



THE LAMPLIGHTER

YORK FIRST MORAVIAN

What I Learned During Maternity Leave

Round three of maternity leave has been a bit different from the previous leaves. During my leaves with Thaddeus and Spencer, the family could visit, or we could visit family. We could go to church or visit Graceham. We could have parents watch the boys for the weekend to get a little extra quiet. But not this leave, nope, we had Covid-19 messing everything up.

I found myself dealing with all sorts of emotions that could not be baby blues or postpartum depression. I knew I was dealing with the anxiety of the unknown and the fear of COVID. I often let myself slip down the rabbit hole of reading and listening to news feeds after news feeds. There were moments when I was overcome with those fears and just cried and cried.

During this time, Kevin had started reading *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis, to the boys right before bed. I have read the *Chronicles of Narnia* several times. I am even considering doing a sermon series on it. But during one of those cozy evening readings, I heard God speak to my fears and call me to be brave.

From *Prince Caspian*, when Aslan speaks to Susan, "You have listened to fears, Child," said Aslan. "Come, let me breathe on you. Forget them. Are you brave again?" I imagine Jesus speaking to me. Telling me that I have let fears start to occupy my thoughts and my spirit. I had forgotten for a time that God was in control, even the chaos and the unknown. I stopped trusting for a time that Jesus promised never to leave me nor forsake me.

What did I learn during this third maternity leave? I learned to trust a little bit more and lean deeper into the promises of Jesus.

Important Dates/Events

Sundays in July

5th Worship Via In-Person and on Zoom
with Communion

12th, 19th and 26th 10:30 Worship Via In-Person and on Zoom

July 13th

Elders Meeting via Zoom

Upcoming Summer Sermon Series

The Fruit of the Spirit's not a coconut...

Cause the fruit is

Love, joy, peace, patience

Kindness, goodness, faithfulness

Gentleness and self-control

This summer we will look at the nine fruits of the Spirit and how to cultivate them in our lives.

Elders and Trustees News

Elders

The Elders meet on June 8th using Zoom. Zoom is the video conferencing platform we are using for worship. The Elders discussed many things. Including but not limited to worship, the sensory playgroup, CEC and Sunday School. The Elders discussed worship moving to the fellowship hall for the remainder of the summer. The protocols that would need to be followed as part of that move downstairs were also discussed. The sensory playgroup has not given a return date yet. They are waiting for the go ahead from Early Intervention. CEC will be meeting in August and will discuss Sunday School for the fall.



Trustees

A special Trustees meeting was held on June 21st after worship. The financial report was provided by Wanda. It was noted there would not be enough income to cover the monthly expenses. It was motioned and approved to withdraw from the Morgan/Stanley portfolio. A few repairs were also discussed, including: the furnace room door, annex light switch, Men's class ceiling, gutter on 2nd floor, annex paint on 3rd floor and parsonage garage door.

Total Income & Offerings from 03/22/20 thru 06/14/20

General	\$16,616.00
Refurbishing Fund	760.00
Memorial Fund	1,380.00
Parking Rental	150.00
Dividends	184.22
Synod Refund	300.00
Donation (Software)	149.00
Donation (Zoom)	77.49
TOTAL	\$19,616.71

Meet First's New Administrative Assistant

Greetings and happy summer! I hope this letter finds you all well. My name is Lindsey Robinson and I will be the new Administrative Assistant here at First Moravian. Many of you know me and my family but some may not and I wanted to take this time to introduce myself.

My family has been members of First Moravian for generations. My grandparents, Lloyd and Joyce Sprenkle, took great pride in dedicating their time and services to the church for many years. My parents, Jeannette and Larry Sprenkle currently do the same. For me, some of my favorite childhood memories are of Sunday school, youth group, lock-ins, and singing Morning Star on Christmas Eve!

I am married now and have three amazing little girls of my own. My husband, Andrew and I were married at First Moravian in 2011. My daughters are Pyper, Farrah and Myla Jean. We have 1 dog - Penny, and new to the family are 3 hermit crabs - Jewel, Crabby and Brian. As a family we love Disney World and all things Disney related. We also love the beach and just traveled to the Outer Banks for the first time in June. In the evenings we enjoy watching America's Funniest Video's together. In my free time (who has that with little ones?) I enjoy music, shopping and puzzles.

I am extremely excited and blessed to have this opportunity at First Moravian. I look forward to serving the church and come into this position with an open heart and mind. Please reach out to me at any time if you have any questions, additions to calendars, newsletters or bulletins or suggestions. I look forward to working with each of you!

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**God bless you and keep you,
God smile on you and gift
you, God look you full in the
face and make you prosper.
Numbers 6:24-26 The
Message (MSG)**



July Birthdays

1 Keith Rishel
5 Makenna Eckert
12 Annette Tyson & Jeannette Sprengle
14 Karrie (Earnst) Rishel
15 Timothy Rishel
17 Nancy Danneberger
18 Cheri Miley
22 Stanley Martin
25 David Bailey & Christopher Rishel

July Anniversaries

1 Douglas & Kathy McDannell
13 Rev. Norman & Maria Prochnau
30 Clifton & Elaine Rowell

Prayer Concerns

Amy Adrison (Betsy Senft's Sister)
Jeanne Barshinger
Pastor Jeff Coppage
Ann Coppage
Don Eckert
Mary Jones
Peg & John Knaub
Glenn & Cheri Miley
Kathie Nicholas
Sam Pauley
Stanley Remley
Karrie Rishel
Cliff & Elaine Rowell
Ruth & Clair Seiple
Wes Senft

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2020 Watchword

O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will
strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear.

Psalm 10:17