

# October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Red Cross Blood Drive 1-7 pm OSMC 	2. MYC Night 5:30-7:00 pm Berea	3	4	5
6 10:00 am Worship Communion 9:30 am - Farmer Appreciation Mission Activity OSMC	7	8	9 MYC Night 5:30-7:00 pm Berea	10	11	12
13 10:00 am Worship Mission Fest	14 Women's Fellowship @10:00 am @ Eyota Columbus Day	15	16 NO MYC Night MEA Chimes Choir OSMC 7 pm	17	18	19 Conversation Café 9-11 am - OSMC 
20 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Joint Board	21	22	23 MYC Night 5:30-7:00 pm Berea Chimes Choir OSMC 7 pm	24	25	26
27 10:00 am Worship	28	29	30 MYC Night 5:30-7:00 pm Berea Chimes Choir OSMC 7 pm	31  Halloween Reformation Day	As long as the world exists, there will be a time for planting and harvest. There will always be cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night. Genesis 8:22	

# 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

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### Board of Elders

Pastor Jodi Heim— Chair  
Bill Reisdorf  
Mary Polley  
Lesla Ihrke

### Board of Trustees

Steve Wendt  
Hugo DeJager  
Jessi Mauskemo  
Marlow Mielke  
Wendy Fynboh

### Cemetery Board

Marlow Mielke  
Melvin Benedett

## Top 3 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. Meals on Wheels:** Beginning in January, volunteers needed every five to six weeks to deliver meals to about 10 homes one week at a time.
- 2. Cleaning Position:** Jenna Sperry has accepted this position
- 3. IT Support:** Person(s) needed to assist with live streaming on Sundays among other IT tasks.

## Thank You!

Thank you to Jenna Sperry for accepting the position as our new cleaning person with Brianna Ihrke as backup. We appreciate you both!

Thank you to the Women's Fellowship for their support of the teachers in our local school district.

Thank you to the teachers, dinner crew, and all that help with MYC Night each week!

Thank you to all who give of their time and talents to support our Berea congregation.

# Life of the Congregation

## Berea Picture Directory

Kathy Wendt will be scheduling photo sessions for each family/member for our new updated picture directory. These will be 10-minute slots between the hours of 9-10 or 11-Noon on the dates shown below.

Please contact Kathy to schedule a time at 507-421-5763 or by email at [freshclickphotography@gmail.com](mailto:freshclickphotography@gmail.com)

You may also schedule a time at the following link

<https://calendar.app.google/odDy6n9bL4hyMd8v7>



Click on '**Jump to the next available date**' and it should take you to one of three dates  
October 20<sup>th</sup> or November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Choose a time, fill in the required information, and click Book. You will receive a confirmation.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please contact Kathy to make arrangements to meet.



## Berea and Our Saviors Moravian Mission Fest Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Our speaker will be Tom Parlin from the  
Hometown Resource Center

Mission Offering will help support  
their work in our local community

Service at 10:00 a.m. at Berea with a Fellowship meal to follow

**Note: No service at OSMC**



**HOMETOWN**  
RESOURCE CENTER

# Youth

## **Wednesday MYC Nights (Moravian Youth Connection)**

**Wednesday's  
5:30-7:00 p.m.  
at Berea Moravian Church**

**Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Dinner, Games, Fellowship and Fun!**

**Even months will be held at Berea Moravian Church  
Odd months held at Our Saviors Moravian Church**



**Join Us!**



## **Confirmation**

**11:00 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month  
along with required attendance at MYC Nights**

**Our goal this year is to learn what it is to be  
A Christian Moravian  
A meal and fellowship will be shared along with  
a lesson and a Mission Project.**

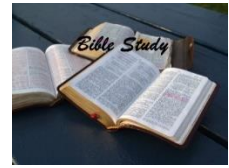
**Thank you to the families of the confirmands for providing a  
meal for these Sundays and assisting with the Mission Projects.**

# Berea Women's Fellowship Updates



## **The Women's Fellowship Group**

Bible Study/Fellowship meetings  
Next meeting: Monday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am at Arbor Gardens in Eyota



We celebrated with Erna Kroning for  
her birthday on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Blessings to you Erna



An outing to Lanesboro's Commonweal Theatre is being planned

## **Fundraising**

~Funds will go towards our December Anniversary Celebration~

### **Candle Sales**

Candle sales will continue throughout the rest of the year.

**A perfect holiday gift for friends and family**



**\$12 Each**



### **Cookbooks**

Cookbook sales have  
started off great!

**Get one for yourself and  
one for a friend.**

**\$20 Each**





# **Tech Help Wanted**

**Do you have an interest in technology? If so, Berea is looking for you!**

We're looking for two to three individuals who would be interested in learning how to stream our services and possibly prepare a PowerPoint for each Sunday that could be viewed on the large screen during the service.

Contact Pastor Jodi or a Board Member 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  
Moravian Center Adult Day

## **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



**Give, and it  
will be given to  
you.**

**Luke 6:38**



# PASTOR JODI'S

## CORNER

Warmest greetings as the weather begins to host a chill in the air.

September brings about gatherings for a new school year, a new Sunday School year, and fall festivals. Hearts filled with anticipation of the new year, we pray that the Lord provides guidance and protection to our youth throughout this 2024 school year. The OS Altura Hometown Festival activities kicked off our conversation café gatherings and brought many local and visiting families to eat and share in fellowship.

I, and Berea, hosted the Cup of Covenant clergy gathering for the Minnesota Clergy. A big thank you to Lesa Ihrke for providing the meal. It is nice to get to know and worship with our Moravian clergy.

I also attended a meeting with the Ordination Review Committee via Zoom regarding my current lay licensure, seminary, and future goals. I increasingly enjoy learning more about Moravians at large and connecting with those I now can place a face with their name.

We continue to pray for our farmers and their labors, and praise for the beauty of creation and the falling leaves.

Happy Fall!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Jodi