

Schoeneck Moravian Church



Sunday Worship

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
In-Person
10:30 Livestream

9:15 AM Sunday School
All Ages

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The Joyful Noise Newsletter March 2026

It's The Little Things

First off, the delay in getting the newsletter out this month has a lot to do with my inability to get my pastor's piece in to Stephanie. I have a bunch of pieces started that don't seem to fight their way through to a full article, here they are in their short starter form. See if you can spot/guess what was the core message of each.

Weather...yes, this does make me feel like home. This hanging on dragging out cold and snow is pretty standard in North central Alberta. As of the day I'm writing this, March 2, the morning temperature in Edmonton was -1 F, and they were due for more snow. No, I don't miss it and I'm not homesick for it. There is a myth back home that the weather bureau throws above freezing temperatures at the end of the 10 day forecast just to give us hope.

Stewardship...a reminder that our healthy relationship with finances guided by God is different than other economic situations and conditions. The spirit of giving isn't governed by supply and demand, the Invisible Hand may effect the price of eggs and gasoline, but church shouldn't be a consumer good.

Time & Talent, serving the church...I get pretty evenly distributed feedback between people asking if we can do another one of those time & talent surveys and those saying: oh goodness, are you going to stick us with another one of those survey things where everyone gets guilted into signing up for things? Here are some specific opportunities, along with who to contact:

Worship leadership...expanded from the role of assisting elder to incorporate those who would like a chance to do the announcements and sharing of joys and concerns. Check with Pastor Ian or Brian Dishong.

Liturgist...I love reading the liturgy, and I want to give others the chance to share in this. Hopefully we've set the example that you don't need to be a great orator,; a heart for facilitating this part of worship is where to start. Contact Pastor Ian.

Scripture reader...same as with the liturgy, I think it is vital to hear the word of God read by many voices. Contact Sandy Love, Pastor Ian, or sign up on the clipboard sheet on the bulletin board by the office.

Rummage Sale...are we going to have the rummage sale this year without Katie? We're going to make that decision based on what people capacity we can identify over the next month. Yes, it's kind of a catch 22, how do we sign people up if we don't know what we're doing, how do we know what we can do if we don't have people signed up? We know that no one person can match the time and energy Katie put in, so step one is a leadership team, not a committee...ok it's a committee but that term has such baggage. We have a couple of people already expressing interest in stepping into this role, for now check in with Pastor Ian and he will put you into the mix. Oh, we do have the sacred texts known as Katie's notebooks, so we will be able to tap into that written wisdom.

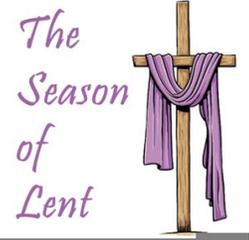
Pastor Ian

2026 WATCHWORD TEXT FOR THE SCHOENECK CONGREGATION

"For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty."

2 Peter 1:16

Worship the Lord with Us!



Sunday, March 1, 2026—Second Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, March 4, 2026—Lenten Meal & Service hosted by Nazareth Moravian Church.

Sunday, March 8, 2026—Third Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, March 11, 2026—Lenten Meal & Service hosted by Nazareth Moravian Church.

Sunday, March 15, 2026—Fourth Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, March 18, 2026—Lenten Meal & Service hosted by Nazareth Moravian Church.

Sunday, March 22, 2026—Fifth Sunday in Lent and “Installation of Lanie Yaswinski as Regional Director of Faith Formation”

Wednesday, March 25, 2026—Last Lenten Meal & Service for the 2026 Lenten Season hosted by Nazareth Moravian Church



Sunday, March 29, 2026—Palm Sunday

Monday, March 30, 2026—Holy Monday Service ~ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 31, 2026—Holy Tuesday Service ~ 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 1, 2026—Holy Wednesday Service – 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 2, 2026—Maundy Thursday/Holy Communion Service ~ 7:00 PM

Friday, April 3, 2026—Good Friday ~ 1:45 PM Holy Communion
2:30 PM Good Friday Vigil

Saturday, April 4, 2026—Great Sabbath Lovefeast ~ 7:00 PM

Future Worship Services

Sunday, April 5, 2026—Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 12, 2026—Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 2026—Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26, 2026—Fourth Sunday of Easter



ELDERS PERSPECTIVE

To Lead or not to Lead, that is the Question...

The season of Lent invites Christians into a time of reflection, repentance, and renewed devotion to God as we remember his ultimate sacrifice for our sins. As we were baptized into his death, we also prepare and eagerly await the celebration of his triumphant resurrection at Easter. And his promise that one day we will all join him in heaven.

For a lay church worship leader, this season carries a special responsibility. Leading worship is not merely about singing the music or reading a liturgy; it is an act of service that helps guide the congregation into the presence of God. Scripture reminds us that worship should be offered with sincerity and reverence: "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). During Lent, a worship leader often helps create an atmosphere that encourages humility, prayer, and reflection on Christ's sacrifice, pointing hearts toward the hope of redemption.

Serving as a lay worship leader is also an expression of stewardship—using the gifts God has given for the benefit of the church. The Bible teaches that every believer has been given gifts meant for service: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace" (Peter 4:10). Whether those gifts are musical ability, leadership, reading scripture, faithful encouragement of others, or simply your prayers, they become instruments through which God works in the life of a congregation.

A lay leader does not need formal clergy status to serve faithfully; rather, humility and willingness allow God to use ordinary talents in extraordinary ways. In this way, leading worship becomes more than a role—it becomes a form of discipleship. By faithfully offering their talents to God, lay worship leaders model what it means to serve with devotion, reminding the church that every act of worship is ultimately an offering of gratitude to the One who gave everything for us.

I truly enjoy being a worship leader. I feel incredibly close to God when I am up front, and have truly felt his spirit working through me to bring His words out my mouth. Imagine how many more people we can bring closer to Christ, from our little "beautiful corner" of our world, if more of us are actively involved in speaking the word of God by sharing our announcements, praying our liturgies, and lifting up prayer concerns with our congregation! Have you ever thought about being a worship leader? You don't need to be an Elder to be a worship leader. Anyone can do it. Pastor Ian always tells us on the Board of Elders that he loves when others are involved in worship. Sure, he is more than capable of doing it all each week, but having others take ownership of the worship experience and sharing and praying together makes for a much more interesting service!

What gifts has God given you that could utilize to lead others to Christ? If you feel called to step out of your comfort zone and help in leading a worship service, please reach out to an Elder or Pastor Ian.

Prayerfully,
Brian Dishong

Board of Elders

Pastor Ian Edwards, Chair
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Terry Berger
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JoAnn Heckman
Louis Murante
Mike Rampulla
Pamela Stampf
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Mike Koehler
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Jonah Rampulla
Marianne Sweitzer

Board of Elders

February Board of Elders meeting:

- 1) Welcomed new members Susan Fraser, JoAnn Heckman, and Terry Berger
- 2) Elected new officers
- 3) Intentionally expanding new role - Worship Leader (previously Assisting Elder)

Board of Trustees

February Board of Trustees meeting:

- 1) Welcomed new members Marianne Sweitzer, Dennis Guldner, Mike Koehler, and Jonah Rampulla
- 2) Elected officers: Kim Samsel, President
Roger Woolley, Vice President,
Lori Deutsch, continuing as Secretary
- 3) Reappointed financial officers:
Brenda Makovetz, Treasurer
Marianne Sweitzer, Assistant Treasurer
Ann Dalton, Financial Secretary
- 4) Determined Trustees of the Month and ministry appointments

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

On March 22nd we will be hosting the installation of Lanie Yaswinski as our region's Director of Faith Formation. We will be joined by representatives of the Eastern District and area Moravian churches. The installation will take place at both services, and Lanie will be bringing the message that day.



Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 5, 2026
Following Easter Sunrise Service



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 28, 2026
at 10:00 AM

ACTS...it's a book of the Bible, it's what we do as performers, it's the way plays and musicals are organized, and it is what we need to do to share our faith.



Having experienced productions like *Godspell*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and traditional Passion Plays, at the end of the show there is always the question 'Why does it end there?' Jesus dies, and that's the end of the show. *What about the rest of the story?*

We are Moravians. We are the Easter People. We want to see Easter and the Resurrection. We want to see more of the story, and that story continues into the book of Acts.

Join us as we ACT, sing, and dance. Learn some stories from the book of ACTS. See how the disciples ACTed on their faith. Use your musical talents to ACT on your own faith.



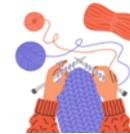
ACTS will be performed on Sunday April 12 (the Sunday after Easter). This is the show written by Sarah and featuring music written by Ryan. All are welcome, either as part of the audience, or as part of the unofficial Performing Arts Ministry Team. See Sarah Hriniaik for more information.

The next roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 18th at 9:00 AM, in connection with Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Earth Day is an annual event to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by Earthday.org



Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
at 6:00 PM, Room 11



FROM THE TRUSTEES

Special Envelopes:

The envelope for the **Worldwide Unity** Offering will benefit the Moravian Unity Heritage Foundation, which supports preservation projects of historical buildings and other structures considered cultural heritage, belonging to the Moravian Church around the Unity.

The envelope for **Cemetery Perpetual Care** provides funds to pay for cutting the grass, trimming around gravestones, and other maintenance at the Schoeneck God's Acre.

The envelope for **Safety and Security** will provide funds for enhanced security measures based on a Risk and Vulnerability Assessment done late last year.



Thank You to the Dennis Smith Memorial Fund for contributions to the Foundation Repair Fund and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund. Thank you for the support of these programs.

Brenda Makovetz, Treasurer



PLEASE NOTE OUR SNOW POLICY

If the conditions are hazardous (ice, excessive snow, winter weather emergency conditions, etc.), please consult any of the following to find out whether worship has been cancelled, or the schedule altered:

- WFMZ, Channel 69 (Check the crawl on television, but they have indicated to us that they will only post the announcement on their website, www.wfmz.com, unless there are "extreme weather conditions").
- The church voicemail message (610-759-0376)
- Schoeneck's social media.

We will make every effort to arrive at an appropriate decision prior to 7:00 AM on Sunday mornings. If you are unsure about safe travel conditions, please stay home and watch the service on livestream.

Our deepest thanks to Pastor Ian, Rev. Mark Newman, Ryan Morrow, Cindi Kessler, Bob Sweitzer, the fantastic Hospitality committee and our Schoeneck family for all of their help and support after my father's passing.

It was incredible to have everyone come together at a moment's notice to help plan and organize such a beautiful service, especially during such a difficult time and in terrible weather.

We are truly grateful to everyone for your kindness and support. I truly believe my dad was watching over us, finding joy in the beautiful service and in everyone who came together to honor him.

With heartfelt thanks,
Lisa Moyer and the family of John Schaefer

Thank you!

Christian Education... for all ages

BIRTHDAY SOCIAL RESCHEDULED FOR

MARCH 8TH, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

THE 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

Sign-up sheets remain on the Christian Ed bulletin board. We encourage you to sign up if you were not available to attend when planned for February!

Christian Ed will hold our second **Sunday Funday on March 15th at 9:15** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be learning Sunday School songs that used to be taught to the Cherub and Junior Choirs. Please come and participate or just listen whether you attend Sunday School on a regular basis or not. All are welcome!

Who remembers??

I'm in the Lord's Army
The Wiseman/Foolishman
Zacchaeus was a wee little man
Oh be careful
Praise Him, Praise Him
The B I B L E
Hallelujah

.....**And the list goes on!.....**

We need to continue to teach our children and grandchildren the fun songs we all learned as children so they are not lost in the church walls. Let's make this a fun Sunday Funday!

Keep on singing!
Pamela Stampf
Sunday School Coordinator

Men's Bible Study

During Lent will be held Thursdays at 7:00 PM.



Women's Bible study

Thursday mornings from 9:00 AM



Schoeneck Moravian Health Ministry
Blood Pressure Screening will be
Sunday, March 15, 2026
after each Worship Service.



*Ladies (Women's) Fellowship
will be meeting March 11, 2026
11:00 AM at Town n' Country
If attending, call Gloria Floyd*

Upcoming 2026 Jr. Youth Activities!

Jr. Youth Group is open to all kids Grades 3-6, and we are planning some fun events for the months ahead! Please mark your calendars and join us!

Saturday 3/7 - Serve dinner for Safe Harbor

Sunday 4/19 - Attend matinee of NAHS "Grease" the musical and support Sr. Youth in the play!



Please contact Lanie Yaswinski or Courtney Schnyderite with questions or to RSVP.



Moravian Day of Giving

The 6th annual Moravian Day of Giving resulted in 1,203 donors contributing more than \$292,000 to 88 Moravian churches, organizations, and ministries, including Schoeneck.

One of the six organizations which had the most individual donors on the Day of Giving was Essentials Café in Bethlehem. As a result, they earned an additional \$2,026 for their ministry.

Thanks to all who contributed, and especially those who contributed to Schoeneck and Essentials Café. Each of these donations will strengthen communities and transform lives.



Sunday, March 8, 2026

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY MARCH 2026

Please contact the church office with any address, email, and/or phone number changes by March 15, 2026.

Contact 610-759-0376 or email: schoeneck@schoeneckmoravian.org.

Thank you
Stephanie Guarry

Cemetery Clean-Up

There will be a general pre-Easter clean-up of the Schoeneck God's Acre around the end of March, snow permitting. If you wish to keep any decorations from a grave, please retrieve it before March 15, or as soon as the snow melts and you can get to your plot.

COMMUNITY DINNER 2026



It's around the corner!

On Wednesday, April 29, 2026 will be our first Community Dinner for the season. Plan on volunteering, contributing those yummy desserts or perhaps a monetary donation?

Here is a list of Community Dinner dates to mark on your calendars.

April 29 May 27 June 24 July 29 August 26
September 30 November 18 (Thanksgiving Meal)

Spring Flowers to Brighten the Easter Morning Services

Please return this form to the church office or place it in the offering plate with money/check attached for each order.
Your order must be received no later than Sunday, March 8, 2026

Number of Tulip Plant(s) ____ @ \$10.00

Number of Lily Plant(s) ____ @ \$10.00



Please Print:

Presented by _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Please check one of the following options below to help us with ordering.

____ I do want to take the plant(s) home after the 10:30 AM Easter Morning Service.

____ I do not want to take a plant. Your donation will be made to our church general fund. (Your personal dedication will still be included in the bulletin.)

Worship Helpers This Month

2026 SIGN UP SHEETS

The 2026 sign up sheets are posted on the church bulletin board: Scripture Readers, Flower Sponsors, Bulletin Sponsors, Recycling Sponsors, Lovefeast Sponsors & Bakers, and Dieners.



SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

<p>FLOWERS - \$10.00</p> <p>3/1 Open</p> <p>3/8 Elaine Bittner</p> <p>3/15 Lorin Miller</p> <p>3/22 Open</p> <p>3/29 Lorena Roberts</p>	<p>BULLETINS - \$10.00</p> <p>3/1 Open</p> <p>3/8 Open</p> <p>3/15 Melody Stocker</p> <p>3/22 Open</p> <p>3/29 Lorena Roberts</p>
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MARCH TRUSTEE

Dennis Guldner

MARCH ELDER(S)

Shared

MARCH SAFE HARBOR

Jr Youth Group

MARCH RECYCLING SPONSOR(S) \$45

Louis Murante

NO LOVEFEAST IN MARCH

APRIL LOVEFEAST \$100

GREAT SABBATH, APRIL 4, 2026

Sponsor(s): _____ Open _____

Baker: _____ Open _____

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Nursery
Sunday, March 1, 2026 Second Sunday in Lent	8:00 AM	John & Lori Deutsch	Francine Messinger	Lori Deutsch	Charisse Geiger & Tammy Mehlig
	10:30 AM	Denise Morris-Ng & Geraldine Morris	John Beitel	Sue Dreydoppel	
Sunday, March 8, 2026 Third Sunday in Lent	8:00 AM	Bob & Carol Hunt	John & Lori Deutsch	Bill Heiser	Andrew & Andrea Majczan
	10:30 AM	Troy & Delaney Schoeneberger	Bob & Marianne Sweitzer	Allene Rampulla	
Sunday, March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday in Lent	8:00 AM	Melody Stocker & Joanne Smith	Kathy Makoul	Melody Stocker	Sharon Schuler & Gayle Searock
	10:30 AM	Charisse Geiger & Ashley Stampf	Kevin & Sandy Love	Frank Searock	
Sunday, March 22, 2026 Fifth Sunday in Lent	8:00 AM	Melody Stocker & JoAnn Heckman	Kathy Makoul	Ryan Morrow	Catherine Hahn & Lorena Roberts
	10:30 AM	Frank & Gayle Searock	Ron & Linda Minnich	Pam Stampf	
Sunday, March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday	8:00 AM	Bob & Carol Hunt	Dennis Guldner	Lori Deutsch	Mike & Allene Rampulla
	10:30 AM	JoAnn Heckman	Pam Stampf	Laurie Woolley	
Monday, March 30, 2026 Holy Monday	7:00 PM	JoAnn Heckman	Pam Stampf	JoAnn Heckman	N/A
Tuesday, March 31, 2026 Holy Tuesday	7:00 PM	JoAnn Heckman	Sue Dreydoppel	JoAnn Heckman	N/A

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
2nd Sunday in Lent 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Service Joyful Noise 9:15 AM Sunday School For All 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, R 11 2:00 PM GS Troop 893, R 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144, R 6	2	6:00 PM Elders, R 6 6:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry, R 11	3 Lent Meal & Service Nazareth Moravian 6:00 PM Lent Meal 7:00 PM Service	4 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, R 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, R 6 7:30 PM Sr Choir	5 10:30 AM Library Shake n' Boogie Program	6	
3rd Sunday in Lent 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Service 9:15 AM Sunday School For All 11:30 Birthday Social (rescheduled) 2:00 PM GS Troop 8220, R 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 86, R 11	8 6:00 PM GS Troop 8435, R 6	9 7:00 PM Trustees Zoom	10 11:00 AM Ladies Fellowship Meet at Town n' Country 1:00 PM AFSCME, R 11 Lent Meal & Service Nazareth Moravian 6:00 PM Lent Meal 7:00 PM Service	11 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, R 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, R 6 7:30 PM Sr Choir	12 10:30 AM Library Shake n' Boogie Program	13	
4th Sunday in Lent 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Service 9:15 AM Sunday School For All 2:00 PM GS Troop 893, R 10 2:00 PM GS Troop 81144, R 6	15	16	17 6:00 PM Mission & Evangelism, Zoom 	18 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, R 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, R 6 7:30 PM Sr Choir	19 10:30 AM Library Shake n' Boogie Program	20 Library Event Fellowship Hall	
5th Sunday in Lent 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Service 9:15 AM Sunday School For All 2:00 PM GS Troop 8220, R 10 	22 6:00 PM GS Troop 8435, R 6	23 7:00 PM Visitation & Caring, R 6	24 Lent Meal & Service Nazareth Moravian 6:00 PM Lent Meal 7:00 PM Service	25 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, R 6 6:15 PM Jr Handbell 6:45 PM Sr Handbell 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, R 6 7:30 PM Sr Choir	26 10:30 AM Library Shake n' Boogie Program	27 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt	
Palm Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Service 9:15 AM Sunday School For All	29 Holy Monday 30 7:00 PM Service	30 Holy Tuesday 31 7:00 PM Service					31 10:46 AM Eastern Time FIRST DAY OF SPRING Friday, March 20, 2026

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Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow him.

In

Essentials, Unity; In Nonessentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.



Rev. Ian Edwards, Pastor
Ryan Morrow, Director of Music Ministry
Stephanie Guarry, Administrative Assistant

Our Mission Statement

“To follow the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to love and serve all.”

Regular Worship Service
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary
& 10:30 AM Livestream

