



Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church * ELCA

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Pastor Ponderings



Dear friends in Christ of Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church,

The months of summer that I have spent with you have gone quickly! Noel and I have enjoyed learning to know some of your names and faces, and worshipping with you. We enjoyed the Pioneer Power Threshing Festival and the food stand on August 3rd. We are amazed by the Yellow

Medicine County Agricultural-Machinery Museum! We have enjoyed the way community gathers and the way your care for each other. We expect to grow in faith together. We're baptized, and we encourage one another in this baptized life.

In baptism, **parents** promise to participate with their children and teach them the ways of this covenant life with God. **Children and youth** learn of the faith in worship with people across generations. We learn from each other. Other paths of learning are Sunday School and Confirmation, leading up to the rite of Confirmation where young people promise to continue to live in the covenant God made with them in baptism. **New Members** agree to join the rest of the congregation that is welcoming them in living out this covenant life.

What does this covenant that God made with us in holy baptism life look like as we live it out? Here is language that we as ELCA Lutherans use:

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

To live among God's faithful people includes being in relationship with our siblings in Christ in our daily lives and being with them whenever we can! Regular worship attendance is just the start. It is in worship that we hear the word of God read and preached and where we are given food for the journey through the sacrament of Holy Communion. We are sent from worship into our daily lives to be a witness to the good news that know about Jesus in our actions, our words, our relationships and our work. Doing honest and good work in daily life is a way to serve God too! Where would God's world be without nurses, teachers, famers, bankers, day care providers, grounds keepers, parents of children, faithful spouses and everything in between! What you do in daily life matters, and if you do it in the attitude of living out your baptismal covenant, it gives glory to God!

Serving all people following the example of Christ may seem intimidating. Christ served even to the point of giving his life. I can't/am not interested in doing that! Take the example of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, and then ask yourself "How can I be a humble servant like Jesus?"

Striving for justice and peace in all the earth is also a really high bar. We can start by working for justice and striving for peace in our relationships right here where we are and moving out from there. Just remember that all *the earth* is exactly where God needs justice and peace. Start somewhere!

Thanks, dear siblings in Christ, for boldly living out the covenant God made with you in baptism.

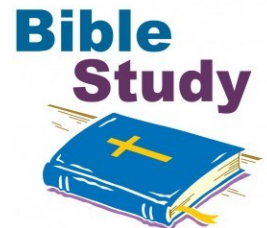
Pastor Sarah

September

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BIBLE STUDY will meet on September 2nd at 9:30 at the YMLC Care Center. We will continue with our study, 40 Days Through the Bible by Lysa Terkeurst. It is such a wonderful study and we encourage anyone who has been thinking of joining the Bible Study group to come and hear all about it. This is the perfect study for all. Just stop in to see what it is all about. We would love to have you come. Any questions give Cindy Velde a call or text at 507-828-7593.



News from the Church Wide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Yehiel Curry, bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod was elected as the 5th presiding bishop.

When Yehiel Curry was elected to serve as the fifth presiding bishop of the ELCA, *Living Lutheran* content editor John Potter sat down with him to talk about his passions, priorities and vision for the church.

“Before he became a pastor, then a bishop, then the chair of the Conference of Bishops, and now presiding bishop-elect, he was a social worker, then a teacher, then in sales. ‘I went from being a social worker to a teacher in the same community where I was helping those families, and in both cases, what I learned is passion is very important. And if you can align a person’s passion with a need, then it doesn’t feel like work sometimes.

“‘It wasn’t until I was in the church that I said, ‘I could do this for the rest of my life.’”

We pray that God will bless Bishop Curry’s leadership, and that we as the congregation of Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church may continue our vital role as one member of the whole body of Christ, here and around the world.



Women of the ELCA

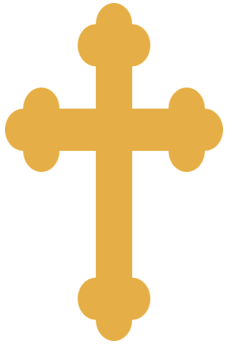
WELCA will have their annual meeting on September 17, 2025 at 9:30 am in the church basement. We will be planning next year’s WELCA booklet. Bring some ideas and ask around to other churches as to what they are doing. All are welcome!

EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, YMLC Sunday Worship Services will change to 11:00, instead of 10:30.

This is to allow Pr. Sarah more time greeting and talking to GFLC members following their 9am services. And so she isn't so rushed in getting to YMLC. This is also true for our SAM's, Gwen and Tim. Because of this change, monthly council meetings will start at 10:15 am on Sundays prior to Worship on the 2nd Sunday of the month.



Ministerial Acts:



TRANSFER OUT: Jason David Torke transferred to Anoka on July 16, 2025.

TRANSFER OUT: Charles Velde Hewitt transferred to Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD on July 21st, 2025.

TRANSFER OUT: Kent Anderson transferred out on July 21st, 2025.

BURIAL: Arlen "Wimpy" Martin died on August 14, 2025 and was buried at the YMLC East Cemetery on August 21, 2025.

Recently several of our WELCA members went on a SW Minnesota Synod trip in the Twin Cities. At Lutheran World Relief we viewed quilts and health kits being gathered for ocean bound shipping containers. Global Health Ministries were working on packaging much needed medical supplies for various areas of the world. It was a very inspiring and encouraging to see their commitment to helping others in need around the world.

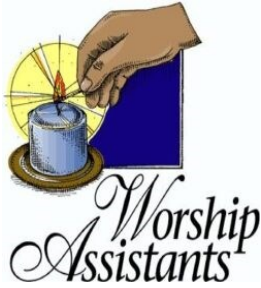


Child quilt donated to Shetek Quilt Auction from our WELCA. Sold for \$50 to Shirley Wieme from Worthington MN.

Adult quilt donated to Shetek Quilt Auction from our WELCA. Sold for \$100 to Alva Enemark from Tyler MN.



From Shetek Lutheran Ministries - A very special THANK YOU for contributing 2 quilts for the 39th Annual Shetek Lutheran Ministries Quilt Auction. Your generous gift of time, talents, creations and contributions make it possible for Your camp to carry out its mission of providing Christ-centered learning experiences for people of all ages.



SEPTEMBER ASSIGNMENTS:

Leader:

7 Pastor Sarah Tadé
14 Pastor Sarah Tadé
21 Gwen Arneson
28 Pastor Sarah Tadé

Accompanists:

7 Emma Gregoire
14 Augusta Volstad
21 Augusta Volstad
28 Emma Gregoire

Ushers:

7 Gary Enger
14 Jon Thostenson
21 Justin Torke
28 Brooks Torke

Lay Readers

7 Ayla Volstad Hughes
14 Cindy Eye
21 Elmo Volstad
28 Julie Volstad

Technology

7 Kevin Eye
14 Julie Volstad
21 Julie Volstad
28 Bonnie Oftedahl

Altar Guild:

Jean Nelson-Anderson

Communion Assistant

Megan McPhail

Funeral Chairs:

Service Team #1 will be in charge of the next funeral.

Co-chairs are:

Alison Bakkelund at 507-981-0501 and Lori Oftedahl at 507-829-0913

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED: If you would like to help with the Altar Guild in the coming years, please talk to Connie Velde at 507-828-4227.

NEW COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE: Is your church cookbook worn out, splattered with various ingredients, missing a cover or pages? You are in luck, for the newly reprinted Favorite Recipes of Yellow Medicine Lutheran cookbook is now available. This is a joint fundraiser between the Yellow Medicine Lutheran and WELCA. Cookbooks are \$10.00. They are for sale at First Independent Bank or please contact Cindy Eye if you would like to purchase one. (507) 768-3547 or ceye@mvtvwireless.com.

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM: To receive emergency warnings within Yellow Medicine County, click on the CodeRED logo at the website www.co.ym.mn.gov. You can register to receive community notifications of severe thunderstorms, flash floods, & tornadoes and other emergency information.

September Birthdays!

- 1 Nicole Brusven
- 3 Finnley McCoss
- 5 Cody Nelson
- 6 Terri Thostenson
- 8 Nyomi Hustad
- 9 Roger Olson
- 11 Bonnie Gustafson
- Lola Hoseck
- 20 Mark Reishus
- 21 Netta Picard
- Wanda Vance
- 23 Jeff Stevens
- 24 Alan Velde
- 26 Jocelynn Mock
- Arlen Martin
- Otto Gregoire
- 27 Amanda Stengel
- 28 Bruce Ellingson
- Paul Sharkey
- Sandra Torke
- Owen Torke
- 29 Angela Harris

A very special thank you to the WELCA for the raffle items I received at the Threshing Show. The beautiful quilt will long be admired.

-Rick Hewitt-

THANK YOU to Toots and Bruce Tusberg for painting the shed in our south parking lot and the Ellingson Family for donating and planting a tree in our east cemetery in memory of Lyman & Mavis Ellingson.

YMLC Stewardship Offerings

9 weeks beginning

Sunday, June 22, 2025

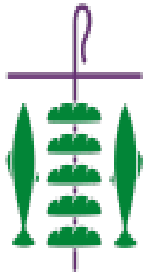
and ending Sunday, August 24, 2025

General Fund	\$	10,982.38
Cemetery Fund		100.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$	11,082.38

Budgeted each week: \$1,537

YTD Budgeted Offering	\$	53,795.00
YTD Actual Offering		47,197.51
BEHIND BUDGET	\$	6,597.49





THE BANQUET

NEEDED:

The Banquet, a feeding ministry in Sioux Falls where people in need can gather, receive nourishment and experience love in action, requests any donations of empty containers, such as Cool Whip containers, larger yogurt containers, cottage cheese, etc... for leftover food.

A box has been placed in the church entry for any donations. A very sincere THANK YOU for your generosity!

SPECIAL MUSIC

If anyone would like to provide special music, or know of someone who would be willing to provide special music—PLEASE contact one of the worship committee members: Augusta, Emma, Julie, Connie or Colleen.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday Services start at 11:00 am.

Sunday, September 7 – Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, September 14 – Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, September 21 – Outdoor Worship—Weather Permitting

Sunday, September 28 – Worship in the Sanctuary



YMLC NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The newsletter deadline is set for the 20th of the month. Please let Angie know of any additions or changes to the newsletter you would like to make.

Next newsletter deadline is September 20th.

Email Angie at: yellowmedicinelutheranchurch@gmail.com. **If you would prefer to read the newsletter online** (and save printing and mailing costs), please email yellowmedicinelutheranchurch@gmail.com.

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Please notify us when:

There is a birth or
adoption of a child

There is a death in
your family

There is a
hospitalization in
your family

Someone becomes
home bound

Someone becomes
unemployed

You move or get a new
phone number

A child moves out of
the house or
attends college, or
whenever there is a
cause for sorrow or
a cause for joy.

PRAYER LIST:

At YMLC – Doug Anderson, Carol Engel, Elmo Volstad, Bob Hoseck, Les Reisner, Ruth Sharkey, Lola Hoseck, Bonnie Gustafson, Angie Harris

In the Community – Jeff Mertens, Rudy Espinoza, Morgan Dale, Pastor Larry Olson

(If you know of any changes to the prayer list, please let Angie know. We will have people on the prayer list for a month and then remove them unless we receive an additional request or are given details for longer.)

YMLC EAST & WEST CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

- **NO SHRUBBERY SHALL BE ALLOWED.**
 - **ALL FAMILY DECORATIONS ARE AT THE FAMILY'S OWN RISK AND WILL BE REMOVED AT THE NEXT MOWING.**
 - **ALL FOOT MARKERS ARE TO BE SET AT GRASS LEVEL TO PRECLUDE EQUIPMENT DAMAGE.**
 - **IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE SEXTONS TO ENTER UPON ANY LOT OR GRAVE TO PROHIBIT, MODIFY, OR REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY STRUCTURE OR OBJECT WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PLACED THERE IN VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SUBMITTED, OR WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED IN THEIR JUDGMENT TO BE UNSIGHTLY, DANGEROUS, OBJECTIONABLE, OR INTERFERING WITH THE CEMETERY OPERATIONS.**
 - **FAMILY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF SNOW REMOVAL IN THE CASE OF WINTER BURIALS.**
- THE CEMETERY BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THESE RULES OR TO MAKE SUCH OTHER RULES AS THEY DEEM NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CEMETERY. NO NOTICE OF SUCH INTENDED CHANGES SHALL BE REQUIRED.**

We're on the web!

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Contributions



If you are in need of a new box of contribution envelopes, please contact Angie and she will get you one. But please use the old box until it is empty.

The tithes and donations you make to Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church make a difference to our church and our community. There are various ways you can donate:

- We pass a collection plate during services
- You can send a check to YMLC, P. O. Box 119, Hanley Falls, MN 56245
- Electronic giving is available for 24/7 donations. Just visit www.yellowmedicinelutheran.org under GIVING and press the "DONATE NOW" button.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops."
Proverbs 3:9

Monthly Treasurer's Report - Jun 2025

6/1/2025 through 6/30/2025

7/7/2025

8/11/2025

Monthly Treasurer's Report - Jul 2025

7/1/2025 through 7/31/2025

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Category	6/1/2025-6/30/2025
INFLOWS	
RECEIPTS	
General Expense Offerings	4,940.45
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,940.45
TOTAL INFLOWS	4,940.45
OUTFLOWS	
LOCAL MINISTRY	
Federal & State Withholding	153.83
FICA-Medicare (lay employees)	148.33
Gifts Given	86.80
Pastor's Salary	2,871.00
Staff Salaries	1,938.92
Travel Expense (Pastor)	51.80
TOTAL LOCAL MINISTRY	5,250.68
OUR CHURCH BUILDING	
Misc. Supplies	121.33
Property Upkeep - Church Building	207.28
Utilities & Fuel	264.93
TOTAL OUR CHURCH BUILDING	593.54
WORSHIP & EDUCATION	
e-Giving Transaction Fees	15.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	296.89
TOTAL WORSHIP & EDUCATION	311.89
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	6,156.11
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,215.66

SAVINGS	
Parsonage Sale	\$ 30,755.89
Food Stand Profits	9,158.17
Other savings	102,273.31
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 142,187.37
CHECKING	
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 5/31/25	\$ 12,146.19
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 6/30/25	10,930.53
TOTAL SAVINGS & CHECKING:	\$ 1,215.66
	\$ 153,117.90

Category	7/1/2025-7/31/2025
INFLOWS	
FOOD STAND INCOME	
Food Stand Receipts	200.00
TOTAL FOOD STAND INCOME	200.00
RECEIPTS	
General Expense Offerings	5,241.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,241.20
TOTAL INFLOWS	5,441.20
OUTFLOWS	
FOOD STAND EXPENSES	
Food Stand Supply Expenses	90.00
TOTAL FOOD STAND EXPENSES	90.00
LOCAL MINISTRY	
FICA-Medicare (lay employees)	101.97
Pastor's Salary	2,871.00
Staff Salaries	1,333.17
Travel Expense (Pastor)	108.84
TOTAL LOCAL MINISTRY	4,414.98
OUR CHURCH BUILDING	
Misc. Supplies	67.63
New Equipment & Maintenance	460.00
Property Upkeep - Church Building	691.02
Utilities & Fuel	272.71
TOTAL OUR CHURCH BUILDING	1,491.36
WORSHIP & EDUCATION	
e-Giving Transaction Fees	40.05
Office Supplies & Repairs	156.00
TOTAL WORSHIP & EDUCATION	196.05
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	6,192.39
OVERALL TOTAL	-751.19

SAVINGS	
Parsonage Sale	\$ 30,755.89
Food Stand Profits	9,158.17
Other savings	102,278.25
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 142,192.31
CHECKING	
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 6/30/25	\$ 10,955.53
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 7/31/25	10,204.34
TOTAL SAVINGS & CHECKING:	\$ 751.19
	\$ 152,396.65

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 9th, 2025, 6:30p

Present: Kevin Eye, Daryl Gregoire, Rich Hagen, Gary Enger, Teresa Oftedahl, Pastor Sarah Tadé
Absent: Megan McPhail, Vonnie Severson, Augusta Volstad

1. Call meeting to order by Chairperson Kevin
2. Devotions led by Pastor Sarah
3. Agenda was approved
4. Secretary's Minutes were approved
5. Treasurer's Report was approved
6. Committee Reports: Parish Ed – Stewardship – Worship – P & M.
7. P & M: Southwest Glass, out of Marshall, was contacted to repair the door threshold in the Narthex next week and Larson's, out of Dawson, was contacted to do the cement work on the sidewalk in front of it later this month.
8. Pastor Report: Pastor Sarah talked about an upcoming baptism in October. She visited shut-ins at Granite Ridge and did a church service there this week. She also wants to have a meeting about the upcoming Sunday School year. She would like to meet with Worship Committee this month.
9. Kevin updated the council about the Civil War Ceremony that was held at the East Cemetery last month.
10. Rich said he will set up a Cemetery Board Meeting to discuss some issues later this month.
11. Council discussed a letter to be sent out to in-active members and made some changes in wording.
12. Rich & Kevin talked to council about the schedule for workers for the upcoming Threshing Show. They will set out the sign-up sheet and then contact people to fill in the openings.
13. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13th, 6:30pm, Care Center
14. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Hagen, Acting Secretary

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 13th, 2025
6:30pm - Care Center


Present: Kevin Eye, Megan McPhail, Vonnie Severson, Pastor Sarah Tadé, Augusta Volstad, Gary Enger, special guest Terri Thostenson (Sexton of cemetery committee)
Absent: Teresa Oftedahl, Rich Hagen, Daryl Gregoire

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kevin.
2. Devotions were led by Kevin.
3. Agenda was approved.
4. Secretary's Minutes were reviewed and approved.
5. Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.
6. Terri provided an update from the Cemetery Committee. There are 11 vacant lots left for sale in the East Cemetery, sections A/B/C/D. There are 104 lots owned by an R.M. Roslid for whom we have no contact information. Lot pricing is \$100 for church members, \$200 for non-members for a 4x16 foot plot, which is much lower than some neighboring areas (for example, Echo is \$1000/lot). The committee would like to start plotting more of the land on north edge so that it is ready to be sold.
7. Committee Reports: Parish Ed no updates. Stewardship no updates. Worship will be meeting in the next week. P & M no updates.
8. Pastor Sarah provided a Report. There was a baptism at YMLC this month. Pastor has been visiting members in the community. She assisted with working at the food stand and enjoyed the Threshing Show experience and the museum. She and her husband, Noel, have been attending events in the community and getting to know people. Worship schedule is in place; Tim & Gwen will alternate preaching one Sunday/month. Other churches are using online directories or apps called "Instant Church Directory".
9. Reviewed results of letters sent to inactive members. Low response rate. Will send one more letter before removing non-contributing and/or non-responsive members.
10. Food Stand preliminary results: profit \$5,500. Thanks to all who helped organize, volunteer, and support! Will do it again next year.
11. Discussed moving YMLC service time from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM to allow the Pastor more time to greet people after GFLC service rather than having to rush out during the last hymn.
12. Next meeting will be on Sunday, September 14th at 10:15 AM prior to Worship service.
13. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Augusta Volstad, Secretary

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 9:30 am Bible Study in Care Center	3	4	5	6
7 11:00 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 COMMUNION 11:00 am Worship in person or via Facebook live. YMLC Council meets prior to worship at 10:15 am	15	16	17 WELCA Annual Meeting at 9:30 am in the church basement	18	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
21 11:00 am Worship Outdoors (weather permitting) in person or via Facebook live.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 11:00 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	29	30				