

# THE MUSTARD SEED



## Worship Schedule

**March 2**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**Leader:** Kari Caulum

**Message:** Tom Cafilisch

**March 9**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**Holy Communion**

**Leader:** Shirley Block

**Message:** Vicki Jens-Page

**March 16**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**Leader:** Shirley Block

**Message:** Ken Glienke

**March 23**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Leader:** Kari Caulum

**Message:** Megan Vanderbloemen

**March 30**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Troxel Baptism**

**Leader:** Shirley Block

**Message:** Rev. Bruce Nelson

## The Season of Lent

Lent is the forty-day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus, which are commemorated on Good Friday (this year, April 18, 2025) and Easter Sunday (April 20, 2025). It is a time of repentance, of considering Christ's sufferings, and rethinking Jesus' presence in our everyday lives.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025) and concludes with the Maundy Thursday Communion Service (April 17, 2025; Last Supper). Every Wednesday during Lent, we will meet at 6:00 pm for our meal and Lenten Series.

The last week of Lent before Easter is known as Holy Week, reflecting its significance for our church. Monday- Wednesday there is a reading service held in the Christian Faith Moravian Church Sanctuary. The readings cover Christ's activities, humiliation and suffering during this week leading up to the Crucifixion.

On Maundy Thursday (April 17, 2025), we will celebrate Holy Communion on the anniversary of the night the Savior shared his last meal before his death.

On Good Friday, we hold a Tenebrae Service, a high point of worship in the Christian Faith Moravian Church year (7:00 p.m., April 18, 2025).

On Easter Sunday we will have our Sunrise Service followed by our Easter Breakfast. We will also have our regular 10:30 am service to end our Easter Celebration. More information about Holy Week will be available in our E-News and in our April Newsletter.

## Ash Wednesday

Please join us for a special worship service on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 pm as we observe Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. All in attendance will have the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes in the sign of the cross on their forehead or hand. All are welcome!



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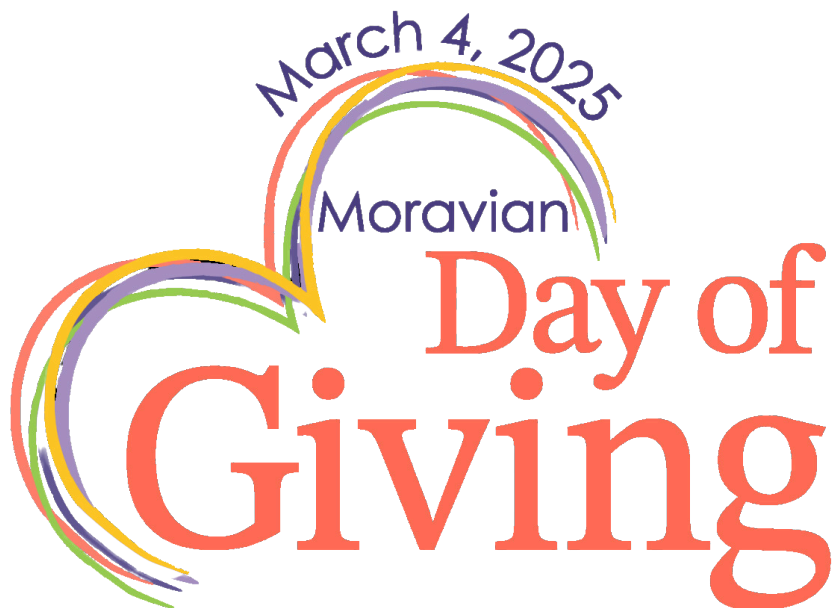
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On the Moravian Day of Giving, a total of \$2,500 will be awarded to the five Moravian organizations with the highest number of unique individual donors. With your support, Christian Faith Moravian Church could be one of the recipients! To participate, simply make a donation of at least \$10.00 through the CFMC online portal on March 4.

It's crucial to maximize the number of individual donors, so encourage each person in your family to make a separate contribution and spread the word among your friends about supporting our ministries. It only takes about five minutes, and the minimum donation is \$10.00.

If we achieve the highest number of unique individual donors, we stand a chance to receive \$2,500 to enhance our church ministries.

## Simple ways to contribute:

- Visit our website at [www.cfmoravianchurch.org](http://www.cfmoravianchurch.org) and click on the donate button. If possible, encourage each family member to donate \$10.00. Additionally, share the link with your friends and extended family.
- An E-News reminder will be sent on March 4, providing you with a link.
- You can also scan the QR Code included here.



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# Wednesday Lenten Supper & Series



Join us each Wednesday at 6:00 PM for a shared meal followed by a 30 minute Lenten Series Session.

## Listening and Responding to the Gospel

Following our Lenten Fellowship Meals on Wednesday nights we will use a simple, ancient (6th century) meditative process known as Lectio Divina (Divine Reading). Using the assigned Lectionary Gospel reading for the coming Sunday we will listen to several voices read the passage and respond to simple prompts like “what is a word or phrase that strikes you in the passage”.

The focus of this way of exploring scripture is about listening to how the Holy Spirit is speaking to each of us through the hearing of Biblical texts.

## Breakdown of the Steps:

### **Lectio (Read):**

Read a short passage from scripture slowly and attentively, listening for a word or phrase that stands out to you.

### **Meditatio (Reflect):**

Re-read the passage, focusing on the chosen word or phrase, pondering its meaning and how it might apply to your life.

### **Oratio (Respond):**

Engage in prayer, speaking to God about your thoughts and feelings related to the passage.

### **Contemplatio (Rest):**

Quietly rest in God's presence, allowing the passage to sink deeper into your heart without actively thinking or analyzing.

***Below are the Gospel Readings for each of the five Wednesday night Lectio Divina studies.***

**Wednesday, March 12**

Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35

**Wednesday, March 19**

Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9

**Wednesday, March 26**

Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Wednesday, April 2**

Gospel John 12:1-8

**Wednesday, April 9**

Gospel Luke 19:28-40

The schedule for those who will host each Wednesday's meal will be available following the next Elders Meeting.



## March Birthdays

4th – Evelyn Stack  
 7th – Hope Herbers  
 11th – Sandi Newell  
 13th – Jill Stephens  
 16th – Elaine Knudtson;  
 Lindsay Freye  
 18th – Kylie Sobek  
 28th – Lisa Quam; Cody Dorn  
 30th – Melissa Krug  
 31st – Jim Karow

## April Newsletter Deadline

If you have any information you'd  
 like to include in the April  
 newsletter, please send it to  
 Kari Caulum  
 (karilee.iluvlucy@gmail.com) by  
 Friday, March 24, 2025.

# Thank you

- A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to and participated in our annual Pie Auction on February 16. We successfully raised over \$4,000 to help reduce the loan for our accessible building addition. Special appreciation goes to Cheryl and Jerry Mayr for coordinating this wonderful event.
- We extend our gratitude to Peg Landgraf, the Women's Fellowship, Rich and Laurie Vanderbloemen, Marlene Sobek, and Mike and Michelle Larkins for hosting fellowship after worship throughout February.
- Thanks to our esteemed guests who shared inspiring messages in February: Megan Vanderbloemen, Rev. Bruce Nelson, and Steve Heroux.
- A big thank you to Shirley Block and Kari Caulum for leading our worship services.
- We appreciate Peggy Landgraf, Kristi Thering, and Toni Reigstad for their diligent efforts in cleaning the church during February.
- Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Soup-er Bowl Sunday Food Drive in February.
- We are grateful to Cheryl Mayr and Toni Reigstad for providing meals for Doug and Elaine Knudtson while Elaine is recuperating.
- Lastly, a huge thank you to Shirley Block, Jerry Mayr, Mike Larkins, and Ken Glienke for their assistance with snow removal.

## MARCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Church Cleaner Coordinator: Peggy Landgraf	Worship Hosts Coordinators: Jerry Mayr & Bob Hudecek	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Fellowship Host
Mar. 2	Ken Glienke & Peg Landgraf	Bob Hudecek & Kristi Thering	Megan Vanderbloemen Psalm 99: 1-5	Megan Vanderbloemen Luke 9:28-36	Peg Landgraf
Mar. 9	Ken Glienke & Shirley Block	Rich & Megan Vanderbloemen	John Scepanski Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Laurie Vanderbloemen Luke 4:1-13	Toni Reigstad
Mar. 16	Peg Landgraf	Michelle & Mike Larkins	Psalm 27 Peg Landgraf	Doug Block Luke 13:31-35	Volunteer Needed
Mar. 23	Peg Landgraf	Doug & Shirley Block	Bob Hudecek Psalm 63:1-8	Marty Karow Luke 13:1-9	Volunteer Needed
Mar. 30	Kristi Thering	Bob Hudecek & Kristi Thering	Marie True Psalm 32	Shirley Block Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	The Troxel Family

## Lenten Guest Speaker

We are thrilled to welcome Tom Caflisch back to CFMC. Tom Caflisch has served as a preacher for Christian Faith multiple times throughout the years and even managed a collaborative youth ministry program for all three Moravian churches in the Madison area. During a prior pastoral vacancy, he was thrilled to develop and lead a Lenten study series focused on the Foot Washing story for Christian Faith.

Tom is excited to return and share God's Word in worship once again on Sunday, March 2, as well as Ash Wednesday and lead us in a new Lenten study series.



## Daylight Savings Time



### Spring Forward

Hold onto your hats, folks! Daylight Savings Time kicks off at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 9!

Make sure to spring your clocks forward an hour before you hit the hay on Saturday night—don't let that hour sneak away from you!

## Financial Report as of January 31, 2025

### GENERAL FUND

	Month of January	YTD
<b>Plate Collections &amp; Fundraisers</b>	\$11,754.00	\$11,754.00
<b>General Fund Expenses Owed</b>	\$4,533.74	\$4,533.74
<b>Difference (+ or -)</b>	\$7,220.26	\$7,220.26 (Through January 31)

### BUILDING FUND

	Month of January	YTD
<b>Monthly Debt Service</b>	\$1,335.32	\$1,335.32
<b>Plate Collection/Fundraisers</b>	\$815.00	\$815.00

## Volunteers Welcome!

Have you ever thought about becoming involved in one of the ministries at Christian Faith Moravian Church?

We are continually seeking Scripture Readers, Ushers, and Call to Worship Volunteers.

Additionally, we would appreciate some extra church cleaners to join our rotation.

If you're interested in any of these opportunities or others at CFMC, please reach out to your preferred ministries coordinator.



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## Time to start thinking about Mt. Morris Summer Camp Junior Camp

**Director:** James Heroux, [jhero274@gmail.com](mailto:jhero274@gmail.com)

**When:** June 29- July 3, 2025

**Where:** Mt. Morris Camp

**Campers Invited:** Completed 2nd grade - 5th grade



## Winmor

**Director:** Alexis Srenaski, [alexissrenaski@gmail.com](mailto:alexissrenaski@gmail.com)

**When:** July 27th - August 2nd, 2025

**Where:** Mt. Morris Camp

**Campers Invited:** Completed 6th - 8th grade

## Chetek

**Director:** Justin Rabbach, [justin@moravianmission.org](mailto:justin@moravianmission.org)

**When:** July 20-26th, 2025

**Where:** Mt. Morris Camp

**Campers Invited:** Completed 9th grade - age 21

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
AND CAMP COST WILL  
BE AVAILABLE SOON!**

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