



Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church * ELCA

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Pastor Ponderings



July August

**JULY/AUGUST
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⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6.7-10



We are in the growing season. Crops were planted. Rains have come. Now the sunshine and the growth! Knee high by the Fourth of July, isn't that the adage? I've noticed that most years in Southwestern MN the corn is a good deal taller than that!

The time after Pentecost is a growing time for our faith. The liturgical color is green! It seems like a down time for church activities but our own spiritual growth is not marked by activities but rather how near we feel to the Living God, and how God is able to use us! Remember that God is working in every season! Where have you seen God's hand at work already in 2025?

At this midway point through the year, it's a good moment to recommit to the people and purpose that God has place in front of you, and renew your heart for the next leg of the journey.

One writer says "You don't have to see the full harvest to know the seeds are working. Stay rooted in faith. The Fruit will come."

As I write the world feels very shaky and uncertain, as geopolitical tensions mount, and our country has entered into another war, and political violence has hit right here in Minnesota. Yet our faith grounds us, and so does life in community. Encourage one another. Find ways to reach out and include people that may need a place to belong. Let your words and your actions speak love.

What children could be invited to attend Vacation Bible School? They don't need to be members of the church. They could be grandchildren or neighbors. Who can help get them there and back?

Ponder these words: *if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.*

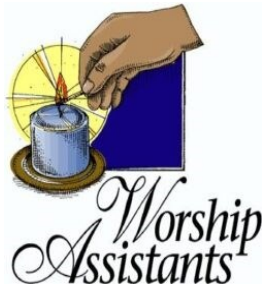
I have enjoyed our first Sundays together, beginning to get to know the region, a bit of the history of the Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church and you! May we be open to growth in this season of summer, and know that God is at work. May we be God's instruments of peace. *Pastor Sarah*

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**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

We are looking for a co-leader to help with the Threshing Show. If you are interested, or know someone that would be, please call or text Angie at 507-766-0909.



JULY ASSIGNMENTS:

Leader:

6 Pastor Sarah Tadé
13 Pastor Sarah Tadé
20 Gwen Arneson
27 Pastor Sarah Tadé

Accompanists:

6 Emma Gregoire
13 Emma Gregoire
20 Augusta Volstad
27 Augusta Volstad

Ushers:

6 Jon Thostenson
13 Justin Torke
20 Brooks Torke
27 Kevin Eye

Lay Readers

6 Cindy Eye
13 Elmo Volstad
20 Julie Volstad
27 Augusta Volstad

Technology

6 Bonnie Oftedahl
13 Bonnie Oftedahl
20 Bonnie Oftedahl
27 Bonnie Oftedahl

Altar Guild:

Jean Nelson-Anderson

Communion Assistant

Teresa Oftedahl

Funeral Chairs:

Service Team #4 will be in charge of the next funeral.
Co-chairs are:
Sue Lindstrom 507-768-3538 or 507-829-6144 and
Kathy Torke 507-768-3402

AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS:

Leader:

3 Tim Velde
10 Pastor Sarah Tadé
17 Pastor Sarah Tadé
24 Tim Velde
31 Pastor Sarah Tadé

Accompanists:

3 Elmo Volstad
10 Emma Gregoire
17 Emma Gregoire
24 Augusta Volstad
31 Augusta Volstad

Ushers:

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

Lay Readers

3 Ayla Volstad Hughes
10 Cindy Eye
17 Elmo Volstad
24 Julie Volstad
31 Augusta Volstad

Technology

3 None Needed
10 Kevin Eye
17 Julie Volstad
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31 Bonnie Oftedahl

Altar Guild:

Judy Ristau

Communion Assistant

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July Birthdays!

1 Tessa Lundin
3 Landon Dale
Linda Hagen
Barb Torke
Connie Velde
5 Robert Ricke
6 Laura Fischer
7 Stephanie Fry
8 Brantley Torke
9 Sharon Enstad
Ruth Sharkey
10 Rich Hagen
Cindy Lundy
12 Janessa Bakkelund
14 Wayne Reisner
15 Kevin Sharkey
16 Gary Anderson
Tim Stengel
17 Milo Brusven
20 Kolin Eckstrom
22 Ryn Torke
29 Rebecca Velde



August Birthdays!

3 Allen Roder
Brittany Torgerson
9 Dylan Nelson
Christopher Picard
10 Brandon Fry
Scott Rowberg
16 Colten Lerud
17 Emerson Eckstrom
Leslie Reisner
19 Carol Engel
Dylan Lindstrom
21 Seth Lecy
22 Megan McPhail
23 Wyatt Rolli
26 Zachary Fischer
27 Judy Enger
Tyson Velde
28 Gary Ellingson



YMLC Stewardship Offerings

4 weeks beginning
Sunday, June 1, 2025
and ending Sunday, June 22, 2025

General Fund	\$	4,562.18
Cemetery Fund		200.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$	4,762.18

Budgeted each week: \$1,537

YTD Budgeted Offering	\$	39,962.00
YTD Actual Offering		36,115.13
BEHIND BUDGET	\$	3,846.87



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.

Bible Study will meet Tuesday, July 9th, at 9:30 am in the Care Center. This will be our last one in July. Starting in August, we will resume with a new study. Stay tuned to find out what we are going to study this next session! If you have any questions or want to join, please contact Cindy Velde at 507-828-7593.

2025 YMLC WELCA RAFFLE

Quilt

Handmade Wood Item

\$50 Cash

\$50 Cash

\$50 Cash

YMLC WELCA Cookbook

\$1.00 per ticket or 6/\$5.00.

Drawing to be held Sunday, August 3rd after church service on museum grounds. Need not be present to win.

Get your tickets from any of the WELCA Ladies!!



THANK YOU!

Glenn and I would like to thank the support of all those members from Yellow Medicine Lutheran that have said prayers, brought food, and visited us. Thank you to whoever sent flowers to the hospital from the church while we were there! Such a nice surprise to remind us that everyone cares! We continue to heal at home, and any prayers are appreciated!

God is GOOD!

Annette & Glenn Sharkey

THE THRESHING SHOW IS BEING HELD AUGUST 2nd & 3rd, 2025

The Threshing Show Food Stand is our major fundraiser project for Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church. The Food Stand has helped us pay for many projects for our church (such as the elevator, new windows in the Parish Education Center, air conditioning, roof repair, narthex remodeling, etc.), but we have many more projects that still need to be done. We cannot take care of these projects with funds from the general offering as there is not enough to cover extra expenses. Therefore, it is very important for our church to continue this Food Stand fundraiser.



As a member of the Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church congregation, we would like to call on you to help with this fundraising effort. There is a Food Stand Sign-up sheet in the narthex. There are many jobs on different days and times, so please sign up in the narthex or call/text Angie Thostenson at 507-766-0909. Everyone's help is needed to get the job done.

Congregational members are also asked to bring 2 pies or 2 pans of bars. **Pies and bars should be delivered to the museum basement by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.** If you are unable to donate pies or bars, please bring or send (YMLC PO Box 119, Hanley Falls, MN 56245) a donation of \$25.00.

Thank you in advance for all of your help! It is greatly appreciated.

Get Ready for an Adventure at VBS!

Monday – Thursday, August 4th – 7th from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Join us for exciting Bible stories, energetic music, awesome crafts, delicious snacks & supper and fun games. Bring your friends – all are welcome!

Day Camp is open to campers who have completed pre-school through 5th grades (next year K-6th) Curriculum is tailored to accommodate all ages, including an age-appropriate curriculum of Bible studies, games and crafts. There will be a Wednesday evening program for family and friends to attend.

\$35 per child with a \$70 max per family. Contact Angie to register.

Calling All Little Explorers!

Join us for Preschool Vacation Bible School – a fun, faith-filled adventure made just for ages 4-5! We'll sing, play, snack, and learn about God's love in a way little ones understand and enjoy."

Monday – Thursday August 4th – 7th, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm (tentatively)

Snack provided

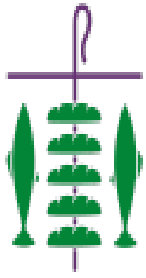
There is no charge for Preschool VBS. Contact Angie to register.



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 August 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. 4



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 JULY

Sunday Services start at 10:30 am.

- Sunday, July 6 – Worship in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, July 13 – Worship in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, July 20 – Outdoor Worship—Weather Permitting
- Sunday, July 27 – Worship in the Sanctuary



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Sunday Services start at 10:30 am. except August 3rd—Threshing Show



- Sunday, August 3 – Threshing Show Worship at the Museum Grounds at 8:30 am
- Sunday, August 10 – Worship in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, August 17 – Outdoor Worship—Weather Permitting
- Sunday, August 24 – Worship in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, August 31 – Worship in the Sanctuary

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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 – Glenn & Annette Sharkey, Doug Anderson, Carol Engel,
Elmo Volstad, Bob Hoseck, Les Reisner, Ruth Sharkey, Lola
Hoseck, Bonnie Gustafson, Angie Harris
In the Community – Family of Tessa Bossuyt, 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!
www.yellowmedicinelutheran.org

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 - May 2025

5/1/2025 through 5/31/2025

6/10/2025

5/1/2025-
5/31/2025

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 11th, 2025, 6:30p

Present: Kevin Eye, Gary Enger, Megan McPhail, Teresa Ofstedahl, Vonnie Severson
Absent: Daryl Gregoire, Rich Hagen, Augusta Volstad

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Kevin
2. Devotions led by Kevin
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: Issues with the toilets/water near the kitchen has been fixed and lighting in the chair lift.
8. Kevin had met with the GFLC executive council on May 21st, to update the Pastoral Sharing Agreement.
9. Approved planting a maple tree in the east cemetery
10. Cemetery Sexton's and Cemetery board will be meeting soon
11. Discussion about mowing our cemeteries – with flowers, plants, ~~etc~~ left following Memorial Day.
12. Reviewed YMLC membership. Need to encourage inactive members to be active...sending letters next month. Current individual membership is 200.
13. There will be a ceremony on June 21st at 1pm in the east cemetery for Ole Simundson for serving in the union of the Civil War, by the sons of union veteran's organization.
14. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 9th, 6:30pm, Care Center
15. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Megan McPhail, Acting Secretary

Category	5/1/2025- 5/31/2025
INFLWS	
RECEIPTS	
General Expense Offerings	3,609.47
Heater Fund	500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,109.47
TOTAL INFLWS	4,109.47
OUTFLOWS	
FOOD STAND EXPENSES	
Food Stand Supply Expenses	40.00
TOTAL FOOD STAND EXPENSES	40.00
LOCAL MINISTRY	
FICA-Medicare (lay employees)	88.79
FICA-Medicare (Pastor)	23.31
Pastor's Salary	304.50
Staff Salaries	1,160.92
Travel Expense (Pastor)	19.60
TOTAL LOCAL MINISTRY	1,597.12
OUR CHURCH BUILDING	
New Equipment & Maintenance	230.00
Property Upkeep - Church Building	118.24
Utilities & Fuel	428.77
TOTAL OUR CHURCH BUILDING	777.01
WORSHIP & EDUCATION	
e-Giving Transaction Fees	15.00
Worship Supplies	72.00
TOTAL WORSHIP & EDUCATION	87.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	2,501.13
OVERALL TOTAL	1,608.34

SAVINGS


Parsonage Sale	\$ 30,755.89
Food Stand Profits	9,158.17
Other savings	102,270.92
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 142,184.98

CHECKING

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 4/30/25	\$ 10,537.85
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 5/31/25	12,146.19
	\$ 1,608.34
TOTAL SAVINGS & CHECKING:	\$ 154,331.17

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church

JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 	5
6 <i>Lectionary 14</i> 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	7	8 Bible Study at 1:00 pm in the Care Center	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Lectionary 15</i> COMMUNION 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook. YMLC Council meets after worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Lectionary 16</i> 10:30 am Worship Outdoors (weather permitting) in person or via Facebook live.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <i>Lectionary 17</i> 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	28	29	30	31		

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AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Threshing Show
3 <i>Lectionary 18</i> Threshing Show Worship at 8:30 am outdoors (weather permitting) next to the Museum, in-person only	4 VBS at Granite Falls Lutheran 1:00 pm-6:00 pm	5 VBS at Granite Falls Lutheran 1:00 pm-6:00 pm	6 VBS at Granite Falls Lutheran 1:00 pm-6:00 pm	7 VBS at Granite Falls Lutheran 1:00 pm-6:00 pm	8	9
10 <i>Lectionary 19</i> COMMUNION 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook.	11	12	13 YMLC Council meets at 6:30 pm in the Care Center	14	15	16
17 <i>Lectionary 20</i> 10:30 am Worship Outdoors (weather permitting) in person or via Facebook live.	18	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21	22	23
24 <i>Lectionary 21</i> 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Lectionary 22</i> 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.						