

March 2025 Newsletter

Millwoods Community Church

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Dear Millwoods Community Church,

Friends, Lent is here. Our journey through the last weeks of Jesus life, including his last meal and institution of the Lord's supper, and his execution has begun. I know Lent can be an unpopular time for many folks because it is solemn and serious, but there are times in life when we need to be solemn and serious. Not every part of life can be happy and light. Sometimes praise music isn't right. Sometimes you need the Blues. Lent is a regular reminder that even in those times, Jesus walks with us and does not abandon us.

Our theme for Lent this year is "Everything in Between." Oftentimes, we want to make things simple and say something or someone is either this or that. The truth is that life is more complicated and usually, the truth lies somewhere in between this and that. Each Sunday we'll look at everything in between...

Strangers & Neighbors (March 9)

Faith & Works (March 16)

Rest & Growth (March 23)

Lost & Found (March 30)

Righteousness & Mercy (April 6)

Shouting & Silence (April 13 / Palm
Sunday)

Grief & Hope (April 20 / Easter)

I hope you can join us on this journey this Lenten season.

Peace to you,
Pastor Aaron

Daylight Savings
March 9, 2025



SPRING FORWARD

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR

F.Y.I Corner

Canadian Moravian Historical Society's AGM

This is your reminder for the Canadian Moravian Historical Society's AGM will be held at 11:30am on Saturday, April 5, 2025. This year, the meeting will be held in-person at Millwoods Community Church and on Zoom (zoom link below). You are welcome to attend in whatever format is most convenient for you!

Topic: Canadian Moravian Historical Society AGM

Time: Apr 5, 2025 11:30 AM Edmonton

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87270895469?pwd=HNFNzanR8TqbLJW9IQWgldRFFJm6yL.1>

Meeting ID: 872 7089 5469

Passcode: 940834

Please RSVP by March 28 by emailing Amy Linville at amygardin@gmail.com. The AGM will begin with a brief business meeting, followed by lunch and a presentation from Jim Henkelman on a history of the Alaska Moravian Church and its Canadian Moravian influences.

We'll have some fun photographs you can look at and help identify who is in them. CMHS members and those interested are invited to attend. The AGM is a great time to invite a friend, learn about the society if you've ever been curious, and consider joining our board. We're always happy to include new folks!

If you have any questions regarding the CMH AGM please speak with Amy Linville

Lent 2025

Several of our members indicated a desire to watch episodes of "The Chosen" followed by a discussion at our check-ins last year. Bring your own dinner and eat while we watch an episode in the Fireside Room. Once the episode is done, we'll share a conversation about what we found inspiring, intriguing, etc. Please make plans on attending! We'll hit play on the episode at 6:30pm on: March 5, 12, 19, & 26, and April 2 & 9. Doors open at 6pm.

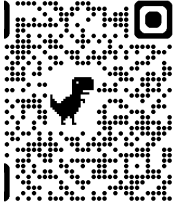


Holy Week & Easter 2025

Holy Week is April 13-19. We'll gather for Holy Week services on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, at 7:00pm, and Friday at 10:30am. Pastor Aaron & Katie want to try to tweak our Good Friday service so it feels more like a 'normal' worship service. It will still be based on our Readings, but we'll add a few more elements to the service (like a homily).

On Easter Morning we'll hold our sunrise service in our God's Acre at 6:30am. We'll celebrate Easter again at 10:30am at the church.

Community Care & Connection



WeCan Food Basket

We are looking for more volunteers to help out with the distribution of food that we receive for our WeCan food baskets. This is a great opportunity to support the Edmonton community around us. We are fortunate to have our pickup depot grow substantially. Interested in helping? Please speak to Ken, Sandy, Ron, Sonja, or Pastor Aaron.

To place an order please

- go to [WECAN Food Basket Society](#), to order online.
- For **in-person cash orders**, please come to the church on the third Thursday of the month from noon-2:00 (the same as our pick-up time).

Talk with your Pastor

Your Pastor wants to visit you and know how you're doing. If you see him stop and chat, call the church office or the Pastors number 780-862-9453.

Millwoods Prayer List

Gladys B, Meta, Carol & Irene, Rita, Meta, Katie, BECD, MWCC Joint Board.



Worship

Communion dates for 2025



Our Elders decided to make a small tweak to our communion schedule for 2025 in favor of having more predictability and consistency. As a general rule, we'll celebrate Holy Communion on the last Sunday of each month. We'll also celebrate Communion on Moravian festival days. We know some of you really want to prepare for celebrating Communion and we hope this schedule will help you with that part of your discipleship. Here's the schedule:

March 30	August 17 (August 13th Festival)	November 9 (Chief Elder Festival)
April 17 (Maundy Thursday)	August 31	November 30 (Advent 1)
April 27	September 28	December 28
May 25	October 5 (World Communion Sunday)	
June 29	October 26	
July 6 (Jan Hus)		
July 27		

Sunday Readers

Thank you to all those who have signed up to read this month! We could not do it without you!



Coffee Fellowship

Who doesn't enjoy visiting after worship? Please consider signing up for a coffee fellowship.



Musicians for Sunday Worship

Are you interested in joining us by using your talents and skills in music for our Sunday morning services? If you are interested in doing this please contact Katie with a few Sundays you are free to participate in.

Donate

If you would like to give an offering or donation to our church you may do so by mailing in your offerings, sending an E-Transfer to office@mcchurch.ca, or going to www.mcchurch.ca and clicking on the donate button on the top of the homepage, and choosing which method of donation you wish to use.



Introducing the new Moravian District Newsletter...

Make sure you subscribe to the Moravian monthly newsletter to receive information for the District and Northern province. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Sylvie Hauser at sylvie@mcnp.org with comments, concerns, or questions about these changes.

“Millwoods Community Church gathers on Treaty 6 Territory, the traditional lands of First Nations and Metis People, and on the former Papaschase Reservation.”

[Learn more here.](#)

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Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10am to 1pm and by appointment.

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship 10:30			10-12 WeCan in-person order due Ash Wednesday The Chosen study 6:30pm BYOMeal	Online WeCan orders are due 		
Daylight savings 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Lent 1 Worship 10:30  SPRING FORWARD SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR			The Chosen study 6:30pm BYOMeal			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Lent 2 Worship 10:30			The Chosen study 6:30pm BYOMeal	12 - 2 pm WeCan in-person pickup 		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Lent 3 Worship 10:30			The Chosen study 6:30pm BYOMeal			
30	31	April 1	2	3	4	5
Lent 4 Communion Worship 10:30 Birthday Celebration Sunday!			The Chosen study 6:30pm BYOMeal			