



Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church * ELCA

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Pastor Ponderings



Jesus says *"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*
Matthew 11:29 – 30

Dear friends at Granite Falls and Yellow Medicine Lutheran Churches,

As I write, I've not yet been among you three weeks. There is a lot to learn! People ask "Are you settling in?" Little by little, but basically it is a whole lot of learning! Like *where are the light switches?* Besides that I'm learning what your activities are: Spring Luncheon, Senior Recognition, Quilting Days, and the Community Dinner just to get started!

I'm learning what events are coming up: *Western Fest Parade, Sunday Morning Mingle, (coffee, conversation and rolls following worship!) And the Threshing Worship Service.* I'm learning when your Bible studies are, and about the three fold Amen followed by the ringing of the bell at Hanley Falls! I asked an adolescent girl what she liked about her church. "There are nice people here. Really nice." That made me smile. I think we've landed in a good place!

It's exciting to learn and discover new communities, to begin to learn who is who and what's happening when, and who is making it happen. I'm learning all this because I just arrived. But Jesus says *"learn from me"*. We never stop learning *from Jesus*. When I have big tasks in front of me my tendency is to lean in, dig deep, and push hard to get the job done. That's not the language we hear from Jesus. Jesus invites us to be directed by him, like a work animal with a yoke on the shoulders. (Did you know that is the meaning of the stole that pastors wear?)



Most of us resist anything that would get in the way of our own independence, yet here are Jesus' words: *Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Here is an invitation for the summer: Learn from Jesus. Learn to listen for his voice, like sheep who know the voice of their shepherd. Find rest for your souls in him. That means a relationship of trust. Friends, this is cross cultural, and we can't do it alone. We need each other to learn from Jesus. We need to be surrounded by a community of disciples. We need to be fed and forgiven. So come to worship! Invite others to join you. Let's see where Jesus leads us under his yoke, and what we can learn this summer from him.

Thanks for teaching me where the light switches are, and so much more! See you soon.

Pastor Sarah



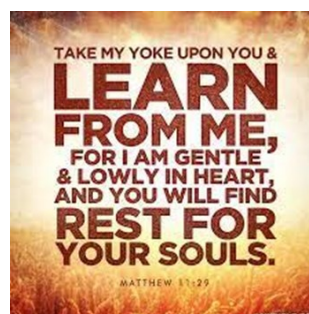
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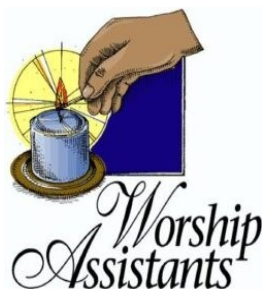
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**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

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.





JUNE ASSIGNMENTS:

Leader:

1 Tim Velde
8 Pastor Sarah Tadé
15 Gwen Arneson
22 Pastor Sarah Tadé
29 Gwen Arneson

Accompanists:

1 Emma Gregoire
8 Augusta Volstad
15 Emma Gregoire
22 Augusta Volstad
29 Emma Gregoire

Ushers:

1 Gary Enger
8 Justin Torke
15 Brooks Torke
22 Kevin Eye
29 Gary Enger

Lay Readers

1 Cindy Eye
8 Elmo Volstad
15 Julie Volstad
22 Augusta Volstad
29 Ayla Volstad Hughes

Technology

1 Kevin Eye
8 Julie Volstad
15 Bonnie Ofstedahl
22 Julie Volstad
29 Kevin Eye

Altar Guild:

Judy Ristau

Communion Assistant

Augusta Volstad

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

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 cye@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.

YMLC Stewardship Offerings 5 weeks beginning Sunday, April 27, 2025 and ending Sunday, May 25, 2025

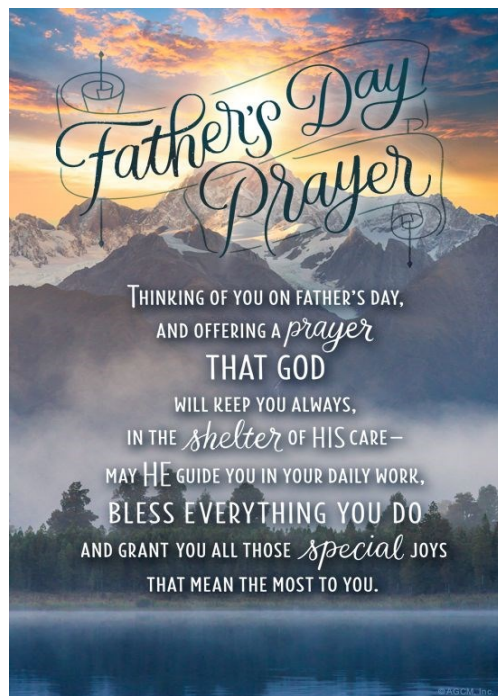
General Fund	\$ 5,774.85
Cemetery Fund	100.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 5,874.85

Budgeted each week: \$1,537

YTD Budgeted Offering	\$ 33,814.00
YTD Actual Offering	31,352.95
BEHIND BUDGET	\$ 2,461.05

June Birthdays!

- 2 Jill Fry
- 3 Adam Eckstrom
- 4 Jenece Eckstrom
- 6 Lexi Stengel
- 7 Mark Gustafson
Annette Sharkey
- 8 Perry Oftedahl
- 9 Sydney Lerud
Natalie McPhail
- 15 Logan Dale
- 16 Wayne Ellingson
- 18 Dennis Brouwer
Laura Picard
- 20 Abby Vandelanotte
- 22 Cindy Velde
- 28 Olivia Jeseritz
Amber Lingle





Senior Recognition Sunday!

Congratulations
Madasyn Ludwig and
Naomi Kuehl!!



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 June 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. 3



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 JUNE

Sunday Services start at 10:30 am.

Sunday, June 1 — Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, June 8 — Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, June 15 — Outdoor Worship—Weather Permitting

Sunday, June 22 — Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, June 29 — Worship in the Sanctuary



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!!*

*Bible Study will meet Tuesday,
June 10th, at 9:30 am in the Care
Center. Our study is on The
Parables by John MacArthur. We
will be meeting on the topic of
Heaven and Hell. Come join us
for some great discussions!
Pastor Sarah is going to join us.
If you have any questions or want
to join, 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 – 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 - Apr 2025

4/1/2025 through 4/30/2025

5/8/2025

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Category	4/1/2025- 4/30/2025
INFLOWS	
RECEIPTS	
Easter Lilies	0.00
General Expense Offerings	13,269.17
Heater Fund	1,839.12
Patronage Dividends	187.62
TOTAL RECEIPTS	15,295.91
TOTAL INFLOWS	15,295.91
OUTFLOWS	
LOCAL MINISTRY	
Federal & State Withholding	-37.00
FICA-Medicare (lay employees)	101.97
FICA-Medicare (Pastor)	187.94
Pastor's Salary	2,457.00
Staff Salaries	1,333.17
Travel Expense (Pastor)	93.80
TOTAL LOCAL MINISTRY	4,136.88
OUR CHURCH BUILDING	
Property Taxes	28.00
Property Upkeep - Church Building	207.04
Utilities & Fuel	1,777.86
TOTAL OUR CHURCH BUILDING	2,012.90
WORSHIP & EDUCATION	
e-Giving Transaction Fees	15.00
Worship Supplies	924.22
TOTAL WORSHIP & EDUCATION	939.22
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	7,089.00
OVERALL TOTAL	8,206.91

SAVINGS

Parsonage Sale	\$ 30,755.89
Food Stand Profits	9,158.17
Other savings	<u>100,585.66</u>
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 140,499.72

CHECKING

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 3/31/25	\$ 2,330.94
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 4/30/25	<u>10,537.85</u>
	\$ 8,206.91

<u>TOTAL SAVINGS & CHECKING:</u>	\$ 151,037.57
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Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 11th, 2025, following 10:30 am Worship at YMLC

Present: Kevin Eye, Gary Enger, Megan McPhail, Rich Hagen, Teresa Oftedahl, Augusta Volstad, Pastor Sarah Tade

Absent: Daryl Gregoire, Vonnie Severson

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Kevin
2. Devotions led by Megan
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: issue with toilet in unisex bathroom. Possible water leak.
7. Pastor Report: Welcome to Pastor Sarah on her first day at YMLC! We reviewed council history, roles, and community events and connections with the Church. VBS is August 4-7 from 1p-6p at GFLC — all YMLC youth are welcome to sign up & attend.
8. Old Business
 - Last Sunday was installation of Pastor Sarah
9. New Business
 - Senior quilt presentation, Sunday, May 18th.
 - Food Stand – Threshing Show August 2-3
 - Angie will coordinate and manage logistics
 - Kevin & Rich will help with scheduling volunteers
 - We will need more help from congregation closer to the event date
10. Next meeting will be on Sunday, June 8th, following 10:30 am worship
11. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Augusta Volstad, Secretary

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church

JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ⁷ <i>Easter</i> 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	2	3 Celebration of Life for Darleen Erickson at 1:00 pm	4	5	6	7
8 ^{Pentecost} COMMUNION 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook. YMLC Council meets after worship	9	10 Bible Study at 1:00 pm in the Care Center	11	12	13	14
15 ^{Holy Trinity} 10:30 am Worship Outdoors (weather permitting) in person or via Facebook live.	16	17	18	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21
22 ^{Lectionary 12} 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	23	24	25	26	27	28 39 th Annual Quilt Auction at 10:30 am at Shetek Lutheran Ministries
29 ^{Lectionary 13} 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live.	30					