak with Pastor Steve if you know of someone who may be interested in attending.***



Lower Elementary (Grades 1 - 3): July 3 - 6, 2019

Upper Elementary (Grades 4 - 6): July 7 - 13, 2019

Junior High (Grades 7 - 9): July 14 - 20, 2019

Senior & Post High (Grades 10 - 12): July 21 - 27, 2019

Young Friends; Important Friends

Submitted by Gloria Toole

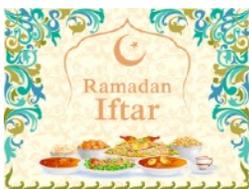
You heard it at our Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. Our church family is dear and important to us, and the children and youth at Christ Moravian Church are essential and invigorating members of our congregation.

Our young people live in a very secular world where God is not discussed. Indeed, religion is often denigrated or seen to be harmful in dividing us into angry, judgmental camps. But, have you noticed what's happening amongst our children and youth? Friendships, happy, healthy, funny and inspiring friendships.



Our Sunday School and Youth Group programs offer young people a chance to talk about faith and religion in a supportive and fun atmosphere where they are encouraged to love one another and "the other" who may not be part of their group. Experiences at Camp Van-Es are also an important way to encourage friendship and spiritual development.

Outside of church activities, parents of our children teach and encourage them to make and keep healthy friendships. They make space for our young people to hang out together - in real time. They help our children to work together to develop and combine their talents, for example, all of that wonderful music that has been happening. Thank you for what you do to celebrate our church family - the old, the middle and particularly our youth and children.



Ramadan is the month of Holy blessings. It means sharing and caring for others. On Saturday, May 11, our Youth Group will join with our Muslim brothers and sisters in celebrating Ramadan Iftar (Breaking of the Fast Dinner). They will meet at 6:30pm at the church to carpool to Olympic Plaza. If you are interested in joining them, please speak with Jeff Pratt.

Anniversary Prayer of Celebration and Remembrance by Rev. John Griffith

We enter an atmosphere of prayer, when we close our eyes, take a breath. This is when the distance between God and ourselves slips away and we are one. The distance disappears between us and those who began the Moravian Church in the 1400's and the 1500's. They didn't believe in a denomination. They believed in community building. They believed in music that brought people together. They believed in scripture that came alive in the language and actions of the people. They believed education of the head and the heart brought new life and hope to people's lives. They believed in love and freedom and the presence of God for growth and healing. And now we believe those things too because of this church, Christ Moravian Church, in our life that says: In essentials Unity, in nonessentials Liberty and in all things, Love.

FOR THESE PEOPLE WE GIVE THANKS.

We are grateful for 50 years of leadership who had the patience and the will to hear the voice of God. Al Taylor in finding this wonderful, just right location. Lew Thomas, whose roots in the Moravian tradition began and shaped the foundation of this faith community. John Griffith, Glen Stoudt and Steve Gohdes, whose faith provided depth, vision, guidance and blessing that brings us here today.

FOR THESE PEOPLE WE GIVE THANKS.

And for the leadership in this congregation, the hundreds of people who gave their time and energy, their faith and their doubt, their voices, hands-on help, sharing their hopes and dreams, their pain, their grief, their joys and celebration. It was a flow of history, the way God shaped us, healed us, stretched us, loved us.

WE REMEMBER AND WE ARE GRATEFUL.

And we remember that one person who invited us to drop in, see what it was like, who without knowing it was teaching us about what it means to be a Moravian - to be an evangelist, reaching out to a neighbour, a friend, a stranger with an invitation to experience the community where the grace and love of God has a place for everybody.

FOR THAT PERSON AND THAT INVITATION, WE GIVE THANKS.

We close our eyes to shut out the world for a moment and somehow it brings us all together. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. We are not alone. That 50 years of life - sometimes struggle and challenge, shifting priorities, questions of faith that moved us deeper, struggling to find the language to express the Holy life of Christ as we realize that His body is our body too - we have become the body of Christ. We have all had at least one moment of Light, one experience of resurrection, we are not the same person who stepped through that doorway in the past year, two years, ten years or forty years ago.

AND FOR THIS WE ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL.

We pray because it takes away the distance between God and us, between us and our neighbour, between the past and the future. It is all present in us now, in this congregation, in our history, in our life together. On this anniversary we are not just celebrating our past - we are beginning to see our future. This anniversary is about the life to come, the gifts of the Spirit that God promises will shape us and our community in the years to come.

AMEN. LET IT BE SO.

The Beginnings of Christ Moravian Community Church

Transport yourself back to 1965. The population of Calgary is 311,116 and the average family income is \$6,900. Lester Pearson is the Prime Minister of Canada, and Peter Lougheed has just been elected leader of the Alberta Progressive Conservative Party. The news is filled with coverage of the Vietnam War and civil rights protests. The Maple Leaf flag replaces the Union Jack and the Montreal Canadiens win the Stanley Cup.



At the furthest point in southeast corner of the City of Calgary, development of the Acadia community is near completion and construction in the new communities of Willow Park and Mapleridge have just begun, with new homes averaging well under \$20,000. At this time, Anderson Road is just a two lane unpaved road, 98th Avenue has yet to be named Southland Drive and plans are just underway for a future Blackfoot Trail. A vacant lot on a horse pasture at the corner of Acadia Drive and 98th Avenue lies open and waiting as a designated church site, much needed in these turbulent times.

As early as 1962, leaders of the Moravian Church in Canada and the United States have begun to make inquiries into the best location to plant a new church in Calgary. The Moravian Church is already well established in the Edmonton area with several churches serving the descendants of Russian German settlers who immigrated to Canada in the 1890s; and it is looking to grow its presence in Calgary where only one Moravian church exists, Calgary Moravian Church in Bridgeland. Original plans were to relocate and revive this church, but their pastor, Rev. Alan Taylor, was convinced that it would be better to build a second Moravian church in Calgary to serve as a companion congregation. Calgary (Central) Moravian would later be renamed Good Shepherd in 1979 and moved to its current location in Huntington Hills. After an extensive search around Calgary, a favourable report was submitted to the Provincial Elders Conference of the Moravian Church indicating the great potential for a church to serve the developing communities of Acadia, Willow Park and Mapleridge.

The decision to move forward was initially tabled due to a shortage of manpower and the recent planting of Rio Terrace Church in Edmonton. Interest in building a church for the communities in the Acadia area was renewed in the spring of 1963, as the surrounding neighbourhoods continued to grow. There were now over 2,000 existing homes in Acadia with another 3,000 scheduled for Willow Park and Mapleridge. The only other church operating in the area at that time was the beginnings of Lutheran Church of Our Saviour which met in a home. The site designated for a church on the SE corner of Acadia Drive and 98th Avenue was still available for purchase, so a commitment was made to look into buying this parcel of land.

In June 1965 a parsonage at 524 Willow Park Drive was purchased at a cost of \$22,080. Rev. Lew Thomas, the founding pastor, moved to Calgary from Edmonton Moravian Church to work with a small group of members as they began outreach and invitation in the Acadia, Willow Park and Mapleridge communities. He arranged for initial ministry support from the Moravian Churches in Calgary, Vancouver and the Edmonton area while negotiations continued on the property where Christ Moravian Community Church now stands.

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In April of 1966 the land for the church site was purchased at a cost of \$25,000 for the main lot and \$3,450 for an adjacent lot. The architectural firm of Cohos, Delsalle & Associates was contracted to design the church and McTavish-McKay & Co. Ltd. was signed on to complete the construction. The architectural team received an award for their design which featured the iconic floor to ceiling stained glass windows and a mural embossed in concrete outside the heavy oak front doors. The mural depicted the Moravian emblem of the Lamb of God carrying the Flag of Victory and representing the motto, "Our Lamb has conquered. Let us follow him."

In the early spring of 1966, a sign was placed at the SE corner of Acadia Drive and 98th Avenue announcing that Christ Moravian Church would soon become a vital part of the community. The sign read, "Community Church Sponsored by the Moravian Church. A Protestant Church since 1457. Construction to begin in 1966. It is a Community Protestant Church with Worship, Education and Fellowship opportunities for all ages." Learning about and explaining what it means to be Moravian would become a lifelong mission of Christ Church members.

Reaching out to the children in the new communities full of young families became a priority for Pastor Lew and the leadership team. A Junior Day Camp entitled "Living in God's World", was offered in August 1966 for children in Grades 3 - 6. The children met at Willow Park School and hiked a short distance to a campsite on 40 acres of bare land owned by Kelwood Corporation and located just south of the Willow Park Golf & Country Club. Older children and youth were encouraged to attend Camp Van-Es just outside of Edmonton, which continues to this day as a well loved retreat and summer camp for Moravian children and youth. By the end of 1966, 150 children were listed as enrolled in the Sunday School program.

Ground breaking for the church building was on October 23, 1966, with an estimated construction cost of \$120,000. While waiting for the church to be built, Sunday School and adult discussion groups, led by Pastor Lew Thomas, met at Willow Park Elementary School. The church building was completed in the spring of 1967 after several features in the original plans were removed because of budget constraints. The fireplace in the Fireside Room was almost eliminated as a cost savings measure; however, believing that this was an important feature, the members and friends of Christ Moravian Church banded together to raise \$900 in order to keep it. The original building included space for 200 worshipers, an office area located on the main floor where the bathrooms are currently situated and the upstairs included a half balcony and two classrooms.

On Sunday, May 7, 1967, the church was consecrated for service. Dignitaries from the Canadian District and the Northern Province of the Moravian Church were in attendance with the consecration service and laying of the cornerstone led by Rt. Rev. Percy Henkelmen, a long time friend of Christ Moravian Church. One of the highlights of the celebration was the singing of "Hosanna", a favourite traditional Moravian anthem, offered by the Christ Church Choir. Adult membership grew steadily until Christ Moravian Church achieved official congregational status and marked its corporate beginnings on April 28, 1969.

As one of the few public buildings in the area, the newly built Christ Moravian Church became a focal point of the community. The church offered programs that included, worship, Sunday School, adult study, choirs and fellowship groups, including a youth group "coffee house" with an in-house band. The doors were opened to community groups and the church housed events such as recitals, Alcoholics Anonymous and sporting activities, as well as Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides. The building was also home to the first Kindergarten in the community at a time when Kindergarten was not included in the public school system. It was even used as rehearsal space for the Mapleridge & Willow Park Burlesque Shows, a popular event using local talent to raise funds for the development of a community centre.

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The faith, vision and leadership of the four pastors who served Christ Moravian Church over the last fifty plus years has allowed Christ Moravian Church to remain a vital part of the community. Despite the challenges of brand recognition for the Moravian Church and the transient nature of Calgary, especially in the earlier years, the Reverends Lew Thomas, John Griffiths, Glen Stoudt and Steve Gohdes, worked tirelessly alongside lay leaders to build a faithful and supportive church community at the corner of Southland and Acadia Drives. One thing has remained constant over the last fifty years, Christ Moravian Church has been and will remain a joyful, caring congregation that is rich in Spirit and filled with love for God and neighbour.

Rev. Lewellyn Thomas
1965 - 1971



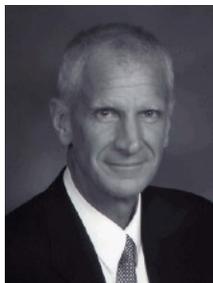
- ✦ Oversight of construction of the church
- ✦ Establishment of the congregation's core identity
- ✦ Development of community ties
- ✦ Growth of Women's Fellowship
- ✦ Joyful Noise Folk Choir
- ✦ Bringing in of Founding Members
- ✦ Outreach through children and youth programs.

Rev. John Griffith
1971 - 1980



- ✦ Development of lay leadership
- ✦ Bethel Bible Course
- ✦ Sunspinners Music Ministry
- ✦ Cornerstone Spiritual Development Outreach
- ✦ Transition from Kindergarten to Preschool Program
- ✦ 1978 Youth Convocation held at Banff
- ✦ Faithful tithing of 10% of budget for Outreach & Mission
- ✦ Financial independence from denomination
- ✦ First "garage sale" held in church basement

Rev. Dr. Glen Stoudt
1980 - 1994



- ✦ Strengthening of children and youth ministries
- ✦ Adoption of first student from Moravian Institute in Rajpur
- ✦ Purchase of grand piano and current organ
- ✦ Development of lay leadership for pastoral care
- ✦ Installation and consecration of Shepherd's Robe in sanctuary
- ✦ Development of core mission and identity documents still in use today
- ✦ Music ministry of Holy Smoke and strong Church Choir
- ✦ Mentorship of Don Michaels and Keith Harke in call to ministry
- ✦ Fellowship through Men's Breakfast, Medieval Dinners, Wellington's US Thanksgiving, etc.

Rev. Stephen Gohdes
1996 - Present



- ✦ Further development of Mustard Seed Ministry and Men's Breakfast
- ✦ Installation of church sign and beginning of sign ministry
- ✦ Installation of Telus Cell Tower bringing in regular income
- ✦ Congregational renewal plan focused on mission and ministry
- ✦ Renovations of lower level fellowship hall; installation of second balcony, main floor washrooms and elevator
- ✦ Installation and dedication of Memorial Garden
- ✦ 2005 Youth Convocation held in Calgary
- ✦ Expansion of Garage Sale into the tent
- ✦ Music ministry of Marty Antonini; Seventh Heaven, Paradise Road and Good Company
- ✦ Two term service as Canadian District President

50th Anniversary Thoughts from Pat Wolff

Although the Christ Moravian Church 50th Anniversary will be celebrated in many more ways in the coming months, we are thankful for the wonderful Celebration that was experienced on April 27 and 28, 2019. We were pleased to have in attendance the Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, President of the Moravian Provincial Elders Conference and Greg Weir, President of the Board of Elders of the Canadian District.

The organizing committee of twelve outdid themselves in ticket sales and financial control, the decorations, the food, the program on Saturday, the Service on Sunday, and the lovely pictures of friends and activities from the past 50 years. A sincere thank you goes out to this committee and to all of those who helped at both events.

The program on Saturday, held at McDougall United Church, included speeches, music, singing and comedy! A middle eastern dinner was served by a local restaurant and each person present was given a lapel pin with "50" on a Moravian Star to keep as a remembrance of the occasion. Duncan McKerchar was given special recognition for his 38 outstanding years of musical accompaniment and support for our music program.

We heard heartwarming and inspirational words from three of our four pastors. Rev. John Griffith and Rev. Stephen Gohdes shared their messages in person while Rev. Dr. Glen Stoudt made a video appearance. Memories of the late Rev. Lew Thomas were shared by Earla Ritz, one of the founding members of Christ Moravian Church; and Bobbie Callander shared thoughts of her father, Rev. Alan Taylor, who was instrumental in the initial planning and site selection of our church.

The Banquet on Saturday was interrupted by one of the worst prairie spring blizzards we have seen and getting home became a challenge. In spite of ice, snow and slush, more than 130 were present on Sunday morning for another inspiring "up-beat" service with wonderful music culminated by a group picture (for posterity) and a luncheon offered by our Women's Fellowship. Thank you all for participating and making our 50th Anniversary a wonderful memory!

