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The SPIRE

Official Newsletter of Lititz Moravian Congregation
MARCH/APRIL 2026

Buried Alleluias

Our Alleluias are gone! We have entered the season of Lent, which means our worship changes. The change is subtle and simple. The word Alleluia disappears.

The tradition of "burying the Alleluia" dates back to the early medieval church. By the 6th century, Western Christians began omitting the word during Lent to reflect the season's penitential tone. Because Alleluia is closely tied to Easter joy, it was set aside as an act of anticipation. Today, the practice continues in many liturgical traditions, even ours, helping us feel the longing for Easter's return.

The word Hallelujah is Hebrew and means "Praise the Lord." The word Alleluia is derived from the Greek and Latin. It is a shout of joy, a declaration of resurrection hope. During Lent, we set it aside—not because praise is wrong, but because this is a season of reflection, repentance, and honest self-examination.

Lent invites us into the wilderness. As I write this, I am contemplating the upcoming Sunday's gospel, which is in fact Jesus being led into the desert. Ash Wednesday is just the beginning; it is meant to slow us down.

When we do not sing Alleluia for forty days, we begin to feel its weight. We notice how much we depend on joy. We realize that the hope of resurrection is not cheap or automatic—it comes through the cross. As we move through Lent, we are asked to confront what distracts us, what tempts us, and what needs healing in us. By removing the Alleluia from our liturgy, we create space. The absence becomes meaningful.

And then, that moment early Easter morning, when we gather in the sanctuary right before the dawn—our Alleluias are released. Our proclamation is full and strong, The Lord is Risen, the Lord is Risen Indeed. It is joy rediscovered.

But for now, we wait. We walk with Jesus through this Lenten time. And we listen for where God will speak into our wilderness and supply all that we need.

Easter Lilies

As we look ahead to Easter, you are invited to honor or remember a loved one by placing an Easter lily in the church on Easter Sunday. These flowers help beautify our worship space while offering a meaningful way to give thanks and remembrance.

If you would like to participate, please return this form to the Church Office or place it in the Sunday offering plate no later than March 30. The cost is $20 per lily. Kindly include your payment when submitting the order form. Make checks payable to Lititz Moravian Flower Fund with "Easter Lilies" noted in the memo line.

Lilies may be picked up following the 10:30 a.m. Easter service on Sunday, April 5.

Thank you for sharing in this meaningful tradition as we celebrate the hope of Easter together.

Your Name: _____

First Plant:
In HONOR or in MEMORY of: _____
(circle one)

Second Plant:
In HONOR or in MEMORY of: _____
(circle one)

Third Plant:
In HONOR or in MEMORY of: _____
(circle one)

Number of plants: _____ x $20.00 / each = $_____

Please indicate if you are enclosing cash or check number: _____

Church in Society

Thinking about Accessibility: You Belong Emerging Ministry

The 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province, noted that *"the inclusion and empowerment of individuals living with disabilities within our congregations and communities is important to more fully living out the love with which Christ calls us to live." And they observed that "being truly inclusive goes beyond physical spaces; … other aspects … must be considered."*

Almost thirty years ago Lititz Moravian thought deeply about the physical spaces we occupy. The result was significant remodeling, giving us the many aids to access that we enjoy today. Ramps and elevators, roomy bathrooms and doors that open at the touch of a button ~ all these and more make it possible for members to attend worship and be involved in activities that once were inaccessible to them. Now we are being challenged by Synod to go the next steps.

So here's a question for you. What would help you be more present and active at Lititz Moravian? What would make it possible for you to invite to worship your friend or family member who needs more accommodation than we now provide? How can we include and empower every person who wants to come through our doors? If you have an idea, please send it to the church office, attention Church in Society Committee.

You Belong is one example of how Moravians can serve a community with diverse needs. Founded in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 2021, You Belong is "a faith community of the Moravian Church that emphasizes the importance of accessibility, inclusion of individuals living with disabilities, and living into a new model of church." Our Joyful Noise offerings help to support their ministry. You can read about them here: https://www.moravian.org/2024/06/you-belong-making-an-impact-in-green-bay/

rooted

Kindergarten-5th Grade
Meets in the Music Room
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

6th - 12th Grade
Meets in the RAO
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

cultivate

Photos of the Month

"God's Winter Wonderland", our January Kids' Night Out, was attended by 30 children from our church and Lititz community. We sang, made birdseed feeders, ate winter trail mix, played snowball games, and conducted ice experiments!

The Rooted class learns about Jonah and the Big Fish through dramatic play with Mrs. Jen Walls. No theatrical production is complete without some attire from our costume closet!

A Note From the Children's Ministry Coordinator's Desk

Lent invites us to take a closer look at how we live out love, honesty, and compassion—values not only central to Jesus' life but also ones that children naturally understand. When we talk about Lent with kids, we don't focus so much on "giving up" as we do on "making room"—for kindness, for prayer, for helping others. Children often remind us that faith can be simple and real: noticing someone's need, saying sorry when we mess up, forgiving quickly. These small, everyday choices echo Jesus' walk toward the cross, a journey shaped by love that gives and forgives.

As a church that values intergenerational ministry, Lent calls us to walk together—learning from one another's faith no matter our age. We need elders who model hope when life is hard, and we need children who show us joy in small things. This season isn't only about reflection; it's about connection. Whether you're attending Lenten Journey with Mister Rogers as a family, joining in the Maundy Thursday service, or simply pausing to pray as a family, you are part of shaping a community that walks in Jesus' love—side by side, step by step.

In all things ♥, Allyson

Volunteers needed

Candlemakers

March 5, 6:30 P.M.
Craft Room and Heritage Dining Room
We begin pouring new candles.
Many hands are needed for this process.
Come and learn and have lots of fun.

March 7, 9:00 A.M.
Craft Room
We remove the candles from the molds and
trim the candles to fit the trays.

We make candles every Thursday, at 6:30p.m.
and Saturday, at 9:00 a.m.
from February 26th to May 7th

(excluding Holy Week, April 2nd & 4th)

Come and see what it is all about.
Questions? Contact the Zimmermans
zimmie@ptd.net or 717-626-7928

Come and encounter a re-enactment of the Last Supper as painted by Leonardo da Vinci.

Listen to the disciples as they share how Jesus transformed their lives and how it challenges each of us to follow Jesus more closely.

Saturday, March 28th
Fellowship Hall
at 7pm

Church Grounds Cleanup
Saturday, March 21, 8:00 a.m.
Lititz Moravian Church

Easter is April 5th this year. To get the grounds looking beautiful for this service and the walk to God's Acre, the Cemetery Board is hoping/praying for your help starting the week of March 16.

Please consider working alone or with a partner raking leaves from around the shrubbery, picking up limbs and twigs, weeding, edging, etc. We will be grateful for anything you're willing to do to help beautify the grounds for Easter.

Mulch and final cleanup is
Saturday, March 21st, 8:00 a.m.
(rain date March 28th, 8:00 a.m.).
It would be helpful if you would bring a shovel or pitchfork and gloves.

Nourishment in the form of drinks and donuts will be available.

Lenten Program 2026
"Mr. Rogers Guides Us Through Lent"
<u>Wednesdays in Lent 6:15 p.m.</u>
Lititz Moravian Church
Dessert & Discussion Each Week

Step into a gentle, reflective Lenten season inspired by the wisdom and kindness of Fred Rogers. Each Wednesday, we'll explore how Mr. Rogers' grounding themes—neighborliness, compassion, emotional honesty, and quiet courage—can shape our walk with Jesus during this holy time.

We'll gather for dessert, then move into guided discussion and Scripture reflection. This series is designed for anyone longing for a more soulful Lent.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us as we rediscover God's love through one of the most trusted neighbors of our time.

HUMOR

The Perfect Pastor

Results of a computerized survey indicate that the perfect pastor preaches exactly 15 minutes. They condemn sin but never upset anyone. They work from 8:00 a.m. until midnight. On a salary of $60 per week, they wear good clothes, drive a fine car and give $50 per week to the needy.

They are 28 years old and have been preaching for 30 years. They are wonderfully gentle and good-looking. They possess a burning desire to work with teenagers and spend all their time with senior citizens. The perfect pastor smiles all the time with a straight face because they have a sense of humor which keeps them seriously dedicated to their work.

While making 15 calls a day on parish families, shut-ins, and the hospitalized, they are always in their office when needed.
If your parish pastor doesn't measure up, simply send this letter to six other parishes that are tired of their pastor, too. Then bundle up your pastor and send them to the church at the top of the list. In one year, you will receive 1,643 pastors, one of whom should be perfect.

WARNING: Keep this letter going! One parish broke the chain and got its old pastor back in less than three months!

LITITZ
DAY OF PRAYER

Friday March 6, 2026 at 7pm

with music by the Lititz Moravian Trombone Choir
starting at 6:30

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

26 Owl Hill Road, Lititz

Celebrating 60 years of Warwick Released Time

Guest Speaker

John Courshesne

Director of Development
at Kenbrook Bible Camp

Special Music by
Saint James Folk Group

ALL ARE WELCOME!

A free-will offering will be taken in support of the Warwick Released Time Program

Presented by the Warwick Association of Church Women

Thank you

"Dear Moravian Congregation of Lititz,
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Lititz Warwick Community Chest, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your monetary donation for $1,098.00 dated 11/20/2025. Your generous contribution will enable us to purchase perishable foods like meats, fruits, and vegetables. These items are combined with non-perishable goods from our Pantry to create deliveries for individuals and families experiencing food insecurity."
With great appreciation,
Sara Wiggins, Treasurer

"Dear friends,
On behalf of the board members of the Lititz Warwick Community Chest, I would like to thank you for your 2025 donation of 1,419.8lbs. - incredible! Your donation will be used to help local families through difficult times. We are grateful to be part of a generous and caring community."
Sincerely,
Dori Resch
"Many Blessings to your generous congregation!"

"We are so grateful to Lititz Moravian Congregation for supporting Milagro House! The gift of $1,570.91, received on January 23, 2026, will directly support our mission to provide education, housing, and support services to women and their children who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness.
Thank you again for your generosity. We look forward to advancing this vital work with your continued partnership.
Many thanks for your continued support!"

With Gratitude,
Christina (Exec. Director)
Ashley (Director of Operations)

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION OR TALENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US? WE HAVE MULTIPLE GROUPS AND EVENTS THAT YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN! PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONTACT INFORMATION. (717) 626-8515

CHOIR DIRECTOR: JEFF GEMMELL
SENIOR CHOIR- WEDNESDAYS AT 7:15 P.M. SEPTEMBER - MAY

HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: MARILYN WINFIELD
PRACTICES: MONDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. SEPTEMBER - MAY

TROMBONE CHOIR DIRECTOR: MARILYN WINFIELD
PRACTICES: 3RD AND 4TH TUESDAYS AT 7:15 P.M.

EVANGELISM: RANDY BRICKER
MEETS: 2ND MONDAY EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.

ARCHIVES: TOM WENTZEL
MEETS: 2ND TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT 6:30 P.M.

QUILTING: WILMA BEARD
MEETS: TUESDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.

YOGA: EILEEN CRONE
MEETS: MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 8:30 A.M.
& THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

PASTOR SAYWARD E.G. LIPPINCOTT
OFFICE PERSONNEL: COURTNEY HACKMAN & JAIME WEIK
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: ALLYSON MILLER

2026 Second Mile Offering

"Whoever goes with you one mile, go with them two" Matthew 5:41

2026 Second Mile Offering

January - The Food Hub - LCCC
February - Power Pack
March - Camp Scholarship
April - Warwick Release Time
May - Camp Scholarship
June - Milagro House
July - Warwick Community Chest
August - Power Pack
September - North Star Initiative
October - Warwick Community Chest
November - The Food Hub - LCCC
December - Milagro House

2026 Joyful Noise Offerings

January - Linden Hall Donation
February - You Belong
March - Camp Hope
April - Board of World Mission (General Fund)
May - LMC Refugee Project
June - Camp Hope
July - CWS
August - Rooted's pick
September - LMC Refugee Project
October - Cultivate's Pick
November - You Belong
December - CWS

Book of Remembrance

In Memory of Audrey Balmer
Chas F. Snyder Funeral Home

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 1
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All
Wednesday, March 4
7:00 p.m. Lenten Desserts & Discussion - Social Hall
Sunday, March 8
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All
11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, March 11
7:00 p.m. Lenten Desserts & Discussion - Social Hall
Sunday, March 15
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All
Wednesday, March 18
7:00 p.m. Lenten Desserts & Discussion - Social Hall
Sunday, March 22
8:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All
10:30 a.m. LIFT Sunday - Sanctuary
Wednesday, March 25
6 p.m. Lenten Desserts & Discussion - Social Hall
Sunday, March 29
Palm Sunday
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All
Monday, March 30
7:00 p.m. Holy Week Reading Service - Sanctuary
Tuesday, March 31
7:00 p.m. Holy Week Reading Service - Sanctuary

March 2026

May/June Spire Deadline: Monday, April 20th

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 **Second Sunday in Lent** 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All	2 8:30 a.m. Yoga 6:30 P Random Acts of Kindness 7P CEC 7:30P HBC	3 9A Quilting 7P Elders	4 8:30A Yoga 11A ROMEO's **6:15P Lenten Desserts & Discussions** 7P NA Meeting 7:45P SC	5 6:30P Vigil Candle Prep 7P CIS 7P Yoga	6 9A Beginner Yoga **10A GiftShop Reopen!**	7 9A Vigil Candle Prep
8 **Third Sunday in Lent** **Second Mile Offering** 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All 11:45A Birthday Celebration	9 8:30A Yoga 6:00P Community Band Meeting 7:30P HBC	10 9A Quilting 6P Joint Board 6:30P Archives Comm. 7P Stewardship Cmte.	11 8:30A Yoga **6:15P Lenten Desserts & Discussions** 7P NA Meeting 7:45P SC	12 6:30P Vigil Candle Prep 7P Worship Comm. 7P Yoga	13 9A Beginner Yoga	14 9A Vigil Candle Prep
15 **Fourth Sunday in Lent** 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All	16 8:30 A Yoga 6:30P Fellowship Comm. 7P Evangelism Comm. 7:30P HBC	17 9A Quilting 6:30P Trustees 7:15P TC	18 8:30A Yoga 9:30A Women's Circle **6:15P Lenten Desserts & Discussions** 7P NA Meeting 7:45P SC	19 6:30P Vigil Candle Prep 7P Yoga	20 9A Beginner Yoga 9:30 Preschool Story Hour	21 8A Spring Clean Up 9A Vigil Candle Prep
22 **Fifth Sunday in Lent** 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All 10:30A LIFT Worship Service Joyful Noise Offering	23 8:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30P HBC	24 9A Quilting 7:15P TC	25 8:30A Yoga **6:15P Lenten Desserts & Discussions** 7P NA Meeting 7:45P SC	26 6:30P Vigil Candle Prep 7P Yoga	27 9A Beginner Yoga	28 9A Vigil Candle Prep 7P Last Supper
29 **Palm Sunday** 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Sunday School for All	30 8:30 a.m. Yoga **7P Holy Week Service** 7:30P HBC	31 9A Quilting **7P Holy Week Service**	Abbreviations: CEC = Christian Education Committee, NA = Narcotics Anonymous, HBC= Handbell Choir, SC= Senior Choir, CIS= Church in Society, TC= Trombone Choir			

April

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, April 1
7:00 p.m. Holy Week Reading Service - Sanctuary
Thursday, April 2
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion - Sanctuary
Friday, April 3
2:15 p.m. Good Friday Service - Sanctuary
Saturday, April 4
4:00 p.m. Great Sabbath Lovefeast - Sanctuary
Sunday, April 5
Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service - God's Acre
7:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion - Chapel
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
Monday, April 6
Office Closed
Sunday, April 12
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All
11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 19
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All
Monday, April 20
Spire Deadline
Sunday, April 26
8:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All
10:30 a.m. LIFT Sunday - Sanctuary

April 2026

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NEWS FROM OUR BOARDS

Meeting

Highlights from the Board of Elders

- **Please see Diane Bainbridge for updated information**

Highlights from the Board of Trustees Meeting

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation from the Parsonage Ad Hoc Committee to move forward with the initial proposal of $54,166 plus the additional cost of mini blinds to update the essential items to modernize the parsonage. Money will come from Future Projects and Property and Maintenance Reserves. The remaining recommendations will be considered once a new pastor is called and future use of the parsonage is finalized. Motion passed unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from the Trustee Meeting of December 2, 2025 with the addition that Paul shared. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the November and December 2025 financial report. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to move $1,293 from the Trustee Discretionary Fund to make the donation to Moravian Open Door an even $9,000. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to confirm Barbara and Mary as Treasurer and Financial Secretary respectively. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to end the Trustee meeting at 9:39pm. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Stewardship To Date for 2025

Financial Summary (December)

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: $78,166
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: $62,265
- General Fund Other Income 2024: $9,735
- General Fund Other Income 2025: $14,241
- General Fund Expense 2024: $55,136
- General Fund Expense 2025: $54,484
- Net Income 2024: $32,765
- Net Income 2025: $22,022

2025 Year-to-Date (through December)

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: $609,738
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: $616,726
- General Fund Other Income 2024: $86,653
- General Fund Other Income 2025: $106,110
- General Fund Expense 2024: $664,419
- General Fund Expense 2025: $730,933
- Net Income 2024: $31,972
- Net Income 2025: ($8,097)

Joint Board Leadership

Jonathan Kremser, Vice Chair, (Elders)
Diane Bainbridge, Secretary, (Elders)
Chris Styers, Chair (Trustees)
Wayne Wolf, Vice Chair (Trustees)
Barbara Callahan, Secretary (Trustees)

LITITZ MORAVIAN
CONGREGATION

The Spire is a (trial) bi-monthly publication of the Lititz Moravian Congregation. The Spire's mission is to inform and engage everyone involved in the church's life and ministry and reach out to visitors and friends offering opportunities to share in the work of Lititz Moravian. We welcome your suggestions and input.

* Deadline for submitting articles: Noted on the upper left corner of the first page of The Spire.

* Submit articles to the church office: office@lititzmoravian.org or drop them by the office.

Newsletter Staff:
Writers: Members of the Congregation
Editor(s): Courtney Hackman & Jaime Weik
Proofer: Sue Bomberger

Prayer Requests

Please remember all of our nursing home residents
and shut-ins at home in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Serving our country in the military:

Lt. Col. Neal Miller, Army
Sgt. Jason Stoner, Army Reserves
Lt. Dain Bomberger, US Navy
Major Andrew Kemp
Staff Sgt. Austin Heacock
Lance Corporal Shawn Stauffer, US Marine Corps

Prayers of Healing for:

Barry Erb
Jeff Bamberger
Pastor Dean Jurgen
Marilyn Diener
Susan Yeagley
Melissa Hostetter
Meda Hostetter
Joan Keenen
Erelene Deist
Jonathan Yerger
Lisa Donmoyer
Roger Groce

Vision Statement

We are a community that seeks first, last, and always to follow Jesus.
Faith—We see a community of FAITH where all are welcome to join in Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism. We see people on a faith journey, actively living a Christian life in our world and providing support for all those in need both at home and in mission.
Hope—We see a community of HOPE where people are encouraged and equipped to develop their spiritual gifts and to use them in the service of our Risen Lord. We see a congregation where all are involved in a rich variety of opportunities to serve and be empowered to follow God's calling.
Love—We see a community of LOVE where questions of faith are welcome, where the broken find comfort, where unconditional acceptance and love abound, and where all are under God's canopy of grace and forgiveness.