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West Side Moravian Church

Worship in November

Sunday, November 1
Worship, 9am
All Saints Day
Holy Communion
Sunday School, 10:15am

Sunday, November 8
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:15am

Sunday, November 15
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:15am

Sunday, November 22
Celebrating Our Ministries
Sunday School, 10:15am

Wednesday, November 25
Thanksgiving Eve at Heritage Hill, 6:30pm

Sunday, November 29
Covenant Sunday
First Sunday in Advent
Covenant Sunday Potluck
Advent Workshop, 10:15pm

Covenant Sunday 2026~
Celebrating Ministry, Shining The Light

Among the many other happenings at West Moravian I want to lift up two important celebrations in worship. The first is a Celebration of Ministry happening on Sunday, November 22. This is an opportunity to celebrate and bring to mind the many ways Christ has led us to share ministry together. Expect to hear from a variety of voices about how we've seen God at work among our congregation.

Sunday, November 29 is our Annual Covenant Sunday. This yearly practice is an opportunity to renew our covenants to follow Jesus and do so as part of Christ's community at West Moravian. This year's Covenant Sunday is also the first Sunday of Advent. Advent marks a new year in the church calendar. Covenant Sunday is a time to consider the ministries we've share this past year but also look forward with hope as we continue to shine the light that is Jesus. Enclosed with this newsletter is a Covenant Card for you to prayerfully consider and bring with you to worship November 29 or whenever it works for you.

I hope you can join in worship November 22 and November 29. I hope you will find ways to respond faithfully, in love and with hope to our God as we move into a new season and church year!

-Pastor Marian

Expanding The Table

As we celebrate Holy Communion on Sunday, November 1st we invite you to bring to worship food for the Community Fridge and Pantry.

Acceptable Items:
Grab and Go meals
Fresh fruits and vegtables
Boiled eggs
Milk
Deli Meat
Yogurts and cheeses
Bread and other baked items
Frozen meals
Prepared meals with labels and ingredients

Not Accepted Items:
Expired Items
Fresh or frozen raw meal
Medications
Alcohol
Unlabled items
Glass containers
Anything you would not feed yourself or your family

Thank You

Thank you to Glenn Tarkowski for assembling shelving for overflow pantry items for the Community Fridge & Pantry. We welcome donations anytime. However, for those who appreciate a reminder we ask donations be brought in when we celebrate Holy Communion (typically the first Sunday of the month).

Christian Education Committee

Sunday school classes will be held during the month of November. Younger children will be learning about the People Who Made a Difference and how we can make a difference too. The youth will be joining in classes for youth entering into the study for Confirmation. Adults are looking into the Moravian Board of World Mission Bible study on caring for creation, care for each other and care for right relationships.

Friday, November 13th at 5pm the youth from West and Freedom will gather together to learn how bees wax candles are made, learn about the neighborhood refrigerator project, and make dry soup mix to give to the refrigerator project.

Giving Tree will go up this month till December 20th helping out those at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. There will be envelopes on the tree to give monetary donations. Put the envelopes in the offering plate or church office. If writing out checks make them out to West Side Moravian church. We thank you for your help in supporting the needs of Pine Ridge.

Advent workshop will be held November 29 after worship. A Potluck will be organized by the Elders. You are invited to help in wrapping candles, stuffing college boxes, decorating Christmas tree in the church, and make an Advent Chain. Plan on attending.

Looking forward to the Congregational Retreat at Mount Morris? It is to be held on Friday, January 29- Sunday, January 31, 2027. We stay in Sandhill, are served delicious food, great fellowship and worship. Sign up on the bulletin board. It is always a meaningful and wonderful time.

Next CEC meeting will be held November 10, 2026 at 6pm on Zoom.

Racial Justice Book Discussion

Our Fall book is “The Fire Next Time” by James Baldwin. We will have a discussion in November or early December. If you are interested in being part of the discussion email pastor and we’ll work to find a time that works for all.

The Ecumenical Partnership for Housing

Our congregation is part of the Ecumenical Partnership for Housing (EPH), which provides transitional housing for families in our area. We are responsible for one home and caring for the space when a new family arrives.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry speak with our congregation's Volunteer Coordinator, Barb Shiffer and/or our Board Representative, Julie Srenaski.

Opportunities for Giving to EPH

The last Sunday of the month we have a Joyful Noise Offering. For November this offering will go to the Ecumenical Partnership for Housing (EPH). Our congregation is part of EPH in prayer, preparing a home for families, and in financial giving. At our Thanksgiving Eve service monetary offerings will go to EPH as well.

Scrip Gift Card Fundraising

One of our congregation's fundraising efforts is through the Raise Right/ Scrip Gift Card Program. This is a way for you to support our ministries by purchasing gift cards for your everyday purchases such as groceries, restaurants, clothing and entertainment. Please get in any orders by **Sunday, November 1** with Shirley Ryan.

Crafter & Caring Ministry

The Crafter and Caring Ministry meets on Thursday, November 5 at 4pm to make meals for our communities. All are invited to help. We invite volunteers to help on home game days at the craft table. Sign up on the office bulletin board. If you have questions or would like to learn more talk with Kris Nelson.

Supporting Our Shared Ministries

Thank you to all who continue to give generously to this shared ministry. Your giving strengthens our care for others, cultivates lives marked by generosity, and supports Christ's ministry in worship, learning, service and justice. You may share your tithes (a tithe is 10% of one's earnings) and offerings in worship, or by snail mail, or sign up for online giving at https://mmfa.info/west-side-moravian-church-wi-donation-form/ or use this QR code.

If you are utilizing our online giving portal consider signing up for recurrent giving monthly or weekly. That can save you time and be a great way to share consistent support for our shared ministries.

If you use envelopes for your giving, 2027 envelopes are available on the counter outside the sanctuary.

JOSHUA Updates

Thursday, November 5: Spiritual Leaders Caucus
12pm at Ascension Lutheran Church

Thursday, November 12: Housing Task Force
11am at Kavarna

Monday, November 23: Prayer Vigil
12pm at Green Bay Correction, Webster St.

Wednesday, November 25: Environmental Team
3pm-4pm, Virtual

For more information go to joshua4justice.org or contact Sue Vande Hei

Endowment Committee

Due to the generosity of members through the years, we have established an Endowment Fund. When enough interest is produced by the Fund we are able to share some of this with organizations outside our operational ministry. This year we gave to four local organizations: Safe Place Parking through the Wise Woman Gathering Place; The Gathering Place; School Based Mental Health Programing through Foundations; We All Rise African American Resource Center. We have received expressions of gratitude already and will feature a different organization this month and the next three months.

Safe Place Parking

Safe Place Parking is a program that serves people living out of their vehicles. They provide a designated lot for people to sleep safely and undisturbed through the night. The lot is staffed to make sure it is secure, register guests, and help those parking access community resources. In addition, the staff share blankets, snacks, water, and provide 12 battery banks for loan to plug in electric blankets or C-PAP machines. In the morning staff help exit parkers and offer support such as battery charging, gas cards, and referrals to other services.

Thank you From Safe Place Parking

Thank you! We cannot thank you enough for being a part of our community of support! Safe Place Parking is a vital service filling a need and gap in the homelessness to housing continuum in our community.

-Carrie Campbell, Desirae Hill, Stacy Vanderport, and Amanda Abry

Thank You ~ Cultural Immersion Trip to Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

I would like to thank the Moravian church, Pastor Dan from the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, the Racial Justice Team and all those who made it possible for me to experience this trip to Pine Ridge. Rev. Sue Koenig, Bishop Nasel Ephraim and Cannon Debbie Royals made the experience life-changing. The assistance from each of these persons made the trip an immersion experience and not a mission trip. It was stressed to us early on the difference. Our job was to learn as much as we could prior to going, by watching several videos regarding the history of the Lakota people and the current events that are shaping the area. With this prior knowledge, it was much easier to understand their way of life and why it is the poorest nation in the U.S. The speaker that shared with us the stories of murdered, missing and Indigenous women, but also men, gave us insight to the plight of the people. Each speaker touched on the reality of the effect of boarding schools, the losing of their land and the other atrocities that they experienced by the hands of the colonizers.

We also heard from several elders of the community that had experienced a life of hardship with their battle from addiction and now would like to help their community in whatever means possible. We met Red Cloud that started Red Cloud Renewables. He runs a school where the youth can live while they learn the solar power trade. By the end of their training, they are able to find jobs in the solar industry which is a great boost to their earning potential. Even among the hardships and sad stories, it was so great to hear how the elders were offering hope and encouragement for a better life to the younger leaders of the nation. In the face of all the poverty and adversity, there are those that are working to make the nation a better place for the future generations.

Thank you,
Sue Vande Hei

Candle Makers

All are welcome to make beeswax candles for our congregation and other congregations throughout the Moravian Church. You are invited to gather on Mondays in November from 9am till about 11am in the Candle Making Room (South side of the Garage).

Worship on Thanksgiving Eve

We invite you to worship Wednesday, November 25 at 6:30pm at the historic East Moravian church building at Heritage Hill State Park in Allouez. A tram will be available for transport up and down the hill.

For our offering this year we invite you to bring financial offerings that will be given to EPH. Bring checks, cash or donate online at www.ephgb.org. Non-perishable food items may also be brought for the offering. Food will be shared with the Fridge.

Following the service, we are invited to share in community and refreshments. If you'd like to bring a snack for this time after worship, please sign up on the office bulletin board. We are grateful to Heritage Hill for their hospitality and hosting us for worship!

Decorating for Advent and Christmas at Heritage Hill State Park & Pizza!

As a way to lift our gratitude for Heritage Hill's hospitality we will be decorating the church building at the park for the Advent and Christmas season.

You are invited to join us Monday, November 30 at Heritage Hill at 5:30pm. Following decorating we'll meet at Gallagher's on Webster Ave for their dinner buffet (at about 6:30pm).

Youth Event With Freedom Moravian

Our youth are hosting a youth night at our congregation on Friday, November 13 at 5pm. Freedom Moravian youth will join to learn about making beeswax candles, learn more about the Fridge ministry, assemble dry soup mixes for the Fridge and Pantry, and enjoy pizza and games.

All are welcome and if you have questions reach out to Julie Srenaksi or our Pastoral Intern, Maggie Stephens.

Worship & Fellowship Ministries

We continue with our assignment model for liturgists, ushers, and scripture readers. Please reach out to the church office to make changes.
In addition, we have a sign-up sheet for fellowship hosts, prayer leaders, children & youth meditation, projection volunteers, and Daily Text & announcements.

Our Online Community- Audio Update

Worship is live streamed on our Congregation's Facebook page. Recently we had new receivers installed to stream the sound system right to the live stream. It is a trial-and-error process to figure out what volume works best and how to best capture the choirs (who are without microphones). We welcome your feedback on the sound. Please contact the church office if you have feedback. We hope this improvement helps connect those online better to worship.

If you'd like orders of worship emailed or mailed and are not currently on our list please contact the church office. In addition, we can provide you with books of worship and songbooks.

Also, consider inviting a friend to check out worship. Stopping in during the live stream is a great way for new people to see what we're about.

Music Ministries

Vocal Choir and Hand Bell Choirs continue to meet on Wednesdays. New ringers and singers are always welcome! The Choir is preparing for a Choral Cantata on Sunday, December 13. Practices continue on Wednesdays with Bells at 5pm and Vocal Choir at 5:45pm. Talk to Jason Pues to learn more.

Christmas Eve Helpers

We are seeking helpers to serve the Lovefeast on Christmas Eve and the candles. Services are at 10am and 5pm. We also welcome volunteers to serve as ushers. If you'd like to help, contact the church office or sign up on the church bulletin board.

Third Space's Third Thursday

Third Space is a non-profit that works to create space for connection, belonging and care shaped by the voices of Green Bay's BIPOC and queer communities. The next Third Thursday event is "Give & Receive" on November 19 from 5:30pm-7:00pm at the Art Garage.
The gathering celebrates interdependence and shared responsibility through hands on Mutual Aid and creative connection. Featured activities: Clothing Swap; Want It-Take It Table; Mending Clinic; Mocktail making for the holidays. See Ivy McGee with any questions or go to www.thirdspacegb.org