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# The Moravian Monthly

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**Steps to the Cross**  
*The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kay Ward*

Lent has a rhythm all its own – a choreography.

We start in ashes and end with alleluias.

Whether we give something up or take on something new,

We recognize that something is required of us.

We break our usual rhythm – we walk in a new way.

We know we are headed to the cross.

We have been this way before and the way cannot be hurried.

It calls for gravitas – calls for reflection.

As we start the six weeks, we may walk quickly,

But as we near Good Friday, we slow down and become quiet.

That day is as quiet and solemn as the tolling of a bell.

From the silence of Good Friday, we come to Saturday, the Great Sabbath.

Glorious Sunday comes with instruments of joy,

As we stand among the graves and welcome the sunrise.

Our steps quicken and we run on tiptoes to the empty tomb,

Singing our way, bursting with the good news.

We rush to see, and hear and once again, give thanks for,

He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

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# Provincewide Updates

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## 2026 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province

The 2026 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province will be held in both a new format and a new location. This synod will take place over a period of two days June 25-26, 2026 (Thursday-Friday) with travel days on June 24 and 27, 2026 (Wednesday and Saturday). This new format for a synod comes in response to feedback received from previous synods and in anticipation of the possibility of a Joint Synod format between all three District Synods and a Special Provincial Synod in 2028.

The purpose of synod, as defined in the *Book of Order*, is “the highest judicatory in the Province with supreme legislative powers in all matters not committed to the Unity Synod...” (¶107). Even more, it is our responsibility to gather as leaders of the province to seek God’s guidance as together we seek to be agents of God’s transforming love in the world.

The official call to the 2026 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province was emailed to clergy, chairpersons of congregational boards, and ex officio synod delegates of the Moravian Church Northern Province on March 11th. Please refer to that letter for more detailed information about synod, including ways you and your congregation should be preparing for this gathering. Additional location and scheduling details will follow in forthcoming communications.

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## The Rev. Jennika Eckhaus Borger Assumes New Roles at Moravian University School of Theology

Beginning July 1, 2025, the Rev. Jennika Eckhaus Borger will assume the role of Dean for Spirituality and Inclusion and Director of Moravian Church Relations for Moravian University. As the Dean for Spirituality and Inclusion, Jennika will be overseeing the Office of Spirituality and Inclusion and serving as Chaplain for Faculty and Staff. She will also be taking on the new role of Director of Moravian Church Relations for the School of Theology.



As Director of Moravian Church Relations, Jennika’s focus will be on creating a bridge between Moravian Theological Seminary and the Moravian Church. She will focus on supporting our Moravian students and connecting with Church leadership to understand how the Seminary can best support the denomination. The Provincial Elders’ Conferences of the Northern and Southern Provinces welcome this opportunity to strengthen our partnership with Moravian Theological Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary through this new staffing relationship. We look forward to Sister Jennika’s presence at our various provincial and inter-provincial gatherings and the opportunity to be in closer conversation around the changing landscape of theological education and the ministries of our congregations.

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## Invitation to Congregations and Agencies of the Northern Province

The Society for Promoting the Gospel (SPG) was chartered in 1745. Its purpose is to provide support for the Mission Enterprises of the Moravian Church, Northern Province. Please find the 2025 SPG Grant Application at [Moravian.org/Northern/SPG/](https://Moravian.org/Northern/SPG/).

Please find the guidelines for applying for these funds in the application. Should your agency/congregation wish to apply for the SPG grant, please **return the application before June 1, 2025** to [johanna@mcnp.org](mailto:johanna@mcnp.org) or by mail to SPG, c/o Johanna Heft, 1021 Center St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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## Resources for Lent and Easter

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### Moravian Holy Week Readings / Activity for Families

*developed by Marie Coutts, Director of Christian Education, Moravian Church Eastern District*

Moravians have a wonderful tradition where congregations gather each evening between Palm Sunday and Easter to read and hear a harmony of the Gospels account of Jesus' last week on earth. While each congregation has its own tradition, central to all gatherings is the book entitled "Readings for Holy Week." However, for a variety of reasons, many families cannot join with their church family each night for the readings, so Marie Coutts, Eastern District Director of Christian Education, developed an activity that families can use to share in the traditional "readings" in an abbreviated form. This "Holy Week" reading activity for families is designed to include our evening tradition in the home setting and is NOT intended to replace those important church reading services. The nightly home readings include condensed portions taken from the Holy Week Reading book and may be used each evening of Holy Week, or to supplement the evening(s) when families must miss the church gatherings. Participating together as a family in remembering the events of our Savior's last week on earth is an important ritual in the faith development of children. Even those too young to read can be participants in this home activity – by getting the table ready, by turning on the candles, and by listening to the transformative story.

To receive the free, easy to use home program, contact Marie Coutts, [coutsmarie03@gmail.com](mailto:coutsmarie03@gmail.com) or cell: 330.401.1212

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### Lent and Easter with the IBOC

The IBOC offers Moravian congregations a broad range of resources for use in preparing Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Services. Scan the QR code for liturgies, music, images and more. If you have additional resource requests, please contact Mike Riess with the IBOC ([mike@mcnp.org](mailto:mike@mcnp.org)).

#### Special Lenten Discount on Readings for Holy Week

The IBOC is offering a limited-time discount on Readings for Holy Week. Now through April 8, get the hardcover Music Edition for \$10.50 (reg. \$13.95) & the hardcover Large printed Edition for \$7.50 (reg. \$11.95). Readings for Holy Week is also available in a special Audio Edition. This five-CD set includes the complete narration and hymns that make up the printed editions of Readings. Each narration section and hymn appear on separate tracks to allow listeners to access them in a variety of ways. A perfect gift for a shut-in or for a small church. CD set \$24.95; bundle CDs with Music Edition book: \$35.00; bundle CDs with Large Print Edition book: \$32.00. To learn more, visit [store.moravian.org](http://store.moravian.org).



#### Conquering Plush Lamb

This soft stuffed animal is a perfect Easter gift for a child in your life. Made by Gann Memorials, it stands 8" tall and includes the halo, staff and banner. \$22.50. To order, go to [store.moravian.org](http://store.moravian.org).



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### Racial Justice Pilgrimage Grants – 2025

The Racial Justice Team is offering Pilgrimage Grants of \$500 to \$1,000 to encourage MCNP congregations to plan and experience pilgrimages toward racial justice and healing in 2025. Congregations may also apply for grant funds to join a pilgrimage sponsored by another entity such as the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship or an ecumenical partner. Any site(s) or location of significance to/for the work of racial justice and the healing of relationships with Black, Indigenous, People of Color will be considered. A qualifying pilgrimage will occur before May 31, 2026. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2025.



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## MCNP Racial Justice Team Announces **Responding to God’s Call for Mercy: A Bible Study on Immigration**

The MCNP Racial Justice Team is announcing a new resource for congregations entitled, **Responding to God’s Call for Mercy: A Bible Study on Immigration**. This Bible Study is commended to you by the Provincial Elders’ Conference of the Moravian Church Northern Province, and the Racial Justice Team.

This five-session Bible Study on immigration includes relevant scriptural texts and interpretative reflections, statements from the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living (MCCL), and applicable MCNP Synod resolutions. There are stories from immigrants and refugees for each session, along with tangible and practical information on immigration. This study provides a faithful overview of immigration challenges and blessings, suggestions for ways to care for immigrant and refugee neighbors, and resources for further study.

There is a **Leader’s Guide** with additional information for each session. There is also an accompanying **Journal** that may be downloaded and copied for personal use.

**Responding to God’s Call for Mercy: A Bible Study on Immigration** is provided by the Racial Justice Team (RJT) to help guide congregations in this time when many people are feeling anxious and fearful. It is part of the RJT’s commitment to continue to provide resources for caring for immigrant and refugee neighbors in these difficult and uncertain times. In addition, the Racial Justice Team believes that the Church has an important perspective to add as our nations seek to develop a comprehensive solution to our immigration challenges – a solution that respects the diversity and worth of all people, while keeping our borders safe.

Please contact the Rev. Sue Koenig, Director of Racial Justice and Healing, at [suekoenig@mcnp.org](mailto:suekoenig@mcnp.org) for additional information or assistance with offering the study in your congregation.

Scan the QR code or go to [Moravian.org/Northern/RacialJustice/](http://Moravian.org/Northern/RacialJustice/) to find the bible study and all supplemental resources.



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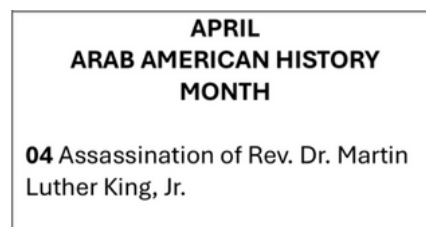
## Racial Justice Team Calendar: April 2025

**April 4th: the anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

The Rev. Marian Boyle Rohloff, member of the RJT and pastor of West Side Moravian Church in Green Bay, WI, has provided a reflection for use on and around this day. Find the reflection, as well as a bulletin insert, on the RJT Calendar webpage. An excerpt of the reflection is included below.

*This April marks the 57th year since the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis, Tennessee. In March and April of that year Rev. King traveled to Memphis to speak and help with a strike by Black sanitation workers. The grievances of workers included substandard pay, dangerous work conditions, and lack of any recourse to address concerns. The lack of care was most evident in the death of two workers in a garbage compacting truck in February, an event that kicked off the strike. Support for the strike was further organized by congregations and clergy, for God has something to say about oppression.*

Scan the QR code to read more.







## Mission Minute: BWM Welcomes Moravian Church in Zambia as Covenant Partner

The Board of World Mission is excited to announce that the Moravian Church in Zambia is now a global partner! This covenant partnership strengthens the ministry already taking place in Zambia, and offers opportunity for growth and collaboration.

The BWM has already supported several projects in Zambia, including the development of a vocational training center, a solar power installation at a kindergarten, and church construction efforts. Looking ahead, we are eager to collaborate on theological education initiatives to further equip leaders for ministry.

We invite you to join us in prayer for the Moravian Church in Zambia and its leadership, especially Rev. John Sichilima, as they continue to grow and serve their communities, leading to a synod in August of this year. **Learn more about this partnership at [MoravianMission.org/Zambia/](https://MoravianMission.org/Zambia/).**



## What 2025 Looks Like at You Belong



Our ministry at You Belong is off to an exciting start in 2025. We continue to serve more and more families through our programs as well as fun and learning in The Adventure Zone. January was our highest month of entries into The Adventure Zone since we opened to the local community!

A new area of program we are working on developing in 2025 is our Never Alone Family Journey Program. This new program seeks to journey side by side with families who have a child that is showing development delays and/or has been recently diagnosed with some form of disability or specialized medical care. The focus of this

program is to help support families through what can be a difficult chapter of life while also helping them uncover resources in our community that can support their family. The most important part of this program is to help these families know that they are not alone in their journey.

Lastly, we want to offer a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped support You Belong during the 2025 Give Big Green Bay event! We raised \$32,311 through the generous support of 387 individual donors! In addition, You Belong received a \$5,000 bonus for having the MOST individual donations in the 'small organization' category. We also received an additional ~\$4,587 from the matching funds from the Green Bay Packer Foundation and The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation! Thank you to everyone who continues to help support this amazing ministry! If you are interested in making a gift to You Belong visit our website <https://www.youbelongwi.org/give> (scan QR code).



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## Get Ready: The 2025 Grant Cycle Opens May 15! Dream Big. Serve Boldly.



Is God calling your church to launch a new ministry or expand an existing one? The Moravian Ministries Foundation's 2025 Grant Cycle is just around the corner, and we're excited to partner with congregations and ministries ready to make a difference.

Starting May 15, we'll begin accepting applications for grants through our Field of Interest funds:

- Hunger and Thirst
- Healing and Health
- Housing and Shelter
- Clothing
- Prison Ministry
- Environmental Stewardship
- Racial Awareness, Equity and Repair

Explore each fund, discover stories of past recipients, and find everything you need to apply by visiting [MMFA.com](http://MMFA.com). Please contact Laura Watson, Vice President/Director of Programs, with any grant-related questions. (MMFA's grantmaking program is made possible by generous individuals like you who donate to our field of interest funds, and by a portion of MMFA's net income each year.)

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### Pastoral Letter from the Bishops Serving the Northern and Southern Provinces

March 10, 2025

Dear Moravian Friends:

We, the bishops serving in the Northern and Southern Provinces, greet you with the grace, mercy, peace, and love of Jesus Christ, our Chief Elder. We send you this letter as we find ourselves in a divided world that needs God's love. In his first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul wrote these words to a church that was in the midst of deep conflict, "Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

We realize divisions have found their way into our families, communities, and congregations. Into these difficult moments, we lift up the Moravian ideal of "In all things, love." This notion calls us to lean in with more determination to see that all of God's children feel the love of God and to advocate for those who have no voice when injustice is evident. We are alarmed by the current state of division and acrimony found in the United States and the bending of the Gospel message to support Christian nationalism. We stand with our Moravian brothers and sisters and their countryfolk who seek asylum and legal status with our resources and advocacy and encourage all Moravians to do everything possible to assist their successful navigation through the path to citizenship.

The Board of World Mission has posted the following statement regarding cuts in USAID for our consideration: *The Board of World Mission is not a recipient of federal grants and would not be directly impacted on a budgetary level, but our ecumenical partner organizations who are key collaborators in disaster response and humanitarian work are being forced to scale back, furlough staff, and restructure their efforts in the face of uncertainty and, at least, temporary funding cuts. These changes will have a ripple effect on the communities they serve, and, if sustained, would also greatly impact the Board of World Mission's ability to partner with these organizations in relief efforts. BWM's global partners and Moravian communities could experience increased strain as food aid and community development programs are reduced or eliminated. We are committed to our partnerships and will do what we can to meet needs and sustain the vital work occurring within our partner areas, but we recognize that we cannot replace the full scope of what could be lost (February 15, 2025).*

As Moravians, we affirm the essential that God creates, redeems, and blesses. We also affirm that our response is essential as well. We respond to God's gifts with Faith, knowing that the One who is in us, is greater than the one who is in the world (1 John 4:4). We respond with Love, knowing that our relationships must begin in love, continue in love, and hold deep respect for everyone no matter their ideas or beliefs (1 Corinthians 13:1-13). We respond with Hope by looking beyond the now to the kingdom that God has taught us about. A place where God's children are safe, lie down in peace, and believe this is our future (Isaiah 11:6).

It is our prayer that we can look upon each other and the world around us with the same compassion with which Jesus looked at a hungry crowd waiting to hear his sermon. Or the same compassion that filled the hearts of our Moravian forefathers and mothers as they left the comforts of home to share God's love with enslaved souls in a distant land. This witness is desperately needed today. May we, working together, provide it.

We are your servants in Christ,

Wayne Burkette, Blair Couch, Carol Foltz, Chris Giesler, Amy Gohdes-Luhman, Paul Graf, Sam Gray, Michael Johnson, Doug Kleintop, Lane Sapp, Tom Shelton, Kay Ward

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## Ecumenical and Interreligious News

*Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, Northern Province Ecumenical Officer*

April 20, 2025 is a day of synchronicity in the religious calendar. On that day, Christians around the world – including Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox will celebrate Easter on the same day. While Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches follow the Gregorian calendar and always celebrate Easter on the same day, the Orthodox Church follows the Julian Calendar, where Easter usually falls on a different date. In some years the dates align, as they do this year. April 20 also marks the last day of the seven-day Jewish observation of Passover. Passover is the seven-day festival that recalls the Exodus story where God freed the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. It includes a Seder meal with symbolic foods and narratives that remind participants of God’s saving intervention over the powers of Pharaoh. This story is, of course, also part of our narrative of faith as we remember God’s liberating power over unjust systems of oppression.

This coming together of dates gives us an opportunity to reflect on our relationships with siblings in faith – not just our Christian siblings, but also our siblings of the biblical witness. Together with our Jewish and Muslims companions, we are known as ‘people of the Book,’ all who claim the Bible as our primary text about God and faithfulness.

This common day of celebration calls us to remember that we all follow one Creator and that what we hold in common is always stronger than what separates us. This is an important reminder in a world that too often focuses on differences. How might you and your congregation take advantage of this shared common holy day and build a bridge toward your siblings of the book?

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### A Reminder for Holy Week from the Racial Justice Team

The Racial Justice Team is providing this reminder as we prepare to enter Holy Week in mid-April when many congregations will be using “Readings for Holy Week” and related scriptural texts.

In 2023, the Synod of the MCNP passed legislation entitled, “Antisemitism and Jewish-Christian Relations.” The legislation, the Fifth Partial Report of the Church and Society Committee, noted that “...antisemitic incidents in the United States and Canada reached all-time highs in 2022 and 2021, respectively”; and that “there is a history of antisemitism in Christianity beginning about 150 CE with interpretations of the Gospel of John...and continuing through the centuries to the teaching and preaching of Protestant reformers that was later used to support the killing of millions of people during the Holocaust, and which persists today...”

The Synod recognized that, “Christian churches, including the Moravian Church Northern Province, may be inadvertently perpetuating antisemitism and contributing to its rise through our liturgies, hymns..., and worship resources, including scriptural references and other texts read without explanation of their context; the Moravian Book of Worship; “Readings for Holy Week;” and preaching and teaching in congregations...”

In light of this, two of the resolutions in the Synod Report encourage preachers, teachers, and other worship leaders to develop practices in the reading and interpretation of scripture that are less likely to lead to antisemitic interpretations and contribute to “dismantling antisemitism and anti-Jewish theology.” These two resolutions include some suggested practices and are copied below. Steven Thorngate’s interview with Amy-Jill Levine in June 2023 in *The Christian Century* entitled, “What should churches do about the treatment of Jews in John,” is one resource referenced in the resolutions. Scan the QR code to access the full Synod report with additional details and resources. Contact Rev. Sue Koenig, Director of Racial Justice and Healing with questions. [suekoenig@mcnp.org](mailto:suekoenig@mcnp.org).



*RESOLVED: (21) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province encourages preachers, teachers, and other worship leaders of the Moravian Church Northern Province, when reading scripture in public which uses the word “Jews,” to provide notes expressing how the text “had been and continues to be, used to malign Jews,” and accompanying related prayers of repentance [FN7]; and/or use language that is less likely to lead to antisemitic interpretations; and be it further*

*RESOLVED: (22) The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province encourages preachers, teachers, and other worship leaders of the Moravian Church Northern Province to consider in interpretations of scripture what is written in the texts, what the texts meant when they were written, and what they have come to mean in relationship to antisemitism and anti-Jewish theology, and how they might be understood in ways that contribute to dismantling antisemitism and anti-Jewish theology in proclamation and teaching”[FN 8]; ...*

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

### *Birthdays*

|   |                      |    |                     |    |                  |
|---|----------------------|----|---------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Barbara (Anna) Rich  | 12 | Michael Koenig      | 24 | Barb Berg        |
| 1 | Mary Lou Plummer     | 13 | Nancy Von Boeckmann | 24 | Pamela Thierolf  |
| 4 | L. Roger Hildebrandt | 14 | Connie Bennett      | 24 | James Lavoy      |
| 5 | Margaret Hildebrandt | 17 | Kay Ward            | 27 | Allen Bergmann   |
| 6 | Kim Benson           | 18 | Julia Folk          | 28 | Kevin Lippincott |
| 8 | Lance Fox            | 21 | Charlie Ganz        | 30 | Reed Acheson     |
| 8 | Kathryn Sherwood     | 21 | Dan Miller          |    |                  |

### *Churches Celebrating Anniversaries*

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| 1  | First, Easton, Pennsylvania (137 years)          |
| 3  | Sister Bay, Wisconsin (129 years)                |
| 7  | Glenwood, Madison, Wisconsin (96 years)          |
| 9  | Veedum, Pittsville, Wisconsin (108 years)        |
| 10 | Palmer Township, Easton, Pennsylvania (76 years) |
| 13 | Christian Faith, Deforest, Wisconsin (140 years) |
| 13 | Egg Harbor City, New Jersey (166 years)          |
| 21 | Our Savior's, Altura, Minnesota (49 years)       |
| 27 | Christ, Calgary, Alberta (56 years)              |
| 27 | Tremont Terrace, Bronx, New York (173 years)     |

### *Ordination Anniversaries*

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| 17 | Mary Ann Pula (31 years)  |
| 21 | Maggie Wellert (24 years) |
| 22 | Mark Newman (7 years)     |
| 23 | T. C. Moore (2 years)     |

### ***Please pray for the following churches who are in the call process or without pastors:***

- Advent, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- Battle Hill, Union, New Jersey
- Castleton Hill, Staten Island, New York
- Christ, Calgary, Alberta
- Christian Faith, Deforest, Wisconsin
- Daggett, Michigan
- Edgeboro, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- Faith of the Nation's Capital, Washington, DC
- First, Dover, Ohio
- First, New York, New York
- Heimtal, Edmonton, Alberta
- St. Paul's, Upper Marlboro, Maryland
- Tremont Terrace, Bronx, New York
- Veedum, Pittsville, Wisconsin
- Waconia, Minnesota

## Clergy Updates

**REMINDER:** The Rev. Charles McDonald, presently serving as pastor of Chaska Moravian Church, will be consecrated a Presbyter on Saturday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m. CST. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Amy Gohdes-Luhman will officiate at the service, which will be held at Chaska Moravian Church, Chaska, MN. Please scan the QR code for more information about attending in person or via Zoom.







# Moravian Church in Canada

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## Summer Camp

The signs of spring are slowly starting to show and soon it will be time for the summer camp season to begin. For the first time since COVID, Van Es Camp will be offering 3 summer camps this year. Van Es welcomes campers, volunteers, and staff from all walks of life. While this is a Christian camp, we do not discriminate based on religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability.

As we have done in the past, we are keeping the registration fees low so that children of all economic status can attend. This means we again will be fund raising to help off set the cost. We have really been blessed the last few years as we have always made our goals, and we hope to do so again. If you wish to register for camp or donate, please see our web page [www.vanes.ca](http://www.vanes.ca).

**Grade 1 to Grade 3:** Sunday, July 6, 2025 – Wednesday July 9, 2025

Drop off: 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 6th, Pickup: 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9th

**Grade 4 to Grade 6:** Sunday, July 13, 2025 – Friday, July 18, 2025

Drop off: 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 13th, Pickup: 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 18th

**Grade 7 to Grade 12:** Sunday, July 20, 2025 – Friday, July 25, 2025

Drop off: 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 20th, Pickup: 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25th

Besides our camps, we have several local churches and agencies using Van Es to run their summer camps. A local inner-city church, Father's House, will run a two-week camp for the children in their community. As well, the Wounded Warriors agency runs a camp for children who are suffering from PTSD and the local Czechoslovakian Society runs a language camp.



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## Van Es Retreat House Renovations

It's definitely been an odyssey for the caretaker's house at Camp VanEs. The house was originally built in 1977 and has seen no major renovations since it was new. In July of 2019, the renters vacated the house & the decision was made by the Camp Board to convert it to a small retreat center.

A series of renovations have taken place recently, including replacing the shingle roof, building a new deck, installing new windows and a new front door, renovating the bathrooms, and more. Scan the QR code to view photos and read about these renovations in more detail.



The house needs new kitchen cabinets, counter tops and backsplash, bathroom vanities, sinks, toilets and tile work, new flooring throughout and new appliances (fridge, stove, dishwasher, microwave & range hood). The attic in the house and garage need to be topped up with blow-in insulation. New hand railings are required for the back deck and the front doorsteps. Window coverings and new furnishings (beds, bedroom furniture, dining room table & chairs, couches, pictures, dishes, etc.) are also required.

Additional funds are required to take this project over the finish line. We need to raise an additional \$60K from the Moravian community to complete the house so that it can generate the revenue that Camp VanEs needs. Please consider donating to this project. Donations can be made via e-transfer to [paymentvan-escamp@shaw.ca](mailto:paymentvan-escamp@shaw.ca) or by Canada Post to Van-Es Camp & Conference Centre, 600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, Alberta, T2J 0B8. Indicate that you want your donation to be applied to the "Retreat House Project." Thanks for your support!

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## Save the Date: Edmonton Moravian Church's 120th Anniversary

Join our celebrations on Sunday, June 8th, 2025. Edmonton, Alberta.

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# The Eastern District

## Moravian Church in America

### Northern Province



### Eastern District Hiring Area Directors of Faith Formation

The Eastern District is embarking on a new venture to provide leadership and support for congregational faith formation. Believing that education and formation are at the heart of our mission, the Eastern District Executive Board recently approved a proposal from our current Director of Christian Education, Marie Coutts, outlining a program where the District will be divided into four areas and each area will be served by a Director of Faith Formation. Scan the QR code to learn more about these positions and find application materials.



### Camp Hope Hiring Summer Staff

Camp Hope has several openings for summer staff positions, including lifeguards, general summer staff, a camp cook, and summer camp manager. **Be part of what makes Camp Hope AMAZING!** Scan the QR code to learn more.



### 2025 Eastern District Mission Grants

Once again, the Eastern District Executive Board has approved the continuation of the Mission Grant program for 2025, in which the development and enhancement of mission/outreach projects in Moravian congregations in the Eastern District is encouraged. This financial commitment of the EDEB is to encourage congregations to create programs that enhance their ministry to the communities in which they are located.

Each congregation in the Eastern District is invited, through the action of its Joint/ Unified Board, to apply for a Mission Grant from. Total grant funds available are \$10,000. Any one grant cannot exceed \$5,000. Please prepare a proposal for a grant and submit it to the EDEB, who will choose the recipients of the grant. **Email your proposal to [Lea@mcnp.org](mailto:Lea@mcnp.org) no later than noon on May 1, 2024.** There will be no exceptions made to the deadline. Scan the QR code to read more about this grant opportunity.



Moravian  
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# Unitas Chorale



### Moravian Music Foundation “With One Accord”

The Moravian Music Foundation announces With One Accord, a concert by the Unitas Chorale on **Sunday, May 4, 2025, 4:00pm, at Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem, PA**, under the direction of Gwyneth Michel. The concert will feature music of Moravian composers: J. F. Peter (b. Holland), E. I. Erbe (b. Switzerland), C. F. Hasse (b. Russia), E. J. Williams (b. South Africa), and more. Unitas Chorale is a performing ensemble of the Moravian

Music Foundation specializing in music of Moravian composers from the past and from the present day. The concert is free, but you are invited to contribute to a free-will offering. Scan the QR code for more information.



**2025 SUMMER CAMP DATES HAVE BEEN  
POSTED: [Moravian.org/Northern/Camp/](http://Moravian.org/Northern/Camp/).**





### Mt. Morris Service Camp with the Board of World Mission May 14-20, 2025

The BWM, together with the staff of Mt. Morris Camp in Wautoma, WI, invites volunteers to join together in preparation for our 2025 Moravian camping ministries and other summer programming. Service camp will be held May 14-20, 2025; you are invited to come and go as you are able! There is no cost to attend service camp; meals and lodging will be provided by the BWM. Possible projects for this year's service camp include painting the barn and building a new utility shed. Scan the QR code to learn more.



### Two Feet of Justice Fun Run/Walk/Roll To Benefit the Northern Province Racial Justice Team & the Board of World Mission's Blessings Flow Project

When: May 2025. Where: Your Local Congregation

Get a group together and run, walk, or roll the distance of your choice! Pay what you like registration fee. Scan the QR code to register, and contact the Justice Team at [wjusticeteam@gmail.com](mailto:wjusticeteam@gmail.com) for more information!



### Western District Crossroads Lay Ministry Course Grants

Thanks to a generous donation from the estate of the late Rt. Rev. Wil Behrend, the Western District Executive Board is pleased to offer \$300 grants to members of Western District congregations to take an online lay ministry course through the Crossroads Program of Moravian Theological Seminary. Grants will be distributed upon completion of requested course. Scan the QR code to learn more and find the application.



### Announcement Regarding Changes in WDEB Membership:

Due to changes in her personal and professional schedule, Ivy McGee, lay member of the Western District Executive Board and member of the West Side Moravian Church in Green Bay WI, has chosen to step down from the Board. The District Board has accepted her resignation and is incredibly grateful for the time, passion, energy, devotion, and perspective that Ivy brought to the Board over the last year. The Book of Order provides that in the event of a vacancy on the District Board that is not the position of President, the remaining members shall arrange for the election of a new member. The District Board will begin a process of selecting a new member to complete Sister Ivy's term.

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