

Our Savior's Moravian Church

May 2021



**GARAGE
SALE**

"Well, What Happened Here!"

The last week of April, Amy and I had been working hard to get our garage full of items for a garage sale. To make things stay orderly we kept the kids out of the garage so that they would not grab items off the tables or place inaccurate price stickers on different items. Needless to say, our garage looked much different than it usually does.

On the morning of our garage sale, Owen came out to the garage with his backpack, ready to jump in the car and head off to school. As he opened the door and walked into the garage, he was a bit taken aback by the transformation of the space. His exact words were "well, what happened here!" I smiled and laughed at his response and then explained to him what a garage sale was. Convinced by my explanation, he headed out the door and continued on with his day.

I'm curious, if Jesus walked into my life today, what would his initial reaction be? The phrase, "well, what happened here" might be rather fitting. I think it is safe to say that this is a phrase that you need to hear someone say to fully understand there meaning. It could be said with surprise at a joyful, unexpected transformation, or it could be said with some lackluster disappointment or even disdain. I certainly hope that if Jesus walked into my life such a phrase might be said with some joyful surprise. Then again, Jesus probably wouldn't be surprised.

It leads us to consider a bit more deeply, what parts of our life would Jesus commend, and which parts of our life would he be more likely to condemn? It is not a question that should lead us to shame and guilt, but instead to hope and desire to be transformed. When we open ourselves to asking this question and answering honestly, then we begin to step towards a deeper relationship with Christ.

I encourage you to take some time after you read this to pause and consider what areas of your life Jesus might ask you to leave behind.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Greg



May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Worship *Church Council Meeting following worship	3	4 Pastor Greg away at Clergy Co-hort Retreat	5 Joint Board Call Process Meeting 7:00pm	6	7	1 8 Youth Night 7 th -12 th 7:00pm-8:30pm
9 8:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Worship 	10 Joint Board Meeting 7:00pm	11	12	13 	14	15
16 8:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Worship	17	18	19	20	21 Pastor Greg on Vacation (21-25)	22
23 8:30am - Sunday School *Last Day of Sunday School 9:30am - Worship - Guest Preacher Rev. Barry Lehman	24	25	26	27	28	29 
30 9:30am - Worship	31 					

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The **Purpose** of this Church shall be to **glorify** God in adoration, **Love** and **service** as God's **missionary** to our **community**, our **nation**, and our **world**, bearing witness to **God's** redeeming **grace** in **Jesus Christ**.

2021 Congregational Watchword:

Jesus said, "Stand firm, and you will win life." Luke 21:19 (NIV)

Board of Elders

Pastor Greg Behrend – Chair
Roger Schumacher – Vice Chair
Jenny Brummer – Secretary
Julie Johnson
Steve Krage

Board of Trustees

Scott Decker - Chair
Rick Kreidermacher – Vice Chair
Olan Lovlien - Secretary
Ken Krage
Tim Murphy

Cemetery Board

Scott Decker
Mark Olson
Ken Krage
Roger Schumacher

Top 3 Board Topics

In our efforts to share with the congregation some of the current topics of our church leadership, the joint board shares with you these top 3 topics currently being addressed.

- 1. The Call Process** – Our congregation is currently in the call process in search of our next pastor. The Western District Executive board continues to work with our Joint Board to determine what needs the congregation currently has and then will begin to present potential candidates that might serve Our Savior's Moravian Church.
- 2. Church Roof Project** – As the Board is beginning to take steps towards our roof project, we are analyzing the need for installation inside the church ceiling. We want to make sure any heat loss issues are addressed prior to the church roof installation.
- 3. Sanctuary Flooring** – The Board of Trustees are exploring options to replace the carpeting in our church sanctuary. The Church Council will be reviewing bids and soon the Board of Trustees will be forming a project committee that will focus on this project. If you are interested in serving on this committee please speak to a member of our Board of Trustees.

Thank You!

Thank you to Cheryl Lovlien for representing Our Savior's Moravian at the Western District Synod Gathering

Thank you Brenda Sing for helping order our Easter Flowers

Thank you to Allison Schumacher for helping lead our monthly Youth Night

Thank you Tim Murphy for helping with landscaping projects around our church grounds.

Life of the Congregation

May Birthdays:

Addelyn Hilke 5/2 Haley Brosig 5/3
Mindy Decker 5/3 Gib Decker 5/5
Diedre Rahn 5/5 Mason Merchlewitz 5/10
Steve Pasche 5/11 Kathy Brosig 5/12
Kaden Koetter 5/13 Amiah Behrend 5/19
Lisa Stephan 5/29

May Anniversaries:

Gib & Sharon Decker 5/1
Glen & Helen Schumacher 5/15
Roger & Jodi Schumacher 5/15
Greg & Amy Behrend 5/22

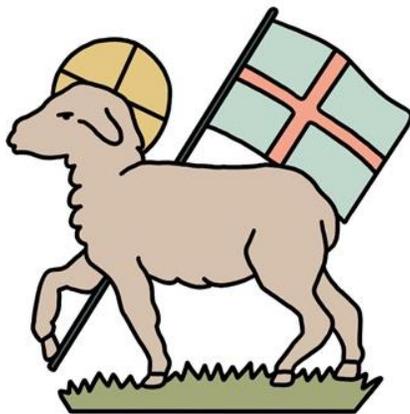
Pastor Greg on Vacation with Family

Sunday May 21-25

Starting Friday May 21st, Pastor Greg will be on vacation with his family for an extended weekend. Rev. Barry Lehman will be offering pulpit supply on May 23rd in Greg's absence.

Women's Bible Study Paused for Summer

The Women's Bible Study led by Cheryl Lovlien will pause for the summer and will look to resume meeting again in September.



Pastor Co-hort Retreat May 4-6th

Pastor Greg will gather with colleagues at Mt. Morris Camp for the spring co-hort retreat for professional development and spiritual nourishment.

Western District Synod Review

Western District Synod, which was held online, concluded on Saturday April 24th with an installation service for the new Western District Executive Board. The synod reviewed a number of ministries, took part in a Bible study led by newly appointed Dean of Moravian Seminary Rev. Dr. Heather Vacek, and elected new leaders around the district. The newly elected Western District Executive Board includes:

President – Rev. Bruce Nelson (2nd Term)

Clergy Representatives:

- Rev. Amy Gohdes-Luhman
- Rev. Kerry Krauss

Lay Representatives:

- Sister Nancy Chandler
- Brother Courtney Bauder
- Sister Cindy Fahner
- Sister Cheryl Lovlien

Ministries Reviewed:

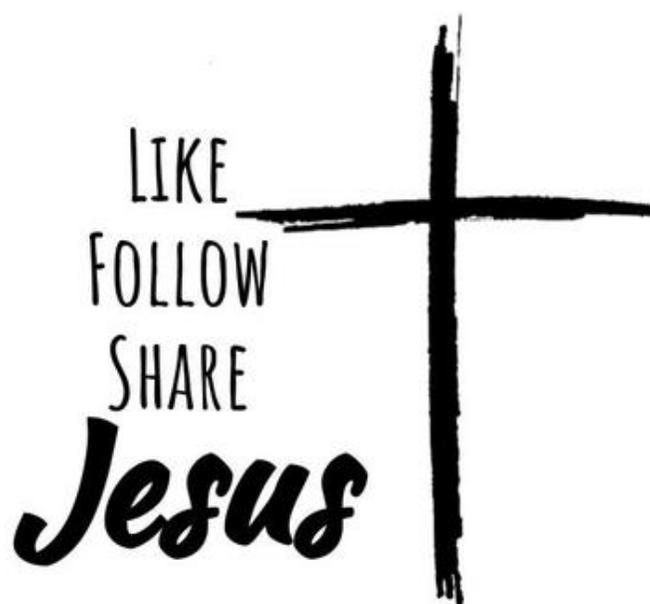
- Board of World Mission
- Waconia Moravian Justice Initiative
- Green Bay West Justice Initiatives
- You Belong (new church plant)
- Tricklebee Café
- Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat Center
- Auburn Meadows & Marquart Manor

Mission Outreach

Conversation Café

Postponed

We are continuing to plan and discern when we will be able to have another Conversation Café Meal. We hope to be able to offer this ministry again soon.



Youth

Youth Night - May 8th

7th-12th Grade (7:00-8:30pm)

All junior high and high school youth are invited to join us in-person for our monthly youth night at the church.

Church Camp Registration

Wdcamping.com

All youth from 2nd grade – the age of 21 years old are invited to register for camp this summer. The Joint Board is asking families to pay the \$35 registration fee and the church will pay the remaining balance. All are welcome to attend Family Camp!



Sunday School each Sunday

Preschool - Kindergarten

1st Grade - 6th Grade

7th Grade - 12th Grade

Opportunities to Give

Roof Fund

Thank you to everyone who has made donations to our roof project. As we move into 2021, we are focusing in on this project. We are still looking for gifts so if you are able to give above and beyond this is a great project to consider giving towards.

Thank you all for your support!

Moravian Ministries to Support

There are so many areas of need currently, especially some of our Moravian Ministries. If you are able to contribute to the work of the greater Moravian Church please visit our Giving Page on the church website to donate

Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat

Tricklebee Café

Moravian Music Foundation

Moravian Care Ministries

Moravian Center Adult Day

You Belong – New Moravian Church Plant