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Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!
April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

*Enter expectantly, pray reverently, greet each other warmly,
listen thoughtfully, sing joyfully, and leave faithfully.*

Chief Elder and Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Pastors: Rev. Mark V. Breland, Rev. Sayward E. G. Lippincott
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell
Trombone Choir & Handbell Choir Director: Marilyn Winfield
Lay Ministry Assistant: Greg Bomberger
Office Manager: Courtney Hackman
Sexton: Josh Bailey
Assistant Sexton/Security: Dan Turnbull
Treasurer: Barbara McKenney
Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

**Stand, if you are able.*

Prayer of Meditation: We are your people, O God, the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.

Prelude: *In the Garden*

C. Austin Miles

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Due to flu concerns, it's okay not to shake hands. Just greet your neighbor with a smile, a word of greeting, fist or elbow bump. Please pass prayer request cards to the aisle for the ushers during the first hymn. Please sign the Friendship Register and pass it through the pew. Please see an Usher or Sacristan if you would like: headphones to assist the hearing-impaired, large print bulletins, walker, wheelchair, or activity bags to help busy young children.

***Hymn:** 538

For the Beauty of the Earth

***Liturgy:** Stewardship Page 154

***(10:30) Infant Baptism:** Page 165

Sarah Fay Donnelly

Blessings to Kevin, Gwen, and Jack Donnelly on the baptism of their daughter and sister, Sarah. Welcome to family and sponsor LeeAnn Newman.

Mission Moment: The Main Kitchen

Shared Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Genesis 1:20 - 2:1

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of

the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” and it was so. God saw every thing that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honour.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

(10:30) Children's Chat Hymn: 723 *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb* (vs. 1 & 3)

(10:30) Children's Chat

Brenda Barnes

***(8:00)Hymn: 641**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

***(10:30)Hymn: 656**

The Earth is the Lord's

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

(8:00) Offertory Organ Music

(10:30) Offertory Anthem: *God, You Made This World a Garden*

Hampton New

Tune and setting by Richard W. Gieseke

God, you made this world a garden, every harvest bearing seed.

Loving God, today as ever you anticipate our need;

You are ready with your answer long before we plead.

Take us through that other garden, tragic, dark Gethsemane,

Where our Savior faced our future, set to win our amnesty;

Seed of woman, Seed of promise from a barren tree.

Now a universal garden, seeded with your living Word,

Grows with peace and love and beauty, song of freedom there are heard;

By your mercy, by your Spirit, thankful hearts are stirred.

In this corner of your garden planted by a faithful few,

We have thrived by their endeavor; as you blessed them bless us, too.

Find us, as you walk among us, bearing fruit for you.

***Offertory Response: 817** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn: 457**

Immortal, Invisible

***Benediction**

Postlude: Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

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Serving Today:

Sacristan: Bob Turgyen

Head Usher: Pete Bainbridge (10:30)

Scripture Readers: Dianne Zimmerman (8:00), Diane Bainbridge (10:30)

Sound Booth Personnel: Brenda Barnes

Nursery (10:30):

Each Sunday, as part of the presentation of the regular offering, the children will be presenting the Sunday School offering as well. We are doing this to help make the children part of the worship and to help our children understand how our giving is all tied to the total stewardship of the congregation.

DO YOU HAVE A “GIFT” FOR THE GIFT SHOP?

We know from scripture that everyone has received a God-given gift to use to build God’s Kingdom. YOU may have a gift that could help our Moravian Mission Gift Shop continue to support the work of dozens of agencies which provide a wide variety of essential services to those in need. Last year our volunteers and supporters used their gifts of time, talent, and “treasure” which enabled us to contribute \$20,000 from our 2023 sales to worthy causes – both local and global. Nevertheless, at this point we are in serious need of “gifts” to keep our mission moving forward.

Perhaps you could give one or more of the following:

1. **The gift of your time** – Could you give 3 hours once a month - either 10:00 AM -1:00 PM or 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - serving in the shop on a Friday, Saturday, (or Thursday in the fall)? Your “ministry” would involve welcoming shoppers, pointing out merchandise, writing up and bagging sales, and offering a cheery “thank you for stopping by” when people leave. We offer training and lots of help to support your efforts!
2. **The gift of your talent** – We have been blessed by those who have donated, or sold to us wholesale, quality hand-made items for us to sell – wood creations, pottery, linens, ornaments and more! Indeed, shoppers are often looking for that special item they couldn’t get anywhere else – like the person who just bought a dozen scrubbies as a birthday gift for a relative who loves them! If you craft something you believe would sell in our shop, contact us!
3. **The gift of your “treasure”** – RE-GIFT! – Most of us have received very nice gifts we have not needed and have never used. Or maybe we bought something we never got to give to someone. Here’s a way you can use that “treasure” to help our mission! Re-gift that unneeded item to the shop; your donation will be most appreciated and acknowledged. Please remember, though, our counter space is limited to small items.

We look forward to seeing your gift at work for our mission. You are needed!

Please contact either Diane Bainbridge (717-283-6390) or Carol Dague (610-704-8360) or email moravianshop@gmail.com to find out how you can use your gift to help our ministry grow.

For Members Experiencing Difficult Financial Situations: The Congregational Assistance Fund is available to provide healthcare and financial support for members of the Lititz Moravian Congregation. All active, communicant members who are experiencing temporary hardships may request financial assistance. All requests are to be made by the person needing the assistance and they can obtain a request form from our pastors or the members of the CAF committee. Those members are Alison Sandercox (Elder member), Paul Swope (Trustee member) and Randy Bricker (elected member by Church Council).

275th Anniversary Pastoral Video Sharing:

May 12, 2024 - David Sommers 1987-1995

Anniversary Singstunde: The 275th Anniversary Committee will host a traditional Moravian Singstunde (Singing Hour) this afternoon, beginning at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The devotional service known as Singstunde dates from the early years of the Moravian revival in Herrnhut and brings the message of the day entirely in the texts of the hymns to be sung. The hymns for our service will carry the message of our Anniversary theme: Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love! Jeffrey Gemmell, Director of Music Ministries, will accompany our singing on the Tannenberg organ built right here in Lititz in 1787 for our congregation's new church. Plan to join us for this joyous hour of celebration and devotion.

FREE

SPRING fun fest

**CELEBRATE 275 YEARS WITH
LITITZ MORAVIAN**

8 Church Sq. Lititz, PA 17543

5.11.24

9AM - NOON

pony rides

hot dogs

bounce houses

popcorn

barrel train

and more



**(Jesus said) “I am making all things new.”
(Revelation 21:5)**

HOWEVER

We need to clean out our closets first .

**Construction will begin on the kitchen in the Social
Hall this summer**

We will need to prepare for the upcoming summer and fall events

Help is needed to empty the cabinets in the kitchen and other
storage closets

Watch the Bulletin

Call the church office

Contact: Greg Bomberger: Cell (717) 682-3489

or

Dianne Zimmerman: Home (717) 626-7928

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BOARD OF WORLD MISSION

of the Moravian Church • North America

Engage your congregation in mission!

The Board of World Mission offers a variety of resources for local congregations to assist them in fulfilling their mission goals. These resources are designed to help congregations engage in meaningful mission work in their communities and beyond. These resources include a Mission Discernment Guide, a Mission Team training module, and sermon suggestions.

The Mission Discernment Guide is a multi-session guide that can help congregations discern their mission focus and develop a plan to achieve their goals. The Mission Team Training materials are for congregations forming teams to do mission work locally or globally. These materials cover cross-cultural sensitivity, team building, and spiritual formation. The BWM staff is available to help congregations utilize these materials.

The preaching guide is written by Bishop Chris Giesler and gives pastors, Bible study leaders, or Sunday school teachers suggestions and ideas for preaching or teaching with a missional focus. The text used each week is generally the Gospel lesson assigned in the 3-year lectionary.

These resources can be found on the BWM website at www.MoravianMission.org/Resources. They provide an excellent way for local congregations to deepen their engagement in mission work and positively impact their local communities and our Moravian siblings around the world.

Contact the Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler, BWM Director of Mission Engagement at chris@moravianmission.org to learn more about how you can join us in mission or receive a BWM staff member for mission training or worship.

Congregational Watchword for 2024:
 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 Psalm 23:1

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week all of our nursing home residents and shut-ins at home.

Please remember in your prayers:

Serving our country in the military:

Lt. Col. Neal Miller, Army; Sgt. Jason Stoner, Army Reserves;

Lt. Dain Bomberger, US Navy; Major Andrew Kemp;

Staff Sgt. Austin Heacock; Lance Corporal Shawn Stauffer, US Marine Corps

Prayers of Healing for:

Sue Yeagley

Jeff Bamberger

Jeff Elser

Dick Martin

Meda Hostetter

Barry Erb

Harry Lefever

Pastoral Visitation: Please contact Pastor Mark to schedule a pastoral visit for yourself or family members.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of March	2023	2024
General Fund Income	\$71,576	\$71,349
General Fund Expenses	\$72,425	\$68,320
Net Income	(\$849)	\$3,028
YTD Through the Month of March	2023	2024
General Fund Income	\$207,184	\$180,336
General Fund Expense	\$192,023	\$179,841
Net Income	\$15,161	\$494

Remember, you can make donations online at lititzmoravian.org.

If you prefer to receive giving envelopes, but are not receiving them, please contact the Church Office at (717) 626-8515 or office@lititzmoravian.org

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All & Confirmation

3:00 p.m. 275th Anniversary Singstunde - **Sanctuary**

Monday, April 22, 2024

7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Prep Room

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

8:30 a.m. Qi Gong - Dance Studio

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Prep Room

7:15 p.m. Trombone Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Friendship Committee - Prep Room

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - Social Hall

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, April 25, 2024

10:00 a.m. Spire Stuffers - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 26, 2024

9:00 a.m. Beginner Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 27, 2024

10:00 a.m. RAK - Random Acts of Kindness

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All

***REMINDER:** The 10:30 service is livestreamed. Please be aware that worshippers attending the livestreamed service may appear on camera. The children's chat will be recorded from the back. If you would prefer not to have you or your family's image in the live stream, please sit in the balconies away from the choir or in the pews under the East balcony (toward Linden Hall).*

MISSION GIFT SHOP: Open 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Fri. & Sat.

ARCHIVES, MUSEUM, & TOURS: Open by appointment. 717-626-8515

Jesus Knew His Why

About six or seven years ago Simon Sinek, David Meade, and Peter Docker authored a book entitled *Find Your Why*. This book encourages its readers to explore why you do what you do. It summons the readers to look at their calling, their conviction, their mission statement, or their vision of their life's work. People have talked about this work by the three authors. I would like to suggest that this sentiment has been around for a very long time. In the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John, specifically in verses 11–18, the Gospel writer records Jesus as claiming who he is and what he has been called or appointed or gifted to be able to do. Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd.” He knows who he is. Jesus goes on to say, “The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). Jesus knows what is to come for him. He knows that he must go to the cross. But he willingly accepts that because he knows what his why is, for this world and for eternal life. So we have an example in Scripture of someone who understands and lives out their why. Perhaps we ought to do the same. Have you done enough contemplating to know what your why is? Are you living out your why to the glory of God and to enhance God's kingdom? If not yet, I would encourage you to do so. There is no time like the present.

*Bruce Nelson, president of the Western District Executive Board,
Lake Mills, Wisconsin*

The Moravian Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

