



Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church * ELCA

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Pastor Ponderings



Summer is just around the corner

May is certainly a month of transition. We continue our Easter through to Pentecost on the 19th and then we celebrate Trinity Sunday before we settle into the season after Pentecost and the activities of summer growth.

Along with Pentecost we see the transition of our youth as we will recognize those who will be moving into the next phase of life with high school graduations. Then there are the graduations from college or technical schools.

May is definitely a month of transitions as snowbirds have fully returned, farmers and gardeners are busy finishing up planting, cabins are being opened up for summer activities, schools' schedules are ending. But Christ stays constant, and we continue to gather for worship. God is and needs to be glorified as we too need to keep our faith strong.

As I am writing this I am thinking about how important it is for us to keep balance and I think of the Wholeness Wheel. To have true balance one first keeps God first. We spend time in worship and Bible study so that God is our guide and strength for everything else. Keeping the first three commandments is not easy but are essential to having any balance anyplace else.

That then leads to the constant work of the balancing of the six areas on the Wholeness Wheel. Financial, vocational, social, emotional, intellectual, and physical.

Which part of the wheel is out of balance for you? As you make the changes in your and your family routines for summer take time to share what areas you are going to be working on with them this summer. Take time to rethink your schedules to keep the important time with God and what ever else to bring true balance as you transition to the schedule of summer.

Blessings,
Interim Pastor Deborah Nissen



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A short Memorial Day Service is planned at both the East & West YMLC Cemeteries beginning at 9:30 am on Monday, May 27th. Please plan to attend to remember those who fought for our great country.

MAY ASSIGNMENTS:

Pastor:

- 5 Deborah Nissen
- 12 Deborah Nissen
- 19 Deborah Nissen
- 26 Deborah Nissen

Accompanists:

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

Ushers:

- 5 Gary Enger
- 12 Jon Thostenson
- 19 Justin Torke
- 26 Brooks Torke

Lay Readers

- 5 Augusta Volstad
- 12 Cindy Eye
- 19 Kris Nygaard
- 26 Elmo Volstad

Technology

- 5 Kris Nygaard
- 12 Bonnie Oftedah
- 19 Kevin Eye
- 26 Julie Volstad

Altar Guild:

Jean Nelson-Anderson

Communion Assistant

Kris Nygaard

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Once-a-month
SUNDAY SCHOOL
May 14th
9:45 am
in the
Fellowship Hall.
For Children 10 yrs.
& under and their parents!
We hope to see you
there!



S H E T E K
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES
Located 8 miles north of Slayton on Hwy. 59
then 2 miles east on Valhalla Road

SATURDAY,
JUNE 22, 2024
10:30 A.M.
in the Activity Center

- Pulled Pork Dinner
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$10/person
- Kids Activities
- Hand-Quilted &
Machine-Quilted Quilts

Join us for the
5K Pelican Fun Walk/Run
Saturday, June 22 • 8:00 a.m.
\$15/person, \$25/family
Register online at shetek.org
or call SJM at (507) 763-3567

Quilt Preview
Friday, June 21 • 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Picnic Supper 5:30-7 p.m. \$8/person
Saturday, June 22 • 8:30-10:00 a.m.
QUILTS & QUILT ITEMS CAN BE
VIEWED ONLINE AT WWW.SHETEK.ORG

NEW THIS YEAR!
Garden Tour
Friday, June 21
2 - 8 p.m.
Free Will Donation • 11 Valhalla Dr.



Theme Baskets
Available on our
Silent Auction!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (507) 763-3567

Auctioneers: Donna Gravelly, Windom, MN
Justin Van Groothuest, Edgerton, MN • John Croatt, Storden, MN

UNABLE TO ATTEND? NO WORRIES! Call or email a bid in ahead of time. (507) 763-3567 or email rannep@shetek.org
Members of our quilt committees will bid for you on the day of the auction. Bids must be in by June 20, 2024.



YMLC Stewardship Offerings 9 weeks beginning Sunday, February 25, 2024 and ending Sunday, April 21, 2024	
General Fund	\$ 19,428.50
Cemetery Fund	140.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 19,568.50
<i>Budgeted each week: \$1,606</i>	
YTD Budgeted Offering	\$ 27,302.00
YTD Actual Offering	29,084.50
AHEAD OF BUDGET	\$ 1,782.50

- MAY BIRTHDAYS:**
- 1 Orlen Torke
 - 4 Carol Rikke
 - 5 Willow Eckstrom
Mark Thostenson
 - 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 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The news-
letter 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**
May 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.

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.

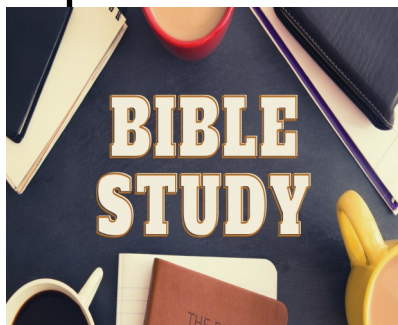
ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED: If you would like to help with the Altar Guild in the coming years, please talk to Connie Velde.

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.

The Narthex Project is COMPLETE!



Funding came from the Narthex Remodeling Fund and Food Stand Profits.



Bible study will be starting a new topic in May. If anyone is interested in joining the group, the materials will be ordered soon. Bible study typically meets the first and third Tuesdays at YMLC Care Center at 9:30 am. Please give Cindy Velde a call at 507-828-7593 if you have any questions or want to know the topic of study.

“When you focus on the GOOD.....the GOOD gets BETTER!”

A BIG THANK YOU to all who made the Lenten suppers a success--to all who brought meals, desserts, and to all who came for fellowship!

From: The YMLC Stewardship Committee

**Thank
You!**



KAYLEIGH JO ALBERTSON will be celebrating her graduation from Lakeview High School on Saturday May 18th with an open house from 1-3 pm at her home at 91 Juno Lane, Cottonwood, MN.

NEVAEH KEEBLE will be graduating from High School in Fargo, ND, on May 26th, and will be celebrating her graduation with her family. Nevaeh is the daughter of Melissa, and is the granddaughter of Dennis & Beth Brouwer.

SYDNEY LERUD will be graduating from Yellow Medicine East on May 31st! She will have an open house on Sunday, May 26th, starting at 2:00 pm at her home at 6232 222nd Avenue, Echo, MN.

ADAM TIMOTHY STENGEL will graduate on May 31st from Yellow Medicine East! He will have an open house on Saturday, June 1, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at his home at 4808 250th Avenue, Granite Falls, MN.

CAITLYN TUSBERG will be celebrating her graduation from Lakeview High School on Saturday, May 18th, with an open house from 9:00 am to noon at the Pool Hall in Cottonwood, 74th West Main. Caitlyn is the daughter of Jeff & Shawna Tusberg, and the granddaughter of Carol & Bruce Tusberg.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION
IS ON MAY 19th!



Adam Stengel
Sydney Lerud
Nevaeh Keeble
Caitlyn Tusberg
Kayleigh Albertson



A COUPLE MORE REMODELING PROJECTS:
New Siding on Outside of Narthex Addition
Replaced Women's Restroom floor, stripped wallpaper
& painted! LOOKS GREAT!!



“Jesus LOVES me this I KNOW.....
AND....Jesus KNOWS me this I LOVE”!
What a wonderful exchange of 2 words!



AGAIN THIS YEAR! Granite Falls Lutheran has invited any children from YMLC going into Kindergarten through 7th Grade (2024-2025 school year) to attend their Vacation Bible School. It will be held this year in August from **Monday, August 5th to Thursday, August 8th** from 8:30 am—2:30 pm.

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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.

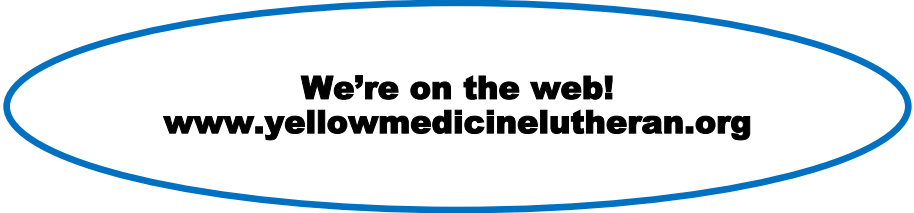
PRAYER LIST:

At YMLC – Family of Philip Myran, Terry Iverson, Allen Torke, 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 - Mar 2024

3/1/2024 through 3/31/2024

Category	3/1/2024- 3/31/2024
INFLOWS	
RECEIPTS	
Easter Breakfast	397.00
Easter Lilies	-156.00
General Expense Offerings	9,787.57
Narthex Remodel Fund	655.42
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,683.99
FROM FIB Investment Savings #7033292	2,000.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	12,683.99
OUTFLOWS	
LOCAL MINISTRY	
Convention Expense	215.00
FICA-Medicare (lay employees)	160.34
Pastor's Salary	2,635.00
Staff Salaries	2,096.00
Supply Pastor Expense	217.00
Travel Expense (Pastor)	205.69
TOTAL LOCAL MINISTRY	5,529.03
OUR CHURCH BUILDING	
Misc. Supplies	40.00
New Equipment & Maintenance	26.00
Property Taxes	28.00
Property Upkeep - Church Building	80.27
Utilities & Fuel	2,096.61
Worker's Compensation	-141.00
TOTAL OUR CHURCH BUILDING	2,129.88
WORSHIP & EDUCATION	
e-Giving Transaction Fees	14.30
Office Supplies & Repairs	39.99
Parish Education	15.99
TOTAL WORSHIP & EDUCATION	70.28
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	7,729.19
OVERALL TOTAL	4,954.80
SAVINGS	
Parsonage Sale	\$ 30,755.89
Food Stand Profits	28,045.22
Other savings	<u>95,761.25</u>
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 154,562.36
CHECKING	
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 2/29/24	\$ 581.81
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 3/31/24	<u>5,536.61</u>
	\$ 4,954.80
TOTAL SAVINGS & CHECKING:	\$ 160,098.97

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, April 14, 2024, following 10:30 am Worship at YMLC

Members present: Rich Hagen, Augusta Volstad, Vonnie Severson, & Kris Nygaard; Interim Pastor Deborah Nissen
Members absent: Kevin Eye, Gary Enger, Bonnie Ofstead, & Daryl Gregoire

- Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairperson Rich Hagen.
- Devotions led by Vonnie (substitute for Daryl).
- Agenda was approved.
- Secretary's Minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's Report was approved.
- Committee Reports: **Parish Ed:** Sunday School was held today. Next date will be Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 9:45 AM. All children and parents are welcome! **Stewardship:** No updates. **Worship:** Meeting soon to discuss summer services. **P&M:** Narthex project is complete both inside and outside. May be some windows left that need touch-ups.
- Interim Pastor Report: See attached.
- Old Business
 - Considering Mission opportunities/speakers, such as: Rich's brother Michael (has been to Burma, Bangladesh, Cambodia), Andrew Hewitt, and/or a global missionary from World Mission Prayer League (www.wmpl.org).
 - Pastor Joyce will be the supply pastor on April 28th.
 - Purchased a portable Communion set.
- New Business
 - VBS at GFLC will be August 4-8, 8:30a to 2:30p for K-6th grade. They have invited our youth to attend again this year.
 - YMLC will donate \$250 to the SW Synod for Bishop Dee doing our Easter Sunrise Service.
 - Milo Brusven has decided to resign as Sexton for our cemeteries. He will continue for snow removal on our church sidewalks. Who can we get to replace this Sexton position? Possibly Rich or John.
 - Giving electronically from the pew: Augusta will work with Annette on this.
 - Participating in an ELCA service project on September 8th (God's Work, Our Hands) and inviting the community to the event. This would also typically be Rally Sunday.
 - Reviewed Annual Meeting Minutes.
 - Working to resolve some issues with the new monitor and glare/visibility.
- Next meeting will be on Sunday, May 12th, following 10:30 AM worship. This is Mother's Day.
- Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Augusta Volstad, Secretary

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MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 am to noon. Office Hours for Pr. Deborah at YMLC	2	3	4
5 BAPTISM 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary. Poluck dinner downstairs follows worship. in person or via Facebook live.	6	7 9:30 am In-Person Bible Study in Care Center	8	9	10	11
12 COMMUNION 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live. Council meets following Worship Service	13	14	15 9:00 am to noon Office Hours for Pr. Deborah at YMLC	16	17	18
19 GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	20	21 9:30 am In-Person Bible Study in Care Center	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	27 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE at 9:30 am starting at East & then West Cemetery	28	29	30	31	