

# March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30 am - Worship Confirmation @ Berea 11:00 a.m.	3	4	5  Ash Wednesday — Lent Begins MYC Night 5:30 pm at OSMC Supper 6:00 PM Worship 7:00 PM	6	7	8 Spring forward Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.  AP
9 8:30 am - Worship Communion	10	11	12 MYC Night 5:30-7:00 pm at OSMC Supper 6:00 PM Worship 7:00 PM	13	14	15 Conversation <b>CAFÉ</b> 9:00-11:00 am OSMC
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# Our Savior's Moravian Church

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**.

## 2025 Congregational Watchword:

"O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise." (Psalm 51:15)

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### Board of Elders

Pastor Jodi Heim-Chair  
Michelle VanLoon-Vice Chair  
Dale Krage-Secretary  
Gary Rahn  
Steve Krage

### Board of Trustees

Olan Lovlien-Chair  
Peggy Pasche-Co Secretary  
Mark Olson  
Steve Pasche-Co Secretary  
Linda Ihrke

### Cemetery Board

Roger Schumacher  
Mark Olson  
Scott Decker  
Ken Krage

## Life of the Congregation

### March Birthdays

Will Heinz 3/7	Charlie Heinz 3/10	Earl Hammell 3/22
Jenny Brummer 3/9	Porter VanLoon 3/15	Ronald Merchlewitz 3/22
Jessica Merchlewitz 3/9	Kris Hammell 3/16	Calvin VanLoon 3/30
Richard Stark 3/9	Betty Gatzlaff 3/20	

### **Top 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. Kitchen Remodel:** Replacement of the kitchen cabinets and countertops. The expectation is that this will be completed by the end of April.
- 2. Community Garden:** Discuss use of the community garden.
- 3. Church/Mission Survey:** Updates and changes to congregational church life and missions survey.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to Brenda Sing and all who helped with the Blood Drive in February.

Thank you to the Joint Board and all who are helping to coordinate the kitchen remodel. Thanks also to everyone who came to help clean out the cabinets on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all who helped with Conversation Café on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank You**  
**for your donation**

Despite the bitter cold weather  
on February 18th,  
34 units of blood were collected!

Thank you to everyone who donated, and  
to our volunteers, Brenda Sing, Kathy  
Brosig, Wendy Murphy and Yvonne Ruholf!



**Events throughout Lent**

**Lenten Services**

**Our Saviors**

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday  
6 pm Supper  
7 pm Worship

March 12<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm Supper  
7 pm Worship

March 19<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm Supper  
7 pm Worship

Marh 26<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm Supper  
7 pm Worship

**Berea**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6 pm Supper  
7 pm Worship

April 9<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm Supper  
7 pm Worship

**If you're able to help with the Lent suppers,  
please sign up on the sheet at the back of  
the sanctuary, or contact Jodi Schumacher.**





# **PALM SUNDAY**

## **APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>**



**OSMC – 8:30 WORSHIP W/CONFIRMATION**

**ROSIE HEINZ  
VIOLET PASSOW**

**BEREA – 10:00 WORSHIP W/CONFIRMATION**

**HAYDON BURMEISTER  
EMMA SCHRAM**

**“MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM,  
SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.”  
ROMANS 15:13**

# **EASTER SERVICES**

## **APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**

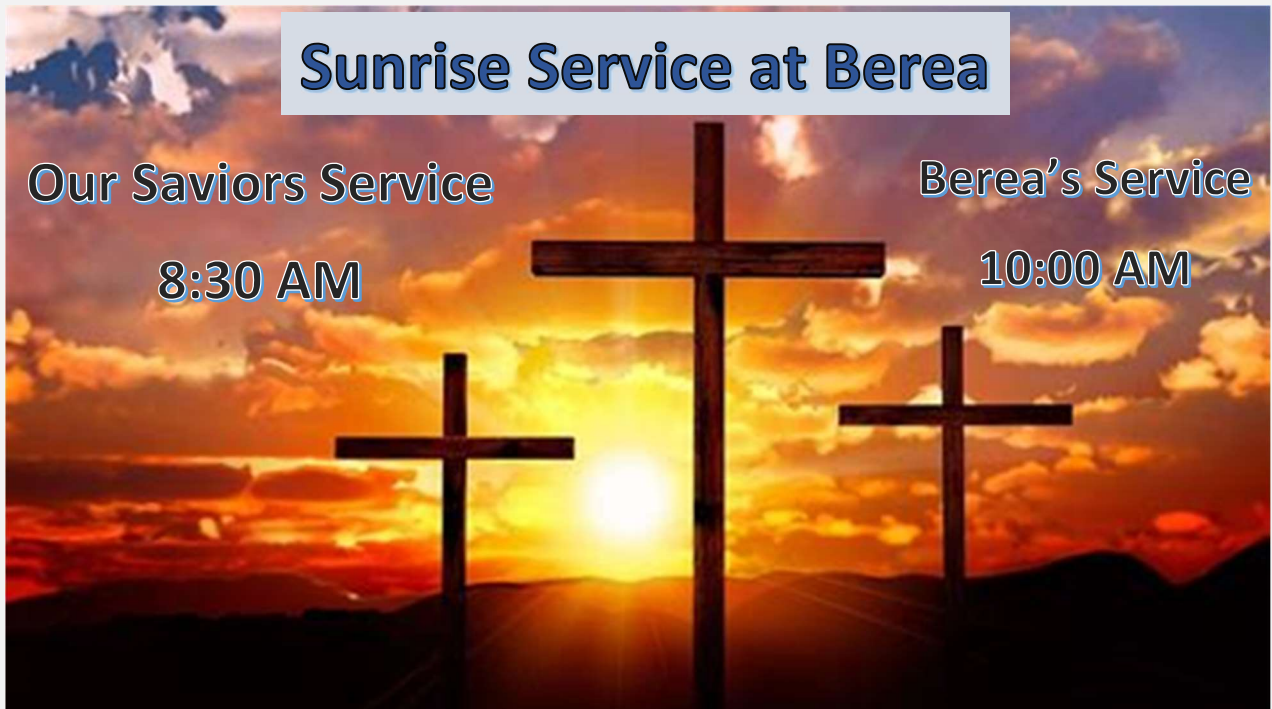
**Sunrise Service at Berea**

**Our Saviors Service**

**8:30 AM**

**Berea's Service**

**10:00 AM**



# Youth

## MYC Night Moravian Youth Connection

Wednesday's 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
at Our Saviors Moravian Church in March

The MYC Children have been busy each week.  
They made and sent out Valentines to all of the congregation.

They've been learning about Isaac and Rebeka and  
Joseph and his amazing Coat of Many Colors.



**MYC Children  
working on  
Valentines**



**Doing a skit  
about Joseph  
and his Coat  
of Many Colors**



## Confirmation

The last meeting of our confirmation class for this year is Sunday, April 6th at Berea at 11:00 a.m.



Our focus this year has been on youth ministry, learning what it is to be a Moravian, leadership, and missions. We've had lots of fun and shared in wonderful fellowship.

We celebrate with Rosie Heinz and Violet Passow as they will be confirmed on Sunday, April 13th

### ~~ Berea Boutique ~~

Our Boutique will host some popup dates and is also available by appointment

So many beautiful dresses!  
Some new with tags!!

Tell your friends!!

Sales support Moravian Missions



## 2025 Summer Church Camps

Camp Theme for this year is:  
**Blessed Living: Sermon on the Mt. Morris**



**Junior Camp** – June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Students who have completed 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Chetek** – July 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
Students who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade through age 21

**Winmor** – July 27<sup>th</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Students who have completed 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

New this year! Save \$50 with Early Bird Pricing  
Register now at [wdcamping.com](http://wdcamping.com)

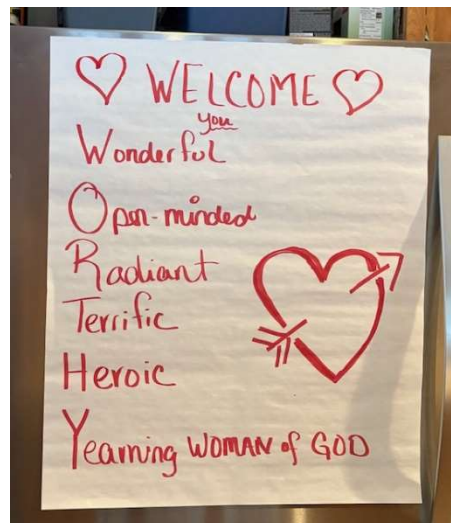
# Women's WORTHY Retreat

February 14-16, 2025



## Attendees

**Pastor Jodi  
Amber Neumann  
Michelle VanLoon  
Rochelle Putzier  
and Jena Schulte**



## Kitchen Remodel Update

The kitchen cabinets are in.  
The next step will be countertop installation.

Thank you to everyone involved in the planning of this remodel.  
It will be a wonderful update!

Thanks also to those who helped to clean out the old cabinets.



For we are co-workers in God's service;  
you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9



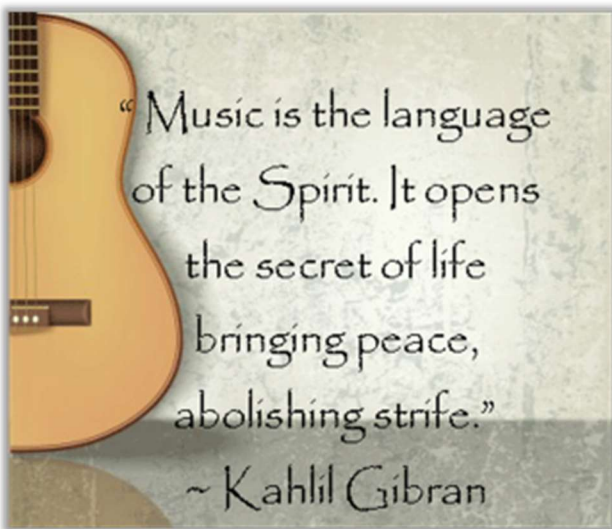
## IT Team

### Join our Tech Team

Want to help stream services, be a camera operator, or be a Digital Organist,  
No experience required. We will train you!!!!

Contact: Olan Lovlien

## Music Ministry



**Do you love to sing or  
play an instrument?**

Please share your talent!

Contact Pastor Jodi  
if interested.

## Opportunities to Give

### **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

### **Thank you for your offering**

Offering plates will be passed around during service or you can donate online at [bereamoravian.org](http://bereamoravian.org) for a one time or recurring giving thru Moravian Ministries Foundation



# PASTOR JODI'S CORNER

Greetings,

February—what a beautifully busy and fulfilling month! Women's gatherings continued for both Berea and Our Saviors, and the close of our Worthy Bible Study, it was a joy to explore who we are in God's eyes. And the weekend of Valetine's brought a weekend retreat for a small group of women from Berea and Our Saviors. It was a magical weekend in the woods of God's creation. We spent time in fellowship, honoring our Faith in our Father, complete with a beautiful white blanket of snow for us to enjoy, wrapped in God's love around a fire at Mt. Morris.

Our Saviors held another successful blood drive; thank you to all who contributed to this great ministry. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, I flew to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to meet with the Ordination Review Committee (ORC). I spent the week connecting with faculty, staff, students, and Moravian extended family as I continue this path of discernment to ordination. I thank Berea and Our Saviors for your grace in the time it takes away from the work in our home congregations. And I thank Dianne Rislow and Marcia Mihalovic for allowing the Lord to speak through them as they share their gifts with our congregations in my absence.

The month also brought about opportunities to meet with many other clergy in our community, in Minnesota and the Midwest. Locally, we are navigating what this ministerial purpose is. We are a group of clergy that unite ecumenically to share in one another's trials and triumphs. We are exploring ways in which we can all come together to serve our community better. Moravian clergy across Minnesota and women clergy from Minnesota and Wisconsin gather in community to share and support one another in the lives and ministries of Moravians in the Midwest.

Thank you for your continued support of Moravian ministries in your communities and your continued support of my role as Lay Pastor for both Berea and Our Saviors.

Blessings upon your March and Lenten Season.

His grace and favor be yours,

Pastor Jodi

