



Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church * ELCA

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Pastor Ponderings



Lent to Easter and Beyond

Easter is coming and this year we will end the month of March with all the resurrection joy. Lent is an important part of waiting. We need to journey through Lent and especially through holy week to understand Easter.

Lent is really a wonderful time for us. It is a time of quiet and reflection. It is a time to “return to the Lord”. It is a time to remember that God is God. We can never fully understand or comprehend all that God is. So take time to look around at the wonder of how the seasons renew the creation. Consider all the ways that plants and insects serve God. Consider the importance of termites for converting wood to soil. Or how the plants succeed at growing in the cracks of patios or granite rock again changing the landscape to God’s newest design. God’s greatness is made apparent when we open ourselves to be “altered by the Spirit” during this season of Lent.

Holy week expands our understanding of God’s greatness. It is a really important and special time. For without Good Friday there would be no Easter. Consider, too, how on Maundy Thursday we remember the ongoing renewal that Christ gave us with the Lord’s supper. We are reminded that Christ taught us to be servant leaders.

We are called to continue to proclaim the good news as Christ did. We all share in being the voice and hands of Christ in our world today and every day. The joy of Easter carries us throughout the year and prepares us for springtime in April.

April will then be filled with all the new birth of life and plants. May we join in celebrating the wonder of God’s creativity every day and especially as we gather for worship each Sunday.

Blessings,
Interim Pastor Deborah Nissen



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Mid-week Lenten Services are held each Wednesday evening during Lent. There will be a Lenten Supper at 6:15 pm, followed by worship at 7:00 pm, all downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. 1



MARCH ASSIGNMENTS:

Pastor:

- 3 Deborah Nissen
- 6 (Lenten Wed.)
- 10 Deborah Nissen
- 13 (Lenten Wed.)
- 17 Tim Savarese
- 20 (Lenten Wed.)
- 24 (Palm Sunday) Deborah Nissen
- 28 (Maundy Thursday) Deborah Nissen
- 29 (Good Friday) Deborah Nissen
- 31 (Easter Sunday) Bishop Dee Pederson

Accompanists:

- 3 Emma Gregoire
- 10 Augusta Volstad
- 17 Emma Greoire
- 24 (Palm Sunday) Augusta Volstad
- 28 (Maundy Thursday) Augusta Volsstad
- 29 (Good Friday) Emma Gregoire
- 31 (Easter Sunday) Emma Gregoire

Ushers:

- 3 Jon Thostenson
- 10 Justin Torke
- 17 Brooks Torke
- 24 Kevin Eye
- 31 Gary Enger

Lay Readers:

- 3 Kris Nygaard
- 10 Julie Volstad
- 17 Augusta Volstad
- 24 Kris Nygaard
- 28 Cindy Eye
- 29 (2) Julie Volstaad
Cindy Eye
- 31 Kris Nygaard

Technology

- 3 Kevin Eye
- 6 (Lenten Wed.) Kris Nygaard
- 10 Kevin Eye
- 13 (Lenten Wed.) Kris Nygaard
- 17 Bonnie Oftedahl
- 20 (Lenten Wed.) Kris Nygaard
- 24 (Palm Sunday) Bonnie Oftedahl
- 28 (Maundy Thursday) Kris Nygaard
- 29 (Good Friday) Kris Nygaard
- 31 (Easter) Kevin Eye

Altar Guild:

- Carol Tusberg
- Wanda Vance

Communion Assistant

- Daryl Gregoire

APRIL ASSIGNMENTS:

Pastor:

- 7 Tim Savarese
- 14 Deborah Nissen
- 21 Deborah Nissen
- 28 Deborah Nissen?

Accompanists:

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

Ushers:

- 7 Jon Thostenson
- 14 Justin Torke
- 21 Brooks Torke
- 28 Kevin Eye

Lay Readers:

- 7 Augusta Volstad
- 14 Cindy Eye
- 21 Julie Volstad
- 28 Kris Nygaard

Technology

- 7 Mike Oftedahl
- 14 Bonnie Oftedahl
- 21 Kris Nygaard
- 28 Kris & Kevin

Altar Guild:

- Kris Nygaard

Communion Assistant

- Vonnie Severson

Funeral Chairs:

Service Team #1 will be in charge of the next funeral.
Co-chairs are:
Wanda Vance (320) 226-0024 and
Colleen Hewitt (507) 829-0722



MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

- 5 Austin Eckstrom
- Nancy Sharkey
- 6 Aaron Bakkelund
- 7 Julie Oftedahl
- Wayne Oftedahl
- 9 Adeline Dunker
- Cora Dunker
- 12 Vernon Elingson
- 13 Asley Jorgenson
- 16 Del Bresson
- Wendy Reisner
- Carol Tusberg
- 18 Ebba Gregoire
- Arlan Gustafson
- 19 Liam Eckstrom
- 21 Brianna Oftedahl
- Morgan Thorkelson
- 22 Carol Martin
- Sandy Sharkey
- 23 Oskar Gregoire
- 24 Bob Hoseck
- Tim Velde

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

- 6 Arlene Haroldson
- 7 Keith Redetzke
- 8 Dean Ristau
- 11 Jean Nelson-Anderson
- 14 David Oftedahl
- 15 Isaac Bautista
- 16 Mally Fischer
- 18 Sutton McCoss
- 19 Landon Albertson
- Zachary Thorkelson
- 22 William Lecy
- Catie Dahl
- Cameron McPhail
- 24 Barbara Fry
- 27 Lillian Birkel
- Alexander Thostenson
- 28 Mary Gustafson
- 29 Kelsey Halvorson

YMLC NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The newsletter deadline is set for the 20th of the month. Please let Annette know of any additions or changes to the newsletter you would like to make. **Next newsletter deadline is April 20th.** Email Annette at: annettelsharkey@gmail.com. **If you would prefer to read the newsletter online** (and save printing and mailing costs), please email annettelsharkey@gmail.com.

WOMEN-IN-ACTION QUILTING:



Come join us each Tuesday morning starting at 9:00 am. There is a potluck morning coffee at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome!

YMLC WELCA Quilts Raffle will be held during the Threshing Show this year, which is the first weekend in August.

Weather Related Cancellations Of Sunday School and Worship Services

Please listen to the following stations for weather related announcements regarding Sunday cancellations:

KMHL – 1400 AM (Marshall)

or

KDMA – 1460 AM (Montevideo)

Cancellations will also be listed on our facebook page:

www.facebook.com/yellowmedicinelutheran

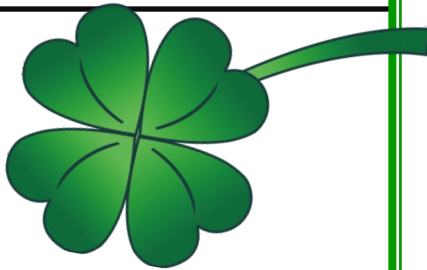


YMLC Stewardship Offerings 4 weeks beginning Sunday, January 28, 2024 and ending Sunday, February 18, 2024

General Fund	\$	5,831.00
Cemetery Fund		1,761.25
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$	7,592.25

Budgeted each week: \$1,606

YTD Budgeted Offering	\$	12,848.00
YTD Actual Offering		9,656.00
BEHIND BUDGET	\$	3,192.00

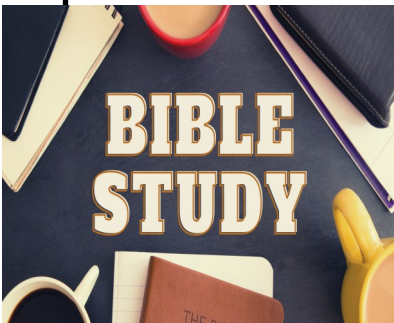


SAVE THE DATE!

Once-a-month
SUNDAY SCHOOL
On March 20th
and April 14th
9:45 am
in the
Fellowship Hall.

For Children 10 yrs. & under and their parents!

We hope to see you there!

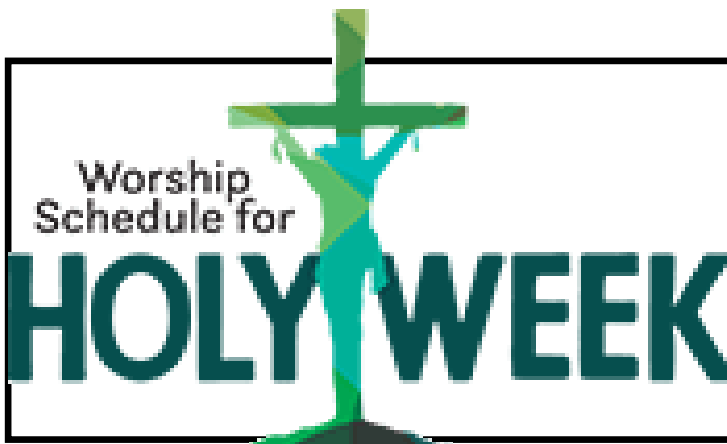


In-Person Bible Study will be held in April on April 2 & April 16th at 9:30 am. Please contact Cindy Velde if you wish to participate by calling her at (507) 828-7593.

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 their 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.

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

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.



Worship
Schedule for
HOLY WEEK

LENTEN SERVICES
Every Wednesday in March
6:15-7:00 pm - supper and fellowship
7:00-7:30 pm - service in the Fellowship Hall

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:
March 24th, 10:30 a m Palm Sunday service
March 28th, 5:30 pm - Maundy Thursday service
(with communion)
March 29th, 3:00 pm - Good Friday service
March 31 at 7:00 am - Easter service (with communion)



NARTHEX PROJECT IN THE WORKS!

We are adding more ceiling insulation, replacing the tiles with sheet rock, new lighting and new siding on the outside of the Narthex. We expect this project to be completed mid-March. We are using Funds designated for the Narthex Remodeling Project and also Food Stand



Please join us for our Easter Sunrise Service at Yellow Medicine Lutheran. We gather at 7:00 am for Worship and join together after worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for an Easter Breakfast provided by Del & Barb Bresson!

YMLC would help sponsor any youth interested in attending either Lake Shetek Bible Camp or Green Lake Bible Camp.

If interested, please contact Annette. annettelsharkey@gmail.com

For the 2024 Youth Summer Bible Camp, YMLC will reimburse 50% of the costs + if the individual has funds in the YMLC youth funds account. Take action before it all runs out!

GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN ministries

SPRING & SUMMER 2024 PROGRAMMED RETREATS

Gather to learn about the sacrament.
FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP
GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP
March 16, 2024

Grades 2-6 get ready for some fun!
SPRING FEVER
GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP
April 20, 2024

Help us welcome the summer season.
CAMP HOUSE OPENING
CAMP HOUSE
May 17-19, 2024

A North Shore getaway for all ages!
SPIRIT RIDE & STRIDE
CAMP HOUSE
August 15-19, 2024

GET MORE INFO & REGISTER ONLINE GLLM.ORG

Register online at:
<https://www.gllm.org/summer-camp.html>

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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

E 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 – Carol Engel, Elmo Volstad, Bob Hoseck, Les Reisner, Ruth Sharkey, Lola Hoseck, Bonnie Gustafson, Angie Harris
In the Community — Linda Rikke

(If you know of any changes to the prayer list, please let Annette 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!
www.yellowmedicinelutheran.org

Contributions



If you are in need of a new box of contribution envelopes, please contact Annette 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 firstfruits of all your crops."
Proverbs 3:9

Monthly Treasurer's Report - Last month
11/2024 through 1/31/2024

Category	1/1/2024-1/31/2024
INFLOWS	
RECEIPTS	
Easter Lilies	12.00
General Expense Offerings	4,190.07
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,202.07
FROM FIB Investment Savings #7033292	4,000.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	8,202.07
OUTFLOWS	
LOCAL MINISTRY	
FICA-Medicare (lay employees)	172.89
Gifts Given	100.00
Pastor's Salary	2,207.00
Staff Salaries	2,260.00
Travel Expense (Pastor)	196.50
TOTAL LOCAL MINISTRY	4,936.39
OUR CHURCH BUILDING	
New Equipment & Maintenance	26.00
Property Insurance	3,150.00
Property Upkeep - Church Building	445.83
Utilities & Fuel	373.18
Worker's Compensation	502.00
TOTAL OUR CHURCH BUILDING	4,497.01
WORSHIP & EDUCATION	
e-Giving Transaction Fees	14.95
Office Supplies & Repairs	205.83
TOTAL WORSHIP & EDUCATION	220.78
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	9,854.18
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,452.11

SAVINGS	
Parsonage Sale	\$ 30,755.89
Food Stand Profits	30,033.98
Other savings	<u>97,752.75</u>
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 158,542.62
CHECKING	
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 12/31/23	\$ 2,481.94
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 1/31/24	<u>1,029.83</u>
	\$ 1,452.11
TOTAL SAVINGS & CHECKING:	\$ 159,572.45

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
~~Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 6:30 pm~~
Postponed to Sunday, February 18, 2024, after Church Service

Members Present: Kevin Eye, Daryl Gregoire, Vonnie Severson, Bonnie Oftedahl, Gary Enger, Rich Hagen, Augusta Volstad, special guest Interim Pastor Deborah Nissen
Absent: Kristin Nygaard

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Kevin Eye.
2. Devotions led by Gary Enger.
3. Addition made to agenda. Agenda approved.
4. Secretary's Minutes reviewed & approved.
5. Treasurer's Report reviewed & approved. Special Funds report will be sent for review as well.
6. Committee Reports: **Parish Ed** - Sunday School was held 2/11 and will be every 2nd Sunday. Kris sent invitation cards. All children welcome! Next Sunday School date is March 10th at 9:45 AM. **P&M** - Work has started on the Narthex. More insulation added. Jeseritz Electric doing recessed lighting. Greg & Eric will do taping, mudding, and painting. Inside first, and then outside (Dave). Will fix soffit that's hanging down and some rotting boards in corner. Gary will find key to open door for access.
7. Interim Pastor Report: please see Pastor Deborah's letter.
8. Old Business
 - Appreciation gifts were given in 2022 to Augusta, Emma, and Annette. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to continue this for 2023.
 - Mission opportunities/speakers: Vonnie is in contact with a missionary from Minneapolis who is currently in India but will be back early March, after which they will be invited to speak at YMLC regarding missionary opportunities.
 - Narthex Project: Total will be around \$20,000. Fund is a little over \$10,000. Motion made, seconded, and carried to use Food Stand funds for the remaining balance.
 - Synod Assembly in June (Friday/Saturday) at Gustavus. Rick & Colleen have gone before. Augusta interested. Up to two people can go.
9. New Business
 - Yearly schedule of responsibilities assigned.
 - o Communion Assistants & Devotional Leaders (same schedule as 2023): Daryl-March, Vonnie-April, Kris-May, Augusta-June, Bonnie-July, Kevin-August, Bonnie-September, Kris-October, Rich-November, Kevin-December, Daryl-January, Gary-February
 - o P&M Committee: Rich, Gary, Kevin
 - o Worship Committee: Julie, Emma, Connie Augusta, Kris, Vonnie, Bonnie (combine Parish Ed)
 - o Stewardship Committee: Brianna, Judy, Cindy E., Carrie, Daryl
 - Prairie Conference Assembly today at 2:00 pm at First Lutheran Church in Marshall. We have opportunity to send a lay male to Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, AZ from 7/28-8/2/2025.
 - Bible Camp: For any children interested in attending, YMLC will pay 50% of cost plus whatever money is in the Youth Funds account. Motion made, seconded, and carried.
 - One-day camps for Greek Lake: Considering a one-day camp here at YMLC this summer. Would need 20 children to sign up. Check with GFLC on their schedule for doing VBS to avoid overlap.
 - Lent Suggestion: For the 40 days of Lent, place one item from your home into a box to donate.
 - Facebook: GFLC has been doing a "Word of the Day". Go check it out!
10. Next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 10th, following the 10:30 am Worship Service.
11. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Augusta Volstad, Secretary

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10:30 am Worship in Fellowship Hall in person or via Facebook live. Potluck follows Worship. LAST DAY TO ORDER LILIES!	4	5 9:00 am WIA Quilting	6 9:00 am to noon Office Hours for Pr. Deborah at YMLC 6:15 pm Lenten Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Worship in Fellowship Hall	7	8	9
10 COMMUNION 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live. Council meets following Worship Service	11	12 9:00 am WIA Quilting	13 10:00 am Bible Study via Zoom 6:15 pm Lenten Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Worship in Fellowship Hall	14	15	16
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24 PALM SUNDAY 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	25	26 9:00 am WIA Quilting	27 10:00 am Bible Study via Zoom	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30 PM Worship Service	29 GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 pm Worship	30
31 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 am Sunrise Service followed by Easter Breakfast						

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APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:30 am In-Person Bible Study in Care Center	3 9:00 am to noon. Office Hours for Pr. Deborah at YMLC	4	5	6
7 10:30 am Worship in Fellowship Hall in person or via Facebook live.	8	9	10	11	12	13
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