



Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church * ELCA

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Message from SAM Gwen Arneson



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"The Cocoon"

All the sanctuary lights were extinguished except for those illuminating the pulpit. As the sermon began during the midweek Lenten services, I nestled into the warm hooded coat with the satin-backed lining that my mom had made; pulling it around me so only my face was exposed. It was my own, wonderful, child-sized cocoon from which I listened to our pastor's message in the darkened church.

Lent was the only season in which I was able to cocoon. When Easter came, the evening services ended, and in a sense, I played the part of a butterfly, newly emerged from its dead-looking shroud. Mom stored the winter coat away to be handed down to my sister, and sewed for me a new Easter dress and coat.

In our Lutheran funeral liturgy for the Burial of the Dead we read verses from the sixth chapter of Romans: "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."

What a reason to celebrate life outside of the cocoon! Just as the butterfly symbolizes the glory of the Easter promise, breaking through the walls of its confinement, let us remember how Jesus broke the bonds of death for our salvation. The tomb could not hold him. Death will never again have the last word! The Gospel Good News that sustains us each day is that Christ is risen! Thanks be to God!

Please plan to join us in our midweek Lenten worship services each Wednesday, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5, 2025. The services will include the much beloved Holden Evening Prayer and a reflection to ponder during this Lenten season. Perhaps you won't be cocooned in the pews as I was as a child, but I pray you will sense the embrace of God's never-failing love holding you tightly as we, once again, intentionally make our way with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb!

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**Bible Sunday
will be on March
16th during our
10:30 am
worship service.**

"Grounded in Hope"

Lenten Season – 2025

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church

On **Wednesday, March 5th**, we will once again enter into the liturgical season of the church year called Lent. That evening, we will gather for a **meal at 6:15 pm** and then move upstairs to the sanctuary for our **Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 pm with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.**

It is customary in many congregations to choose a focal point for the 40 day season of Lent as we walk together intentionally, making our way to Holy Week and the Day of Resurrection, Easter. This year, our congregation will gather for weekly midweek services under the theme of "Grounded in Hope" – a theme that we will explore and cling to in a world in which hope sometimes seems elusive.



Please plan to join us on Wednesdays for a meal (at 6:15 pm) and worship (at 7:00 pm) that, beginning on March 12th, will include Holden Evening Prayer, much beloved by many. Throughout the Lenten season, we will focus on different facets that remind us how we are "Grounded in Hope". SAM Gwen Arneson will be leading our midweek worship services and Holden Evening Prayer. Please plan to join us!



March 5 – Ash Wednesday – *"When the Dust Settles, Hope Remains"* with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

March 12 – *"Hope is More Than Optimism"* with Holden Evening Prayer

March 19 – *"Hope Blooms in a Weary World"* with Holden Evening Prayer

March 26 – *"Hope Builds Community"* with Holden Evening Prayer

April 2 – *"Hope Remembers"* with Holden Evening Prayer

April 9 – *"Hope Draws Us In"* with Holden Evening Prayer

Holy Week

April 13 – Palm Sunday – worship at 10:30 am

April 17 – Maundy Thursday – worship at 7:00 pm with Holy Communion

April 18 – Good Friday – worship at 7:00 pm

April 20 – Easter Day of Resurrection – Sunrise worship at 7:00 am with Holy Communion and Easter breakfast to follow

The Stewardship Committee will be serving suppers during Lent. Suppers begin on Ash Wednesday and serving starts at 6:15 pm. A free will donation will go towards the narthex heater fund. Anyone willing to bring dessert for the Lenten suppers, contact Cindy Eye or Judy Enger.





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.

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.



March Birthdays!

- 5 Austin Eckstrom
Nancy Sharkey
- 6 Aaron Bakkelund
- 7 Julie Oftedahl
Wayne Oftedahl
- 9 Adeline Dunker
Cora Dunker
- 12 Vernon Elingson
- 13 Asley Jorgenson
- 16 Del Bresson
Wendy Reisner
Carol Tusberg
- 18 Ebba Gregoire
Arlan Gustafson
- 19 Liam Eckstrom
- 21 Brianna Oftedahl
Morgan Thorkelson
- 22 Carol Martin
Sandy Sharkey
- 23 Oskar Gregoire
- 24 Bob Hoseck
Tim Velde
- 30 Rhett Picard
- 31 Kevin Eye

MARCH ASSIGNMENTS:

Leader:

- 2 Tim Velde
- 9 No Worship
- 16 Gwen Arneson
- 23 Tim Velde
- 30 Tim Velde

Accompanists:

- 2 Augusta Volstad
- 9 No Worship
- 16 Augusta Volstad
- 23 Augusta Volstad
- 30 Emma Gregoire

Ushers:

- 2 Brooks Torke
- 9 No Worship
- 16 Gary Enger
- 23 Jon Thostenson
- 30 Justin Torke

Lay Readers

- 2 Terri Thostenson
- 9 No Worship
- 16 Julie Volstad
- 23 Augusta Volstad
- 30 Ayla Volstad Hughes

Technology

- 2 Kevin Eye
- 9 No Worship
- 16 Julie Volstad
- 23 Julie Volstad
- 30 Bonnie Oftedahl

Acolyte

- 16 Brynn Lundin

Altar Guild:

- Carol Tusberg

Communion Assistant

- Daryl Gregoire

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

YMLC Stewardship Offerings 4 weeks beginning Sunday, February 2, 2025 and ending Sunday, February 23, 2025

General Fund	\$ 3,688.00
Cemetery Fund	0.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 3,688.00

Budgeted each week: \$1,537

YTD Budgeted Offering	\$ 13,833.00
YTD Actual Offering	9,508.00
BEHIND BUDGET	\$ 4,325.00

Sunday School is every Sunday during worship
Laura Picard, 507-829-3440
Ashley Jorgenson 507-828-2949
Augusta Volstad 406-431-4157
Emma Gregoire 507-828-0593
are leading the Sunday School classes. If you have any questions, please contact one of them.



THANK YOU ALL!

I have been so blessed to have spent many years at Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church as secretary/treasurer. I got to meet so many new friends. Thank you also for the gift I received in the mail and for thinking of me in this way!

Annette

Bible Study



Bible Study meets March 3rd, 17th, and 31st via Zoom at 9:30 am. We are studying Parables by John MacArthur. Please feel free to join us at any time during the study as each session is a new parable.

Contact Cindy Velde at 507-828-7593 if you are interested in the zoom link to join in on the study.

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 March 20th.

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

LAY READER NEEDED:

We are looking for one more lay reader. If you would agree to be a lay reader, you would read once every 6th Sunday. Please contact Angie if you would like to volunteer.

On Saturday, March 8th, 2025, there is a Benefit for Morgan Dale from 4-8 pm at the Cottonwood Community Center. Morgan was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in December. Help them raise funds for her upcoming treatments. There will be a Walking Taco Bar, raffle, and silent auction. If you want to donate a silent auction item, please reach out to Kenzie Goodmund. If you want to donate you can Venmo Morgan directly, @Morgan-Dale-10, or mail monetary donations to 4168 168th Ave, Cottonwood, MN 56229.



EASTER LILY MEMORIALS will be received again this year. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please mail or place in the offering plate the attached tear off slip and your check for \$15.00 per lily payable to Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church. We would like to know how many to order NO LATER THAN Sunday, March 23rd. If you plan on bringing your own lily, leave a note or call to let us know who it is in memory or honor of. Thanks!



Lily given in memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by: _____

YMLC NARTHEX HEATER FUND

We are in need of 2 new heaters in the narthex at YMLC. The current ones are nearly 60 years old and are not very efficient. The cost is \$8,500. We are encouraging members to give to the "YMLC Narthex Heater Fund".

Either mail your check to Angie at the church: YMLC, P. O. Box 119, Hanley Falls, MN 56245 or put in offering plate on Sunday in an envelope designated to help contribute to the new heaters.



As of February 23rd, 2025, we have collected \$2,975 and have \$5,525 to go!

WOMEN-IN-ACTION QUILTING:

Come join us each Tuesday morning in March 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 MARCH

Sunday Services start at 10:30 am.

Wednesday Lent Services start at 7:00 pm with a meal at 6:15 pm

Sunday, March 2 –Worship in the Fellowship Hall followed by potluck

Wednesday, March 5– Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 9 – No Worship, Dakota Road Special Service at GFLC at 9:00am

Wednesday, March 12– Lent Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 16 – Communion Sunday in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 19– Lent Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 23 – Worship in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 26– Lent Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 30 – Worship in the Sanctuary



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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, David Velde, 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 - Jan 2025

1/1/2025 through 1/31/2025

2/6/2025

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Category	1/1/2025- 1/31/2025
INFLOWS	
Uncategorized	0.00
RECEIPTS	
General Expense Offerings	5,312.39
Heater Fund	925.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6,237.39
TOTAL INFLOWS	6,237.39
OUTFLOWS	
LOCAL MINISTRY	
Federal & State Withholding	-5.00
FICA-Medicare (lay employees)	115.74
FICA-Medicare (Pastor)	115.68
Pastor's Salary	1,512.00
Staff Salaries	1,513.44
Travel Expense (Pastor)	30.80
TOTAL LOCAL MINISTRY	3,282.66
OUR CHURCH BUILDING	
Property Insurance	3,864.00
Property Upkeep - Church Building	136.09
Utilities & Fuel	875.43
Worker's Compensation	518.00
TOTAL OUR CHURCH BUILDING	5,393.52
WORSHIP & EDUCATION	
e-Giving Transaction Fees	16.45
Parish Education	159.90
Worship Supplies	70.87
TOTAL WORSHIP & EDUCATION	247.22
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	8,923.40
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,686.01

SAVINGS

Parsor age Sale	\$ 30,755.89
Food Stand Profits	9,158.17
Other savings	<u>110,363.21</u>
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 150,280.27

CHECKING

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 1/31/25	\$ 1,486.31
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 12/31/24	<u>4,172.32</u>
	\$ 2,686.01

<u>TOTAL SAVINGS & CHECKING:</u>	\$ 151,766.58
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Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church

MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 10:30 am Worship in the Fellowship Hall in person or via Facebook live. Potluck after worship. Sunday School during worship	3 Bible Study via Zoom at 9:30 am High School Senior Quilting at 6:30 pm	4 WIA Quilting at 9:00 am	5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Ash Wednesday worship at 7:00 pm, meal served at 6:15 pm	6	7	8 Benefit for Morgan Dale at the Cottonwood Community Center from 4-8 pm Dakota Road concert at 6:30 pm at GFLC
9 <i>1st Lent</i> No Worship or Sunday School at YMLC. Encouraged to attend the GFLC special Dakota Road service at 9:00 am	10 High School Senior Quilting at 6:30 pm	11 WIA Quilting at 9:00 am	12 Lent worship at 7:00 pm, meal served at 6:15 pm	13	14	15
16 <i>2nd Lent</i> COMMUNION 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook live. Bible Sunday YMLC meets after worship Sunday School during worship	17 Bible Study via Zoom at 9:30 am High School Senior Quilting at 6:30 pm	18 WIA Quilting at 9:00 am	19 Lent worship at 7:00 pm, meal served at 6:15 pm	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21	22
23 <i>3rd Lent</i> 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook. Sunday School during worship	24 High School Senior Quilting at 6:30 pm worship	25 WIA Quilting at 9:00 am	26 Lent worship at 7:00 pm, meal served at 6:15 pm	27	28	28
30 <i>4th Lent</i> 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook. Sunday School during worship	31 Bible Study via Zoom at 9:30 am					