



Granite Falls Lutheran News November, 2022

Poinsettia Plant Sales - \$20 each

Color options are: Red, White & Pink



You can order Poinsettias as a memorial, in honor of, for a gift, or just for yourself! This is a fundraiser for the Altar Guild.

Order forms are available on the narthex table.

*Deadline for orders is **November 21st!***

November Noisy

Offering



On November 13th we will be taking a noisy offering for

Santa's Sleigh.

Santa's Sleigh provides gifts and toys to children ages 17 & younger in Yellow Medicine County.

Decorating for

Advent/Christmas Season

Sunday, November 27th, after worship, we will be decorating the Church for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Many hands are needed so, if you are able to help with this fun time, please do!



THE FALL SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

**WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
AT 10:00 AM.**



Worship in November



Worship with us on Sunday Mornings at 9:00am.

Come let us worship together as we sing praises to our God and grow in faith together.

Sunday, Nov 6, - All Saints Sunday

Holy Communion

Scripture: **Luke 6:20-31**

Sunday, Nov 13,-22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: **Luke 20:27-38**

Sunday, Nov 20,- Christ the King

ThankOffering Service -

Holy Communion

Scripture: **Luke 21:5-19**

Semi Annual Congregational Meeting

Thursday, Nov 23

Thanksgiving Eve Service at YMLC

Sunday, Nov 27,- First Sunday of Advent

Scripture: **Matt 24:36-44**



All Saints Sunday, November 6th

There will be a very special service at 10:30am on Sunday, November 6th, where we will honor and celebrate people who have touched us through their lives of faith.

At our 9:00 am service we will honor all our saints who have been baptized in the past 12 months and remember all our saints who have passed away in the past 12 months. Then at 10:30am everyone within the Granite Falls community is invited to our annual All Saints Service of Remembrance. We will have families and friends gather together to share prayers & scripture, light candles and give honor to anyone in their lives who has died in the past 12 months. *If you would like your loved one included, please let the office know asap.*

Here is the list of GFLC members who we will be honoring and remembering on All Saints Sunday.

Baptisms

<i>Clara Dinesen</i>	<i>Madilynn Koepke</i>	<i>Carrick Gill</i>	<i>Margaret Gill</i>
<i>Briggs Golberg</i>	<i>Carsyn TeBeest</i>	<i>Elsie Hegna</i>	<i>Emery Weber</i>
<i>Carter Johnson</i>	<i>Savana Munsterman</i>	<i>Myles Christians</i>	<i>Finn Eggebraaten</i>

Deaths

<i>Donald Finnes</i>	<i>Douglas McCoss</i>	<i>Craig Bakkelund</i>	<i>Lynn Johnson</i>	<i>Geraldine Enstad</i>
<i>Michael Sather</i>	<i>Lois Henke</i>	<i>Sharon Krogstad</i>	<i>Jesse Smith</i>	<i>Lois Appelwick</i>
<i>Malena Jahn</i>	<i>Daniel L. Johnson</i>	<i>Carolyn Frederickson</i>	<i>William Upton</i>	<i>Marjorie Hegna</i>
<i>June Krogstad</i>	<i>Mavis Lewis</i>	<i>Linnea Balfany</i>	<i>Jerry Ostensoe</i>	<i>Marlys Lundin</i>
<i>Racquel Rolfa</i>				

*A message from Elaine Halverson,
GFLC Congregational President*

When Giving Is All We Have

*One river gives
its journey to the next.*

We give because someone gave to us.

We give because nobody gave to us.

We give because giving has changed us.

We give because giving could have changed us.

We have been better for it,

We have been wounded by it—

Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,

Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.

Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too,

But we read this book, anyway, over and again:

Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,

Mine to yours, yours to mine.

You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.

Together we are simple green. You gave me

What you did not have, and I gave you

What I had to give—together, we made

Something greater from the difference.

~Alberto Rios

In this season of thanksgiving, may we remember to *Give Thanks* for all that God has given us. Jesus Christ is God's gift to us that continues to change everything. We are grateful for this congregation, for Interim Pastor Deborah and Interim Pastor Joyce, for the way that they have stepped in to inspire and to help lead us forward in ministry. We also give thanks for all of the people who have answered the call to be part of the lay leadership of our church family. And, we give thanks for our entire congregation as we focus on planning for the future of our ministry this coming year and beyond. May this time be a blessed celebration of what we can accomplish together because of God's generous gift to us.

Soli Deo Gloria~to God alone, the glory.

Fall to Winter or Reformation to Advent

November is certainly a time of change of the seasons. We end the last Sunday of October with Reformation and then we start November remembering the Saints who have gone before us. It is a time that allows us to remember all that has been so that we can open ourselves to what is to come.

We spend our time reflecting and giving thanks for the greatness of those who have taught and shared with us the journey of faith. We give thanks for the way the church has remained constant in sharing Christ. We give thanks for those who have challenged the church when institutions of the church lose their way. We give thanks for those who provide peace and discernment in the midst of chaos.

This then opens us to the opportunity of renewal as we begin the new church year with the first Sunday in Advent. Then we give thanks for visions of change. We give thanks for rituals that give us stability and security even as they change. We give thanks for leadership, who stay calm while dealing with necessary decisions. We give thanks for Christ coming into the world to make it and us whole.

Advent then is the season of waiting for the Christ child to arrive. We begin anew the stories of the faith that we may again proclaim our faith with renewed connection to the way that Christ came to dwell amongst us.

Blessings,
Interim Pastor Deborah Nissen

Ponderings by Pastor Joyce

*“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.”
Psalm 107:1*

As I write this I am in my third week serving as one of your Interim Pastors. As I have served among you I have been impressed with a variety of positive aspects of your ministry here at Granite Falls Lutheran. First of all the openness of people in welcoming me. You have reached out and introduced yourself, you have shared about yourself with me. Thank you. I have been amazed at the number of people who come in and out of this building on a given day. To me that means people feel at home here and this place is important to them. It seems like I am always hearing voices from somewhere in this amazing building. I love hearing voices of all ages singing on Sunday morning. Thanks to adults and children who praised God on Sunday with the gift of song. I have seen people reaching out into the community. Commodities are distributed from here and that is outreach. I have been part of dedicated committees meeting and making decisions from boilers to budgets. I have experienced lots of servants behind the scenes. People cleaning, caring for the altar, setting up communion and baptism, serving coffee, and the list goes on. I have seen the knowledgeable, caring office staff reaching out with words of encouragement to people and the office staff being able to answer a plethora of questions. So many moving pieces that make Granite Falls Lutheran home to many and help others feel welcome. Know that I see you making a difference. Do not underestimate what God is up to.

During this month of November let us offer prayers of thanks for this congregation and what you have and pray for what is yet to be. Prayer is foundational to our life together as the body of Christ. Prayer is first about realizing we have a God who creates and sustains us and all of creation. Prayer is what orients our life. When I give thanks to God it always changes my perspective and gives me peace. When I am feeling down or overwhelmed giving thanks reminds me God is in control and I can move forward. Prayer helps to root us and connect us to God. What can you give thanks for each day? Our prayer life shows us something about our priorities. Do you pray? Or are you caught up in the demands and cares of the day? What do you spend your time on? That which you spend time on is your god. Many times I use the excuse that I am too busy to pray. I do like what Luther said, **“I have so many things to do today, I dare not ignore my time with God.** Let us be like Luther this month.

Let us make praying for each other and Granite Falls Lutheran a priority. Prayer does make a difference. Prayer orients us. When we bring God our thoughts, praise, petitions, laments, and gratitude—we are orienting ourselves to reality. In other words, we are acknowledging and naming the truth that God is Creator and we are his creatures. God reigns over all, and we are fully dependent on him. We are weak, but he is strong. God is the giver, and we are receivers.

Creator God draw Granite Falls Lutheran together. As disciples and followers of Christ let us serve Christ’s mission in this time and place. Almighty God, your Holy Spirit has equipped this church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ. Empower us to deal with what has been and give us a hope for the future. Make us ready to do your will. Lead us, from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Let peace fill our hearts, homes, world and church. Amen.

October Ministerial Acts

Baptisms

Myles Lee Christians October 9
Finn Ryer Eggebraaten October 23

Funerals

Marlys Lundin October 7
Jerry Ostensoe October 22
Racquel Rolla October 27



*The Sunday School/Children's Church
Christmas Program will be on Sunday,
December 11th during worship.*

November 2022

Children's Church & Sunday School Schedule (age 4 thru 1st Grade) (2nd thru 6th Grades)

- Nov 6** Children's Church – 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Nov 13** Children's Church – 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Nov 20** Children's Church – 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Nov 27** No Children's Church
No Sunday School

Confirmation schedule

7:00pm

- November 2 Class - Review of the Gospels
- November 9 Class - Creation
- November 16 Class - Noah
- November 23 NO CLASS
- November 30 Class - Call of Abraham

Thank You!

Wednesday, October 12th, the Confirmation students collected food for the local food shelf. Thank you to those from the congregation who donated food and financial resources. Thank you to the youth who went and asked for the food. Thanks to Ray from the food shelf who met the youth at the food shelf and collected the food. Thanks to Ali Mensink for organizing the event. Also a very special thank you to those who drove the youth around: Luke Sannerud, Clark Anderson, Melissa Fagen, Karli Santjer, Beth Bjorndal, and Brandon Mensink.



We are pleased to share with you that 324 items were brought to the food shelf that night and \$163.00 in donations. Thank you. We know that other funds were donated and more bags have appeared at the church in the box. Thank you!

Prayer: God of abundance, thank you for the blessings we receive each day from You. Thank you that we can share what you have given to us with those in need. Bless the ministry of the Food Shelf. May we always pause to give you thanks. Amen.

SANTA'S SLEIGH PROGRAM

The Santa's Sleigh program is busy preparing for the 2022 holiday season! Any Yellow Medicine

County residents with children in need will have to complete an enrollment form. This form can be picked up at YMC Family ser-



vices, or request one to be mailed by calling their offices at 320-564-2211 or emailing to santas.sleigh@co.ym.mn.gov.

The deadline for these applications is **Thursday, December 1, 2022.**

For those interested in being a volunteer shopper, sponsor, or donating a monetary amount towards the program contact:

Santa's Sleigh c/o Family Service Center 415 9th Ave, Suite 202 Granite Falls, MN

CALLING ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Equipping Congregations Roadshow

November 5th @9:30-3:30

2022 SW MN Synod Equipping Congregations Roadshow

The equipping workshops are hitting the road! The former Equipping Congregations Day is taking a new format. This Roadshow will offer three different dates and three different locations.

Saturday, Nov. 5th @ First Lutheran, Marshall Saturday Schedule:

Coffee / Check in 9:00-9:30 a.m.
Opening Worship 9:30-9:45
Speaker, Bishop Dee Pederson 9:45-10:15
Workshop 1 10:30-11:25
Lunch 11:30-12:30 p.m.
Workshop 2 12:30-1:15
Workshop 3 1:30-2:15
Closing Prayer 2:30-3:00



All three events are FREE! This event is supported by a generous gift from the Page Family, in honor of their parents, James and Mary Page, for lay leadership ministry formation.

THE GIVING TREE

GFLC Outreach Committee will be planting

THE GIVING TREE again this year in the Narthex. Donations of winter warmth items

– hats, mittens, gloves, scarves (both new and gently used) can be donated at THE GIVING TREE through Thanksgiving. Donations will be shared with individuals seeking these winter necessities at Yellow Medicine County Family Services, Living at Home Block Nurse Program, and Yellow Medicine East School. We appreciate your help in sharing the warmth.



Saturday morning Men's Bible Study

7:00 am

at Hardee's



Come and enjoy!



Espresso Time!

*Women gathering around the
coffee table for fellowship
and scripture.*

*Please join us at church on the
2nd and 4th Thursdays
of the month at 2:30 pm.*



Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church, Hanley Falls,
invites Granite Falls Lutheran Church to our

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022

6:15 Meal

7:00 pm Worship Service

For the meal, we need a head count by November 14th. Please email
Annette Sharkey, Secretary at YMLC, with how many will be attending
the meal. annettelsharkey@gmail.com

Cost of the meal: \$13/adult and \$6/child 12 & under

MENU:

Ham

Mashed Potatoes

& Gravy

Vegetable

Dinner Roll

Cookie



Musical Ministry Together this Holiday Season

The GFLC Chancel Choir has extended an invitation to the YMLC Choir to come together for a special Christmas Choral Program on December 18, 2022. We will share "A Christmas Carol Gallery: Portraits of the Season" arranged and orchestrated by Larry Shackley at the 9 AM worship service at Granite Falls Lutheran and also at the 10:30 AM worship service at Yellow Medicine Lutheran. Rehearsals will be on the following dates and alternate locations-Wednesdays, November 9th (GFLC), 16th(YMLC) and 30th(GFLC), December 7th(YMLC), 14th(GFLC) at 7 PM and Saturday, December 17th 9-11AM(YMLC). All singers are welcome! Please join us this holiday season!

Please contact Elaine Halverson, GFLC Chancel Choir Director for more information

ekhalverson5@gmail.com cell #320-226-3322.



November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p><i>1</i></p> <p>5:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM Outreach Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Prairie Arts Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 PM Property Committee Meeting</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - Noon YML Office hours</p> <p>6:00 PM Education Committee Mtg</p> <p>6:00 PM Worship/Music Committee Mtg</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Confirmation Class (6th gr - 9th gr)</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Prairie Arts Chorale Concert.</p> <p>Equipping Congregations 9:00am - 3:30pm, Marshall, MN</p>
<p><i>6</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM All Saints Service of Remembrance</p> 	<p><i>7</i></p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - Noon YML Office hours</p> <p>1:00 PM Granite Ridge Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM GFH Care Center Worship</p> <p>3:00 PM Henry Hill Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Confirmation Class (6th gr - 9th gr)</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><i>12</i></p>
<p><i>13</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Celebration Worship Service</p> <p>10:00 AM Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Prairie Arts Chorale Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>15</i></p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - Noon YML Office hours</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Confirmation Class (6th gr - 9th gr)</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jr High Youth Gathering</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">DIALOG WORKS</div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p>
<p><i>20</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion and Thank Offering Service</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>1:00 PM PAC Board Meeting</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin-top: 10px;">DIALOG WORKS</div>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p><i>22</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - Noon YML Office hours</p> <p>7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service at YMLC</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Thanksgiving Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p>	<p><i>26</i></p>
<p><i>27</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>10:00 AM Christmas Decorating</p> <p>Wedgeworth Baptism</p>	<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - Noon YML Office hours</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Confirmation Class (6th gr - 9th gr)</p>			

November Birthdays

1	Ruby Hieb	9	Jacob Ullrich	19	Patricia Kubly
1	Kurt Johnson	10	Mary Nielsen	20	Stacey Hegna
1	Rochelle Ladwig	10	Julie Kleinheksel	20	Eugene Sannerud
1	Christopher Steenson	11	Vera Finnes	20	Lauren Soine
2	Lonnie Anderson	11	Douglas Josephson	21	Glenda Abraham
2	McKendree Luepke	11	Julianna Poff	21	Emma Knutson
2	Jami Peters	12	Earl Christianson	21	Eleanor Sandquist
4	Kenneth Bouwman	12	Cynthia Cross	21	JoAnn Steinbach
4	Kristina Wilkening	13	Lila Lindberg	22	Ashley Gullickson
4	Jeffery Mensink	13	Julene Nordaune	22	Jenna Lecy
4	Dawn Schuler	14	Charles Arneson	23	Kayla Anderson
5	Caron Aeikens	14	Susan Midthun	23	Karsen Parliament
5	Mark Bakken	14	LaVonne Torke	24	Jacob Peterson
5	Lorene Fromm	16	James Fromm	24	Julie Williams
5	Kristen Plaisance	16	Karen Johnson	25	James Hendrickson
6	Mary Hildahl	16	Ryan Martin	25	Terrin Torvik
7	Ann Eggebraaten	16	Howard Thielen	26	Roland Fagen
7	Calla Hildahl	17	Quinn Kotek	27	Dean Baldry
7	Tomi Lecy	17	Becky Mensink	27	Austin Timm
7	Gale Peterson	17	Ronald Winter	28	Kim Kirschbaum
7	Logan Thorstad	18	Thomas Baker	28	Jackie Parliament
8	Gunner Aus	18	Decker Ettesvold	28	Cynthia Smiglewski
8	Hanna Bjorndal	18	Marie Rude	30	Barbara Buchholz
8	JoAnn Holien	18	Paul Thorkelson	30	Grady Dahl
9	Keith Helgeson	18	Shaunna Trost	30	Heather Sannerud
9	Gretchen Hempel				

Want to Sign Up for Electronic Giving?

Go to the Granite Falls Lutheran Website. (www.granitefallslutheran.com) On the home page you will see a link titled "Give Online" towards the upper right part of your screen. From there you will be able to complete the easy sign-up. This is a simple way to pre-arrange offerings to the church.

Direct link to Simply Giving sign up: click [here](#)

WELCA



November --- a month of special days for remembrance; All Saint's Sunday, the WELCA Thank offering Sunday and Thanksgiving Day. Each one brings memories of special people and events. Fred Rogers has been quoted to say *"I think the best way to understand about God and peace is to know about peace in our everyday lives."* As we celebrate each of the special days of November, may we each find peace in our everyday lives and in doing so, live each day to its fullest remembering the past and moving into the future.

Thank you to all who worked at, contributed to, and attended the Fall Bazaar to make it the great success that it was. A special thanks to Karla Bjorndal and Marie Rude for making the tasty soups. Proceeds will be given to the Kasota Stone repair fund.

The **thank offering service** will be on **Sunday, Nov. 20th**. Mission action quilts will be on display and available for sale.

Dinner at your Door: Nov. 7 - 11 Group 7

WELCA Christmas event: December 1

November Worship Leaders

10:30 am

	11/6/2022	11/6/2022	11/13/2022	11/20/2022	11/27/2022
Usher Team	Jeff Koepke	Scott Bjorndal	Stan Santjer	WELCA	Keith Knudson
Reader	Paul Hoernemann	X	Jon Tjosvold	WELCA	Darlene Santjer
Communion Assistant	*Gail Aus *Rita Christianson Amy Hoernemann Melissa Helgeson	X	X	Val Hoffman Shelley Loose Ali Mensink Connie Peterson Karla Bjorndal	X

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