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Message from SAM Gwen Arneson



"Reminders & Interruptions"

If you're like me, you rely on reminders in your life! Trustworthy people, entries on the calendar, notes on counters, emails to ourselves, post-it notes stuck to mirrors and doors – are all helpful in remembering what we are to do and where we are to be, especially with life's predictable interruptions!

As followers of Jesus, we need frequent reminders...and interruptions, too.

The story is told of a pastor baptizing a two year old a few years ago. Just as the baptism concluded with the words, "Child of God, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever," the toddler said, "Uh-oh!" To be baptized is to become vulnerable in a special way and to assume a calling that makes us all, at one time or another, say, "Uh-oh! What next, Lord?"

Author Ronald Rolheiser, in his book, The Holy Longing wrote, "Baptism is a submitting to love, and to let one's life be forever interrupted. To not let one's life be interrupted is to say no to God's love."

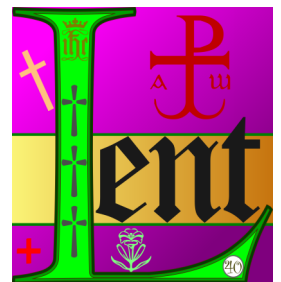
Our daily lives and routines, I believe, beg to be interrupted in holy and meaningful ways. Some of the important ways we intentionally allow interruptions to take place, are to gather to worship and be fed in the holy meal. When we come together as community, we're reminded time and time again that it is through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus that our lives find meaning and purpose. It is when we remember our calling to love and serve God and neighbor, and remember that we're all equal at the foot of the cross, no exceptions.

I need consistent reminders, day after day, week after week, year after year, of the important relationship God has with me, and the relationship I have with my siblings in faith, even if I've not yet met them. Maybe you need the same reminders. There are days when I crave a holy interruption for my soul to be fed in order to carry on and be who I believe God has created me to be.

I need to worship. I need to hear God's word proclaimed in the singing, in the sermon, and in the prayers. I need to receive the body of Christ broken and given FOR ME and receive the blood of Christ shed FOR ME. These times of worship are holy interruptions and vital to the baptismal journey.

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Mid-week Lenten Services are held each Wednesday evening during Lent. There will be a Lenten Supper at 6:15 pm, followed by worship at 7:00 pm, all downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

A favorite hymn of mine in the ELW includes these words, 1) "What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor. Walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door. Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near...3) And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign. Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine. This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase: our justice and God's peace."

In the coming weeks we have many opportunities to set aside time for "Holy Interruptions." Deep into our Lenten season, there are two more midweek Wednesday evening services with Holden Evening Prayer. Palm/Passion Sunday on April 13 will take us from the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to the sobering reality of the events later in the week. Maundy Thursday (April 17) and Good Friday (April 18) are important pieces of the Story (capital S intentional as we refer to God's Story of salvation). Please don't skip these services and jump from Palm Sunday to Easter. You'd miss a big chunk of the Story! And finally, we are reminded – and how we need this reminder – that the Good News we cling to and hope in is revealed to us once again in Jesus' empty tomb of Easter (April 20) morning! From death comes life; death does not get the final word!

I look forward to walking together with you as children of God, claimed in baptismal waters, living lives filled with holy interruptions and persistent reminders of God's love. I promise to remind you and ask that you remind me, as well!



The Stewardship Committee will be serving suppers during Lent. Suppers are served starting 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.



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 April 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.

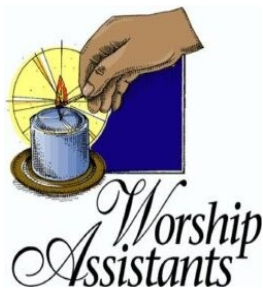
YMLC NARTHEX HEATER FUND

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 March 23rd, 2025, we have collected \$4,264 and have \$4,236 to go!



APRIL ASSIGNMENTS:

Leader:

- 6 Tim Velde
- 13 Gwen Arneson
- 17 Gwen Arneson
- 18 Gwen Arneson
- 20 Tim Velde & Gwen Arneson
- 27 Gwen Arneson

Accompanists:

- 6 Augusta Volstad
- 13 Emma Gregoire
- 17 Augusta Volstad
- 18 Augusta Volstad
- 20 Emma Gregoire
- 27 Augusta Volstad

Ushers:

- 6 Brooks Torke
- 13 Kevin Eye
- 17 Kevin Eye
- 18 Kevin Eye
- 20 Gary Enger
- 27 Jon Thostenson

Lay Readers

- 6 Cindy Eye
- 13 Elmo Volstad
- 17 Julie Volstad
- 18 Augusta Volstad
- 20 Ayla Volstad Hughes
- 27 Cindy Eye

Technology

- 6 Julie Volstad
- 13 Bonnie Oftedahl
- 17 TBD
- 18 Julie Volstad
- 20 Kevin Eye
- 27 Bonnie Oftedahl

Altar Guild:

Terri Thostenson

Communion Assistant

Vonnie Severson

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.

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.

Ministerial Acts

Transfers Out:

Lisa Rustman transferred her membership to Alexandria Covenant Church in Alexandria, MN on March 6, 2025.

YMLC Stewardship Offerings	
4 weeks beginning Sunday, March 2, 2025 and ending Sunday, March 23, 2025	
General Fund	\$ 5,364.00
Cemetery Fund	0.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 5,364.00
<i>Budgeted each week: \$1,537</i>	
YTD Budgeted Offering	\$ 19,981.00
YTD Actual Offering	14,872.00
BEHIND BUDGET	\$ 5,108.00

April Birthdays!

- 6 Arlene Haroldson
- 7 Keith Redetzke
- 8 Dean Ristau
- 11 Jean Nelson-Anderson
- 14 David Oftedahl
- 15 Isaac Bautista
- 16 Mally Fischer
- 18 Sutton McCoss
- 19 Landon Albertson
- 19 Zachary Thorkelson
- 22 William Lecy
- 22 Catie Dahl
- 22 Cameron McPhail
- 24 Barbara Fry
- 27 Lillian Birkel
- 27 Alexander Thostenson
- 28 Mary Gustafson
- 29 Kelsey Halvorson



There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Last day of Sunday School is April 27th.

Kids will sing during worship and enjoy some ice cream! If it is nice weather, they might go play on the playground!



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

Prairie Conference WELCA
Spring Gathering
 Saturday, April 26th, 2025
 Sillerud Lutheran Church in rural Balaton
 620 221st Street, Balaton, MN

Trust in the Lord

Isaiah 26:3
 "You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you."

Steadfast! When It's More than You can Handle.
Speaker: Lenae Bulthuis

Registration begins at 8:30. Brunch served at 9:00.
 \$15.00 Registration Fee

In-Kind Offering: Donation to Shetek Lutheran Ministries
 (white and colored typing paper, construction paper, permanent magic markers, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, twin-sized mattress pads and/or monetary donations)

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

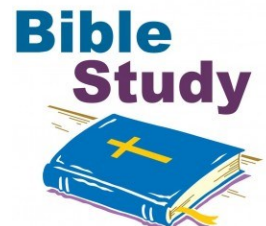


This Synodical Women's Organization Convention includes Men and Women. They will be having separate activities. We need to send one voting member from our congregation. If interested, contact Connie Velde by email or cell, connie.velde@gmail.com or 507-828-4227.

Bible Sunday



Bible Study meets April 8th in person & via Zoom at 10:00 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.



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 APRIL

Sunday Services start at 10:30 am.

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

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services start at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunrise Service starts at 7:00 am

Wednesday, April 2 – Lent Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 6 – Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 9 – Lent Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Palm Sunday, April 13 – Communion Sunday in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – Communion Worship in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 18 – Worship in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 20 – Communion Sunday in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 27 – 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, 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.**

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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

Category	2/1/2025- 2/28/2025
INFLOWS	
RECEIPTS	
General Expense Offerings	3,676.07
Heater Fund	2,235.00
Other Receipts	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,911.07
TOTAL INFLOWS	5,911.07
OUTFLOWS	
LOCAL MINISTRY	
Federal & State Withholding	-38.00
FICA-Medicare (lay employees)	98.98
FICA-Medicare (Pastor)	172.66
Gifts Given	900.00
Pastor's Salary	2,257.50
Staff Salaries	1,293.42
Travel Expense (Pastor)	91.00
TOTAL LOCAL MINISTRY	4,775.56
OUR CHURCH BUILDING	
New Equipment & Maintenance	263.95
Property Upkeep - Church Building	92.25
Utilities & Fuel	1,320.09
Worker's Compensation	-108.00
TOTAL OUR CHURCH BUILDING	1,568.29
WORSHIP & EDUCATION	
e-Giving Transaction Fees	10.00
Office Supplies & Repairs	212.85
Parish Education	66.00
Worship Supplies	73.75
TOTAL WORSHIP & EDUCATION	362.60
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	6,706.45
OVERALL TOTAL	-795.38

SAVINGS

Parsor age Sale	\$ 30,755.89
Food Stand Profits	9,153.17
Other savings	<u>110,375.67</u>
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 150,289.73

CHECKING

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 2/28/25	\$ 690.93
CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 1/31/25	<u>1,486.31</u>
	\$ 795.38

TOTAL SAVINGS & CHECKING: **\$ 150,980.66**

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, March 16th, 2025, following 10:30 am Worship at YMLC

Present: Kevin Eye, Gary Enger, Gwen Arneson, Daryl Gregoire, Vonnie Severson, Tim Velde, Teresa Koehler, Megan McPhail, Rich Hagen, Augusta Volstad

Absent: None

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Kevin
2. Devotions led by Tim
3. Welcome to new council members, Teresa and Megan
4. Agenda was approved
5. Secretary's Minutes were approved
6. Treasurer's Report was approved
7. Committee Reports: **Parish Ed:** Bibles were presented to children at the worship service today. **Stewardship:** no report **Worship:** met to discuss Lent and Easter. **P & M:** changed bulbs in exit signs. **Cement** in front of Narthex needs to be fixed. Need to replace light bulbs in stain glass window in front.
8. Interim Pastor Report: Tim and Gwen will be meeting with new Pastor who has been called to serve GFLC/YMLC and discuss how things will look moving forward. Her installation is 5/4/2025 at GFLC service at 9:00 AM, with a gathering for refreshments afterward. YMLC congregation is invited to attend, and there will be no service at YMLC that day.
9. Old Business
 - Narthex Heater Fund update. Goal of \$8500. Will continue collecting during Lent
 - 2025 Yearly Schedule of Responsibilities reviewed
 - Committee responsibilities reviewed
10. New Business
 - Pastor Sarah Larsen Tade – starts May 1st. See above.
11. Next meeting will be on Palm Sunday, April 13th, following 10:30 am worship.
12. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Augusta Volstad, Secretary

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Lent worship at 7:00 pm, meal served at 6:15 pm	3	4	5
6 <i>5 Lent</i> 10:30 am Worship in the Fellowship Hall in person or via Facebook.	7 High School Senior Quilting at 6:30 pm	8 WIA Quilting at 9:00 am Bible Study in person & on Zoom at 10:00 am	9 Lent worship at 7:00 pm, meal served at 6:15 pm	10	11	12
13 <i>Palm Sunday</i> COMMUNION 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook. YMLC Council meets after worship	14 High School Senior Quilting at 6:30 pm	15 WIA Quilting at 9:00 am	16	17 <i>Maunder Thursday</i> COMMUNION 7:00 pm Worship in person or via Facebook.	18 <i>Good Friday</i> 7:00 pm Worship in person or via Facebook.	19
20 <i>Easter Day</i> COMMUNION 7:00 am Worship in person or via Facebook. Easter breakfast following worship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 High School Senior Quilting at 6:30 pm	22 WIA Quilting at 9:00 am	23	24	25	26 Prairie Conference Spring Gathering at Sillerud Lutheran Church at 8:30 am
27 <i>2 Easter</i> 10:30 am Worship in person or via Facebook. Last day of Sunday School. Kids will sing during worship.	28 High School Senior Quilting at 6:30 pm	29 WIA Quilting at 9:00 am	30			