

WOMEN in ACTION 2026

**Bound Together through
Faith to Serve**



**YELLOW MEDICINE LUTHERAN CHURCH
HANLEY FALLS, MN**

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Love in Action
Proverbs 11:24a

“One gives freely, yet gains even more”

**Yellow Medicine Lutheran Women’s group
was busy in 2025.**

Quilting Mission:

-56 quilts lovingly made and distributed to Hope Harbor, Project Turnabout, and others in our community (plus good fellowship!).

-Lake Shetek Lutheran Ministries Quilt auction:

1 child quilt and 1 twin size quilt

1 handknit baby blanket

Much appreciated by the ministry

-High School Senior Family Quilt Making for 2 High School Seniors; students and family fun.

Global Health Ministries:

-26 newborn loom knitted baby hats donated by Jill Fry in loving memory of her son, Joey.

-600+ rolled bandages, made from discarded flat white sheets (donations of these are always welcome).

-40 newborn hand knitted baby caps



Greeting card Ministry:

Sending greeting cards on special occasions such as Birthdays, Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving.

Baptism Faith Gift Bags:

Giving Faith Gift Bags to new members on their baptism as a special keepsake of the sacraments.

Money Donations To:

Yellow Medicine Food Shelf, Hope Harbor, Shetek Lutheran Ministries, Project Turnabout, Santa's Sleigh, Green Lake Bible Camp, SWMN Synod.

Dates To Remember In 2026:

- World Day of Prayer: Friday March 6th, 2026.
- Spring WELCA Gathering: Saturday April 18th, 2026, at Our Saviors Lutheran in Canby.
- SW MN WELCA Synod Convention: Saturday May 2, 2026 at Granite Falls Lutheran.
- Triennial WELCA Gathering: July 16-19, 2026, in Des Moines Iowa.

Bible Study:

Several participants meet twice a month at church or via Zoom during the winter months. The latest study is "40 Days through The Bible" by Lysa Terkeurst and Proverbs 31 Ministries Team lead by Pastor Sarah or Cindy. Any questions, call or text Cindy Velde: 507-828-7593.

All are WELCOME to come and fellowship
and learn more about our loving Lord!

Thank you, YMLC women's group, for being a blessing to others in so many kind ways as you continue to show the love of Jesus.

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2026 Team Leaders

Secretary:

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Committees

Activity Committee: (Narthex & Dining Hall Christmas Trees)

*Cindy Eye
Judy Enger*

Kitchen Committee: (Keep inventory, keep supplies updated & ordered, so if you see something we need contact Carol or Connie)

*Carol Rikke (507) 430-2371
Connie Velde (507) 828-4227*

Bulletin Board Committee: (Thank you, “Unknown angel,” for doing the dining room bulletin board.)

Baptismal Faith Chests: (We take donations—contact one of the members.)

*Terri Thostenson
Connie Velde
Colleen Hewitt*

Quilting Mission: Starts Tuesday, January 6th, through March 31st, and takes place every Tuesday morning @ 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome - we teach everyone. Potluck treats and coffee at 10:00 a.m.

*Carol Tusberg
Connie Velde*

Funeral Hostesses:

<i>Cindy Velde</i>	<i>(507) 828-7593</i>
<i>Connie Velde</i>	<i>(507) 828-4227</i>
<i>Jean Nelson-Anderson</i>	<i>(507) 828-9477</i>
<i>Vonnie Severson</i>	<i>(605) 254-4370</i>

Service Team #1

CO-CHAIRS: Teresa Oftedal (507) 829-4137
 Becky Velde (320) 226-2426

		<u><i>Other Man</i></u>
Carol Tusberg	(507) 768-3593 or (303) 718-0432	Grant Velde
Nancy Dahl	(507) 768-3620 or (507) 828-4289	Zach Fischer
Laura Fischer	(507) 829-6491	Gary Anderson
Jean Nelson-Anderson	(507) 828-9477	Elmo Volstad
Julie Volstad	(507) 829-1234	Mike Dahl
Emma Gregoire	(507) 828-0593 or (507) 828-4973	Allen Torke
Barb Torke	(507) 485-3136 or (320) 981-0238	Wayne Oftedal
Bonnie Oftedal	(507) 828-2050	Daryl Gregoire
Wanda Vance	(320) 226-0024	Rick Hewitt
Colleen Hewitt	(507) 829-0722	Aaron Bakkelund
Alison Bakkenlaund	(507) 982-0501	David Oftedal
Lori Oftedal	(507) 829-0913	Bruce Tusberg

Served Funerals: Angie Harris, 10/25

Service Team #2

CO-CHAIRS: Barb Bresson (320) 226-3169
 Laura Eckstrom (507) 530-1257

		<u><i>Other Manpower:</i></u>
Amanda Stengel	(320) 981-0397	Adam Eckstrom
Connie Velde	(507) 828-4227	Tim Stengel
Vonnie Severson	(605) 2544370	Tim Velde
Shirely Mock	(507) 829-4225	Del Bresson
Britanna Torke	(320) 226-5190	Justin Torke
Barb Fry	(507) 828-2402	Rich Hagen
Lexi Stengel	(320) 981-0397	Jon Thostenson
Terri Thostenson	(320) 226-8908	Kevin Eye
Sandra Torke	(507) 530-4211	Greg Fry
Cindy Eye	(507) 829-2483	

Served Funeral: Al Torke 2/25, Gary Ellingson 10/25

Service Team #3

CO-CHAIRS: Jill Fry (507) 828-0574
Cindy Lundy (507) 423-5633

Carol Rikke	(507) 925-4255 or (507) 430-2371
Beth Brouwer	(507) 768-3604
Augusta Volstad	(406) 431-4157
Judy Enger	(507) 768-3660 or (507) 829-7137
Cindy Velde	(507) 828-7593
Sandy Sharkey	(507) 828-7329
Amanda Lecy	(507) 640-0952
Laura Picard	(507) 829-3440
Brianna Oftedahl	(507) 476-3689
Angie Thostenson	(507) 766-0909
Donna Rikke	(507) 485-2145 or (320) 981-0345

Other Manpower:

Robert Rikke
Alan Velde
Ken Rikke
Joe Thostenson
Billy Sharkey
Dennis Brouwer
Gary Enger
Steve Fry
Gary Enger

Served Funeral: Darlene Erickson 6/25

Service Team #4

CO-CHAIRS: Patty Savoie (507) 768-3625 or (507) 530-5825
Julie Oftedahl (507) 768-3635

Stephanie Fry	(507) 829-6603
Tanya Lundin	(507) 828-3501
Judy Ristau	(507) 676-0383
Carrie Jeseritz	(507) 829-2528
Megan McPhail	(507) 829-4091
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Laura Oftedahl	(320) 226-3202
Sue Lindstrom	(507) 768-3538 or (507) 829-6144
Kathy Torke	(507) 768-3402
Wendy Reisner	(507) 321-3012
Hannah Lecy	(507) 321-3012

Other Manpower:

Bob Hoseck
Bruce Lundin
Jay McPhail
Mark Oftedahl
Chuck Savoie
Mark Jeseritz
Dean Ristau
Tom Oftedahl
Larry Torke
Daryl Gregoire

Served Funeral: Wimpy Marten 8/25

GUIDELINES FOR SERVING FUNERALS

YMLC WELCA will follow Synod Guidelines.

When notified of a funeral at Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church, Angie Thostenson (507) 766-0909 will call the service team chairs and will notify the service team via email. Service team chairpersons will take calls for dessert or bars.

The co-chairs will call each person on their team, asking for donations for cake, bars or cookies, and giving the team information on when to set up for the funeral (such as the night before, or early the day of), and what time workers should arrive to help the day of the funeral.

*****REMEMBER:***

CO-CHAIRS KEEP TRACK OF FOOD DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS AND RECORDS THEM IN THE NOTEBOOK. THE NOTEBOOK IS LOCATED IN THE CHURCH KITCHEN BY THE STOVES IN A BASKET.

IF YOU CANNOT WORK, PLEASE TRY TO FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.

IF YOU CANNOT BRING FOOD, PLEASE DONATE \$10 TO "YMLC WELCA" TO HELP WITH COSTS.

FOOD DONATIONS: *If the family prefers, they may arrange to have hot dishes and salads catered in.*

Morning or Afternoon Funeral:
Cake, cupcakes, cookies or bars
Coffee and juice or water

FOOD QUANTITY GUIDELINES

	<u>50 SERVINGS</u>	<u>100 SERVINGS</u>	<u>200 SERVINGS</u>
Coffee	1 # - 3 gal. water	2 # - 6 gal. water	4 # - 12 gal. water
Lemonade	3 gal.	6 gal.	12 gal.
Cake—9" x 13" pan—cut in 15 pieces			
	3-4 cakes	7 cakes	14 cakes

GUIDELINES FOR SERVING FUNERALS (Cont.)

The two names on each list heading are co-chairpersons. After they serve, these two names go to the bottom of the list, and the next two women become the co-chairs. (Angie helps keep track of this.)

Angie will tell you the time of the funeral, whether or not the family will provide hot dish and/or salad, how many to expect for lunch, if lunch is to be served before or after mourners return from the cemetery and answer other questions you may have. Doors to church should be opened by 8:00 a.m. Carol Tusberg has a key, if you need to get in before that time.

Co-chairs contact each service group member to help set up and/or serve. Ask for manpower, if needed.

REMEMBER! WELCA members who are not in your serving group will also be calling to see if you need food donations. This is a wonderful tradition! Use the church placemats, paper plates, glass cups, and put donated wooden crosses on the tables for centerpieces.

CO-CHAIRS: Keep track of who donated food. Put that list in the funeral book located in the basket by the stoves in the kitchen. This book is a useful resource on how much food is used. Please check in cupboard for map and table set up and other instructions.

DINING ROOM SET UP FOR FUNERAL SERVING

Reserve tables for the family and pallbearers, using "family" markers.

Everyone will be served buffet style. Funeral hostesses will welcome and seat people.

Serving tables are to be set up in basement hallway at bottom of stairs.

Altar Guild Members & Schedule

Jean Nelson-Anderson *jengwa09@gmail.com*
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Judy Ristau *ristaujudy@gmail.com*
(507) 676-0383

Connie D. Velde *connie.velde@gmail.com*
(507) 828-4227

Carol Tusberg *bctusberg@gmail.com*
(507) 768-3593 or (303) 718-0432

- *January* *Connie Velde*
- *February* *Carol Tusberg*
- *March* *Carol Tusberg*
- *April*
- *May* *Jean Nelson-Anderson*
- *June* *Judy Ristau*
- *July* *Jean Nelson-Anderson*
- *August* *Judy Ristau*
- *September* *Jean Nelson-Anderson*
- *October* *Connie Velde*
- *November*
- *December* *Connie Velde*

Altar Guild members may change months with anyone else on the guild if it is agreeable. All instructions are posted in the sacristy. We are always looking for volunteers.

JANUARY - MARCH

YMLC Women in Action & Friends Quilting

Come join us each Tuesday morning starting January 6th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. There is a potluck morning coffee at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

High School Graduate quilting will start on Monday, January 12th, 2026, starting at 6:30 pm. If you have someone you would like to see included in this project, please give a call to Patty Savoie at (507)-530-5825.

YMLC WELCA Quilt Raffle will be held during Threshing Show.

JANUARY - APRIL

Bible Study

Cindy Velde will be leading our Bible Study during this time via Zoom or phone. Please contact Cindy for more information at (507) 829-7593.

FEBRUARY

Love Offering

Please donate to our Love Offering during the month of February. There are two treasure chests in the narthex where you can drop off your donations or contact Carol Tusberg with questions or donations. This donation stays with our Local WELCA. The treasure chests are out all year long.

MAY - OCTOBER

Bible Study

Bible Study will be offered in-person at church in the Care Center on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am. Come join us!

JUNE

Women in Action Shut-In Visits

Shut-in month. There will be more info coming.

JULY

Women in Action Meeting

The meeting will be held in July. More info will be coming regarding date and time.

AUGUST

Women in Action at the Threshing Show

YMLC Members are encouraged to work at the food stand. Letters are mailed out in July. Church Council is in charge of this event. Make sure you sign up and help!

YMLC Women in Action Raffle

This raffle will take place following worship Sunday morning at the Threshing Show. Tickets come on sale starting in April until August 1st and 2nd, 2026. Carol Tusberg is the team leader - contact her for questions or if you have items to have raffled. Hand-made items or gift certificates are welcome as raffle items. Winners need to make arrangements to pick up their prize.

SEPTEMBER

Women in Action Meeting

Annual Meeting will be held in September, so watch for date and time. Watch for location. Everyone is welcome to help set up for next year's plans. Some things we cover are budget, donations, and the calendar. Ideas are welcome, come share.

OCTOBER

Women in Action Meeting

Carol Rikke and Carol Tusberg are our team leaders. More info coming.

Special Projects

Special projects are being looked at with YMLC WELCA.

~Looking for plain (no colors), clean white sheets. These are used for bandages. Please contact Vonnie Severson at sevvonnie@mvtvwireless.com or (605)-254-4370.

YMLC MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

*Send them a card, go visit them,
and please remember them in your prayers!*

Mary Jane Harris 425 West Prairie St Cottonwood, MN 56229	Birthday: February 15
Arlan Gustafson 5110 230 th Avenue Granite Falls, MN 56241	Birthday: March 18
Bob Hoseck P. O. Box 88 Hanley Falls, MN 56245	Birthday: March 24
Mary Gustafson Divine House, 1505 Lower Trentwood Circle NE Willmar, MN 56201	Birthday: April 28
Doug Anderson 601 Village Drive, #103 Marshall, MN 56258	Birthday: May 8
Ruth Sharkey 705 7 th St. Room 219 Windom, MN 56101	Birthday: July 9
Les Reisner 133 West 1 st Avenue Hanley Falls, MN 56245	Birthday: August 17
Carol Engel Granite Ridge, Apt. #209, 500 Skyview Drive Granite Falls, MN 56241	Birthday: August 19
Roger Olson 2127 530 th Street Wood Lake, MN 56297	Birthday: September 9
Bonnie Gustafson 500 Skyview Drive, Apt. 110 Granite Falls, MN 56241	Birthday: September 11
Lola Hoseck P. O. Box 88 Hanley Falls, MN 56245	Birthday: September 11
Corrine (Corky) Gustafson Eventide the Linden, 1500 S. 7 th St., Apt. #1032 Moorhead, MN 56560	Birthday: November 28

YMLC Women of the ELCA

<i>Bakkeland, Alison</i>	<i>Kuehl, Teresa</i>	<i>Rikke, Carol</i>
<i>Bakkeland, Janessa**</i>	<i>Kuehl, Madelin**</i>	<i>Ristau, Judy</i>
<i>Bresson, Barb</i>	<i>Lecy, Amanda</i>	<i>Rustman, Lisa**</i>
<i>Brouwer, Beth</i>	<i>Lecy, Hannah</i>	<i>Savoie, Patty</i>
<i>Dahl, Nancy</i>	<i>Lerud, Sydney**</i>	<i>Severson, Vonnie</i>
<i>Eckstrom, Laura</i>	<i>Lindstrom, Susan</i>	<i>Sharkey, Ruth*</i>
<i>Engel, Carol*</i>	<i>Ludwig, Madasyn**</i>	<i>Sharkey, Sandy</i>
<i>Enger, Judy</i>	<i>Lundin, Tanya</i>	<i>Stengel, Amanda</i>
<i>Enstad, Sharon**</i>	<i>Lundy, Cindy</i>	<i>Stengel, Lexi</i>
<i>Eye, Cindy</i>	<i>Martin, Carol**</i>	<i>Thostenson, Angie</i>
<i>Fischer, Laura</i>	<i>Merkins, Kelsey**</i>	<i>Thostenson, Terri</i>
<i>Fry, Barb</i>	<i>McPhail, Megan</i>	<i>Torke, Barb</i>
<i>Fry, Jill</i>	<i>McPhail, Natalie</i>	<i>Torke, Britanna</i>
<i>Fry, Stephanie</i>	<i>Mock, Shirley</i>	<i>Torke, Kathy</i>
<i>Gregoire, Emma</i>	<i>Nelson-Anderson, Jean</i>	<i>Torke, Sandra</i>
<i>Gustafson, Bonnie*</i>	<i>Nelson, Susan**</i>	<i>Torke, Tara**</i>
<i>Gustafson, Corrine*</i>	<i>Oftedahl, Brianna</i>	<i>Tusberg, Carol</i>
<i>Gustafson, Mary**</i>	<i>Oftedahl, Bonnie</i>	<i>Vance, Wanda</i>
<i>Harris, Mary Jane*</i>	<i>Oftedahl, Holly**</i>	<i>Vandelanotte, Bayli</i>
<i>Hewitt, Colleen</i>	<i>Oftedahl, Julie</i>	<i>Velde, Becky</i>
<i>Hoseck, Lola*</i>	<i>Oftedahl, Laura</i>	<i>Velde, Cindy</i>
<i>Jeseritz, Carrie</i>	<i>Oftedahl, Lori</i>	<i>Velde, Connie</i>
<i>Kuehl, Naomi**</i>	<i>Picard, Laura</i>	<i>Volstad, Augusta</i>
	<i>Reisner, Wendy</i>	<i>Volstad, Julie</i>
	<i>Ricke, Donna</i>	

** senior member*

***confirmed and inactive member*

2026

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Jan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb 14 Valentine's Day
Feb 16 Presidents' Day
Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
Apr 5 Easter Sunday
Apr 6 Easter Monday
Apr 15 Tax Day
May 5 Cinco de Mayo

May 10 Mother's Day
May 25 Memorial Day
Jun 14 Flag Day
Jun 19 Juneteenth
Jun 21 Father's Day
Jul 3 'Independence Day' day off
Jul 4 Independence Day
Sep 7 Labor Day
Oct 12 Columbus Day

Oct 31 Halloween
Nov 3 Election Day
Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day
Nov 27 Black Friday
Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 31 New Year's Eve

Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY