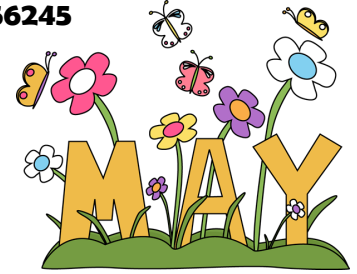




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## Message from SAM

### Gwen Arneson



## "Security in the Cross"

Before boarding a plane in the Sioux Falls airport some years ago, I was asked to step to a small side table at the TSA airport security checkpoint. Some unidentified object in my briefcase appeared suspicious on the security's x-ray screen. The guard asked me if he could unwrap the gift I had brought to exchange with someone at an ELCA Churchwide Vice Presidents' Gathering. This gift was causing concern during the screening process. After my affirmative reply, he carefully removed the wrapping paper from a cast stone-like cross that was in the package. On the cross were the words, "Forgive" and "Forgiven". Confident that I wasn't carrying anything onto the plane that would cause a security breach, the guard politely bid me a good journey. How ironic, I thought, that a simple cross would raise suspicions with security!

Always on the lookout for object lessons, I sat in my seat prior to takeoff and pondered a link between security, the cross, and a journey. For those of us who follow Jesus, the connection is obvious! Having just walked the journey of Lent, and danced the victory celebration of Easter, we are assured of the hope we are given by God's gift of grace and unending love shown to us through our Savior, Jesus Christ's cross. The gift of the cross has been unwrapped for all of us, for our daily lives. Through Christ's death on the cross and his glorious resurrection, revealing that death never gets the final word, we are promised the fullness of new life, forgiveness, and peace the world cannot give us. We are secure in the promise of God's presence with us for all of our journey, in all our struggles, weaknesses, and celebrations. The cross of Christ is indeed our security on our life's journey!

*So shall our song of triumph be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.  
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, #660)*

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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.



Dear friends-to-be at Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church,

It is with joy I write, knowing that I will be among you soon! My husband Noel and I had an excellent visit to your church on April 10th. Kevin Eye and Rich Hagen showed us around your fine building. But the building is not the people! We are looking forward to meeting you, and joining you in life and ministry.

Here is a little bit about me:

I'm married to Noel Tadé from the Central African Republic. We have three young adult children: Yanick, Isaac and Eliana. Beyond ministry, I enjoy life in the community, my family, hiking, cooking, music, travel and learning new things.

I grew up in North Dakota, the oldest daughter of a Lutheran pastor and a registered nurse. I attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN and the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. My first call was through Global Mission of the ELCA. I served as a missionary working with women in the Central African

Republic for ten years. (That's where I met Noel 😊) I then served a four-point parish in eastern North Dakota south of Fargo for ten years. I've been pastoring at The American Lutheran Church of Windom since 2013, with a preaching point at Bethany Lutheran Church of Bergen.

Being a pastor has been a rich, sometimes challenging, but always rewarding experience because God is at work in human hearts and communities, making all things new in Jesus, his son.

I am eager to begin a new call among you and join you in the ministry of the Gospel! I am looking forward to getting to know you, your families, your experiences, your context, and how God is working in and through you, in your community and beyond. I trust the Holy Spirit to guide us in the months and years ahead, on paths that we cannot yet fully see, walking in the ways of Jesus.

See you soon!  
Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Sarah Larsen Tadé

*We will not have worship next Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Pastor Sarah Larsen Tade will be installed as the new pastor for both YMLC and GFLC on at GFLC. We encourage our members to attend the 9:00 am worship at GFLC. There will be fellowship and a meal following services in the GFLC basement.*





## MAY ASSIGNMENTS:

### Leader:

4 No Worship  
11 Pastor Sarah Tade  
18 Gwen Arneson  
25 Pastor Sarah Tade

### Accompanists:

4 No Worship  
11 Emma Gregoire  
18 Augusta Volstad  
25 Augusta Volstad

### Ushers:

4 No Worship  
11 Brooks Torke  
18 Kevin Eye  
25 Gary Enger

### Lay Readers

4 No Worship  
11 Julie Volstad  
18 Augusta Volstad  
25 Ayla Volstad Hughes

### Technology

4 No Worship  
11 Kevin Eye  
18 Bonnie Oftedahl  
25 Julie Volstad

### Altar Guild:

Jean Nelson-Anderson

### Communion Assistant

Megan McPhail

### Funeral Chairs:

Service Team #3 will be in charge of the next funeral.

Co-chairs are:

Angie Thostenson 507-766-0909 and Donna Ricke 507-485-2145 or 320-981-0345

**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 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](mailto: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](http://www.co.ym.mn.gov). You can register to receive community notifications of severe thunderstorms, flash floods, & tornadoes and other emergency information.

## May Birthdays!

- 1 Orlen Torke
- 4 Carol Rikke
- 5 Willow Eckstrom  
Mark Thostenson
- 6 Dalen Eckstrom
- 8 Douglas Anderson
- 10 Will Jeseritz  
Tyler Lundin  
Allen Torke
- 11 Billy Sharkey
- 12 Hannah Fry  
Jay McPhail
- 13 Madelin Kuehl
- 14 Larry Torke
- 15 Derrald Meyer
- 16 Gary Enger
- 18 Kayleigh Albertson
- 20 Jon Thostenson
- 22 Tim Dale  
Tony Eye  
Sue Nelson
- 29 David Anderson  
JoHanna McPhail
- 30 Danny Eye
- 31 Brooke Sand



## YMLC Stewardship Offerings 4 weeks beginning Sunday, March 30, 2025 and ending Sunday, April 20, 2025

General Fund	\$ 10,106.10
Cemetery Fund	500.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$ 10,606.10</b>

*Budgeted each week: \$1,537*

YTD Budgeted Offering	\$ 26,129.00
YTD Actual Offering	25,478.10
<b>BEHIND BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 650.90</b>

A BIG thank you to Del and Barb Bresson for organizing and making Easter Breakfast!

A BIG thank you to all who attended the

Lenten suppers! Great fellowship was had by all. Also, THANK YOU to the Stewardship Committee for their awesome meals and to all who donated desserts. It was another successful Lenten supper season.





2025 Bus Trip

We are planning a trip to Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries on June 16th, 2025. The SWMN SWO board has donated \$1000.00 to make our cost only \$20.00 per person, to be paid in advance. We will be taking a coach from Reading Bus Lines. The bus will hold 56 people. There will be 6 stops along the way. The first stop will be at the Blue Line truck stop by Worthington on HWY 60 at 7:00 am. The following towns will be Windom, Redwood Falls, Olivia, Willmar and Dassel. Times will be determined soon. Our lunch stop will be at the Ridgedale Mall on your own. The first tour will be at Lutheran World Relief in St Paul and then to Global Health Ministries in Fridley before returning to our homes. Please carpool and try to park together away from the businesses store fronts.

We will be bringing donations to Global Health Ministries that will be bought to the Convention in Willmar on May 3rd. There will be a truck for LWR Quilts and Kits at the convention. Please don't bring additional boxes on June 16th.

If you have questions, text or call and leave a message to:

Cathy Blair 507 370 2909 or Karen Skarphol 507 822 0785.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Which town will you be meeting the bus? \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline to register will be May 3rd or until 56 people sign up!

Make \$20.00 checks written to SWMN SWO

Send To: Karen Skarphol 1972 Bud Road, Windom, MN 56101

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**SPRING 2025**

**THURSDAY, MAY 1, 7:30 PM**  
Granite Falls Lutheran Church, Granite Falls

**FRIDAY, MAY 2, 7:30 PM**  
Estebo Performing Arts Center, Redwood Falls

**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 4:00 PM**  
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Marshall

**SUNDAY, MAY 4, 4:00 PM**  
Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:**  
Faith Lutheran Church, SPICER  
Hy-Vee, MARSHALL  
KK Berge, GRANITE FALLS  
GuidePoint, REDWOOD FALLS  
and from CHORALE MEMBERS

**prairieartschorale.org**

**2025 Synodical  
Women's Organization  
Convention**



**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

**Vinje Lutheran Church**

1101 Willmar Avenue SW, Willmar, Minnesota



**Theme: "I Love to Tell the Story"**

**Theme Verse: Joel 1:3**

**Theme Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"**

Opening Worship with Holy Communion  
Bishop Dee Pederson officiating

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Nancy Hansen

Registration Fee: \$25

A trailer will be in the parking lot for In-Kind Offerings for Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries.

- Convention Offerings: 50% to Churchwide Women, 25% to Lutheran Men in Mission, 25% to Lutheran World Relief for shipping expenses
- In-Kind Donations of gift cards to Cash Wise and Walmart will be collected for LSS Youth Outreach Service in Willmar.
- Katie's Cans will be on the tables at lunch. Bring your loose change for Katie's Fund.

**Convention Schedule**

7:30 a.m. In-Kind Offering Drop Off Begins  
8:00 a.m. Registration Begins  
9:00 a.m. Opening Worship, In-Kind Drop Off Ends  
12 Noon Lunch  
4:00 p.m. Convention Closes



This Synodical Women's Organization Convention includes Men and Women. They will be having separate activities. We need to send one voting member from our congregation. If interested, contact Connie Velde by email or cell, [connie.velde@gmail.com](mailto:connie.velde@gmail.com) or 507-828-4227.

**YMLC NARTHEX HEATER FUND**

We raised \$7,699.00!! Thank you to everyone who donated!! We couldn't have done it without you!!



**YMLC NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** The newsletter deadline is set for the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please let Angie know of any additions or changes to the newsletter you would like to make.

**Next newsletter deadline is May 20th.**

Email Angie at: [yellowmedicinelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:yellowmedicinelutheranchurch@gmail.com). **If you would prefer to read the newsletter online** (and save printing and mailing costs), please email [yellowmedicinelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:yellowmedicinelutheranchurch@gmail.com).

## WOMEN-IN-ACTION QUILTING:

Come join us each Tuesday morning in April 2025, at 9:00 am. There is a potluck morning coffee at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome!

High School Senior Quilting has started on Mondays at 6:30 pm. Please contact Patty Savoie at 507-530-5825 if you have questions or know of someone we should include. We are also looking for volunteers to help!!

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



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 MAY

Sunday Services start at 10:30 am.

Sunday, May 4 — No Worship, Please attend Pastor Sarah Tade's installation at GFLC at 9:00 am

Sunday, May 11 — Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 18 — Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 25 — Worship in the Sanctuary



## SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 18, 2025  
during the 10:30 am  
worship service.

*Seniors - Naomi Kuehl  
and Madasyn Ludwig*

*Bible Study continues to meet every other Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Care Center. Our study is on The Parables by John MacArthur. We will be meeting May 6th and 20th. Come join us for some great discussions and see if this is something that would interest you. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Velde at 507-828-7593*

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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** – Doug Anderson, Carol Engel, Elmo Volstad, Bob Hoseck, Les Reisner, Ruth Sharkey, Lola Hoseck, Bonnie Gustafson, Angie Harris

**In the Community** – 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](http://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](http://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 - Mar 2025

3/1/2025 through 3/31/2025

4/8/2025

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Category	3/1/2025- 3/31/2025
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
RECEIPTS	
Easter Lilies	5.00
General Expense Offerings	6,519.47
Heater Fund	-6,169.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS	354.49
FROM FIB Investment Savings #7033292	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>10,354.49</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
LOCAL MINISTRY	
Federal & State Withholding	-64.00
FICA-Medicare (lay employees)	152.22
FICA-Medicare (Pastor)	273.10
Pastor's Salary	3,570.00
Staff Salaries	1,989.67
Travel Expense (Pastor)	76.30
TOTAL LOCAL MINISTRY	5,997.29
OUR CHURCH BUILDING	
Misc. Supplies	35.98
Property Upkeep - Church Building	111.74
Utilities & Fuel	2,509.47
TOTAL OUR CHURCH BUILDING	2,657.19
WORSHIP & EDUCATION	
e-Giving Transaction Fees	15.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	45.00
TOTAL WORSHIP & EDUCATION	60.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>8,714.48</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,640.01</b>

## SAVINGS

Parsor age Sale	\$ 30,755.89
Food Stand Profits	9,153.17
Other savings	<u>100,375.67</u>
<b>TOTAL SAVINGS</b>	<b>\$ 140,289.73</b>

## CHECKING

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 2/28/25	\$ 690.93
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 3/31/25	<u>2,330.94</u>
	<b>\$ 1,640.01</b>

**TOTAL SAVINGS & CHECKING:** **\$ 142,620.67**



**Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, April 13th, 2025, following 10:30 am Worship at YMLC**

*Present: Kevin Eys, Rich Hagen, Gary Enger, Vonnies Severson, Augusta Volstad, Megan McPhail, Teresa Kuehl,  
Interim Pastor Gwen Arneson*

*Absent: Daryl Gregoire*

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Kevin.
2. Devotions led by Vonnies.
3. Agenda approved.
4. Secretary's Minutes approved.
5. Treasurer's Report approved.
6. Committee Reports: Parish Ed – Stewardship – Worship – P & M: Gary resealed some caulk coming apart from the cement along the side of the building.
7. Interim Pastor Report: Lenten services have been going very well. Gwen sends many thanks to all who have helped with the delicious meals and the services. Hearing everyone singing together in the fellowship hall setting has been lovely!
8. Old Business
  - Narthex Heater Fund update. Goal of \$8500; have collected 84% of goal thus far with special offerings and other donations. Ends 4/16.
  - Met with Pastor Sarah Tadé last Thursday. Installation at GFLC May 4<sup>th</sup>; meal after service. YMLC members encouraged to attend. No service at YMLC that day.
  - Going forward with Gwen & Tim: discussing extensions of their contracts and what that will look like in conjunction with Pastor Sarah.
  - Larson Brothers from Dawson will come soon to begin process of fixing cement.
9. New Business
  - Updated Pastoral Sharing Agreement with GFLC has been signed.
  - Senior quilt presentation will be on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>; two youth members will be receiving them. Parents will be directly involved with the blessing this year.
  - First Sunday of the month services will be back in the sanctuary. Later this fall, we will start again in the fellowship hall. Happy to accommodate seating.
  - Holy Week: volunteers needed to set up for Easter breakfast after Thursday service.
  - Will be purchasing a new camera for streaming services via Facebook.
  - Funding for one youth to attend Bible Camp at Green Lake was approved in full.
10. Next meeting will be on Sunday, May 11th, following 10:30 am worship (Mother's Day).
11. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Augusta Volstad, Secretary



# Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church

## MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Synodical Joint Women's Convention and Lutheran Men in Mission Spring Gathering in Willmar
<b>4</b> <sup>3</sup> <i>Easter</i> No Worship – Please attend GFLC's worship at 9:00 am for Pastor Sarah Larsen Tade's installation, fellowship lunch following service	<b>5</b> High School Senior Quilting at 6:30 pm	<b>6</b> WIA Quilting at 9:00 am GFLC Women Spring Salad Luncheon from 10:30 am–12:30 pm Bible Study in person & on Zoom at 9:30 am	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <sup>4</sup> <i>Easter</i> COMMUNION 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook. YMLC Council meets after worship	<b>12</b> High School Senior Quilting at 6:30 pm	<b>13</b> WIA Quilting at 9:00 am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <sup>5</sup> <i>Easter</i> 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook. Senior Recognition Sunday	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> WIA Quilting at 9:00 am Bible Study in person & on Zoom at 9:30 am NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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