

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3 	4
5 10:00 am - Worship Confirmation 11 am at Berea	6 Epiphany of our Lord 	7	8 MYC Night 5:30-7:00 pm at OSMC MYC Staff Mtg 7 pm	9	10 Confirmation Retreat at Berea	11 Confirmation Retreat at Berea
12 10:00 am - Worship Conf Retreat Ends 11:00 am Annual reports due to Clayton or Gayle	13 Clergy Retreat	14 Clergy Retreat	15 MYC Night 5:30-7:00 pm at OSMC Clergy Retreat	16 Clergy Retreat	17 Clergy Retreat	18 Conversation Café 9:00-1:00 am OSMC 
19 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am Joint Board	20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day CLB Meeting 7:00 pm @OSMC	22 MYC Night 5:30-7:00 pm at OSMC	23	24	25
26 10:00 am - Worship 10:30 am - Church Council Meeting	27	28	29 MYC Night 5:30-7:00 pm at OSMC	30	31 	

Berea 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**.

2024 Congregational Watchword:

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.
No one will snatch them out of my hand". John 10:27

Board of Elders

Pastor Jodi Heim– Chair
Bill Reisdorf
Mary Polley
Lesa Ihrke

Board of Trustees

Steve Wendt
Hugo DeJager
Jessi Mauskemo
Marlow Mielke
Wendy Fynboh

Cemetery Board

Marlow Mielke
Melvin Benedett

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 items currently being addressed.

- 1. 2025 Church Council:** The annual Church Council meeting will be January 26th. All members are encouraged to attend to take part in the decisions of our church.
- 2. Church Board Openings:** If you have an interest in serving on a board, please contact one of the current board members.
- 3. Picture Directory:** Printing – digital – sharing options.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the wonderful dinner event celebrating Berea's 150th Anniversary. This was an amazing evening for our congregation!

Thank you to the Women's Fellowship for their mission of collecting items for the Hometown Resource and to ALL who contributed items to donate!! This is a wonderful mission that helps our local communities.

Thank you to the Board for the purchase of the cabinet to display our items for sale. It works perfectly!

Annual Church Council Meeting

Sunday, January 26th 10:30 a.m.

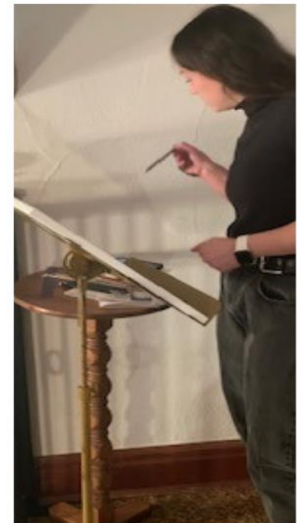
All members are encouraged to attend to learn and contribute to the future of Berea.

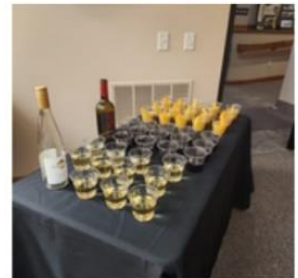
There are two Board openings this year, one elder and one trustee.

If you are interested in being either an Elder or Trustee, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee which include Rochelle Putzier, Robyn Dahl, or Patty Reisdorf

Berea's 150th Anniversary

The Berea Congregation celebrated our anniversary with an intimate candlelight service and catered dinner.
What an amazing evening of worship and fellowship.





MYC Christmas Program

The children of Berea and Our Saviors shared the story of “The Little Star – A Christmas Fantasy” with many of us on Wednesday, December 18th.

The children and teachers worked hard to make this another memorable night for the MYC group.

After the special performance, everyone enjoyed a reception with cookies and hot chocolate.



If you have a child that would like to be a part of Moravian Youth Connection, please reach out to Pastor Jodi.

January Happenings

WORTHY Bible Study
Begins Thursday, January 2nd
10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Meeting each Thursday through February 13th



An optional WORTHY Retreat is offered at Mount Morris in Wautoma, WI beginning at 3:00 pm on Friday, February 14th and ending at Noon on Sunday, February 16th

Retreat Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1044228815497?aff=oddtcreator>



Annual Church Council
Sunday, January 26th
10:30 a.m.

Reports are due to Clayton by Sunday, January 12th.

An important meeting that we encourage everyone to attend.

Lunch will be served following the meeting.

Conversation Café

Saturday, January 18th
9:00-11:00 am
at OSMC



Berea Picture Directory

We would like to finalize our picture taking. If you have not had your photo taken, Kathy Wendt will be reaching out to schedule a time to complete this. If you'd like to contact her, she can be reached at 507-421-5763 or by email at

freshclickphotography@gmail.com

Youth

Confirmation Retreat

January 10-12th

The Confirmation Class will spend January 10-12 with Pastor Jodi in a Retreat at Berea.



This Retreat will focus on youth ministry, leadership, and missions.

The confirmation class is enjoying a great year learning about Moravian Traditions and Mission Work.

Thanks to the parents for providing the meals and Assisting with the Mission Projects each month.

MYC Night

Moravian Youth Connection

Fun

Wednesday Nights

5:30-7:00 p.m.

at OSMC on January dates

Join us!

Games

Food



~ ~ Berea Boutique ~ ~

Dresses/Shoes/Jewelry

Collection for PROM 2025

Open January 2025

**The confirmation class is raising money for missions
and providing missions close to home!**

**We are collecting prom dresses, shoes, and accessories to provide a
shop of affordable prom attire for local students!**

Please help spread the word!

Consignment Fee per item:

\$10.00 per dress

\$5.00 per shoes and/or accessories

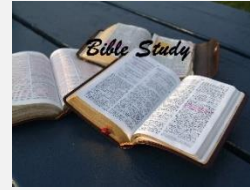
Proceeds of items sold: \$\$\$ goes to owner



Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship Group will meet on
Monday, January 20th, at 10:00 a.m.
at David Harrison's home

Chosen Valley Assisted Living
1102 Liberty Street SE
Chatfield, MN



Christmas Décor Project

The Women's Fellowship Group will be purchasing new updated Christmas Décor for next year.

If you would like to donate to this project,
please contact Lesa Ihrke, Deb Mielke, or Mary Polley.



Fellowship Fund

**Candle and Cookbook sales will be ongoing.
Keep them in mind for wedding or birthday gifts
throughout the year.**



\$12.00



\$20.00

Music Ministry



Do you love to sing or play an instrument?

Please share your talent

Join our Praise Team or contact Pastor Jodi with your ideas.

Everyone is welcome!

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

Moravian Center Adult Day

Thank you for your offering

Offering plates will be passed around during service or you can donate online at breamoravian.org for a one time or recurring giving thru Moravian Ministries Foundation



Message from the Board of World Mission

“Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.”

THANK YOU! This year, we have had the opportunity to build relationships around the corner and around the world, and respond to the tangible needs of our siblings. We could not do this work without the generosity of Moravians throughout North America.

Count OUR blessings for YOU!





PASTOR JODI'S CORNER

Greetings,

December ends as magical as it began. Berea celebrated its 150th anniversary on December 1st with an exceptional candlelight worship service and dinner; what a joy to gather and celebrate this great milestone. Berea also celebrates with the Mauskemo family with the baptism of Jasmine Noel.

MYC night closed in 2024 with a star-themed nativity program. We thank the congregation and families of MYC students for their continued support of this program and for celebrating the Christmas season with us.

Berea and Our Savior's Candlelight Christmas Eve Services exemplified the love that arrived that sacred night in Bethlehem.

This time of year, we celebrate the end of one year as we prepare for renewal; we have much to be grateful for as we turn the page to 2025.

May the arrival of the New Year bring you much joy and God's blessings,

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jodi