



Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church * ELCA

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Pastor Ponderings

Happy October! I am naming this Martin Luther Month, looking ahead to the Day of Reformation on October 31st that often gets overlooked by Halloween. We observe Reformation Sunday the Sunday prior, but this year we will sprinkle a little bit of our Lutheran heritage throughout the month!

Why are we Lutherans?

What does it mean to be a Lutheran?

What happened on October 31st, 1517 in Wittenberg Germany that changed the world forever?

This month of October we'll try to answer some of these questions.

Here are some things we have to look forward to during Martin Luther Month:



We will sing a Luther hymn every Sunday in October.

Did you know there are nineteen Luther hymns in the ELW?

We will hear about Martin Luther in the Children's Sermons.

We will learn the meaning of the Lutheran Rose!

Here are some quotes by Martin Luther, just to wet our appetite.

The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.

Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

The only way to drive away the Devil is through faith in Christ, by saying: 'I have been baptized, I am a Christian.'

I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen.

I am looking forward to an excellent month with you all! *Pastor Sarah*

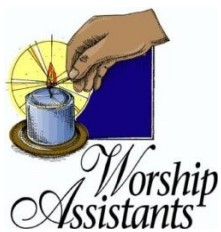


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OCTOBER ASSIGNMENTS:

Leader:

4 Pastor Sarah Tade
11 Pastor Sarah Tade
18 Tim Velde
25 Pastor Sarah Tade

Accompanists:

4 Emma Gregoire
11 Emma Gregoire
18 Augusta Volstad
25 Augusta Volstad

Ushers:

4 Jon Thostenson
11 Justin Torke
18 Brooks Torke
25 Kevin Eye

Lay Readers

4 Brynn Lundin
11 Ayla Volstad-Hughes
18 Tim Velde
25 Augusta Volstad

Technology

4 Julie Volstad
11 Julie Volstad
18 Kevin Eye
25 Paige Lehrkamp

Altar Guild:

TBD

Acolyte:

4 Tessa Lundin
11 Tessa Lundin

Communion Assistant

11 Brynn Lundin

Funeral Chairs:

Service Team #4 will be in charge of the next funeral. Co-chairs are: Steph Fry at 507-829-6603 and Tanya Lundin at 507-828-3501

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED: If you would like to help with the Altar Guild, please talk to Angie Thostenson at 507-766-0909.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH TECHNOLOGY DURING WORSHIP SERVICES, which includes streaming on Facebook and clicking through the PowerPoint during the service. Contact Kevin Eye if you're interested in learning!

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.

October Birthdays!

3 Steven Fry
8 Nancy Dahl
13 Ayla Volstad Hughes
15 Bruce Tusberg
22 Glenn Sharkey
Tanya Lundin
23 Amanda Lecy
25 Shirley Flaten
Colleen Hewitt



YMLC Stewardship Offerings 4 weeks beginning Sunday, August 30, 2026 and ending Sunday, September 20, 2026

General Fund	\$	4,812.50
Cemetery Fund		.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$	4,812.50

Budgeted each week: \$1,566

YTD Budgeted Offering	\$	59,508.00
YTD Actual Offering		55,101.05
BEHIND OF BUDGET	\$	4,406.95

HANLEY FALLS BAZAAR
 Hanley Falls American Legion Hall
Wednesday, October 21st
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
 BBQ, ham sandwiches, beans, chips, desserts, water & coffee
 Take-outs available
 BAKE SALE
 EMBROIDERED DISH TOWELS
 QUILT RAFFLE (Queen) \$1.00 PER TICKET OR
 6 FOR \$5.00

Tickets sold by Hanley Falls Seniors or day of raffle



Bible Study



Bible study was never meant to be merely academic. It's relational. Transformational. It's not simply studying a book; it's fellowshiping with a Friend. As you fellowship with Christ, you'll find yourself strengthened, renewed, energized, and empowered—like someone switched a light on.

WOMEN, WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR *Gather* BIBLE STUDY!

We will meet in the Care Center at 9:30 on 9/29 for session 2, 10/6 for session 3, and then the article on page 10 on 10/20. This is a very special time of study and mutual encouragement. Looking forward to having you join us! Contact Cindy Velde 507-828-7593 with any questions.

Effective January 1, 2026, cemetery lot prices will increase.

Member: One (1) 4' x 16' grave lot will increase to \$200.00

Non-Member: One (1) 4' x 16' grave lot will increase to \$400.00

Thanks,
 YMLC Cemetery Board

**Prairie Conference WELCA
 Fall Gathering**
 Saturday, October 17, 2026
Danebod Lutheran in Tyler
 (140 Danebod Court, Tyler, MN)

Then Sings My Soul

Psalm 95:1 "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
 Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation."

Program: Pastor Dan Bowman
 (using his saw as a musical instrument)

Registration begins at 8:30 with a fee of \$15.00.

Brunch will be served at 9:00 with fellowship included and encouraged. There will be no noon meal.

In-Kind Offering: Hygiene Closet at RTR
 Shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste,
 Feminine products, soap, comb, nail clipper
 Cash donation

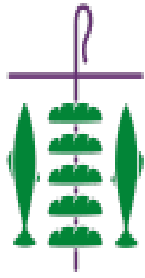


Bible Sunday!



Congratulations Elmo & Julie on 50 years!!
Come help them celebrate!





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, or Colleen.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Sunday Services start at 11:00 am.

Sunday, October 4— Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 11 — Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 18 — Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 25 — 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 October 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 – David Anderson, Barb Bresson, Kari (Severson)
VanDenHemel, Doug Anderson, Elmo Volstad, Les Reisner, Lola
Hoseck, Bonnie Gustafson
In the Community – 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 - Aug 2026

8/1/2026 through 8/31/2026

9/8/2026

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Category	8/1/2026- 8/31/2026
INFLOWS	
FOOD STAND INCOME	
Food Stand Receipts	500.00
TOTAL FOOD STAND INCOME	500.00
RECEIPTS	
General Expense Offerings	6,413.59
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6,413.59
TOTAL INFLOWS	6,913.59
OUTFLOWS	
LOCAL MINISTRY	
Federal & State Withholding	-40.00
FICA-Medicare (lay employees)	105.96
MN Paid Family Medical Leave	-4.47
Pastor's Salary	2,871.34
Staff Salaries	1,355.58
Supply Pastor Expense	356.08
Travel Expense (Pastor)	43.50
TOTAL LOCAL MINISTRY	4,687.99
OUR CHURCH BUILDING	
Property Upkeep - Church Building	95.37
Utilities & Fuel	376.13
TOTAL OUR CHURCH BUILDING	471.50
WORSHIP & EDUCATION	
e-Giving Transaction Fees	15.45
Worship Supplies	150.66
TOTAL WORSHIP & EDUCATION	166.11
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	5,325.60
OVERALL TOTAL	1,587.99

SAVINGS

Parsonage Sale	\$ 30,755.89
Food Stand Profits	9,158.17
Other savings	<u>103,111.75</u>
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 143,025.81

CHECKING

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 7/31/26	\$ 1,848.46
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 8/31/26	<u>3,736.45</u>
	\$ 1,887.99

<u>TOTAL SAVINGS & CHECKING:</u>	\$ 146,762.26
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OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 11:00 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	5	6 Bible Study at 9:30 am in the Care Center	7	8 Granite Falls Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar from 10:30 am -12:30 pm	9	10
11 COMMUNION 11:00 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	12	13	14 YMLC Council meets at 6:30 pm in the Care Center	15	16	17 Elmo & Julie's 50 th Anniversary Open House at their house from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
18 11:00 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Bible Study at 9:30 am in the Care Center	21 Hanley Falls Bazaar from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Hanley Falls American Legion	22	23	24
25 11:00 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	26	27	28	29	30	31 