

Christ Moravian Church
Pastoral Letter for the weekend of August 2nd, 2020
Sunday Worship Theme: Unexpected Surprises - “Change”

Greetings Friends in Christ of CMC

Tomorrow is the first day of August. Where has this year, this summer, these weeks gone? We have all faced so many changes, adjustments and transitions in these last weeks and months, and yet the Moravian Daily Text Watchword for Sunday speaks to the constancy of God’s nature saying: “The Lord is good to all, and God’s compassion is over all that God has made.” Psalm 145:9

The Sunday worship surprise this week speaks to the “changes” that are initiated in our faith and we use that Easter symbol of the “butterfly” to highlight those changes within our lives. Yet, I find gratitude for that unchanging nature of God to offer “compassion over all that God has made.”

I trust you are well, safe, and loved in so many ways!

Speaking of the symbols that speak to our surprises in upcoming worship videos, you have until Wednesday, August 5 to help decorate for a service on God’s surprising “healing”. Bring those crutches from your basement or closet to help symbolize this fashion of healing. (you will get them back, for your next ‘whoops’)

And please get photos of all of the children within our lives to Donna Gordon. Those photos will help decorate the sanctuary for the Sunday of “Surprising (or not so surprising) Hope”. Contact Donna at 403-251-4024 or digitally send the photo to dgordon@shaw.ca They need to be with Donna by August 8. Thanks.

Just a reminder of some of our mission activities that continue amidst this strange time. There is a clothing drive to be held on August 8th from 11:00am – 2:00pm. Bring your gently used clothing to the church parking lot, and these items will assist our friends and neighbors who are supported in love at the Alpha House.

Secondly, Indranie Perera reminds us that the need for recycling bottles and cans continues to support those in need in Sri Lanka. Drop them by the church, as Indranie makes a weekly pick up for those items. Thanks.

Note from Andrea: It’s the time of year to order Daily Texts for the upcoming year. Ordering early allows us a small price reduction. Choices are: Paperback, Large Print, Journal, and the Directory & Stats book. If you wish to purchase a Daily Text from the church for 2021, please advise either Andrea or Steve by leaving a message at the church [403-271-2700], or e-mail moravian@nucleus.com before August 11th.

The various links and significant info for church life are located on this email including:

Bible Buddies Study link
Men’s Breakfast link
Youth and Children’s activities
E-Transfer Donation link info

Stay cool amidst these refreshingly warm summer days!

Pastor Stephen Gohdes

Worship & Event Links for August 2nd, 2020

Christ Moravian Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CMC Men's Group

Time: August 1st, 2020 08:30 AM Calgary

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81511053625?pwd=Wk0yUVJMeXlac3poOGVYUHFzOU45Zz09>

Meeting ID: 815 1105 3625

Passcode: 679223

Dial by your location

+1 587 328 1099 Canada

Meeting ID: 815 1105 3625

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kg88fTwvF>

CMC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CMC Bible Buddies

Time: August 2nd, 2020 09:00 AM Calgary

This week's chapter is the "Spirit of Hope"

Scripture lessons are:

Psalm 126

Revelation: 1:9-19; 19: 11-16; 21:1-8; 22:16-21

This chapter discusses the book of Revelation. Brian McLaren states: "Along with its historical context, we would be wise to understand the literary context for Revelation which is *literature for the oppressed*". He is deeply moved by the power of the echoing word "Come".

One thought Brian McLaren asks us to consider is: Imagine creation inviting God, and God inviting creation, through that powerful word *Come!* Hold that mutual invitation in your heart.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81410889916?pwd=TjZxNGZlYmhhYTNkbmRlQUV3VVQ3UT09>

Meeting ID: 814 1088 9916

Password: 290418

One tap mobile

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Looking forward to seeing you. With hope, Barb: -)

Links to Online Worship:	Christ Moravian	https://www.christmoravian.com
	Good Shepherd	https://www.goodshepherdmoravian.org
	Rio Terrace	https://www.rioterracechurch.org/live
	Moravian Church Northern Province	https://www.moravian.org
	for details of events happening within the wider Moravian Church	

Children's Worship Bulletin

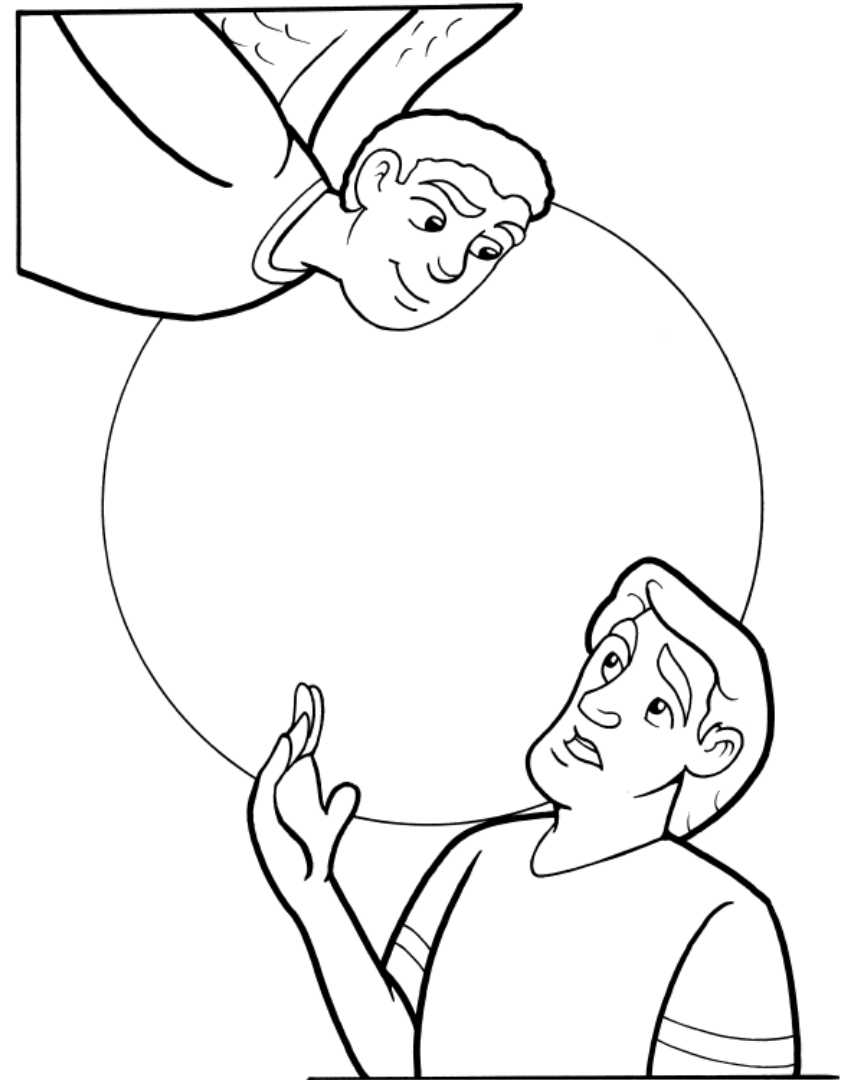
Coloring Page

Jacob Wrestles with God

Genesis 32:22-31

Word Search Puzzle

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 W M Y H Q O F S T R U G G L E
 Y V Q T U Y B P J V J T N R C



Your Name Shall Be Israel
 Genesis 32:28

NIGHT	HIP	FACE	LIMPING	STREAM
WRESTLE	BLESS	JACOB	STRUGGLE	WIVES
SONS	LIFE	DAYBREAK	SERVANTS	NAME

Decoder Puzzle

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

A	O	E	C	V	H	F	J	K	G	U	W	S	T	N	D	P	L	Z	B	X	M	Q	Y	R	I
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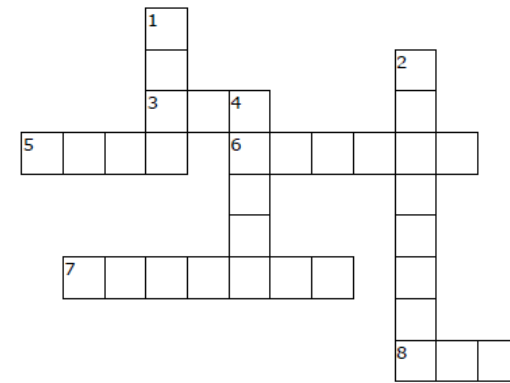
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- 15-1-22-3 _____
- 20-18-3-13-13-26-15-10 _____
- 22-1-15 _____
- 12-25-3-13-14-18-3 _____
- 10-2-16 _____
- 7-1-4-3 _____
- 26-13-25-1-3-18 _____

WRESTLE	MAN	FACE	ISRAEL
NIGHT	BLESSING	GOD	NAME



Jacob Wrestles Until Daybreak

Crossword Puzzle



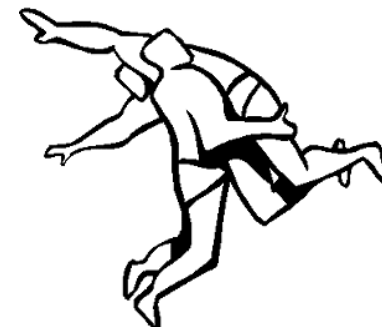
ACROSS

- An adult male human
- The part of the body where the mouth, nose, and eyes are
- The new name that God gave to Jacob
- To struggle and try to throw an opponent to the ground
- The creator of heaven and earth

DOWN

- What a person is called
- To give wealth or happiness upon someone (I'm not sure if this is the right form of the word to use)
- The dark part of day from sundown to sunup

NAME	GOD	WRESTLE	MAN
ISRAEL	FACE	BLESSING	NIGHT



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Quick Picks: Activities for Kids and Stretched Parents

August 1-7, 2020

WINGED WONDERS!

This morning I watched a mother pigeon fly from a ledge to spikes along an eave to feed her hungry chick. Ouch! Her body may be soothed when her chick fledges and learns to fly. Right now, it's possible to watch the magic of flight happening all around us.

Who lives where? 3-11 Most of us have seen a robin's nest and know that one of their favorite nesting spots is above an outdoor light so their chicks will stay warm. But what about other birds in our area? Take a look at this video from the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary which asks you to match birds with their eggs and then shows where their nests might be found:

<https://www.calgary.ca/csps/athome/learning/eggs-and-nests-video.html> .

Search out nests in your neighbourhood and along pathways in wooded and water areas of our city. **3-adult** Take pictures, but don't touch. If you're lucky, you might find a bird hatching a second clutch. You may notice hungry chicks. Here's a useful **teen to adult site** that might guide your search: <https://nestwatch.org/learn/how-to-nestwatch/how-to-find-nests/> Take pictures and sketches, but don't disturb!

See if you can tell what they eat. Do all baby birds eat the same thing?

Discover the peregrine falcon's nest at Craigie Hall or other tall buildings at the University of Calgary. In other years, they have fledged in the first week of August. There are often peregrine nests at the South Calgary Campus, downtown, and at the Foothills Hospital. A sighting is special: Peregrines are endangered. **5-adult**

How do birds fly? : 3-5 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djDsm_VOB1Y This video offers a very simple explanation of how birds fly. **3-adult:** Right now, you might just see that happening around us as birds try their wings. Watch a nest containing chicks over several days and see if you can catch their first attempts and first flight. (Some robins are hatching a second clutch right now). Here's an inspiring video that takes us from hungry chick to a very reluctant flyer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uPhT6hBkMM>

I recently watched a young magpie being encouraged to fly by a parent. As dusk approached and the fledgling still hadn't taken flight he was left alone. He must have made it, though. He was gone in the morning.

Caterpillar to Butterfly 9-adult Enjoy this lively commentary and video of how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. The caterpillar-to- goo part could be used in a horror flick!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euuCrngEoeU> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euuCrngEoeU>
Fascinating!

Go Butterfly Watching: 3-adult I've been seeing a lot of butterflies in gardens and parks lately. Become a butterfly sleuth and track down these common butterflies of Alberta: Google *Common Alberta Butterflies* to access beautiful photos of these insects. It's possible to print the image so you can tick them off when you find them. Here are some pointers:

<https://www.popsci.com/beginners-guide-butterfly-watching/> The best tip is *Don't get up early!*

Save the Monarch! Monarch butterflies can be found in Alberta, mainly on the prairies. Plant milkweed and they may come. You can create your own monarch waystation or simply note where you have observed them. Register your discovery: <https://monarchwatch.org/waystations/>

Draw a butterfly: 5-adult: Here's a simple guide for younger children:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIAigITFgLk> and one for older artists:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kW1BC8GhBhs> Go wild with your own imagination or create your own accurate drawings of the butterflies you find. See what others have done:

<https://www.pinterest.ca/Swirlon/butterfly-paintings/>

Love crafts? Here are some fluttery ideas: <https://www.handmadecharlotte.com/6-butterfly-projects-to-make-your-imagination-flutter/>

Bird bath? Bee Fountain? How about a Butterfly Bath?: 5-adult Build a butterfly bath

Many of our native butterflies are known as puddlers. These butterflies feed on salts and minerals from mud puddles and other water sources.

Bee a polli-neighbour and help our local butterflies by adding a butterfly bath to your yard.



Add a layer of sand and coarse dirt to a shallow bowl and fill with water until the sand is damp. Add rocks or pebbles for butterflies to land on. Do not overfill your bath, as butterflies cannot

land in open water. <https://www.calgary.ca/csps/parks/planning-and-operations/all-about-butterflies.html>

Cool facts about butterflies: 5-9 <https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/five-fun-facts-about-butterflies> Probably the one that will happily gross out your child is that butterflies were named after their poop. Check out this teacher's site for more butterfly resources: <https://teachers-ab.libguides.com/butterflies>

Butterfly readalong: 3-7 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBi_RoXKVo0 The big message is, *Be happy as you are.* Rhyming and playing with combinations of numbers adding to 10, **Ten Magic Butterflies** may have your child puzzling it out. I would divide up the story for our littlest ones.

The Butterfly Song for Children: 3-7 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EQeYA5Qbic> Dance and sing as you review the stages of a butterfly.

CONTACTLESS

CLOTHING DRIVE

for Alpha House

supporting marginalized men and women
struggling with homelessness and addiction

Accepting the following items:

Gently used

- Walking shoes
- Casual shirts and tops
- Slacks and pants
- Light jackets

New socks and underwear

Saturday, August 8, 11 am – 2 pm

Christ Moravian Church Parking Lot

600 Acadia Drive SE

Alpha House provides emergency shelter and care for adults under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, and offers residential care for clients to safely withdraw from drugs in a medically supportive environment. They also provide supports to help clients safely move to permanent housing or long-term drug treatment facilities. Alpha House reduces the impact of street level intoxication and homelessness on the broader community and public systems through their mobile outreach teams. For more information on Alpha House, visit their website at www.alphahousecalgary.com.