





# June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:30 am - Worship 9:30 am - Special Council Meeting  Ascension Sunday	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30 am - Worship Communion  Day of Pentecost	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Berea's Ice Cream Social 5:00-7:00 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Youth Unplugged Retreat	<b>14</b>  <b>VBS at Whitewater                          State Park 10-3                          Youth Unplugged                          Retreat</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 am - Combined Worship at Berea  Trinity Sunday	<b>16</b>  Joint Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>WOW</b> What's on Wednesdays  St. Charles Greenspace 5:00-8:00 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>   1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Summer
<b>22</b> 8:30 am - Worship   Prayer Day for Camps	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30 am - Worship	<b>30</b>					

# 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**.

## 2025 Congregational Watchword:

"As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds  
His people from this time on and forevermore." Psalm 125:2

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### Board of Elders

Pastor Jodi Heim– Chair  
Lesa Ihrke  
Bill Reisdorf  
Pam Krenik

### Board of Trustees

Marlow Mielke  
Wendy Fynboh  
Steve Wendt  
Matthew Putzier  
Minnie Ward

### 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. Floor Refinishing/Carpet Replacement:** The Board is checking on bids and options for floor refinishing or carpet in the sanctuary.
- 2. Parking Lot Blacktop Repair:** Inquiries for pricing, etc. are being gathered. Council meeting to discuss/approve on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Thank You

Thank you to all who are planning and working on our upcoming events – Ice Cream Social, VBS, Youth Unplugged Retreat, and the Community WOW Event.

Thank you to Jenna Sperry for all that you did to keep our church clean and ready for worship each week!

Thank you to Bud Neumann for taking the Cleaning Person position. We look forward to working with you!

## A Special Thank You

A big thank you to Melvin Benedett for all that he does to keep the lawn for the church and cemetery looking beautiful! He is always there to spray the weeds when needed, trimming, and mowing each and every week.

Melvin, you are very much appreciated!



# Graduate Recognition

“For I know the plans I have for you.”  
“Plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future”  
Jeremiah 29:1

## High School Seniors

### **Emma Burmeister**

Daughter of Jason & Jennifer Burmeister



### **Madelynn Fenske**

Daughter of Jeff & Melissa Fenske



### **Grayson Mauskemo**

Daughter of Bruce & Jessi Mauskemo



### **Ellie Schram**

Daughter of Mike & Laura Schram





## College Graduates

### **Hannah Fynboh**

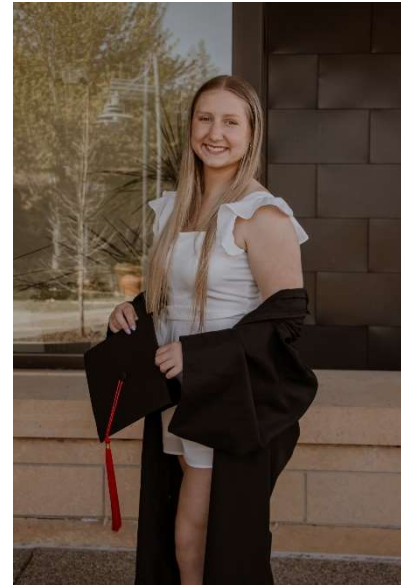
Daughter of Peter & Wendy Fynboh



University of Eau Claire  
Magna Cum Laude  
BA in Psych and Spanish

### **Jade Krenik**

Daughter of Tony & Pam Krenik



Bethany Lutheran College Mankato  
Magna Cum Laude  
BA in Biology with a Spanish Minor

## Coming Events



### **Berea Moravian Church Ice Cream Social**

**Wednesday, June 11th  
5:00 - 7:00 pm**

Adult: Sloppy Joes/Chicken Salad, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Assorted Pies and Homemade Ice Cream w/Drink \$12

Kids Meals available for \$6

12730 Berea Drive  
St. Charles, MN 55972

To Go  
Boxes Also  
Available

Music, Food,  
and Fellowship

**WOW – What's on Wednesdays  
Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Community Church Family Ministry Event  
Green Space behind City Hall – 5:00-8:00 p.m.**

Bring your lawn  
chair and join us!

## Blood Drive – June 24, 2025 – 1:00-7:00 p.m.

*Kindness is  
in your blood*



### **Blood Drive** **Altura Community** **Our Savior Moravian** **Church**

Social Hall  
37 Chapel Drive NW  
Altura, MN  
Tuesday, June 24, 2025  
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To schedule  
Contact Cheryl Lovlien  
or schedule online at

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.  
html/find-drive](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)

Zip code 55910

## Youth

### Join us for the Youth Unplugged Retreat

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade

*Invite Your  
Friends!*

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

through

Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> after Worship

*All Youth  
Welcome*



Worship will be a  
Combined Worship service  
at Berea at 8:30 a.m.



### **God's Amazin' Creation** **Save the Butterflies**

**Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Children preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Whitewater State Park**  
**(weather permitting)**

A day of Learning, Fun activities and Food!



# Summer Camp Opportunities



**Junior Camp** – June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
Campers who have completed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade-5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Chetek** – July 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Campers who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade-age 21

**Winmor** – July 27<sup>th</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
Campers who have completed 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade



**Join us @ the Plus 50 Retreat @ Mt. Morris  
for Everyone in the Over 50 Crowd  
August 7 – 10, 2025**

## FROM **Role** TO *Soul*

We are living longer! With longevity come more transitions and opportunities to grow spiritually. Join us at beautiful Mt. Morris as we focus our thoughts and energies on the obstacles of aging that prevent or hinder our spiritual growth as we age so that we may be transformed in our thinking and actions. "The Inner Work of Age: Shifting from Role to Soul" by Connie Zweig, PhD., reveals our unconscious denial and resistance we have in aging to emerge renewed as an Elder filled with vitality and purpose. The Rev. Joel Chapman will lead us in our exploration of key points of the book. And, he will lead with humor, insight and Christian wisdom.

**Fellowship, Faith, Food & Fun  
as we enjoy God's creation!**

Registration begins @ **4pm on Thursday** followed by dinner at 5:30 pm. We end with breakfast and worship on Sunday. Cost per person is \$275 which includes all meals and 3 nights lodging in Black Oak Lodge.

***Reserve your spot now with a \$100 deposit\* by July 15<sup>th</sup>***

Our registrar

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## Plus 50 Registration Form 2025

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact/number \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Need handicap accessible room? \_\_\_\_\_

May we list your phone number and e-mail on the printed roster which will be distributed during our retreat? Yes No (circle one)

Roommate request \_\_\_\_\_

### Housing & Meals - indicate your preference

- ☐ Black Oak Lodge - \$275 per person
- ☐ Cabins - \$210 per person (overflow if/when Black Oak fills)

Make checks payable to: Debby Ford

Registration questions? Call Debby at 920-262-9413

Please mail your registration form and \$100 deposit no later than July 15th to:

Debby Ford, 215 Air Park Drive #8, Watertown, WI 53094

Mike and Cheryl Lovlien have attended this camp in the past.  
Contact them with any questions.

## **Baptisms**

**Sunday, May 11th**

**Axel George Heim**



**Blaire Elise Mollert**



## **Women's Fellowship**

**Women's Bible Study will be  
taking a summer break.**

**Our next meeting will be scheduled in August.  
Date to be determined.**

## **Gifts of Berea**

**Purchase a Berea gift for that special occasion!**

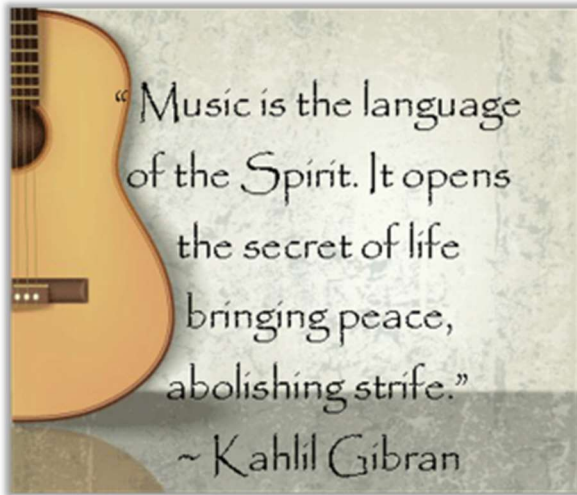
Candles \$12.00  
Cookbooks \$20.00  
T-Shirts \$15.00



Moravian Stars also available to order



## **Music Ministry**



## **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



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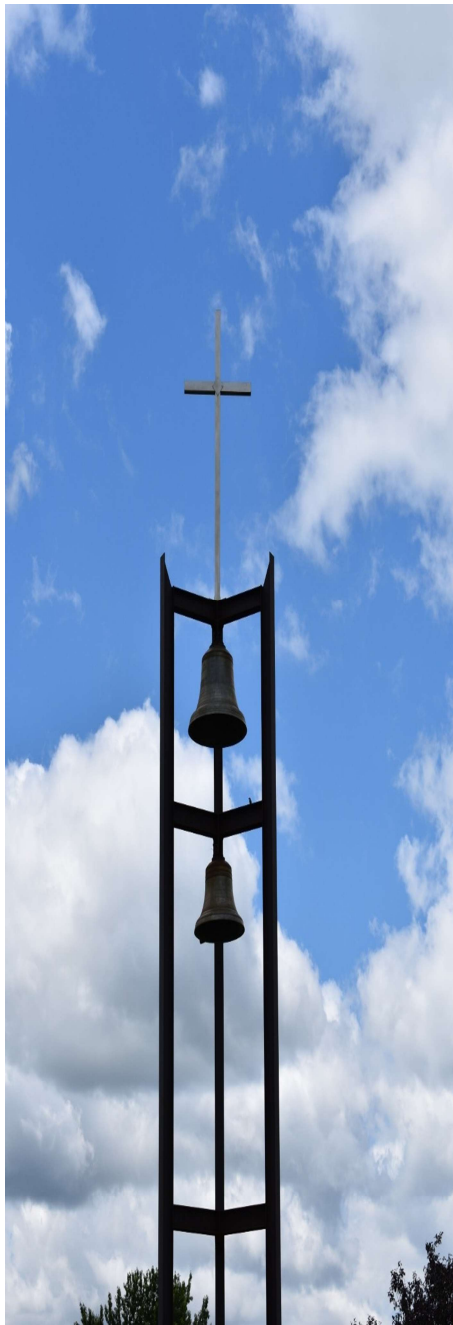
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## Pastor Jodi's Corner

Greetings,

This month's Pastor's Corner brings you an update for April and May. With the end of April quite busy, I needed some time to catch up.

The month of April was filled with busyness and blessings! We celebrated so many wonderful people: the confirmation of Violet Passow, Rosie Heinz, Emma Schram, and Haydon Burmeister; the installation of brother Charlie McDonald as presbyter in the Moravian church (he is currently serving in Chaska); the life of Rev. Frank Jones; the laying to rest of Janice Loppnow; and the witness to the crucifixion and the celebration of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The Lenten season is busy for a pastor; that is true, but the beauty of walking through Lent with you this season was magical. Wednesday evenings and our sacred, holy story time together, Maundy Thursday sharing in the reenactment and communion of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday and our somber and reflective Tenebrae service, and Easter sunrise with our brass band and "Son" shine-filled morning. I pray you felt the Lord's presence with us as I did, as we gathered to journey through this blessed time. The Lord is Risen!

The month of May has been a time for rest and rejuvenation. I am grateful for a getaway to the lake, where I enjoyed clear, cold water, sunshine, and His grace. This time also provided a much-needed break from the Seminary, with plans to resume in June.

I have also taken on a couple of new responsibilities. I have been invited to join the board of the St. Charles Southeast Hometown Resource Center, and I look forward to learning more about their work and how we can contribute. Additionally, I have started sharing worship and communion at the St. Charles Nursing Home.

May also marked the beginning of summer planning, including Vacation Bible School, youth events, and ice cream socials. It was a month filled with celebrations. Berea celebrated two baptisms, and we welcomed Blaire Elise Mollert and Axel George Heim, the Heinz family, and the local community of Our Saviors as they celebrated Charlie Heinz's achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout. We also honored our graduates with a dedicated Sunday service, along with participation in the St. Charles baccalaureate service.

May His grace and favor be with you,

Pastor Jodi