



Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church * ELCA

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Pastor Ponderings



As I watch the corn in the fields growing taller every day, I'm in awe of the what comes from the miracle of seeds in the ground, sun, rain, good earth. What a sign of life! We see the same in our vegetable or flower gardens. It reminds me of the a tune I used to sing, *The Garden Song*.

*Inch by inch, row by row.
Gonna make this garden grow.
All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground.
Inch by inch, row by row.
Someone bless these seeds I sow.
Someone warm them from below
Til the rain comes tumbling down.*



The Biblestudy *i am worthy* lifts up the idea of **Imago Dei**: the human is created in the **image of God**. Then God does the surprising thing: "Immediately after humans are created in God's image, humanity is given a job, a relationship, a responsibility. God entrusts us with the care and keeping of the world." Sara Olson – Smith

We get to practice this as we live close to the land. We must not take this responsibility lightly, for there is no earth other than what is under our feet. Thank you for loving and caring for the land!

The litany below will be used the first week in August for worship during the Pioneer Power Threshing Show, and I share it with you now:

A Litany for the Land & Prairie, Great and Small

God of all creation, on this Sunday we celebrate and give thanks for prairie and pasture, field and wood lot, small town and county seat, cropland and conservation easement. We acknowledge the indigenous peoples, who were the first to live on this land.

We give thanks for rivers, streams and wetlands; for forage, wheat, corn, beans and beets; for farms and machinery and the merchants which support them. For ranchers and their animals, for farmers and the fruit of their labor and land, for agricultural businesses and markets, and everyone who serves you in feeding this world.

We celebrate and give thanks for your creation great and small: prairie chicken and red-tailed hawk, bison bull and honeybee, tall sunflower and humble prairie orchid, bonanza farm and pioneer homestead, century farm and custom combine business. All are a part of your total creation.

Yet we easily forget that we are stewards of your creation, not owners of it. We are caretakers, not masters over it. Help us see that it is all yours, and we are to return it to you and to coming generations, as generations of farmers and ranchers have done so for us.

When we look up, we say with Psalm 89: "The heavens are Yours, and also the earth. The earth and its fullness You founded."

Summer blessing to you, each one!

Pastor Sarah

July August

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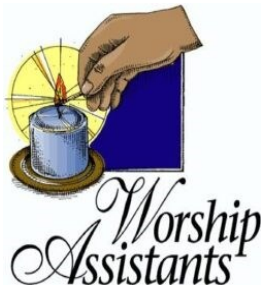
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Bible Study



BIBLE STUDY WILL BE STARTING A NEW SERIES JULY 7TH AT 9:30 AM CALLED "I AM WORTHY" BY REV. SARA OLSON SMITH.

It will begin with the story of God's creation and the "very goodness" that is spoken over every human being. "I am created in God's image. No matter what anyone says." **Pick up a printed copy of the study at church in the Care Center!** Please join us in the YMLC Care Center for this exciting study. All are welcome! If you would like more information, please contact Cindy Velde at 507-828-7593. We would love to add you to our study group.



JULY ASSIGNMENTS:

Leader:

5 Gwen Arneson
12 Pastor Sarah Tadé
19 Gwen Arneson
26 Pastor Sarah Tadé

Accompanists:

5 Augusta Volstad
12 Emma Gregoire
19 Emma Gregoire
26 Augusta Volstad

Ushers:

5 Brooks Torke
12 Kevin Eye
19 Gary Enger
26 Jon Thostenson

Lay Readers

5 Pastor Sarah Tadé
12 Julie Volstad
19 Pastor Sarah Tadé
26 Ayla Volstad Hughes

Technology

5 Julie Volstad
12 Paige Lehrkamp
19 Paige Lehrkamp
26 Kevin Eye

Altar Guild:

Jean Nelson-Anderson

Communion Assistant

Teresa Oftedahl

Funeral Chairs:

Service Team #2 will be in charge of the next funeral.
Co-chairs are:
Bab Bresson at 320-226-3169 and Laura Eckstrom at 507-530-1257

AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS:

Leader:

2 Tim Velde
9 Gwen Arneson
16 Tim Velde
23 Pastor Sarah Tadé
30 Pastor Sarah Tadé

Accompanists:

2 Augusta Volstad
9 Emma Gregoire
16 Emma Gregoire
23 Augusta Volstad
30 Emma Gregoire

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9 Brooks Torke
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Altar Guild:

Judy Ristau

Communion Assistant

Gary Enger

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July Birthdays!

1 Tessa Lundin
3 Landon Dale
Barb Torke
6 Laura Fischer
7 Stephanie Fry
8 Brantley Torke
9 Sharon Enstad
Ruth Sharkey
10 Rich Hagen
Cindy Lundy
12 Janessa Bakkellund
14 Wayne Reisner
15 Kevin Sharkey
16 Gary Anderson
Tim Stengel
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

2026 YMLC WELCA RAFFLE

Cozy Quilt

\$50 Cash

\$50 Cash

\$50 Cash

YMLC WELCA Cookbook

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

*Drawing to be held Sunday,
August 2nd after church service
on museum grounds. Need not
be present to win.*

Get your tickets from any of
the WELCA Ladies!!

YMLC Stewardship Offerings 4 weeks beginning Sunday, May 31, 2026 and ending Sunday, June 21, 2026

General Fund	\$	5,185.00
Cemetery Fund		.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$	5,185.00

Budgeted each week: \$1,566

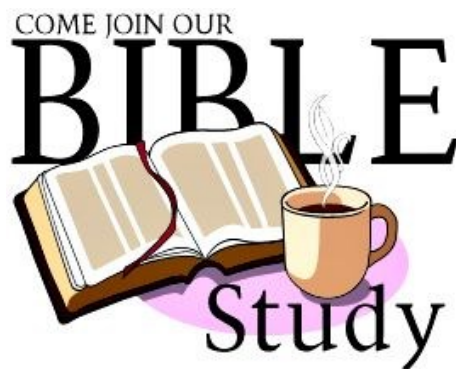
YTD Budgeted Offering	\$	39,150.00
YTD Actual Offering		38,662.55
BEHIND BUDGET	\$	487.45



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

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.



July - "I am more than one thing: Honoring our many identities."

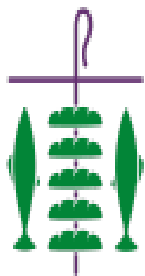
August - "I am because you are: We need one another."

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 9:30 am in the Care Center

By Sara Olson Smith, for *Gather*, the magazine of Women of the ELCA.



**Synod
Assembly
Pictures!!**



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 JULY

Sunday Services start at 11:00 am.

Sunday, July 5— Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, July 12 — Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

Sunday, July 19 — Outdoor Worship, weather permitting

Sunday, July 26 — Worship in the Sanctuary



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Sunday Services start at 11:00 am.



Sunday, August 2— 8:30 am Outdoor Worship, weather permitting at the Threshing Show (museum grounds)

Sunday, August 9 — Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

Sunday, August 16 — Outdoor Worship, weather permitting

Sunday, August 23 — Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, August 30 — 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 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.

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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 – Dee Anderson, Kari (Severson) VanDenHemel, Perry
Ofstedahl, Doug Anderson, Carol Engel, Elmo Volstad, Les
Reisner, Lola Hoseck, Bonnie Gustafson
In the Community – Jeff Mertens, Rudy Espinoza, 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 2026

5/1/2026 through 5/31/2026

6/10/2026

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Category	5/1/2026- 5/31/2026
INFLOWS	
RECEIPTS	
General Expense Offerings	5,452.59
Other Receipts	212.15
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,664.74
TOTAL INFLOWS	5,664.74
OUTFLOWS	
LOCAL MINISTRY	
Federal & State Withholding	-40.00
FICA-Medicare (lay employees)	90.53
MN Paid Family Medical Leave	-3.90
Pastor's Salary	2,871.34
Staff Salaries	1,183.33
Travel Expense (Pastor)	156.60
TOTAL LOCAL MINISTRY	4,257.90
OUR CHURCH BUILDING	
Misc. Supplies	120.23
New Equipment & Maintenance	6,512.93
Property Upkeep - Church Building	96.58
Utilities & Fuel	592.71
TOTAL OUR CHURCH BUILDING	7,322.45
WORSHIP & EDUCATION	
e-Giving Transaction Fees	15.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	104.31
Worship Supplies	66.00
TOTAL WORSHIP & EDUCATION	185.31
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	11,765.66
OVERALL TOTAL	-6,100.92

SAVINGS

Parsonage Sale	\$ 30,755.89
Food Stand Profits	9,158.17
Other savings	<u>101,651.59</u>
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 141,565.65

CHECKING

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 4/30/26	\$ 9,429.07
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 5/31/26	<u>3,328.15</u>
	\$ 6,100.92

TOTAL SAVINGS & CHECKING: **\$ 144,893.80**

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 11:00 am Worship in person or via Facebook live. Pastor Sarah Vacation	6	7 Bible Study at 9:30 am in the Care Center	8	9	10	11
12 COMMUNION 11:00 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	13	14	15 YMLC Council meets at 6:30 pm in the Care Center	16	17	18
19 11:00 am Worship Outdoors (weather permitting) in person or via Facebook live.	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 Bible Study at 9:30 am in the Care Center	22	23	24	25
26 11:00 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	27	28	29	30	31	

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AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Threshing Show
2 Threshing Show Worship at 8:30 am outdoors (weather permitting) next to the Museum, in-person only	3 VBS at Granite Falls Lutheran 1:00 pm-5:15 pm	4 Bible Study at 9:30 am in the Care Center VBS at Granite Falls Lutheran 1:00 pm-5:15 pm	5 VBS at Granite Falls Lutheran 1:00 pm-5:15 pm	6 VBS at Granite Falls Lutheran 1:00 pm-5:15 pm	7	8
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